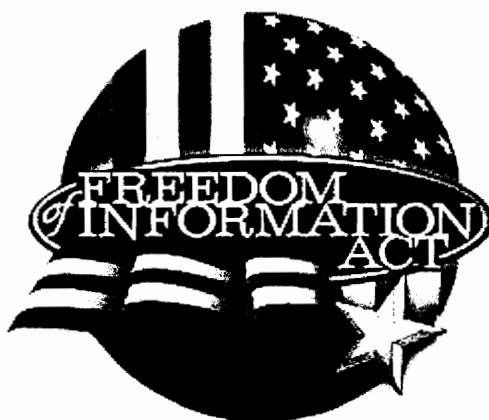


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Director
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Re: MRS. CASSIUS McDONALD

Dear Sir:

For the Bureau's information, I wish to advise that while lunching with Mr. John Carlisle of The Detroit News on January 31, 1938, he informed me that Mrs. Cassius McDonald has been telephoning him on an average of three times a week and is now trying to get him to write a story concerning the Bureau's activities in the Ross kidnaping case.

Mr. Carlisle stated that in conversing with Mrs. McDonald she informed that Victim Ross had been killed because the case had been mishandled by the Bureau and that the public should know about these facts.

Mr. Carlisle advised that he is satisfied that this woman is mentally deranged and that he does not wish to have anything further to do with her. He informed that he made his mistake in listening to her the first time, because now she insists on conversing with him every time she contacts The Detroit News.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman
Special Agent in Charge

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Form No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI OHIO			
REPORT MADE AT DENVER COLORADO	DATE WHEN MADE 2-13-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-7-38	REPORT MADE BY A. R. GERE
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Lloyd Cecil Stevens, alias Buddy Stevens, of Durango, Colo., is not identical with Milton Lett, but is a brother-in-law of Len Jordan (not Glen Jordan) 127 East Fourth St., Long Beach, Calif.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from the Los Angeles Office, November 27, 1937.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p><u>AT DURANGO COLORADO</u></p> <p>From MRS. SADIE E. MILLER, proprietress of the Sterling Hotel, 560 1/2 Main Avenue, it was ascertained that BUDDY STEVENS, a musician, lived at that hotel from October 19, 1937, to January 3, 1938, when he moved to the Alpine Rooms on Main Avenue in Durango.</p> <p>BUDDY STEVENS was located at the Alpine Rooms, 1057 1/2 Main Avenue, and he stated that his correct name is LLOYD CECIL STEVENS, but that he is generally known as Buddy Stevens; that he is 23 years of age, single, and that he has been at Durango about five months, coming from near Borger, Texas and that he is now employed as a drummer in Ernie Anderson's orchestra at Durango. He stated that he does not know anyone named MILTON LETT, but that his sister, ELLEN STEVENS, lives at Long Beach, California, and that she was married about six months ago at Yuma, Arizona, to LEN JORDAN (not Glen Jordan) and their present place of residence is 127 East 4th Street, Long Beach, California; also that his sister, Ellen Jordan, is</p>			
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employed at the Thrifty Drug Store, Long Beach. He further stated that his sister formerly lived in Wichita, Kansas, before she went to Long Beach, Calif., three years ago, and that her husband, Len Jordan, also formerly resided at Wichita, Kans.

It is noted from letter, dated April 13, 1936, addressed to all Field Offices by the Cleveland Office, that MILTON LETT, with aliases, was formerly arrested at Wichita, Kansas, Coffeyville, Kansas, and Yates Center, Kansas.

A description of Buddy Stevens, as obtained from observation and interview, is as follows:

NAME	LLOYD CECIL STEVENS, alias Buddy Stevens
Age	23
Height	5' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	146 pounds
Build	Stocky
Hair	Light Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Light
Marks	Line scar on right cheek; black mole on right jaw.
Race	Some French
Nationality	American

The photograph of MILTON LETT, forwarded with letter of reference, does not in any manner resemble Lloyd Cecil Stevens, alias Buddy Stevens.

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January 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

In connection with a carbon copy of a letter dated December 22, 1933, addressed from the Kansas City Office to the Oklahoma City Office concerning VOLNA DAVIS, FRED BARKER, and ALVIN KARPIS, with various aliases, who have been reported to the Kansas City Office as possibly implicated in the slayings in connection with the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, Deceased, et al, Conspiracy To Deliver Federal Prisoner, you are advised a search of the fingerprint files of this Unit discloses criminal records of individuals who may possibly be identical with those named, as follows:

Lloyd Barker, our file #132278.

As Lloyd Barker, alias Lloyd Anderson, #1916, arrested Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, January 15, 1921, charge investigation.

His description at that time is as follows:

Sex	Male	Hair	Chestnut - medium
Age	23 years	Beard	Sandy
Height	5-6 1/2	Eyes	Blue
Weight	150	Complexion	Florid.

As Lloyd Barker, alias Lloyd Anderson, #17243, received U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, January 16, 1922, from Kansas City, Missouri, convicted of robbing U. S. Mail; sentenced to serve 95 years - minimum term to expire October 29, 1938 - eligible to parole May 15, 1930. No photograph of this individual appears in our files.

Volney Davis, our file #100441.

As Volney Davis, #1025, Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, arrested at Kansas City, Missouri, February 5, 1919, charge grand larceny; turned over to Tulsa County.

His description at that time is as follows:

Sex	Male	Hair	Dark blonde
Age	17	Eyes	Blue
Height	5-4	Complexion	Fair.
Weight	100		

Memo: Mr. Nathan.

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January 6, 1933.

As Volney Davis, alias V. E. Davis, #9849, received SP, McAlester, Oklahoma, September 28, 1919, from Tulsa, convicted of grand larceny; sentenced to 3 years.

As Volney Davis, #12808, received SP, McAlester, Oklahoma, February 3, 1923, from Tulsa, crime murder; sentence, life.

The following notations appear in our records:

"WANTED: Escaped 1-3-23, Oklahoma State Penitentiary.
Escaped 1-8-25, returned 1-25-25, from Kansas City, Missouri."

Two copies of the photograph of this individual as furnished by the McAlester, Oklahoma, institution are transmitted herewith.

The above information confirms that furnished Mr. Newby by telephone.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
February 21, 1938

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

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

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Please refer to my letter of September 27, 1937 in which I stated that pawnbroker Harry Goldstein of Tulsa, Oklahoma would be interviewed at a later date regarding his failure to take clear fingerprints of the purchaser of the gun which was later found in Karpis' possession.

Special Agent L. E. Kingman has advised me that on February 18, 1938 Chief of Police Roy Hyatt, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in his presence summoned Goldstein to his office. At that time Chief Hyatt told Goldstein in no uncertain terms that Goldstein's failure to comply with the city ordinance in clearly fingerprinting purchasers of guns had been the means of causing the Federal Bureau of Investigation a lot of trouble and unnecessary work, and that through his negligence the Bureau had been unable to ascertain the identity of the person to whom he sold the gun. Chief Hyatt in strong language told Goldstein that all of his pistol sales were being closely watched not only to see that he took clear fingerprints but to learn whether he sold any firearms to any suspicious persons.

Goldstein was told by Agent Kingman that the Bureau was also very much interested in him and that it felt he, himself, was under suspicion due to his lack of complying with the city ordinance and the meager information he had been able to furnish regarding the purchaser.

Agent Kingman has advised me that Goldstein was very much frightened after this conference and that he promised faithfully thereafter to carefully fingerprint purchasers of guns.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Stein

C. W. STEIN,
Special Agent-in-Charge

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

February 16, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

There are attached hereto, for approval, two manuscripts in continuation of the suggested radio interviews designated and titled F "Alvin Karpis", and G "'Ma' Barker".

If approved, copies of the manuscripts will be sent to all Agents in Charge, and a letter of transmittal is attached.

Respectfully,

L. B. Nichols
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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.**

February 21, 1938.

ALVIN KARPIS

ANNOUNCER: Alvin Karpis, bank robber, kidnaper and number one of the most desperate criminals of modern times, is now serving a life sentence at Alcatraz - the Federal Government's penitentiary where so many of our most desperate criminals are confined. Station is happy tonight to bring you the true facts concerning his life. Through the courtesy of J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, I am happy to have with me tonight, Mr. , Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Division.

ANSWER: I am indeed happy to be with you tonight, Mr. .

ANNOUNCER: Mr. , I imagine every Special Agent in the FBI heaved a sigh of relief when Alvin Karpis finally entered Alcatraz.

ANSWER: Indeed they did, Mr. . Many are the Special Agents who have worked, day after day, night after night, covering lead after lead, hoping to be led to the hide-out of Karpis and his associates. One by one they were located and their criminal careers brought to an end, either by the Federal Government, or by the guns of their own associates.

ANNOUNCER: And the FBI performed almost a miracle in rounding up the Karpis-Barker Gang. Every one of them was a desperado of the worst type. But to get back to Karpis, he became public enemy No. 1, almost over night, did he not?

ANSWER: No, not quite, Mr. . You see, we of the FBI have never dignified our more notorious criminals by calling them "Public Enemy Number 1." After all, their degree of crime is relative yet cumulative until they reach the point where nothing matters but their continued freedom and plunder. Criminals are made, not born.

ANNOUNCER: I know that our many listeners would be interested in learning a little of Karpis' background and of some of his activities.

ANSWER: His life is typical of so many of our public enemies and for about ten years, practically all of his activities were unlawful. Most of his associates were from the underworld. Alvin Karpis was born in Montreal, Canada, in August, of 1907, and was christened Alvin Karpovics. When Karpis was two years old, his family moved to Topeka, Kansas, where they remained until 1923, after which they moved to Chicago. Because he was sickly, he was petted by the family. He was pampered and babied. Otherwise he was quiet and rated as a good student at the grammar school.

ANNOUNCER: Wasn't it Karpis who gained quite a reputation as a crack marble player when a boy, particularly when he was playing for keeps?

ANSWER: Yes, you are right. Shortly after his family moved to Chicago, young Alvin was found to have a leaky heart and returned to Topeka. It was shortly thereafter that Karpis decided on a career of crime, for soon a series of burglaries began in his home town. Police traced the loot to Karpis. He was convicted and sentenced to serve 10 years in the State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchison, Kansas, where he was received in February of 1926.

ANNOUNCER: Was that his first skirmish with the forces of law and order?

ANSWER: Not exactly. Prior to this conviction, Karpis was arrested many times. In Chipley, Florida, for instance, he was arrested in October of 1925, for train riding and served a brief jail sentence.

ANNOUNCER: Tell me, how long was Karpis in the Kansas Reformatory?

ANSWER: About three years. While serving his time there he was assigned as a baker's helper. This required long hours on duty which was not to his liking. Accordingly he violated many of the prison rules and served many days in solitary confinement. There his mind was not idle and he planned many ways of escaping. One of his schemes was successful and with a friend he effected his escape in March of 1929.

ANNOUNCER: Where did he go?

ANSWER: He immediately joined his parents in Chicago.

ANNOUNCER: They knew he was an escaped convict. Didn't they notify the authorities?

ANSWER: No. They thought he was leading a law-abiding life after his escape and refrained from notifying the authorities. Soon another young hoodlum joined Karpis and he turned away from his parents. In March of 1930, about one year after his escape, Karpis and his associate were arrested in Kansas City, Missouri, for car stealing and safe blowing. It was here that Karpis began using aliases and before Director Hoover and a detail of Agents captured him in New Orleans, we knew him by 51 names. His friends always called him Ray.

ANNOUNCER: And was he prosecuted in Missouri for these crimes?

ANSWER: No. He was returned to the Kansas Reformatory and later transferred to the State Penitentiary. "I got out of that easily," Karpis later boasted. "They put me to work in the coal mines. In there you're allowed good time on all the coal you mine over a certain amount. Well

making a few dollars. I agreed to pay them retail price on all the extra coal they'd mine for me. I turned all this in on my account and got good time for it. Later I paid every convict who'd helped me, except one fellow I couldn't find." Karpis walked out, a free man, on May 31, 1931. By pre-arrangement Karpis met Fred Barker, his pal and former prison associate, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, a few days later.

ANNOUNCER: And the Karpis-Barker gang that was to spread terrorism in the hearts of thousands came into existence.

ANSWER: Right. But within ten days after his release from prison, Karpis was arrested in Tulsa with Fred Barker. On September 10, 1931, Karpis entered a plea of guilty to the charge of burglary, and the following notation appears upon his criminal record: "Sentenced --- to serve 3 years. State Reformatory, Granite, Oklahoma. Paroled from bench same date to his attorney." Fred Barker also escaped serving a penitentiary sentence. Together they went to Thayer, Missouri. There they were received by that female demon, "Ma" Barker.

ANNOUNCER: Soon terror began to spread. On December 18, 1931, Karpis and Fred Barker robbed a store at West Plains, Missouri, using a car which the Sheriff of West Plains recognized on the following day. When he walked toward the two bandits, they shot him down in cold blood.

ANSWER: And Karpis, Fred and "Ma" Barker fled to the home of Herb Farmer at Joplin, Missouri, who was later convicted in Federal Court. From there they went to St. Paul, Minnesota, where Karpis met Harry Sawyer and Jack Pfeiffer, two St. Paul hoodlums who were later to figure prominently in both the Hamm and Bremer kidnaping cases. Sawyer is now serving a life term at Alcatraz, and Pfeiffer committed suicide after his

ANNOUNCER: Wasn't it here that Karpis and Barker also met "Shot Gun" George Zeigler, a college graduate?

ANSWER: Yes. And they later murdered him with his own favorite weapon - the shot gun - after he was of no more use to them.

ANNOUNCER: By now Karpis was a post-graduate of crime. Even his own gang was afraid of him. A gun moll who was not above consorting with a professional murderer, gave him the underworld name of "Old Creepy" because of his cold stare and precision in carrying out his crimes.

ANSWER: His sense of humor was also distorted. Once he spent an entire day composing a poem which had as its catch phrase, "The G-Men will get you if you don't watch out."

ANNOUNCER: Mr. , there was more truth than poetry in that line.

ANSWER: Karpis' true character came out in many of his activities. There was the bank robber friend, for instance, who was fatally wounded when the gang robbed a bank at Fairbury, Nebraska. They propped him up in the back of the car and drove him to the home of a professional killer in Kansas City. Under cover of darkness, gangland had a burial. The bandit's mother heard that her son had been killed and began a search for his body in order that he might be given a decent burial. Certain members of the Karpis-Barker gang wanted to tell her where his body could be found. Karpis vetoed, saying, "If she goes and digs up that stiff the cops may hear about it. They might find a clue that would start them after us."

ANNOUNCER: Yes. That was Alvin Karpis. Cold as ice, thinking always of himself. Time after time he demonstrated that the name given him - "Old Creepy"

was an appropriate one. Early in his criminal career, he married a girl and promptly deserted her. When police located him in Atlantic City with his common-law wife who was about to become a mother, he thought only of his own get-away.

ANSWER: But to get back to Karpis' chosen career. Bank robbery after bank robbery occurred in the Middle West. The gang recruited new members. Contacts were established all over the United States. Persons masquerading under the cloak of respectability were ready to furnish them with a haven of refuge for a price. To date, over 35 members of this gang have been convicted in Federal Courts.

ANNOUNCER: The Karpis-Barker gang then switched to kidnaping. Karpis, the leader, schemed and planned the details of these snatches. Karpis himself was the driver of the kidnap car. The gang's toll mounted to include the killing of four law enforcement officers and one citizen. Finally on June 15, 1933, they kidnaped William A. Hamm, Jr. Six months later, Edward G. Bremer was their \$200,000 ransom prize. But this cunning and versatile gang had not reckoned with J. Edgar Hoover and his G-Men. They stepped in and trailed this mob from one end of this country to the other. Director Hoover personally directed the investigation. One by one the gangsters were brought in - some alive and others dead - after fierce gun battles. Karpis and his kill-crazy confederates were being thwarted at every turn.

ANSWER: Yes, Karpis became desperate. He had received news that the men of the FBI were getting closer and closer. One-time friends turned on him saying "he was too hot." Rage overtook him. Mr. Hoover, our Director, received a letter one day from Karpis advising that the latter was

going to come into the Department of Justice Building with a machine gun. Mr. Hoover, however, does not easily frighten. Again Karpis considered shooting the Special Agent in Charge of our Los Angeles Office, then flying east by plane to murder the Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau's New York Office. Then he planned to circle back to Chicago, to murder the Chief Special Agent there. He even said he considered calling one of our offices and giving them a tip. Then as the Agents appeared he would shoot them from ambush. When his rage would subside he would exclaim to himself, "They're nothing but Special Agents. They've got to do what they're told. Their boss is the one I want to kill - Hoover!" Always his crazy thoughts returned to the Director of the FBI.

ANNOUNCER: Yes, but Karpis, like other criminals, was not so courageous when it came time for him to act and when he didn't have a gang back of him.

ANSWER: Finally one day a rumble was heard by alert Special Agents. Rumors began to spread. Routine checking had picked up the trail. It led to New Orleans.

ANNOUNCER: And out of the night came a plane load of Agents, led by J. Edgar Hoover, the Chief of the G-Men, whom Karpis had vowed to get. The battle line was formed. Victory was in sight. Precautions were taken to protect everyone but Karpis and the men of the FBI, who know no fear. The word was given. The line moved forward. Karpis had sworn he'd never be taken alive. Luck was against him. He came out of the apartment house. He was captured by Director Hoover and handcuffed before he could whirl for his gun. Now "Old Creepy" will kidnap and rob no more.

ANSWER: And Mr. , from the solitude of his cell at Alcatraz comes this word from Karpis to one whom he loved: "I suppose by now you realize that all that glitters is not gold. In other words, when you are released from prison, stay on the straight and narrow path. Of course, you will think that rather strange coming from me, but I should know."

ANNOUNCER: Thank you, Mr. . Even Alvin Karpis, bandit, murderer, kidnaper and thief, has finally learned that "crime does not pay." He should know. What a life he led. Plunder and bloodshed always followed his activities. One of the most feared and desperate gangs of mad men whom we have known in recent years. A contact man was shot and then burned. A doctor, according to underworld rumor, who had operated on Karpis attempting to alter his facial features without success, and obliterate his fingerprints, was knocked unconscious by the gang and his body allowed to settle in a barrel of cement which now lays on the bottom of Lake Erie. Politicians were enlisted by Karpis to assist in exchanging the ransom money. Others protected him. Would-be criminal lovers bought cars for him. Always, when he was hiding-out, Karpis tried to be natural and avoid trouble. When cornered, however, like a gnashing rat, he fought back. He attempted to buy good-will by contributing several thousand dollars to a mayoralty campaign. May we never see the return of his kind. Society, at least need not fear him, thanks to the FBI, as long as he is incarcerated.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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February 21, 1938.

"MA" BARKER

ANNOUNCER: In their war on crime, Uncle Sam's G-men face desperate criminals. For the most part these desperadoes are men. Occasionally some female demon is the object of the man hunt. Such a person was "Ma" Barker, who mothered a brood of some of the worst outlaws this nation has ever known. Mean, base, and depraved, "Ma" Barker represents American motherhood at its very worst. Without her corrupting influence to guide them, her outlaw sons might have developed into normal, respectable citizens. But "Ma" didn't care. Under her protective wing, her boys became public enemies and, like so many criminals, died a gangster's death, unwept and unsung. Tonight, through the courtesy of J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, we present Mr. _____, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's _____ Division, who will discuss the exploits of this female demon.

ANSWER: Indeed, "Ma" Barker was a demon, Mr. _____. The last twenty years of her life were sordid. As you say, they represent motherhood at its very worst. Graphically they portray some of the many causes of crime. The life of "Ma" Barker is an object lesson to all parents. Yet through the mist of corruption and debauchery radiates many of the virtues of motherhood - perverted as they are.

ANNOUNCER: I am sure, Mr. _____, our listeners will be interested in hearing of this strange woman.

ANSWER: She was born in the Ozark Mountains near Joplin, Missouri, a little over sixty years ago. Christened Arizona Donnie Clark, friends called her Arrie. She came from an ordinary family. Her early life was characteristic of the gay nineties - picnics, candy pulls, pie socials in the little red school house, hayrides, and most of all, community sings, Sunday school and church sociables. She was given the nickname of "Kate" by whom, we don't know.

ANNOUNCER: And then she married - scarcely out of her teens. In Missouri, where Kate and George Barker made their home, were born their sons, Herman, Lloyd, Arthur and Freddie.

ANSWER: "Ma" Barker, in those early days, was a good housewife and a fair housekeeper. She was well-versed in all village happenings and could always be relied upon to engage in choicest gossip. At times she was seized with a fanatic religious frenzy. Frequently she engaged in evangelistic activities. Always she took her boys to Sunday School - "I don't know just why," her husband has since said, "because when I'd try to straighten them up she would fly into me."

ANNOUNCER: Mr. , I don't suppose "Ma" Barker was very much interested in her sons' educational training.

ANSWER: No, she wasn't. They were all more or less illiterate, yet they were cunning and shrewd.

ANNOUNCER: When did the Barker boys first run afoul of the law?

ANSWER: As early as 1910. It appears that the family migrated to Oklahoma while the boys were still young. There they resided near Tulsa. Before they moved, however, Herman, the eldest boy, was arrested near Webb City, Missouri. He was released after being questioned. "Ma" Barker went into a frenzied rage. "We'll move out of this town," she cried.

"Ma" moved to Oklahoma with her brood of future desperadoes. That is, all except Herman. He already had innumerable aliases. He went out into the world to plunder. "Ma" always kept in touch with him by mail.

ANNOUNCER: In Tulsa, "Doc," Freddie, and Lloyd Barker joined the old Central Park gang. Many of these hoodlums became notorious criminals - Sam Coker, Harry Campbell, Glenn Leroy Wright and several others.

ANSWER: "Ma's" boys were known by the neighbors as rowdies, window-breakers and petty thieves and when complaints were made to their father he would always say, "Talk to mother - she handles the boys." When "Ma" was approached she would berate the accusers. Her boys could do no wrong. When they were arrested for petty infractions she would storm down to the police department. Her boys were the best in town. They were being persecuted. Then she would break down and weep - she could act better than any professional mourner. When these tactics failed to bring about the release of her sons, she would dig down into her purse, still admitting, of course, no wrong on the part of her children.

ANNOUNCER: Here, Mr. , I believe, is perfect evidence of the old adage - "Spare the rod and spoil the child." Certainly this case illustrates what your Director, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover has in mind when he says the American home is responsible for the upbringing of our youth. Discipline with "Ma" Barker was a lost art.

ANSWER: Except, Mr. , whenever her boys got into trouble she would give them a bitter tongue lashing - for getting caught. All the time "Ma's" reputation was spreading among the lawless. At her home gangsters

were received with open arms. "Ma" was always ready to counsel with a crook. She was much more intelligent than any of her sons. She ruled with an iron will. They were always obedient.

ANNOUNCER: "Ma" Barker, had she desired, undoubtedly could have made good citizens out of her sons, but such was not the case.

ANSWER: That is correct, Mr. . In 1918, "Doc" Barker was arrested for car stealing. He broke jail in a few days, was apprehended, and again effected his escape. In 1928, during a hospital robbery, "Doc" Barker killed a night watchman. He was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment in the Oklahoma State Prison.

ANNOUNCER: Then Freddie was caught. He was charged with bank robbery, burglary and assault with intent to kill. Time and again he was released on bond. Always he jumped his bail which his mother was ever ready to raise. Then he was sent to the Kansas State Penitentiary.

ANSWER: Lloyd went in for mail robbery. He is now serving a long term in a Federal prison. In 1927, a police officer at Newton, Kansas, was killed. Herman Barker was identified. "Ma" Barker said it was a lie. The next day Herman's body was found near Wichita, Kansas. Rather than be captured, he had committed suicide.

ANNOUNCER: In 1928, "Ma" separated from her husband. All the time she was sinking to lower levels. Yet her sons never committed a wrong in her opinion. She clung to them tenaciously. In that respect we see an expression of mother love - perverted though it was.

ANSWER: Always, when her sons were released from prison or jail, they returned to "Ma." Fred Barker, her favorite, shortly after his release from prison, was joined by Alvin Karpis. Together they went to "Ma's" home -

this time near Thayer, Missouri. In December, 1931, Fred and Karpis, according to reports, killed a sheriff at West Plains, Missouri. Immediately Fred, Karpis, "Ma" Barker and her lover, Arthur Dunlap, fled to St. Paul, Minnesota. There they were joined by Willie Weaver, who had just been paroled after serving only a few years of a life term for murder. In St. Paul, they soon aroused the suspicions of neighbors, for Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis always carried a violin case whenever they left or returned to their home. The police were notified.

ANNOUNCER: But before they could strike, "Ma," Dunlap, Karpis, and Fred Barker fled. The next morning Dunlap's body was found perforated with bullets fired at short range, stripped of all clothing, on the shores of Lake Frensted in Wisconsin. Near by was found a woman's glove - caked with blood. Karpis and Fred Barker had killed Dunlap because they thought he had called the police. "Ma" Barker must have been near by.

ANSWER: Then the boys went in for bank robbery on a big scale. The gang joined forces with old-time thugs. Most of their names have since been headlined as Public Enemies No. 1, for a brief period. In 1932, Harvey Bailey was arrested in Kansas City, Missouri. A Tulsa lawyer was instructed to defend him. Bailey, however, was convicted, and on August 13, 1932, the lawyer was instructed to meet Fred Barker in Tulsa. The next day his bullet-riddled body was found on a golf course. Underworld rumor has it that "Ma" ordered the lawyer "put on the spot" because of his failure to free Harvey Bailey. For the next couple of years the gang operated out of St. Paul, Minnesota. By now, "Doc" had been released

from prison. The Karpis-Barker gang was spreading terror throughout the Middle West. Always, "Ma" was directing their operations. From the time the boys left for a bank robbery until their safe return, "Ma" would sob and weep and carry on, fearing her boys might be injured.

ANNOUNCER: And "Ma" always got her share of the proceeds. She liked to live well. She purchased expensive clothing and furniture. She surrounded herself with costly things - but yet, she did not fit into the picture. She was rooted in the lean years of her early life. She ruled with an iron hand. Jealous of her boys, she was constantly on the alert to spread gossip about their girl friends. She crusaded against liquor for it loosened the tongue. Yet when Alvin Karpis' common-law wife was about to become a mother, "Ma" Barker stepped in and provided an elaborate layette.

But all this time, Mr. _____, the Federal Bureau of Investigation was powerless to act. The gang carefully avoided Federal violations.

ANSWER: Right. But, during the latter part of 1933, "Ma" decided that bank robbery was beneath the dignity of her brood. It was too petty for the gang to bother with.

ANNOUNCER: So they went in for "the snatch." First William A. Hamm, and then Edward George Bremer. From these two kidnappings the gang received three hundred thousand dollars. They knew everybody of importance in the underworld. Well-organized, they had contacts in most large cities. Then, to their sorrow, they learned of the G-Men. They beat a hasty retreat. Tell me, Mr. _____, how did you finally get on their trail?

ANSWER: After Mr. Bremer's release, Director Hoover personally took charge of the investigation, coordinating the activities of the Agents. His instructions were that no lead or clue was to be overlooked. In tracking down every bit of evidence, a gasoline can was found along a road leading from Saint Paul, as the result of an organized search by Special Agents. It was rushed to the Crime Laboratory of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington. A chemical test brought up a single fingerprint. Immediately, efforts were transferred to our Single Fingerprint File. There the single fingerprint impressions of nearly fourteen thousand of America's most desperate criminals are filed. The search began. Card after card was examined, running onward through one file and then another, into a third. And there stood emblazoned the fingerprint which matched the one on the gasoline can. It was the print of one of the fingers of Arthur "Doc" Barker. We then knew who to look for. We trailed "Doc." We trailed his brother. We trailed his companions - Volney Davis, Russell Gibson, Bill Weaver, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, and a host of others.

ANNOUNCER: One by one, the Federal Bureau of Investigation brought members of this gang in. The job was a long one. It tested the ingenuity and perseverance of the G-Men. Time meant nothing to them. Sleepless nights were customary rather than the exception. Then came a cold night in January, 1935. "Doc" Barker and his girl friend were apprehended in Chicago. Later that evening, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation surrounded another apartment in Chicago. Their commands to surrender were answered with gunfire. Russell Gibson was killed resisting arrest, and Bryon Bolton was taken into custody. A map was found in the apartment. A penciled mark had been drawn around a lake.

ANSWER: And then, Mr. , our Agents heard about an old alligator called "Old Joe" for whom Fred Barker and Karpis frequently hunted. Mr. Hoover sent the special kidnap detail to Florida by plane. In the vicinity of Ocala, Florida, where the ring was drawn around the map, the Agents picked up the trail of "Old Joe," the alligator. They also picked up the trail of an old woman who was living in an expensive cottage with her son. That woman was "Ma" Barker, and her son was Freddie. Under the cover of darkness, the Agents surrounded the house. Every precaution was taken. The stage was set. They knew they were to face a desperate siege. In the meantime reinforcements were being rushed there. Director Hoover spent a sleepless night in his office for you see there were literally hundreds of ramifications to the case because of the widespread activities of the gang and Mr. Hoover had to consider all of them and plan accordingly.

ANNOUNCER: Tell us, Mr. , just what happened.

ANSWER: At the crack of dawn every man was in his place. The Inspector in Charge rapped on the door. He announced the place was surrounded by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. There was no answer. An Agent shouted, "Unless you come out, we'll use tear gas to force you out." This time he received an answer. "All right, go ahead," cried "Ma" Barker, firing a burst from a machine-gun. The battle began. It raged for several hours, then silence from within the house. The Agents entered the building. There on the floor was Fred Barker holding a rifle with a death grip. "Ma" Barker's machine-gun with a hundred shot drum, lay across her body; the barrel was still smoking. Both were dead.

ANNOUNCER: Fortunately the raid had been planned well and J. Edgar Hoover's G-Men suffered no casualties.

ANSWER: And on a bleak afternoon, sometime later, the unkept hillside graveyard, full of undergrowth and weeds, near Welch, Oklahoma, received the bodies of "Ma" and her favorite son, Freddie. Only a few relatives and curious onlookers attended the services. The funeral sermon was preached to the living rather than to the dead.

ANNOUNCER: Thank you, Mr. . The Federal Bureau of Investigation rendered a great service to this nation by bringing to an end the criminal career of "Ma" Barker. Her life emphasizes the necessity of proper home training if children are to be turned away from crime. May you never have another such female demon. Thank you, and good night!

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Dear Sir:

There are attached hereto copies of suggested radio discussions dealing with the activities of Alvin Karpis and "Ma" Barker.

These manuscripts are being furnished you as of possible assistance in any discussions in which you might participate over the radio.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosures.



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2401 Sterick Building,
Memphis, Tennessee,
February 28, 1938

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WTM:KEM

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

ROBERT HUDSON

Re: ROBERT HUDSON, et al;
NATIONAL STEEL PROPERTY ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent William T. Morton dated October 4, 1937, in the Brekid case. This report, it will be recalled, sets out information regarding one Ola Martin, a prostitute residing in Memphis, Tennessee, who professed to be an intimate acquaintance of Grace Goldstein.

On February 28, 1938, Ola Martin voluntarily appeared at the Memphis Field Office and there contacted Special Agent William T. Morton. She informed that she went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, on February 16, 1938, and returned to Memphis on February 20, 1938. During her stay in Hot Springs, she resided at the Valley Hotel using the name of "Miss Ola". While there she visited Grace Goldstein and through these visits she secured the following information:

A mob consisting of about eight men have recently come to Hot Springs from Chicago and St. Louis, and met up at Grace Goldstein's house. The identities of all the members of this mob are unknown, but Ola Martin stated that one of the members goes under the name of "The Baron"; that he is supposed to be residing at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and is "keeping up" Connie Morris at some unknown place in St. Louis, Missouri.

Ola Martin observed some man walk into Grace Goldstein's house, during her recent visit, and Grace greeted this person under the mistaken impression that this person was "The Baron". Ola Martin observed this person, believed to resemble "The Baron", to be short and stocky, dark complexioned, about 34 years of age, slight build and either Jewish or Italian. The person reported to resemble the "Baron" has recently been released from Alcatraz or, at any rate, has recently returned from a visit to that place and it appears that he and the other members have the information that Karpis has a considerable sum of money "planted" at some place and that this money could not be reached until 1938. Now they are laying plans to secure this money, but for some reason the securing of money is surrounded with risky circumstances and they are having difficulty in obtaining a person who is willing to take the chance of securing this money. The reason for securing the money is to give it to Grace Goldstein and one of the sisters of Alvin Karpis. They are supposed to take the money and open up a night club in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

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The sister of Alvin Karpis, referred to, is supposed to be the one with two small children, one boy and one girl. This sister is residing at some point on the southern outskirts of Hot Springs, Arkansas and is supposed to be supported financially by Grace Goldstein, the latter obtaining the furniture for the house wherein the sister resides. Grace Goldstein has complained about this situation, explaining that she, herself is in bad financial condition and has recently borrowed money, using her furniture and automobile as collateral.

During the above mentioned period of Ola Martin's visit in Hot Springs, she informed that Grace Goldstein advised that agents of this Bureau had questioned her very severely in the Little Rock Field Division, at which time she had been "given Hell". It is Ola Martin's information that immediately after this questioning, Grace Goldstein took a trip to Dallas, Texas, in her automobile. Ola Martin was in Hot Springs when Grace Goldstein returned from this trip about 6:30 P. M., on February 19, 1936. At the time of her return, she was met out on the highway by Chief of Police Joe Wakelin. Grace Goldstein, at this time, informed that she had visited her mother in Dallas, Texas.

According to Ola Martin, Grace Goldstein is now receiving mail at the Brown's Beauty Parlor in Hot Springs, Arkansas, under the name of Helen Woods.

Ola Martin, who also uses the name of Mrs. J. L. Swibel, appeared to be sincere in furnishing her information and is laboring under the impression that she is in serious trouble and that Bureau agents are keeping a close watch over her. The above information appeared to be all that she had at this time. She requested that it be kept strictly confidential that she furnished this information, in view of the danger it would place her in, should she return to Hot Springs, Arkansas, to practice her profession.

She is presently residing at 275 South Third Street in Memphis, Tennessee, and has stated she would be available for further interview. At the time of this interview, her fingerprints were taken and are being forwarded to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J. E. CLEGG
Special Agent in Charge

CC Bureau
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Cincinnati
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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March 3, 1938

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC, CHICAGO, ILL.

UNSUB MAURICE GOLDBLATT VICEX MAURICE L. ROTHSCHILD VICEX TYPEWRITING
ON LETTERS MADE BY SAME MACHINE USED ON LETTERS IN CASES ENTITLED
UNSUB LOCAL LOAN COMPANY, VICEX; MICHAEL L. IGOR, VICEX; E. O. HERB
COMPANY, VICEX; JOHN ROMANSZKIEWICZ, VICEX; JOSEPH ZIEMBA, VICEX;
AND ON LETTER ADDRESSED TO E. F. KOSTA, NATIONAL SECURITY BANK WHICH
WAS SUBMITTED IN BREKID CASE. REPORT ON FINGERPRINTS FOLLOWS.

NATHAN

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Mr. Nathan:

Miss Frances W. Hall, Superintendent of Homeopathic Hospital, National 1950, called on the telephone, stating that yesterday she employed a nurse who gave the name Marie James, and that she has heard that this nurse is wanted for forgery and on other charges under the name of Eleanor Myer, Mayer, or Meyer; that this nurse has a cousin, Caroline Brennan, living at 217 F Street, NW, Washington, DC, telephone Metropolitan 0337. She said she does not, of course, want to keep her there if she is really wanted on such charges, but realizes that it may be malicious gossip and would appreciate any assistance the Bureau could give her.

The Ident files contain records of 5 or 6 Eleanor and Elinor Myers, Mayers and Meyers, none of whom is wanted, or is from Washington.

The files also contain records of about 16 Marie James, none of whom is wanted or is from Washington.

The files do contain the record of a Mrs. C.P. Harmon, alias Marie Mayer (a combination of both of the above names), bearing an old notice to the effect that this individual is wanted by the Bureau for questioning in connection with the Bremer case (this want was placed in 1934).

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Date 2/11

TO: Director Mr. Schilder
 Mr. Tolson Mr. Coffey
 Mr. Clegg Mr. McSwain
 Mr. Egan Mr. Singman
 Mr. Tamm Mrs. Henley
 Mr. Glavin Recording
 Miss Gandy Posting
 Mr. Tracy Card Index
 Mr. Crowl Technical
 Mr. Nichols Assembly
 Mr. Harbo Single Fingerprint
 Mr. Hince Typing
 Mr. Renneberger Messengers
 Files Section
 Personnel Files M
 Mr. Collier
 Mr. Leckie
 XXXXXX Mr. Vogel
 Mr. Brandt
 Mr. Mertz Please route
 Mr. Landrum Re-write
 Mr. Lawler Re-date
 Stenographers See me
 Miss Power Send file
 Mrs. Dagenais Note and return
 Mr. Miller Initial

Please see attached note. Miss Hall was advised that upon the basis of a name search only, no record could be found of a Marie James or Eleanor Myer being wanted. In view of the last paragraph of the attached note, however, this is being referred to you for any attention which may be necessary or appropriate.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 2, 1938,
placing a stop notice against the fingerprints of Mrs. C. P.
Harmon.

In view of the developments in this case, the Bureau
desires to be advised if your office still desires that a
stop notice be maintained against this individual's fingerprint
record.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

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

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

March 7, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Bureau (File 7-576) in the above captioned case dated December 30, 1937, transmitting copies of a letter dated October 19, 1937 from Mrs. Gertrude Campbell, the wife of Harry Campbell who is presently incarcerated in the penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California, and directing that an agent call upon Mrs. Campbell and advise her that the Bureau is without authority to assist her in the matter set forth in her letter.

Please be advised that Gertrude Campbell was contacted on February 17, 1938 at Toledo, Ohio by Special Agent E. J. Coble and advised that the Bureau does not have authority to assist her as she desires.

Very truly yours,

Al Rosen

AL ROSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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REKID REFERENCE TELETYPE OF INSPECTOR CONNELLEY TO BUREAU DATED
FEBRUARY TWENTY FOUR SPECIAL AGENTS SULLIVAN AND MADALA PROCEEDING
TO DALLAS OFFICE TEN PM MISSOURI PACIFIC TONIGHT TO CONDUCT INQUIRY
AT PARIS, TEXAS, UNLESS BUREAU INSTRUCTS OTHERWISE. INVESTIGATION TO
BE CONDUCTED THROUGH ALL RELATIVES OF GRACE GOLDSTEIN AT PARIS TO SHOW
WSTA TRANSPORTATION OF NIECE MARGARET AND CONNECTION WITH BONDS IN
ROBERT HUDSON ETAL NSPA FILE AS SUGGESTED IN ABOVE TELETYPE. A
MEMPHIS LETTER TO THIS OFFICE DATED FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHT INDICATES
MOB NOW AT HOT SPRINGS POSSIBLY ATTEMPTING TO NEGOTIATE BONDS.
CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, SAN FRANCISCO HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO
LEARN IDENTITIES OF KARPIS SISTER NOW AT HOT SPRINGS AND MEMBERS
OF MOB REPORTED RECENTLY RELEASED FROM ALCATRA
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Re: Bureau file #7-3831
#7-376-10767
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#7-381

March 9, 1938.

SAC, CHICAGO

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRISON
GOLDENSLATT, Victim; HENRIK L.
ROTHENBIL, Victim; RITCHEY.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 24, 1938,
transmitting two envelopes bearing no postmark and addressed
"Mr. Maurice L. Rothenbich, State & Jackson, Chicago, Ill.," and
letter beginning "You are notified—," one envelope postmarked
"Chicago, Ill., Vicker Park Sta., Feb. 24, 1938, 9:30 P.M." and
one letter which is apparently a carbon copy of the letter
beginning "You are notified—" in connection with the above-
entitled case.

This material has been examined and four latent finger-
prints of value for comparison purposes have been found, one on
the envelope addressed "Mr. Maurice L. Rothenbich, State & Jackson,
Chicago, Ill." and three on the original of the letter beginning
"You are notified—".

These latent impressions have been compared with the
latent impressions in the following listed cases, but no identifica-
tion has been effected:

Unknown Subject; Michael Igou, Victim; RITCHEY,
Bureau file #7-2446.

Unknown Subject; Louis Leon Company, Chicago,
Illinois, Victim; RITCHEY, Bureau file #7-3831.

REKIB, Bureau file #7-376-10767—Envelope addressed
"National Security Bank, Ogden & Chicago Ave.,
Chicago, Ill." and postmarked "Chicago, Illinois,
41, April 14, 1936 1 P.M." and accompanying letter.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

No latent fingerprints have been developed in the following cases and consequently no fingerprint comparisons could be made:

Unknown Subjects; Joseph Kieba, Victim; KIDNAPING, Bureau file #9-3431.

Unknown Subjects, L. G. Herb Company, Chicago, Illinois, Victim; KIDNAPING, Bureau file #9-3445.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

March 10, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir

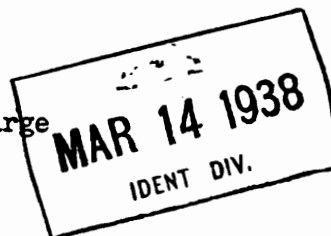
In reply to your letter of March 4, 1938, relative to the stop notice placed against the fingerprints of Mrs. C. P. Harmon, I desire to advise that in view of present developments in this case, this stop notice may now be withdrawn.

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Very truly yours

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D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge



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Laboratory Report

Case: March 11, 1938. Number: 9-3601-2
Unknown Subjects; Maurice Goldblatt,
Maurice L. Rothschild - Victims; Extortion.

Specimens:
Q1. One envelope not postmarked and addressed to Mr. Maurice L. Rothschild, State and Jackson, Chicago, Illinois.
Q2. One sheet apparently enclosed in Q1 and reads "You are notified".
Q3. One envelope postmarked "Chicago, Illinois, Wicker Park Station, February 24, 1938, 3:30 P. M."
Q4. One sheet apparently a carbon copy of Q2 and apparently enclosed in Q3.

Examination requested by: Chicago

Date received: 3/2/38

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination: Examination by: Blackburn

Specimens Q1 and Q3 are plain white envelopes containing no watermarks and measuring approximately 5x8 1/2". The addresses on these envelopes are typewritten.

Specimens Q2 and Q4 are typewritten on pieces of plain white typewriter paper, 8.35" wide and cut to an approximate length of 5" from a larger sheet. The original size of the sheet was probably approximately 8x11". Specimen Q4 is a carbon copy of specimen Q2. The cut edges of the bottoms of each of these sheets show that both were cut at the same time.

All of these specimens are written on a Corona or Smith Corona typewriter equipped with Pica type, spaced 10 to the inch.

The typewriting contained on these specimens has been compared with the typewriting contained in the anonymous letter file and as a result the conclusion has been reached that these letters were written on the same typewriter used to write the letters received in connection with the cases entitled, Unknown Subjects; Local Loan Company - Victim; Extortion, Bureau file #9-311; Unknown Subjects; Michael L. Igoe - Victim; Extortion, Bureau file #9-1466; Unknown Subjects; L. G. Herb Company - Victim; Extortion, Bureau file #9-1645; Unknown Subjects; John Romanzkiewicz - Victim; Extortion Bureau file #9-1569; Unknown Subjects; Joseph Zimba - Victim; Extortion Bureau file #9-2831. The typewriting is also identical with that on the

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letter addressed to Mr. E. S. Kosta, National Security Bank, Ogden and Chicago Avenues, Chicago, Illinois, received in connection with the Brekid case.

A report on the fingerprint examination will be submitted separately.

Photographic copies will be forwarded within the next several days.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE BUREAU SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

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1 - 9-2831)
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March 11, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: Unknown Subjects;
Maurice Goldblatt,
Maurice I. Rothschild -
Victims; Extortion.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in
the Bureau March 8, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure:

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
1300 Biscayne Building,
Miami, Florida,
March 14, 1938.

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

Gentlemen: Re: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter of October 29, 1937,
along with which was enclosed a copy of a letter from Stuart A.
Lawrence, of Miami, Florida.

Interview with Stuart A. Lawrence, 410 Southwest 26th
Road, Miami, Florida, was had on January 30, 1938, by Special Agent
R. G. Danner.

The delay in this interview was occasioned by the fact
that when telephonic contact was made with Lawrence in the first
instance, he insisted that the interview be postponed until such
time as he could personally come to the Miami Office, stating that
he preferred not to have it known to anyone that he was furnishing
information.

Lawrence stated that he is employed at the Biscayne
Kennel Club in Miami, Florida. He advised that he had written
the letter to the Bureau in regard to one Harry A. Lowe. He stated
that Lowe is a race track follower; that he claimed to have
formerly raced horses and to have indulged in fixed races; that
Lowe put him next to several good bets at the Hialeah Park Race
Track several seasons ago as a result of which they became closely
associated. He advised that during the trial of Joe Adams at
Miami, Florida, in June, 1937, on charges of harboring Alvin
Karpis, that Lowe informed him that he was one of the persons who
had helped change some of the ransom money in instant kidnaping,
and without ever having been caught. Lawrence stated that he
had casually questioned Lowe concerning this statement, whereupon
Lowe told him that he had purchased \$1,000 worth of the ransom
money and had taken it to Cuba, where he had changed it at the
gambling houses there.

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Other than these alleged statements, Lawrence could furnish no further information connecting Lowe with this case. He was unable to advise the name of the person from whom Lowe had originally purchased the ransom money, but stated that it was probably the individual who was prosecuted for same. He no doubt refers to Cassius^o McDonald.

Lawrence was asked why he did not report this matter previously in view of the extensive investigation which had been conducted in Miami and vicinity in regard to this case and he advised that he did not want to cause Lowe any trouble at that time as he had considered him a friend. Continuing, Lawrence advised that Lowe had disappeared from Miami at the close of the season and had reappeared some time later; that upon this latter re-appearance Lowe had claimed to be in on a promotional scheme in connection with a dog track at Fort Lauderdale, Florida and had told him to put up \$385.00 as an investment, promising a rich return on the money.

Lawrence advised that Lowe had told him at that time he was connected with one James Egan, owner of the Bristol County Kennel Club at Boston, Massachusetts. Lawrence stated that after he advanced money to Lowe that Lowe had disappeared from Miami and that after making numerous efforts to locate him, had come to the conclusion that he had been swindled. He said that he then recalled Lowe having told him of having been connected with the Karpis crowd in Havana and that he thought the Bureau would probably be interested in Lowe for that reason and he also felt that he could be afforded some assistance in locating the man and securing the return of his money.

Lawrence was informed by Special Agent Danner that the Bureau would only be interested in Lowe if it developed that he had violated some Federal Law within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau and that no assistance could be rendered him in connection with the collection of his money.

In view of the fact that the ransom money in this case was changed in Havana, Cuba during the month of September, 1934, as the statute of limitations has run upon said changing and as there is no other information concerning Lowe in this file with the exception of the alleged information supplied by Lawrence, no further action is being taken in this regard unless instructions to the contrary are received from the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

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

SKM:EEJ CC Cincinnati

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

March 14, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of December 12, 1935,
to all Field Offices, a stop order was placed in
the files of the Automobile Protective and Information
Bureau at Chicago, Illinois, against 1935 Plymouth
Sedan, Motor No. PJ322772.

Please advise this Office whether you desire this stop
continued.

Very truly yours

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D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

OFFICE OF
JOE BAUML, Sheriff
WICHITA, KANSAS
March 2, 1938

Mr. Sam Landrum
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I was in Topeka, Kansas, Sunday, and this information comes from a very reliable source that it might be worthwhile checking Milt Lett, is running dope for this Italian LaFonte, who was picked up in New York City and being returned to Missouri for a murder.

Milt Lett is running from Boston to New York and he has made several trips into St. Louis, Mo.

Yours truly,

Joe Bauml
JOE BAUML, Sheriff
Sedgwick County, Kansas

*Ans. Kansas City
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Mr. Joe Baum,
Sheriff,
Sedgwick County,
Wichita, Kansas.

My dear Sheriff:

I desire to acknowledge receipt
of your letter dated March 2, 1938, addressed to
Special Agent Sam Landrum of this Bureau, and furn-
ishing certain information relative to Milt Lett.

I appreciate the spirit which
prompted you to furnish that information concerning
Lett and wish to assure you of my desire to cooperate
in all matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

CC KANSAS CITY

one copy incoming letter

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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March 7, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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I thought you would be interested in knowing that according to Special Agent A. E. Farland, "Charley the Jew" Yanowsky assaulted and badly beat Harry Brunette at Alcatraz and evidently managed the assault in such a manner that Brunette appeared the aggressor and was assigned to the dungeon. Brunette was posing as a real bad actor at Alcatraz, trying to build himself up as the only man who had engaged in a personal fight with the Director, and his swaggering and bragging became so obnoxious that Yanowsky lead him into an altercation and proceeded to render a very severe beating.

Agent Farland also advised me that Volney Davis had a fight with Alvin Karpis and rendered a very severe beating to Karpis.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Washington Field Division, Room 2266,
Washington, D. C.

March 18, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 11, 1938 concerning instant case.

Inquiry at the Franklin Park Hotel, 1332 Eye Street, N. W., disclosed that on November 16, 1937 a Mrs. S. T. Parker registered in that hotel and was given room No. 153. Subsequent to this date she was joined by a man who gave his name as Mr. S. T. Parker, stating that he was her husband.

On December 11, 1937, Mrs. Parker checked out of instant hotel and failed to leave a forwarding address. Further questioning of the officials at this place failed to disclose any definite information, however, they were of the opinion that she returned to Memphis, Tennessee. This was only an assumption on the part of these individuals in view of a conversation had with Mrs. Parker at which time she stated she was from Memphis, Tennessee.

The man who supposedly was the husband of Mrs. Parker, checked out of this hotel on February 8, 1938. At this time he failed to leave a forwarding address.

An attempt was made to determine where Parker had been employed while in the District, and no information could be obtained in this regard.

For the information of the Little Rock Field Division, the Franklin Park Hotel is known to be frequented by prostitutes and people of questionable character.

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Very truly yours,

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GUY HOTEL,

Special Agent in Charge.

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1612 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri
March 17, 1938

Mr. C. E. Hanlon,
Postmaster,
Ceney, Kansas.

RE: BREKID

Edward G. Bremer

Dear Mr. Hanlon:

Re: Ray W. Collins

I desire to express to you my thanks and
appreciation for the mail tracing you forwarded to
this office under date of March 15, 1938.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

March 17, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Chicago office dated March 4, 1938, relative to a stop order placed at the request of the Cleveland field division against 1935 Plymouth sedan, motor number PJ 322772.

Inasmuch as instant automobile was purchased by Milton Lett for the use of the members of the Karpis gang at the time they held up the mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7, 1935, and to date Milton Lett has not been located and questioned relative to his knowledge and ramifications of the Karpis gang, it is suggested that unless the Bureau instructs to the contrary, the stop be maintained until such time as Milton Lett has been located and questioned.

Very truly yours,

Al Rosen,
Special Agent in Charge.

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2401 Sterick Building,
Memphis, Tennessee,
March 19, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 17, 1938, please be advised that Special Agent C. O. Pickard has determined that the present address of Jewel Greta Gilstrap, alias Greta Swanson is 277 1/2 Madison Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. This woman advised that within the next few days, she expects to proceed to Fort Riley, Kansas, for the purpose of having an operation and that she can be reached at that place in care of her husband, E. F. Gilstrap, headquarters troop, second cavalry.

The present address of Gertrude Theresa Nichols, alias "Jackie" Nichols is 321 Monroe Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, and she does not contemplate making a change in address, but she advised that if she does change, she will immediately notify the Memphis Division.

Very truly yours,

CC Bureau
Inspector Connelley
Cincinnati
Chicago

J. E. CLEGG
Special Agent in Charge

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April 19, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

The following is the list of equipment which is being stored in the vault of the Chief Clerk's office and about which I phoned you yesterday with regard to its disposition:

One Box ~~of~~ Bullet Proof Vests recovered from Fred and Kate Barker in Florida. File number 5-576 serials 4608 and 4957.

One Box of License Plates taken at Little Bohemia. File number 62-29777 serials 6534 and 6501.

Thirty-three ~~summary~~ ^{summary} files of the Bremer case. ✓

Two summary files of the Lindbergh case.

Respectfully,

A.H. Crowl

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF CLERK

Reference is made to your memorandum of April 19, 1938, addressed to Assistant Director E. A. Tamm, with reference to items presently stored in the vault of the Chief Clerk's office.

Concerning the case containing four bullet-proof vests recovered from Fred and Kate Barker in Miami, Florida, please be advised that the Bureau files indicate that these vests are of light weight, and inasmuch as their use might endanger the lives of Special Agents, you are hereby instructed to dispose of the same.

With reference to the box containing a number of license plates recovered at Little Bohemia in connection with a raid conducted by Bureau Agents, you are advised that inasmuch as these license plates have no further value in connection with official investigation, they may also be disposed of.

Concerning the surplus summary files in the Bremer case, you are instructed that all but four copies of the same may be destroyed, the balance to be returned to the files.

The two summary files in the Lindbergh kidnaping case should be placed in the investigative file.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mar. 15, 1938.

The Attorney General,
Washington, D. C.,

Re: U. S. v. Cassius McDonald
No. 1659-M-criminal
Vic: Harboring and concealing
fugitive from justice
Department File 109-39-1

S I R :

An indictment is pending against above named defendant charging him alone with harboring and concealing one Alvin Karpis, alleged kidnapper of Edward George Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota. McDonald was an alleged member of the Barker-Karpis gang, alleged kidnappers of said Edward George Bremer, his alleged activity with said gang being that of a money changer handling the ransom money collected by the gang.

In view of the fact that this defendant is now serving a fifteen year sentence imposed at St. Paul on the kidnapping charge there, and the fact that a conviction in the above case would be most doubtful under the circumstances, we are disposed to recommend that this case be nolle and we therefore respectfully request authority to obtain an order of nolle herein as to the said defendant. We believe that the Federal Bureau of Investigation will concur in this recommendation.

Respectfully,

For the United States Attorney.

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Lloyd C. Hooks,
Assistant United States Attorney.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mar. 14, 1938.

The Attorney General,
Washington, D. C.,

Re: U. S. v. Cassius McDonald
No. 1608-M-criminal
Vio: Harboring and concealing
fugitive from justice
Department File 109-39-1

S I R :

An indictment is pending against above named defendant in this district, charging him, together with Joseph H. Adams, Henry Randall, N. H. Heller, Delores Delaney and Wynona Burdette, with conspiracy to harbor and conceal one Alvin Karpis, alleged kidnapper of Edward George Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota. McDonald was an alleged member of the Barker-Karpis gang, alleged kidnappers of said Edward George Bremer, his alleged activity with said gang being that of a money changer handling the ransom money collected by the gang.

The defendants Delores Delaney and Wynona Burdette, companions of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, another member of said gang, who were indicted in above case, pleaded guilty to all the charges against them and are now serving a sentence of five years each. The case was nolle as to the defendant N. H. Heller, and in June 1937, a trial by jury was had as to the defendants Adams and Randall, principals in above case, resulting in their acquittal on all charges.

In view of the fact that the defendant Cassius McDonald is now serving a sentence of fifteen years imposed at St. Paul on the kidnapping charge there, and the fact that a conviction in the above case would be most doubtful under the circumstances, we are disposed to recommend that the above case be nolle and we therefore respectfully request authority to obtain an order of

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nolle herein as to said Cassius McDonald. We believe that the Federal Bureau of Investigation will concur in this recommendation.

Respectfully,

For the United States Attorney.

Lloyd C. Hooks,
Assistant United States Attorney.

BRIEN MCMAHON
Assistant Attorney General

Department of Justice
Washington

#109-39-1

March 23, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

There are enclosed copies of two letters from the United States Attorney, Miami, Florida, dated March 14th and 15th, respectively, in which he requests authority to dismiss Indictments No. 4608-M and No. 4659-M, pending against Cassius McDonald on charges of harboring and concealing a fugitive from justice.

Will you please advise me whether you have any information which would indicate that the United States Attorney's recommendation should not be followed.

Respectfully,

Brien McMahon

BRIEN MCMAHON,
Assistant Attorney General.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL BRIEN McMAHON

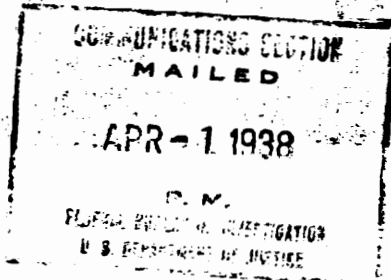
I am in receipt of your memorandum dated March 23, 1938, enclosing copies of letters from Mr. Lloyd C. Hooks, Assistant United States Attorney, Miami, Florida, dated March 14 and 15, 1938, in which he requests authority to disaiss pending indictments against Cassius McDonald on charges of harboring and concealing a fugitive from justice.

Please be advised I will defer to your judgment in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hottel
Mr. Lester
Mr. McIntire
Mr. Neighson
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy



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Post Office Box #1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
March 22, 1938

Mr. Fred A. Iagrig
United States Attorney
Federal Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; ET AL;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES,
et cetera.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting by Special Agent
D. P. Sullivan the following:

Summary report of Special Agent
D. P. Sullivan, Little Rock,
Arkansas, dated December 10, 1937.

Index to the above summary report,
and a list of witnesses set out as
to each individual subject.

One copy of the report of Special
Agent D. P. Sullivan, Chicago,
Illinois, dated February 12, 1938.

One copy of the report of Special
Agent John L. Madala, Little Rock,
Arkansas, dated September 22, 1937.

Very truly yours,
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H. B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge. 1938

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
March 22, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith three copies of a list of witnesses as to each individual subject, prepared for use in connection with the summary report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated December 10, 1937.

Two copies of this list are being forwarded to the Cincinnati Office, one to Chicago, one to Cleveland, and five are being retained in the files of the Little Rock Office.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher

H. B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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WITNESSES AGAINST INDIVIDUAL SUBJECTS

Report of Special Agent
D. P. Sullivan, dated at
Little Rock, Arkansas,
December 10, 1937.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; ET AL;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives;
Obstruction of Justice;
National Firearms Act.

For the use of the United States Attorney, the names of
witnesses who can testify against each subject of this investigation
are herewith set out under the name of the subject against whom they
can testify.

Inasmuch as the testimony of practically every witness
refers to

ALVIN KARPIS
HARRY CAMPBELL
FRED JOHN HUNTER
GRACE GOLDSTEIN
CONNIE MORRIS

the witnesses against these individuals will not be listed.

The testimony of each witness may be located by referring
to the index previously prepared for the above report.

AKERS, HERBERT

Della May Jeffries
Velda May Burford
N. F. Lund
Jewel Greta Gilstrap

Earnest Alton Reese
Mrs. Sirfean Joseph Armenia
Oscar Pope Muse
Roy Franklin Armenia

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Akers, Herbert (Cont'd.)

Gertrude Theresa Nichols
Lillian Louise Thomas
Stuart Face
Ernest Smith
James Mitkiff
R. L. Shivers
Rufus C. Coulter
C. Ervin Nafer
W. W. Reed
John Albough
C. F. Burch
Sedric Cecil Burnette
Elmer W. Wheatley
Ollie Dowdy
Edward Clark
Bertie L. Damron
Earl J. Connelley

Frank Earl Spencer
Mrs. Jennie Lowe
Matt Davis
Mrs. Phillip David
Clem Jones Irwin
Dewey May
Barney H. Roark
C. C. Bandey
Mrs. Elzie Moore
George Moore
Ercell Brock
Charles N. Preston
N. E. Marshall
L. M. Chipman
Chapman Fletcher
Frank S. Smith
Rufus C. Coulter

BROCK, CECIL

Della May Jeffries
Velda May Burford
Mrs. Jennie Lowe
Rufus C. Coulter
Sedric Cecil Burnette
Walter L. Funk

N. E. Marshall
Rufus C. Coulter
Edward Clark
Bernard M. Suttler
Daniel P. Sullivan
John L. Madala

COKER, SAM

Della May Jeffries
Jewel Greta Gilstrap
Gertrude Theresa Nichols
Lillian Louise Thomas
Dorothy Cathey
Mina Thomas Wilder
Elmer W. Wheatley

Ollie Dowdy
John Brock
Earl Gardner
T. M. Field
John L. Madala
E. J. Wynn

COOPER, ARCHER L.

Della May Jeffries
Jewel Greta Gilstrap
Gertrude Theresa Nichols
Lillian Louise Thomas
Stuart Face

Mrs. Jennie Lowe
Ernest Smith
James Mitkiff
Elmer W. Wheatley

DAVIES, A. T.

Mrs. Phillip David

DYER, MRS. AL C.

Rosalie Sewell
Mina Thomas Wilder
Richard J. Welch
William T. Kinnell
Cecil Pennington
Bertie L. Damron

John L. Madala
Daniel P. Sullivan
Henry A. Snow
Don M. George
Robert E. Rowe

KEADY, GEORGE

Gertrude Theresa Nichols
John Brook
A. Paul Kitchen

Ethel Thomas
T. F. Houston

LETT, MILTON

Gertrude Billeter Miller

Paul Hansen

LOFTIS, MORRIS BROOKS

Emory Dow Wood
Rosalie Sewell

Don M. George
Bertie L. Damron

Loftis, Morris Brooks (Cont'd.)

Mina Thomas Wilder
Richard J. Welch
Rufus C. Coulter
Cecil Pennington

Rufus C. Coulter
John L. Madala
D. P. Sullivan
Robert E. Rowe

MOORE, GARNETT

Della May Jeffries
Velda May Burford

Lee Austin
Mrs. Helen Trammel

MOORE, ROBERT L.

Della May Jeffries

Walter L. Funk

STOVER, JOHN

Bertie L. Damron
Earl Kial
John L. Madala

B. M. Suttler
Earl J. Connelley
Henry A. Snow

WAKELIN, JOSEPH

Della May Jeffries
Jewel Greta Gilstrap
Lillian Louise Thomas
Horace G. Whyte
Charles Goslee
Mrs. Phillip David

Charles N. Preston
Bertie L. Damron
Olice Brawner
Earl J. Connelley
Chapman Fletcher
W. A. Moore

Washington Field Division, Room 2266,
Washington, D. C.

March 24, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

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A review of the file of the Washington Field Division reflects that on August 8, 1937, your office notified all Field Divisions to maintain flash notices against 1935 Ford V-8 two door sedan, motor #2044337, and 1935 Plymouth sedan, motor #PJ 322772, serial #2619357, for the purpose of locating the whereabouts of J. M. Lett or Milton Lett. Please advise this office as to the further maintenance of the above flash notices.

It is also requested that you advise whether you desire a continuation of the stop notice placed against 1936 Buick four door sedan, motor #63052198.

Very truly yours,

GUY HOTTEL,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
March 24, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

There are attached hereto the following
described photographs:

- No. 1 - Front view of Alvin Karpis.
- No. 2 - Front view of Alvin Karpis, K.S.P. #1539.
- No. 3 - Profile view of Alvin Karpis, K.S.P. #1539.
- No. 4 - Front view of Harry Campbell in shirt-sleeves.
- No. 5 - Profile view of Harry Campbell in shirtsleeves.
- No. 6 - Front view of Harry Campbell in sweater.
- No. 7 - Profile view of Harry Campbell in sweater.
- No. 8 - Front view of Fred Hunter dressed in shirt and tie.
- No. 9 - Front view of Fred Hunter, #156.
- No. 10 - Profile view of Fred Hunter, #156.
- No. 11 - Front view of Milton Lett wearing hat.
- No. 12 - Front view of Milton Lett, Akron, Ohio, #26337.
- No. 13 - Profile view of Milton Lett.
- No. 14 - Front view of Sam Coker, # 14023.
- No. 15 - Profile view of Sam Coker, # 1403.
- No. 16 - Front view of George Keady.
- No. 17 - Profile view of George Keady, # 28714.

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- No. 18 - Front view of Connie Morris.
No. 19 - Stand up view of Connie Morris.
No. 20 - Stand up view of black Great Dane dog.

For use in the trial of this case which probably will be had in the near future, it is respectfully requested that the Bureau make at least three enlarged copies of each of the photographs enumerated above. If at all possible, it is suggested that these enlargements be made uniform to the size of eight by ten inches, and also that no writing or identifying marks be placed thereon, on either the front or back, as they probably will all be introduced as evidence in the coming trial.

Very truly yours,



H. B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Cincinnati

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April 8, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 24, 1938,
enclosing twenty photographs with the request that at least
three enlarged copies of each be made and furnished to your of-
fice for use in the coming trial.

The photographs which you desired, together with
those forwarded with your letter, are being furnished herewith.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure

Copies of photographs already
in Bureau files.

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March 11, 1938.

9-3501

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: Unknown Subjects;
Maurice Goldblatt,
Maurice L. Rothschild -
Victims; Extortion.
Identification in
Anonymous Letter File.

On March 3, 1938 there were received in the Laboratory from the Chicago field division two anonymous typewritten letters addressed to the victims in this case, each of which demanded that the victim place one hundred thousand dollars under the Humboldt Monument in Chicago, failing which the victim would be assassinated "like the other Jew Sarnet". These letters were signed "The Terrible Deutscher-Volksbund". The letter to Mr. Goldblatt was in fact a carbon copy of the letter to Mr. Rothschild.

This case was handled in the Laboratory by Mr. Blackburn who, recalling some letters received in the Laboratory about a year ago in which the same modus operandi was used, compared the typewriting in these two extortion letters with the typewriting on file in the anonymous letter file and as a result identified the typewriter used to write the letter to Mr. Goldblatt and Mr. Rothschild as the same typewriter which was used to write anonymous letters in connection with the cases entitled, Unknown Subjects; Local Loan Company - Victim; Extortion, Unknown Subjects; Michael L. Igou - Victim; Extortion, Unknown Subjects; E. G. Herb Company - Victim; Extortion, Unknown Subjects; John Romasakiewicz - Victim; Extortion, Unknown Subjects; Joseph Zizka - Victim; Extortion and also with a letter addressed to Mr. E. S. Kosta, National Security Bank, Chicago, Illinois which was submitted in connection with the Brekid case.

This information was immediately wired to the Chicago office which has been office of origin in all of the cases submitted above or has submitted all of the specimens which have been identified.

Respectfully,

RECORDED & INDEXED

E. P. Coffey.

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MARCH 23 1938

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Edw. H. Bremer

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March 23, 1938

7-576-14926

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
MAURICE GOLDBLATT - VICTIM;
MAURICE L. ROTHSCHILD - VICTIM;
EXTORTION.

Reference is made to the memorandum of Mr. Coffey dated March 11, 1938, advising that anonymous typewritten letters received by Maurice Goldblatt and Maurice L. Rothschild had been identified as having been written on the same typewriter used to write the anonymous letters in connection with the cases entitled as follows:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
LOCAL LOAN COMPANY - VICTIM;
EXTORTION.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
MICHAEL L. IGGE - VICTIM;
EXTORTION.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
E. G. HERB COMPANY - VICTIM;
EXTORTION.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
JOHN DOMASZKIEWICZ - VICTIM;
EXTORTION.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
JOSEPH XIEMBA - VICTIM;
EXTORTION.

The Bureau is now in receipt of a communication from Chief Inspector K. P. Aldrich of the Post Office Department, with which there was transmitted a threatening typewritten communication dated at Chicago, February 22, 1938, received through the mails by Reverend Alex Skrypko, of Chicago, Illinois.

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Memo. for
Mr. Nathan

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March 23, 1938

It is requested that the typewritten letter and envelope in question, which are attached hereto and which letter is signed "The Terrible Deutscher-Volkshund," be compared with the typewritten communications in the cases referred to above.

In the event of an identification, it is requested that the letter and envelope be processed for latent fingerprints and that photostatic copies thereof be transmitted to the Chicago office, along with the report concerning the comparison.

The original communication addressed to Reverend Alex Skrypko should be retained in the Laboratory files.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Inclosure

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

March 24, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

One Wilma Ridi, now living at 1703 27th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, personally called at the office on March 19, 1936, advising me that she had written to the Director concerning the reward in the Karpis case; that she claimed she was entitled to the reward and that she hadn't received an answer to her letter concerning this matter.

She stated that while living in Lansing, Michigan, she was visited by an agent immediately after the capture of Karpis and that since that time she has been traveling about the country and has had no address at which she could be reached. She stated that the agent, who came to her house at that time in Lansing, Michigan, was "beaten up". I asked her whether she definitely knew that the person who visited her was an agent of this Bureau. She said that he was an agent of the Bureau, but she couldn't remember his name, nor would she furnish any additional information concerning this incident. She was asked whether she had a forwarding address where she could be reached by phone or contacted in Cleveland and stated the place where she presently lives is such that the "lady of the house doesn't like to have visitors on personal business". It was apparent from her conversation that Miss Ridi is a prostitute.

She is described as follows from personal observation:

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MAILED 23 MAR 27 1936
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Name - WILMA RIDI
Age - about 45 yrs.
Height - 5' 5"
Weight - 180 lbs.
Hair - brown
Build - very rotund
Eyes - greenish
Complexion - fair

She also threatened the writer with bodily harm if nothing further was done on this matter.

No action will be taken in the premises.

Very truly yours,

Al Rosen,
Special Agent in Charge.

AR:h

April 4, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 24, 1938, relative to Wilma Ridi, 1703 27th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, who personally called at the Cleveland office on March 19, 1938, concerning information which she had supplied with reference to Alvin Karpis.

For the information of your office, please be advised that Mrs. Ridi wrote a letter to the Bureau in March, 1936, giving her address as 907 Max Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, or Post Office Box 392, and requesting that she be interviewed by an Agent in connection with Alvin Karpis. Mrs. Ridi was interviewed by a Special Agent, who reported it was quite obvious that she was unbalanced to some extent. Her information was reported in a rambling, incoherent manner and she appeared to be an avid reader of detective story magazines, the reading of which appeared to be the cause of her delusions.

These data are supplied for your information in the event Mrs. Ridi again contacts your office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

March 23, 1938

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All Field Offices
Continental United States
Re: Brekid

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the circular letter emanating from this office dated December 12, 1935, requesting all field offices to place an appropriate stop order with the respective state bureaus of motor vehicles against 1935 Plymouth sedan, motor #PJ 322772, which car was purchased by Milton Lett for Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell et al for their use in perpetrating the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery on November 7, 1935.

Inasmuch as the investigation in so far as Milton Lett is concerned has terminated, pursuant to Bureau instructions, it is requested that all offices which placed wanted notices pertaining to this particular car arrange to immediately withdraw same.

Very truly yours,

Al Rosen

Al Rosen,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box Number 1525
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

March 28, 1938

W
Mr. George F. Parrish
Registrar of Motor Vehicles
West Virginia State Road Commission
Charleston, West Virginia

Re: BREKID

Edward G. Bremer

Dear Sir:

On December 17, 1935, you were requested by Special Agent W. H. Heywood of this office to place a flash card against a Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ322722. You are now requested to remove this flash notice inasmuch as the same is no longer necessary to our investigation.

I appreciate very much your action in placing the same.

Very truly yours,

R. J. UNTERMIER
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

FBI DALLAS, TEXAS MARCH 9, 1938 7- PM CST MH

DIRECTOR

BREKID. INQUIRY AT PARIS, TEXAS, INCLUDING INTERVIEW OF VARIOUS
RELATIVES GRACE GOLDSTEIN, UNPRODUCTIVE AS TO BOND TRANSACTION AT
TAYLOR, TEXAS, IN SEPTEMBER NINETEEN THIRTYSIX. RELATIVES DENY ALL
KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING BONDS. MARGARET THOMPSON, NIECE OF GRACE
GOLDSTEIN, ADVISES GOLDSTEIN WOMAN INDUCED HER TO LEAVE PARIS, TEXAS,
ON OCTOBER SIXTEENTH, NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE, AND TRANSPORTED HER TO
HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, WHERE SHE PERSUADED THOMPSON GIRL TO ENGAGE IN
PROSTITUTION, SAME CONTINUING UNTIL DEC. TENTH, NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE,
WHEN MARAGARET THOMPSON RETURNED TO PARIS, TEXAS, WHERE SHE WAS
MARRIED. PARENTS OF MARARET THOMPSON CORROBORATE HER AS TO HER
TRANSPORTATION. INSPECTOR CONNELLEY SUGGESTS IMMEDIATE INTERVIEW
OF GOLDSTEIN WOMAN ON ABOVE W-S & A CASE BY AGENT SULLIVAN AND
MADALLA AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS. UNLESS BUREAU INSTRUCTS OTHERWISE
THESE AGENTS WILL LEAVE DALLAS AT TEN THIRTY TONIGHT VIA MISSOURI
PACIFIC FOR LITTLE ROCK TO CONDUCT INTERVIEW OF GOLSTEIN WOMAN.

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Chief Clerk

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601 Richmond Trust Building,
Richmond, Virginia.

March 28, 1938

Colonel Marion S. Battle,
Director,
Division of Motor Vehicles,
Richmond, Virginia.

Re: Brekid

Edward G. Bremer

Dear Sir:

Under date of August 13, 1937, you were requested to place a stop notice on a 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ-322772, Serial #2619857.

In view of the fact that investigation, which has been pending with reference to the above described automobile, has terminated, you are requested to withdraw the stop notice previously placed on same.

I desire to thank you for your cooperation with respect to this and other matters.

Very truly yours,

M. E. GURNEA,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau
Cleveland

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Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

FBI CHICAGO

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DIRECTOR

BREKID. PROCEEDING LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS FIVE PM TOGETHER
AGENTS J. L. MADALA AND D. P. SULLIVAN CONFER. US ATTORNEY BREKID MATTER.
LEAVE ON GREEN DIAMOND ILLINOIS CENTRAL RR FIVE PM SEATS ONE,
THREE AND FIVE CAR NUMBER ONE. ARRIVE ST. LOUIS NINE FIFTYFIVE
PM LEAVE TEN FIFTY PM MISSOURI PACIFIC RR TRAIN SEVENTEEN
PULL MAN BERTH NOT AVAILABLE NOW. ARRIVE LITTLE ROCK SEVEN
FIFTYFIVE AM FRIDAY THE EIGHTEENTH.

RONAP. AGENT E. J. MYER WILL COVER COURT ACTION SEADLUND
SATURDAY. THEREAFTER WILL PROCEED CLEVELAND OBTAIN PROPERTY
AND PROCEED NEW HEADQUARTERS INDIANAPOLIS IF NOTHING FURTHER
TO REQUIRE ATTENTION IN CHICAGO

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OK FBI WASHINGTON

SENT TO
K. G. 1938

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MAR 18 1938

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

HDH:MGR
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March 30, 1938.

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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

By letter dated August 5, 1937, the Cincinnati office requested all field offices to make a re-check on registrations of two automobiles previously registered by Milton Lett. The Cleveland office, by letter dated March 23, 1938, advised all offices that stops should be removed with respect to one of these automobiles in view of Bureau instructions concerning Milton Lett.

Bureau letter dated January 4, 1938, directed that all leads looking to the whereabouts of Milton Lett should be held in abeyance.

The Cincinnati office is receiving requests from other offices as to whether the stops on these automobiles should be removed. In view of the discontinuance of investigation looking towards the apprehension of Milton Lett, the advice of the Bureau is requested as to whether the Cincinnati Office should, at this time, direct the removal of all stops placed concerning Milton Lett, or whether the stops on the automobiles previously in his possession should be renewed in view of 1938 registrations.

The only active investigation being conducted in this case at the present time is that in the territory of the Little Rock office, and it is my suggestion that all offices should be advised at this time to cancel all stops and wanted notices placed in connection with this case and it is further believed that the office of origin in this case should now be changed from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Little Rock, Arkansas. There is no investigation to be conducted in the territory of the Cincinnati Field Division and the supervision of the investigation yet remaining should properly come under the Little Rock Office. It is believed, however, that copies of all

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reports and communications in this case should continue to be directed to the Cincinnati office for the information and use of Inspector E. J. Connelley.

Very truly yours,

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

CC Chicago
Cleveland
Little Rock
Washington Field.

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April 18, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 30, 1938, concerning the status of the instant case, particularly in connection with Milton Lett.

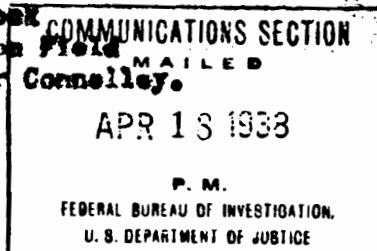
You are instructed that no stop notices on automobiles previously in the possession of Lett should be renewed, in view of 1938 registrations, and that those presently placed against his automobiles should be discontinued.

In so far as your request to have the office of origin changed to Little Rock, Arkansas, you will be advised in the near future, when additional advice concerning prosecution has been received from the Little Rock Field Division.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Chicago
Cleveland
Little Rock
Washington Field
Inspector Connelley.



202 United States Court House,
El Paso, Texas.

March 28, 1938

Mr. Diego Salazar,
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,
Bureau of Revenue,
Santa Fe, N.M.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Re: 1935 Plymouth Sedan

Mot SV:322772

El Paso File 7-6

On 12-15-35 we requested you to place a
stop order against the registration of the above described car.
The car has now been located and the stop should be removed.

With many thanks for your cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

R.H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Bureau ✓
Boston
Cleveland

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

629 First National Bank Building,
Omaha, Nebraska

March 29, 1938

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter of January 4, 1938, instructing that this office, among numerous offices, hold in abeyance leads running towards the apprehension of Milton Lett.

I have been considering this case closed in this office, since no other leads were outstanding except those looking towards the apprehension of Lett.

Unless you advise to the contrary, the closed status will be maintained.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Cincinnati
cc Cleveland
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722 Midland Savings Building

Denver, Colorado
Mar. 29, 1938

W
Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Edward G. Bremer

Reference is made to your letter dated March 23, 1938, requesting that the stop notices on file with the various motor vehicle registration bureau for 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor #322772, be withdrawn.

Please advise this office if it is desired that the stop notices filed with these agencies against 1935 model Ford V-8 Two Door Sedan, motor #2044337, should remain in effect.

Very truly yours,

R. D. BROWN
Special Agent in Charge

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

2401 Sterick Building,
Memphis, Tennessee,
March 30, 1938

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Coffey ✓
Mr. Crowl ✓
Mr. Egan ✓
Mr. Foxworth ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Harbo ✓
Mr. Hendon ✓
Mr. Lester ✓
Mr. McGuire ✓
Mr. Mumford ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Pennington ✓
Mr. Schilder ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Tracy ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

JEC:MEN

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

Re: RESEARCH

Dear Sir:

This will advise that on March 29, 1938, I appeared on the program of Radio Station WMC in connection with the radio script entitled "Ma Barker."

Mr. Moreland, the announcer, was very complimentary concerning this broadcast and stated that it was by far the best script used to date.

On Tuesday, April 5, 1938, the script entitled The F. B. I. "Who's Who in Crime" will be used.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Clegg
J. E. CLEGG
Special Agent in Charge

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739 Insurance Exchange Building
Des Moines, Iowa
March 30, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 23, 1938, addressed to All Field Offices Continental United States, advising that the stop notices placed with various motor vehicle departments can be withdrawn as to 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. PJ 322772; this is to advise that on this date the stop notice on said car was withdrawn with the Iowa Motor Vehicle Department, State Capitol Building, Des Moines, Iowa.

Very truly yours,

E. M. CHIPMAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau
Cincinnati
Chicago

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FILE

St. Louis, Missouri
March 30, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREXID

Edmund H. Bremer

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the request contained in your letter of March 23, 1938, the stop order placed with the Secretary of State at Springfield, Illinois by this office on December 14, 1935 against the registration of a 1935 Plymouth Sedan motor #PJ-322772 has been withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

G. B. MORRIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau
Cincinnati
Chicago

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1308 Masonic Temple Building
New Orleans, Louisiana
March 30, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 23, 1938 addressed to all field offices in Continental United States, requesting the withdrawal of stop notices for 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor number PJ-322772 because investigation so far as Milton Lett is concerned has terminated.

This office had on file with motor vehicle Bureaus in this district flash notices for the above automobile, and also for 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor number 2044337. In view of your letter, stop notices on both automobiles are being withdrawn, and this case is being considered referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
Special Agent in Charge

cc-Bureau
Cincinnati

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HAS:W

Post Office Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama,
April 2nd, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Please refer to circular letter from you in the above entitled matter dated March 23rd, 1938, in which you advise that stop notice previously placed against the registration of a 1935 model Plymouth sedan, motor #322772, formerly owned by Milton Lett, may now be withdrawn in that the location of Lett was no longer desired by the Bureau. You are advised that on this date the Automobile and License Department, State Tax Commission, Montgomery, Alabama was advised of the above and requested to withdraw the stop notice on file there. At the same time stop notice was with-drawn against the 1935 Model Ford V-8 Sedan, Motor #2044537, which had also been placed as requested in circular letter from the Cincinnati Office dated August 5th, 1937, since it appeared that the stop notice as against this Ford Tudor Sedan was for the purpose of locating the whereabouts of Lett.

There being no further outstanding leads in the Birmingham Field Division file of this case, same is being considered Referred upon Completion to the Office of Origin.

Very truly yours,

JOHN S. BUGAS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Chicago
cc-Cincinnati

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603 - 810 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California
April 1, 1938

John J. Nestor, Postmaster
Mojave, California

RE: BREKID

L. A. File No. 7-42

Dear Sir:

Reference should be made to my letter dated December 2, 1937, and also to several visits had with you by agents from this office relative to Milton Lett being wanted by this division; this individual being related to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mize of Mojave.

This is to advise that my previous request for information relative to the whereabouts of Milton Lett may be disregarded and any flash or stop notices you have placed in your records regarding Lett may now be removed.

The splendid cooperation you have given this office in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. H. FARSON
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau
Cincinnati

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603 - 810 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California
April 1, 1938

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Don Brink
Deputy Sheriff
Mojave, California

RE: BREKID
L. A. File No. 7-42

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated January 24, 1938, and to previous correspondence had with you and also to the personal interviews had with you by agents of this office regarding Milton Lett, he being related to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mize of Mojave.

I wish to advise that all previous requests made of you to assist in looking for this individual may now be disregarded and any flesh or stop notices you have placed in your records regarding Lett being wanted may also be removed.

I wish to thank you for the splendid cooperation you gave this office in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Bureau
Cincinnati

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603 - 810 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California
April 1, 1938

Mr. Walter Lentz
Captain of Detectives
Long Beach Police Department
Long Beach, California

RE: BREKID
L. A. File No. 7-42

Dear Sir:

Reference should be made to my letter dated December 2, 1937, referring to Milton Lett who was wanted by this Bureau for questioning in connection with a robbery case.

This is to advise that my previous requests to assist in locating this individual may be disregarded and any flash or stop notices you have placed in your files regarding Lett being wanted may be removed.

I wish to thank you for the splendid cooperation you gave this office in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. R. HANCOCK
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau

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603 - 810 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

April 1, 1938

Howard K. Goodwin, Postmaster
Long Beach, California

RE: BREKID

L. A. File No. 7-42

Attention: F. B. Matteson,
Superintendent of Mails

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated December 2, 1937, at which time you were furnished information relative to Milton Lett being wanted by this office; this individual being a close friend of Mr. and Mrs. Lem Jordan residing at 127 E. Fourth Street, Long Beach, California.

This is to advise that this request may be dispensed with and any flash or stop notices you have placed regarding Milton Lett being wanted may now be removed.

I wish to thank you for the wonderful cooperation you gave this office in this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge

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April 5, 1938.

Herbert S. Phillips, Esq.,
United States Attorney,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Mr. Phillips:

Replying to your letter of March 15th and
in view of your recommendation, authority is hereby granted
to dismiss Indictment No. 4859-M pending against Cassius
McDonald, charged with harboring and concealing a fugitive
from justice. Please advise the Department as to the date
on which this indictment is dismissed.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

BRIEN MCMAHON,
Assistant Attorney General.

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Dear Sir:

Would be very grateful for any and all information pertaining to Benjamin Karpis who became notorious a short time ago. If information on this man is not available, information pertaining to Alvin Karpis and his criminal career would be very grate.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

APR 8 1938 William E. Britchard

834 College St.

Beloit,

Wisconsin

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April 20, 1938.

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Mr. William E. Pritchard,
834 College Street,
Beloit, Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Pritchard:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 5, 1938, in which you request information concerning Alvin Karpis and his criminal career.

In this connection, the information which you desire can be obtained from articles which appeared from time to time in the American Magazine. In the November, 1936, issue of that magazine, my article entitled "The Boy Who Wanted to go Fishing", dealt specifically with the activities of Alvin Karpis. Likewise, the article entitled "The Real Public Enemy #1", in the April, 1936, issue, and "Crimes Family Doctor", which appeared in the May, 1936, issue, dealt with Karpis' associates.

I trust that this will supply you with the facts which you desire.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Dawsey
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hottel
Mr. Lester
Mr. McIntire
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

cc-Milwaukee.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Post Office Box 1469
Little Rock, Arkansas

April 8, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

In connection with the report of Special Agent F. A. Fletcher, dated at New Orleans, La. 7/5/37 which sets out an interview had with Mrs. Phillip David at 207 Adams Street, Monroe, Louisiana, it is probable that this woman will be a necessary witness before the United States Grand Jury that will convene at Little Rock, Arkansas on May 16, 1938. It is suggested that you make the appropriate inquiries at Monroe, Louisiana to ascertain whether Mrs. David is still residing at the above address in that city, and that she be advised that she immediately notify your office in the event of a change of address.

The David woman should not be informed of the fact that it is contemplated that the harboring case at Hot Springs, Arkansas will be presented to a Grand Jury at Little Rock, Arkansas in the near future.

Very truly yours,

H. B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
P. O. Box #1525
Pittsburgh, Pa.

April 13, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

BREKID

Dear Sir:

This office recently furnished Chief of Detectives H. R. Showalter of the New Castle, Pennsylvania police department with photographs of FRED HUNTER.

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He states that from these photographs Hunter has been identified by three witnesses as the man who was with other robbers at the time the local police officer of New Castle was killed. He does not give the name, the time, or the place of the robbery.

He states he is very anxious to get a copy of Hunter's handwriting specimens and desires to know the penitentiary, and the name of the warden thereof, in which Hunter is presently incarcerated. He also desires the complete criminal record of Hunter.

It is requested that this office be furnished with two photostatic copies of the handwriting of Fred Hunter, and his criminal record, for transmission to Chief of Detectives Showalter. It is also requested that the Bureau advise the name of the penitentiary in which Hunter is now incarcerated and, if available, the name of the Warden thereof.

Very truly yours,

R. J. Untreiner
R. J. UNTREINER
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to your letter of April 13, 1938, captioned as above, wherein you requested to be furnished with copies of the handwriting of one Fred Hunter, together with his criminal record, and to be furnished with the name of the warden at the penitentiary to which Hunter is presently incarcerated.

It is assumed that the Fred Hunter referred to is the Fred Hunter who recently associated with Alvin Karpis, and who is at present confined in the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz, California. In compliance with your request there are transmitted herewith copies of an abstract of the criminal record of this individual, currently on file in the Identification Division under #FBI-54440, together with specimens of the handwriting of this individual.

For your information the name of the Warden at Alcatraz Penitentiary is J. A. Johnston.

It is suggested that when this information is furnished by you to the New Castle Police Department the attention of that organization be invited to the period of time that this individual has constantly been in custody.

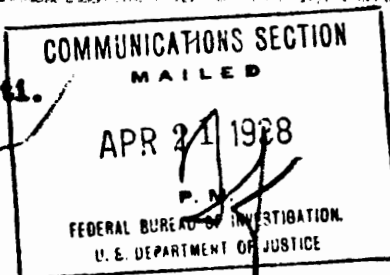
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. Clegg
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Mr. Dawsey
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hottel
Mr. Lester
Mr. McIntire
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Enclosures.

cc-Cincinnati.



[Handwritten signatures and initials]

Post Office Drawer V,
Plaza Station,
St. Louis, Missouri,
April 14, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 8, 1938,
requesting that the St. Louis address of Connie Morris be
determined.

Please be advised Special Agent H. F. Small of this
office contacted Patrolman William Fisher of the St. Louis Police
Department, who is reliable and to whom Connie Morris is known on
sight. Patrolman Fisher related Connie Morris is presently an
inmate at John Sonnen's house of prostitution located at 3439
Lucas Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, and that he had seen her
entering the house at the above address a few days ago.

In order not to jeopardize the White Slave Traffic Act
investigation being conducted relative to John Sonnen by this
office, Special Agent H. F. Small and Walter F. Oster, super-
intendent of the College Post Office Station, 3020 Lindell Avenue,
St. Louis, on April 12, 1938, had a piece of circular advertising
mail bearing a one and one-half cent cancelled stamp delivered by
a mail carrier to the 3439 Lucas Avenue address, bearing the name
of Miss Jean Baren, 3439 Lucas Avenue, City. This circular was
delivered with other pieces of mail, and when the carrier pre-
sented it to the colored house maid and asked whether such an
individual resided there, he was informed in the affirmative.

It is, therefore, believed Connie Morris can be located
in St. Louis with little effort if and when her apprehension is
desired.

Very truly yours,

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J. E. MORRIS, Special Agent in Charge.	
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POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

April 13, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

RE: ROBERT HUDSON et al
National Stolen Property Act.

During September 1936 a man giving the name of Robert Hudson called on Mr. W. C. Woffard, an attorney at Taylor, Texas and attempted to negotiate a loan on certain bonds amounting to \$7000. It was later learned that these bonds were part of the loot taken by Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell et al in the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery November 7, 1935. Information has been received that Karpis had these bonds at Hot Springs, Arkansas during the early part of 1936 and that thereafter he took them to the home of Grace Goldstein's mother at Paris, Texas where he allegedly buried the same. The identity of the man ROBERT HUDSON, is not known as yet nor have any of the instant bonds shown up since the occasion mentioned above.

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The Bureau is at present conducting intensive investigation looking toward the location of these bonds, and is also seeking to establish the identity of Hudson and his connection with either Karpis or Grace Goldstein. Grace Goldstein has repeatedly been interviewed relative to the bonds in question but she has emphatically maintained that Alvin Karpis buried these securities shortly prior to his apprehension on May 1st at New Orleans. This of course is untrue as the bonds in question showed up at Taylor, Texas during September 1936 as previously stated.

Recently a confidential informant of the Memphis office advised Agents that she was in Hot Springs, Arkansas during the week of February 18, 1938 and that while on this visit she called on Grace Goldstein at the Hatterie Hotel. She indicated that the Goldstein woman told her at that time that a mob of about eight men was then hanging out in her house of prostitution and that these men were from St. Louis, Missouri and that the leader appeared to be a man to whom everyone referred as the "baron". It was recently determined that the "baron" is identical with John Sonnen, against whom the St. Louis office has a White Slave Traffic Act case under investigation. He is also the present consort of Connie Morris who was in the company of Alvin

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Karpis and Fred Hunter at the time of their arrest. The informant further advised that it was her information that John Sonnen recently returned from a trip to Alcatraz Island and that he and the other members of his gang received information that Alvin Karpis has a considerable sum of money or securities cached somewhere and that this money could not be recovered until 1938; that it appears that Sonnen and his friends are contemplating securing this money but for some reason the recovery of same is surrounded by considerable risk, and they are having difficulty in finding someone who is willing to take the chances in securing the money. The informant indicated that the real reason for desiring this money is to give it to one of Karpis' sisters who is alleged to contemplate opening up a night club with the money in Hot Springs, Arkansas. It is believed that this sister is Clara Venute, who is presently residing at 7006 Talman Ave. Chicago, Illinois.

In a recent interview had with Grace Goldstein she narrated that about the middle of January 1938 the sister of Alvin Karpis, Clara Venute, came to Hot Springs with her two children; that Clara who had left her husband had no money when she moved to Hot Springs; that she (Grace Goldstein) obtained a house for the Venute woman at 212 Hudson Street in Hot Springs and furnished the house for her; that thereafter she supplied Mrs. Venute from time to time with money for living expenses. Grace Goldstein stated that it was quite a drain on her to support Mrs. Venute and her children as she was the sole means of income; that she believed that Alvin Karpis had "blown his top" inasmuch as he had suggested to Clara Venute that she come to Hot Springs with her children where Grace would get her a job and take care of her. She indicated that Karpis should have known that there was practically no chance to obtain any kind of employment in Hot Springs and she stated she had difficulty in getting Clara Venute out of Hot Springs, the latter finally leaving for Chicago on or about March 7, 1938.

Grace Goldstein further stated that while John Sonnen and his friend James Douglas Simmons were in Hot Springs, a daughter of Maxine, a prostitute at the Batterie Hotel, was living with Clara Venute and this girl and Clara met Sonnen and Simmons through Maxine and frequently thereafter Clara and Maxine's daughter went out with these men. She stated that Clara went around with a number of men and on one occasion the Venute woman indicated she desired to remain in Hot Springs and practice prostitution, but Grace did not like the idea and was greatly relieved when she finally got Clara out of town. The foregoing information probably was greatly colored by the Goldstein woman as it is known that she did not have any qualms about transporting her own niece from Texas to Hot Springs in 1935.

and thereafter inducing her to engage in prostitution. It would appear that Alvin Karpis, Clara Venute and the rest of the Karpavicz family feel that Grace Goldstein is undoubtedly indebted to them, otherwise there would be no reason for Karpis and the Venute woman to expect Grace Goldstein to obtain a job for Clara Venute and support her children in Hot Springs. This indebtedness of Grace Goldstein to Karpis and his family probably consists of the money and bonds from the Garrettsville, Ohio mail robbery, left by Karpis with Grace Goldstein.

Recently Clara Venute was located at 7006 Talman Avenue, Chicago, and upon interview disclaimed any knowledge of bonds or money left with the Goldstein woman by Karpis. However she turned over to Agent M. J. Cassidy of this office a letter which she received from Alvin Karpis her brother on or about March 9, 1938, the same having been addressed to her in care of 212 Hudson Street, Hot Springs, Ark. The letter in part reads as follows:

"What are you talking about you don't want to impose on me or Grace etc. Lots call a spade a spade. did you tell her how much money you needed a week? did you tell her I asked for her to give it to you? here is the thing as brief as I can make it, if you did and Grace doesn't care to do it, let me know by Air Mail. also the amount you will need to get by on a mo. for an apt. living expenses etc. because if she isn't giving you the amount every week naturally, we will call it a day" "Now in regard to letting you know something definite about what I have in mind for you etc. the best I can do at this time is promise it wont be longer than Dec. of course I expect to have results by the next 30 days but you know how things go but I can promise no later than Dec. anyway I can let you know in my next letter whether or not you will have to wait until Dec."

It is apparent from this letter and from the remarks made by Grace Goldstein to the confidential informant that Alvin Karpis is of the opinion that the statute of limitations with regard to the matter of disposing of the stolen bonds from the Garrettsville train robbery will run out in December 1938.

From the above letter it would appear that Karpis intends to carry on his plans by correspondence inasmuch as it is believed that the subject matter of his letter to his sister Clara Venute probably pertains to the money and bonds which Karpis turned over to Grace Goldstein. It is my suggestion that your office immediately contact the Warden of the penitentiary at Alcatraz and arrange through him

if possible to provide the Bureau with copies of all of Alvin Karpis' outgoing and incoming correspondence for a period of possibly thirty or sixty days. It has been suggested to me that possibly the prison authorities at Alcatraz make and retain copies of all incoming and outgoing letters of inmates for their own files, and if such is the case it is desired that you examine this correspondence which may be on file and forward all pertinent data to this office as well as to Inspector E. J. Connelley at New York City, and the Little Rock and San Antonio offices, the latter office being the office of origin in this case.

Kindly give this matter your expeditious attention and advise at an early date the results of your contact with the Warden at Alcatraz Island relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

D.M.LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Bureau
CC Inspector Connelley, New York City
CC San Antonio
CC Little Rock

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501 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia
April 18, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Cincinnati Office to the Chicago Office under date of August 8, 1937 requesting that stop notices be maintained against

1935 Ford V8 Tudor Sedan, Motor #2044337

and

1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ322772,
Serial #2619857.

Upon receipt of information appearing in letter from the Cleveland Office to all field offices dated March 23, 1938 that the location of the above described Plymouth was no longer desired, the stop notice which had been previously placed with the Georgia State License Bureau, Atlanta, against that car was withdrawn.

In view of the fact that both of the above described automobiles were associated with Milton Lett or J. M. Lett, and inasmuch as investigation concerning him has terminated, it is requested that you advise this office as to whether or not the stop notice placed with the Georgia State License Bureau against the above described Ford may now be withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

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J. W. VINCENT
Special Agent in Charge

cc-Bureau
cc-Cleveland

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1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

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April 18, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Atlanta, Ga.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 15, 1938,
inquiring as to whether stops should be removed on the Ford
Sedan previously known to be in the possession of Milton
Lett.

I wish to advise that this matter has been submitted
to the Bureau and at the present time Bureau advice in this
respect is awaited.

Very truly yours,

H. D. HARRIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

RE: BREXID.

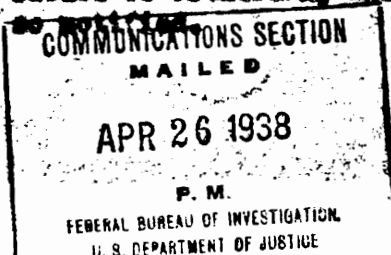
Dear Sir:

Further reference is made to your letter of March 30, 1938 concerning the status of the instant case, particularly in connection with Milton Lett.

Reference is also made to Bureau letter of April 18, 1938 in this regard.

Please be advised that it is deemed inadvisable by reason of the fact that undoubtedly in the near future this case will be closed to authorize a change in the office of origin.

It has been observed that a number of the field offices has been in doubt as to whether or not stop notices placed against the 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor #2044337, which were placed in order to assist in the location of Lett should be withdrawn. In view of the fact that no further investigative activity is to be undertaken toward the location of Milton Lett, stop notices against both this car and the 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ322772, Serial #2619857, should be withdrawn, and auxiliary field offices should be



Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Chicago
Cleveland
Little Rock
Washington Field
Inspector Connelley

Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,
San Francisco, California
April 16, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ROBERT HUDSON, ETAL
NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT

Reference is made to your letter of April 13, 1938, wherein it is suggested that arrangements be made at Alcatraz in order that we obtain incoming and outgoing letters of ALVIN KARPIS, AZ-325, so that we might be apprised of any developments in this case.

Please be advised that on April 1, 1938 we picked up several letters from an informant at Alcatraz, which were from Karpis to his sister, Mrs. C. Venute, 212 Hudson Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Copies of these were sent to Little Rock and to the Bureau as we felt, not being familiar with the investigation being conducted in Hot Springs relative to harboring cases, that they may have some significance in view of the fact that they were addressed to his sister at Hot Springs.

I have found in our files an additional photostatic copy of a letter dated February 20, 1938 which I am forwarding to you for your files with regard to this matter.

Not knowing here exactly what the set-up was, we immediately made arrangements, upon receipt of the first letters, to cover his mail and also thought has been given by us to having the mail gove over with ultra-violet light in order to determine whether or not there may be any secret writing on Karpis' original letters. It will be noted that Special Agent A. E. Farland personally provided the prison authorities with a personally-owned ultra-violet outfit for this purpose. It is doubtful whether any secret writing will appear on any of these letters due to the fact that the original letter is never sent, but a copy is made which is sent by the authorities.

It will be noted in the letter by Karpis to his sister, Mrs. A. E. Grooms, 1234 N. Monroe Street, Topeka, Kansas, dated April 8, 1938 - a photostatic copy of the original and a photostatic copy of the typewritten copy being forwarded herewith - that he mentions having lost his mail privileges, which is true since he was in the "hole", a knife having been found in his mattress.

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Please be advised that arrangements have been made whereby we will have immediate information on the receipt of any mail addressed to him and the forwarding of any mail by him, and copies will be made available to us immediately upon their receipt.

It will be noted that it is not the routine of the Alcatraz authorities to retain copies of all incoming letters but special arrangements have been effected through our connections there for us to get this special service from now on in the case of Karpis.

From discreet inquiries made from our confidential informants at Alcatraz we have learned that Karpis is sort of "softening up" but it is doubtful at this time whether we could interrogate him successfully, and if this is contemplated it will be necessary for us to know exactly what is wanted of him and time will be necessary in order that we can put a "feeler" out through other inmates who are inclined to talk to us as to what Karpis' reactions may be.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. PIEPER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau (Enc.)
cc Little Rock (Enc.) AIRMAIL
cc Inspector Connelley, New York City (Enc.) AIRMAIL

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Cincinnati, Ohio.

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT Miami, Florida.	DATE WHEN MADE 4/19/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/13/38	REPORT MADE BY S. K. McKee
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; et al. Edward George Bremer, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Nolle prosequi entered in U.S. District Court, Miami, Fla. 4/8/38 re harboring indictment against CASSIUS McDONALD under Docket No. 4659.</p> </div>			
REFERENCE: Letter from Miami Office to Bureau dated 9/10/37.			
DETAILS: AT MIAMI, FLORIDA: <p>Examination of the docket in the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court, Miami, Florida, reflected that the indictment charging CASSIUS McDONALD with the substantive offense of harboring and concealing ALVIN KARPIS, as carried under Docket No. 4659, was nol prossed on April 8, 1938, on order of Judge JOHN W. HOLLAND.</p> <p>Further examination of the docket records in the Clerk's office reflected that the indictment carried under Docket No. 4609, which is an indictment charging conspiracy on the part of McDONALD and others to harbor ALVIN KARPIS, is still outstanding as to CASSIUS McDONALD.</p> <p>Through MISS CATHERINE BRADY, Clerk in the office of the United States Attorney, it was ascertained that a letter was addressed to the Department on March 14, 1938, requesting authority to enter a nolle prosequi as to the</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>R. L. Shivers</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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indictment under Docket No. 4608, but that no answer had been received as yet.

Since the termination of the trial of JOSEPH H. ADAMS and HENDRY "DUKE" RANDALL at Miami, Florida, in June, 1937, at which time they were acquitted, Assistant United States Attorney DAMON YERKES, of Jacksonville, Florida, has been contacted with respect to the filing of a libel against Browning Automatic Rifle which was found in the possession of ADAMS and which can only be described as Browning Automatic Rifle, labeled in the Court records as "Government Exhibit No. 33" under date of June 8, 1937, inasmuch as the serial numbers which originally appeared on this gun have been completely defaced; and during a recent contact by Special Agent R. A. ALT at Jacksonville, he advised that the preparation of the libel papers was in process and he expected to file them in the near future.

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The MIAMI FIELD DIVISION, Will report the filing of the libel action against the Browning Automatic Rifle in question.

Will also report the entering of a nolle prosequi as to the indictment against CASSIUS McDONALD under Docket No. 4609, inasmuch as the United States Attorney at Miami, Florida, has advised that such action is contemplated.

PENDING

2401 Sterick Building,
Memphis, Tennessee,
April 21, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

On April 21, 1938, informant Ola Martin advised Special Agent C. O. Pickard that she was in Hot Springs on Sunday, April 17, 1938, and visited at Grace Goldstein's place. While there, she noticed that Gertrude Theresa Nichols, alias Jackie, whose last known address was 321 Monroe Avenue, Memphis, Tenn., is living with Grace.

She further advised that Grace at the time of her visit was in Dallas, Texas and telephonically communicated from that place insisting that Ola Martin remain in Hot Springs until April 18, 1938, on which date Grace Goldstein was due to return. However, Ola Martin did not remain in Hot Springs.

She further stated that Dick Callatas came to Grace's place while she was in Hot Springs and endeavored to get her into conversation, telling her that she should return to her husband. She avoided him.

The above information is furnished for whatever value it may have.

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Very truly yours, INDEXED

J. E. CLEGG,
Special Agent in Charge.

AIR MAIL SPECIAL
cc-Bureau

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
April 20, 1938.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I telephoned Judge Wood of the Parole Board with reference to the Bureau's memorandum of June 26, 1936, concerning Wynona Burdette, who was sentenced in March of 1935 to serve five years for harboring members of the Barker-Karpis Gang, in which memorandum the uncooperative attitude of the Delaney woman as compared with that of the Burdette woman was pointed out. I told Judge Wood that the Director merely wanted to bring to his attention the situation with reference to the Burdette girl; that the Director did not want to send through a formal memorandum on the subject, but that the Director would appreciate it if the Parole Board would give the case of the Burdette girl consideration from time to time in order that she would not receive exactly the same treatment as that afforded to the Delaney girl, because of the fact that the Burdette girl has always cooperated and testified against various members of the gang while the Delaney woman refused to do anything for the Government.

Judge Wood stated that they proceed with a great deal of caution in connection with these "gun molls" stating that they just don't give consideration to their applications for parole unless they become respectable. He said with reference to affording them extra consideration because of their turning state's evidence, they feel that this is a matter which should be considered by the Court; that if the Court wants to make any concessions with reference to the sentence in a case of that kind, it is for the Court to decide and the place for it to be done is in the Court. Judge Wood said that when any of these "gun molls" come before the Board they have to show enough character and development so as to justify the placing of confidence in them before they are considered, regardless of what they did or did not do for the Government. Judge Wood said "we just haven't paroled any of those gun molls, and I don't think we are going to do it".

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I told Judge Wood that the Bureau and the Director could very well appreciate and understand his attitude in this situation; that the Director, as indicated, did not want to do or say anything which would or could be construed as any interference or suggestion; that the Director just wanted to make sure that the case of the Burdette woman did receive consideration, and we know that this is being done by the Parole Board. Judge Wood said that we could be assured the case of this woman is receiving all of the consideration which they think she warrants, but that if the Director wanted to send through a formal memorandum on the subject, he would be glad to see that further and due consideration is given to the situation, but that as the record stands at this time, they are not going to parole any gun molls.

Respectfully,

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

HDH:MGR
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April 21, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Aberdeen, S.D.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from this office dated August 5, 1937, requesting that stop notices be placed against 1935 Ford V-8 two door Sedan, Motor #2,044,337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ 322,772, Serial #2,619,857.

I wish to advise that the Bureau has now instructed that all stops previously placed against these automobiles should be discontinued.

All offices covering Bureaus of Motor Vehicle are therefore requested to discontinue these stops at the present time, if they are still in effect.

Very truly yours,

H. D. Harris

H. D. HARRIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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All Field Offices.

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Post Office Box #2344
Boston, Massachusetts

April 26, 1938.

Registrar of Motor Vehicles,
100 Nashua Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID *Edward G. Bremer*

Some time ago a request was made to you to place stop notices in your file against 1935 Ford V-8 two door Sedan, Motor #2,044,337, and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ 322,772, serial #2,619,857.

Please be advised that the above wanted notices may be withdrawn. I assure you that the cooperation which you have extended to this office in matters of this kind is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

V. W. Petersen
Special Agent in Charge

VWP:GB
cc Bureau
cc Cincinnati

(Note: Impossible to place stop notices by motor and serial number in Vermont, Maine, and New Hampshire.)

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Post Office Box #2344
Boston, Massachusetts

April 26, 1938.

Dept. of Revenue & Regulations,
Division of Motor Vehicles,
Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Edward S. Bremer

Some time ago a request was made to you to place
stop notices in your file against 1935 Ford V-8 two door
Sedan, Motor #2,044,337, and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor #
322,722, serial #2,619,857.

Please be advised that the above wanted notices may
be withdrawn. I assure you that the cooperation which you
have extended to this office in matters of this kind is
sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

V. W. Peterson
Special Agent in Charge

VWP:CS

cc Bureau
cc Cincinnati
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(Note: Impossible to place stop notices by motor and
serial number in Vermont, Maine, and New Hampshire.)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

202 United States Court House,
El Paso, Texas.
April 25, 1938

Mr. Diego Salazar,
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,
Bureau of Revenue,
Santa Fe, N.M.

CANCELLATION

Dear Sir:

Re: 1935 Ford Tudor Sedan

Motor: #2044337

El Paso File

On 8-9-37 we requested you to place a
stop order against the registration of the above described car.
The car has now been located and the stop should be removed.

With many thanks for your cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

R.H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Bureau
Cincinnati

Re: BREKID

(Note: Stop order against 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ 322772
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April 28, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Maurice Goldblatt,
Victim; MAURICE L. ROTHSCHILD,
Victim; EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 21, 1936, transmitting an original letter and accompanying envelope addressed "Mr. Jack Gordon, Goldblatts Dp. St. State & Van-Buren, Chicago, Ill." for examination in connection with the above-entitled case.

Please be advised that the material submitted has been examined for latent fingerprints and that three such impressions, of value for comparison purposes only, were developed on the letter. These latent prints have been compared with the latent impressions previously developed in the following listed cases without effecting an identification:

Unknown Subject; Michael Igoe, Victim; EXTORTION,
Bureau file #9-1466.

Unknown Subjects; Local Loan Company, Chicago,
Illinois, Victim; EXTORTION, Bureau file #9-311.

BREKID, Bureau file #7-576-10767—Envelope addressed
"National Security Bank, Ogden & Chicago Ave.,
Chicago, Ill." and postmarked "Chicago, Illinois,
41, April 14, 1936 1 P.M." and accompanying letter.

No latent fingerprints of value could be found on the envelope.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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1612 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri
April 26, 1938

Personal and Confidential

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

Re: MRS. CASSIUS M. McDONALD

Dear Sir:

While at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas on April 25, 1938, I was informed by Warden E. H. HUDSPETH that MRS. McDONALD, the wife of CASSIUS M. McDONALD, has not paid him a visit recently, but that on April 21st, 1938, an EDWARD M. KEATING, 621 West Washington Street, Chicago, who said he was an attorney for MRS. McDONALD, came to the Penitentiary and interviewed CASSIUS McDONALD. Warden HUDSPETH said he did not know the nature of the interview.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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BREKID. WITNESS DELLA MAE PARKER, ALIAS GINGER MORGAN
PROCEEDING LITTLE ROCK BY BUS FOUR PM SUNDAY AND WILL
CONTACT YOUR OFFICE ADVISING HER LITTLE ROCK ADDRESS
ON ARRIVING.

END

J. E. CLEGG

Edmund Bremer

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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1612 Federal Reserve Bank Building
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

May 3, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREMER

Edward H. Bremer

While at the Missouri State Penitentiary on other matters, Special Agent H. L. SCOTT of this office was contacted by FRED W. LEWIS, inmate 30413, who said that he formerly called with inmate BEN AVERY of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and who is expected to be released about May 29, 1938, and that this individual had indicated to him that he had previous to entering the prison met a woman, name, or other identification, not known, who operated a five-acre chicken farm near Gallatin, Tennessee, and was supposed to have in her possession about \$30,000.00 worth of the BREMER kidnap money. LEWIS said that AVERY had propositioned him relative to selling the money in Kansas City. It seems that the woman who operates the chicken farm and is supposed to have this money in her possession, got it from VOLNEY DAVIS, and that the woman corresponded with a sister of VOLNEY DAVIS, who lives near Neosho, Missouri.

LEWIS, continuing, said that AVERY told him this woman had spent about \$1,000.00 of the money, and that he, AVERY, had put about \$400.00 of it in circulation, but had apparently become frightened and now the idea is to dispose of it in one sale.

It seems that AVERY was sentenced from Rolla County, Missouri, for issuing fraudulent checks.

Gordon J. M. SANDERS indicated to Special Agent Scott that FRED W. LEWIS, the informant, had formerly been an attorney and further indicated he would not place a great deal of credence in him.

This information is forwarded you for such attention as you may believe the case deserving of.

Very truly yours,

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DAUGHT BRANLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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May 25, 1938.

AIR MAIL

Mr. H. D. Harris
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

RE: BREKID

Dear Mr. Harris:

Reference is made to Kansas City, Missouri, letter dated May 3, 1938, containing information developed from Fred W. Lewis, inmate of the Missouri State Penitentiary relative to the alleged possession of a portion of the ransom money in the instant case by a woman said to operate a chicken farm near Gallatin, Tennessee.

It is observed that no instructions, according to a review of the Bureau files, have as yet emanated from your office directing that Ben Avery, presently an inmate of the Missouri State Penitentiary from whom this information was originally supposed to have come, be interviewed and that the truth of these allegations be verified. Inasmuch as the Bureau believes that effort should be made to ascertain whether or not this matter has any foundation and fact, it is desired that the Kansas City Office, to which copies of this letter are being directed, immediately interview Ben Avery prior to his release from the Missouri State Penitentiary concerning the instant matter and thereafter that appropriate undeveloped leads be set out if there is any information to indicate that this woman may in fact be in possession of a portion of the ransom money in the instant case.

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Dawsey.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Foxworth.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. McIntire.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

CC-Kansas City

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MAY 25 1938

(AT 10 P. M.)
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

[Handwritten signature]

1612 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri
May 24, 1938

RE: BREKID

Mr. C. E. Hanlon,
Postmaster,
Caney, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of
May 20th, transmitting a tracing in connection with
Ray W. Collins, our File 7-37.

I desire to thank you for your continued co-
operation in this matter, and to assure you that it is
greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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May 2, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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Mr. John Shuttleworth, of True Detective Mysteries Magazine, called this afternoon and stated that Mr. Hirsch was going to do four articles, one on each of the following individuals: George W. Barrett, William Elmer Mead, Dr. John William Eisinger, and Edward Wilhelm Bentz.

He wanted to know if he could send Hirsch down to Washington for the purpose of getting more information. Copies of I.C.'s on Barrett, Mead and Eisinger have already been furnished to Hirsch. In the conversation with Hirsch I told him that I would send him a memorandum on Edward Bentz. He then pointed out that they would need a little more material than was contained in the I.C.'s. He wanted to know if he could read the newspaper clippings in our files but I suggested as an alternative that he make up a list of questions and if the material was readily available we would be glad to furnish it to him.

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A letter has been prepared transmitting a copy of the I. C. write-up on Edward Bentz.

Respectfully,

L. B. Nichols.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JUNE 2, 1938

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

MR. H. B. COUSINS
CURRENT HISTORY
63 PARK ROW
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM JUNE FIRST, PHOTOGRAPHS REQUESTED BEING
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Mr. N. B. Cousins
Current History
63 Park Row
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Cousins:

Reference is made to your telegram of June 1, 1938, and to my telegraphic reply thereto dated June 2, 1938, and in accordance with your request it is a pleasure to enclose the following listed photographs of members of the Karpis-Barker Gang for use in Current History:

Kate Barker	Arthur R. Barker
Fred Barker	Wynona Burdette
Harry Campbell	Sam Coker
Volney Davis	Dolores Delaney
Myrtle Eaton	Elmer Farmer
Charles Joseph Fitzgerald	Russell Gibson
Alvin Karpis	Cassius McDonald
Dr. Joseph P. Moran	J. George Zeigler
William Weaver	Harry Sandlovich

I am pleased also to enclose my photograph which you have requested, and I hope this material will prove of value to you.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure
AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
May 16, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir

Reference is made to letter from the
Cincinnati Office to the Aberdeen Office, dated April
21, 1938, and to letter from the Cleveland Office to
all field offices, dated March 23, 1938.

Under date of May 16, 1938, the Office
of the Secretary of State, Lansing, Michigan, was re-
quested to discontinue the stop notices placed against
1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor #2044337, and 1935
Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PF-322772, Serial #2619857.

Very truly yours

Jay C. Newman
Special Agent in Charge

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF PRISONS
WASHINGTON

May 9, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

For your information and such action as you deem appropriate there is enclosed a photostatic copy of a letter written to Cassius McDonald, an inmate of the Leavenworth Penitentiary, by his wife. The original of the letter has been retained in the files of the institution.

J. V. Bennett
Director.

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P.S. Your April 25 letter just receive. Will read it and answer later.
Do not Except Beatings or any one else's compromise.

THE WILLARD HOTEL
WASHINGTON D C

My motto is (Investigation or nothing to save the innocent
from persecution such as we have suffered.

April 30, 1938

My dearest husband(Mac)

Please do not be worried if you do not receive a letter from
me regularly as I am very busy and I do not wish to disclose my actions
or the actions of others - regarding your matters.

I have only written about two letters, one about two weeks ago,
from Washington, the other just before I left home this time.

Mac, do you remember that incident in the face in Cuba, about
New Years Eve, 35? When a Negro made insulting remarks to two white
American women, which you took exception too.

I do believe that had something to do with your after troubles
Especially now, after finding that Publicist lives in Negro district
right here in Washington.

I also learn he is of a dark complexion Black eyes and hair-
and that most of this agents are southerners. Can you see the point?

I talked with numerous negroes in the district surrounding his
home and find that most of them had lived in their homes since birth,
so his excuse "that the negroes moved in on him", is false.

Two or three negro boys - about fifteen years old were very proud
of the fact, they were taken by him to the Dept. of Justice office
and had their pictures taken with him.

(P.S. perhaps that accounts for the determination to push through
the anti-Lynching bill)

I understand his mother lived with him until about two months
ago when she died.

He lives alone now except for a negro women who is supposed to
take care of his house and dog.

He has a negro driving his car. Perhaps before I get
through with my investigation I will find he is part negro. Who knows?

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That would be a joke on the Southerners working under him.

Well, dearest, I must close —

Devotely

Your wife,

Edith

Mrs. Cassius M. McDonald

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IN REPLY REFER TO

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

ST. PAUL, May 18, 1938.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This office is in receipt of a letter from the Attorney in Charge of Pardons transmitting Bryan Bolton's application for commutation of sentence, for our advice and recommendation, as well as that of the Honorable Matthew M. Joyce, Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota who imposed sentence upon Bolton.

Bolton, as you will recall, testified for the United States in the William Hamm and in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping cases. The information he furnished the Bureau after his arrest and during the time he was held in the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul, Minnesota, pending trials of the Karpis-Barker gangsters was of incalculable value, and his testimony on behalf of the United States in the three cases actually tried was indispensable.

Judge Joyce, when he sentenced Bolton on August 25, 1936, to a three-year term of imprisonment, stated privately that he could not impose a lesser sentence without offending public opinion at that time, though he realized fully the inestimable value to the United States of the assistance rendered by Bolton, stating further that any greater leniency could be extended by the Attorney General through the avenues of commutation or parole should the Attorney General see fit to adopt such a course in the future. Our recollection is that at the time sentence was imposed on Bolton the Honorable Joseph B. Keenan, the Assistant to the Attorney General, was in personal touch with Judge Joyce concerning the matter.

From the standpoint of importance, the matter of this application seems to justify reference to you personally, inasmuch as you or Mr. Keenan or both of you may have some special interest therein; and accordingly I am taking the liberty of writing you respectfully.

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J. Edgar Hoover,

asking that you favor me with whatever views you may care to express in the matter, in order that the correspondence this office has with the Pardon Attorney regarding this application may reflect properly and accurately the government's attitude in respect of the same.

We shall hold the application here in the office, pending your reply hereto.

Respectfully yours,

Victor E. Anderson
VICTOR E. ANDERSON,
United States Attorney.

Victor E. Anderson, U. S. Attorney,
St. Paul, Minn. requests Director's
recommendation re application for com-
mutation of sentence of Bryan Bolton,
who testified for the US in the Wm.
Hamm and Edward G. Bremer cases.

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June 4, 1938.

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Honorable Victor E. Anderson
United States Attorney
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 18, 1938, concerning application for commutation of sentence by William Bryan Bolton.

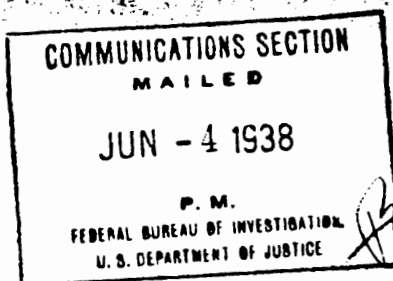
I wish to state in this connection that the Federal Bureau of Investigation feels that Bolton was of great assistance in the investigation and prosecution of both the Hamm and Bremer kidnaping cases and that it is entirely proper that he be given consideration for the information and assistance which he furnished. On July 21, 1936, in response to a request from the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice I expressed my views to this effect and received indication from the Department that a letter was to be written to the trial judge informing him of the assistance rendered by Bolton and indicating that we believed consideration should be shown Bolton for his action.

I trust that this will supply you with the information which you desire in handling the matter of Bolton's application for commutation.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC-St. Paul



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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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FILE NO. **7-120** **MM**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 5/27/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/10 & 11/38	REPORT MADE BY H. C. LESLIE
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Dr. WILLIAM BOLT, Medical Director, New York Life Insurance Co., NYC, advised that subject MORAN filed application for insurance with the Travelers Insurance Company, Hartford, Conn., in 1928 and 1934; Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company, 1933; Continental Insurance Company of Chicago, Illinois, in 1934, and the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., New York City, in 1927. Application filed with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. has been destroyed.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is the result of a contact made by the New York Office with Card Index Service Bureaus maintained throughout the New York district in connection with insurance claims, in order that arrangements could be made to place these Services on mailing lists to receive copies of identification orders and wanted circulars. The file in this matter is entitled: "Card Index Systems Used by Major Insurance Companies in New York", (New York File No. 62-6195), (Bureau File No. 62-122).

Among the companies contacted, was the New York Life Insurance Co. Dr. WILLIAM BOLT, Medical Director of the above named company, was interviewed by Special Agent M. J. Conroy, and at the time of the interview, Dr. Bolt requested that Agent Conroy contact him again on May 10, 1938.

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In accordance with Dr. BOLT's request, the writer interviewed Dr. Bolt on May 10 and 11, 1938, and was informed by Dr. BOLT that replies had been received to communications he addressed to insurance companies concerning subject MORAN, with the following results:

Subject MORAN filed application with the Travelers Insurance Company, Hartford, Conn. in 1926 and 1934. The 1926 application has been destroyed. The application filed in 1934 is still available. Mr. L. MAROBOTHAM, Secretary of the Life Department of the Travelers Insurance Company, Hartford, Conn. is the proper person to interview concerning this matter.

Subject MORAN filed application with the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company in 1933. Dr. SNOW, Director of the Medical Department, is the proper person to interview concerning same.

Subject MORAN filed application with the Continental Insurance Company, Chicago, Ill. in 1934. Subject gave his address at the time as 4 8 4 5 Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, Ill. The application was declined.

Subject MORAN filed application with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in New York City, in October, 1927. Dr. CHARLES L. CHRISTIERNIN of the Medical Department is the proper person to contact concerning same.

The writer interviewed Dr. CHRISTIERNIN, and was referred to Mr. HARRY C. BATES, an attorney for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, 23rd Street and Madison Avenue, New York City. Mr. BATES endeavored to locate application filed by subject Moran, and informed agent that same had been destroyed and the only information available was to the effect that subject had filed a tentative application which apparently had not been accepted.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: BOSTON OFFICE.

At Boston, Mass. will interview Dr. SNOW, Director of the Medical Department of the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company, and obtain all pertinent information from application filed by subject Moran with this company in 1933.

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CHICAGO OFFICE.

At CHICAGO, Illinois, at the Continental Insurance Company, will ascertain all pertinent information from application filed by subject MORAN with this company in 1934. Subject at the time gave his address as 4 8 4 5 Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, Ill. Application was declined.

NEW YORK OFFICE.

At HARTFORD, Connecticut, will interview Mr. L. M. ROBOTHAM, Secretary of the Life Department of the Travelers Insurance Company, and obtain all pertinent information from application filed by subject Moran with this company in 1934.

P E N D I N G .

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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May 19, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: Brekid.

The Laboratory has in its Evidence Files certain exhibits in the above-entitled case which appear to be of no further value as evidence. These exhibits include:

Tacks, pieces of cloth and dirt taken from car used in above kidnaping

Bottle containing cleaning fluid used in cleaning seat of above car

Box containing matter from letter to Adolph Bremer and from inside of underwear

B-D Yale Syringe and two Yale Hypodermic needles found at 4419 171st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, September 12, 1934

Box containing morphine hydrochloride and lactose found at 7009 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio, September 11, 1934.

These exhibits will be destroyed or otherwise disposed of unless instructions to the contrary are received from the Bureau.

There is also in the Laboratory Evidence Files in this case various clips for Automatic Rifles, Machine Guns, and Automatic Pistols, including clips and drums found in the house wherein Ma and Fred Barker were killed. Advice is requested from the Bureau as to the disposition of these articles. It is suggested that the Chief Clerk's office may have use for these exhibits if no other disposition is desired.

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& Respectfully,

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E. P. Coffey.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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May 31, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE TECHNICAL LABORATORY

RE: WEYNAP
BREKID

Reference is made to your memoranda of May 19, 1938,
in each of the instant cases, itemizing exhibits contained in
the Laboratory Evidence File which appear to have no further value
as evidence.

It is desired that these items having no further value
as evidence be photographed and thereafter destroyed.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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May 25, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAME

RE: BREKID

(Reference is made to letter from the New York City Office dated May 21, 1938, in the case entitled Leora Feinel, with aliases, Fugitive, et al, Victims (Atlantic City, New Jersey Ring) White Slave Traffic Act - Harboring - Conspiracy.

In this regard interview is set out by Special Agent J. C. Ellsworth with Acting Chief of Police Captain Arthur Higbee, wherein Captain Higbee referred to the incident where Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, and their two feminine companions, Dolores Delaney and Wynona Purdette, were located in Atlantic City on January 20, 1935, and Campbell and Karpis made their escape. Higbee at that time indicated that the first information his department had received concerning this matter was in the form of a teletype message requesting that his department watch for a certain Florida license. He indicated that from the text of the teletype he gathered that the parties were wanted in an abortion case and he had no idea of the dangerous character of these persons. He further indicated that he had wired either Baltimore or Washington, requesting more information as to the identity of the individuals and had received a reply from either Baltimore or Washington: "Washington will notify you in a couple of days." In accordance with the instruction of Mr. Foxworth, the writer has reviewed the Bremer Kidnaping file in order to determine the exact facts of this matter.)

At about one o'clock A.M. on January 20, 1935, SAC J.H. Hanson at Miami, Florida, advised the Jacksonville Office that Karpis and Delaney had proceeded from Miami on January 16, in a Tudor Buick Sedan, 1935 Model bought at Miami during 1935, license tag D-5306, Motor Number 4949155, Serial Number 2783525. The information supplied by Mr. Hanson indicated that the Miami Police Department had notified other departments in that vicinity and had broadcast the description of the car in which the fugitives were traveling. SAC Alt indicated that immediately thereafter he called the Police Department at Jacksonville furnishing him with a description of the car and its occupants but furnished no names. He requested that a broadcast be made over the police chain radio which it was indicated would be done immediately. At approximately the same time, Mr. Alt called the Bureau furnishing instant facts. At

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2:50 A.M. telegrams in code went out to 21 of the Bureau's field offices located mostly in the eastern section of the United States to the following effect: "Notify by radio broadcast and teletype all law enforcement offices your district to be on watch for 1935 Tudor Buick Sedan Motor Number 4949155 Serial Number 2783525 last seen with Florida license number D-5306 bearing Alvin Karpis IO 1218 and Dolores Delaney Stop Karpis reported accompanied by Dolores Delaney who is in pregnant condition on verge of childbirth Stop notify all offices of dangerous character of Karpis To exercise all precautions in effecting their apprehension Stop car and occupants last seen in Florida several days ago."

The report of former Special Agent J. R. Sharp, Philadelphia, dated February 5, 1935, indicates that the Atlantic City Police Department received a broadcast teletype message which had originated in a radio cast from Jacksonville, Florida, and relayed through Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This message is stated to have been received at 2:30 A.M., January 20, 1935 and is as follows: "G.B. 454 dated 1-20-35 police information wanted by Jacksonville Florida police on a serious criminal charge white man five feet ten dark complexion dark hair dark eyes very slender build accompanied by woman who will become mother in few days driving 1935 Buick Sedan 1935 Florida license D-5306 Motor 4949155 he is armed with 45 calibre automatic and rifle reported to be dangerous use extreme caution in apprehension left Miami Wednesday January 16, 1935 headed north wanted by Jacksonville Florida police on a criminal charge contact above police for charges if apprehended radio West Harrisburg Pennsylvania 2:30 A.M."

A memorandum from Special Agent J. Heffler of the Philadelphia Office, dated January 20, 1935, indicated that the investigation conducted by the Atlantic City Police Department was based on the teletype sent by the Miami, Florida, Police Department. Mr. Heffler was reporting information which he received from former Special Agent Sharp, the author of the report last above mentioned.

In view of this conflicting information in the Bureau file it is not known definitely whether the first word received by the Atlantic City Police Department came from the Miami Police Department or from the Jacksonville Police Department. In any event, if the same was received from the Miami Department there is no indication in the file that the Bureau had any connection therewith and in the event the same was based on the message from the Jacksonville Police Department, appropriate advice was furnished of the dangerous character of the persons sought. The Atlantic City Police Department received this message at approximately 2:30 A.M. and about 3:30 A.M., the automobile in question had been located. Thereafter, according to the Bureau files, Karpis and Campbell were located

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in the Danmourt Hotel and the exchange of gunfire between them and Atlantic City Police officers occurred at about 6:30 A.M.

Copy of memorandum signed by SAC R. A. Alt of the Jacksonville, Florida, Office, dated January 20, 1935, indicates that at about 7 o'clock A.M. on January 20, 1935, Captain Cannon of the Jacksonville Police Department called him by telephone advising him that the Jacksonville Police Department was in receipt of the following telegram, dated at Atlantic City, New Jersey:

"Located Buick Sedan Florida 1935 tag D-5306 covering to apprehend occupants wire details and charges will advise when apprehended signed James McMenamin Chief of Police."

This memorandum states that Mr. Alt immediately contacted the Bureau furnishing the facts contained in this telegram. He was advised that the matter would be handled out of Washington. Thereafter the file reflects that at 7:30 A.M. the Bureau called the New York Office and instructed that an experienced Agent proceed immediately to Atlantic City with a group of Special Agents to handle the instant investigation. Instructions were also issued for the Philadelphia Office to have Agents proceed at once to Atlantic City. There (does not appear) in the file, (in so far as the writer has been able to find,) any mention of the telegram allegedly sent to the Atlantic City Police Department to the effect that additional information would be supplied to that department within a couple of days. It is to be observed, however, that if such a message was in fact sent to the Atlantic City Police Department it could not possibly have been sent from the Bureau or from any of the Bureau's offices for the reason that the first notification of the fact that the Atlantic City Police Department had wired to the Jacksonville Police Department stating that the car of Karpis and Campbell had been located and requesting additional information, did not come to the Bureau's attention until 7 o'clock A.M., approximately one-half hour after the exchange of shots had occurred and Karpis and Campbell had escaped.

In the letter of reference, Captain Higbee also complained concerning the Bureau taking possession of the Buick car abandoned by Karpis and Campbell when they fled from Atlantic City.

There was some difficulty had by Special Agents when they attempted to take possession of this car on January 23, 1935, as Chief of Police James A. McMenamin refused to turn it over. Previously on January 20, 1935, he had agreed to release it and had turned over all keys to the car, it being explained to him that the car was needed as possible evidence in this case. Thereafter the file indicates that a search warrant was issued at Trenton, New Jersey, on January 31, 1935, the United States Attorney indicating that this was the proper procedure to obtain the car. Special Agents proceeded to Atlantic City on February 1,

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(Inasmuch as the above material is contained in some seven volumes of the file, for any possible future assistance the serials containing these data are listed as follows: 7-576-3851, 3858, 3894, 3910, 3914, 3965, 4006, 4047, 4120, 4182, 4275, 4296, 4657, 5051, 5164.

Respectfully,

D. E. BALCH.)

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June 9, 1938.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. A. P. Kitchen
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
936 Raymond-Comstock Building
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your Personal and Confidential letter of May 21, 1938, concerning the interview of Special Agent J. C. Ellsworth with Acting Chief of Police Captain Arthur Higbee of the Atlantic City Police Department on May 18, 1938.

Please be advised that in connection with the matters mentioned by Captain Higbee with reference to the escape of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell at Atlantic City on January 29, 1935, a review of the Bureau files has been made and the following is supplied for your information:

At about one o'clock A.M. on January 20, 1935, SAC J. H. Hanson at Miami, Florida, advised the Jacksonville Office that Karpis and Delaney had proceeded from Miami on January 16, in a Tudor Buick Sedan, 1935 Model bought at Miami during 1935, license tag D-5306, Motor Number 4949155, Serial Number 2783525. The information supplied by Mr. Hanson indicated that the Miami Police Department had notified other departments in that vicinity and had broadcast the description of the car in which the fugitives were traveling. SAC Alt indicated that immediately thereafter he called the Police Department at Jacksonville furnishing a description of the car and its occupants but furnishing no names. He requested that a broadcast be made over the police chain radio which it was indicated would be done immediately. At approximately the same time, Mr. Alt called the Bureau furnishing instant facts. At 2:50 A.M. telegrams in code sent out to 21 of the Bureau's field offices located mostly in the eastern section of the United States to the following effect: "Notify by radio broadcast and teletype all law enforcement offices your district to be on watch for 1935 Tudor Buick Sedan Motor Number 4949155 Serial Number 2783525 last seen with Florida license number D-5306 bearing Alvin Karpis IO 1218 and Dolores Delaney Stop Karpis reported accompanied by Dolores Delaney who is in pregnant condition on verge of childbirth Stop notify all offices of dangerous

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Newark, New Jersey

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Newark, New Jersey

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Mr. A. P. Kitchen
Newark, New Jersey

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In connection with the complaint of Captain Higbee concerning the treatment of Officer Mortimer Hayes of the Atlantic City Police Department during the recent White Slave Traffic Act raids in that city, your attention is called to the copy of the memorandum of Special Agent J. D. Milenky of the New York Office relative thereto which has been forwarded to your office.

It is desired that at the very earliest possible time that you personally proceed to Atlantic City and there advise Chief of Police James C. McKenamin and Captain Arthur Higbee of the true facts of these matters of which they have complained as outlined in this letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

101, New York Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota

June 2, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As of possible interest, please be advised that MR. JACK BARRY, manager of the LOWRY HOTEL, St. Paul, Minnesota, informed me on May 31, 1938, that MRS. CASSIUS MC DONALD was registered at the HOTEL LOWRY under the name of MRS. E. GORDEN, 714 Oakdale Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

He stated that she was attempting to obtain information from employees of the LOWRY to the effect that the attorney for CASSIUS MC DONALD at the time of his trial was habitually intoxicated and that she had remarked that she expected to place this information before a Congressional Judiciary Committee in an effort to obtain a new trial. MR. BARRY said she talked somewhat "screwy" and that apparently she did not now have an attorney assisting her. MR. BARRY said that, as a matter of fact, the attorney for MC DONALD was extremely intoxicated all the time he stayed at the LOWRY during the trial in question.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT C. HENDON
Special Agent in Charge

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810 South Spring Street Bldg..
Los Angeles, California

June 2, 1938.

Mr. W. F. Miller
District Supervisor, U. S. Immigration
and Naturalization Service
704 Pacific Electric Building
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 29, 1938, written from Brawley, California concerning RUSS OLIVER, employed as a bellboy in the Planters Hotel at Brawley, California, who you state furnished information indicating that he had been contacted in Climax, Colorado, in 1937 by an individual known as "Curly", whom he has subsequently identified as being identical with WILLIAM J. HARRISON, whose picture he saw in an issue of STARTLING DETECTIVE Magazine.

As your letter indicates, WILLIAM J. HARRISON who was sought by this Bureau in connection with a kidnapping case, is deceased, his body having been found some time ago in the middle west. It is also noted from your letter that OLIVER indicated he had been informed of the fact that WILLIAM J. HARRISON was deceased by our office in Denver, Colorado which office he had contacted at sometime in the past.

Your cooperation in forwarding the information furnished to you by OLIVER is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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J. H. HANSON,
Special Agent in Charge

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 2, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

I appeared on station KOKA at Oklahoma City from 8:30 to 8:45 P.M. on June 1, 1938 in an interview with Mr. PAUL AURANDT on the subject "Science Stops the Criminal," which is "C" in the current broadcast series.

Mr. AURANDT desired to have the next interview, on June 3rd, cover the story of ALVIN KARPIS, which is "P" in the series, instead of "D," which is "The FBI's 'Who's Who' in Crime," and "E," which is captioned "The Law Enforcement Officer Goes to School," as he believed the subjects covered in "D" and "E" would fit in better at a later date after some of the stories concerning individuals had been covered.

The broadcast on June 3, 1938, therefore, will cover ALVIN KARPIS.

E. P. GUINANE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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