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The Attorney General

February 14, 1962

Director, FBI

**ALVIN KARPAVICZ,  
ALSO KNOWN AS ALVIN KARPIS  
KIDNAPING**

Alvin Karpavicz, also known as Alvin Karpis, FBI number 199217, was one of the ringleaders of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang which terrorized the Midwest during the 1930s. Born in Canada on August 10, 1907, Karpis was brought to this country by his parents when he was two years of age and was first arrested in 1926 when he was sentenced to ten years at the State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, for burglary. Commencing with this initial incarceration Karpis has had an extensive arrest record for such things as larceny, safe blowing, burglary and escape. In addition, Karpis was identified as being involved in four bank robberies during 1932 and 1933 and is believed to have participated in two additional robberies in 1935.

During late 1933 Karpis and others contemplated robbery of the Commercial State Bank at St. Paul, Minnesota, of which bank one Edward G. Bremer was President. While the planned bank robbery failed to materialize, Karpis and his gang on January 17, 1934, kidnaped Bremer and demanded \$200,000 ransom. Upon payment of the ransom, Bremer was released on February 7, 1934. On May 4, 1934, Karpis and others were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, for violation of the Federal Kidnaping Statute in connection with Bremer's abduction.

Prior to the Bremer kidnaping, Mr. William A. Hamm, Jr., of the Hamm Brewing Company was kidnaped at St. Paul, Minnesota, on June 15, 1933. A ransom of \$100,000 was paid and thereafter Mr. Hamm was released by his abductors. Investigation determined that Karpis was one of the abductors of Hamm.

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Intensive investigation by this Bureau resulted in the apprehension of this ruthless criminal at New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 1, 1936. On July 14, 1936, Karpis entered a plea of guilty to the

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**The Attorney General**

indictments returned in connection with the Hamm kidnaping and on July 27, 1936, he was sentenced to life imprisonment and subsequently incarcerated at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Recent newspaper publicity has indicated that Karpis, who has been incarcerated at the U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, for several years, is seeking a deportation parole that would allow him to return to his native country. A subsequent news item indicated that Karpis has now been transferred to the U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island.

In view of the ruthless crimes perpetrated by Karpis, I wanted to let you know of the alleged efforts to get him released from prison. By reason of his notorious background, Karpis is certainly not entitled to any consideration.

A copy of this letter is being directed to Mr. Bennett asking that this Bureau be kept informed of any steps initiated to effect the release of Karpis from incarceration as well as any transfer within the Federal Penal System.

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. James V. Bennett  
Director, Bureau of Prisons

# 'Hood' Karpis Eyes Parole

BY NORMAN GLUBOK

After more than a quarter century, Alvin [Creepy] Karpis apparently has decided it's safe to come out of prison.

The 53 year old gunman pal of the late John Dillinger and George [Baby Face] Nelson will ask the federal parole board next July to permit him to leave the McNeill Island [Wash.] federal prison and return to his native Canada.

Karpis [born Karpavicz] waited 10 years after he first became eligible for parole before he applied for it. He is serving a life sentence for the kidnaping of St. Paul brewer William Hamm.

He had good reason to wait.

## Many Charges

When the gates of Alcatraz clanged shut behind Karpis [who was said to be smarter than Al Capone and more dangerous than Dillinger] in 1936, he was wanted for the following additional crimes:

—A 1929 escape from the state reformatory in Hutchinson, Kas.

—The 1931 murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelly in West Plains, Mo.

—The 1933 robbery of the state bank in Ihlen, Minn.

—The \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, a St. Paul banker, who was held prisoner for 25 days in a rickety frame shack in Bensenville, northwest of Chicago.

In addition, Karpis was also implicated in the following offenses:

—The Kansas City Union station massacre, in which four officers and their prisoner were killed.

—The murder of John Lazia, a Kansas City politician.

—The slaying of A. W. Dunlap, father-in-law of his pal, Fred Barker.

—The \$46,000 mail train robbery in Garrettsville, O.

## Out—and In Again

Had he applied earlier for parole, Karpis might have been freed only to wind up in the electric chair or gas chamber or with another long prison sentence for one of his other crimes.

Now, presumably, the key

witnesses are all dead or the local authorities have lost interest in prosecuting.

Karpis was born in Montreal of Lithuanian parents who emigrated to Chicago.

By the time he was 25, he had been jailed six times and had succeeded John Hamilton, a Dillinger lieutenant, as the FBI's public enemy No. 1.

## Mother's Plea

When Karpis' pal, Baby Face Nelson, was shot to death in a gun battle near Barrington, Karpis' mother, Mrs. Anna Karpavicz, pleaded in an open letter in THE AMERICAN for her son to surrender.

"You are playing a game you cannot win," wrote the mother. But to no avail.

At that time, the family lived at 2842 N. Francisco av. where Karpis' father, John Karpavicz, worked as a janitor.

Altho he stood 5 foot.9 inches tall and weighed but 130 pounds, Karpis made up for his lack of size by his audacity.

He machine gunned his way out of several police traps and

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even sent a letter to J. Edgar Hoover threatening to kill him if the FBI chief didn't call off his G-men.

That turned out to be one step too far.

Hoover ordered a complete background study made of Karpis and an all-out search.

The FBI determined that he liked to hunt and fish, that he detested cold weather, and that the fast life of pleasure resorts appealed to him.

Hoover concentrated on Miami and New Orleans, and finally located his quarry.

When FBI men spotted Karpis in a New Orleans flat on May 1, 1936, Hoover flew in from Washington to lead the capture.

As Karpis and two others stepped into a car in front of their hideout, it was Hoover himself who gave the order to surrender.

#### 'Just a Yellow Rat'

Karpis surrendered without a struggle.

The next day, as Hoover was delivering Karpis by chartered air liner to St. Paul to face trial in the Hamm kidnaping, the FBI chief told Chicago reporters who met their plane during a refueling stop on Midway [then Municipal] airport:

"He had boasted that he would never be taken alive, but we took him without firing a shot. That marked him as a dirty, yellow rat.

"He was scared to death. He was so damned scared he couldn't talk."

Karpis was convicted of the \$100,000 Hamm kidnaping on July 27, 1936, and sentenced to life imprisonment.

He became eligible for parole 15 years later, in July, 1951.

He chose to remain in prison

for a decade more, patiently waiting for witnesses against him to die or to disappear.

Last June he made his first application for parole. It was turned down.

Last month Karpis, who works as a baker and a business machine operator in prison and who paints landscapes in his spare time, applied again.

The parole board will decide in July whether Karpis is a suitable risk to be freed and deported to Canada as he desires.

When Karpis went to prison a quarter century ago, he left behind an infant son, Raymond, he had never seen.

Should the father win his freedom, he is not likely to be reunited with his son, 26, at least not right away.

Raymond Karpavicz, 26, only child of Alvin [Creepy] Karpis, is serving 5 to 10 years in Stateville penitentiary for burglary.

*They will pay  
this rat.*

SAC, Cincinnati

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Director, FBI

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ALVIN KARPIS

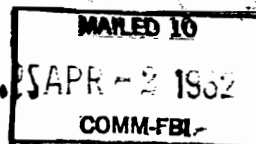
Reurlet 3-26-62 concerning a 3-24-62 Cincinnati newspaper item to the effect that Alvin Karpis will shortly be considered for parole. This has previously come to the Bureau's attention and consideration is being given the matters you mentioned. This will be discussed with you by Assistant Director C. D. DeLoach when you are in Washington this month for conferences.

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NOTE: Rex Collier of the Evening Star called Assistant Director C. D. DeLoach on 3-27-62 noting the pressure behind the campaign to obtain a parole for Alvin Karpis. Collier has written an editorial deploring this pressure. Assistant Director DeLoach will discuss this matter with SAC Mason when Mason is in Washington for conferences on 4/23-24/62.

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P. O. Box 1277  
Cincinnati 1, Ohio  
March 26, 1962

PERSONAL

Dear Boss:

Cincinnati paper carries an item with a March 24, St. Paul, Minnesota, (UPI) dateline, to the effect that Alvin Karpis will shortly be considered for parole.

In my opinion right-thinking people will want Karpis behind bars for the longest possible time.

Is there any way in which we can be helpful? Can editorials on this topic be used to help influence the Parole Board which will hear this matter sometime during the summer? Would the introduction of such editorials into The Congressional Record by friendly Congressmen be of any service?

If there is nothing we can do to help, we will stay quiet. On the other hand, our contacts are such that any public action would not in any way be traced to FBI. No action will be taken unless we hear from you to the contrary.

Sincerely,

*E. D. Mason*

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Director, FBI (7-576)

**ALVIN KARPAVICZ, AKA ALVIN KARPIS  
KIDNAPING**

For your information, Karpis, FBI number 199217, was one of the ring leaders of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang, which terrorized the Midwest during the 1930s. On 1-17-34, Karpis and his gang kidnaped Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, and demanded \$200,000 ransom. Upon payment of the ransom Bremer was released on 2-7-34. On 5-4-34, Karpis and others were indicted by Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul for violation of the Federal Kidnaping Statute in connection with Bremer's abduction.

Prior to the Bremer kidnaping, William A. Hamm, Jr., of the Hamm Brewing Company, was kidnaped at St. Paul on 6-15-33. A ransom of \$100,000 was paid and thereafter Hamm was released by his abductors. Subsequent investigation determined Karpis was one of the individuals responsible for this kidnaping.

As a result of Bureau investigation, Karpis was apprehended at New Orleans, Louisiana, on 5-1-36. On 7-14-36, Karpis entered a plea of guilty to the indictments returned in connection with the Hamm kidnaping and on 7-27-36 he was sentenced to life imprisonment and subsequently received at U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California, on 8-6-36. He was transferred to Leavenworth, 2-27-58 and returned to Alcatraz on 9-21-58. About 1-30-62 Karpis was transferred from Alcatraz to the U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, where he is currently incarcerated.

According to the warden at Alcatraz, Karpis during his incarceration at that institution was not a supervisory problem and it was considered he had earned the right for removal to another penitentiary where the discipline is not as severe as it is in Alcatraz. Karpis has been eligible for parole since 7-26-51, but waived a parole hearing by U. S. Board of Parole until 7-5-61, when his parole was denied. The Board of Parole, Washington, D. C., has advised that Karpis' case will not be considered again until July, 1962.

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Letter to Washington Field  
RE: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, AKA ALVIN KARPIS

Karpis in attempting to establish a parole plan has been corresponding with Frank A. Roberts, Director, Catholic Rehabilitations Service of the Federation of Catholic Charities, Incorporated, 15 Notre Dame Street, East, Montreal, Canada. Roberts has indicated his interest in assisting Karpis if he is paroled and deported to Canada. In this regard, it should be noted that Karpis was born in Canada on 8-10-07 and was brought to this country by his parents when he was two years of age.

For information of both offices, the Bureau has advised the Attorney General and Mr. James V. Bennett, Director, Bureau of Prisons, that in view of the notorious background of Karpis, it is believed he is not entitled to any consideration.

WFO is instructed to contact the U. S. Board of Parole and establish appropriate liaison to insure that the FBI will be immediately notified of any contemplated action to be taken in this case.

The Seattle Office is instructed through liaison at the U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, to place a stop in the subject's file in order to be kept advised of any change in the subject's status. Appropriate arrangements should be maintained so that your office will be immediately advised should any developments take place concerning this status.

WFO and Seattle are to furnish information to the Bureau concerning the results of your contacts in this matter. The Bureau should be furnished results of your initial contact no later than 4-16-62.

## Housewives Don't Read

WASHINGTON, OCT. 27, 61

A Chicago packing designer told Senators, that the housewife will not bother to read the additional information they believe should be put on packages at the supermarket.

The designer, Robert S. Dickens said in testimony prepared for the Senator Monopoly Subcommittee that "experience has shown us that women will not take time to read all of these details."

The Subcommittee, in its second series of hearings on food marketing prices, has been plugging hard for putting more accurate and more easily read information on packages.

Mr. Dickens, national president of the package designers council, said experience has shown us that most women will never bother to read opening instructions after a manufacturer has spent a fortune on a new and better closure, and we have spent days reducing instructions to utter simplicity.

Experience has taught us that even though there has been much irate clamor for "convenient" package openings, pouring spouts and other devices, she still will probably use her standard opener—the kitchen knife.

Experience has also taught us that it is almost impossible to create flags or other devices strong enough to be positive that the housewife will get exactly the right type of product for her purpose.

"We know that she is still prone to take home chili with beans when she actually wanted chili without beans—even though we put a flag on the can one-half inch high and two inches long proclaiming the difference."

Another witness, E. Lee Feller, Coldwater, Michigan, replied

"Therefore, if a price increase becomes mandatory, as wages and other costs rise, it becomes less painful to reduce the quantity of product in the package."

But, Feller said in his prepared statement, he would agree that new weights should be displayed prominently.

Dickens said he believed weight was not an important factor in the decision to buy many items. There are many products, he said, for which price-per-ounce has absolutely no meaning.

However, both witnesses went along with some of the Subcommittee's ideas. Mr. Dickens said he would favor having a designated area on the face of each package for weight information, having all weights broken down in ounces, and giving the information in violation of the Federal colors available.

## The American Way

If we let the legislators know enmasse and in no uncertain terms what we expect from them if they are to expect votes from us, we can be sure that they will listen to us in the same way they now listen to Big Business and Big Labor Unions—United Consumers of America.

Labor is entitled to just wages. Management to just profits, the Consumer to just prices. The Consumer can impose his will upon both Labor and Management if he really cares to try. But a reasonable balance will never be reached until the Consumer organizes.

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Like Barnum said, there's a sucker born every minute. Most foolish of fools are those many wishful thinkers who dream that

## High Nutrition

It is a common misconception that the higher-price cuts of meat are "more nourishing" than the lower-priced cuts. The fact is that all lean meats—beef, veal lamb and pork—supply approximately the same quantity of high efficiency protein, as well as a significant complement of B Vitamins and essential minerals. Lean pork exceeds all other high protein foods in its content of thiamine.

## THANKS

Mrs. Karl Schmidt and her committee wish to thank members and friends who attended the Whink Party. There were so many requests for tickets they had to rent tables and chairs. After all expenses were paid, the committee still realized \$138.11. Again thanks. Be sure to come to the Ways and Means Party April 30th at Mabley & Carew, Swifton center.

## Food And Drug Reports

A Federal Court has recently sustained the Food and Drug Administration's finding that a drug nationally promoted for reducing is worthless for that purpose.

The drug, phenylpropanolamine, is contained in a large number of preparations sold over-the-counter as appetite depressants. The Food and Drug Administration has filed more than 20 court actions against such products. Promoters of two of them, RX-120 and ND-17, have now been held in criminal contempt of court for continuing to ship products containing the drug despite an earlier restraining order and injunction.

The action sustains FDA's earlier findings based on clinical research that phenylpropanolamine is worthless as an appetite depressant. The only safe and sure

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## Calendar of Coming Events

FEBRUARY 27th — 1 p. m. Laws Auditorium — Nancy Carter, representative of Albers. Topic: "Wise Buymanship." A speaker from the Y. W. C. A.

Tea Hostesses: Albers Co.

MARCH 13th — INDUSTRIAL VISIT — 1:30 p. m., 2:30 p. m., 3:30 p. m. U.S. Shoe Co., 1658 Herald St. For tickets contact Mrs. Clifford Risk.

## Would You Be Missed

Are you an active member—  
The kind that would be missed?  
Or are you just contented  
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings  
And mingle with the Flock?

Or do you stay at home  
To criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part  
To help the work along?

Or are you satisfied

To only just belong?

Rev. Walter Kellison

## A Thought

With modern medicine doing so well at increasing our life we'd better be careful about adding to the National debt—we might have to pay it off ourselves, instead of passing it on.  
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## Quote

The best dollar that a Consumer can spend—quoting Edna Mae Castle—that is, if you are interested in changing some of our legislative programs. Send to—

## Program Planning

The Consumer Conference of Greater Cincinnati is sponsored by the School of the School of Home Economics, College of Education and Home Economics of the University of Cincinnati. The Conference, the largest and oldest consumer group in the United States, is nationally known for its educational work and support of legislation in the interest of consumers. Since 1934, it has held regular monthly meetings and for 17 years has published a monthly newsletter for its members. The conference offers the following subjects which a member of the consumer will speak on before your group. No fee is asked but transportation is requested. For further information, call Mrs. A. D. St. John, President—University 1-4288. "Your Dry Cleaning Problems—Bargains—Good or Bad?"

Your Program

Facts, Fads, Fun and Fancies  
Holiday Decorations, Garden under Glass, African Violets.

Legislators Sometimes Pick our Pockets

## It All Depends On You

There's a lot of publicity these days from high places to the effect that the American public and consumers need protection from everyone and everything in business, except, of course, from themselves. Maybe one of these days, we'll see a law passed Protect You From You. There's no question that a mere minority of companies always have and always will take advantage of the gullible, uninformed or incompetent much the same as a minority of human beings will try to put one over on their fellow men, and sometimes even a too-trusting vendor. Continuing quote from the Better Business Bureau. That's the inhuman part of human nature and further proof of the impossibility of legislating everybody's morals whether they're in business or ordinary citizens.

No amount of super-plar, by well-intentioned or other sources is going to take the place of wisdom of taking care of yourself, and the foolishness of taking chances in dealing with strangers, reputation-unknown firms, leaping before you look and not watching what you do with your personal life and money. If you really want to do what's right for yourself and family, there are plenty of free advisory and information agencies, helpful and business experts and professional sources to assist you free or at practically little or no expense Before You Get In A



obscurity, homework is again in the limelight. The Educational Policies Commission classes homework as one of ten contemporary issues in elementary education. Boards of education are adopting official policies on the subject. Administrators are appointing committees to study its problems. Articles in both pro' and con's. Parents are asking for homework, or else more of, for their children. And, "Have you done your homework?" is probably the No. 1 question at the family dinner table today.

This resurgence of interest in homework is a outgrowth of a demand for higher scholastic standards generally and for better performance in college specifically. There is nationwide concern over the fact that only about half of those who enter college ever graduate. The largest number of dropouts occurs in the crucial freshman year. Since many of these failures are due to inadequate command of the fundamental processes, to poor self-discipline, and to lack of study skills, more and more attention is being turned to the quality of the student's earlier preparation.

Because all later learning builds upon the work of the lower grades, the feeling is spreading that more homework will help solve the problem of achievement. As a consequence, not only do we find a tendency to increase the amount of homework in the intermediate and upper grades, but some schools are introducing homework in the primary grades, beginning in grade one.

Quoting Eleanor M. Johnson, Director, Elementary School Publications, Wesleyan University. The secondary school, too, is rethinking it's ideas about homework because of the gradual disappearance of the traditional study hall. If this trend continues it will, of course, inevitably increase the pressure on home-

ditions (desk, light, books, supplies) reserve time for homework, silence the telephone, turn off the television, and turn away visitors—Encourage their children but avoid undue pressure—Are interested in what their children are doing but do not do their work for them.—Understand what the school expects homework to accomplish.

### I Love A Speaker

I love a finished speaker,  
I really, truly do  
I don't mean one who's polished  
I just mean one who's through

### Just A Tip

After you have patched some holes or cracks in a plastered wall—and before painting over them, sandpaper the patched areas when they are completely dry and then apply a coat of shellac to them. The shellac will seal the porous plaster and prevent its absorbing your fresh paint and "bleeding" through to spoil the appearance of your paint job.

### Less Glare

Flat paints and enamels are recommended for ceilings and walls in most rooms because they reflect light with less glare than do semi-gloss and gloss coatings.

### Friendship

I only want a chosen few,  
Who've stood through good,  
and evil, too—  
Through friendship's test, —  
who only strive to find the  
good,  
And then, as only true friends  
could,  
Forgave the rest.

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those parts of its regulations under the new law which spell out in detail the placement on the label, type size, and color contrast requirements for the information called for by the law.

The Food and Drug Administration feels that its own investigations and information together with that submitted by the affected industries indicated that additional time was necessary for compliance with those parts of the new regulations. The Food and Drug Administration is emphasizing the fact that the information required by the law must be on the label and located prominently, conspicuously, and in a legible type in contrast by typography, layout or color with other printed matter on the label.

Under the new ruling, temporary labeling, such as sticker labels, may continue to be used while manufacturers are redesigning packages and using up existing supplies of packaging materials.

### Air Purifiers

The Food and Drug Administration's opinion that household air purifiers commonly sold in retail stores are not effective in preventing or treating respiratory ailments, sinus trouble or allergy conditions has been sustained by a recent court action involving a nationally promoted of such devices.

The decree filed in the District of Columbia drastically limits the health benefits which may be claimed for household air purifiers.

Experiments conducted by FDA have shown that such devices have no significant effect in ridding the air of contaminants and dust and will afford no relief to sufferers of asthma, hay fever, allergies and sinus conditions. Manufacturers of devices of this type are prohibited from making claims for their product similar to those mentioned above.

meant to pour out, lavishly without thought of return," but "to buy" meant to "exchange equal values." The first is a philosophy of waste, the second a philosophy of intelligent use of money and goods.

Frankly, over many years of research of consumer attitudes and economics, I have come to believe that what this country really needs is not a vast increase in our Gross National Product, but a good husky growth of Consumer know-how in the daily business of trading money for goods so as to get an "equal exchange of values."

Once of course we did quite well by depending on the three good old measuring-sticks of sight, touch and price. But this was before the great industrial explosion brought floods of brand new materials, services, products and ideas into our lives. Today they not only will not tell you anything important about what you buy,—they may actually mislead you seriously. Sight,—that is the appearance of anything, can only tell you whether you like it or not; touch can tell you texture,—that's all; and price today is an accomplished liar. What we all want to know about most of the things we buy is,—how will they perform in use, and how long will they go on looking and doing as they did when new?

Plainly we need a new set of measuring-sticks in every field of buying, and the educated judgment of consumers in the use of those measuring-sticks. Actually intensive and long consumer research convinces me that the best Blueprint for a New Consumer Education rests firmly on three simple blunt questions that ought to be asked of every single product before we buy.

These three questions are: What's it made of? What will it do? and —WHO SAYS SO?

Take textiles. The Textile Fibers Products Identification Act is now a law,—and its purpose is to tell you what fabrics "are made of". There are sound and good reasons for knowing,—they vary in character, in performance and in intrinsic value. They even vary

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There is nothing easy about this. It will take our best heads, our best skills. But it's a big calling, a great project. Let me recommend to the Greater Cincinnati Consumer Conference, with its national reputation for leadership in consumer protection and information, that this be a target for their thought and work. Let us all, working together, find ways to answer: What's it made of? What will it do? and WHO SAYS SO?

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The 60 Americans would have an average life expectancy of 70 years, while the other 940 would have an average of under 40 years.

It is not too difficult to understand why much of the world looks upon the U.S.A. with suspicion and envy, rather than with feelings of trust and brotherly love.

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### Let's Improve Homework

After some years of relative obscurity, homework is again in the limelight. The Educational Policies Commission classifies homework as one of ten contemporary issues in elementary education. Boards of education are adopting official policies on the subject. Administrators are appointing committees to study its problems. Articles in both pro' and con's. Parents are asking for homework, or else more of, for their children. And, "Have you done your homework?" is probably the No. 1 question at the family dinner table today.

This resurgence of interest in homework is a outgrowth of a demand for higher scholastic standards generally and for better performance in college specifically. There is nationwide concern over the fact that only about half of those who enter college ever graduate. The largest number of dropouts occurs in the crucial freshman year. Since many of these failures are due to inadequate command of the fundamental processes, to poor self-discipline, and to lack of study skills, more and more attention is being turned to the quality of the student's earlier preparation.

Because all later learning builds upon the work of the lower grades, the feeling is spreading that more homework will help solve the problem of achievement. As a consequence, not only do we find a tendency to increase

study. But simply increasing the emphasis on homework will not necessarily produce better scholarship. Unless we can have a better quality of homework, "the end will be worse than the beginning."

The parent's part to improve homework when they; co-operate with the school in making homework effective.—Provide their children with suitable study conditions (desk, light, books, supplies) reserve time for homework, silence the telephone, turn off the television, and turn away visitors—Encourage their children but avoid undue pressure—Are interested in what their children are doing but do not do their work for them.—Understand what the school expects homework to accomplish.

### I Love A Speaker

I love a finished speaker,

I really, truly do

I don't mean one who's polished

I just mean one who's thorough

### Just A Tip

After you have patched some holes or cracks in a plastered wall—and before painting over them, sandpaper the patched areas when they are completely dry and then apply a coat of shellac to them. The shellac will seal the porous plaster and prevent its absorbing your fresh paint and "bleeding" through to spoil the appearance of your paint job

### Less Glare

Flat paints and enamels are recommended for ceilings and walls in most rooms because they reflect light with less glare than do semi-gloss and gloss coatings.

### Labeling Act Becomes Effective

The Food and Drug Administration is reminding manufacturers of household chemical aids that the new labeling requirements of the Federal Hazardous Substances Labeling Act become fully effective on February, 1962.

At the same time, FDA said it was suspending until August 1 those parts of its regulations under the new law which spell out in detail the placement on the label, type size, and color contrast requirements for the information called for by the law.

The Food and Drug Administration feels that its own investigations and information together with that submitted by the affected industries indicated that additional time was necessary for compliance with those parts of the new regulations. The Food and Drug Administration is emphasizing the fact that the information required by the law must be on the label and located prominently, conspicuously, and in a legible type in contrast by typography, layout or color with other printed matter on the label.

Under the new ruling, temporary labeling, such as sticker labels, may continue to be used while manufacturers are redesigning packages and using up existing supplies of packaging materials.

### Air Purifiers

The Food and Drug Administration's opinion that household air purifiers commonly sold in retail stores are not effective in preventing or treating respiratory ailments, sinus trouble or allergy conditions has been sustained by a recent court action involving a nationally promoted of such devices.

The decree filed in the District of Columbia drastically limits the

### Evaluation Your Best Buying Insurance

by Margaret Dana for the  
Consumer Conference News

It may never have occurred to you that there is a world of difference between spending and buying. Even the ancient roots of the two words highlight that difference; "to spend" originally meant to "pour out, lavishly without thought of return;" but "to buy" meant to "exchange equal values." The first is a philosophy of waste, the second a philosophy of intelligent use of money and goods.

Frankly, over many years of research of consumer attitudes and economics, I have come to believe that what this country really needs is not a vast increase in our Gross National Product, but a good husky growth of Consumer know-how in the daily business of trading money for goods so as to get an "equal exchange of values."

Once of course we did quite well by depending on the three good old measuring-sticks of sight, touch and price. But this was before the great industrial explosion brought floods of brand new materials, services, products and ideas into our lives. Today they not only will not tell you anything important about what you buy,—they may actually mislead you seriously. Sight,—that is the appearance of anything, can only tell you whether you like it or not; touch can tell you texture,—that's all; and price today is an accomplished liar. What we all want to know about most of the things we buy is,—how will they perform in use, and how long will they go on looking and doing as they did when new?

Plainly we need a new set of measuring-sticks in every field of buying, and the educated judgment of consumers in the use of those measuring-sticks. Actually intensive and long consumer research convinces me that the best Blueprint for a New Consumer Education rests firmly on three

acutely in their effect on human allergies. But even knowing what a piece of fabric is made of is only the start. Unless wilful waste and indifference to value is the kind of status symbol you value you what to know what that fabric will do when it's put to use, and how long it can reasonably be expected to go on so performing. That's where L-22, the Textile Performance Standard of the American Standards Association comes in. It is probably the greatest step forward in helping responsible consumers exercise their judgement and evaluate wisely, anything that has happened in generations. This statement on a label answers the question "What will it do?"

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### Stretch For Good Posture

For good health and posture the simplest exercise is stretching. Mark a spot on the wall just above easy reach, and stretch up to it every day. Lift arms and reach for the ceiling. Stretch neck out of body.

To reduce a dowagers hump drop head forward on chest. Then slowly raise it and tilt it back as far as it will go.

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The Subcommittee, in its second series of hearings on food marketing prices, has been plugging hard for putting more accurate and more easily read information on packages.

Mr. Dickens, national president of the package designers council, said experience has shown us that most women will never bother to read opening instructions after a manufacturer has spent a fortune on a new and better closure, and we have spent days reducing instructions to utter simplicity.

Experience has taught us that even though there has been much irate clamor for "convenient" package openings, pouring spouts and other devices, she still will probably use her standard opener—the kitchen knife.

Experience has also taught us that it is almost impossible to create flags or other devices strong enough to be positive that the housewife will get exactly the right type of product for her purpose.

"We know that she is still prone to take home chili with beans when she actually wanted chili without beans—even though we put a flag on the can one-half inch high and two inches long" proclaiming the difference."

Another witness, E. Lee Feller, of Coldwater, Michigan, replied to an often-repeated charge of the Senate group—that manufacturers are deceiving many consumers by reducing the contents of their packages without any announcement.

Feller, general manager of Alliance Associates, a company supplying services for distributor-controlled brands of food products, said "the simple facts of merchandising life are that if we increase the retail price of an item that has an established price in the consumer's mind, sales will fall off sharply.

or in the decision to buy many items. There are many products, he said, for which price-per-ounce has absolutely no meaning.

However, both witnesses went along with some of the Subcommittee's ideas. Mr. Dickens said he would favor having a designated area on the face of each package for weight information, having all weights broken down in ounces, and giving the information in violation of the Federal colors available.

### The American Way

If we let the legislators know enmasse and in no uncertain terms what we expect from them, if they are to expect votes from us, we can be sure that they will listen to us in the same way they now listen to Big Business and Big Labor Unions—United Consumers of America.

Labor is entitled to just wages. Management to just profits, the Consumer to just prices. The Consumer can impose his will upon both Labor and Management if he really cares to try. But a reasonable balance will never be reached until the Consumer organizes.

### Had

Like Barnum said, there's a sucker born every minute. Most foolish of fools are those many wishful thinkers who dream that they're an undiscovered George Gershwin or Irving Berlin. Therefore, they will part with several hundred dollars for setting words to music or the reverse just because an outfit with an apt name and a California or New York address leads them to believe that it will aid them in becoming a millionaire with their name on millions of copies of music and phonograph records. Don't waste your money and hope on such expensive tripe. Quote from Better Business Bureau.

mine.

## THANKS

Mrs. Karl Schmidt and her committee wish to thank members and friends who attended the Whink Party. There were so many requests for tickets they had to rent tables and chairs. After all expenses were paid, the committee still realized \$138.11. Again thanks. Be sure to come to the Ways and Means Party April 30th at Mabley & Carew, Swifton center.

### Food And Drug Reports

A Federal Court has recently sustained the Food and Drug Administration's finding that a drug nationally promoted for reducing is worthless for that purpose.

The drug, phenylpropanolamine, is contained in a large number of preparations sold over-the-counter as appetite depressants. The Food and Drug Administration has filed more than 20 court actions against such products. Promoters of two of them, RX-120 and ND-17, have now been held in criminal contempt of court for continuing to ship products containing the drug despite an earlier restraining order and injunction.

The action sustains FDA's earlier findings based on clinical research that phenylpropanolamine is worthless as an appetite depressant. The only safe and sure method of weight reduction is to reduce food intake preferably under the guidance of a physician.

The restraining order and injunction were issued in 1959 against claims that phenylpropanolamine could cause a person to lose 49 pounds in 8 weeks, 9 pounds in 10 days; that weight reduction could be accomplished without a special diet; that the product depresses the appetite, and others. These claims were made in violation of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

## Calendar of Coming Events

**FEBRUARY 27th** — 1 p. m. Laws Auditorium — Nancy Carter, representative of Albers. Topic: "Wise Buymanship." A speaker from the Y. W. C. A.  
Tea Hostesses: Albers Co.

**MARCH 13th** — **INDUSTRIAL VISIT** — 1:30 p. m., 2:30 p. m., 3:30 p. m. U.S. Shoe Co., 1658 Herald St. For tickets contact Mrs. Clifford Risk.

### Would You Be Missed

Are you an active member—  
The kind that would be missed?  
Or are you just contented  
That your name is on the list?  
Do you attend the meetings  
And mingle with the flock?  
Or do you stay at home  
To criticize and knock?  
Do you take an active part  
To help the work along?  
Or are you satisfied  
To only just belong?

Rev. Walter Kellison

### A Thought

With modern medicine doing so well at increasing our life we'd better be careful about adding to the National debt—we might have to pay it off ourselves, instead of passing it on.  
Quote from Ties

### Quote

The best dollar that a Consumer can spend—quoting Edna Mae Castle—that is, if you are interested in changing some of our television programs. Send to—National Association for Better Radio and Television, 882 Victoria Ave., Los Angeles 5, California. You will receive the latest release and information on a list compiled of the sponsors of radio and television programs for 1962. The sponsors, one of whom is Mrs. Castle, is trying to get a poll of public opinion on television programs.

### Program Planning

The Consumer Conference of Greater Cincinnati is sponsored by the School of the School of Home Economics, College of Education and Home Economics of the University of Cincinnati. The Conference, the largest and oldest consumer group in the United States, is nationally known for its educational work and support of legislation in the interest of consumers. Since 1934, it has held regular monthly meetings and for 17 years has published a monthly newsbulletin for its members. The conference offers the following subjects which a member of the consumer will speak on before your group. No fee is asked but transportation is requested. For further information, call Mrs. A. D. St. John, President—University 1-4288. "Your Dry Cleaning Problems,—Bargains—Good or Bad?

#### Your Program

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Holiday Decorations, Garden  
under Glass, African Violets.

Legislators Sometimes Pick our Pockets.

How, When and Where for Groceries?

Is Beauty a Skin Game?

What does a Brand Name Mean to You?

Know your Cuts and Cut Your Cost.

The Sweet and Sour Milk.

The Hobby that Pays.

When your Club plans their new program consider one of these subjects for one of your meetings.

There's a lot of publicity these days from high places to the effect that the American public and consumers need protection from everyone and everything in business, except, of course, from themselves. Maybe one of these days, we'll see a law passed to Protect You From You. There's no question that a mere minority of companies always have and always will take advantage of the gullible, uninformed or incompetent much the same as a minority of human beings will try to put one over on their fellow men, and sometimes even too-trusting vendor. Continuing quote from the Better Business Bureau. That's the inhuman of human nature and further proof of the impossibility of legislating everybody's morals whether they're in business or ordinary citizens.

No amount of super-planning by well-intentioned or other sources is going to take the place of wisdom of taking care of yourself, and the foolishness of taking chances in dealing with strangers, reputation-unknown firms, leaping before you look and not watching what you do with your personal life and money. If you really want to do what's right for yourself and family, there are plenty of advisory and information agencies, helpful and business experts and professional sources to assist you free or at practically little or no expense. Before You Get In A Jam or Deal With The Few Crooks Or Shysters in Business Or Among The Public At Large that are looking for dumb you. Beyond using your good sense, if you depend upon yourself being an expert in everything at all times, and upon the government to take care of the innocent and trusting you, you're going to have plenty of lumps on your head and holes in your pocketbook.

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Chapter 742**  
Mrs. Fran Sandford  
Mrs. Doris McShane

## The Consumer Conference of Greater Cincinnati 1934-

Twenty-seven years in the service of the community, the Consumer Conference of Cincinnati is sponsored by the School of Home Economics, College of Education and Economics, University of Cincinnati. It is the oldest and largest consumer group in the city. The membership includes active and contributing members, Women's Clubs and business organizations. It is nationally known for its educational work and support of legislation in the interest of consumers through its monthly programs and bulletins. It supplies information on quality, distribution, care, price and marketing of commodities.

### PROGRAM 1961 - 1962

#### All programs at Laws Auditorium, Cincinnati University

Sept. 12th 10:30 a. m. **BOARD MEETING**—Mabley & Carew Community Room, Swifton.

Sept. 19th 11 a. m. **PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON**—Student Union Bldg.  
1 p. m. Annie Laws Auditorium.  
Speaker: Mrs. Richard A. Fluke,  
Symphony Highlights; Mr. Brady  
Black, Executive Editor Cincinnati  
Enquirer—Foreign Policy.  
Tea Hostesses: Business & Professional  
Womens Club.

Oct. 12th 9:30 a. m. **INDUSTRIAL VISIT**—Strietmann Cookies, 1:30 p. m.  
Trade and Wooster Pike.

Oct. 24th 1 p. m. **ELECTION ISSUES**—  
Council Candidates, Annie Laws Auditorium—Miss Marjorie Manning,  
Miss Monica Nolan, Mrs. Morton  
Gusweiler, Mr. Douglas Hoge.  
Film—Patchwork Quilt.  
Tea Hostesses: American Association  
of University Women.

Oct. 31st 1 p. m. **WAYS AND MEANS  
CARD PARTY**—Pepsi Cola Auditorium, 2121 Sunnybrook Drive.

Nov. 7th 1 p. m. **INDUSTRIAL VISIT**—  
Salvation Army, 2250 Park Avenue.

Nov. 14th 1 p. m. **PANEL DISCUSSION  
& MEMBER PARTICIPATION**—  
"Controversial Consumer Problems".  
Tea Hostesses: Advisory Board.

Dec. 11th **MONDAY 1 p. m. Mrs. CAROLYN MILLER**—State Representative  
of Consumers. The Food & Drug Administration & You—Monfort Heights  
Mother Singers.  
Tea Hostesses: Consumer Conference  
Board. Mrs. Prihoda and Mrs. Helfrich.

Jan. 9th 10 a. m. **INDUSTRIAL VISIT**—  
Netherland Plaza Hotel.

Jan. 23rd 1 p. m. **MR. CHARLES RILEY**—New Trends in Home  
rating.  
Tea Hostesses: The John Shillito Club.

Jan. 30th 12 Noon **WAYS & MEANS  
Wink Party**, 127 E. Fifth St.

Feb. 13th 10 a. m. **IT'S STRAIGHT**—  
IT—United Dairy Farmers,  
Montgomery Road.

Feb. 27th 1 p. m. **NANCY CARP**—  
**REPRESENTATIVE OF ALBANY**  
Topic: Wise Food Buymanship.  
Tea Hostesses: Albers Co.

Mar. 13th 1:30 p. m., 2:30 p. m. **INDUSTRIAL VISIT—U.S.**  
Co., 1658 Herald St.

Mar. 27th 1 p. m. **DR. EMMA W. FORD**—Dean of School of Home  
economics. Topic to be announced.  
Tea Hostesses: School of Home  
economics.

Apr. 10th 9:30 a. m., 10:30 a. m. **INDUSTRIAL VISIT**—  
6750 Colerain Pike.

Apr. 24th 1 p. m. **MR. JOHN JONES**—Transit Co., Coming  
arriving in Cincinnati. Fads & Fancies  
Tea Hostesses: Mount Washington  
Woman's Club.

Apr. 30th 12 m. **WAYS & MEANS  
PARTY**—Mabley & Carew, Swifton.

May 15th 1 p. m. **SUMMER OPENING**  
Albert E. Thompson, Mrs. C. Mersena—  
"Medicine Costs Money"  
Tea Hostesses: Womens National  
Postal Transport Association.

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ENCLOSURE

7-576-15477



April 5, 1962

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Mrs. Gerald H. Castle  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees  
Waterman School  
722-724 Oak Street  
Cincinnati 6, Ohio

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Dear Mrs. Castle: *E. m.*

I have received your letter of March 30th,  
with enclosures, and want to thank you for your interest  
in writing as you did. It was certainly thoughtful of you  
to bring to my attention the copy of the letter you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Mrs. Castle is on the Special Correspondent's List. She enclosed  
a copy of the March, 1962, issue of "Consumer Conference News," together  
with the 1961-62 program of this group.

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# The Consumer Conference of Greater Cincinnati

March 30, 1962

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Women's Rotary Club  
Women's Com. of Engineering Society  
Wyoming Women's Club

Mr. dear J. Edgar Hoover:

Thought you might like to see a copy of the following letter to Mr. Jas. V. Bennett:

At our monthly meeting, Tuesday, March 27th, I was instructed to send you the following message:

"Our members do not consider it wise to release Alvin (Creepy) Karpis. His record is such a long one of continuous criminal activity of so many years standing, it would not seem possible for him to adjust to society and not revert to a lifetime of crime."

There was heated discussion relative to his request for deportation to Montreal. Canada is very careful in their reception of any of their citizens with criminal records. Our group does not think that Canada would consider reinstating him as a citizen nor that the Catholic Charities of Canada would consider sponsorship. To quote the expression of several, they thought the last paragraph of attached news article "WAS JUST DUCK SOUP".

Any expression will be appreciate as there may be more to this case than the present news article indicates. Our next meeting will be April 17th."

Sincerely yours,

*G. H. Castle*  
Mrs. Gerald H. Castle

Mr. Hoover  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Harbo  
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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
4/10/62

Alvin Karpis was one of the subjects responsible for the 1933 kidnaping of William A. Hamm, Jr., and the 1934 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. Following his apprehension at New Orleans on 5/1/36 Karpis entered a guilty plea to the indictments returned in connection with the Hamm kidnaping. On 7/27/36 Karpis was sentenced to life imprisonment. On 7/5/61 U. S. Board of Paroles denied his request for parole. Karpis will again be considered for parole in July 1962. We have advised the Attorney General of the ruthless crimes rated by Karpis and our position that he is not entitled to any con-

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URGENT 4-9-62

TO DIRECTOR AND SAC SEATTLE

FROM SAC SAN FRANCISCO 091759

*Bremer Kidnaping Office of Origin*

BREKID. OO CINCINNATI. RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO DIRECTOR JANUARY 30 LAST, WHICH ADVISED THAT ALVIN KARPAVICZ, AKA *also known as* ALVIN KARPIS, HAD BEEN APPROVED FOR TRANSFER TO US PENITENTIARY MC NEIL ISLAND, STEILACOOM, WASHINGTON. WARDEN OLIN G. BLACKWELL, US PENITENTIARY, ALCATRAZ ISLAND, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THIS DATE KARPIS EN ROUTE MC NEIL ISLAND ON TRANSFER. BLACKWELL STATED KARPIS HAD SPENT MORE TIME AT ALCATRAZ THAN ANY OTHER PRISONER. SEATTLE KEEP BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES ADVISED OF ANY CHANGE OR CONTEMPLATED CHANGE IN STATUS CONCERNING KARPIS PURSUANT SAC LETTER 62-11 (1). AIR-MAIL COPIES SENT CINCINNATI, MINNEAPOLIS AND KANSAS CITY.

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

The Attorney General

April 2, 1962

Director, FBI

**"NO REASON FOR LENIENCY"**  
**EDITORIAL**  
**THE SUNDAY STAR**  
**APRIL 1, 1962**

Enclosed is a copy of an editorial which appeared in The Sunday Star. It concerns Alvin Karpis of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang, and I thought you would like to see it.

Enclosure

1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure

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1 - Mr. Belmont - Enclosure  
1 - Mr. Evans - Enclosure

NOTE: See letter of 4/1/62 date to Mr. Rex Collier, The Evening Star.

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## No Reason for Leniency

Alvin (Creepy) Karpis, onetime co-leader of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang of kidnapers and killers, wants out. He believes that 25 years of good conduct behind the bars of Alcatraz Prison have earned him his freedom. We are not impressed with this argument. Those who remember some of the murderous rampages of his ruthless, machine-gunning mob have always felt that "Creepy" was lucky when he was sentenced to life for the \$100,000 ransom kidnaping of William Hamm, jr., Minneapolis brewer. Most of his associates were less fortunate. They died in gun battles with FBI agents.

Karpis and his gang were involved in numerous bank robberies in which employes, policemen or spectators were gunned down with rifles, machine guns or pistols. Three policemen and a bank employe were slain in two bank raids in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, a sheriff was shot to death in Missouri, a bank guard was killed in Chicago and other persons were wounded in similar forays in the Midwest during the gang's heyday in the early 1930s. The gang collected \$300,000 ransom in two kidnappings—that of Mr. Hamm and another in which Edward G. Bremer, of the St. Paul banking family, was the victim.

The kidnappings brought the Federal Bureau of Investigation into the hunt for the gang, with dramatic results. "Ma" Barker and her son Fred were killed in a gun battle with the FBI in Florida, Arthur (Doc) Barker was sent to Alcatraz and other members were captured and given varying sentences. However, Karpis managed to elude the FBI, meanwhile sending taunting postcards to Director J. Edgar Hoover. But Mr. Hoover personally led the group of FBI agents who finally tracked him down and arrested him, without gunplay, in New Orleans on May 1, 1936.

State authorities decided not to press numerous murder and robbery charges after Karpis was sent to Alcatraz for life. There is nothing, however, in this man's record which would justify any leniency. His good behavior in prison hardly atones for the atrocious crimes which he and his colleagues committed when they were terrorizing the whole Midwest some thirty years ago.

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The Washington Daily News \_\_\_\_\_  
The Evening Star \_\_\_\_\_  
New York Herald Tribune \_\_\_\_\_  
New York Journal-American \_\_\_\_\_  
New York Mirror \_\_\_\_\_  
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The New Leader \_\_\_\_\_  
The Wall Street Journal \_\_\_\_\_  
The National Observer \_\_\_\_\_

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 4/16/62

FROM : SAC, WFO (7-63) (P\*)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka Alvin  
Karpis  
KIDNAPING

ReBulet to WFO dated 4/5/62.

On 4/12/62, [REDACTED] U.S. Board of Parole, was contacted by SA WALLACE A. HAWKINS. [REDACTED] was apprised of the Bureau's interest in instant case and stated that he would immediately place a notation or a "flag notice" in the file of KARPIS instructing that the FBI should be immediately notified in the event any action is contemplated in the KARPIS matter.

[REDACTED] stated that the annual report on KARPIS will not be received by the Board of Parole again until July, 1962. He stated that the review of this report will probably be completed in the last part of July or the first part of August, 1962. He said that in the event any action is contemplated in this matter he would immediately notify the WFO.

2 - Bureau  
1 - Seattle (Info)  
1 - WFO  
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April 20, 1962

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Mr. Steve McConnell  
6100 Packer Drive  
Belmont, Michigan

Dear Steve:

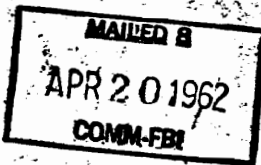
Your letter postmarked April 16th, with enclosure,  
has been received.

For your information, on the afternoon of May 1, 1936,  
it was determined that Alvin Karpis, with Fred Hunter and Connie  
Morris, was located in Apartment One, 3343 Canal Street, New Orleans,  
Louisiana, where Hunter maintained a residence under the name of Ed  
O'Hara. The apartment building in which Karpis and the others were  
located was surrounded by Special Agents of this Bureau at approximately  
5:30 p. m. on that date, and as the Agents were about to enter this apart-  
ment building, Karpis and Hunter emerged. They were commanded to  
surrender and complied peacefully. After the capture of Karpis, he was  
removed to Saint Paul, Minnesota, and committed to the Ramsey County  
Jail while awaiting trial.

In accordance with your request, I am enclosing some  
material which I hope will be of interest to you. There is no charge for  
any publications we are privileged to disseminate; therefore, I am return-  
ing the \$1.00 bill you sent.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Mr. Steve McConnell

**Enclosures**

**Correspondent's enclosure**

**The Story of the FBI**

**Know your FBI**

**Fingerprint Identification**

**Cancelled IOs - 1166, 1194, 1203, 1217, 1218, 1419, 1456**

**The FBI Laboratory**

**NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. The book to which he refers was the one written by Quentin Reynolds with the cooperation of the Bureau. The information concerning Karpis was taken from Interesting Case write-up concerning him.**

TRUE COPY

Steve McConnell  
6100 Packer Drive  
Belmont, Mich.

Dear Mr Hoover

A couple of days ago I was reading the news paper and one of the clippings was on Alvin Karpis, It was telling diffren't details on him and that he wanted a parole, It also said that he was caught strolling to a theater, but I am reading a book on FB.I and one of the chapters is The Capture of "Public Enemy Number one" and the book says that he was caught at a apartment house, at 3343, Canal Street.

I would appreceate if you would send me the right answer, and some pictures of old gangsters, and some folders on FBI work.

You Truly

/s/ Steve McConnell  
6100 Packer Drive  
Belmont, Michigan

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Steve McConnell  
6100 Packer Drive  
Belmont Mich.

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I would appreciate if you would

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You Truly

Steve McConnell  
6100 Packer Drive  
Belmont, Michigan

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APR 18 1962

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Date: 4/13/62

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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Malone	_____
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Mr. Tavel	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (7-1) (RUC)

SUBJECT: BREKID  
(OO: CINCINNATI)Re Bureau letter to Washington Field Office,  
4/5/62, and San Francisco radiogram to Seattle, 4/9/62.

On April 12, 1962, [REDACTED]  
United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington,  
advised PALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka, was received at that institution  
on April 8, 1962, on transferr from United States Penitentiary,  
Alcatraz, California. KARPAVICZ is McNeil Island No.  
294-77M; [REDACTED] and is currently  
assigned to the admittance and orientation unit. A stop  
was placed in KARPAVICZ's file by [REDACTED] Classi-  
fication and Parole Division, United States Penitentiary,  
McNeil Island, as requested in referenced letter, and both  
[REDACTED] advised that they will personally advise  
FBI of any changes in his status.

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2-Cincinnati (AM)  
1-Seattle  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 4/23/62

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (7-43)

SUBJECT: BREKID  
(OO: CINCINNATI)

Re San Francisco teletype to Bureau, 4/9/62, and  
Seattle airtel to Bureau, 4/13/62.

Referenced airtel reflects that PALVIN KARPAVICS, Aka.,  
is now incarcerated at the United States Penitentiary, McNeil  
Island, Washington.

Inasmuch as KARPAVICS is now confined in McNeil  
Island, Washington, and prison officials have agreed to  
personally advise the FBI of any changes in his status, it is  
requested that office of origin be transferred from Cincinnati  
to Seattle. Nothing remains to be done by the Cincinnati Office.

Information copies to Minneapolis and Kansas City.

- 6 - Bureau  
1 - Seattle (7-1)  
1 - Minneapolis (7-30) (Info)  
1 - Kansas City (7-37) (Info)  
1 - Cincinnati

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Bureau designates Seattle  
as office of origin. Copies  
transmitted to offices indicated.  
Former office of origin furnish  
all pertinent serials to new  
office of origin.

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12 APR 25 1962

UNITED STATES

**Memorandum**

TO : MR. TROTTER

DATE: 5/2/62

FROM : C. A. Harris

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
ALVIN KARPIS  
FBI #199 217

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Belmont	✓
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Subject is the notorious criminal who was received at Alcatraz 8/6/36 to serve a life sentence on charges of kidnaping and conspiracy.

Identification Division has received notification from U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, that Karpis was transferred to that institution from Alcatraz on 4/8/62.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 7/19/62

FROM : SAC, WFO (7-63) (P\*)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka Alvin  
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KIDNAPING

ReWFOlet to Director dated 4/16/62.

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On 7/16/62 [REDACTED] U. S. Board of Parole, was contacted by SA WALLACE A. HAWKINS. [REDACTED] stated that the annual report on KARPIS has not yet been received by the Board of Parole. He stated that he expected to receive this report in the next two weeks; however, in view of the extremely large number of cases still to be reviewed, he did not anticipate that KARPIS' report would be reviewed prior to November, 1962.

He stated that the file still maintains a notation or "flag stop" to notify the FBI in the event any action is contemplated in the KARPIS matter.

WFO will continue to follow with the U. S. Board of Parole.

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1-Seattle (Info)  
1-WFO

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Director, FBI (7-576) - 15486

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ALVIN KARPAVICZ, AKA  
ALVIN KARPIS  
KIDNAPING  
OO - SEATTLE

Re Seattle letter to Bureau 7-27-62 entitled  
"DREKID;" no cc WFO.

Seattle's attention is directed to Cincinnati's letter to Bureau 4-23-62 requesting office of origin be designated as Seattle inasmuch as no further action remains within the Cincinnati Office. The Bureau approved this recommendation and designated Seattle as office of origin and you were so advised on 5-2-62. It is further noted that relet of 7-27-62 sets forth status of case as RUC. This case should be administratively reopened immediately in your office and you are instructed to continue to follow developments through liaison with U. S. Penitentiary McNeil Island.

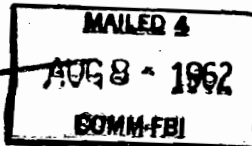
For the further information of WFO, Seattle has advised the Special Progress Report for Annual Review is currently being prepared on Karpis for submission to the U. S. Board of Parole. McNeil Island authorities advise that the institution's Classification Committee will meet regarding Karpis prior to the preparation of the progress report, at which time the Committee will make a recommendation for or against his parole.

b7c [redacted] confidentially advised the Seattle office that he is a member of this Classification Committee and believes the Committee would recommend against parole for Karpis at this time.

1 - Washington Field (7-63)

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WFO 101325

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (7-1) (RUC)

SUBJECT: BREKID  
(OO - CINCINNATI)

DATE: 7/27/62

Re Seattle letter to the Director, 4/13/62.

b7c

On July 18, 1962, [REDACTED] United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, advised the SPECIAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR ANNUAL REVIEW is currently being prepared on KARPAVICZ, United States Penitentiary Number 29477-M for submission to the United States Board of Parole, Washington D.C. He said this institution's Classification Committee will meet regarding KARPAVICZ prior to the preparation of his PROGRESS REPORT at which time the Committee will make a recommendation for or against his parole.

b7c

On July 18, 1962, [REDACTED] confidentially advised he was a member of this Classification Committee and he believed that the Committee would recommend against KARPAVICZ's parole at this time.

He added that in the event his parole is denied by the United States Board of Parole, KARPAVICZ will not be eligible for parole consideration again until July, 1962, unless the United States Board of Parole, Washington D.C. so designates.

Seattle will continue to follow this matter.

② - Bureau  
1 - Seattle  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 9/14/62

FROM : SAC, WFO (7-63) (P\*)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPING

ReWFOlet to Director dated 7/19/62.

On 9/11/62, [REDACTED]  
U.S. Board of Parole, was contacted by SA WALLACE A.  
HAWKINS. [REDACTED] stated that the annual report on  
ALVIN KARPAVICZ had been received by the U.S. Board of  
Parole and was reviewed by the entire Board. He stated  
that on 9/6/62, as a result of the review of the annual  
progress report of KARPAVICZ, the Board of Parole had  
recommended that there be no change in the status of  
KARPAVICZ.

He stated that the file still maintains a  
notation or a "flag stop" to notify the FBI in the  
event any action is contemplated in the KARPAVICZ matter.

WFO will continue to follow with the U.S.  
Board of Parole.

- 2 - Bureau
- 1 - Seattle (Info)
- 1 - WFO

WAH:SKF

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 9/21/62

*Murphy*  
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (7-1) (P)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
KIDNAPPING  
(OO - SEATTLE)

Re Bureau letter to Seattle, dated 8/8/62.

*dk*  
*b7c*  
On September 12, 1962, [REDACTED]  
United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington,  
advised on September 7, 1962, the institution received  
a memorandum from the U. S. Board of Paroles, Washington,  
D. C., reflecting they had reviewed KARPAVICZ'S record.  
They indicated they could not find "sufficient justification  
for a change in his parole status, at least at this time."

[REDACTED] added KARPAVICZ would not become eligible  
for parole consideration again until July, 1963, unless  
such consideration was initiated by the U. S. Board of  
Paroles, Washington, D. C.

2 - Bureau  
1 - WFO (7-63)  
2 - Seattle  
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UNITED STATES GOV

**Memorandum**TO : Mr. Belmont *Alb*

DATE: 9-20-62

FROM : A. Rosen *ER*SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, AKA  
ALVIN KARPIS  
KIDNAPING

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Belmont	_____
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Callahan	_____
Conrad	_____
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Gandy	_____

Washington Field Office advised on 9-19-62, that the United States Board of Parole on 9-6-62, recommended there be no change in the status of Karpis, who is currently incarcerated at the U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington. This decision by the Board of Parole followed a review by the entire board of the annual report concerning Karpis.

Karpis was one of the subjects responsible for the 1933 kidnaping of William A. Hamm, Jr. and the 1934 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. Following his apprehension at New Orleans on 5-1-36, Karpis entered a guilty plea to the indictments returned in connection with the Hamm kidnaping. On 7-27-36, Karpis was sentenced to life imprisonment and has been incarcerated since that time. On 7-5-61, the Board of Parole denied his request for parole.

In January, 1962, newspaper publicity indicated Karpis was seeking a deportation parole that would allow him to return to Canada, his native country. The Bureau went on record with both the Attorney General and Mr. Bennett as being opposed to any consideration being given to this ruthless criminal.

JAC:cfs  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 12/18/62

FROM : SAC, Seattle (7-1)

SUBJECT: BREKID

On 12/17/62, [REDACTED] advised that there is no change in his parole status, and he still does not expect any consideration given to a change in this status until the matter is reviewed again by the U. S. Board of Parole, Washington, D. C. in about June, 1963.

2 - Bureau  
1 - Seattle  
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(3)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 12/27/62

FROM : SAC, WFO (7-63) (P\*)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPPING

ReWFOlet to Director dated 9/14/62.

On 12/5/62, [REDACTED]

b7c [REDACTED] U.S. Board of Parole, was contacted by SA WALLACE A. HAWKINS. [REDACTED] stated that there has been no action concerning KARPAVICZ since a review was made of his annual progress report.

She stated that there was no contemplated action concerning this case prior to July, 1963, when his annual progress report would be forwarded to the Board of Parole.

She stated that the file still maintains a notation for "flag stop" to notify the FBI in the event any action is contemplated in the KARPAVICZ matter.

WFO will continue to follow with the U.S. Board of Parole.

2-Bureau  
1-Seattle (7-1) (INFO)  
1-WFO

WAH:cac  
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Mr. Conrad

January 4, 1963

W. D. Griffith

**Bulky Exhibits  
Laboratory Division**

A review of the current bulky exhibits maintained by the Laboratory Division has been completed.

With regard to the case captioned "CANAB" (Crash of National Airlines DC-6B, Bolivia, North Carolina, 1960), SA William R. Hellman, Jr., advises that the photographic negatives taken of the plane during reconstruction should be retained at this time for an indefinite period for possible use in the future.

Concerning the case captioned "John Gilbert Graham" (Crash of United Airlines Plane near Longmont, Colorado, 11/1/55), SA William J. Magee advises that the photographs and negatives taken of the plane during reconstruction and the photograph of John Gilbert Graham should, at this time, be retained for an indefinite period as the material is referred to from time to time.

The .45 caliber cartridge cases and .45 caliber projectile being retained in the case captioned "Alvin Karpavicz, aka Alvin Karpis, Kidnaping," according to SA J. Allison Conley, should be retained until Karpis dies.

The .22 caliber Ace, Savage and Remington firearms along with the .30 caliber Winchester and .45 caliber Thompson Submachine gun in the case captioned "John Paul Chase, aka, Murder of Inspector Samuel P. Cowley and SA H. E. Hollis," are to be retained until John Paul Chase dies or the indictment against him is dropped.

**Recommendation:** In view of the foregoing information, the bulky exhibits should be maintained until disposition is possible in each circumstance.

1 - Mr. Belmont

1 - Mr. Rosen (1 - Mr. J. A. Conley, Rm. 5718)  
1 - Mr. W. G. Campbell, Rm. 5716)  
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan (Att: Mr. R. D. Simpson, Rm. 813 RB)  
1 - Bufile (7-576)  
1 - Bufile (62-29777)  
1 - Bufile (98-43035)  
1 - Bufile (149-866)  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-756)

DATE: 7/11/63

FROM: SAC, WFO (7-63) (P\*)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPPING

ReWFOlet to Director dated 12/27/62.

b7c On 7/8/63, [REDACTED] U.S. Board of Parole, was contacted by SA WALLACE A. HAWKINS. [REDACTED] stated that the annual report on KARPAVICZ is due in July, 1963, however, this report has not as of yet been received. He stated that the results of the review of this file will not be completed prior to the end of September, 1963.

He stated that the file still maintains a notation or a "flag stop" to notify the FBI in the event any action is contemplated in the KARPAVICZ matter.

WFO will continue to follow with the U.S. Board of Parole.

- ② - Bureau
- 1 - Seattle (7-1) (Info)
- 1 - WFO

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 7-19-63

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (7-1)

SUBJECT: BREKID

RE: Seattle letter 12/18/63.

A review of the records at McNeil Island Penitentiary on 7/16/63, revealed that there is no change in the parole status of ALVIN KARPAVICZ.

2-Bureau  
1-Seattle

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To: SAC, Kansas City (66-1608)

From: Director, FBI

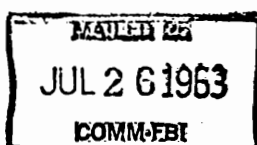
**DESTRUCTION OF FILES AND RECORDS**

Reurlet 7/19/63. Do not take any action to destroy material in MATNAP and BREKID cases in your office pending further consideration by Bureau.

NOTE ON YELLOW: Per instructions of Mr. Mohr, entire problem to be reviewed and presented to Executives Conference.

STJ

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Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 7/19/63

FROM: *Fred* SAC, Kansas City (66-1608)

SUBJECT: DESTRUCTION OF FILES AND RECORDS

The Kansas City Office is maintaining two voluminous files which are utilizing eight file drawers of space. One is the MATNAP case, Bufile 7-1820, of which Kansas City has 65 volumes with correspondence over 20 years old. There is additional correspondence in this case which consists of 630 serials covering the period from July 1943 to the present. Kansas City has had no investigative activity in this matter since July 1958.

The other case consisting of 29 volumes of material over 20 years is the BREKID case, Bufile 7-576. There are 57 serials in this matter covering the period of July 1943 to July 1963. The Kansas City Office has had no investigative activity in this matter since July 1959.

It is requested this office be granted authority to dispose of the volumes of records in these two matters which are over 20 years old.

UACB 7/30/63 this will be done.

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1-Kansas City  
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Hold for further  
consideration  
7/26/63 - FWW:dy

Mr. Tavel



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TAVEL *ST*

DATE: 7-23-63

FROM : L. E. SHORT *ST*

SUBJECT: DESTRUCTION OF FILES AND RECORDS  
MATNAP, BUFILE 7-1820  
BREKID, BUFILE 7-576

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Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Reference is made to Kansas City letter 7-19-63.

Referenced letter requested authority to dispose of files in captioned cases in the Kansas City Office. Destruction authority is requested only on that material in these files which are over 20 years old. Kansas City advises there are 65 volumes with correspondence over 20 years old in the MATNAP case and 29 volumes of material over 20 years old in the BREKID case.

The Manual of Rules and Regulations, Part II, Section 3, Page 13 provides authority for field divisions to destroy field files after they become 20 years old. However, Bureau authority is required in cases of an important nature. The Files and Communications Division has no objection to the destruction of files described by the Kansas City Office. However, since these are cases of an important nature policy considerations are in order. Therefore, it is recommended that the views of the Investigative Division be obtained.

It should be noted that the files will be destroyed by Kansas City UACB 7-30-63.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) That this matter be referred to the Investigative Division.

*See addendum GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION Page 1A.*

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- (2) After the Investigative Division has considered the request, this matter should be referred to the Inspection Division.

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Addendum of Inspection Division  
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*authorized note  
for Inspection  
Div 7/23/63  
WNY*

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The Matnap case in which Seattle is office of origin remains unsolved and is still under investigation. Accordingly, the General Investigative Division recommends that Kansas City continue to retain all volumes of this file.

The Brekid case has been prosecuted; however, one of the primary ringleaders Alvin Karpis is still incarcerated in the McNeil Island Penitentiary on the life sentence he received. The General Investigative Division recommends that Kansas City continue to retain all volumes of this file.

July 26, 1963

JHG:wmj

The Inspection Division feels there is no point in having auxiliary offices such as Kansas City retain all volumes over 20 years old in the MATNAP case. Of course, the Office of Origin, Seattle, should retain all volumes and thereby be in a position to furnish any old background data to an auxiliary office if the remote possibility occurs that the auxiliary office needs same. If Kansas City has any material of evidentiary value or any statements or memoranda of significance which Seattle does not have, this should, of course, be retained. With respect to BREKID, the case has been prosecuted. If some problems arise, we have copies of all reports at the Seat of Government and the matter could be resolved by reference to these files. Of course, any signed statements, documentary evidence or memoranda not in possession of the Bureau should be retained.

We are having a tremendous problem in many of our field offices with respect to space, which is materially being affected by the accumulation of records. It is imperative that we destroy as many old records as logical and practical. To do otherwise is a waste of space and file cabinets, both of which are expensive. It is my suggestion that an SAC Letter be prepared permitting all offices to destroy their files in these cases except the Office of Origin. However, it is also felt that auxiliary offices should not destroy signed statements, important memoranda or evidentiary material not in possession of the Office of Origin.

Airtel to  
KC 7/26/63.  
Hold destruction  
for further consideration.  
FWW

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Being handled  
by Insp. Div.

Take up at EC in  
Sept.  
7/26.

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Mr. Frank A. Roberts  
Executive Director  
The Catholic Rehabilitation Service of the  
Federation of Catholic Charities, Inc.  
Suite 106  
433 St. Dizier Street  
Montreal 1, Canada

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FBI

F.A.

**Your letter of September 10th has been received.**

Due to a heavy schedule of commitments it will not be possible for me to meet with you in the foreseeable future. Should you be in Washington, feel free to come to FBI Headquarters where one of my representatives will be glad to meet with you.

Matters relative to Canadian citizens in the United States come within the jurisdiction of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service. I suggest you may wish to direct correspondence to the Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, 119 D Street, Northeast, Washington, D. C. 20536.

**Sincerely yours,**

**J. Edgar Hoover**

**John Edgar Hoover**  
**Director**

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NOTE: No record of correspondent in Bufiles. Alvin Karpis, formerly described as Public Enemy No. 1 pleaded guilty on 7-27-36 to kidnapping William A. Hamm, Jr. He thereafter was sentenced to a life sentence and is currently incarcerated at McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary, Washington. ~~Copy sent by form to Immigration and Naturalization Service~~

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TELEPHONE 842-2502

FRANK A

10 September

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.  
Chief.  
Federal Bureau of Investigation.  
WASHINGTON. D.C.  
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Hoover.,

Re: Alvin Karpavicz (Karpis).  
McNeil Island Penitentiary.

For a number of years now we have been corresponding with Alvin Karpavicz, presently serving a sentence at McNeil Island Penitentiary Steilacoom, mainly on a supportive level and at the request of Mr. Karpis, Warden. We have visited him in the institution on two occasions.

Our most recent visit took place two weeks ago when he requested me to write you to request that you grant me an interview to discuss his case and the fact that he is a Canadian citizen.

I am prepared to go to Washington at any time to suit your convenience should you be able to find time to grant me an interview.

Yours very sincerely.,

(Frank A. Roberts. J.P.)  
Executive Director.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Karpis  
Tolson

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10/1/63  
SAC LETTER NO. 63-50

(B) MATNAP - BREKID - FILING SYSTEM - DESTRUCTION OF FILES BY AUXILIARY OFFICES -- To conserve filing space, all auxiliary offices are hereby authorized to destroy reports and letters in their files relating to the MATNAP and BREKID cases which are more than 20 years old, provided the offices of origin and offices of prosecution have copies of these reports and letters. Under no circumstances should any material of evidentiary value or any statements, memoranda, or other significant material be destroyed. Any office which has been an office of origin or an office of prosecution at any time in the BREKID case should retain all material in its possession. In the event it becomes necessary to later obtain information which is more than 20 years old, auxiliary offices should communicate with the office of origin, which should retain the complete files, or the Bureau.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 7-28-81 BY sp2 Bp/elp

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**GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

**DATE 1-21-63**

Alvin Karpis was one of the subjects responsible for the 1933 kidnaping of William A. Hamm, Jr., and the 1934 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. Following his apprehension at New Orleans on 5-1-36 Karpis entered a guilty plea to the indictments returned in connection with the Hamm kidnaping. On 7-27-36 Karpis was sentenced to life imprisonment. On 7-5-61 U. S. Board of Parole denied his request for parole. We have advised the Attorney General of the ruthless crimes perpetrated by Karpis and our position that he is not entitled to any consideration.

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Seattle (7-1)

SUBJECT: BREKID

DATE: 10/14/63

Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

On 10/9/63 SA JOHN A. DRAKE reviewed the file of ALVIN KARPAVICZ at McNeil Island.

There is a letter from the U. S. Board of Parole dated 9/25/63 reflecting that it had reviewed KARPAVICZ' entire record, and it did not find sufficient justification for a change in his parole status. His file reflects that he will be eligible for consideration again in the summer of 1964. This matter will be followed, and the Bureau will be advised.

② Bureau (AM)  
1 - Seattle  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-756)

DATE: 10/17/63

FROM : SAC, WFO (7-63)(P\*)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
ALVIN KARPIS  
KIDNAPPING  
(OO:SE)

ReWFOlet to Director dated 7/11/63.

b7c On 10/7/63, [REDACTED]  
U. S. Board of Parole, was contacted by SA WALLACE A. HAWKINS.  
[REDACTED] stated the annual report on KARPAVICZ had been  
received and after a review by the Board, it had recommended  
on 9/25/63, that there be no change in the status of  
KARPAVICZ.

He said there would be no further action in this  
case prior to July, 1964, when KARPAVICZ's annual progress  
report would be forwarded to the Board of Parole.

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notation or a "flag stop" to notify the FBI in the event  
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WFO will continue to follow with the U. S. Board  
of Parole.

2- Bureau  
1- Seattle (7-1)(Info)  
1- WFO

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1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Griffith  
1 - Mr. Kittel

Mr. Conrad

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W. D. Griffith

**Bulky Exhibits  
Laboratory Division**

A review of the current bulky exhibits maintained by the Laboratory Division has been completed.

With regard to the case captioned "CANAB" (Crash of National Airlines DC-6B, Bolivia, North Carolina, 1960), SA William R. Heilman, Jr., advises that the photographic negatives taken of the plane during reconstruction should be retained at this time for an indefinite period for possible use in the future.

Concerning the case captioned "John Gilbert Graham" (Crash of United Airlines Plane near Longmont, Colorado, 11/1/55), SA William J. Magee advises that the photographs and negatives taken of the plane during reconstruction and the photograph of JOHN GILBERT GRAHAM should, at this time, be retained for an indefinite period as the material is referred to from time to time.

The .45 caliber cartridge cases and .45 caliber projectile being retained in the case captioned "Alvin Karpavicz, aka Alvin Karpis, Kidnaping," according to SA J. Allison Conley, should be retained until Karpis dies.

The .22 caliber Ace, Savage and Remington firearms along with the .30 caliber Winchester and .45 caliber Thompson Submachine gun in the case captioned "John Paul Chase, aka, Murder of Inspector Samuel P. Cowley and SA H. E. Hollis," are to be retained until John Paul Chase dies or the indictment against him is dropped.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 2 - Mr. Rosen (1 - Mr. J. A. Conley, Rm. 5712)  
(1 - Mr. M. E. Light, Rm. 5716)
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan (Att: Mr. R. D. Simpson, Rm. 813 RB)
- 1 - Bufile (7-576)
- 1 - Bufile (62-29777)
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- 1 - Bufile (149-866)
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Memorandum to Mr. Conrad  
Bulky Exhibits  
Laboratory Division

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The gambling paraphernalia consisting of  
thirty-one punch boards in the case captioned [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], aka ITAR-G" are retained for current comparison  
with other similar material submitted.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

In view of the foregoing information, the bulky  
exhibits should be maintained until disposition is possible  
in each circumstance.



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November 15, 1963

SAC, Albany

Director, FBI

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**MATNAP;  
BREKID  
FILING SYSTEM - DESTRUCTION OF  
FILES BY AUXILIARY OFFICES**

Reference is made to SAC Letter 103-50 (B) dated 10-1-63, which provides for the destruction of certain reports and letters in captioned cases by auxiliary offices, provided copies are in the possession of the offices of origin and prosecution.

It has come to the Bureau's attention that auxiliary offices may have a considerable accumulation of photographs of individuals once considered suspects in these cases. Any such photographs which have been maintained for over twenty years may be destroyed provided they are of no further use in captioned investigations and provided that copies of these photographs are in the possession of the offices of origin and prosecution.

Any photographs of subjects and their associates in the Brekid case should be retained. Under no circumstances should any photographs or other material of possible evidentiary value be destroyed. Office of origin should continue to retain complete files.

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2 - All Offices

1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Tavel  
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NOTE:

See memo A. Rosen to Mr. Belmont, dated 11-14-63, RE: DESTRUCTION OF FILES AND RECORDS, MATNAP (Bureau file 7-1820); BREKID (Bureau file 7-576); JOK:mlt;sda.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/17/63

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (7-124)

SUBJECT: MATNAP

Re SAC letter 63-50 dated 10/1/63 authorizing destruction of certain reports and letters over 20 years of age in captioned file.

It has been noted that there is also a considerable accumulation of photographs of individuals in exhibit envelopes of this file most of which are 20 years or more of age. No doubt other divisions have the same large accumulation of photos of suspects in their file. In view of the age of the photographs and fact that probably the individuals would not be identifiable at this time from these old photos, authority is requested to dispose of them.

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1-Philadelphia (7-124)

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: November 18, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: DESTRUCTION OF FILES AND RECORDS  
MATNAP (Bureau file 7-1820);  
EREKID (Bureau file 7-576)

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This is to recommend that attached letter be sent to all field offices authorizing the destruction of photographs of suspects, maintained over twenty years, in captioned cases provided these photographs are of no further use in these investigations and provided that copies of these photographs are in the possession of the offices of origin and prosecution.

## BACKGROUND

The Matnap case concerns the kidnaping of Charles Fletcher Mattson, aged ten, who was kidnaped 12-27-36 at Tacoma, Washington. Extensive investigation has been conducted and subject has not been identified. The Brekid case involves the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer on 1-17-34 at St. Paul, Minnesota. Alvin Karpis and others have been convicted for the Bremer kidnaping. Karpis was sentenced to life imprisonment and is still in prison.

SAC Letter 63-50 (B) dated 10-1-63 provides for the destruction of certain reports and letters in captioned cases by auxiliary offices provided copies are in the possession of the offices of origin and prosecution.

Since issuance of the above SAC letter, the Philadelphia Office has advised that it has a considerable accumulation of photographs of former suspects in these files which have been on hand for twenty years or more. Philadelphia suggests that other field divisions probably have the same large accumulation of photographs of suspects. Philadelphia recommends that in view of the age of the photographs and the fact that probably the individuals would not be identifiable at this time from these old photographs, authority be granted to dispose of them.

The General Investigative Division feels that continued retention of such photographs by auxiliary offices would serve no useful purpose; however, it is felt that the office of origin should continue to retain complete files.

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1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Tavel  
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: DESTRUCTION OF FILES AND RECORDS

ACTION RECOMMENDED

If approved, attached is a letter to all offices granting authority for auxiliary offices to destroy photographs of individuals which have been maintained in captioned files for over twenty years provided that they are of no further use in these investigations and provided that copies of these photographs are in the possession of the offices of origin and prosecution. This letter instructs that photographs of subjects and their associates in the Brekid case should be retained and under no circumstances should any photographs or other material of possible evidentiary value be destroyed. Office of origin is being instructed to continue to retain complete files.

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

Mr. Conrad

5/19/64

W. D. Griffith

**Bulky Exhibits  
Laboratory Division**

A review of current bulky exhibits being maintained by the Laboratory Division has been completed.

With regard to the cases captioned "CANAB" (Crash of National Airlines DC-6B, Bolivia, North Carolina, 1960) and "Jack Gilbert Graham" (Crash of United Air Lines Airplane near Longmont, Colorado, 11/1/55), separate memoranda have been prepared in these cases setting forth the fact that bulky exhibits in connection with them will no longer be maintained in the Laboratory files.

In the case captioned "Alvin Karpavicz, aka Alvin Karpis, Kidnaping," SA J. Allison Conley has advised that the .45 caliber cartridge cases and the .45 caliber projectile should be retained until Karpis dies.

With respect to the case entitled "John Paul Chase, aka, Murder of Inspector Samuel T. Cowley and SA H. E. Hollis," SA Fletcher D. Thompson has advised that the bulky evidence being maintained in the Laboratory files should be retained until subject Chase dies or the pending indictment against him is dropped. It is noted that the evidence referred to consists of a .22 caliber Ace pistol, a .30 caliber Winchester rifle and a .45 caliber Thompson submachine gun. In addition, there is a .22 caliber Savage rifle and a .22 caliber Remington rifle.

Concerning the case entitled [REDACTED], aka, "ITAR-G," SA Earl H. Williams has advised that the gambling paraphernalia consisting of 31 punchboards making up the bulky exhibit in this matter should be retained for the present, since this material is used periodically as a known standard against which questioned submissions are compared.

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Memorandum Griffith to Conrad  
Re: Bulky Exhibits  
Laboratory Division

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With respect to the case captioned " [REDACTED] SA Anthony O'Tousa, the examiner in the matter, has advised that this is a new, pending case and it will be necessary to retain the evidence until the disposition of the case is determined. The evidence maintained in the Laboratory files consists of various items of espionage apparatus formerly utilized by subject [REDACTED]

RECOMMENDATION: In view of the above, the bulky exhibits in the Karpis, Chase, [REDACTED] cases should be maintained until appropriate disposition is possible in each instance.



SAC, Seattle (7-1)

June 2, 1964

Director, FBI (7-576) - 15497

EX-103

ALVIN KARPAVICZ, AKA  
ALVIN KARPIS  
KIDNAPING  
(OO: SE)

Re Legat, Ottawa letter dated 5-14-64. No carbon copies  
for Seattle and Washington Field Office.

For information of the latter two offices.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

For information of Legat, Ottawa, Seattle and Washington  
Field Offices are following this matter closely and you will be advised  
of any pertinent developments indicating Karpis will be paroled for  
return to Canada.

2 - VFO (7-63) (Info)  
1 - Legat, Ottawa (63-420)



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NOTE: Re memo A. K. Bowles to Trotter dated 5-25-64,  
Alvin Karpavicz, aka Alvin Karpis, FBI # 198 217, Identification  
Matter, Bufile 7-576, AKB:jf.

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Date: May 14, 1964

To: Director, FBI

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Attention : IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

From: Legal Attache, Ottawa

( 163-420 )

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<p>Title</p> <p>ALVIN KARPAVISCZ, aka Alvin Karpis</p> <p><i>should be Karpavicz not K</i></p> <p>ALVIN KARPAVICZ</p>	<p>Character</p> <p>FPC</p> <p>Reference</p> <p>No prior correspondence.</p>
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: FATHER JOSEPH M. CLARK  
BRIGHAM CITY, UTAH  
APPOINTMENT WITH DIRECTOR  
4 P.M., 6-3-64

DATE: 5-28-64

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## BACKGROUND:

As Father Joseph M. Clark, who is to see Mr. Hoover at 4 p.m., on 6-3-64, will undoubtedly mention John Paul Chase, the killer of former Agent Hollis and Inspector Cowley, the following is a brief resume of Chase's criminal life. Also included is a resume of Alvin Karpis, whose criminal career and subsequent parole endeavors are very similar to Chase and may be mentioned by Father Clark.

## JOHN PAUL CHASE:

Chase was born on 12-26-01, in California, where he spent the greater part of his life. His criminal activity dealt principally with bootlegging activities in California during the 1920's. He was also engaged in a liquor-smuggling gang which included some of the more notorious California members of the underworld, with headquarters in San Francisco. In the early 1930's, Chase teamed up with Lester Joseph Gillis, better known as "Baby Face" Nelson, who had escaped from the Illinois State Penitentiary in February, 1932. Chase and Gillis were engaged in various types of criminal activities together during the 1932-34 period and were both suspected of several murders. They later teamed up with John Dillinger and other notorious hoodlums and participated in a number of bank robberies with these individuals. In November, 1934, Chase and Gillis while in a stolen car were involved in a gun fight with FBI Agents and Inspector Samuel P. Cowley and Agent H. E. Hollis were murdered. Gillis was also killed in the gun battle which took place in Barrington, Illinois. Chase was later taken into custody by local police at Shasta, California, where he was living under an assumed name.

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Chase subsequently received a life sentence on 3-28-35, in U. S. District Court, Chicago, for the murder of Inspector Cowley. He was also indicted for the murder of Agent Hollis but was never tried on this charge which was dismissed on 10-17-55. In connection with parole attempts on numerous occasions by Chase, the Bureau has never failed to protest the idea of giving leniency to Chase. He is presently incarcerated at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. In March, 1963,

1 - Tolson  
1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Miss Holmes  
1 - Miss Gandy

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CRIME RESEARCH

M. A. Jones to DeLoach memo  
RE: FATHER JOSEPH M. CLARK

Pardon Attorney, U. S. Department of Justice, notified Chase that his application for executive clemency could not be favorably recommended to President Kennedy at that time.

ALVIN KARPAVICZ, AKA ALVIN KARPIS:

Karpis was born in Canada on 8-10-07, and was brought to this country by his parents when he was two years of age. He was one of the ring leaders of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang which terrorized the Midwest during the 1930's. On 1-17-34, Karpis and his gang kidnaped Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, and released Bremer on 2-7-34, after receiving a \$200,000 ransom. On 5-4-34, Karpis and others were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul in connection with Bremer's abduction.

Prior to the Bremer kidnaping, William A. Hamm, Jr., of the Hamm Brewing Company, was kidnaped at St. Paul on 6-15-33. Hamm was released after a ransom of \$100,000 was paid. It was determined that Karpis was one of the individuals responsible for this kidnaping.

Karpis was apprehended by the FBI at New Orleans, Louisiana, on 5-1-36. On 7-14-36, he entered a plea of guilty to the indictments returned in connection with the Hamm kidnaping and was sentenced to life imprisonment on 7-27-36. On approximately 1-30-62, Karpis was transferred from Alcatraz to the U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, where he is currently incarcerated.

Karpis has been eligible for parole since 7-26-51, but waived a parole hearing by U. S. Board of Parole until 7-5-61, when his parole was denied.

In 1962, it was determined that Karpis was attempting to establish a parole plan through correspondence with the director, Catholic Rehabilitations Service of the Federation of Catholic Charities, Montreal, Canada. The director of this organization has indicated his interest in assisting Karpis if he is paroled and deported to Canada, the country where he was born. The Director has advised the Attorney General and the Bureau of Prisons that in view of the notorious background of Karpis, it is believed he is not entitled to any consideration regarding parole.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. TROTTER *lls*

DATE: 5-25-64

FROM : A. K. Bowles *AKB*

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, AKA ALVIN KARPIS  
FBI #199 217  
IDENTIFICATION MATTER  
BUFILE #7-576

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Ident received a request from [REDACTED]  
Legat, Ottawa for a copy of Identification Record and photograph  
of Alvin Karpis. Request has been complied with. [REDACTED]

Bureau file shows Karpis was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1936 for kidnapping and has been incarcerated since that time, presently at U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington. The U. S. Board of Parole denied his request for parole in July, 1963 as it had done in previous years. His parole status is due for review in July, 1964. Our Washington Field Office follows closely with U. S. Board of Parole to notify Bureau immediately in the event of any change in Karpis' status.

## ACTION:

For information. *✓* *AM* *EPC* *WST*

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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EX-103

1 - Mr. McInerney

Airtel

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To: SAC, New Orleans

From: Director, FBI

INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(CRIMINAL SECTION)  
Buded: 7-1-64

Enclosed herewith for information of New Orleans Division are two copies of a letter dated 6-18-64 which was sent to the Director by one [REDACTED]

Instant letter is not specific, however, indicates that during the last year incidents have occurred which have endangered [REDACTED] life and she states she has reached "a stage of extreme fear."

As New Orleans is aware, [REDACTED] was a Government witness during 1938 at Little Rock, Arkansas, concerning prosecution of certain local Hot Springs, Arkansas, officials for harboring and aiding Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell after the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

A review of Bureau files indicates that during the latter part of 1938 after [REDACTED] had testified in above matter she alleged that she was being followed by a strange man whom she identified as a former associate of Karpis and was extremely frightened.

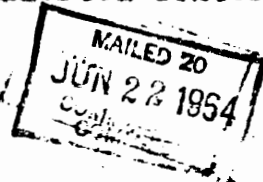
[REDACTED] was interviewed by Bureau Agents at her residence in [REDACTED] on 11-19-38 (New Orleans file 7-15). At that time she was advised to contact the local authorities if she had any reason to fear for her safety and local authorities were alerted concerning [REDACTED] complaint.

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Airtel to New Orleans  
RE: [REDACTED]

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New Orleans should immediately contact [REDACTED] personally acknowledge her letter to the Director and determine if she has any information that would constitute a violation over which this Bureau has jurisdiction. The results of your investigation should be made known to the Bureau by 7-1-64.

NOTE:

Letter sent to the Director dated 6-18-64 by one [REDACTED] former Government witness during harboring in Bremer kidnaping case at Little Rock, Arkansas, during 1938. Instant letter states during last year things have occurred that have endangered [REDACTED] life, but she is not specific. [REDACTED] being contacted personally by Bureau Agent, at which time letter will be acknowledged to determine if she has any information that would indicate a violation within our jurisdiction.

b7c [REDACTED]  
June 18, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover

In 1938 I rendered a service to the F.B.I.  
that I'd rather not mention in mail. Altho the  
case is filed, as the trial was in Little Rock.

Within the last year many things have come  
up that have endangered my life. At this point I  
have reached a stage of extreme fear, plus the  
fact I have a thirteen (13) year old daughter.

I do not know how extensive or descriptive  
I should be concerning the above mentioned, so  
would you please advise me accordingly.

Very truly yours, [REDACTED] R

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Hot Springs, Arkansas

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**FBI**

Date: 6/30/64

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT  
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

**TO:** DIRECTOR, FBI

**FROM:** SAC, NEW ORLEANS (62-3666) (C)

**SUBJECT:** [REDACTED]  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(CRIMINAL SECTION)

Re Bureau airtel to New Orleans, 6/22/64  
W. EDWARD FEARFEBREMER  
[redacted] was contacted 6/29/64 and her  
letter to the Director acknowledged. She stated that she  
is highly nervous and is under a doctor's care. [redacted]  
had no information of a nature to indicate a Federal vio-  
lation. She was very apprehensive for the safety of herself  
and her small daughter, and she stated she had been reluctant  
to discuss the basis of her fears with a doctor. She stated  
that her husband was aware of her writing to the Director and  
that she was also aware of her apprehensions and fears.

Since no Federal violation is indicated, nothing further in this matter is being done.

**ST-115**

**REC- 120**

7-576-15500

20 JUL 3 1964

3 - Bureau  
1 - New Orleans

EC: jas  
(4)

E. C. Wick

Approved: 72 JUL 10 1934 Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 7/10/64

FROM: *Alvin* SAC, SEATTLE (7-1) (P)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
KIDNAPING  
OO: SE

Reurlet 6/2/64.

b7c On 7/8/64 [REDACTED] Classification & Parole Department, U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, advised that subject will again be considered automatically for parole by the U. S. Board of Parole this month. He added that he would immediately advise this office of any developments in this matter.

Seattle will continue to follow this matter at this institution.

3 - Bureau  
2 - WFO (7-63) (Info.)  
2 - Seattle  
JAD:eon  
(7)

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3 JUL 18 1964

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-756)  
576

DATE: 7/16/64

FROM : SAC, WFO (7-63)(P\*)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPING  
(OO:SE)

ReWFOlet dated 10/17/64.

On 7/14/64 [REDACTED]  
U.S. Board of Parole, was contacted by SA WALTER E. THOMAS,  
and he advised that the subject's case was considered by  
the parole board during July, 1964 and that he was turned  
down.

He said that the file contains a notation or a  
"flag stop" to notify the FBI in the event that any action  
is contemplated in the KARPAVICZ matter.

WFO will continue to follow with the U.S. Board  
of Parole.

2- Bureau  
1- WFO

WET/jgm  
(3)

REC 45

7-576-15502

16 JUL 16 1964

cc to Seattle  
0-7/5 7/22/64

58 JAC:SLW

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*[Handwritten signature]*

TRUE COPY

45 Bosworth Lane  
Willingboro N. J.

Dear Sir:

Is it true that you walked up to Alvin Karpis  
in the street and arrested him. I thought only agents arrest  
people.

Thank you  
Larry Wack

REC- 93

7- 576 152  
JUL 20 1964

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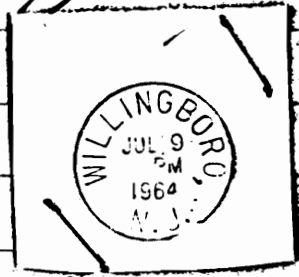


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and arrested him.  
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Thank you,  
Harry Wachs



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *also*

DATE: July 13, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. Shroder  
1 - Mr. Conley

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPIS  
KIDNAPING

*BREKID*

Tolson  
Belmont  
Mohr  
Casper  
Callahan  
Conrad  
DeLoach  
Evans  
Gale  
Rosen  
Sullivan  
Tavel  
Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Holmes  
Gandy

*b7c*  
On 7/13/64, [REDACTED] U. S. Board of Parole, telephonically advised the Bureau that the annual report on Karpis had been reviewed by the Board and parole was again denied. According to [REDACTED] no further consideration will be given to parole for Karpis until July 1965. *mdc*

Karpis, currently incarcerated at McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary, was one of the subjects responsible for the 1933 kidnaping of William A. Hamm, Jr., and the 1934 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. Following his apprehension at New Orleans, on 5/1/36, Karpis entered a guilty plea to the indictments returned in connection with the Hamm kidnaping. On 7/27/36, he was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Each July, the U. S. Board of Parole reviews the annual report on Karpis which is for the purpose of determining whether Karpis should be paroled. In the past, we have advised the Attorney General of the ruthless crimes perpetrated by Karpis and set forth our position that he is not entitled to any consideration. *7/L*

## ACTION:

This matter concerning Karpis is being followed with the U. S. Board of Parole and any change relating to Karpis will be promptly brought to our attention.

REC *pla*

7-576-15509

10 JUL 16 1964

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(7) *10/15*

*58*  
64 JUL 23 1964

REC 12

7-576-15505

August 10, 1964

EX-108

Mr. Michael E. Daily  
11 Euclid Avenue  
Summit, New Jersey

*Michael Daily*

Dear Mr. Daily:

I have received your letter of August 5th.

In connection with the question you raised, I would like to advise that Alvin Karpis is currently incarcerated at the United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington. His date of birth is August 10, 1908. I am enclosing a cancelled Identification Order regarding him.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 25

AUG 10 1964

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Enclosure

Cancelled Identification Order - #1218

NOTE: In July of this year correspondent wrote a similar letter inquiring about "Bugs" Moran. His letter was cordially acknowledged and he was furnished information regarding Moran's death. Material regarding Karpis taken from his identification record.

SAW:plr

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Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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AUG 10 1964

RECEIVED DIRECTOR

*V. Karpis*

*Sam*

TRUE COPY

Michael E. Daily

11 Euclid Avenue, Summit, New Jersey  
August 5, 1964

Dear Sir;

Could you please tell me if the criminal Alvin Karpis is still alive and serving time in San Quentin. Please tell me his date of birth and when he died (if so).

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

Michael Daily

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REC 12  
EX-108

7-576-15505

AUG 11 1964

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21 8/11/64  
5.1 ple

Michael E. Daily

11 Euclid Avenue, Summit, New Jersey

August 5, 1964

Dear Sir;

Could you please tell me if the  
criminal Alvin Karpis is still alive  
and serving time in the quarter. Please  
tell me his date of birth and when  
he died (if so).

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,  
Michael Daily

CORRESPONDENCE

ITC 8/8/64 ple  
ack 8/10/64  
SPW:ple

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October 1, 1964

REC 57 7-576-15506

Mr. Richard A. White, Jr.  
14 Edinboro Place  
Newtonville, Massachusetts 02160

Dear Mr. White:

Your letter of September 27th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, Alvin Karpis is presently confined in the United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, having been transferred there from Alcatraz. He is serving a life sentence for conspiracy to kidnap and transport.

Enclosed is material I hope you enjoy reading.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (10)  
The Story of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Fingerprint Identification  
Cancelled IO's numbers 1166, 1194, 1203, 1217, 1218, 1419, and 1456.  
The FBI Laboratory  
NOTE: Alvin Karpis is subject of FBI Number 199217. Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.  
DCL:eje (3)

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FBI  
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RECEIVED DIRECTOR

Richard A. White Jr.  
14 Edinboro Place  
Newtonville, Mass. 02160

J. Edgar Hoover  
F.B.I.  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

I have read many books on you and was wondering

if you could give me some information referring to Alvin  
Kapris? Is he still alive? If so in what prison? I would  
be pleased if you should send me a reply. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Richard A. White Jr.  
14 Edinboro Place  
Newtonville, Mass. 02160



REC 61

7-576-12316

11 OCT 2 1964

CORRESPONDENCE

*Re: 10/1/64  
rec'd file in 12/1/64*



Mr. Conrad

November 2, 1964

W. D. Griffith

**Bulky Exhibits  
Laboratory Division**

A review of current bulky exhibits being maintained by the Laboratory Division has been completed.

In the case captioned "Alvin Karpavicz, aka Alvin Karpis, Kidnaping," SA J. Allison Conley has advised that the .45 caliber cartridge cases and the .45 caliber projectile should be retained until Karpis dies.

With respect to the case entitled "John Paul Chase, aka, Murder of Inspector Samuel T. Cowley and SA H. E. Hollis," SA Fletcher D. Thompson has advised that the bulky evidence being maintained in the Laboratory files should be retained until subject Chase dies or the pending indictment against him is dropped. It is noted that the evidence referred to consists of a .22 caliber Ace pistol, a .30 caliber Winchester rifle and a .45 caliber Thompson submachine gun. In addition, there is a .22 caliber Savage rifle and a .22 caliber Remington rifle.

Concerning the case entitled [REDACTED] aka, STAR-G," SA Earl H. Williams has advised that the gambling paraphernalia consisting of 31 punchboards making up the bulky exhibit in this matter should be retained for the present, since this material is used periodically as a known standard against which questioned submissions are compared.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Ray
- 1 - 7-576
- 1 - 62-29777
- 1 - 166-474
- 1 - 105-126369

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29 NOV 13 1964

Memorandum Griffith to Conrad  
Re: Bulky Exhibits  
Laboratory Division

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With respect to the case captioned [REDACTED] SA Anthony O'Toole, the examiner in the matter, has advised that this is a pending case and it will be necessary to retain the evidence until the disposition of the case is determined. The evidence maintained in the Laboratory files consists of various items of espionage apparatus formerly utilized by subject [REDACTED]

RECOMMENDATION: In view of the above, the bulky exhibits in the Karpis, Chase, [REDACTED] cases should be maintained until appropriate disposition is possible in each instance.

January 5, 1965

REC-16

7-576-15507

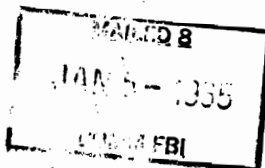
Mr. William Jameson  
2 Whitney Drive  
Stockton, New York

Dear William:

Your letter of December 30th has been received  
and it is a pleasure to know of your interest in the work of the  
YIP.

In answer to your inquiry, Alvin Karpis was  
transferred on April 8, 1962, from the United States Penitentiary  
at Alcatraz to McNeil Island, Washington.

Enclosed is material pertaining to our activities  
I hope you will find of interest.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)

Some Who Fight Crime  
What It's Like to Be an FBI Agent  
How to Join the FBI  
The Fight on Organized Crime  
The Story of the FBI

NOTE: The information concerning Karpis' transfer from Alcatraz to  
McNeil Island is contained in the Ident Record. 12-105

EDM:WLR (3)

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

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pen/gun  
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JAN 5 1965

TRUE COPY

December 29, 1964

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

Mr. Hoover:

I like the way you fight crooks. Of all the cases you handled, the one I like best is "The Boss's Case," I like the way you caught Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter in New Orleans and none of your men had hand cuffs.

ALVIN  
The reason I'm writing to you is because I would like to know what prison Karpis is in. In the story I read said he went to Alcatraz for life. But since Alcatraz is not used any more, I would like to know where he is. If I am wasting your valuable time, please don't bother to answer it. //

Sincerely,  
William Jameson  
2 Whitney Drive  
Woodstock NY Age-12

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16 JAN 7 1965

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 2/3/65

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (7-1) (P\*)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
KIDNAPING  
OO: SE

Re SElet to Bureau 7/10/64.

On 2/2/65 [REDACTED] U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, advised that Progress Report will be prepared on the subject in June, 1965, and will be submitted to the U. S. Board of Parole, Washington, D. C. He added that the U. S. Board of Parole will then review this report in July, 1965, and no action is anticipated in this matter until that time.

Seattle will continue to follow this matter.

2 - Bureau  
1 - WFO (Info.) (7-63)  
2 - Seattle  
JAD:eon  
(5)

REC-16

7-576-15508  
16 FEB 5 1965

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Tavel *ST*

DATE: 4-6-65

FROM : L. E. Shorne *ky*

SUBJECT: BREKID  
Bufile 7-576

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Attached is a one dollar bill that has been filed as an enclosure in the Bremer kidnaping case for the past 20 years (7-576-562). This money was transmitted to the Bureau by a copy of a letter from SAC Werner Hanni, St. Paul Office to the SAC, Kansas City Office dated 2-17-34. This bill was taken in by the First National Bank of Owatonna and turned over to the St. Paul Office by the County Attorney, Owatonna, Minnesota. It was thought the bill might have some significance to the Bremer kidnaping case because it contained writing in pen and ink stating, "Mr. Bremer was held in Kansas City 10 men in gang leaders won't split Fair." However, it does not appear that this bill is of any current value to this case and it is therefore recommended that, with the approval of the General Investigative Division, the Administrative Division place this one dollar bill in the Bureau's Miscellaneous Fund.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That, upon approval by the Kidnaping Desk of the General Investigative Division, the Administrative Division place the attached one dollar bill in the Bureau's Miscellaneous Fund.

## Enclosure

1 - Administrative Division *✓*

*LWB:jam*  
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*CASH* for \$ 1.00 detached and sent to  
Treasury. See Certificate of Deposit  
and Schedule of Collections FBI- 68 dated 5/6/65

1 MAY 7 1965

*THREE*



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (7-576)

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, Seattle (7-1) (P\*)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, Aka  
KIDNAPING

OO : SE

DATE: 7/16/65

Remylet 2/3/65.

*b7c* On 7/14/65, *[Redacted]* USP,  
McNeil Island, Washington, advised that he was currently  
preparing a semi-annual progress summary on KARPAVICZ, which  
will be submitted to parole authorities in Washington, D.C.,  
this month. He added that he would advise this office of any  
change in KARPAVICZ' status.

2 - Bureau  
1 - Seattle  
JAD:bhc  
(3)

REC 5

7-576-1511  
JUL 21 1965



Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-756)

DATE: 8/20/65

FROM : SAC, WFO (7-63) (P\*)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPPING  
(OO:SE)

Re WFO letter 7/16/64.

On 8/16/65, [REDACTED]  
U. S. Board of Parole, was contacted by SA WALTER E. THOMAS  
and he advised that the subject's case was considered by the  
Parole Board during 8/9/65 and parole was denied.

He said that the file contains a notation or a  
"flag stop" to notify WALTER E. THOMAS of the Washington  
Field Office in the event that any special action is contem-  
plated in this matter.

WFO will continue to follow with the U. S. Board  
of Parole.

3 - Bureau  
1 - Seattle (7-1)(Info)  
1 - WFO

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(5)

REC-66 7-576-15511

25 AUG 23 1965

EX-100

*Rosen to Belmont memo  
SF 11/1/65  
19 5/1/65*



AUG 31 1965

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: August 27

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, AKA.  
ALVIN KARPIS  
KIDNAPING

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. Shrode  
1 - Mr. McIner

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

On 8/16/65

U. S. Board of Parole, advised our Washington Field Office that the annual report on Karpis had been reviewed by the Board, and parole was again denied.

Karpis, currently incarcerated at McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary, was one of the subjects responsible for the 1933 kidnaping of William A. Hamm, Jr., and the 1934 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. Following his apprehension at New Orleans on 5/1/36, Karpis entered a guilty plea to the indictments returned in connection with the Hamm kidnaping. On 7/27/36 he was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Each year the U. S. Board of Parole reviews the annual report on Karpis, which is for the purpose of determining whether Karpis should be paroled. In the past, we have advised the Attorney General of the ruthless crimes perpetrated by Karpis and set forth our position that he is not entitled to any consideration.

## ACTION:

This matter concerning Karpis is being followed with the U. S. Board of Parole, and any change relating to Karpis will be promptly brought to our attention.

SFM:bjc  
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EX-107  
REC-18  
1-576-15512  
16 SEP 8 1965  
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SEP 15 1965 Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (7-576)

FROM : SAC, Seattle (7-1) *px*

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
KIDNAPING

DATE: 10/28/65

Re WFO letter to Bureau, 8/20/65.

Reference letter reflects subject's parole was denied 8/9/65.

*b7c* On 8/11/65, [REDACTED] USP, McNeil Island, Washington, advised [REDACTED] he will advise of any change in status for subject. He could not state when this matter will again come before the parole board but stated it will be at least six months.

2 - Bureau  
1 - Seattle  
JEM/las  
(3)

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25 OCT 29 1965

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

Mr. Conrad

11/15/65

W. D. Griffith

**BULKY EXHIBITS  
LABORATORY DIVISION**

A review of the current bulky exhibits maintained by the Laboratory Division has been completed.

In the case captioned "Alvin Karpavicz, aka Alvin Karpis, Kidnaping," SA J. Allison Conley advised information has not been received indicating the death of Karpis; therefore, the .45 caliber projectile and the .45 caliber cartridge cases should be retained.

ACTION: None. For information.

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Jepsen
- ① Bufile 7-576

RJ:mb  
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1 - Mr. O'Keeffe

Airtel

To: SACs Minneapolis  
Seattle REC-24

From: Director, FBI (7-576) -15514

BREKID  
OO: SEATTLE

Enclosed herewith for Minneapolis are two copies of a self-explanatory letter from Kenn Hansell, c/o Arnold Wencel, 4624 Dupont Avenue, North, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The original of this letter was received at the Bureau on 1-17-66.

Minneapolis will note that Hansell refers to an unnamed magazine article which states that \$100,000 ransom from captioned case is buried in Minnesota. He requests information as to the amount of ransom still outstanding in this case. For your information \$200,000 ransom was paid in captioned case and Bureau Agents have recovered \$19870.00 of the original ransom money.

Minneapolis should promptly contact Hansell, acknowledge his letter to the Bureau and advise him only that there is a substantial amount of money still unrecovered. Do not mention any specific amounts. Through interview of Hansell identify the magazine article to which he refers and advise Bureau together with your recommendations concerning information appearing in the article.

Suairtel by 1-28-66. For your information Hansell's letter is not being acknowledged by Bureau.

Enclosures (2)

JOK:tnf

57 JAN 31 1966


SEE NOTE PAGE 2.

MAILED 14  
JAN 20 1966  
COMM-FBI

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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b7c  
NOTE: Alvin Carpis and others kidnaped Ed G. Bremer in 1934. Carpis is the only one of these kidnapers still living and he is now incarcerated in McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary.



Hansell's letter to us refers to a magazine article stating \$100,000 of the Bremer ransom is buried in Minnesota. He wants to know how much has been recovered indicating he intends to search for the money if this amount is still outstanding. It does not appear we should advise him of the exact amount of money unrecovered.

TRUE COPY

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Sir:

*Berkid*

In a recent magazine there is a story of \$100,000 in 5 and 10 dollars bills buried in Minnesota from the Bremmer Kidnapping case of 1934.

A friend and I plan to look for it this summer. I looked it up in the New York times year file and there is only one mention of a \$1000 bill turing up in Rochester, N Y. in 1934. As this was marked money do you have any information as to how much was recovered. If this amount is still missing then there maybe something to the story. The writer claims \$100,000 was sent to cuba and exchanged. The total ransom was \$200,000.<sup>00</sup> I would appreciate any information you can furnish as it will save us a lot of useless looking if the story is a hoax.

Thanking You,

Kenn Hansell  
c/o Arnold Wencel  
4624 Dupont Ave No  
Mpls., Minn.

7-576-15

REC-24 JAN 21 1966

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*ack in letter at  
TC 1-18-66*

*8-elt  
6-jll*



Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Sir:

In a recent magazine there is a story of \$100,000 in 5 and 10 dollar bills buried in Minnesota from the Bremmer Kidnapping case of 1934.

A friend and I plan to look for it this summer. I looked it up in the New York Times year file and there is only one mention of a \$10 bill turning up in Rochester, N.Y. in 1934. As this was washed money do you have any information as to how much was recovered?

CORRESPONDENCE

~~ack to Mr. E. J. Connelley~~  
~~TC 1/20/36~~

ack to  
MP 1/20/36  
JK

b. J. H.

F B I

Date: 1/26/66

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
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 SUBJECT: BREKID  
 OO: SEATTLE

Re Bureau airtel to Minneapolis and Seattle dated  
 1/20/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a copy of the February  
 1966 issue of "Men" magazine which contains the story referred  
 to in the letter of KENN HANSELL, which was received at the  
 Bureau on 1/17/66.

Enclosed for the information of Seattle is one  
 Xerox copy of this story

On 1/21/66, KENN HANSELL was located at the  
 Wisconsin Hotel, 1700 Portland Avenue South, Minneapolis,  
 Minnesota. His letter to the Bureau was acknowledged and  
 at this time he was advised that there was a substantial  
 amount of the ransom money paid in captioned case still  
 unrecovered. HANSELL advised that as a hobby he searches  
 for hidden treasures of all types and he has no information  
 to furnish regarding any of the ransom money in captioned  
 case being buried in Minnesota, other than what information  
 appeared in the February 1966 issue of "Men" magazine.

A copy of the February 1966 issue of "Men"  
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625 Madison Avenue, New York, New York. The story appearing in this magazine as mentioned by HANSELL is entitled, "Those Unearthed Millions In Gangster Gold". The author of this story is shown to be BRAD STEIGER and the story appears on Pages 20, 21, 78 through 81. This story relates to unrecovered millions of dollars alleged to have been buried by the gangsters of the early 30's.

A portion of this story as it appears on page 80 relates to captioned case and shows that after the kidnaping of EDWARD GEORGE BRENNER (correct spelling BREMER) at St. Paul, Minnesota, according to those who rode with "MA" BARKER from Rochester, Minnesota, "MA" BARKER and her son FRED buried half of the original \$200,000 ransom money in a strongbox wrapped in heavy tarpaulin. This article goes on to state that according to one of the BARKER brothers, who survived the closing of the FBI net, it was buried halfway between Rochester and Chatfield, Minnesota. FRED BARKER allegedly complained about the bitter cold and later laughed that they had uprooted a fence post when burying the loot. The remaining half of the loot, according to this story, was exchanged in Havana, Cuba for Cuban gold which was eventually split up by the gang.

According to Interesting Case Number 7-576, which relates to the kidnaping of EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, St. Paul, Minnesota, on 1/17/34, the ransom money was originally buried at Wilmington, Illinois and on 3/23/34, was moved to the apartment of FRED BARKER in Chicago, Illinois. Thereafter the ransom money was taken to the apartment of WILLIAM WEAVER at Aurora, Illinois and substantial amounts routed through Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN to the money-changers in Chicago, Illinois. This interesting case write-up shows that a substantial sum of the money was later exchanged in Cuba.

The source from which the author of the above-mentioned story obtained his information is not known and it appears to be without basis. There is nothing in the Minneapolis files to indicate that any information was ever received regarding any of the ransom money in captioned case being buried any place in Minnesota.

The "Men" magazine appears of the "smut variety", dealing in sensationalism, sex exposes, and contains photos of seminudes.

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It is the recommendation of the Minneapolis Office that no further action be taken in regard to this matter and no lead is being set out to locate and interview the author of the afore-mentioned story in the February 1966 issue of "Men".

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By BRAD STEIGER







**NOTORIOUS GANGSTERS** (above, rt.) pulled off amazing string of bank robberies during Thirties, stealing huge sums of money. Police divers (above, left) are plumbing depths of Indiana river after officials received tip that cache of money stolen 30 years earlier was sunk by fleeing gangsters

# THOSE UNEARTHED MILLIONS IN GANGSTER GOLD



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**EMIL Wanetka** smiled at the sound of the car pulling up in front of his isolated roadhouse eight miles southeast of Mercer, Wisconsin. Business had been slow at the Little Bohemia, he sighed to himself, taking another swipe at the bar with the rag. Maybe things would pick up. Maybe this would be a car load of free-spending, high-tipping tourists.

The door to his tavern swung open and three men walked boldly toward the bar. Wanetka was about to hail them with a "What'll it be, Gents" when they stopped in the middle of the room. There, as if seeking hidden enemies, they looked around (Continued on page 78)

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toward all the corners, then walked over to the windows as if to gauge the approaches of the road to the little tavern.

One of them sat down in a chair against a wall and lifted a suitcase to his lap. Wanetka watched with a curiosity that turned to horror as the surly man opened the case and assembled miscellaneous metal pieces into a vicious Thompson sub-machine gun.

Not a word had been spoken. The two men, who still stood at the windows, motioned to somebody outside, then turned toward Wanetka. A small, slight, almost effeminate man entered the tavern and approached the barman. Wanetka knew he had seen that face somewhere before, but he could not place it.

"The boys say your place is all right," the man said softly. "My friends and I are going to stay here a while."

Fear seared the mind of the bartender at the same instant that recognition of his guests came to him from a hundred newspaper photos and wanted posters. This was a prize collection of the most notorious gangsters who ever gunned down bank tellers, slaughtered law officers and hoodlum rivals, or carved up the face of a stoolie.

THE slight man who had informed him that they were going to "stay a while" was John Dillinger. His unsmiling playmates were Van Meter, Tommy Carroll, Pat Reilly and Baby Face Nelson. Entering the roadhouse with a flourish of beaded bags, bare knees and bee-stung lips were their playgirls Helen Gillis, Marie Comforti and Jean Delaney.

Wanetka glanced at the calendar above the bar mirror: April 20, 1934. It could easily be his last day on earth. He cleared his throat, forced a smile: "What'll you have, folks?"

This was the beginning of a three-day ordeal for Emil Wanetka. For 72 hours, the Dillinger gang drank up the tavern-owner's booze, played his juke box with coins pilfered from his till and made the Little Bohemia swing, swing, swing.

Things were hot for the mob. They had left Chicago with G-men on their tails, and they knew that Hoover's helpers would not be far behind. Dillinger was stalling for time—time for Patricia Charrington to find a new hideout on the West-side of Chicago. Gangland courier as well as mob moll for Dillinger, Patricia had just taken a million dollars worth of bonds and securities that the soft-voiced hood had heisted to Minneapolis to be converted by a fence into \$200,000 in ready cash. Dillinger had packed the loot in the suitcase and sent his errand girl back to Chicago to find a new ice box for the gang to cool off in.

Although Dillinger never left the suitcase out of his sight, neither it nor the \$200,000 would ever leave the Wisconsin woods. Persistent Federal agents, receiving word that the Dillinger mob was hiding out in the little tavern, had come by plane to Mercer. Eager to close the net on the vicious gang, the G-men headed for the Little Bohemia at once, hoping to snare the mob after a chase that had lasted for months.

The agents were quick to spot the mounted guard on the roof of the small tavern. Not for one minute underestimating Dillinger's prowess with a sub-machine gun,

the G-men decided to wait until dark before they moved in.

Then three men walked out of the Little Bohemia and got into a car. Unknown to the agents, these men were not in any way affiliated with the Dillinger mob, but were three CCC workers, John Hoffman, Eugene Boissoneau and John Morris.

Hoffman drove the car onto the highway and headed toward the G-men who were forming a kind of traffic block just down the road from the tavern. One of the agents told Hoffman to stop, but because he did not hear or did not understand, he kept on going. The agents, thinking that the men were part of Dillinger's mob hell-bent on escape, fired on the car, fatally wounding Boissoneau. Morris was seriously injured, and Hoffman, untouched by the bullets, ran as fast as he could for the tall timber.

The sudden burst of gunfire from the woods tipped the hoods inside the Little Bohemia as completely as if the agents had called them on the telephone and told them to expect company for lunch.

One by one, Dillinger and his thugs slipped out of a window in the back of the tavern and ran for the surrounding woods. None of them ran in the same direction, each took a separate route through the time to another roadhouse down the highway from the Little Bohemia. The hoods had noticed that their boss had grabbed the suitcase full of bills when he dove out the window. When they rendezvoused at the new roadhouse, he no longer carried the valuable valise.

The gang left the roadhouse for the home of Robert Johnson where they stole a car and roared down the road for the Windy City. The persistent Federal agents, not knowing that the men they sought had slipped away, had continued to bombard the tavern with everything they had, from machineguns to tear gas. When they finally forced the door, all they found was Emil Wanetka and the three pleasure girls cowering behind the bar.

BACK in Chicago, Dillinger located Patricia Charrington and proclaimed his satisfaction with the new hideout she had chosen. Unable to suppress an effeminate giggle, he told his moll how he had once again made monkeys out of the Feds. Then, turning deadly serious, he told her where he had hidden the \$200,000.

"I lit out of that tavern like a bat out of hell. I ran 500 yards straight north of the joint. There, in the center of a semicircle formed by three trees, I dug a hole in the ground and pushed the suitcase into it. I threw dirt and leaves on top of that, you know, so it won't look like nobody has been digging there."

"Baby, just as soon as the heat's off, you and me are gonna take another little trip to Wisconsin. Then we are really going to take a dandy vacation!"

Dillinger and Patricia Charrington never got to take that "dandy vacation."

A short time later, the Federal agents closed in on the killer outside the Biograph Theater in Chicago and shot him down as he tried to elude capture.

After a term in prison, Pat Charrington never again expressed interest in reclaiming the \$200,000 that Dillinger had interred in Wisconsin soil. "Hell," she shrugged once. "That was Johnny's money."

She did, however, give explicit instructions for finding the loot to a lawyer friend; but it is highly doubtful that the instructions are completely accurate.

John Dillinger scrambled out of that window in the dark with guns blazing in front of the tavern and adrenalin pumping through his veins. But whether he

ran 500 yards, as he said he did, a 100 feet, or a mile is impossible to say. An excited man does not count the feet flying beneath him when he fears for bullets whizzing past his ears. It is also unlikely that he was able to run "straight north" as he told his moll. It would be very difficult to run for 500 yards in a straight line in any direction in the Wisconsin woods. The fact that Dillinger made his dash after dark also decreases the possibility that he ran "500 yards straight north."

But one fact in John Dillinger's treasure story does remain unassailable. And that, of course, is the very tempting truth that somewhere in the woods eight miles southwest of Mercer, Wisconsin lies \$200,000 just a few inches below the surface—as yet, unearthed.

It may come as some surprise to many of the gold-hunters who seek out lost mines in Arizona and sunken galleons off the Florida keys, but Midwestern soil offers fertile ground for the treasure-seeker as well as the corn-grower. During the tempestuous Twenties, Chicago ganglords were busy harvesting bundles of ill-gotten coin. And most of them were realistic enough to realize that they couldn't take it with them. And all of them swore that the Feds would never get it! So, like Captain Kidd, Blackbeard and generations of pirates and plunderers before them, the bootleg buccaneers buried millions of dollars of gangster gold in the states of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Indiana.

Before the underworld of Chicago had ever heard of Al Capone, a man called Big Jim Colosimo ruled the gangland roost. The big, burly man, who made most of his money off the sweat of the backs of his pleasure girls, was the first of the barons on the Chicago scene.

Big Jim's most notable idiosyncrasy was his penchant for diamonds. He bought them from jewelry stores, private dealers and often relieved jewel thieves of their take. He wore loud, flashy suits and greatly implemented his aura of splendor by wearing a diamond ring on each finger. The studs on his shirt front were all of diamonds, and he wore a huge diamond encrusted horseshoe on his suspenders. In addition to being almost completely attired with his favorite gem, the big hoodlum carried pocketfuls of diamonds wherever he went. His cronies grew accustomed to seeing Colosimo's eager fingers reach for a pocket of diamonds whenever he was under stress. He was like a baby with a pacifier as he sifted his fingers through dozens of the sparkly gems.

WHEN he was killed by a gangland rival, the total value of his estate came to a mere \$40,000. According to underworld experts, this was about one-twentieth of what he was worth. What happened to Big Jim's gems? Some hoods claimed he liquidated the diamonds and spent them on a woman. But the woman in question, Dale Winter, emphatically denied it. Big Jim was, she claimed, a hard man with a dollar. Those who knew him best said that Colosimo had hidden the diamonds—about \$600,000 worth—in downstate Illinois. This cache has never been found.

Big Jim had entered into a loveless marriage of convenience around the turn of the century, but it wasn't until late winter of 1920 that he met a girl who could really turn him on. Dale Winter, an actress and singer, sent her diamond-bedecked lover scurrying to his lawyers to arrange a divorce with his wife. She settled for a flat \$50,000 and got it without protest from Colosimo. Three weeks after the divorce,

Big Jim was married to Dale Winter at Crown Point, Indiana.

During the time that the big boss had become infatuated with Dale Winter, he had turned over much of his organization's administrative work to his first assistant, Johnny Torrio. Torrio had come up through the ranks from Colosimo's bodyguard to his right-hand man. He'd watched Colosimo's operation and knew that, given an opportunity, he could take over. He was very happy to accept the reins of the organization while his boss ran around panting after the young singer.

A week after Colosimo returned from his honeymoon, he left the breakfast table and his new wife for the last time. He had kissed his bride resoundingly, whispered his plans for the evening into a curler-covered ear, then left her with a wink and an expansive grin.

Since he had returned from his honeymoon, his diamond accouterments had disappeared from his suits. The suits themselves had taken on a more tasteful air, probably from the influence of his new wife who did not approve of ostentation in personal dress.

Colosimo traveled by car through Chicago to a restaurant that he owned. There he met and conversed with his secretary, Frank Camilla. After a short conference, Big Jim left the office and started for the front door. He never made it. Camilla heard two shots and ran to the front of the restaurant where he found Big Jim Colosimo sprawled on the floor with two slugs in his back. Torrio had accomplished his power play.

WHEN the auditing of Colosimo's estate was completed, Torrio, as principal heir, was decidedly unhappy with the relatively small amount of money to be divided with the grieving widow. What, he snarled at his henchmen, had happened to all the diamonds?

Everyone had known that diamonds had been an obsession with the big man. Evidently his young wife must have killed that obsession or at least subdued it with another. His lawyers wrote the diamonds off as a permanent loss. They ventured that Colosimo, having been freed of his lust for power and ostentatious wealth, had buried the precious gems as a kind of his independence. According to some sources, Big Jim told his most intimate gangland cronies that he had buried them in the country outside of Crown Point. He said that they would always be there if he needed them, but as long as he had Dale,



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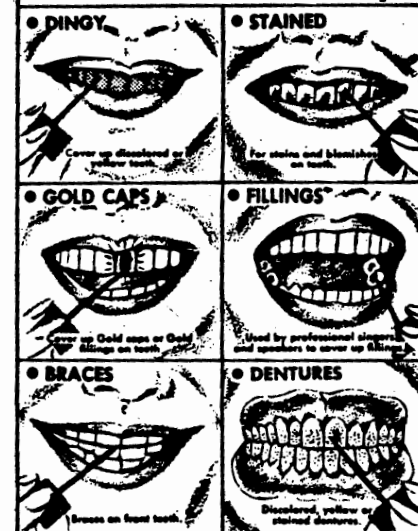
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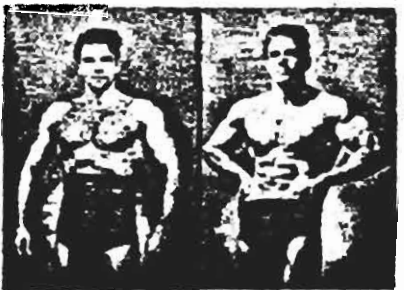
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he had no use for them.

Somewhere outside of Crown Point, Indiana, just a few feet under the ground, lies over \$800,000 in diamonds. The spot to plant the spade, however, was known to only one man—and that knowledge was lost forever when two gangland slugs slammed the life out of him in his own Chicago cafe.

A word of caution before treasure hunters begin descending on Crown Point. In 1924, a group of noisy tourists began spading up the terrain, proclaiming loudly that they were after the diamonds. Unfortunately, some of Johnny Torrio's mobsters were also in the vicinity doing just exactly the same thing. Torrio had strong feelings about the fact that he, as Colosimo's "heir," was entitled to all the diamonds. Three of the startled tourists were wounded, one seriously, by the treasure-hunting thugs. Even today a favorite summer diversion for certain Chicago hoodlums consists of an elaborate expedition to "hunt for Big Jim's gems." Although the forays usually degenerate into drinking parties and hell-raising brawls, it would not be a good idea to run afoul of the syndicate's safari.

The Barker-Karpis gang had the meanest reputation in the underworld of the Thirties. "Ma" Barker and her four sons, coupled with Alvin Karpis and his shotgun sadists, made a lethal and grotesquely effective band of plunderers. These bandits loved banks, blood and butchery. Their repertoire included mail robberies and prison breaks, bank hold-ups and kidnappings.

The gang followed their matriarch with loaded machine guns, using St. Paul, then Chicago, then Kansas City alternately as quarters. Wherever they went, murder mayhem were certain to follow. Kidnapped and held William A. Hamm, Jr. for a hundred-thousand dollar ransom. Hamm, one of the owners of the famous Hamm's brewing company was lucky to return alive after the money had been transferred to the gang's hands.

"Ma" decided that kidnapping was both lucrative and easy, and quickly herded her brood into another body snatch. It was time, she had decided, to put away some loot for her old age.

With gangster's logic, "Ma" said that their next victim would be Edward George Brenner, president of the Commercial State Bank in St. Paul, Minnesota. A gun at the head of the president, she reasoned, and all the bank vaults would swing open at her command.

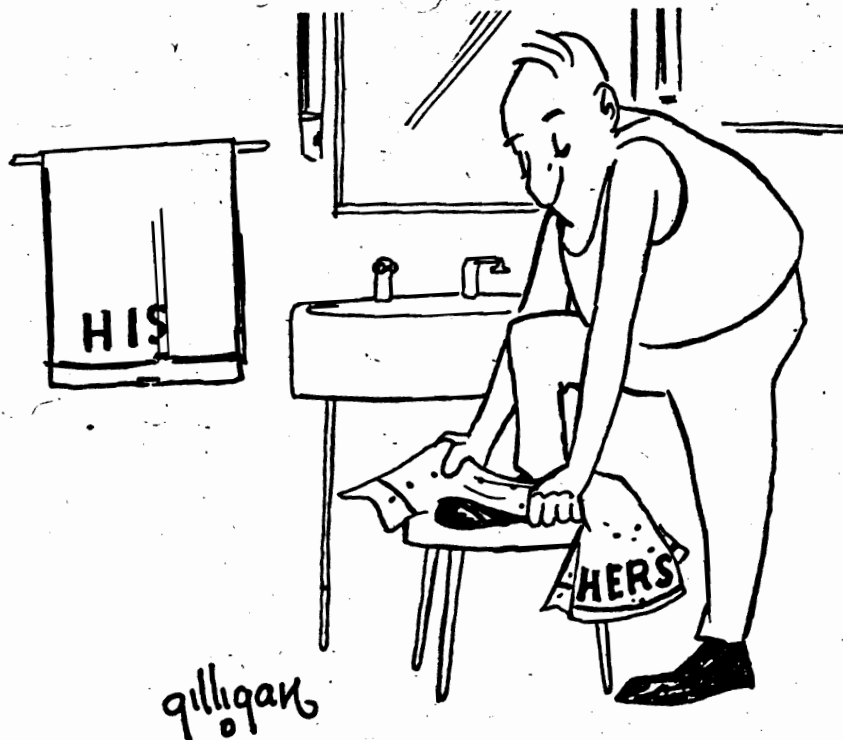
THE first attempt to snare Brenner ended in failure for the mob and in bloodshed for two innocent men. As the gang had pulled up to its final rendezvous before closing in on the bank president, a car slowed to a halt behind them.

"Cops!" someone had yelled as he spotted two uniformed men inside the car.

As the Barker car roared away from the curb, machineguns chattered and two pilots from Northwestern Airways slumped forward badly wounded. In their commercial uniforms, they had been mistaken by the gang as "cops."

Never one to believe in bad omens, the determined "Ma" managed to snatch Brenner from his car just after he had dropped his daughter off at her school. The ransom was set at \$200,000. Long and intricate negotiations between the anguished family and the Barker-Karpis mob took almost a month. The FBI was helpless while the malicious held Brenner in its hideout. At last payment was made in five and ten dollar bills, and the gang pushed Brenner out of a car on a side road north of Rochester, Minnesota.

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Now that "Ma" had obtained the ransom from the Brenner family, she was faced with the problem of exchanging it for bills whose serial numbers had not been recorded by the G-men. It is known that \$100,000 of the take from the Brenner kidnapping was sent to Chicago and relayed by intricate route to Havana, Cuba where it was exchanged for gold.

What happened to the other \$100,000? According to those who rode south in the car with "Ma" from Rochester, Minnesota, the murderous matriarch stopped the car and, with the help of her son, Fred, carefully buried the money in a strongbox wrapped in heavy tarpaulin.

The tough old gal was shrewd enough to realize that getting all of the ransom money exchanged by the Havana route would have been impossible. Furthermore, it would be easier to exchange the rest of the take after the heat was off the case.

After "Ma" and Fred buried half of the loot, the gang brought the remaining \$100,000 to Chicago to begin negotiations for Cuban gold. Upon its arrival, the gang eagerly divided the money and split in several directions to wait out the Federal heat-wave in comfort.

Alert G-men caught up with Karpis and company in Kansas. Following a slim lead, other agents encircled the Florida cottage where "Ma" and Fred Barker had holed up. After a vicious fight to the death, agents burst into the cottage to discover a veritable arsenal, and the corpses of Fred and the machine-gunning mother of the Barker clan.

No farmer's plow has yet unearthed the remaining \$100,000 from the Brenner kidnapping that "Ma" Barker carefully buried in the canvas-covered cashbox. According to one of the Barker brothers who survived the closing of the FBI net, it was buried about halfway between Rochester, Minnesota and the little town of Chatfield. Fred Barker is said to have complained about the cold and later laughed that they had uprooted a fencepost when burying the loot.

There are over twenty miles of fenceposts between Rochester and Chatfield, but under one of them is \$100,000 in five and ten dollar bills.

Over 800 gangland slayings occurred

in Chicago between 1923 and 1927. When the smoke cleared at a peace conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey in 1927, Alphonse Capone was proclaimed King of the Windy City.

One of Capone's early rivals had been the Genna gang. In 1925, Big Al killed three of the brothers; and the other three, realizing that they were marked men, ran for their native Sicily so fast that one of them left his wife behind to sell over \$50,000 worth of furniture. The story of the Gennas and their flight is also the story of several more packets of unfound bills.

The Genna brothers had made their money by employing half the population of the Sicilian ghetto in cooking corn sugar into alcohol. To the average immigrant arriving in Chicago, fifteen dollars a week was a fortune—and that was what they got for cooking Genna brew. All Papa had to do was sit at home and keep the fire going and watch as the valuable liquid boiled out of the still. At the peak of their bootleg career, the Genna gang was clearing about \$10,000 a week—no small sum, even when divided six ways.

When they got too ambitious and began moving into Capone's territory, Al showed them in no uncertain terms just whom they were messing with. Angelo Genna had his head blown off with sawed-off shotguns. Mike was killed in a running gun battle with police while riding in a Capone car that would have taken him to his death anyway. Antonio was chopped down by Capone torpedoes as he left a restaurant. Knowing that their names could not be far down on the hit-list, the remaining Genna brothers fled across the Atlantic.

In Italy, Jim Genna, penniless, but alive, often boasted of the chache that he had buried over the stateline in Indiana. No one can be certain how much Jim had a chance to salt away—sometimes he talked of \$50,000, sometimes of \$150,000. He would, he told his wide-eyed listeners, return one day to America and once again be a big shot. But he never did. The memory of the brutal efficiency of Capone torpedoes haunted his dreams.

His cache is said to be located between the crossing of Highways six and 30 and the little town of Brennen, Indiana. Ac-

According to his bodyguard, Genna went out Highway six on a side road for about a mile or a mile and a half, then made him sit in the car while he took shovel and cashbox and disappeared into the darkness. All he would tell the thug was that he "buried it in a pasture beside a rock pile."

Another bundle of lost bills is associated closely with the Genna gang. With the methodic assassination of three of the brothers and the rapid disintegration of the mob, Sam Samoots Amatuna saw his chance to make a mint. With the death of Angelo Genna, the seat of the powerful Unione Sicillione was left vacant. Capone wanted full control of the Unione, but Amatuna, acting just one jump ahead of Big Al, descended on the office of the Unione Sicillione with the lesser henchmen of the Genna gang and had himself declared president.

Amatuna was a realist. He was fully aware of Capone's power and that the czar of crime would soon come to bargain with him. Amatuna would be reasonable. He would step down from the presidency of the Unione Sicillione—preferably for a price—in favor of Capone. All he wanted was just a little more time to earn a few more bucks so that he might spend the rest of his life in ease. If Capone should prove unreasonable, Amatuna had his getaway completely planned, right down to the escape routes; and he had hidden \$50,000 on a road heading toward northern Wisconsin and \$20,000 on a highway heading southwest from Chicago. His getaway was to be by car. No matter which route he took, he could pick up a nest egg along the way.

ACCORDING to Amatuna's chauffeur, the mobster buried one bundle along Highway 12, just north of Pell Lake, Wisconsin. Amatuna left his car shortly after one in the morning and walked at a 90-degree angle off the highway until he came to a clump of trees. He entered the little grove and disappeared. About a half an hour later, he returned minus his package. Later the same week, Amatuna and his chauffeur again made a trip away from Chicago, moving south. On this occasion, the observant chauffeur remembered, Amatuna had buried his pin-money just south of Braidwood, Illinois along Route 66.

The two nest eggs are still waiting for someone to hatch them. Before Amatuna could dig them up, he was buried deeper than his money. On November 13, 1925, Sam Samoots Amatuna was murdered as he sat in a barber chair getting a shave and a manicure. His right-hand henchman was killed as he returned from Amatuna's funeral. Another Amatuna man was killed two weeks later in a drugstore.

How many more gangsters of the Twenties and Thirties prepared for a future that never came? With so much money flying around Chicago, it is a good bet that there were quite a few. The dream of every gangland figure was to get out of the jungle of organized crime and enjoy life with the pressure off. Although many mobsters prepared for this dream, very few of them realized it.

How many treasure stores are left unclaimed along the escape routes of hoodlums who ended up on the wrong end of a sub-Thompson? It is impossible to determine just how many unearthed mobster millions lie under just a few inches of Midwest topsoil, but any day now determined diggers for gangster gold will uncover a cache of bills that will transform some thug's dream into their own reality. With a little luck, it could be you. . . .

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**BULKY EXHIBITS  
LABORATORY DIVISION**

Review of the current bulky exhibits maintained by the Laboratory Division has been completed.

In the case captioned "Alvin Karpavicz, aka, Alvin Karpis; Kidnaping," a review of the file in this matter indicates that Karpis is still incarcerated in the McNeil Island Penitentiary. Therefore, the .45 caliber projectile and the .45 caliber cartridge cases, being maintained in the Laboratory files, should be retained.

With respect to the case entitled "John Paul Chase, aka; Murder of Inspector Samuel T. Cowley and SA H. E. Hollis," a review of the file in this matter indicates that Chase is under consideration for transfer to Terminal Island, California. As previously advised, the bulky evidence being maintained in the Laboratory files should be retained until subject Chase dies or the pending indictment against him is dropped.

Concerning the case entitled [REDACTED] aka, et al.; ITSP; ITSMV; IMPERSONATION; JDA, SA D. B. Davis, Jr., has advised that the bulky evidence being maintained in the Laboratory files should be retained for research and for comparison with items submitted to the Laboratory in the future in this regard.

With respect to the case entitled [REDACTED] aka - Fugitive; ITSP, SA William J. Farrell advises that the bulky evidence being maintained in the Laboratory files should be retained for research and for future comparison with items submitted to the Laboratory in this regard.

**RECOMMENDATION:** In view of the above, the bulky exhibits in the Karpis, Chase, [REDACTED] cases should be maintained until appropriate disposition is possible in each instance.

1 - Mr. Gale

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-756) 7-576 fd 217 to WFO; SE 7/13/66 R  
DATE: 7/7/66

FROM : SAC, WFO (7-63) (P)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPING  
(OO: SE)

ReWFOlet 8/20/65

b7c On 7/6/66 [REDACTED]  
U. S. Board of Parole, Washington, D. C. advised SA WINFRED H. ANDERS as follows:

The ALVIN KARPIS case is due for consideration by the Parole Board in August, 1966 and following the disposition of the case by the Board at that time, SA ANDERS will be notified.

WFO will continue to follow the developments in this matter with the U. S. Board of Parole.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (7-15)  
 RE: ALVIN J. KARPIS  
 KIDNAPING

There are enclosed herewith for the Bureau two copies of an article appearing in the New Orleans States-Item on instant date concerning the possible release on parole of KARPIS and discussing the details of his arrest in New Orleans in 1936 by the Director.

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**CAPTURE HERE RECALLED****New Liberty Try  
Near for Karpis**

Alvin Karpis, the legendary Public Enemy No. 1, whose long criminal career ended in 1936 when FBI agents captured him in a New Orleans apartment, will make another attempt next month to win his freedom from a federal penitentiary.

Karpis, now 57, is serving a life sentence at the McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary near Tacoma, Wash., for the \$100,000 extortion-kidnaping in 1933 of William Hamm Jr. of St. Paul, Minn., a brewing company heir.

FBI agents branded him as their "most wanted" suspect after he teamed up with Kate "Ma" Barker to lead one of the underworld's most notorious gangs.

The FBI had accused the gang of the murders of at least 10 persons, the wounding of four others and the theft of more than \$1 million during a crime spree throughout the Midwest between 1931 and 1936.

J. EDGAR HOOVER, the veteran FBI director, personally came to New Orleans in May, 1936, and led agents in the raid on an apartment at 3343 Canal, where Karpis and a red-headed girl were living quietly as Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Hara.

Karpis, although armed, surrendered without a fight as did Fred Hunter, who was facing an indictment along with the gang leader for an



—AP WIREPHOTO.  
**ALVIN KARPIS**

Ohio mail train robbery the year before.

Hoover bound the notorious Karpis hand and foot. One agent first used his tie to bind the fugitive, and the whisked him away in a specially chartered plane which had been waiting at the old Shushan Airport for two days. Karpis was flown directly to St. Paul

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**NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM**

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Date: **7-5-66**

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to face trial in the Hamm kidnapping.

THE FUGITIVE gang leader was also under indictment at the time for the 1934 kidnapping of another St. Paul resident, banker Edward G. Bremer, who was released after payment of a \$200,000 ransom.

Police in a half dozen states were trying to gain jurisdiction of Karpis immediately after his arrest. Ohio wanted him for the mail train robbery, Missouri sought him for the murder of a sheriff and other states asked to try him on a variety of charges ranging from murder to bank robbery.

After his conviction, Karpis spent 25 years in Alcatraz before being transferred to McNeil in April, 1962.

Today Karpis is a clerk-typist helping keep records of the work-release program at McNeil.

WHEN THE FEDERAL Parole Board makes its annual visit to McNeil in August, Karpis' case will come up, as it has each year since his initial rejection for parole in 1951. Warden R. W. May says he is being sponsored for parole by a resident of Montreal, Canada, where Karpis was born Alvin Karpavicz 57 years ago.

Karpis now lives at Summit House, a former guards residence which houses about 30 prisoners. Many of the men participate in the work-release program, working on the mainland by day and returning by night, but Karpis has not left the island since he arrived.

Like other residents of Summit House, he occasionally has the duty of showing around prison visitors.

"WE DECORATE our own rooms," he told one such group. "It's a chance for a bit of individualism. You need that, you know."

"We always knock before walking into a room. A man has to have some privacy."

Looking forward to his possible release, prison authorities are letting Karpis relearn how to drive a car. A short while ago he got his first lesson at something new.

It was an automatic transmission. They hadn't been invented when the iron doors first closed on Alvin Karpis.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 8/9/66

FROM : SAC, WFO (7-63)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
ALVIN KARPIS  
KIDNAPING  
(OO:SE)

ReWFOlet 7/7/66.

On 8/5/66, [REDACTED]  
U. S. Board of Parole, Room 412, HOLC Building, Washington,  
D. C., advised SAs WINFRED H. ANDERS and WILLIS E. JONES, Jr.  
as follows:

Board of Parole member, [REDACTED]  
will hold a hearing in the case of ALVIN KARPIS at McNeil  
Island Federal Penitentiary, Washington, during the end of  
August, 1966, and the decision of the full Board of Parole  
should be forthcoming sometime after about the first two  
weeks of September, 1966.

WFO will continue to follow the developments in  
this matter with the U. S. Board of Parole.

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2 - Seattle (7-1)  
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: September 1, 1966

FROM : *[Signature]* SA [redacted], SEATTLE (7-1) (P)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPING

(OO: SEATTLE)

Reference WFO letter August 9, 1966.

*b7c* On August 19, 1966, [redacted] USP, McNeil Island, Washington, advised SA ELGIN E. OLROGG that subject appeared before Board of Parole member, [redacted] on this date and that the decision of the full Board of Parole will not be known for six to eight weeks.

## LEADS

WFO  
At Washington, D. C.

Follow the developments in this matter with the U. S. Board of Parole.

SEATTLE DIVISION  
At Tacoma, Washington

Report any change in subject's status.

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2 - WFO (7-63)  
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-756)  
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FROM : SAC, WFO (7-63) 11/139

DATE: 9/26/66

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPING  
(OO:SE)

ReSElet 9/1/66 and WFOlet 8/9/66.

b7c On 9/23/66 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] U.S. Board of Parole, Washington, D. C., advised  
SA WINFRED H. ANDERS that the Board of Parole has as of 9/23/66  
taken no action in the above matter and that it will probably  
be another four weeks at least before any action would be  
taken by the Board.

WFO will continue to follow developments in this  
matter with the U.S. Board of Parole, Washington, D. C.

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2 - Seattle (7-1)  
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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. I. W. Conrad

FROM : Mr. W. D. Griffith

SUBJECT: Bulky Exhibits -  
Laboratory Division

DATE: November 17, 1966

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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Review of the current bulky exhibits maintained by the Laboratory Division has been completed.

In the case captioned "Alvin Karpavicz, aka Alvin Karpis, Kidnaping," a review of the file in this matter indicates that Karpis is still incarcerated in the McNeil Island Penitentiary. Therefore, the .45 caliber projectile and the .45 caliber cartridge cases, being maintained in the Laboratory files, should be retained.

With respect to the case entitled "John Paul Chase, aka Murderer of Inspector Samuel T. Cowley and SA H. E. Hollis," a review of the file in this matter indicates that Chase was placed on parole effective October 31, 1966. SA Henry A. Schutz has advised that the bulky evidence being maintained in the Laboratory files should be retained permanently.

Concerning the case entitled "[REDACTED], aka et al. ITSP ITSMV IMPERSONATION JDA," SA D. B. Davis, Jr. has advised that the bulky evidence being maintained in the Laboratory files should be retained for research in setting up various styles of type for study in major cases involving letterpress type. SA Davis advises that the evidence being maintained in this case has been utilized in current examinations such as in the case of the fraudulent GMAC bond and warrants matter.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
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Memorandum to Mr. Conrad

Re: Bulky Exhibits -  
Laboratory Division

b7c With respect to the case entitled "[REDACTED]", aka Fugitive, ITSP," SA William J. Farrell advises that the bulky evidence being maintained in the Laboratory files should be retained for research and that this evidence has been utilized in current examinations in regard to setting up various styles of type.

RECOMMENDATION: In view of the above, the bulky exhibits in the Karpis, Chase, [REDACTED] cases should be maintained until appropriate disposition is possible in each instance.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 11/30/66

FROM : SAC, WFO (7-63) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPING  
(OO:SE)

ReWFOlet 9/26/66.

On 11/30/66, [REDACTED]  
U.S. Board of Parole, Washington, D.C., advised SA CARROLL M.  
GARNETT that the full Board of Parole denied subject's  
parole and on 11/18/66, his institution was so notified.  
[REDACTED] said the matter of subject's parole will be  
reconsidered in July, 1967.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 12/2/66

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (7-1) (P\*)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPING  
OO: SEATTLE

ReSElet to BU, 9/1/66.

On November 29, 1966, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] U. S. Penitentiary, Mc Neil Island, Washington,  
confidentially advised Special Agent ELGIN E. OLROGG that  
the U. S. Board of Parole, Washington, D.C., has denied  
KARPIS parole at this time.

[REDACTED] He will advise of any change in status of interest  
to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He could not state  
when this matter will again come before the Parole Board, but  
stated it will be at least six months.

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**GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

This relates to Alv Karpis who is serving life sentence at McNeil Island for conviction on 7-27-36, under Federal Kidnaping Statute.

Attached indicates Karpis may be preparing motion for new trial. Developments will be closely followed.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
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Date: 3/1/67

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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (7-1) (P)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
KIDNAPPING

On February 27, 1967, [redacted] United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, advised SA ELGIN E. OLROGG on a discreet basis that subject, ALVIN KARPIS, is in contact with an attorney by the name of ELLSWORTH CONNELLY, 9615 Bridgeport Way SW, Tacoma, Washington; and KARPIS has indicated he is preparing a motion for a new trial.

[redacted] stated he is unaware of the basis for a new trial and details of this type would not necessarily come to the attention of prison officials since KARPIS, as well as any other inmate, is allowed to deal directly with his attorney. Further, he stated any legal papers would be submitted directly to the court without processing through prison channels. [redacted] advised that he would be alert for any information of interest to the Bureau in this matter and will promptly furnish same to SA OLROGG.

On February 27, 1967, [redacted] McNeil Penitentiary, advised he has heard through [redacted] that KARPIS intends to file a motion for a new trial; however, he has no knowledge of the details and there is nothing in KARPIS' legal file pertaining to this matter. [redacted] stated it is not required and it is very unlikely KARPIS would furnish a copy of such a motion to prison officials at McNeil.

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3- Bureau  
2- Minneapolis (7-30)  
2- Seattle  
EEO:ams

Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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For the information of the Bureau and Minneapolis, on May 4, 1934, KARPIS was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, for violation of the Federal Kidnaping Statute. On July 27, 1936, at St. Paul, he was sentenced to life imprisonment. It would appear that any motion for a new trial would necessarily be filed in the district where he was convicted.

LEADS:

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION  
At St. Paul, Minnesota

Closely follow this matter with the United States Attorney's Office and Clerk of the Court, U.S. District Court, arranging coverage to be notified of any motion filed by KARPIS. Promptly advise the Bureau.

SEATTLE DIVISION  
At McNeil Island, Washington

Follow this matter with prison officials.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: April 25, 1967

FROM :

SAC, SEATTLE (7-1) (P\*)

SUBJECT:

ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
KIDNAPPING

RE: Seattle airtel to the Bureau, 3/1/67.

By letter to Seattle dated March 14, 1967, the Minneapolis Office advised as follows:

Mr. WILLIAM ECKLEY, Chief Deputy, United States District Court Clerk, Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised he has no knowledge of the subject preparing a motion for a new trial, and has not been officially notified of such a motion.

He stated he would immediately notify the FBI if this should come to his attention.

Minneapolis will closely follow this matter.

On April 20, 1967, [REDACTED] United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, advised that subject has initiated no legal action pertaining to his case as of this date. [REDACTED] advised he will immediately notify the FBI of any developments in this matter.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status in the Seattle Division.

2 - Bureau  
2 - Minneapolis (7-30)  
1 - Seattle  
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EX-113

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Mr. Conrad

May 16, 1967

W. D. Griffith

**BULKY EXHIBITS -  
LABORATORY DIVISION**

Review of the current bulky exhibits maintained by the Laboratory Division has been completed.

In the case captioned "Alvin Karpavicz, aka Alvin Karpis, Kidnaping," a review of the file in this matter indicates that Karpis is still incarcerated in the McNeil Island Penitentiary. Therefore, the .45 caliber projectile and the .45 caliber cartridge cases, being maintained in the Laboratory files, should be retained.

With respect to the case entitled "John Paul Chase, aka Murderer of Inspector Samuel T. Cowley and SA H. E. Hollis," a review of the file in this matter indicates that Chase was placed on parole effective October 31, 1966. SA Henry A. Schutz has advised that the bulky evidence being maintained in the Laboratory files should be retained permanently.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Senter
- 1 - Bureau file (7-576)
- 1 - Bureau file (105-76241)
- 1 - Bureau file (62-29777)
- 1 - Bureau file (87-49380)

LMS:bw (11)

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Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Wick \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
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Memorandum to Mr. Conrad

Re: BULKY EXHIBITS -  
LABORATORY DIVISION

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With respect to the case entitled [REDACTED], aka Fugitive, ITSP, SA William J. Farrell advises that the bulky evidence being maintained in the Laboratory files should be retained for research and that this evidence has been utilized in current examinations in regard to setting up various styles of type.

A review of the case entitled [REDACTED] revealed that specimens Q11 through Q37, the "Also Submitted" material, and K7 in that case were being maintained in the bulky exhibits of the Laboratory. A memorandum was submitted to you, dated 5/8/67 in the [REDACTED] case, requesting approval for the destruction of items Q11 through Q37 and the "Also Submitted" material in that case. Approval was obtained and these items were destroyed on 5/15/67. Specimen K7 has been transferred to the Laboratory file in the [REDACTED] case and is currently being maintained there. (The Laboratory file in the [REDACTED] case has been closed and is being maintained in the Bulky Room of the Records Branch, Files and Communications Division). There are no items in the [REDACTED] case being maintained in the bulky exhibits of the Laboratory at this time.

RECOMMENDATION: In view of the above, the bulky exhibits in the Karpis, Chase and [REDACTED] cases should be maintained until appropriate disposition is possible in each instance.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: June 30, 1967

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (7-1)(P\*)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
KIDNAPPING  
OO: SEATTLE

b7c

On June 23, 1967, [REDACTED]  
U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, advised  
SA ELGIN E. OLROGG he recently submitted to the U. S.  
Board of Parole, Washington, D.C. an annual review of  
subject's case history for consideration by the Board as  
to parole action to be taken in subject's case.

## LEAD

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE  
At Washington, D.C.

Follow the developments in this case with the  
U. S. Board of Parole.

2 - Bureau  
2 - WFO (7-63)  
1 - Seattle  
EEO/drm  
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EX-103

REC 7

7-576-1532

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Tavel *LSH*  
FROM : L. E. Short *LSH*  
SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

DATE: JUL 10 1967

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Bulky Exhibit File Number: 7-576-15267

We are in the process of reviewing all bulky exhibits in order that we may dispose of those which serve no further purpose. Inasmuch as many of the bulky exhibits pertain to inactive cases and are occupying badly needed space, it is requested that the appropriate substantive supervisor review the above-listed bulky exhibit and render a decision as to its retention or disposition. A notation as to the decision reached may be placed on this memorandum. The memorandum should be returned to the Filing Unit of the Records Branch, Room 1116, Identification Building, for filing in the case file.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That captioned bulky exhibit be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material.

LWB:jam

*7/11/67*  
*all original evidence and*  
*laboratory exhibits should be*  
*retained in view of repeated*  
*efforts of Karpis to obtain*  
*a new trial*

*7-576-*  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Tavel *ST*  
FROM : L. E. Short *LS*  
SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

DATE: JUL 31 1967 *R*

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Wick \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Bulky Exhibit File Number: 7-576-726

We are in the process of reviewing all bulky exhibits in order that we may dispose of those which serve no further purpose. Inasmuch as many of the bulky exhibits pertain to inactive cases and are occupying badly needed space, it is requested that the appropriate substantive supervisor review the above-listed bulky exhibit and render a decision as to its retention or disposition. A notation as to the decision reached may be placed on this memorandum. The memorandum should be returned to the Filing Unit of the Records Branch, Room 1116, Identification Building, for filing in the case file.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That captioned bulky exhibit be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material.

*W* LWB:jam

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 8/4/67

FROM : SAC, WFO (7-63) (P)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPING  
(OO:SE)

ReSElet dated 6/30/67.

On 8/3/67, [REDACTED]  
U.S. Board of Parole, Washington, D.C., advised SACARROLL M.  
GARNETT that subject's application for parole has only  
recently been submitted to the board; and no decision will  
be forthcoming for one to two months.

WFO will follow with U.S. Board of Parole. Bureau  
and Seattle will be advised of developments.

2 - Bureau  
2 - Seattle (7-1)  
1 - WFO

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(5)

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EX-115

7-576-15526  
~~7-576-15525~~  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 9/29/67

FROM : SAC, WFO (7-63)(P)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPING  
(OO:SE)

ReWFO let 8/4/67.

On 9/29/67, [REDACTED] U. S. Board of Parole, Washington, D. C., advised SA CARROLL M. GARNETT that no action has been taken with respect to subject's application for parole. He could not predict when a decision would be made in this connection.

WFO will follow with the U. S. Board of Parole; Bureau and Seattle will be advised of developments.

2 - Bureau  
2 - Seattle (7-1)  
1 - WFO  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (7-1)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPING  
OO: SEATTLE

DATE: October 6, 1967

Re WFO letter 8/4/67 and O-1 form dated 9/29/67  
from Bureau.

The Washington Field Office is requested to advise  
the Bureau and Seattle of the status of this matter before  
the U.S. Board of Paroles.

2 - Bureau  
1 - WFO  
1 - Seattle  
JEM:klb  
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October 25, 1967

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7-576-15529

1 - Mr. McKinnon

EX 109

Mr. James E. Carty  
Attorney at Law  
782 Goerig  
Woodland, Washington 98674

Dear Mr. Carty:

I am in receipt of your letter dated October 20, 1967, wherein you request certain information concerning the case involving Alvin Karpavics.

The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are considered confidential by order of the Attorney General and for this reason I am unable to supply you the information you desire.

You do understand, I trust, the reason why the data you desire cannot be made available.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Seattle (Enclosure)

SAC NOTE:

Enclosed is one copy of a letter from James E. Carty dated 10/20/67.

Keep the Bureau closely advised concerning any possible appeals made by Karpis or any other method by which he attempts to gain his freedom.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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NOTE:

By letter 10/20/67, James E. Carty, Attorney in Woodland, Washington, advised he represents Alvin Karpavicz, also known as Alvin Karpis currently confined to life imprisonment for kidnaping. Carty desires the names of FBI Agents who participated in the capture of Karpis in New Orleans, Louisiana, the names of the FBI Agents who interrogated Karpis in St. Paul, Minnesota, and the present addresses of any of these Agents who are living.

Karpis was one of the ring leaders of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang which terrorized the Midwest during the 1930s. Karpis was identified as being involved in four bank robberies. His gang kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, a St. Paul, Minnesota, bank president, and collected \$200,000 ransom for his return and Karpis was convicted for the kidnaping of William A. Hamm, Jr., for whom a \$100,000 ransom was paid. He received a life sentence in July, 1936, and through the years has attempted to gain his freedom by parole and other means.

It would appear that Attorney Carty may be laying the ground work for a possible appeal for Karpis. We are under no obligation at this time to cooperate with him in any way.



JAMES E. CARTY  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
782 GOERIG  
WOODLAND, WASHINGTON 98674

P.O. Box 388  
TELEPHONE  
225-2241

October 20, 1967

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I represent Alvin Karpavicz who is currently confined in McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary at Steilacoom, Washington. Karpavicz was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Federal Court in St. Paul in 1936 for the Hamm Kidnapping.

I would appreciate your furnishing me the following information:

1. The names of the agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who participated in the capture of Mr. Karpavicz in the New Orleans area.
2. The names of the agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who participated in the interrogation of Mr. Karpavicz in St. Paul.

It will be helpful if you could furnish us the present addresses of any of these gentlemen who may now be living.

Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

James E. Carty

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

FROM SAC, SEATTLE (7-1) (P)\*

SUBJECT ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka -  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPPING

DATE: 10/26/67

Re Seattle letter to Bureau, dated 4/25/67.

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On 10/18/67 [REDACTED]  
U. S. Penitentiary, Mc Neil Island, Washington, advised  
no information has come to his attention indicating that  
KARPIS has initiated any legal action pertaining to his  
case. [REDACTED] stated he will be alert to any such  
development and will immediately notify the FBI.

On 10/18/67 [REDACTED]  
Mc Neil Penitentiary, advised [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and there has been no change in his status.  
[REDACTED] stated he will notify the FBI of any change  
in subjects status.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive  
status in the Seattle Division.

2 - Bureau  
1 - WFO (7-63) (Info)  
2 - Seattle  
EEO:lmd  
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EX-115

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7-576-15530

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1 - Mr. McKinnon

REC 39

To: SAC, Seattle (7-1)  
From: Director, FBI (7-576) — 15531

ALVIN KARPAVICZ, AKA  
ALVIN J. KARPIS  
KIDNAPING

Reurlet 10/26/67 and my letter to Mr. James E. Carty, a copy sent to your office.

Enclosed for your information are copies of a New Orleans airtel dated 11/2/67 and letters to the United States Commissioner, New Orleans, from Carty dated 10/11/67 and 10/24/67.

The enclosures indicate that Attorney Carty has requested information concerning subject's appearance before the United States Commissioner after his arrest in New Orleans in 1936 and other information concerning the handling of this subject. It is apparent that Carty is planning some type of appeal in behalf of Karpis.

You are instructed to maintain this case in a pending status and at the earliest possible opportunity advise the Bureau the nature of the appeal.

Enclosures (3)

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NOTE: Karpis was one of the ring leaders of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang which terrorized the Midwest during the 1930s. He was arrested by the Bureau in New Orleans in 1936 and received a life sentence in July, 1936, for kidnaping. We have been closely following his attempts to obtain freedom through the years by parole or appeals. Carty, an attorney at Woodland, Washington, by letter 10/20/67 to the Bureau, requested the identities of the Agents who captured Karpis and the names of the Agents who

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participated in his interrogation in St. Paul, Minnesota. We did not furnish him any information in our answer to him. Our New Orleans Office has now advised that Carty has been in touch with the United States Commissioner in New Orleans concerning the arrest of Karpis and it is obvious that Carty is gathering information for some type of appeal.

FBI

Date: 11/2/67

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (7-15) (RUC)

ALVIN J. KARPIS  
KIDNAPING

Enclosed are one copy each of two letters furnished by Deputy Clerk, U. S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana.

On 11/1/67, EVERETT LEGNON, Deputy Clerk, U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, furnished copies of the enclosed letters which were received from JAMES E. CARTY regarding ALVIN KARPAVICZ (ALVIN KARPIS). Mr. LEGNON advised a search of the Court's records failed to locate a file or docket number for this individual and inasmuch as KARPIS was convicted for kidnaping, LEGNON requested aid from the New Orleans FBI Office in an attempt to locate a docket number. LEGNON stated he had contacted the U. S. Attorney's Office in New Orleans and he was furnished a docket number 18639, but in reviewing this docket he determined the number was assigned to FRED HUNTER.

Contact was made with the U. S. Attorney's Office and it was determined that the docket number for ALVIN KARPIS was the same as that previously furnished to the Deputy Clerk regarding FRED HUNTER. This information was furnished to Mr. LEGNON.

The enclosed letters are furnished for the Bureau's information and no further action being taken by New Orleans.

3-Bureau (Enc - 2) ENCLOSURE  
1-New Orleans  
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U.S. Bishop

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

*Chief of Police*

JAMES E. CARTY  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
782 GOERIG  
WOODLAND, WASHINGTON 98674

P.O. Box 388  
TELEPHONE  
225-2241

October 24, 1967

*U.S. Attorney - 2921*

United States Commissioner  
Office of the U. S. Commissioner  
Federal Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana

*18639 f*

Dear Sir:

Re: U.S. v. Alvin Karpavicz  
(Alvin Karpis)

Enclosed herewith is my letter of October 11, 1967, which you returned to me. Mr. Karpavicz was arrested in New Orleans on the evening of May 1, 1936, at approximately 5:00 P.M., at or near the corners of Jefferson, Parkway and Canal Streets by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He had been indicted in St. Paul, Minnesota, for violation of the Lindberg Act in the Hamm kidnapping. I believe at that time that the statute was 18 USCA Section 408.

I hope that the foregoing information will enable you to answer the attached letter.

Yours very truly,

*[Signature]*  
James E. Carty

JEC: j

Enc:

*ATT - 11/1/67*

*U.S. Attorney - 2921*

*to Clerk's Office!*

JAMES E. CARTY  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
782 GOERIG  
WOODLAND, WASHINGTON 98674

P.O. Box 388  
TELEPHONE  
225-2241

October 11, 1967

United States Commissioner  
Office of the U. S. Commissioner  
Federal Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Re: U.S. v. Alvin Karpavicz  
(Alvin Karpis)

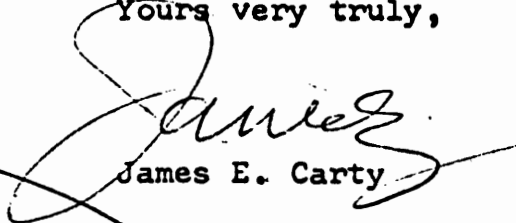
Mr. Karpis wrote you on December 27, 1966, and January 27, 1967, requesting certain information regarding his case as follows:

- "1. On what day of the month was I brought before the United States Commissioner, and at what figure was my bond set; (please itemize)?
2. On what day of the month was I finally turned over to the custody of the United States Marshall, and by whom?
3. Who accepted custody of me after my bond was set?
4. Who relinquished custody of me following my appearance before the United States Commissioner?"

It would be appreciated if you could furnish the foregoing information at an early date. It is required in connection with certain proceedings which I intend to institute on behalf of Mr. Karpis.

Your assistance will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

  
James E. Carty

*Note-*

*We need more info  
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regarding the date and  
year and what charge.*

*7-576-15531*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 11/30/67

FROM : SAC, WFO (7-63) (P\*)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPING  
(OO:SE)

ReWFOlet 9/29/67.

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On 11/30/67, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], United States Board of Parole, Washington, D.C.,  
advised SA CARROLL M. GARNETT that subject's case remains  
under consideration by the Parole Board. He could not  
predict when action by the Board would be forthcoming.

He assured the contacting Agent the FBI would be  
immediately notified when action is taken by the Parole  
Board. This case is being maintained in a pending inactive  
status. Q

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2 - Bureau  
2 - Seattle (7-1)  
1 - WFO

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 12/7/67

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (7-1) (P)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin J. Karpis  
KIDNAPING

Re Bureau airtel to Seattle dated 11/6/67.

For information of Minneapolis and Washington Field Office, Attorney JAMES E. CARTY, Woodland, Washington, has requested information concerning subject's appearance before the United States Commissioner after his arrest in New Orleans in 1936, and other information concerning the handling of subject. It is apparent CARTY is planning some type of appeal in behalf of subject. The Bureau has instructed that this matter be closely followed and that the Bureau be advised at the earliest possible opportunity of the nature of the appeal.

On November 13, 1967, and December 1, 1967, [redacted] U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, confidentially advised he is aware that subject is in correspondence with Attorney CARTY concerning a possible appeal, however, the nature of such an appeal is unknown. [redacted] stated to his knowledge no appeal has been filed by subject to date, however, he pointed out that such an appeal could be filed directly with the U. S. District Court where the subject was convicted without knowledge of prison officials at McNeil. It is noted that subject was convicted in the U. S. District Court, St. Paul, Minnesota.

[redacted] further stated subject last appeared before the Federal Parole Board in August 1966, and in June 1967, an annual progress review was forwarded to the U. S. Board of Parole. [redacted] stated no word has been received back as to a decision reached by the Parole Board.

- 2 - Bureau (7-576)
- 2 - Minneapolis (7-3021)
- 2 - WFO (7-63)
- 2 - Seattle (7-1)

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He stated it is his opinion that if subject is granted parole he will be deported immediately to Canada since subject is a Canadian citizen.

LEADS

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION  
At St. Paul, Minnesota

Maintain contact with the Clerk of the Court to determine any appeal or other litigation filed by the subject and immediately advise the Bureau.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE  
At Washington, D. C.

Follow subject's parole status with the U. S. Board of Parole and immediately advise the Bureau of any action taken.

SEATTLE DIVISION  
At McNeil Island, Washington

Continue to follow this matter and advise the Bureau.

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Date: December 19, 1967

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Via **AIRTEL** \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)  
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (7-30) (P)  
SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin J. Karpis  
KIDNAPPING

Re Seattle letter to Bureau dated 12/7/67.

On December 19, 1967, BERNADINE BROWN, Criminal Docket Clerk, United States District Court, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised Special Agent WESLEY A. ANDERSON that the last court entry in their files with respect to KARPAVICZ was on July 22, 1949, and a current appeal has not been filed to date. She recalled that during the summer of 1967 KARPAVICZ wrote to the United States District Court clerk in St. Paul requesting numerous official papers from his file. The official file is not maintained in St. Paul, but has been sent to the Federal Records Center at Kansas City, Missouri. The file was recalled from the Records Center and copies of papers requested by KARPAVICZ on several occasions during the summer of 1967 were sent to him. The file was returned to the Federal Records Center at Kansas City and nothing is pending in St. Paul now.

Miss BROWN was requested to notify the FBI immediately in the event an appeal is filed for KARPAVICZ. She stated that she would place a notation in the file with respect to this request.

The matter will be followed with Miss BROWN.

3-Bureau  
1-Seattle (7-1) (Info)  
1-WFO (7-63) (Info)  
2-Minneapolis  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 1/24/68

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (7-1)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPPING

b7c On January 18, 1968, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington,  
advised SA ELGIN E. OLRGG that no information has been  
received concerning subject's parole status which is still  
pending with the U. S. Board of Parole, Washington, D. C.  
Also, no information has come to his attention concerning  
subject's plan to file an appeal. [REDACTED] reassured  
SA OLRGG he would be alert to any change in subject's status  
and promptly advise the FBI.

2 - Bureau  
1 - Minneapolis (7-30)(Info)  
1 - WFO (7-63)(Info)  
2 - Seattle  
EEO:lpt  
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 1/6/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (7-63) (P\*)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPING  
(OO:SE)

ReWFO1et 11/30/67.

b7C On 2/5/68, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] U. S. Board of Parole, WDC, advised SA CARROLL  
M. GARNETT that subject's "Annual Review" for parole  
by the U. S. Board of Parole is being held in Abeyance.  
She could not predict when action would be taken in  
this connection but assured the contacting Agent that WFO,  
FBI, would immediately be notified when Board action is  
initiated. E

This case is being maintained in a pending  
inactive status.

② - Bureau  
2 - Seattle (7-1)  
1 - WFO

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 2/27/68

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (7-30) (P)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPPING

Re Seattle letter to Bureau dated 1/24/68.

On 2/12/68 BERNARDINE BROWN, clerk, U. S. District Court, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised SA WESLEY A. ANDERSON that there has not been any appeal or other litigation filed in subject's behalf in the U. S. District Court, St. Paul.

## LEAD

### MINNEAPOLIS

#### AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Recontact BERNARDINE BROWN, U. S. District Court.

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2 - Bureau  
1 - WFO (7-63) (Info)  
1 - Seattle (7-1) (Info)  
1 - Minneapolis (7-30) (Info)  
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## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 3/27/68

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (7-1) (P)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPPING

b7c On March 22, 1968, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington,  
advised SA ELGIN E. OLRGG there has been no change in  
subject's status and no information has come to his attention  
concerning subject's plan to file an appeal. [REDACTED]  
stated he will follow this matter closely and advise of any  
change in subject's status.

② - Bureau  
1 - Minneapolis (info) (7-30)  
1 - WFO (info) (7-63)  
2 - Seattle  
EEO:pla  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM :

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (7-30) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

ALVIN KARPAVICZ aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPING

Re Minneapolis letter to the Bureau dated  
2/27/68.

On 4/30/68, BERNADINE BROWN, clerk, U. S. District Court, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised SA WESLEY A. ANDERSON ~~that~~ there has not been any appeal or other litigation filed in subject's behalf in the USDC, St. Paul.

This matter is being RUC'd in the Minneapolis Division, and Seattle should notify Minneapolis in the event information is received from the U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, that subject plans further legal action in this matter.

2 - Bureau  
1 - WFO (7-63) (Info)  
1 - Seattle (7-1) (Info)  
1 - Minneapolis  
WAA:dja  
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EX 109

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: May 21, 1968

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (7-1) (P)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPPING

Re Seattle letter to Bureau, 3/27/68.

b7C  
On May 15, 1968, [REDACTED] U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, advised SA ELGIN E. OLROGG there has been no change in subject's status, and no information has come to his attention concerning any legal action taken by the subject. [REDACTED] stated he will follow this matter and advise of any change in subject's status.

As previously pointed out to Minneapolis, it is possible for the subject to initiate legal action through the U. S. District Court (USDC), St. Paul, without knowledge of prison officials at McNeil Penitentiary. Mail directed to the court is not censored and is forwarded directly. Consequently, Minneapolis should insure appropriate coverage has been provided to be advised of any litigation filed in subject's behalf.

② - Bureau  
2 - Minneapolis (7-30)  
1 - WFO (7-63) (INFO)  
2 - Seattle  
EEO: bgv  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 7/26/68

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (7-1)(P)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPPING

b7c On July 17, 1968, [REDACTED]  
U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, advised SA  
ELGIN E. OLRGG there has been no change in the status of  
subject.

(2) - Bureau  
1 - Minneapolis (7-30)(Info)  
1 - WFO (7-63)(Info)  
2 - Seattle  
EEO:kn  
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Mr. Conrad

June 14, 1968

W.D. Griffith

**BULKY EXHIBITS -  
LABORATORY DIVISION**

Review of the current bulky exhibits maintained by the Laboratory Division has been completed.

In the case captioned "ALVIN KARPAVICH, aka Alvin Karpis, Kidnapping," a review of the file in this matter indicates that KARPIS is still incarcerated in the McNeil Island Penitentiary. Therefore, the .45 caliber projectile and the .45 caliber cartridge cases, being maintained in the Laboratory files, should be retained.

With respect to the case entitled [REDACTED] aka Fugitive, ITSP," SA William J. Farrell advises that the bulky evidence being maintained in the Laboratory files should be retained for research and that this evidence has been utilized in current examinations in regard to setting up various styles of type.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** The bulky exhibits in the KARPIS and [REDACTED] cases should be maintained until appropriate disposition is possible in each instance.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Jevons

- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Bureau File (7-576)
- 1 - Bureau File (27-40280)

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 7/29/68

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (7-30) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPING

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Re Seattle letter to Bureau, 5/21/68.

LARRY TAPPER, Chief Deputy, USDC Clerk, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised SA WESLEY A. ANDERSON on May 29, 1968, that there have been no papers filed by subject with respect to a habeas corpus proceeding in the USDC, St. Paul. He will be alert for the filing of any papers inasmuch as this type of matter is under his supervision and will notify the Minneapolis Office in the event any type of petition is filed by subject.

On July 26, 1968, Mr. TAPPER advised SA ANDERSON that to date the subject has not filed any type of petition in the USDC. Mr. TAPPER will notify the Minneapolis Office in the event papers are filed.

2 - Bureau  
1 - WFO (7-63) (Info)  
2 - Seattle (7-1) (Info)  
1 - Minneapolis  
WAA:lkp  
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SAC, Minneapolis (7-30)

September 6, 1968

Director, FBI (7-576)

1 - Mr. McKinnon

ALVIN KARPAVICZ ALSO KNOWN AS  
ALVIN KARPIS  
KIDNAPING

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated 8/30/68 from Assistant Attorney General Vinson along with copies of a letter to Vinson from Attorney James E. Carty dated 8/5/68 and a copy of a letter to Carty from Vinson dated 6/21/68.

Check pertinent files in your office concerning Karpis and determine if possible the length of time elapsing, in consecutive hours, from the commencement of the interrogation of Karpavicz in St. Paul to the conclusion thereof and whether or not Karpavicz was able to consult with his attorney without an Agent of the Bureau being within hearing range on all occasions.

Advise Bureau results promptly.

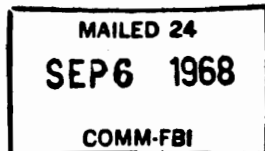
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1 - Seattle (7-1) (Enclosures 3) **U-X**

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Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 9/11/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (7-63) (P)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ,  
aka Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPING  
(OO:SE)

ReSElet to Bureau 7/26/68.

b7c On 8/26/68, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] U. S. Board of Parole, Washington, D. C., advised  
SA JOHN J. CREAMER, JR., that no change has taken place in  
subject's status to date.

WFO will follow this matter with [REDACTED]

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- ② - Bureau
- 1 - Seattle (7-1) (Info)
- 1 - WFO



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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576) —

DATE: 9/18/68

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (7-30) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPING

Re Bureau letter to Minneapolis dated 9/6/68  
and report of SA S. K. MC KEE dated 5/8/36 at St. Paul,  
Minnesota, captioned ALVIN FRANCIS KARPIS.

A check of the pertinent files of the Minneapolis  
Office of the FBI relative to captioned subject failed  
to ascertain the length of time elapsing, in consecutive  
hours, from the commencement of the interrogation  
of KARPIS in St. Paul, Minnesota, to the conclusion  
thereof. It was not possible to determine whether or  
not KARPIS was able to consult with his attorney without  
an agent of the Bureau being within hearing range on  
all occasions.

Records reflect that subject was interviewed  
by Bureau agents from May 2, 1936, through May 6, 1936.  
Subject was remanded to the custody of the U. S. Marshal  
May 6, 1936, at 4:45 P.M. Records reflect that subject  
conferred with U. S. Attorney GEORGE SULLIVAN the  
afternoon of May 6, 1936.

It should be noted that the Director issued  
instructions that KARPIS be permitted to communicate  
with an attorney which he might retain.

2 - Bureau  
1 - Minneapolis  
HS:cjp  
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*Letter to Mr. Sullivan  
10-1-68  
CR m: hcs*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: September 24, 1968

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (7-1) (P)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPPING

Re Bureau letter to Minneapolis dated 9/6/68

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On September 17, 1968, [REDACTED] Federal Prison Camp, McNeil Island, Washington, advised there has been no change in the status of KARPIS. However, on August 13, 1968, he received a request from the U. S. Board of Parole, Washington D. C., to obtain confirmation in writing from the Immigration Service that KARPIS is deportable to Canada and to obtain and furnish travel documents. [REDACTED] stated this was handled by him through the Seattle office of the Immigration Service since KARPIS is a Canadian citizen. The travel documents specify that when released, KARPIS would be deported to Montreal.

[REDACTED] stated he sent these papers to Mr. DUNBAR, Chairman, U. S. Board of Parole, Washington D. C.

## LEADS

### WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

#### AT WASHINGTON D. C.

Follow with U. S. Board of Parole.

2 - Bureau  
1 - Minneapolis (Info)  
2 - WFO  
2 - Seattle  
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Date: 9/27/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (7-30)

ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka.  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPINGRe Minneapolis letter to the Bureau 9/18/68 and  
Bureau telephone call to Minneapolis 9/27/68.Captioned file in the Minneapolis Office contains  
no information to indicate whether or not KARPIS had an  
attorney or whether or not he was visited by an attorney  
while he was in custody in St. Paul.3 - Bureau (AM)  
1 - MinneapolisRAA/gsf  
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L. C. C. Bishop

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Approved: 232  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 10/2/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (7-63) (P)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPPING  
(OO:SE)

ReWFOlet to Bureau dated 9/11/68 and SElet  
to Bureau dated 9/24/68.

On 9/30/68, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] U.S. Board of Parole, Washington, D.C.,  
advised SA JOHN J. CREAMER, JR. that KARPIS is under  
consideration for parole, but no action has been taken  
by the full Board. She advised that the Board will not  
meet until November and she does not anticipate any  
action on this case before the middle of November. It  
is possible that the case may not be reviewed at that  
time and it will be held over until January.

WFO will follow this matter with [REDACTED]

- ② - Bureau
- 1 - Minneapolis (Info)
- 2 - Seattle
- 1 - WFO

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Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General

September 10, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. McKinnon

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7-576-15549  
ALVIN KARPAVICZ ALSO KNOWN AS  
ALVIN KARPIS  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to your letter of August 30, 1968, your reference FMV:JM:mep 109-85-1.

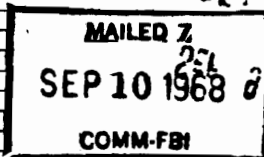
Inquiries are being made to determine if the information you requested is available.

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NOTE:

By memo 8/30/68, Assistant Attorney General Vinson requested whether our files showed the length of time Alvin Karpis was interviewed after his arrest, whether or not Karpis was able to consult with an attorney alone and whether the names of the interviewing Agents may be disclosed at this time. Karpis was one of the ring leaders of the notorious Karpis - Barker Gang which terrorized the Midwest during the 1930s. Karpis received a life sentence in July, 1936, for the William J. Hamm kidnaping. This information has been requested by Attorney James E. Carty, a "bleeding heart" who believes Karpis appears rehabilitated and is assisting Karpis without compensation in an attempt to gain his freedom. Carty wishes to interview the Agents involved in an attempt to support an allegation that Karpis was denied the right to counsel and was coerced into furnishing a plea. Karpis was arrested in New Orleans, Louisiana, on 5/1/36, and was interviewed after his transportation to St. Paul, Minnesota. Bureau files have been checked; however, they do not contain the data requested by the Department. The Minneapolis Office, therefore, has been instructed to check their files to determine if information desired by the Department is available.

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DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General

October 1, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. McKinnon

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7-576-15549  
ALVIN KARPAVICZ ALSO KNOWN AS  
ALVIN KARPIS  
KIDNAPING  
EX 109

Reference is made to your letter of August 30, 1968, your reference FMV:JM:mep 109-85-1 and my letter of September 10, 1968.

The files of this Bureau have been checked and we have no specific records concerning the information desired.

Since the specific information desired is not available in our files, it does not appear any purpose would be served after a lapse of thirty-two years in furnishing the identities of the many Special Agents who may have interviewed Karpis.

NOTE: By memo 8-30-68 Assistant Attorney General Vinson requested whether our files showed the length of time Alvin Karpis was interviewed after his arrest, whether or not Karpis was able to consult with an attorney alone, and whether the names of the interviewing Agents may be disclosed at this time. Karpis was one of the ring leaders of the notorious Karpis - Barker Gang which terrorized the Midwest during the 1930s. Karpis received a life sentence in July, 1936, for the William J. Hamm kidnaping. This information has been requested by Attorney James E. Carty, a "bleeding heart," who believes Karpis appears rehabilitated and is assisting Karpis without compensation in an attempt to gain his freedom. Carty wishes to interview the Agents involved in an attempt to support an allegation that Karpis was denied the right to counsel and was coerced into furnishing a plea.

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NOTE CONTINUED:

Karpis was arrested in New Orleans, Louisiana, on 5-1-36 and was interviewed after his transportation to St. Paul, Minnesota. Our Minneapolis Office has made a check of the Alvin Karpis file and has advised that the information requested by the Department is not contained in the file. The file concerning Karpis reveals 19 Special Agents including the Director and Mr. Tolson arrested Karpis in New Orleans on 5-1-36. He was transported to St. Paul, Minnesota, by airplane and was interviewed at St. Paul by Special Agents S. K. McKee, G. A. Paulson and R. C. Suran between 5-2-36 and 5-6-36. All three of these Agents are now retired.

September 3, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The attached from Assistant Attorney General Vinson requests whether our files show the length of time Alvin Karpavicz (Karpis) was interviewed, whether or not Karpis was able to consult with his attorney alone and whether the names of the interviewing Agents may be disclosed at this time. Karpis was one of the ringleaders of the notorious Karpis - Barker Gang which terrorized the Midwest during the 1930s. He received a life sentence in July, 1936 for the William J. Hamm kidnaping. This information was requested by Attorney James E. Carty, a "bleeding heart" who states Karpis appears rehabilitated and he is assisting Karpis without compensation in an attempt to gain his freedom. Carty wishes to interview the Agents involved in attempts to support an allegation that Karpis was coerced into furnishing a plea. We are checking our files to see if we have this information.

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*Handwritten initials and signatures:*  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: August 30, 1968

FROM : Fred M. Vinson, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

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109-85-1

SUBJECT: Alvin Karpavicz  
No. 9017 McNeil Island  
Federal Penitentiary

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

On August 5, 1968, I received a letter from Mr. James E. Carty, attorney for Alvin Karpavicz. This communication is the latest in a series which began last fall. After Mr. Carty's letter of October 25, 1967, to the Bureau, he contacted the Attorney General in reference to securing the names and addresses of the FBI agents involved in the Karpavicz case. On June 21, 1968, I replied to Mr. Carty informing him that materials in the file of the Department could not be disclosed without prior approval of the Attorney General. I also informed him as follows:

Over 35 years have elapsed since the victim in this case was kidnapped, and we feel that no useful purpose would be served in furnishing a list of the FBI agents who may have had an active part in the investigation of the case. However, if you will outline in detail any specific factual information you desire in this matter, we will be pleased to ascertain whether it is now available and, if so, whether it can be disclosed.

As you will note, in his latest letter Mr. Carty has responded to my offer and requested the following information:

The length of time elapsing, in consecutive hours, from the commencement of the interrogation of Karpavicz in St. Paul to the conclusion thereof.

Whether or not Karpavicz was able to consult with his attorney without an agent of the Bureau being within hearing range on all occasions. In short, whether an agent (or agents) of the Bureau were kept in close proximity to Karpavicz between the time of his arrival in St. Paul and the entry of the plea.

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Since our files do not reflect the information requested we would appreciate your assistance in obtaining this information. I would also invite your comments on whether the names of the agents may be disclosed at this time.

For your convenience I am attaching a copy of my letter of June 21, 1968 and a copy of Mr. Carty's letter of August 5. I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



JAMES E. CARTY  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
782 GOERIG  
WOODLAND, WASHINGTON 98674

P. O. Box 388  
TELEPHONE  
225-2241

August 5, 1968

Fred M. Vinson, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Washington D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Vinson:

Re: Alvin Karpavicz  
No. 9017 McNeil Island  
Federal Penitentiary

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 21, 1968, regarding the above matter. I regret the delay in replying but I have had an extremely busy schedule.

Apparently, my letter of May 27, 1968, was not clear. My concern was not with the investigation of the kidnapping or the victim. My inquiry is related to the events occurring between the arrest of Karpavicz and the entry of his plea. I wish to interview the agents involved to determine whether or not we can support an allegation that the plea was coerced and that, in effect, Karpavicz was denied the right to counsel.

Specifically, I wish the following information:

1. The length of time elapsing, in consecutive hours, from the commencement of the interrogation of Karpavicz in St. Paul to the conclusion thereof.

2. Whether or not Karpavicz was able to consult with his attorney without an agent of the Bureau being within hearing range on all occasions. In short, whether an agent (or agents) of the Bureau were kept in close proximity to Karpavicz between the time of his arrival in St. Paul and the entry of the plea.

From your point of view, Karpavicz is probably just another inmate that wants out. There is considerable validity in this. However, the man has been confined for more than three decades. He appears rehabilitated. People dealing with him have reached this conclusion. His record is excellent. This case has caused me some concern. If

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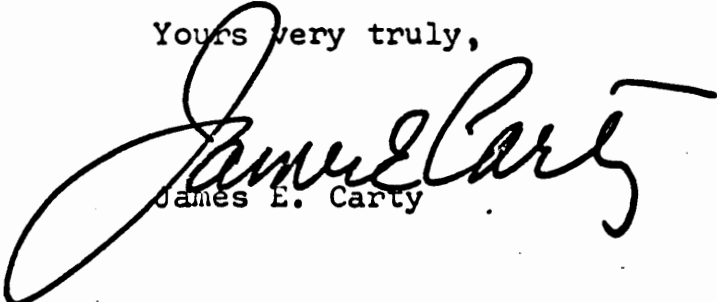
the inmate is rehabilitated, further confinement would seem to be punishment without purpose. To me, this is as appalling as imprisonment without guilt. In either event, neither society nor the inmate benefits.

It is my belief that an attorney has a duty to render assistance to the unfortunate members of our society. For this reason, I am assisting Karpavicz without compensation or any expectation thereof. Other attorneys in the midwest have agreed to assist, again, without fee. Several individuals have been kind enough to help in assembling information.

We need the names of the agents involved in the Karpavicz detention and interrogation so that we may have them interviewed. It is probable that some of these people may be deceased. It may be impossible to locate others. However, we do not feel that it is not unreasonable to expect your office to furnish us with the names of the agents involved. I do not expect your records or notes. If necessary, that may be obtained with a court order, if and when required.

Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

  
James E. Carty

JEC: j



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109-85-1

June 21, 1968

Mr. James E. Carty  
Attorney at Law  
782 Coerig  
Woodland, Washington

Dear Mr. Carty:

This refers to your letter of May 27, 1968, regarding Alvin Karpavicz, an inmate of the United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, who entered a plea of guilty on July 14, 1936, in the Federal Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, to an indictment charging him and others with a conspiracy to violate the Federal kidnapping law. On July 7, 1936, U. S. District Judge Matthew M. Joyce sentenced Karpavicz to a life term.

With reference to your inquiry regarding the disclosure of information in the files of this Department, subpart B of Department Order 381-67, dated June 29, 1967, prohibits the disclosure of such information without prior approval of the Attorney General. This order was published in the July 4, 1967 issue of the Federal Register at page 9662.

Over 35 years have elapsed since the victim in this case was kidnapped, and we feel that no useful purpose would be served in furnishing a list of the FBI agents who may have had an active part in the investigation of the case. However, if you will outline in detail any specific factual information you desire in this matter, we will be pleased to ascertain whether it is now available and, if so, whether it can be disclosed.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 11/19/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (7-63) (P)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ,  
aka ALVIN KARPIS  
KIDNAPING  
(OO:SE)

ReWFOlet to Bureau dated 10/2/68.

On 11/18/68, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], United States Board of Parole, Washington, D.C.,  
advised SA JOHN J. CREAMER, JR., that KARPIS' case is due  
for an annual review at the end of November. She will advise  
WFO if any action is taken on his case.

WFO will follow this matter.

- 2 - Bureau
- 1 - Minneapolis (Info)
- 2 - Seattle (7-1)
- 1 - WFO

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1-Mr. Conrad  
1-Mr. Johnson  
1-Office, 7133  
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Mr. Conrad

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Alvin Karpis

#### FIREARMS FOR DISPOSITION

The firearms listed below are being disposed of since they are no longer of evidentiary value and they are in excess of the needs of the Laboratory's Reference Firearms Collection. Authorization for their disposition has been obtained by the interested offices and their disposal has been coordinated with the appropriate case supervisor involved.

In accordance with authorization granted (memorandum 10/1/64, 80-14 Sub 1) the firearms are being destroyed by sawing them into pieces. The pieces are being forwarded to Quantico for disposal at the Marine Corps Salvage Yard.

<u>CALIBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>BUFILE</u>
.22 caliber	Valor revolver	143136	91-29086
.22 caliber	Hi-Standard automatic pistol	468117	91-22967
.22 caliber	Armalite AR-7 rifle	73036	80-14
.22 caliber	Colt Ace automatic pistol	480	7-576-11098
.22 caliber	Rohm revolver	2080	70-48706
.22 caliber	Rohm revolver	121191	164-469
.22 caliber	Beretta automatic pistol	C74183	91-28067
6.35 mm	Galesi automatic pistol	458521	70-48706
.32 caliber	Colt automatic pistol	274498	87-96616
.32 caliber	Colt automatic pistol	294343	91-24733
.38 Special	Colt revolver	44412	91-27815
9 mm	Beretta MP	9679	80-14
.380 caliber	Llama automatic pistol	57375	70-44278
.32 caliber	Harrington and Richardson automatic pistol	32928	91-17716
.30 caliber	U. S. Carbine (Universal Arms)	69360	91-28821

A copy of this memorandum is being placed in each of the case files involved.

ACTION: For information.

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1-Mr. Gale  
1-General Investigative Division, Rm. 2260  
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

DATE: 11/27/68

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (7-1) (P)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPING  
OO: SEATTLE

RE: Seattle letter to the Bureau, dated 9/24/68.

On November 20, 1968, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington,  
advised on a confidential basis that he is in receipt of  
a letter from the Immigration and Naturalization Service  
in Seattle confirming the Canadian government has consented  
to effect the deportation of KARPIS to Montreal, Canada,  
upon his release from prison. [REDACTED] stated information  
from the U. S. Board of Parole in Washington D.C. indicates  
a decision in this matter will be reached in the later  
part of November, 1968.

## LEAD

WFO

At Washington D.C.

Closely follow with the U. S. Board of Parole and  
report any action taken in regard to KARPIS.

② - Bureau  
1 - Minneapolis (Info) (EX-103)  
2 - WFO (7-63)  
2 - Seattle  
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November 29, 1968  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The attached advises that Alvin Karpis is going to be released on parole and deported to Canada 1/14/69. Karpis was one of the ring leaders of the notorious Barker - Karpis Gang which terrorized the Midwest during the 1930s. Karpis received a life sentence in July, 1933, for the William J. Hamm kidnaping.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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TO DIRECTOR (7-576)

FROM SEATTLE (7-1) /IPG/

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ALVIN KARPAVICZ, AKA ALVIN KARPIS; KIDNAPPING.

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

UPI WIRE STORY THIS DATE FROM WASHINGTON, D.C., IS AS FOLLOWS:

~~QUOTE~~: ALVIN KARPIS, KIDNAPER AND BANK ROBBER OF THE THIRTIES, WILL BE PAROLED FROM A KIDNAPING SENTENCE AND DEPORTED TO CANADA. KARPIS, WHO WAS ARRESTED PERSONALLY BY FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER, WILL BE RELEASED ON JANUARY FOURTEEN, SIXTYNINE, AFTER SERVING PART OF A LIFE SENTENCE FOR THE NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE KIDNAPPING OF A WEALTHY MINNEAPOLIS BREWER. KARPIS, NOW SIXTY YEARS OLD, WAS THE LEADER OF THE DEPRESSION ERA ~~QUOTE~~ BARKER DASH KARPIS ~~END QUOTE~~ GANG. ~~END QUOTE~~.

[REDACTED] U.S. PENITENTIARY, MC NEIL ISLAND, WASHINGTON, ADVISES THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS CONSENTED TO ACCEPT KARPIS AT MONTREAL, CANADA, UPON HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON, PER INFORMATION RECEIVED ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, FROM U.S. IMMIGRATION NATURALIZATION SERVICE.

OFFICIALS, U.S. PENITENTIARY, MC NEIL ISLAND, RECEIVED OFFICIAL WORD FROM U.S. BOARD OF PRISON TERMS AND PAROLES, WASHINGTON, THIS DATE, CONFIRMING THE ABOVE FACTS.

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MR. DELCACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

CC-MR. ROSEN



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Date: 12/2/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)

FROM: SAC, WFO (7-63) (RUC)

ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPING  
(OO: SEATTLE)

ReWFOlet, 11/19/68, and Seattle letter, 11/27/68.

On 12/2/68, [REDACTED], U.S. Board of Parole, Washington, D.C., advised that KARPIS will be paroled for deportation only on January 14, 1969. KARPIS will be deported to Canada.

[REDACTED] advised that the Public Information Office of the Justice Department made the press release on this matter.

- ③ Bureau  
1- Minneapolis (Info) (7-30)  
2- Seattle (7-63)  
1- WFO

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Approved: Joseph D. Purvis  
Special Agent in Charge

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TO : Mr. DeLoach *JD*  
FROM : T. E. Bishop *T. E. Bishop*  
SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPIS  
KIDNAPING - EXTORTION

DATE: 11/27/68

Mr. Dean St. Dennis of the Office of Public Information, Department of Justice, advised late afternoon of November 27, 1968, that Alvin Karpis, who is now in McNeil Island Prison in Washington State, is to be granted parole by the Board of Parole effective January 14, 1969. Karpis, age 60, is to be granted this parole on condition that he be deported to his native Canada. According to St. Dennis, Canadian authorities have indicated that they will accept Karpis.

Karpis was sentenced to a life term for conspiracy in the 1933 kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr.

ACTION:

For information.

\* THE DEPARTMENT  
IS MAKING A  
RELEASE ON THIS  
TODAY.

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. M. A. Jones

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# Alvin Karpis, Gangster of 1930's, Will Be Paroled

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27 (UPI)—Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1 in the days of Bonnie and Clyde until he was personally captured by J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, will be paroled from a kidnaping sentence and deported to Canada, the Government announced Wednesday.

The Parole Board said that Karpis, now 60 years old, would be released from the Federal penitentiary at McNeil Island, Wash., on Jan. 14 and escorted across the border to Canada, where he was born.

He will not be permitted to re-enter the United States without the board's written permission.

The parole frees the outlaw of the nineteen-thirties after he served 32 years of a life sentence for conspiring to kidnap in the 1933 abduction of William Hamm Jr., a wealthy St. Paul, Minn., businessman.

As the leader of the Karpis-Barker gang, Karpis had threatened to kill Mr. Hoover because the F.B.I. chief constantly referred to him publicly as a "rat."

He spread word that he would kill Hoover just as agents of the F.B.I. had slain his fellow gang leader, Kate (Ma) Barker, and her son, Fred, in a Florida shootout.

Mr. Hoover responded to the boast by making the first physical arrest of a criminal in his career after a three-year manhunt for Karpis.

The gang was reputed to

have killed 10 persons in bank robberies and other crimes.

Mr. Hoover's arrest of Karpis came after Mr. Hamm was abducted in 1933 and released after payment of a ransom of \$100,000.

Mr. Hoover has issued instructions that he wanted to be notified of any information about the hunt for Karpis.

When the gangster was spotted living in a Canal Street apartment in New Orleans, Mr. Hoover flew there with a squad of special agents to supervise the capture.

When Karpis came out of the building and climbed into his car, Mr. Hoover ran to the left side of the auto and an assistant circled to the right. Mr. Hoover reached into the car and grabbed Karpis before the fugitive could reach for a rifle on the back seat.

The Parole Board said that the Canadian Government had indicated it would accept Karpis and said that a private social welfare agency had guaranteed him a job and a home.

The decision to parole Karpis "was based on the inmate's time served in prison, his advanced age, health, excellent record in custody and the estimate he was not now a threat to public safety," the board said.

He became eligible for parole consideration in 1951, but "has been rejected annually by the board until now," it added.

Karpis, whose name is Alvin Karpavics, was born in Montreal and moved with his parents to Topeka, Kan., in 1915 when he was 7 years old.

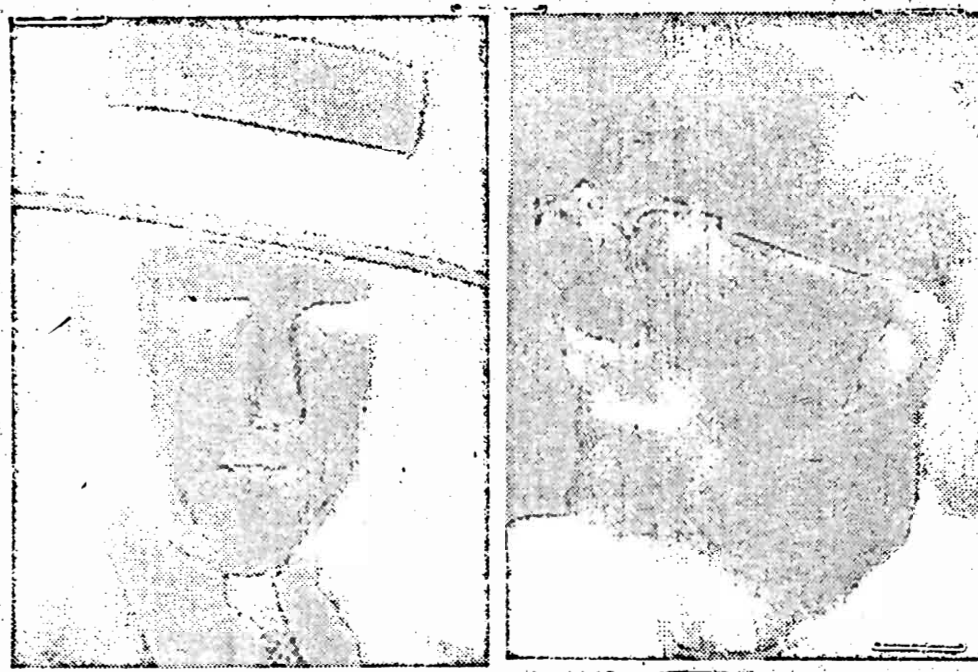
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Associated Press

**KARPIS THEN AND NOW:** At left, Alvin Karpis is shown in 1936 after his arrest on a kidnapping charge. Then considered Public Enemy No. 1, he was captured by J. Edgar Hoover. At right, Karpis is shown this week at the Federal prison at McNeil Island, Wash. On Jan. 14 he will be released and deported to Canada after 32 years in prison.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: December 9, 1968

TO : Mr. Conrad

FROM : W. D. Griffith

SUBJECT: BULKY EXHIBITS -  
LABORATORY DIVISION

Review of the current bulky exhibits maintained by the Laboratory Division has been completed.

In the case captioned "ALVIN KARPAVICA, aka Alvin Karpis, Kidnaping," according to recent newspaper publicity, Karpis, a native of Canada, is being paroled to Canadian authorities on condition he not return to the United States. Therefore, the .45 caliber projectile and the .45 caliber cartridge cases being maintained in the Laboratory files should be retained.

With respect to the case entitled [REDACTED], aka Fugitive, ITSP," SA William J. Farrell advises that the bulky evidence being maintained in the Laboratory files should be retained for research and that this evidence has been utilized in current examinations in regard to setting up various styles of type.

With respect to the glass photographic plates maintained for the Spectrographic Unit, these are removed on a monthly basis and are current. Certain "Specials" are maintained permanently. SA John F. Gallagher advised that these two packages are no longer needed:

- 1 - "Nov. 1955 98-43035 CRUALSAB Special" (Arson (Chicago))
- 2 - "Dec. 1954 DERCOLE case" (Car theft)

RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) The bulky exhibits in the Karpis and [REDACTED] cases should be maintained until appropriate disposition is possible in each instance. (2) The Spectrographic Unit destroy the above two packages of plates.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Jevons
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. Avignone

- 1 - Bureau file (7-576)
- 1 - Bureau file (87-49380)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)  
ATTENTION: CRIME RECORDS DIVISION

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (7-1)

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPING

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On December 20, 1968, JIM TOPPING, News Manager, KIRO, Inc., a CBS radio and television affiliate at Seattle, Washington, advised there is a good possibility his firm will do a feature on ALVIN KARPIS in connection with his release from McNeil Island Penitentiary on or about January 14, 1969. In this connection, WESTON VERNON, KIRO representative at Washington, D.C., will be returning to that city on or after January 2, 1969. VERNON may contact the Bureau with a view to obtaining any comments the Director might want to make concerning crime in the 1930's, the general feeling of the times, and interesting recollections of the KARPIS case.

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7-576-15555

If and when the Bureau is approached by VERNON regarding the above, it is suggested he be given the fullest cooperation possible within the limits of existing policy on the KARPIS case. No information was located in Seattle files which would preclude giving such cooperation.

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3 - Bureau  
2 - Seattle (1 - 7-1)  
(1 - 80-1394)

No ask me.  
Interview declined in letter  
to W. Vernon dated 12/23/68

RBC:asd

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Agent in Charge

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EX-103

7 576-15556

January 2, 1969

Mr. Ray Martinelli  
1303 West 39  
Lorain, Ohio 44053

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

Your letter was received on December 30th.

The FBI does not have any detailed information concerning Alvin Karpis which we can send to you. Enclosed is a copy of "The Story of the Federal Bureau of Investigation" which I hope you will enjoy reading. In addition, you may wish to refer to "The FBI Story" by Don Whitehead which contains data concerning Karpis, including the details surrounding his arrest by me. A copy of this book may be available in your school or local library.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

MAILED 24  
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Enclosure

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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MAIL ROOM ☒ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

*6/24/68*  
*SEN. J. EDGAR HOOVER*  
*1/2/69*

TRUE COPY

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would like to know how long it took you to track down  
Alvin Karpis and make your only arrest against one of the  
most vicious men alive in the 1930's. I would also like to  
know why you would risk your life and did you have to shoot  
it out with him. I also read where Karpis is going to be  
released soon. What are your feelings about him today.

Address per envelope :

Ray Martinelli  
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Lorain, Ohio

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Dear Mr. Hoover:  
I would like to know how long it took  
you to track down Alvin Karpis and  
make your only arrest against one  
of the most vicious men alive in the  
1930's. I would also like to know why  
you would risk your life and did you  
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FBI

Date: 1/14/69

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(Priority)

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Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Mohr  
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Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (7-576)  
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (7-1)(C)  
SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka,  
Alvin Karpis  
KIDNAPPING

KARPIS was released on parole from the U.S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, January 14, 1969. He was turned over to the U.S. Immigration authorities from Seattle and will be escorted to the Canadian border for deportation. Under his release plan KARPIS indicated he would reside in care of F. A. ROBERTS, Executive Director, Catholic Rehabilitation Service, 433 St. Dizier Street, Suite 106, Montreal, Canada. No employment indicated. Under terms of parole, KARPIS is not to return to the United States.

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C. C. Bishop

ROUTING UNIT 1-16-69

Approved: Special Agent in Charge  
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January 14, 1969

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The attached advises that Alvin Karpis will be released from McNeil Island Penitentiary, 1/14/69 and will be immediately deported to Canada. Karpis, one of the ring leaders of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang, which terrorized the Midwest during the 1930s, received a life sentence in July, 1933 for the William J. Hamm kidnapping. The fact that he was going to be released on parole and deported to Canada was reported previously.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SEATTLE

Also known as

Office of Origin

ALVIN KARPAVICZ, AKA ALVIN KARPIS, KIDNAPING. OO: SEATTLE.

FOR THE BUREAU'S INFORMATION, KARPIS IS TO BE RELEASED FROM  
MC NEIL ISLAND PENITENTIARY, TEN THIRTY AM, JANUARY FOURTEEN NEXT  
INTO CUSTODY OF U.S. IMMIGRATION SERVICE, FOR IMMEDIATE DEPORTA-  
TION TO VANCOUVER, B. C.

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Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Office 7133  
1 - Mr. Frazier

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: 9/15/69

FROM : R. H. Jevons

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPAVICZ, aka,  
ALVIN KARPIS;  
KIDNAPING

Reference memorandum W. D. Griffith to Mr. Conrad dated 5/15/69, captioned "BULKY EXHIBITS - LABORATORY DIVISION".

Referenced memorandum sets out that on 1/14/69, Karpis was released on parole from the U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, and deported to Canada. Karpis is not to return to the United States under the terms of his parole.

Certain evidence has been retained in Laboratory bulky storage since 1938. These items consist of specimen K8 (four caliber .45 cartridge cases and one flattened bullet) and K11 (one caliber .45 bullet). These specimens were recovered by the Philadelphia Office following a gun battle with Karpis and Campbell in the Hotel Danmore in Atlantic City (Serial 14983). K11 and K8 were submitted to the Laboratory by Cincinnati letter of 7/21/38 (Serial 14996) and described in Laboratory report of 8/3/38 (Serial 15013) as having been fired from a Thompson Submachine gun, Serial Number 7609, forwarded to the Laboratory from Little Rock 6/6/36. This gun was forwarded to the training division at Quantico for training purposes (80-14-949).

It would appear that no purpose would be served in further retention of K8 and K11. It should be noted, however, that the Director has a personal interest in this case since he personally arrested Karpis in New Orleans.

## RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Investigative Division advise whether or not the bullet and four cartridge cases, K8, and the bullet, K11, can be destroyed.

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1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen

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ADDENDUM - See Page 1a

ADDENDUM, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION CRM:jny 9-16-69

The items mentioned above have no further evidentiary value.

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K8 & K11 destroyed in Lab 9/17/69/R

Mr. Conrad

May 15, 1969

W. D. Griffith

**BULKY EXHIBITS - LABORATORY DIVISION**

Review of the current bulky exhibits maintained by the Laboratory Division has been completed.

In the case captioned "Alvin Karpavica, aka Alvin Karpis; Kidnapping," Bureau file 7-576, reflects that on 1/14/69, Karpis was released on parole from the U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington. At that time Karpis was deported to Canada and under the terms of parole, Karpis is not to return to the United States. SA Robert A. Frazier, Firearms - Toolmarks Unit, advised he will make appropriate inquiries concerning disposition of the .45 caliber projectile and the .45 caliber cartridge cases currently being maintained in the Laboratory files.

With respect to the case entitled [REDACTED], aka - Fugitive; ITSP," SA William J. Farrell advises that the bulky evidence being maintained in the Laboratory files should be retained for research and that this evidence has been utilized in current examinations in regard to setting up various styles of type.

With respect to the glass photographic plates maintained for the Spectrographic Unit, these are reviewed on a monthly basis and are current.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** (1) The bulky exhibits in the Karpis and [REDACTED] cases should be maintained until appropriate disposition is possible in each instance.

(2) The Firearms - Toolmarks Unit arrange for appropriate disposition of the Karpis evidence.

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1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Jevons  
1 - Mr. Griffith

1 - Mr. Frazier  
1 - Mr. Farrell  
1 - Mr. Lile  
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# Karpis Hits Hero Role Of Hoover

By Ken W. Clawson  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Alvin Karpis, a depression-era gangster whose arrest in 1936 made J. Edgar Hoover a national hero, claims his capture created a phony legend.

A former Public Enemy No. 1, Karpis said in a newly published autobiography, "The Alvin Karpis Story," that Hoover remained behind a building while 24 FBI agents got the drop on him and gangster Freddi Barker.

Hoover "waited until he was told the coast was clear," Karpis wrote. "Then he came out to reap the glory. . . . I made Hoover's reputation as a fearless lawman. It's a reputation he doesn't deserve."

The FBI responded that Karpis was bidding for public attention to promote book sales.

An FBI spokesman said, "J. Edgar Hoover's record for honesty speaks for itself and Alvin Karpis' record for dishonesty is equally clear."

"Whose word would you trust? That of Mr. Hoover and the FBI agents who were with him when the FBI director personally arrested Karpis in New Orleans in 1936, or the word of this notorious gangster and convicted felon?"

Karpis, 64, was paroled in 1969 after 33 years in prison. He said in his book that Hoover's version of the arrest "grated on me" during his prison years.

The official FBI version of the incident is that Karpis made a move for a rifle lying on the back seat of his car as Hoover and his agents approached the vehicle. Hoover is alleged to have jerked open the door and grabbed Karpis.

But Karpis said he was in a 1936 Plymouth coupe that had no back seat. The closest rifle, he said, was locked in the car trunk.

After agents covered him with rifles and machine guns, Karpis said, an FBI agent called to Hoover — who was behind an apartment building — "We've got him. We've got him. It's all clear, chief."

Hoover then made his appearance, Karpis said.

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FROM

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

MR. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. SULLIVAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. MOHR \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. BISHOP \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. BRENNAN, C.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. CALLAHAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. CASPER \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. CONRAD \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. FELT \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. GALE \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. ROSEN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. TAVEL \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. WALTERS \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. SOYARS \_\_\_\_\_  
MISS HOLMES \_\_\_\_\_  
MISS GANDY \_\_\_\_\_

SEE ME \_\_\_\_\_  
NOTE AND RETURN \_\_\_\_\_  
PREPARE REPLY \_\_\_\_\_  
SEND MEMO TO ATTORNEY GENERAL \_\_\_\_\_  
FOR YOUR RECOMMENDATION \_\_\_\_\_  
WHAT ARE THE FACTS? \_\_\_\_\_  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : Mr. *Tavel*

FROM : J. W. Marshall

SUBJECT: <sup>0</sup> ALVIN KARPAVICZ  
KIDNAPPING

DATE: 4-16-70

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_

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Bulky Exhibit File Number: 7-576-

We are in the process of reviewing all bulky exhibits in order that we may dispose of those which serve no further purpose. Inasmuch as many of the bulky exhibits pertain to inactive cases and are occupying badly needed space, it is requested that the appropriate substantive supervisor review the above-listed bulky exhibit and render a decision as to its retention or disposition. A notation as to the decision reached may be placed on this memorandum. The memorandum should be returned to the Filing Unit of the Records Branch, Room 1116, Identification Building, for filing in the case file.

RECOMMENDATION:

That captioned bulky exhibit be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material.

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☒ Retain ☐ Destroy ☐ Other Disposition \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Decision Continuing Bureau interest.Signature of Reviewing Supervisor Wm. F. Beane

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. BISHOP

DATE: MARCH 1, 1971

FROM : M. A. JONES

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPIS APPREHENSION IN  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, MAY 1, 1936

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Brennan, C.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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Director requested to know names of any Agents who were members of raiding party with him, when Alvin Karpis was arrested in New Orleans, Louisiana on May 1, 1936.

Report of Special Agent In Charge of raid, E. J. Connelley, dated 5-18-36, set forth the plans made by the Director; Mr. Tolson; Mr. Glavin and SAC Dwight Brantley, and Mr. E. J. Connelley. On pages 5, 6, 7, and 8 are listed the raid plans and the names of 18 raid participants including Bureau Officials and Bureau Agents.

Below are the names of Officials and Special Agents who participated in the apprehension of Alvin Karpis on May 1, 1936, at New Orleans, Louisiana:

1. Director J. Edgar Hoover
2. Associate Director Clyde A. Tolson
3. SAC E. J. Connelley \*
4. SAC D. W. Magee \*
5. SAC Dwight Brantley \*
6. SA C. O. Hurt
7. SA W. L. Buchanan \*
8. SA R. P. Baldwin
9. SA W. R. Glavin
10. SA W. J. McNulty \*
11. SA T. E. Neal \*
12. SA J. O. Peyronin \*
13. SA C. W. Toulme
14. SA T. W. Bain
15. SA E. M. Heavrin
16. SA J. E. Lunsford
17. SA R. L. Tollett \*
18. SA L. I. Bowman \*

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1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Bishop  
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M. A. Jones to Bishop Memo  
RE: Alvin Karpis Apprehension

Of the 18 who composed the raiding party, the only two still in the Bureau are Director J. Edgar Hoover and Associate Director Clyde A. Tolson.

Of the 18 members who composed the raiding party nine are known to be deceased. Available addresses of those still living are set forth

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RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 3/5/71

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF BOOK  
"THE ALVIN KARPIS STORY"  
BY ALVIN KARPIS WITH BILL TRENT

This book which was published by Coward, McCann and Geoghegan, Incorporated, New York, New York, was reviewed in the Crime Research Section. As was to be expected, this book is replete with lies and exaggerations and misses no opportunity to make the notorious Alvin Karpis appear as heroic, intelligent and glamorous.

According to the introduction by Frank Lowe, Editor of Weekend magazine which is published in Montreal, Canada, Lowe contacted Karpis about seven years ago and kept in touch with him. When Karpis was paroled, he assigned Bill Trent, a staff writer of the magazine, to interview Karpis and write this book with him. The book is a recitation of Karpis's criminal exploits and other criminals he met over the years. No attempt is being made to refute each and every allegation made by Karpis but the major references made concerning the FBI and the Director are set out.

Page 15, Karpis claims he could have held the highest job in any line of police work because he outthought, outwitted and defeated enough cops and G-Men to recognize he was more knowledgeable about crime than any of them including J. Edgar Hoover.

Page 74, Karpis set forth a brief meeting with Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker in Joplin, Missouri. It is apparent from the book that this was their only meeting but in his television appearance on February 28th, to publicize this book he bragged that he knew both of them well.

Page 80, Karpis claims that Ma Barker was just an old-fashioned homebody from the Ozarks and not the leader of the Karpis-Barker Gang. He says that this legend was built up after her death to justify the manner in which she met her death at the hands of the FBI.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Miss Holmes
- 1 - Miss Gandy

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M. A. Jones to Bishop Memo  
RE: BOOK REVIEW

Pages 98-99, the FBI announced in 1936 that Karpis had been lined up for capture a few months earlier in Cleveland but that someone in the local district attorney's office tipped Karpis off in time to avoid the FBI trap. A private detective, Frank Noonan, was friendly with Assistant Attorney General Joe Keenan. Noonan took Keenan and Karpis to dinner and plied Keenan with drinks. Keenan then bragged how he had convicted Harvey Bailey when everyone from Hoover on down knew that Bailey was not guilty. Keenan gave Karpis information on how many FBI Agents were in town and what tactics they were using. Keenan was unaware of Karpis's identity.

Page 114, after Dolores Delaney was convicted of harboring him, Karpis hired a lawyer in Dayton, Ohio, to appeal her sentences. The FBI descended on him, tapped his phone, shadowed him and harassed him. They wanted to scare him off the case and eventually they succeeded.

Page 146, in July, 1933, the Touhy Gang, <sup>was caught</sup> when Roger and three others were involved in an automobile accident in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. A few days later J. Edgar Hoover himself announced from Washington that his men had put together a solid case against Touhy's boys. The scientific evidence left no doubt at all that the Touhys were the men behind the kidnapping of William Hamm.

Page 169, when the father of Edward Bremer paid off the \$200,000 ransom for his son, the father informed Karpis and the other kidnappers that the FBI had recorded the serial number of each and every bill. Bremer said the FBI had forced him to agree to this.

Page 176, Karpis, or his writer, shows a suspicious flair for the dramatic when he claims that he was watching "Manhattan Melodrama" in a Cleveland theater at the same time Dillinger was watching the same show on the night he was killed by FBI Agents.

Pages 206-207, "The FBI wasn't about to let up in its hunt for me and the last remaining guys of the Karpis-Barker bunch. J. Edgar Hoover himself swore to get me. He set up a propaganda machine which included publicity releases even stating that I had sent him a note threatening his life. This was strictly b s. He laid the reputation of the bureau on the line. There was absolutely no doubt, he told the newspapers, that his men would bring me in within a few weeks.

"Hoover told the public that crooked politicians were responsible for the FBI's failure to nail me. He blasted shady lawyers, ward heelers, elected officials on the take, and all the people that gangsters like me paid off. He claimed that his men had had me cornered in Atlantic City. Only the intervention of crooked public officials kept them from arresting me. Hoover said that when I was finally caught, he'd make me cough up names, dates, places, and fixes. I'd prove out of my own mouth how closely politicians were linked to me."

M. A. Jones to Bishop Memo  
RE: BOOK REVIEW

Page 217, in describing the train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, Karpis reports trying to fire his machine gun over the head of one of the mail clerks. He claims he pulled the trigger and "The hammer fell down, but the slug didn't go off." Karpis's writer is obviously unaware that the hammer does not fall down on a machine gun.

Page 223, "we heard that Hoover guaranteed \$5000 to anyone who produced information that led to our arrest."

Page 224, one night in Hot Springs, Arkansas, Grace Goldstein went to the house on Malvern Road to pick up something for Karpis. After Grace left the FBI hit the house. They rained bullets in the windows. They blew out the door. They lobbed in some flares. One flare landed on the bed and set a fire. The wreckage of the house got J. Edgar Hoover into hot water. A U.S. Senator named Joe Robinson blasted Hoover on the floor of the Senate for assaulting the empty house. Courtney Riley Cooper was paid a fabulous salary to shine up Hoover's image. Some Senators wanted to know something about Hoover's other expenses—for instance, the amount he had spent on stool pigeons to try to track me down.

Page 233, Karpis here describes his capture. He claims that he and Freddie Hunter climbed into Hunter's car with Karpis in the driver's seat. A number of men surrounded the car with rifles, shotguns and pistols. Hunter slid out of his door and calmly walked away. Someone hollered to stop the man on the sidewalk and Hunter was then <sup>caught</sup> about 100 feet down the street. There were a couple of dozen FBI Agents and at least a hundred spectators. One Agent shouted "we've got him. 'We've got him. It's all clear chief.'" J. Edgar Hoover and another man then came out from behind the building. It's interesting to note that in the book Karpis does not claim that Mr. Hoover had a 45 Colt in his hand as he claimed on his television statement of February 28th.

The last chapter from pages 235-256, describes his contact with the Director and FBI Agents after his capture. He attempts to make the Agents appear ridiculous by their methods of questioning him and their treatment of him. On the last page, Karpis notes "The story of Hoover the hero is false" and "I have nothing but contempt for J. Edgar Hoover." In the introduction Karpis is quoted as saying "I made that son of a bitch."

#### INFORMATION IN BUFILES

Bufiles contain no information identifiable with Bill Trent. Frank Lowe, who was then with the Montreal Daily Star wrote an article in September, 1953, entitled "Reds Reported Smuggled into U.S. via Canada." This article was based

M. A. Jones to Bishop Memo  
RE: BOOK REVIEW

on an interview with an individual arrested by the Montreal City Police and, although the article was based on fact, it was highly colored for public consumption. In November, 1960, Frank Lowe of Weekend magazine was interested in publishing a story on Joseph Corbett, Jr., who was then one of the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 3-1-71

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPIS  
APPEARANCE ON NATIONAL  
BROADCASTING COMPANY (NBC)  
TELEVISION NETWORK SHOW  
ENTITLED "COMMENT"  
FEBRUARY 28, 1971

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Brennan, C.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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In T. E. Bishop to Mr. Mohr memo dated 2-25-71, it is reported that Alvin Karpis would appear on the above program and charge that the Director did not personally apprehend Karpis.

This program was monitored and a transcription of Karpis' remarks is attached.

The commentator, Edwin Newman, in his introduction noted that Karpis is about to publish a book on his experiences. As was reported in referenced memo, Karpis did charge that the Director did not make an appearance until after other Agents apprehended him.

The forceful statement which was given to NBC in answer to Karpis' charges effectively refuted Karpis' wild and untrue allegations.

## OBSERVATION:

It was obvious that Karpis was reading this statement, and he gave a singularly unconvincing performance. Some of his statements were so ridiculous, such as the one that the Director was his greatest enemy and someone might spirit him back across the U. S. border, that it was obvious his purpose was to create a demand for his new book.

## RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

Enclosures

- 1 - Mr. Mohr-Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Bishop-Enclosure

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- 1 - Miss Gandy-Enclosure
- 1 - Miss Holmes-Enclosure
- 1 - M. A. Jones-Enclosure

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ALVIN KARPIS  
NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY  
PROGRAM ENTITLED "COMMENT"  
FEBRUARY 28, 1971

"I enjoyed being the last of the big time Public Enemies Number One. Dillinger, Pretty Boy Floyd, Baby Faced Nelson and finally me, the one they called 'Old Creepy.' Now-- I don't need it.

"I was a thief--a bank robber, a kidnaper, a train robber, a burglar, a payroll robber--and there were a few murders too. Through it all, the notoriety, the reputation, the Public Enemy Number One--I ate it up. I was also a good thief. Even the mistakes I made, I got away with. And I made a lot of money. I was young-- and I was wanted for murder in 14 States.

"Today, after spending more time in Alcatraz than any other man, 25 years, I don't repent. I'm not here to moralize. I wouldn't even say I've gone straight. I'm just not crooked any more. I can't even say crime doesn't pay. It did for me--big. I can only say it doesn't pay for me now.

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"I'm living in Europe--where the living is cheap and where I've got a girl. I'm really afraid of spending too much time in Canada, where I was born, because I do have enemies pretty close--J. Edgar Hoover is still the biggest of them--and I'm afraid of being poured alcohol over one day and spirited back across the border.

"Now I'd like to set a few stories straight. Stories that have become pretty famous unstraight.

"Let's start with Bonnie and Clyde. Yes, I've seen the picture. For one thing, Bonnie was no Faye Dunaway, she was a tiny, squinty-eyed, dumb-faced sharecropper. Clyde Barrow was more like Warren Beatty played him. He made a nice appearance. I got to know them both well in Joplin--but they weren't in my league--and they never robbed a bank in their lives.

"They robbed general stores, filling stations--like in the beginning of the picture--but they never graduated to banks. One story is true. They were small-time, and dumb, and they were kids, but they were killers. They did kill half a dozen law men in Texas and Oklahoma and they did it in cold blood. They weren't romantic though, a word I keep hearing about the movie.

"Ma Barker was the biggest legend of them all. She did have four sons, every one a killer, and every one met a violent death. But it was the sons and me that made the Barker-Karpis

gang, she never was in it. The "Bloody Mama" of murder the movies and the FBI made her out to be, never was. Her sons never even let her know about the jobs they were doing. And, like Bonnie Parker, she was just a dumb Ozark hillbilly, with four killer sons instead of one killer lover. And if the movies have made romantics out of Bonnie and Clyde, the FBI mimeograph machine has made a monster out of that old front porch lady. Ma Barker was a myth.

"But I guess I was a kind of myth too. The story the G-men let out was that J. Edgar Hoover personally snuk up on me while I was at the wheel of my car in New Orleans, and grabbed me as I was reaching for a rifle in the back seat.

"I have never told this before. It would only have hurt during all those years in Alcatraz--but Mr. Hoover wasn't even in sight. I wasn't armed. There couldn't have been a rifle in the back because it was a coupe--there was no back seat.

"The fact is, a car full of Agents had cut me off, two of them came at my windshield with rifles and machine guns, a dozen showed their guns and faces from windows all around. They pulled me from the car--and then came a Keystone Comedy. One said, 'Put your hands up,' one said, 'Keep 'em at your side,' one said, 'Sit on the running board,' another said, 'Lay down on the street.' They didn't even have handcuffs. They had to tie my hands with a necktie.

"I like to think I was pretty cool, I asked who the boss was. A stocky, barrel-chested man in a blue serge suit, a gray snap-brim and a .45 colt in his hand came out from behind the house. That's when I first saw J. Edgar Hoover. 'We've got him,' one of the Agents shouted. 'It's all clear, Chief.' That's how J. Edgar Hoover captured the last of the Public Enemies single-handed.

"I'm sorry to have to say, after all is said and done, that I have nothing but contempt for Mr. Hoover now. I don't want to sound like another bitter ex-con putting the rap on the cop who arrested him. J. Edgar Hoover never arrested me. Twenty-eight G-men did-- and then Hoover came out of hiding. I challenge him to prove me a liar."

March 9, 1971

JOHN G. ROWLAND  
SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I received from  
Mr. Rowland in which he takes CBS News commentator Roger Mudd  
to task for the one-sided manner in which he publicized the criticism  
of Senator McGovern and a former bank robber (Alvin Karpis).

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Mr. Mohr - Enclosures (2)

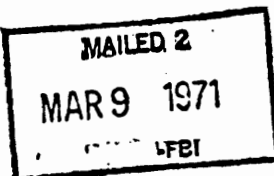
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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 2/25/71

FROM : T. E. Bishop

SUBJECT: ALVIN KARPIS  
SCHEDULED APPEARANCE ON  
NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY (NBC)  
TELEVISION NETWORK SHOW ENTITLED "COMMENT"  
FEBRUARY 28, 1971

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Bishop was contacted on the afternoon of 2/25/71 by Frank Jordan, Bureau Chief of NBC-TV News, Washington, D.C., who stated that NBC has a network television show entitled "Comment" each Sunday on which appear persons who are of some news interest and who "speak their minds." He stated that on the forthcoming Sunday's program, 2/28/71, one of the individuals who will be on the program is Alvin Karpis, a former "Public Enemy #1," who was recently released from a Federal penitentiary and is believed to be presently living in Canada. He stated that the script of Karpis' appearance, which has already been filmed, reflects that one of the things discussed by Karpis is his apprehension in New Orleans on April 30, 1936. Karpis states that the story of the details of the apprehension, as given out by the FBI, are not factual and he claims that he was never apprehended by the Director. He states that the story that he was arrested by the Director, who ran to the left side of Karpis' car just after Karpis climbed into it, reaching into the car and grabbing Karpis before he could reach for a rifle on the back seat, is not correct, claiming that there was no rifle on the back seat and that the car was a coupe. Karpis also claims that he was actually arrested by "26 FBI Agents" who surrounded him in a car outside of a building where he was residing and, after he was in their custody, although he was not handcuffed because no handcuffs could be located, one of the FBI Agents called out "it's all clear Chief"; with that, according to Karpis, Mr. Hoover came out from behind a building with a .45 pistol on his hip.

Jordan desired to know if the FBI wished to make any statement concerning the version of the arrest given by Karpis.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Miss Gandy
- 1 - Mr. M.A. Jones

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Bishop to Mr. Mohr memo (continued)  
Re: ALVIN KARPIS

It is understood that Karpis has written a book, which will be published sometime this year, and, undoubtedly, his appearance on the program is to gain publicity to help sell the book. The correct and factual version of how Karpis was apprehended by the Director and a group of FBI Agents is set forth on pages 108 and 109 of "The FBI Story," the best-selling book by Don Whitehead. Even though it galls one to think that NBC would give air time to a convicted felon like Karpis, it is not felt that we should let him get away with his fictionalized version of history nor permit him to, in effect, call the Director a liar. Therefore, it is felt that we should advise NBC that an FBI spokesman may be quoted as making the following statement concerning Karpis' claim:

"J. Edgar Hoover's record for honesty speaks clearly for itself; and Alvin Karpis' record of dishonesty is equally clear. Whose word would you trust? That of Mr. Hoover and the FBI Agents who were with him at the time the FBI Director personally arrested Karpis in New Orleans in 1936 or the word of this notorious gangster and convicted felon?

"It is no small coincidence that Karpis has made this bid for public attention and headlines at a time when he reportedly has a book of his memoirs pending publication."

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Bishop be authorized to furnish the above statement as an "FBI spokesman" to Frank Jordan of NBC News.

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Jordan, who advised  
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WRC-TV (NBC Channel  
4) at 6 PM 2/26/37  
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April 7, 1971

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X  
Mr. Steve Schroeder  
1740 Dayton Drive  
Lemon Grove, California 92045

Dear Mr. Schroeder:

Your letter was received on April 5th and I want to thank you for your generous remarks regarding my work. Your support is most encouraging and means a great deal to me.

In response to your inquiry, the specific case to which you referred involved the arrest of Alvin Karpis, a member of the Barker-Karpis gang who bragged he would kill me. Karpis was wanted for murder by state authorities and by the FBI for kidnaping. Additional information can be found in the book by Don Whitehead entitled "The FBI Story." It may be available in your local library. With regard to the recent comments of Karpis, I do not feel I want to dignify his remarks by any type of reply.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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1740 Dayton Dr.  
Lemon Grove, Calif. 92045  
March 30, 1971

*Alvin Karpis*

J. Edgar Hoover  
Dir. of F.B.I.  
Washington D.C. 20535

Dear Sir;

I recently heard on the news, John William Klauser give his account of an incident in which he was captured long ago. He said that you instead of capturing him single-handedly as you claim, waited until your men had very inefficiently caught him. He then said you came out of hiding and claimed the credit.

I have long admired your work in law enforcement, as most Americans have. I believe you have done much to help prevent crime in our country. I do not actually believe this criminal, but I would still like to hear your account of the scene. I would appreciate it if you could take time to write to me.

Yours Truly,

*Steve Schroeder*

Steve Schroeder

*He means Karpis who is a congenital liar.*

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SAC, Cincinnati (7-43)

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For the Acting Director, FBI  
W. Mark Felt  
Acting Associate Director  
BREKID

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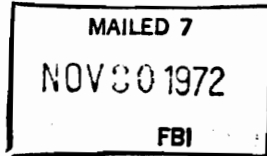
Cincinnati should maintain a copy of each report, as well as copies of other type communications, which in your discretion may be of some future assistance. Authority granted for your division to purge the remainder of this file.

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NOTE: Cincinnati requested to be advised whether any consideration would be given to destroying any of their 37 volumes in this case. Thirty-six of the volumes are 33 years old, and relate to the Alvin Karpis matter. This grants authority to Cincinnati as Office of Origin to destroy as outlined above.

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# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/20/72

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (7-43)

SUBJECT: BREKID

This case began January 17, 1934 and there are 37 volumes of this file in Cincinnati, 36 of which are 33 years old. According to Cincinnati letter to Director, August 22, 1941, the Cincinnati Office was made office of origin for administrative purposes in view of the fact that Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLEY was at the time of the change, SAC of the Cincinnati Office and was in direct charge of the entire investigation.

SAC Letter No. 63-50 dated 10/1/63 states "any office which has been an office of origin or an office of prosecution at any time in the BREKID case should retain all material in its possession".

The serials added to this file since 1954 have been in connection with the release of VOLNEY DAVIS on habeas corpus in the district of Minnesota and his release on parole as well as the parole of ALVIN KARPIS. Our file does not show whether DAVIS was paroled.

The Bureau is requested to advise whether any consideration can be given at this time to the destruction of any of this file in the Cincinnati Division.

2-Bureau  
2-Cincinnati (1-7-43)  
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REC-73 7-574-15567  
Mr. Kenneth Hansell  
2918 14th Avenue, South  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407

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Dear Mr. Hansell:

Your letter of July 5th has been received. For your information, there is a substantial amount of money still unrecovered in connection with the ransom paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer. I am not aware of any reward available for recovery of this money.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

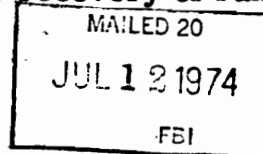
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

1 - Minneapolis - Enclosure

NOTE: Hansell wrote us in 1966 and we had him contacted by an Agent of our Minneapolis Office reference inquiry concerning how much of the missing \$200,000 ransom had been recovered. He was advised at that time there is a substantial amount of money still unrecovered. \$19,870 of the original ransom money has been recovered. Above reply discussed with General Investigative Division. Bufile this matter reflects no indication of any reward offered for recovery of ransom money.

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Dear Sir:

In 1966 I wrote the Bureau regarding \$100,000<sup>00</sup> missing of Bremer Kidnapping in January 1934 from a story in a mens magazine. About 10 days later a Mr. Felt called me from local office and proceeded to give me a third degree over the phone which I thought was rather hilarious! at the conclusion he did admit the money was still missing. According to story it was suppose to be buried between Rochester and Chatfield, Minn. It was in 5 and 10 dollar bills with numbers recorded. In the years since the story has appeared in several "Treasure" magazines. Has this money ever been located? In the July issue of Frontier Times I saw a notice for map dowsers (people claiming to be able to locate objects on a county or Geological map). I sent a county map to a woman in Oriskany and she pinpointed a location that she said that the money had been buried there but could not tell if it was still there. This was her first experience with anything beside water of which she has be quite successful

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2/ She is interest<sup>d</sup> to see if she can do it and  
I furnish the county map. She has located  
some diamonds and gold placers in Arizona  
which I have yet to check out. It is very  
interesting as I have learnt to clouse  
in the field after obtaining "the elements  
of clousing" by Le Comte Henry de France  
translated into the English language. I am  
planning on contacting the local Narcotics  
bureau to show them how it could be  
possible to locate drugs hidden in a  
house or car. I have been able to locate  
a fifty dollar bill hidden in a house  
three times out of three times. This convinced  
my friends. I located a piece of gold so  
small it had to be cemented to paper.  
The above book can be obtained from  
El Cariso Publications, P.O. Box 176, Elmore  
Ca. 92330. @ \$4.20 + 65 Postage. A really  
remorable book. I make my own instruments  
(a per book) for less than \$1.00.  
— If I find the money what will be my  
procedure and what reward will I get.  
— The bills will have quite a value if they  
can be proved to be the authentic money.  
Thanks

Kenneth Haurell 2918-14<sup>th</sup> Ave. ... 55407

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO: MR. JENKINS  
FROM: J.J. MC DERMOTT

DATE: 6/18/74

SUBJECT: WARNER BROTHERS AND  
QUINN MARTIN PRODUCTIONS  
TELEVISION FEATURE FILMS  
BASED ON "THE FBI STORY"

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Director Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

Bernard Goodman, New York based Vice President of Warner Brothers, advised today that Warner Bros., in conjunction with QM Productions, has signed a contract with the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) Television Network to do two 2-hour feature films for the 1974-75 television season; 2 additional for the 1975-76 season with an option to do 2 more for the 1976-77 television season.

The first film is already tentatively scheduled for telecasting on "Thursday Night at the Movies" on 10/24/74, and it is to highlight the activities of Alvin Karpis with particular reference to the apprehension of Karpis by the late Director J. Edgar Hoover.

According to Goodman, Quinn Martin intends to personally supervise the production of these films as Executive Producer, however, Philip Saltzman, who was Producer of our television series, "The FBI," during its most successful seasons, has been retained to produce these films.

It was pointed out to Goodman that Alvin Karpis was released from prison several years ago, has appeared on talk shows in which he was critical of the FBI and the late Director and, undoubtedly, he could take exception to "his story" being told without his permission on the basis of invasion of privacy.

Goodman advised that the legal department at QM has already taken this possibility into account and feels confident that a television presentation involving Karpis could be prepared with no problem. Goodman noted that in the course of their research the

1 - Mr. McDermott  
1 - Mr. Mintz

1 - Mr. Heim

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## Memorandum

MR. JENKINS

DATE 6/13/74

McDermott to Jenkins Memo (cont'd.)

Re: WARNER BROTHERS AND QUINN MARTIN PRODUCTIONS

QM legal staff has determined that Karpis himself has written a book concerning his activities, expressed, of course, from his viewpoint, and because of this has for the most part obviated any argument on his part regarding invasion of his privacy.

With respect to the subsequent films for which they have contracted, Goodman indicates that no firm plans have been made for the subject matter of these presentations and feels that each could highlight a major investigation which would clearly define the work of the FBI in the most favorable terms.

Goodman, in contacting us, is now requesting an opportunity to sit down and discuss this matter with us in the hope that we would be willing to cooperate in this venture by reviewing scripts and providing whatever technical assistance that would be necessary to insure these films are first class productions in the tradition of the television series "The FBI" and accurately reflect the responsibilities and realities of the FBI. He has also requested any public source material which we might have for use in preparing a suitable script on the activities of Alvin Karpis.

He was advised that we would be back in touch with him.

Observation:

"Made for television" motion pictures could be of great benefit to the FBI in keeping our name before the public provided the scripts for them are written and produced so as to reflect the realities of the FBI and are in good taste. Goodman's disclaimers notwithstanding, I still have serious reservations regarding a film on the activities of Karpis in that such a presentation caters to the current vogue of indulging in nostalgia on television by highlighting the 30's, 40's and 50's. In this vein, films on Pretty Boy Floyd and Melvin Purvis were telecast during the past television season and were not only tasteless and devoid of entertainment value, but more importantly distorted the role of the FBI.

It is strongly felt that prior to agreeing to any involvement in Warner Bros.- QM's present film project, that representatives from both organizations be invited to FBI Headquarters to discuss this project in detail.



McDermott to Jenkins Memo (continued)  
Re: WARNER BROTHERS AND QUINN MARTIN PRODUCTIONS

It is noted that the July, 1974, issue of "Argosy," not yet on the newsstands, will carry a story on Alvin Karpis, highlighting the Bremer kidnaping case. We cooperated with "Argosy" in the preparation of this piece and had considerable discussion with the "Argosy" staff concerning it. In this regard, we permitted use of Interesting Case Writeup #7-576 entitled "The Kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, St. Paul, Minnesota," which is the history and early association of the Karpis-Barker Gang prior to the abduction of Bremer as a basis for the story on the condition that to the maximum, reasonable extent, the true identities of persons would be concealed by pseudonyms. "Argosy" agreed to this condition. Legal Counsel acknowledged that Karpis' name could be used since he was a principal figure in this case and had been subjected to publicity with respect to the case to the extent that a pseudonym would not conceal his true identity. Our Legal Counsel feels we can make this writeup available to QM on the same basis.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That I be permitted to advise Bernard Goodman that the Bureau, while very interested in this project, wishes to sit down and discuss it with representatives of Warner Brothers and QM Productions before making any decisions regarding participation in terms of script review and technical assistance.

*Goodman  
Advised  
6/21/74  
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(2) That, for the interim, in line with his request, public source material on Alvin Karpis be sent to Quinn Martin, to include the Interesting Case Writeup on the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, with appropriate pseudonyms incorporated to conceal the true identities of innocent parties named in this writeup.

*OK*

*[Signature]*

*QTR*

*[Signature]*

October 9, 1974

1 - Mr. McDermont - Enc.  
Atten: Mr. Gunn  
1 - Mr. Mintz

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REC-9 7-576-15568

Mr. George W. Bass  
42 Baldwin Avenue  
East Keansburg, New Jersey 07734

Dear Mr. Bass:

This is to acknowledge your letter of September 29th requesting information concerning "Ma" Barker.

A check of our central records indicates our files on the "Barker-Karpis Gang" consist of over 300 volumes. The processing of this material for information pertinent to your request would obviously involve a substantial amount of time, and under current regulations we are authorized to charge a fee for services expended in locating and making available records. The fee schedule, set forth in Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 16.9, includes charges for clerical search time at the rate of \$5 per hour, and other fees for reproduction and screening of documents.

I wish to advise you a preliminary file review indicates only a limited amount of information regarding Kate Barker's early home life is contained in our files, since our investigative interest in her developed subsequent to her marriage. Previous research in this area conducted by us discloses she was born in the vicinity of Ash Grove, Missouri, known as the Ozark country, of Scotch-Irish parents, and was apparently reared in the vicinity of the place of her birth.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure  
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Mr. George W. Bass

On September 14, 1892, as Arrie Clark, Kate was married to George E. Barker, at Ash Grove, Missouri, and their early married life was spent at Aurora, Missouri, where their sons were born.

I trust the above information will be of some assistance to you. In the event you are willing to pay the fees for a complete file search, as authorized and outlined above, please communicate with me and arrangements along these lines will be made.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

NOTE: Correspondent, who is not identifiable in Bufiles, claims to be writing a documentary book on Ma Barker and the Barker-Karpis Gang. His inquiry was directed specifically for information for Ma Barker's early home life. Information furnished to him was obtained from an Interesting Case write-up.

September 29, 1974

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

George W. Bass  
42 Baldwin Avenue  
E. Keansburg, N.J. 07704

Dear Sir,

*Alvin KARPIS*

I am writing a documentary book on Ma Barker and the ~~Barker-~~  
Karpis gang which, as you know, operated in the late 20s  
and the first half of the 1930s.

I have done considerable research on the Barker family, my  
search ranging from Missouri to the east coast. Although  
I have assembled much material on this project, I am de-  
ficient especially in information concerning her early home  
life prior to her marriage at the age of 20 to George Barker.  
I understand she was named Arizona Dennie Clark when she was  
born in 1872 in the Ozark hills about 18 miles northwest of  
Springfield, Missouri. My further knowledge concerning her  
early family life is limited to a few generalities; I have  
no knowledge of her next-of-kin, for example.

I realize this gang is literally a dead issue with the  
Bureau. Although your files on this case are no doubt  
purged, I thought it possible that I might have the inform-  
ation from a microfilm record, without causing too much  
trouble. This is a serious undertaking for me, in that I  
wish to authenticate all my information before publication  
in book form; I knew that the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
is the best source in a case like this.

Hoping you can help me flesh out the account of her early  
home life, I thank you for your consideration.

It is understood that any such material will be quoted only  
with your permission, and that the Bureau will be duly credited  
in the book to be published.

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Best regards,

*George W. Bass*

George W. Bass

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11- Legal Counsel  
CORRESPONDENCE

SAC, Cincinnati (66-1859)

5/27/77

Director, FBI (66-3286)

**DESTRUCTION OF FILES**

Reurlet 4/28/77, captioned as above requesting FBIHQ authority to destroy Cincinnati file captioned "BREKID" and all index cards relative thereto that were prepared prior to 1940. Additionally, you requested authority to purge and destroy index cards relating to FBI Law Enforcement Bulletins that are five years old and have been destroyed.

Based on information set forth in urlet of 4/28/77, you are authorized to destroy in accordance with your recommendations the material referred to therein.

Manual changes will be forthcoming concerning the destruction of index cards relating to FBI Law Enforcement Bulletins that are five years old.

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NOTE: Based on Cilet 4/28/77, captioned "Destruction of Files" requesting FBIHQ authority to destroy CI case captioned "BREKID" and related index cards prepared prior to 1940. Also requested FBIHQ authority to purge and destroy index cards relating to FBI Law Enforcement Bulletins that are five years old and have been destroyed. Addendums of the Criminal Investigative Division (CID) and Public Affairs Office (PAO) dated 5/10/77 and 5/23/77 respectively interpose no objection. Approval to destroy aforementioned material does not conflict with current instructions concerning destruction of field files and records and/or the moratorium on destruction of original file copy material in matters involved in litigation and matters relating to domestic intelligence, extremist, and foreign counterintelligence. PAO will make appropriate changes re FBI Law Enforcement Bulletins.

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (7-1820)

DATE: 11/2/77

FROM : Acting SAC, Oklahoma City (7-36)  
(7-125)

SUBJECT: MATNAP  
BREKID  
DESTRUCTION OF FILES

ReBulet to SAC, Albany 11/21/63.

UACB 11/30/77 Oklahoma City files in captioned matters will be destroyed. Any material of an evidentiary nature will be forwarded to the office of origin.

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