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AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG**

**BREMER KIDNAPPING**

**FILE NUMBER: 7-576**

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

Dear Sir:

Under date of March 29, 1934, this office received a telegram from the Chicago Division Office, requesting that a description of Jewell Johnson, Tulsa Police Department Number 5842, be secured and forwarded to you by wire. The description of Jewell Johnson, as appearing in the records of the Tulsa Police Department, was forwarded to you by wire under date of March 29, 1934.

This office has now secured photographs of Jewell Johnson, one of which is attached. One photograph of Jewell Johnson is also being forwarded to the Chicago Division Office. The description of Jewell Johnson is noted on the reverse side of the photograph.

Very truly yours,

PAUL HANSEN, Acting,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
March 29, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
S.L. File 7-35.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to your letter of March 21, 1934,  
sent to the San Francisco office, copy of which was forwarded  
to me, in order that a photograph of Homer Virgil Wilson and  
one M.H. Mead, could be secured through the Denver, Colorado,  
Department of Police.

Attached hereto you will find a photograph of  
Homer Virgil Wilson alias "Whitey", Denver Police Department  
No. 8291, on the reverse side of which you will find his  
description, which is as of 1922. There is also attached  
a copy of his fingerprints. This fingerprint card is the  
official fingerprint card of the Identification Division of  
the Denver, Colorado, Department of Police, and you should  
make a photostatic copy of it at once and return the Denver  
Police Department fingerprint card to me for return to that  
Department.

You will also find attached hereto a photograph  
of Montrose Hutchinson Mead, Denver, Colorado, Police Department  
No. 8292, on the reverse side of which you will find his  
description, which is as of 1922. I am attaching the original  
fingerprint card of the Denver, Colorado, Department of Police  
covering Mead. You should have a photostatic copy of his  
fingerprint card immediately made, and return the Denver Police  
fingerprint card to me for return to that Department.

Please exercise every care in preserving and safe-  
guarding these fingerprint cards.

On the fingerprint card of each of these men you

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will find their signatures, which are the only specimens of their handwriting which is available.

Very truly yours ,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - San Francisco.  
cc - St. Paul.  
cc - Kansas City.

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April 6, 1934.

F. X. FAY,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
370 LEXINGTON AVE., ROOM 2403,  
NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.



BREKID YOUR WIRE APRIL FIFTH FIRST TELEPHONE NUMBER LISTED TO HOME OF GEORGE THATCHER ATTORNEY SECOND TELEPHONE NUMBER LISTED GEORGE THATCHERS OFFICE THIRD TELEPHONE LISTED NAME ROBERT BURNS ATTORNEY.

DOND.

JAD:J  
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Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

March 30, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Division to the Salt Lake City office dated the 27th instant, in the case entitled Unknown Subject; Roy Frisch, Victim; Kidnaping, to which was attached a letter addressed to the Division from Reno, Nevada, under date of the 23rd ultimo, and signed, "X A Loser".

In accordance with the last paragraph of the letter from Reno, please endeavor to contact the author of the letter to the Division in order to obtain all possible information from him in connection with the Bremer case.

Very truly yours,

WAR:IM  
CC Division ✓

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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W. A. RORER, INSPECTOR  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

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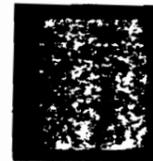
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St. Paul, Minnesota  
March 30, 1934.

J. A. Dowd,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
505-a U. S. Court House & P. O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah

BREKID REFERENCE YOUR WIRE ADVISE WHETHER SEVENTY FIVE MENTIONED MEANS SEVEN FIVE OR SEVEN NAUGHT FIVE

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Off. Bus. Gov't. Rate  
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U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
203 P.O. Bldg.  
St. Paul, Minn.  
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M H PURVIS  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1900 BANKERS BLDG  
CHICAGO ILL

BREKID DESCRIPTION JEWELL JOHNSON TULSA PD NUMBER FIVE EIGHT FOUR TWO AGE PRESENT  
THIRTY YEARS HEIGHT NOT OF RECORD TULSA POLICE BUT BELIEVED ABOUT FIVE FEET THREE  
WEIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE POUNDS MEDIUM SLENDER BUILD LIGHT BROWN EYES MEDIUM BROWN  
HAIR MEDIUM COMPLEXION SMALL CUT SCAR ON END OF LEFT EYEBROW PHOTOGRAPH BEING SECURED  
WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU

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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES

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

March 30, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-50

Reference is made to my letter dated March 27, 1934, addressed to the Chicago Office requesting that a list of dealers dispensing the Casco goggles in Nevada be obtained. Such inquiry has been made and the Chicago Eyeshield Company advises their records disclose that in April, 1932, the Nevada Consolidated Copper Company, at McGill, Nevada, purchased one pair of such goggles; that in May, 1932, the same company purchased twelve more pairs.

Please, therefore, make suitable investigation to determine whether the above mentioned company can account for the present whereabouts of each pair of goggles. Two pair of goggles are being sent you under separate cover by registered mail. The old pair with the tape over the lenses were used by the victim in this matter. They should be carefully preserved and returned to me at St. Paul by registered mail. If it is found that any of the thirteen pairs of goggles purchased by the Nevada Consolidated Copper Company have been misplaced or stolen, this pair should be exhibited for possible identification. Should such identification be made you should conduct a thorough and exhaustive inquiry into all circumstances relative to loss of same.

WAE:TC  
CC Division ✓

Very truly yours,

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W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR OF JUSTICE	
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1216 Smith Young Tower  
San Antonio, Texas.  
March 29, 1934.

GTJ/ML

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

ALVIN KARPIS, w. a. et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 23, 1934, and confirming my telegram of this date, I have checked the Auto Registration records for the State of Texas concerning all of the cars listed in your letter.

There was a record found of Chevrolet sedan motor #3554674 registered as a new car on September 11, 1933, at Farwell, Farmer County, Texas, by a person giving the name of J. O. Ford.

The records at the Auto Registration Division do not reflect the identity of Ford or from whom the car was purchased. This record should be in the County Tax Collector's office at Farwell, Texas, and I immediately telephoned the Dallas office to make a thorough check concerning the registration of this car.

No record was found concerning any of the other cars. An alarm card has been placed in the records of the Auto Registration Division at Austin, Texas, and this office will be notified by wire if any of the other cars are offered for registration in Texas during 1934.

Very truly yours,

cc Division ✓  
cc Dallas

Gus T. Jones  
Special Agent in Charge.

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420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

March 29, 1934.

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

RE: Alvin Karpis; et al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:-

Your attention is invited to letter from the  
Portland Division office dated 3/25/34 directed to your office,  
wherein you were advised that a photograph of CHARLES LEROY KELSO  
would be obtained by the Dallas Office and transmitted to you:

The photograph of Kelso is transmitted here-  
with.

Very truly yours,

D.L. McCormack, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division  
Portland  
Inspector Rorer, St. Paul  
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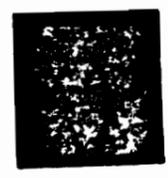
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
April 4, 1934.

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MR. NATHAN	✓
MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	
MR. COWLEY	
MR. EDWARDS	
MR. EGAN	
MR. QUINN	
MR. LESTER	
CHAS. TRACY	
MR. ...	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In accordance with your memorandum of March 30, 1934, addressed to Mr. Clegg, Mr. Newby will make arrangements to join Mr. Nathan in New York City tomorrow for the purpose of proceeding with him to Dannemora to interview Leon Kramer, alias Leon Miller, in the Bremer kidnaping case.

Respectfully,

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

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 9  
 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA** FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-3-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3-17 &amp; 19-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>K. R. McINTIRE</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218: ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219: et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Investigation at following towns in Illinois fails to locate the hideout house in which Bremer was held.

Deerfield	Libertyville
Highland Park	Mundelein
Ravinia	Prairie View
Aptakisic	Wheeling
Half Day	

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent K.R. McIntire, dated March 19, 1934, at Chicago, Illinois.

**DETAILS:** ~~X~~ **HIDEOUT**

**DETAILS:** The information secured is being set out in the form of memoranda prepared by each investigating agent, as follows:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent V.W. PETERSON for the purpose of attempting to locate the hideout and was made on March 17, 1934:

At Deerfield, Illinois  
 " Highland Park, "  
 " Ravinia "

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. A. Curtis</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	7-576-1570 APR 5 1934 A M BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: FILE - Jm
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3 Division 2 St. Paul 2 Chicago COPIES DESTROYED 848 MAR 19 1965		RECORDED AND INDEXED APR 5 1934 CHECKED APR 8 1934 JACKETED:

DEERFIELD, ILLINOIS

Mr. A. Willman, City Treasurer and Water Meter Reader, upon being interviewed advised that Deerfield has a population of 1,500 to 2,000 people; that the Chicago and Milwaukee Steam Railway passes through the village; that there are twelve trains going to Chicago from Deerfield each day between 6:00 A.M. and 8:15 P.M., and twelve trains coming from Chicago to Deerfield during the same period; that a regular air mail route passes over Deerfield; that each day an air mail plane passes over Deerfield at 9:00 A.M. and another plane passes over the village at 7:00 P.M.; that there are four churches in Deerfield; that the Saint Paul Evangelical Church is the only church which is equipped with bells; that said bells ring two times each Sunday; that church bells can be heard only on Sundays; that the church bells of other villages are not audible in Deerfield; that a stationary siren is located on the top of the village hall; that this siren is not sounded regularly; that it is sounded only on the occasion of a fire or for testing purposes; that it is impossible to hear the siren of any other village or city; that the siren sounded about three times during the month of January; that during the month of February, 1934, the siren of Deerfield was sounded about six times; that a record of fires is kept and that said record reflects no fires occurred in Deerfield in January, 1934. Mr. Willman personally sounds the siren whenever it is used in Deerfield. There are no factories located in the vicinity of Deerfield and no whistles resembling a factory whistle can be heard. Whistles of surrounding villages cannot be heard.

Mr. Willman stated that in connection with reading the water meters in Deerfield, he has entered the basement of each house in Deerfield. The only house, the basement of which is used for living quarters, is that of Harry Stupple, who is employed as a driver for the Bowman Dairy Company. Mr. Stupple has resided in the basement of his house for the past five years. The reputation of Mr. Stupple and family is of the very highest and his character is said to be above reproach. The walls of the basement of the home of Harry Stupple are painted and no wallpaper has been placed thereon. The basement, as well as the balance of the house, is heated by a vapor furnace. Mr. Willman has been in the basement of this home on several occasions and described it minutely. The description which he provided does not compare with the description of the hideout as furnished by Bremer.

The writer drove through the village of Deerfield but was unable to locate a house which answered the description provided by the Victim of this case. An attempt was made to contact the postmaster but inasmuch as the investigation was conducted on Saturday afternoon he could not be located for interview.

HIGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS

Hugo Schneider, Postmaster, upon interview advised that Highland Park is a city of 12,000 inhabitants; that the Chicago and Northwestern Steam Railway and the Northshore Electric Railway pass through the city; that there is very little switching in Highland Park, although some switching takes place about one mile west of the city; that there is no stationary siren in Highland Park and that it is impossible to hear the sirens of other towns in the city. The only sirens which are heard in Highland Park are those on the fire trucks and ambulances. There are zoning ordinances which prohibit the erecting of factories in the section in which Highland Park is situated. No factory or other whistles can be heard. A large percentage of the inhabitants of Highland Park are Chicago business men. The homes are, in most cases, one family homes, and within the knowledge of Mr. Schneider no basements of homes are used for living quarters. Church bells are rung only on Sundays.

John Petik, 565 Homewood, Highland Park, Illinois, advised that he reads the water meters in Highland Park and in Ravinia, which is a part of Highland Park. A description of the house in which Bremer was held captive was provided Mr. Petik. He stated that there are only about three houses in Highland Park which have basements that are used for living quarters. Mr. Petik accompanied the writer and pointed out said homes. They did not answer the description furnished by Bremer. The individuals who occupy the basements of these homes have lived in same for a considerable length of time.

J. L. Brand, Brand Brothers, Wallpaper Store, 532 West Central, upon interview, advised that he has never sold wallpaper identical with the samples which were shown to him by the writer. Said samples consisted of paper and photographs of paper which Bremer identified as having been in the house in which he was held by the kidnapers.

L. F. Harris, Proprietor, Alden Studios, Inc., 373 East Central, Highland Park, Illinois, was also interviewed at which time samples of the wallpaper in question were exhibited to him. Mr. Harris is an interior decorator. He stated that the exhibits which were shown to him consisted of wallpaper of a much cheaper grade than any he has placed in houses in the vicinity of Highland Park and that he is positive that he has never handled any paper of that kind.

RAVINIA, ILLINOIS

S.S. Stanger, Postmaster, Ravinia, Illinois, upon interview advised that Ravinia, Illinois, is a part of Highland Park, Illinois. He further stated that there are no factories in the vicinity of Ravinia; that it is impossible to hear any factory whistles or whistles resembling factory whistles in Ravinia; that there is no siren located in the locality; that there are no churches in Ravinia; that the Chicago and Northwestern Railway passes through the village; that the Northshore electric train also passes through; that there is very little switching by trains in Ravinia; that the homes in the village are practically all family homes and that he is not cognizant of any homes having basements which are used for living quarters.

The following investigation was performed by Special Agent V.W. PETERSON on 3-19-34:

Aptakisic, Illinois  
Half Day       "  
Libertyville   "  
Mundelein       "  
Prairie View   "  
Wheeling       "

APTAKISIC, ILLINOIS

Aptakisic, Illinois is a town of about twenty five or thirty inhabitants. The only places of business are a small country store and a green house. There is no post office in the town and mail is delivered by a carrier working out of the village of Prairie View, Illinois, which is only one mile distant. It was determined from Mrs. Florence Stoerp, Postmistress, Prairie View, Illinois that the greenhouse whistle sounds each morning, noon and evening. No sirens are audible in the locality and there are no factories situated within several miles of the town. The writer drove through the town and observed the houses located therein but failed to note any houses answering the description provided by Bremer. It was deemed inadvisable to make direct contact with residents of the village. There are only about six or eight houses situated within the village boundaries. Each house is a typical farm house.

HALF DAY, ILLINOIS

Half Day, Illinois is a village of about one hundred people. Casual inquiry was made of a garageman in the town who advised that there is no siren in the village and that no factory whistle is audible. Herbert Lesch, Chief of Police and Deputy sheriff, Wheeling, Illinois, was also questioned about Half Day, Illinois. He also stated that no factory whistle or siren can be heard in Half Day. There are only a few houses located in the town and no post office is situated therein. One church is located near the edge of town. No trains pass through Half Day, Illinois, and the nearest railroad tracks are located one mile from the village.

LIBERTYVILLE, ILLINOIS

Mr. E.E. Ellsworth, Postmaster, Libertyville, Illinois upon interview advised that the only siren located in Libertyville is situated on the macaroni factory of the Fould's Milling Company; that it is sounded each day at approximately eight o'clock A.M., noon, twelve thirty P.M. and four P.M.; that this siren is operated for the purpose of designating the time work begins in the factory and closes, as well as for the lunch period; that the siren is also used by the town of Libertyville whenever a fire occurs; that the Fould's Milling Company factory is the only factory located in or near Libertyville; that no factory whistle is audible in Libertyville; that no siren located in surrounding towns can be heard with the sole exception of the Mundelein, Illinois siren which is sounded only in case of fire; that there are five churches located in Libertyville; that the Catholic church is the only church building equipped with bells; that it is rung each Sunday morning about seven o'clock; that no church bell is rung on Saturday night; that the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad passes through the town; that some switching is done at night; that the Northshore electric line also passes through Libertyville; that only one home in Libertyville has a basement which is used for living quarters, and that said home is situated on Park Avenue in Libertyville. Mr. Ellsworth advised that he has not observed any suspicious characters in Libertyville, nor has he noticed a large dark colored Buick sedan.

Albert Kilchmann, Superintendent, Water Department, Libertyville, Illinois, when interviewed stated that he reads all water meters in Libertyville. He stated that the only home in Libertyville, the basement of which is habitable, is located on Park Avenue. The

writer in company with Mr. Kilchmann entered the basement of this home under the pretext of examining the meter. While Mr. Kilchmann was looking at the meter Agent opened the door leading to the front part of the basement and observed that the rooms which are used to live in are not similar to those of the hideout as described by Bremer. Mr. Kilchmann stated that the owner of the house, who lives on the first floor, is highly respected and has no gangster affiliations. Mr. Kilchmann further advised that the only siren located in Libertyville is that of the Fould's Milling Company. Additional information provided by him is identical to that furnished by Postmaster E.E.Ellsworth.

MUNDELEIN, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Jane Dorfler, Postmistress, Mundelein, Illinois, when interviewed advised that this town has a population of 1000 people. There is a stationary fire siren in Mundelein. It is sounded only in case of fire and each Saturday night at five o'clock. It is possible to hear the siren in Libertyville, which is sounded by the Fould's Milling Company at about eight A.M., noon, twelve thirty o'clock P.M. and four or four thirty P.M. There are no factories located in the locality and no factory whistles are heard in Mundelein. The only church in Mundelein which is equipped with bells is the Congregational Church. The bells of said church are rung only on Sundays, and are never rung on Saturdays except in the event of a funeral or a special meeting. The Soo Line Railway passes through Mundelein. There is some switching done by Soo Line trains in the town. An occasional airplane is heard over head.

Mrs. Jane Dorfler further stated that the post office of Mundelein serves DIAMOND LAKE, ILLINOIS, which is located one mile from Mundelein. Diamond Lake is a summer resort town. Practically all homes located therein are summer cottages. The writer drove through the streets of Diamond Lake, Illinois. Only one house appeared to have a basement suitable for habitation. The occupants of the home were not home and the writer obtained a view of the basement by looking through the basement windows. It was observed that no wall paper existed on the walls. There was no running water, a small pump being used to obtain water in the basement. The basement failed to correspond with the description provided by Bremer.

John Dietz, Superintendent, Water Department, Mundelein, Illinois, upon interview advised that he reads all water meters in Mundelein and DIAMOND LAKE, ILLINOIS. After having been furnished with the description of the basement in which Bremer was held, he stated that there are no homes in either Mundelein or Diamond Lake which correspond with said description. Mr. Dietz advised that he causes the siren of Mundelein to be sounded each Saturday night at five o'clock. This siren is sounded at no other time except in case of fire. According to Mr. Dietz, there is only one church in Mundelein equipped with a bell and that said bell is rung only on Sundays. It is never rung on Saturday evening. The St. Mary's Church which is located near Mundelein has a set of chimes. Said chimes are sounded each fifteen minutes from six o'clock in the morning to ten o'clock at night. There are no factories in the vicinity and no factory whistles can be heard. The only siren with the exception of the Mundelein fire siren, which is audible in Mundelein is that of the Fould's Milling Company in Libertyville, Illinois.

PRAIRIE VIEW, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Florence Stoerp, Postmistress, Prairie View, Illinois was interviewed. Prairie View was stated to be a village of less than one hundred people. There is no fire siren located in the village and it is not possible to hear the sirens of surrounding towns. No factory whistles are audible. There is a green house situated in Aptakisic, Illinois, which is only one mile distant. This green house sounds a whistle each morning, noon and evening. The Soo Line Railway passes through Prairie View. The trains on this line engage in a considerable amount of switching. Until the cancellation of the Air Mail contracts, a mail plane passed over Prairie View each morning and evening. There is one church in Prairie View, namely, the Grace Evangelical Church. Said church has a bell and same is sounded each Sunday. It never rings on Saturday evening unless a funeral or a special meeting takes place. The bell on the Grace Evangelical Church also rings each Wednesday night. According to Mrs. Florence Stoerp, there are no basements in Prairie View which are used for living quarters. The writer viewed the houses in Prairie View from the roadside and failed to observe any houses answering the description provided by Bremer.

WHEELING, ILLINOIS

Mr. E.J. Welflin, Postmaster, Wheeling, Illinois, was interviewed. Wheeling is a town of 466 inhabitants. It may be stated that the home of Roger Touhy is located about three miles from Wheeling and this territory has been under the control of the Touhy gang for many years. There is a stationary siren located in Wheeling which is sounded each day, with the exception of Sunday, at twelve o'clock noon and at nine o'clock at night. On Sundays the siren is sounded only at nine o'clock at night as a curfew. There are no factories in the locality and no factory whistles can be heard. The Presbyterian Church is the only church in Wheeling. The bell of this church is rung six times during the course of each Sunday. It is never rung on Saturday. No train passes through Wheeling. The Soo Line Railway tracks are located one mile west of Wheeling, however. Mr. Welflin advised that there are no homes in the vicinity of Wheeling that have basements which might be used for living quarters.

Herbert Lesch, Chief of Police and Deputy Sheriff, Wheeling, Illinois, was interviewed. He stated that he reads all water meters in Wheeling. After having been interrogated by the writer, Mr. Lesch stated that the Mayor of Wheeling had previously exhibited to him the circular letter which emanated from the St. Paul office pertaining to this matter. He stated that he has previously attempted to determine whether Wheeling might possibly be the place referred to in the circular letter and that he arrived at the conclusion that the place which it is desired to locate could not possibly be in the vicinity of Wheeling, Illinois. He stated that he enters each basement in Wheeling in connection with reading the water meters and that there are no basements in Wheeling which might be used for living quarters. No factory whistles are audible and no church bell rings on Saturday.

Mr. Lesch accompanied the writer for the purpose of pointing out the home of Roger Touhy. This place is located about three miles from Wheeling. About three or four vicious dogs are fenced in the front yard of the Touhy home. There is a fake swimming pool in the back yard. Beneath the fake swimming pool is a doorway which is visible from the road. This doorway leads to an underground room which was formerly used for the meetings of members of the Touhy gang, according to Mr. Lesch. The basement beneath the Touhy residence does not appear to answer the description provided by Bremer. A

house was observed diagonally across the road from the Touhy residence about one quarter mile away, which appeared in some respects from the outside to resemble the description given by Bremer. The writer, accompanied by Herbert Lesch, entered this house and permission was granted to inspect the basement. Said basement was used for storage purposes. It was equipped with a furnace. No wall paper appeared on the walls and the basement failed to correspond with the description furnished by the Victim of this case.

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REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Ill	DATE WHEN MADE: 4/3/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/23,24/34	REPORT MADE BY: K. R. McIntire
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation conducted in the following towns in Wisconsin and Indiana in an effort to locate the hideout house in which Bremer was held. No results to date:

Beatrice, Ind.	Butler, Wis.
Hurlburt, "	Marcy, "
Palmer, "	Brotherton, "
Boone Grove, "	Brookfield, "
	DuPlainville, "
Waukesha, Wis.	Enos, Wis.
Forest Home, Wis.	Hodgston, Wis.
Goerkes, "	
Elm Grove, W	

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**REFERENCE:**  
**DETAILS:**

Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, 3/29/34.

**DETAILS:**

Investigation was conducted in the towns in Indiana and Wisconsin, noted in the synopsis, in an unsuccessful effort to locate the hideout house in which Bremer was held. Investigation is reported herein in the form of memoranda submitted by the investigating agents.

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HIDEOUT

Investigation was made at the following towns by Special Agent John E. Brennan, on March 24, 1934:

Beatrice, Indiana,  
Hurlburt, Indiana,  
Palmer, Indiana,  
Boone Grove, Indiana.

BEATRICE, IND.

This is an unincorporated hamlet in Porter County, Indiana, population 25, 50 miles from Chicago on the C&O Railroad, consisting of a general store, depot, and a few houses. There are no churches located here, and the station agent advised that no sirens or church bells can be heard here.

HURLBURT, IND.

A farming community in Porter County, Ind., 58 miles from Chicago on the Erie Railroad. It is situated several miles from a highway. There are no churches, the few houses housing a population of 50, surround a general store and depot. As there is no postoffice, inquiry was made of the station agent who stated no church bells or sirens can be heard here.

PALMER, INDIANA

An unincorporated town of 83 population, located 52 miles from Chicago in Lake County, Indiana, about 5 miles from the nearest highway. Mr. F. H. Krull, the postmaster, who also operates the general store, stated that there is no industrial activity in the surrounding area, that this is a farming community, and that stations are located at Beatrice, Hurlburt, Palmer, and Boone Grove as shipping points for farm produce; that there are no sirens located in or around Palmer, and no church bells can be heard.

BOONE GROVE, IND.

A farming community of 116 population, 60 miles from Chicago in Porter County, Indiana on the Erie railroad, and several miles from a highway. C. F. Franey, postmaster, stated that he knows of no location in this vicinity that would fit the town sought; that there are no church bells in Boone Grove, and no siren can be heard.

On March 23 and 24, 1934, Special Agent H. H. Reinecke made investigation at the following places, all in Waukesha County, Wisconsin with reference to the hideout described by the victim:

Waukesha, Wisconsin  
Forest Home, "  
Goerkes, "  
Elm Grove, "  
Butter, "  
Marcy, "  
Brotherton, "  
Brookfield, "  
Duplainville, "  
Enos, "  
Hodgston, "

Some of the above are mere crossroads communities with an entire absence of the noises desired, but were shown on the detailed county map of Waukesha County, from which agent is working and are set out herein as a matter of record.

WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN

Interview with the assistant chief of the fire department, and several firemen who were present brought forth the information that the fire department has no stationary siren, nor is there any such siren known to be on any factory or institution in or sufficiently near Waukesha to be heard therein. There were five fire alarms in Waukesha on Sunday, January 28, 1934, between 10:25 A. M. and 10:30 P. M., but only apparatus sirens were or could be used.

Waukesha is a city of about 18,000 population with numerous factories and institutions in or adjacent thereto. In view of the uncertainty of the firemen as to steam whistles and possibly a siren in or near the city, and the possibility of finding a steam whistle, which, because of its tone, might at a distance be mistaken for a siren, agent called at all factories and institutions with the following results.

Fox Head Waukesha Corporation, a brewery, has an ordinary steam whistle which is blown regularly each weekday at 7 A. M., 12 Noon, 12:55 P. M., 1 P. M. and 4 P. M.

Metropolitan Church Association, Missionary Training School and Orphanage, has an ordinary steam whistle blown regularly each weekday at 7:15, 7:30, 8:15 and 11:30 A. M. and 12:57 and 5 P. M.

Glancy Malleable Corporation has an ordinary steam whistle blown regularly each weekday at 6:30, 7:00 and 11:30 A. M. and 5 P. M.

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Waukesha Motor Works has no whistle or siren, but has an inside "Auto-Call" or air-whistle which cannot be heard outside.

Spring City Foundry Company has no whistle or siren, but an inside "auto-call".

Manitowoc Church Furniture Co. has an ordinary steam whistle which, with the exception of occasional days when the factory is not working, is blown each weekday at 8 A. M., 12 Noon, 1, 4 or 5 P. M. and on Saturday at 8 A. M. and 12 noon.

Wisconsin Industrial School for Boys has no siren or whistle, but a bell which is rung often for classes, meals, etc.

Quality Aluminum Co., Federal Steel Sash Co., and Waukesha Foundry Co., all have no whistle or siren.

Mr. Brockmann, pastor of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church advised that no Lutheran or other church in Waukesha followed the custom of ringing its bell regularly Saturday afternoons or evenings, and he felt quite certain this was true for the entire county, except possibly at Oconomowoc, with which place he is not familiar.

Three railroad lines run into and through Waukesha, the C.M.St.P. and P., the C&NW, and the Soo line. All have separate and widely scattered stations. A total of 23 trains daily came into these stations, and all stop with the occasional exception of two freights on the Soo line. Agent secured a complete schedule of all trains and finds that they are quite evenly scattered throughout the 24 hours. The schedules are not set out as they now appear to be of no importance in view of the absence of the general descriptive facts of the hideout in the City of Waukesha.

Agent contacted T. T. Swift, District Manager of the Wisconsin Gas and Electric Co., whose district covers practically all of Waukesha County. Through the courtesy of Mr. Swift, who received authorization from Mr. Collender, general manager of the company at Racine, Wisconsin, agent interviewed the following employees who were given a careful detailed description of the hideout, and shown photographs of the suspects:

L. F. Gross, gas fitter, who covers territory between West Allis and Pewaukee.

George Kutchera, appliance man working in city of Waukesha

Fred Graser, assistant to Gross, above.

Ray McCann, gas and electric meter reader, who works mostly within city of Waukesha, and 3 mile radius,

H. F. Colb, superintendent of gas department, who is on the outside a little,

Marvin Dettmann, meter reader in city of Waukesha.

J. B. Chase, electric trouble man, who works within city of Waukesha.

L. Cruji, meter tester, who works around Waukesha County generally.

Other meter readers, testers, appliance men, etc. for both the Wisconsin Gas and Electric Co. and the Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Co. (which two companies, with the exception of a municipal electric plant at Oconomowoc supply all the gas and electricity in Waukesha County) are working out of offices at Menominee Falls, Oconomowoc, Milwaukee, Pewaukee, Delwafield, Muckwango and Fort Atkinson and will be contacted in the near future. The special agent covering Milwaukee county will cover employees of the Milwaukee Railway and Light Co. in the offices of the city of Milwaukee, and the agent covering Jefferson County will interview employees of the Wisconsin Gas and Electric Co. at Fort Atkinson.

None of the individuals above interviewed could recollect a place in their territory which would fit the description of the hideout, and none of them recognized the photographs of any of the suspects.

As a result of the above investigation, it does not seem that the City of Waukesha itself or its immediate environs contains the hideout described by victim, and a more detailed investigation there did not seem warranted under the circumstances.

FOREST HOME, WISCONSIN

This was found to be a crossroads community four miles northeast of Waukesha, comprised of five farm homes and a few cottages. There is no postoffice, store, filling station, water supply, bells, or noises of any sort, either local, or which could be heard from nearby towns or cities.

AT GOERMES, WISCONSIN

Has a few more houses than Forest Home, but otherwise falls into the same category. It is two miles from Forest Home.

AT ELM GROVE, WISCONSIN.

Interview with the railway station agent and postmaster discloses has no siren, fire department, whistles, and only one church bell, on a Catholic church, which tolls every day at 6 A. M., 12 M., and 6 P. M. No noises such as are described for the hideout community are heard in Elm Grove from neighboring communities.

At Elm Grove, the C. M. St. P. & P. Railway enters Waukesha County, coming from Milwaukee, and runs west through the county, leaving it again at Oconomowoc, from which point it continues on to Portage, and LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and on to St. Paul and Minneapolis, and thence to the west coast. It is the main line of this railroad, and the traffic is heavy - 31 trains, freight and passenger, passing over it every 24 hours. Most are through trains, only four stopping daily at Elm Grove. This seems to be the only railroad line through Waukesha County, having sufficient traffic to answer victims hideout description and particular attention will be given to the towns along it in the county. The detailed schedules of trains through Elm Grove were secured, but as far as this village is concerned, does not warrant

setting out here. Similar schedules will be secured at pertinent points along the line where other circumstances seem to justify.

AT BUTLER, WISCONSIN

Edgar Leissring, the postmaster, advised there is a stationary siren on the fire department, which is sounded only for fires, and was used approximately once each week or two recently to give notice of the arrival of CMA checks. There are three churches, but no bells. There is no city or other water supply and no water meter reader. The C&NW Railway Shops are located here, but have been shut down since January, 1930, with no activity since then except one crew in at night when it does some switching. The town has no railway station or railway stop, the C&NW tracks being one mile north of the town, and no passing trains are heard in the town. There are no whistles of any sort present, and no noises of this type are heard from adjacent towns or communities.

Mr. Leissring said there was a chicken farm near Butler which had a siren and investigation was made there as follows:

The Lambrecht Creamery chicken farm is three miles west of Butler on state highway #16. It has a siren which is sounded each weekday at 7.A.M., 12 Noon, 1 P. M. and 6 P.M. It is also sounded for an occasional fire and fire drill, but no such drill is ever had on a Sunday, and there was no fire on Sunday, January 28, 1934, or thereabouts. There is a country school about 100 yards west of this chicken farm with a bell rung on school days for beginning, recess, and ending of the school day. A Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church is one-half mile northwest of the chicken farm, but inquiry of a neighbor (in the absence of anyone at the parsonage) brought forth the information that the bell is rung only for Sunday morning services, or special occasions, and is not rung regularly on Saturday afternoons or evenings.

Onemile northwest of the chicken farm in the small crossroads community of Marcy is a Catholic church with a bell rung only for Sunday morning services, and special occasions. The Milwaukee railroad is 1-1/2 miles south of the chicken farm, and the C&NW Railway, two miles north, but those places which might hear the church bells referred to could on rare occasions only, hear the movement of trains, and then only out of doors. Agent personally observed all dwellings, and other buildings within a radius of two miles of the bells, and none seem to fit the hideout description. No steam whistles could be heard in this vicinity, and there is also a school bell in Marcy which would be heard by anyone hearing the Catholic church bell.

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AT MARCY, WISCONSIN

The above related facts would apply to this city. It has no city water supply, no meter readers, no siren (except chicken farm siren mentioned as being near), no whistles or trains.

AT BROTHERTON, WISCONSIN

This town is one quarter of a mile east of Marcy and is a cross-roads with two farm houses.

AT BROOKFIELD, WISCONSIN

The postmaster advised there is no siren, whistle, and only one church bell - on a Methodist church - and this tolls only on Sunday mornings. The village is one and one quarter miles from a vehicular highway of any consequence. It has no city or other water supply, and therefore no water meter reader. This village is 2 miles south of the Lambrecht Creamery chicken farm above-mentioned, and the postmaster, as well as others, state they do not hear the siren there, indoors, and only out of doors when the atmospheric conditions are just right. Brookfield has the same train schedule as Elm Grove, varying only a few minutes as to time.

AT DUPLAINVILLE, WISCONSIN

This town, which is four miles north of Waukesha, disclosed none of the desired noises except a Sunday morning church bell. It has no local water supply and is comprised of about a dozen houses, all of which were personally observed.

AT ENOS, WISCONSIN

There is only the Waukesha County Asylum at this point. It is two miles northwest of Waukesha. It has an ordinary steam whistle, which is blown every week day at 5:15, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 6:50, 11:00, 11:30 and 11:50 A. M., and 5:00, 5:30, and 5:55 P.M.

AT HODGSTON, WISCONSIN

This is a farm community of three farm homes, and none of the noises desired. It is two and one half miles north of Waukesha.

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

**CHICAGO** FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Ill.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4/2/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>5/24, 29/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>K. R. McINTIRE - AB</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. 1219, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Post Office employees, Grays Lake, Ill. advise E. V. Davis rented P. O. Box 322 at said town for several weeks during August and September, 1933. Photograph of Volney Davis recognized by M. E. Murrie, former Postmaster, as a party to whom he rented a P. O. box during the summer months of 1933. Information as to Dodge Sedan, bearing 1933 Illinois license tags, 1,237,051 set out herein.

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**REFERENCE:** Letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minn., March 21, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

Investigation conducted is being set out in the form of memoranda submitted by the investigating agents.

HIDEOUT

On March 29, 1934 Special Agent V. W. Peterson conducted the following investigation at Grays Lake, Illinois, for the purpose of attempting to locate the hideout.

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GRAYS LAKE, ILLINOIS

Subsequent to previous investigation at Grays Lake, Illinois information was received indicating that Volney Davis received license plates for 1933 Deluxe Ford Coupe, motor No. 328420, on July 31, 1933 at Grays Lake, Illinois, under the name of E. V. Davis, Box 322.

Mabel Murrie, clerk number one, Post Office, Grays Lake, Illinois, upon interview exhibited to the writer receipt number 259 dated July 1, 1933, which reflects that lock box number 322 was rented for the quarter beginning July 1, 1933 to E. V. Davis. All receipts for boxes for that quarter are dated July 1, 1933. Mabel Murrie stated that the exact date the box was rented is not known but it appears that Box 322 was rented to E. V. Davis about July 29 or 31, 1933. The receipt was executed by the former Postmaster, M. E. Murrie. Consequently, no handwriting specimen was available. Mabel Murrie also produced a change of address card dated October 11, 1933. The new address of Davis is listed thereon as follows: E. V. Davis, Box 52, Lakeville, Minnesota. The change of address card is in the handwriting of Mabel Murrie. She advised that a letter was received from Davis in which he provided the new address of Box 52, Lakeville, Minnesota, and that after incorporating this information on the card, the letter was destroyed. Very little information concerning E. V. Davis was available. It was not known where he resided during the time he received mail in Lock Box number 322. A photograph of Volney Davis was exhibited to Mabel Murrie and although she stated that this photograph appears familiar, she was unable to definitely associate Volney Davis with Lock Box number 322. Several letters were received by E. V. Davis in Lock Box number 322 but the source of said letters or the name of the town from which they were mailed is not known. It is believed that letters accumulated in Lock Box number 322 for a period of three or four weeks prior to the receipt of the communication directing that the mail should be forwarded to Box 52, Lakeville, Minnesota. It would thus appear that Davis received mail at the Grays Lake Post Office for only a few weeks during August and September, 1933. Examination was made of all available records, including duplicate copies of receipts for insurance and registered mail but no further information pertaining to E. V. Davis could be developed. Photographs of Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Arrie Barker were also shown to Mabel Murrie, but she was unable to associate Davis with these individuals. She stated that her recollection of E. V. Davis is very hazy but she was of the opinion that he was driving

a sport Ford Coupe with a convertible top during the time he was calling for mail at the Grays Lake Post Office. She was also of the opinion that E. V. Davis was employed by J. H. Hargrave, United Tree Expert Company, Grays Lake, Illinois. Mabel Murrie also advised that one E. C. Hastings is employed by J. H. Hargrave; that the maiden name of Mrs. E. C. Hastings was Davis and that E. V. Davis might possibly be a brother of Mrs. E. C. Hastings. An examination of insurance receipts reflected that Mrs. E. C. Hastings has mailed packages to the following individuals: Mrs. Nell McKean Davis (mother of Mrs. E. C. Hastings), 527 East First Street, Long Beach, California; E. C. Hastings, 110 W. Harrison Street, Appleton, Wisconsin, and Mrs. D. J. Harker, Monticello, Iowa. Mabel Murrie was questioned at considerable length on two occasions with reference to E. V. Davis but she was unable to furnish any additional information concerning him.

Edgar Harris, clerk number two, Post Office, Grays Lake, Illinois, was interviewed, at which time photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Arrie Barker were shown to him. He stated that the photograph of Volney Davis appears familiar but he was unable to definitely connect said Volney Davis with Lock Box number 322. Mr. Harris also expressed an opinion that E. V. Davis might have been employed by J. H. Hargrave and that he was a brother of Mrs. E. C. Hastings.

L. E. Richardson, Postmaster, Grays Lake, Illinois, was again interviewed. He advised that he was not connected with the Grays Lake Post Office during the period that E. V. Davis rented Lock Box 322 and that he is unable to furnish any information pertaining to Davis. Photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Arrie Barker were shown to Mr. Richardson but he was unable to recognize same.

Only one carrier, namely, Harry Geary, works out of the Grays Lake, Illinois Post Office.

Harry Geary, mail carrier, Grays Lake, Illinois, was interviewed. His mail route extends over a distance of fifty miles. A description of the hideout was furnished to him and a sample of the wall paper which covers the walls of the hideout was shown to Mr. Geary. The only place which Harry Geary could recall that might possibly answer the description of the hideout is the former home of Otto Kettler, an Italian who died about one year ago.

This place is located in a subdivision on the Northeast bank of Wauconda, which is known as Maiman's sub-division. Mr. Geary stated that he was in this house three or four years ago and the basement somewhat answers the description of the hideout. Another agent is conducting investigation in Wauconda, Illinois, and the former home of Otto Kettler will be given consideration.

Photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Arrie Barker were exhibited to Mr. Geary. He was unable to furnish any information concerning said individuals, although he stated the photograph of Volney Davis appeared somewhat familiar.

M. E. Murrie, Insurance salesman, and formerly Postmaster of Grays Lake, was interviewed by the writer, at his home in Grays Lake, Illinois. Photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Arrie Barker were exhibited to Mr. Murrie. He recognized the photograph of Volney Davis as an individual to whom he rented a Post Office lock box during the summer of 1933. No information concerning the residence address of Davis was available. Mr. Murrie stated that he believes Davis informed him that he was working (name of employer was not provided) and that he desired to rent a box in order that he might get his mail after working hours, at which time the general delivery window was closed.

J. H. Hargrave, United Tree Expert Company, Route 21, Grays Lake, Illinois, was interviewed. He stated that E. C. Hastings is now employed for him and that brothers of Mrs. E. C. Hastings, whom he stated are named Jim Davis and Charles Davis, have previously been in his employ. He advised that both Jim Davis and Charles Davis possess very curly black hair. A photograph of Volney Davis was shown to Mr. Hargrave. He stated that he has never seen an individual resembling the photograph of Volney Davis, and that said Volney Davis is positively not identical with either Jim Davis or Charles Davis.

Spear Evans, Grays Lake, Illinois, was interviewed at his home. He advised that he has been employed by J. H. Hargrave and that he has never observed any man in the employ of J. H. Hargrave who resembled the photograph of Volney Davis. Photographs of Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Arrie Barker were also exhibited to him, without results.

Mrs. E. C. Hastings, Grays Lake, Illinois, was interviewed. She advised that she has only two brothers; that said brothers are James M. Davis, who is now employed in a restaurant in Terre Haute, Indiana, and Charles Davis,

who is employed by the Davy Tree Expert Company, Los Angeles, California; that her mother, Mrs. Nell McKean Davis, is now residing in Long Beach, California, and that Volney Davis is absolutely unknown to her. A photograph of Volney Davis was exhibited to Mrs. E. C. Hastings. She stated that she has never observed anyone resembling said photograph. Mrs. E. C. Hastings produced photographs of her brothers, James Davis and Charles Davis. Said photographs bear no resemblance to Volney Davis. The writer was advised by Mabel Murrie that Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hastings have resided in Grays Lake, Illinois, for two years and that they bear a good reputations.

Mrs. May Melberg, proprietress, Grays Lake Recreation Parlor, Grays Lake, Illinois, was interviewed. The Grays Lake Recreation Parlor contains pool tables and bowling alleys and many individuals frequent the place. Photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Arrie Barker were exhibited to Mrs. Melberg, but she was unable to remember having seen these individuals in the Grays Lake Recreation Parlor.

C. M. Wightman, Grays Lake Electric Store, Grays Lake, Illinois, was interviewed, at which time photographs of the six individuals listed above were shown to him. He was unable to identify any photographs, however. Mr. Wightman delivers gas cylinders throughout the lake region. The gas is used for cooking purposes. A description of the hideout was given to Mr. Wightman but he was unable to furnish any information which might assist in its location.

Photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Arrie Barker, were also exhibited by the writer to the following individuals in Grays Lake, Illinois:

P. E. Hildebrandt, Proprietor, Hildebrandt's Drug Store  
Fay Brandstetter, Proprietor, West Side Garage  
Delbert Durbin, Mechanic, West Side Garage  
I. I. Brandstetter, Proprietor, Brandy's Corner, Filling Station  
C. S. Bauer, attendant, Brandy's Corner Filling Station  
O. Waldman, clerk, Grays Lake Market  
F. W. Rittler, Butcher, Grays Lake Market  
E. Hall, Manager, Atlantic & Pacific Store  
H. Collins, clerk, " " "  
Mrs. H. Collins, clerk " " "  
A. J. Wimer, clerk " " "  
A. A. McMillen, Mayor and Chief Fire Department

H. Druce, Sheldon Garage  
Arthur Parr, Sheldon Garage  
E. C. Hook, Hook's Grocery  
C. E. Schwarz, Butcher, Grays Lake Department Store  
M. Kurth, clerk, Grays Lake Department Store  
R. G. Rockenbach, Proprietor, Grays Lake Garage  
Harry Litwiler, Phillips Service Station  
M. L. High, Proprietor, Standard Service Station  
J. W. Hook, Grays Lake Drug Store  
C. H. Hook, Proprietor, Grays Lake Drug Store

No positive identifications were made by the individuals listed above. C. S. Bauer stated that the photographs of Fred Barker and Volney Davis appear familiar and E. Hall stated that he is almost positive he has seen Volney Davis some place.

C. H. Epstein, Vice President and Secretary, Grayslake Gelatine Company, Grays Lake, Illinois, upon interview advised that the factory whistle of this company is sounded each day at the following hours: 8:00 A.M., 12:00 Noon, 1:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. When sounded at the time designated, it has the regular sound of a factory whistle. It is also used as a fire alarm by the town of Grays Lake and when used as a fire alarm it has the sound of a stationary fire siren.

A. A. McMillen, Chief, Fire Department, Grays Lake, Illinois, was interviewed. Mr. McMillen is also Mayor of the town and is a painter and wallpaper hanger. Mr. McMillen advised that the only siren in Grays Lake is that of the Grayslake Gelatine Company which is used as a fire alarm. It is sounded only in case of fire. There are four churches in Grays Lake. Church bells are rung on Sundays only and are never rung on Saturdays. Mr. McMillen stated that there were no fire alarms in January or February in Grays Lake, Illinois, and that the siren was not sounded for a fire on January 28, 1934. A sample of the wallpaper which covered the walls of the hideout was shown to Mr. McMillen. He stated that he has never handled wallpaper of that description. The Soo Line Railway and the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway pass through Grays Lake, Illinois.

Mabel Murrie, clerk, Post Office, Grays Lake, Illinois, provided the writer with the following train schedules:

Soo Line Railway

7:00 A.M. - to Chicago (does not stop in Grays Lake)  
9:33 P.M. - from Chicago  
2:00 A.M. - from Chicago  
6:05 A.M. - to Chicago  
6:55 A.M. - to Chicago  
7:29 A.M. - to Chicago  
8:20 A.M. - to Chicago  
9:30 A.M. - from Chicago  
11:04 A.M. - to Chicago  
2:55 P.M. - to Chicago  
4:06 P.M. - from Chicago  
6:05 P.M. - from Chicago  
6:20 P.M. - from Chicago  
7:00 P.M. - from Chicago  
10:30 P.M. - from Chicago  
1:30 A.M. - from Chicago

Clair Gleason, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Grays Lake, Illinois, upon interview, advised that he performs the installation and service work for the Illinois Bell Telephone Company in the following places: Grays Lake, Illinois, Round Lake, Illinois, Druce's Lake, Highland Lake, Third Lake, Long Lake, Wooster Lake, Gage's Lake and a part of Volo, Illinois. A complete description of the hideout was furnished to Mr. Gleason. He advised that he has not observed any place within his territory that answers said description.

William Lenzen, water meter reader, Grays Lake, Illinois, and Roy Grosbencor, Mundelein, Illinois, who is employed by the Northshore Gas Company, Libertyville, Illinois, to read the gas meters in Grays Lake, Illinois, have been interviewed previously. No information pertaining to the location of the hideout was available from them.

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City, dated March 22, 1934, particularly with reference to the undeveloped lead set out for this office, requesting all information available relative to Dodge Sedan, bearing 1933 Illinois license No. 1-237-053.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John L. Madala on March 24, 1934.

Agent contacted the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Chicago Police Department, and learned that 1933 Illinois license plates 1-237-051 were issued to William Lohman, 3453 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, on a Dodge automobile, motor No. DP-65848, serial No. 3639469.

Agent immediately contacted Mr. Dendler of the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau, Chicago, with reference to the above automobile, and he advised that his records disclose that his office recently received a report from their San Francisco, California office to the effect that application has been made by the owner of said car for registration in California, and in view of the fact that it had been previously registered in Illinois, a request was made for the Chicago office to trace instant car from the factory.

In this connection Mr. Dendler stated that his investigation disclosed that Dodge Sedan, motor No. DP-65846 (note discrepancy in last digit), serial No. 3639469, was shipped from the factory of the Dodge Brothers Motor Company to the Sampson Motor Sales Agency, Lyons, Illinois, on August 10, 1933; that he subsequently directed letters to the Sampson Motor Sales Co., and that same were returned by the Post Office unclaimed. Mr. Dendler advised that he made no further investigation in the matter, and he is of the opinion that this company is at present out of business.

He further stated that he learned through the office of the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, that the instant car was registered in Illinois by one William Lohman, address 3453 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Dendler stated that he also directed letters to Lohman at the above address, but same likewise were returned unclaimed by the Post Office. No further investigation was conducted in this matter, and in this connection Mr. Dendler promised to notify this office immediately upon the receipt of any information called to his attention with reference thereto.

Attention is invited to the fact that William Lohman, the licensee of instant Dodge automobile, was positively identified as Alvin Karpis as residing at Reno, Nevada from November 18, 1932 to February 7, 1933, and from November 2, 1933 to December, 1933, at which time he was reported to be driving an Auburn Sedan bearing 1933 California license plates, No. V-H 5762, which was registered to William B. Lohman, William Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, California.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE: Will conduct appropriate inquiries at 3453 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois; also at the Sampson Motor Sales Agency at Lyons, Illinois.

PENDING

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
April 3, 1934

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I.O.#1219; et al.  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
KIDNAPING. Chicago file 7-82

In confirmation of my teletype message to  
you dated March 31, 1934, with regard to a tap main-  
tained on the telephone of GILBERT NELSON, 2344 Thorn-  
dale Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, please be advised that  
this tap was maintained on Mr. Nelson's telephone,  
Ravenswood 4931, for one week without any results, and  
in keeping with my teletype message, the tap was dis-  
continued on March 31, 1934.

very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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

~~Personal and Confidential~~

Dear Sir:

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

With reference to the publicity given to the finding of certain latent fingerprints during the course of the Bremer investigation, I beg to inform you that I am transmitting herewith memoranda prepared by Special Agents E. M. Black, H. E. Hollis and T. M. Birch of this office.

I beg to inform you that Special Agent Black is making efforts to locate Jim Bracewell and E. E. Kirkpatrick of Tulsa, Oklahoma in respect to this matter. I also have requested Agent Black to interview Henry Chase of the Tulsa Police Department.

Other developments will be promptly furnished the Division.

Very truly yours,

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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HEH:IJ

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
March 28, 1934.

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

In accordance with the instructions of Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, the following information concerning my investigative activity in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case is submitted.

The first assignment I had relative to the Bremer case was to make investigation at Tulsa, Oklahoma in an effort to secure specimens of the handwriting of the Barkers, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis, and in an effort to secure such specimens, I contacted Mr. Morgan, in charge of the Identification Bureau, Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department, and Mrs. Bess Wilson at the Identification Bureau, Sheriff's Office, Tulsa; and also made inquiry at the office of the County Attorney.

On February 20, 1934, I received a telephone call at Pawhuska, Oklahoma from Special Agent in Charge Brantley instructing me to return to Tulsa, Oklahoma the following day to conduct certain investigations in the Bremer case. Mr. Brantley advised me at this time that Agents Sorola and Birch were being sent to Tulsa to assist in the investigation. To the best of my recollection at this time, it was between February 21 and 24 that I received my first information concerning latent fingerprints having been found in the Bremer case. In this connection, Special Agent in Charge Brantley called me by telephone at Tulsa regarding certain further investigation in the Bremer case, and during my conversation with him, he advised me that latent prints of Doc Barker had been identified. He also advised me that this information was confidential. No statement was made by Mr. Brantley regarding where the latent prints had been found.

During the time Special Agents Sorola, Birch and myself were working in and around Tulsa, Oklahoma following leads in the Bremer case, numerous law enforcement officers were interviewed, and it was generally known among these law enforcement officers that the Barkers, Alvin Karpis, and others were being sought as suspects in the Bremer case. There was an article which appeared in the Tulsa World newspaper on or about February 11, 1934 concerning a request received by the Sheriff's office at Tulsa from the St. Paul Police for fingerprints of Harry Campbell or some suspect in the case. The press story connected this request with the Bremer case.

On February 23, 1934, Agents Sorola, Birch and myself accompanied officers of the Tulsa Police and the Sheriff and Police of Sapulpa, Okla-

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homa on a raid near Mannford, Oklahoma. The raid was made as a result of information received that Glen Roy Wright and Harry Campbell were staying at a house in the vicinity of Mannford. The officers of the Tulsa Police Department who went on this raid, to the best of my recollection, are as follows: Felix Altaffer, Sturgeon, Earl Gardner, Henry Chase, Earl Porter, George Stewart. The officers from Sapulpa were Sheriff Willis Strange and one or two of his deputies, Chief of Police Edwards, Floyd Sellers and Claud Johnson.

On February 25, 1934, on instructions of Special Agent in Charge Brantley, I proceeded to Oklahoma City and while there prepared a report setting out the results of investigation made in the Bremer case by Agents Sorola, Birch and myself. I am unable to state positively, but I am inclined to believe that it was on this trip to Oklahoma City that I first learned that fingerprints of Doc Barker and Alvin Karpis had been found on cans and flashlights, although it is possible that I did not receive this information until the second trip I made to Oklahoma City which was on March 10, 1934.

On the morning of March 15, 1934, I accompanied officers of the Tulsa Police Department, Sheriff's office and Police Department at Sapulpa, Police Departments at Drumright and Bristow, Oklahoma, and other officers on a second raid on the farm of I. R. Brackett located approximately seven miles west of Mannford, Oklahoma. On this raid, six men and two women were apprehended. At no time during the investigation of this case have I discussed with anyone other than Special Agent in Charge Brantley and Agents of the Oklahoma City Division office the matter of latent fingerprints having been found on gasoline cans and flashlights.

The men and women arrested at the farm of I. R. Brackett were confined in the County Jail at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and while in the jail at Sapulpa, preparatory to removing some of the prisoners for safekeeping to the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, I was introduced to Mr. Burks, a reporter for the Tulsa World. Burks was in the jail with a photographer, taking photographs of the men who had been arrested. Burks asked me for my initials and also made inquiry about the guns found at the time of the raid. I gave Burks my initials and a description of the guns which had been found. Burks did not ask me anything about fingerprints. While I was in the County Jail at Sapulpa, information was furnished me by one of the officers there that nine \$20.00 bills had been found in possession of Glen Roy Wright when searched at the jail. Burks was still present in the jail, and as I now recall, he asked me whether or not the money found had been connected with the Bremer case, and I stated that the money had not been checked. The first time I ever met Mr. Burks of the Tulsa World was on March 15, 1934 at the County

Jail in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and so far as I know this is the first time I had ever seen him. My conversation with Burks at the County Jail was very brief.

On the night of March 15, or early morning of March 16, 1934, Special Agent in Charge Brantley telephoned me at Sapulpa, Oklahoma relative to a statement which had appeared in the newspapers to the effect that latent fingerprints of Doc Barker and Alvin Karpis had been found on gasoline cans and flashlights. Mr. Brantley at this time advised me that this information was contained in a press dispatch in a Minneapolis paper, and that the Minneapolis paper had stated that their information came from the Sheriff's office at Sapulpa. Subsequently, I made inquiry of Sheriff Willis Strange and other officers at Sapulpa and they advised me that they had never heard anything about fingerprints until the story had appeared in the newspaper.

I talked with Jim Bracewell, Special Agent for the Great Lakes Pipe Line Company at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Bracewell was one of the officers who assisted in the raid on March 15. I asked Bracewell whether he had heard any officers discuss the matter of fingerprints, and he stated that he had not, but that the information was not news to him. In this connection, he stated that he was on the raid made on the Cookson Hills a few weeks prior, and that while there he heard for the first time that the Barkers and Alvin Karpis were suspects in the Bremer case. Later, he heard that fingerprints of Barker and Karpis had been identified. Bracewell was not positive as to where he had secured this information, but it was his impression that he had obtained it in Kansas City, Missouri, possibly from Wint Smith who is connected with the Kansas State Highway Patrol.

At the time I interviewed Mr. Bracewell, Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick of the T. B. Slick Estate, Tulsa, Oklahoma, was present. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that on the day of the raid at Mannford, Oklahoma he was in Fort Worth, Texas and talked with officers Swinney and Weatherford of the Fort Worth Police Department, and they told him that the fingerprints of Harry Campbell, Glen Roy Wright, the Barkers, or some of that gang had been identified in the Bremer case, and it is Mr. Kirkpatrick's recollection that the fingerprints were found on a car door or some such place. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that he was not familiar with members of the gang and did not know for sure whose fingerprints had been found.

Under date of March 18, 1934, Special Agent in Charge Brantley called me by telephone at Tulsa, Oklahoma and brought to my attention information which was contained in a news item under a McAlester, Oklahoma date line of March 16, 1934, which news item directly quoted me as having stated that the men apprehended in the raid at Mannford, Oklahoma on March 15, 1934 were associated with the Barkers and Alvin Karpis, suspects in the Bremer case. This news item is entirely erroneous as I did not talk to any newspaper man at McAlester, Oklahoma or elsewhere regarding the connection of the men captured at Mannford,

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Oklahoma with the Bremer case, nor did I make this statement to any person. The above mentioned news item was an item of the International News Service. While at McAlester, Oklahoma at the State Penitentiary on March 15, 1934, I received a long distance telephone call from Mr. William Voigt, a representative of the Associated Press at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mr. Voigt informed me that he had received a dispatch from Minneapolis requesting him to ascertain whether or not the raid at Mannford, Oklahoma was primarily for the purpose of capturing the Barkers and Alvin Karpis. I informed Mr. Voigt that such was not the case.

With reference to your specific inquiry as to whether or not I had ever discussed with Henry Chase, officer of the Tulsa Police Department, the matter of latent fingerprints having been found on cans and flashlights, I beg to inform you that I did not discuss this with officer Chase or any other person other than you and Agents of the Oklahoma City Division office.



H. E. HOLLIS,  
Special Agent.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

TMB:IJ  
7-36

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
March 28, 1934

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

On February 20, 1934, Agent, at Muskogee, Oklahoma, was ordered to proceed to Tulsa, Oklahoma as soon as possible and there to assist Special Agent H. E. Hollis in an investigation of the correspondents and associates of Fred Barker, Arthur "Doc" Barker, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis and Glen Roy Wright. On February 21, Agent arrived in Tulsa, Oklahoma and was instructed as to the procedure of investigation in this case by Agent Hollis.

On February 23, Agent interviewed Mr. N. G. Hentshorne, Editor of the Tulsa World in his office in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Upon being questioned as to whether or not Harold (Fat) Wright, a brother of Glen Roy Wright was employed by the Tulsa World, Mr. Hentshorne informed the writer that he was and said that "Fat" Wright was directly under the supervision of Mr. L. W. McFetridge, circulation manager of the Tulsa World.

The writer interviewed Mr. L. W. McFetridge, circulation manager of the Tulsa World. Mr. McFetridge informed the writer that he had been employed by the Tulsa World for a great many years, having first been employed as a newsboy, and working his way up to the present position.

Mr. McFetridge stated that he knew that Harold "Fat" Wright was a brother of Glen Roy Wright and that at the present time "Fat" Wright was driving a paper truck that left Tulsa at 2:00 A. M. daily and went as far north as Bartlesville, via Skiatook. Mr. McFetridge stated that in his own mind he knew that "Fat" Wright was contacting his brother and that a very good way to apprehend Glen Roy Wright would be to watch "Fat". In this connection, Mr. McFetridge offered the use of an automobile with a display of Tulsa World signs on it, his statement being that an Agent of the Division could, under the guise of soliciting subscriptions and doing the work of a route agent for the Tulsa World, gain valuable information relative to Glen Roy Wright and his associates. Mr. McFetridge seemed to have a great deal of knowledge relative to the activities of Wright, Campbell, the Barkers, Volney Davis and Alvin Karpis, and in general seemed to be very well posted on the criminal activities of these men.

At no time did the writer inform Mr. McFetridge, or in any way intimate to him, that the above mentioned men were wanted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case; nor was any statement made to Mr. McFetridge

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or anyone else about fingerprints being found on gasoline cans at the scene of the kidnaping.

Agent interviewed J. Nelson Taylor, an employee of the Tulsa World. Mr. Taylor informed this Agent that he had formerly, for many years, resided at the Wright home, knew all of the members of the Wright family, and had kept company with one of the sisters of Glen Roy Wright. Because of this, and the fact that at times he received valuable information from people of their class, he could not give any other information than that the Wright family still resided in Tulsa, and that, in his opinion, Glen Roy Wright was in the vicinity of Tulsa and was being contacted by "Fat" Wright.

During the period of this investigation from February 20 to February 24, 1934, the writer did not give to anyone any information relative to this case; more especially, make any statement that fingerprints of any of the suspects had been found on gasoline cans at the scene of the kidnaping. However, it seemed to be a very well circulated rumor among members of the Tulsa Police Department and other people in and around Tulsa that the Barkers, Davis, Campbell, Karpis and Wright were wanted in connection with this case, and that this was the reason that the Division of Investigation was making such an extensive investigation relative to their correspondents, relatives, and friends in the Tulsa area.

During the conversation with Mr. McFetridge relative to Harold Wright and Glen Roy Wright, Mr. McFetridge informed the writer that he was well aware of the family connection of Harold Wright and Glen Roy Wright, and in Mr. McFetridge's opinion, he was keeping Harold Wright from being an outlaw by keeping him employed. Mr. McFetridge also said that he knew that Harold Wright had a criminal record but that it was not a very serious one.

*T. M. Birch*

T. M. BIRCH,  
Special Agent.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
March 28, 1934.

Memorandum for Special Agent in Charge Brantley:

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

Reference is made to your memorandum of March 25th concerning a telephonic conversation had between you and Mr. Clegg of the Division relative to unauthorized and premature publicity given in connection with the identification of certain latent fingerprints in the Bremer Kidnap case.

Pursuant to your instructions, the writer proceeded to Tulsa, Oklahoma on March 26, 1934, where it was learned Edward D. Burks, Assistant City Editor of the Tulsa World, works on the night shift from 5:00 P.M. to 2:30 A.M. each day. In view of this fact the writer communicated with Mr. Burks at his residence, 405 South Olympia Street, and made arrangements to meet Mr. Burks down town prior to his entry on duty at the Tulsa World.

During the course of the interview on the afternoon of March 26th, Mr. Burks admitted that he had not given correct information to Mr. Brantley. Mr. Burks, during the interview, told so many different stories about how he obtained his information with reference to the latent fingerprints that in the interests of brevity all of his stories will not be repeated herein.

Mr. Burks stated almost at the outset that he would not put himself in the foolish position of saying he did not know from whom he obtained his information, but that he could not divulge his source. Mr. Burks first stated that about three weeks or a month prior to the arrest of Glenn Roy Wright at Mannford, Oklahoma, a telephonic, or telegraphic, request had come to the Sheriff's office at Tulsa from the St. Paul Police inquiring about the history and photographs, etc. of Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, "Doc" and Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, and Glenn Roy Wright; that he, Burks, found about this and instructed his office boy to get cuts out of the Tulsa World morgue on all the above mentioned parties; that he figured the story would break soon and he wanted to be ready; that about March 15th a Tulsa city Motorcycle Policeman named Joe McGuire called him,

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Burks, and told him that Fred and Arthur Barker, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell had been taken into custody at Mannford, Oklahoma and were then being held at Sapulpa, Oklahoma; that he then went to Sapulpa, where he found at the County Jail that the Minneapolis Tribune was talking with someone at the Sheriff's office; that later the Minneapolis Tribune called again and he, Burks, answered the phone; that the Minneapolis Tribune wanted to know if Alvin Karpis and the Barkers had been picked up and wanted to know the details of the arrests and what had been found on the men arrested. Continuing, Mr. Burks stated that Special Agent Hollis was there and that he asked Agent Hollis what guns had been found and that Mr. Hollis stated, as he remembered, a couple of Lugers, a sawed-off shot gun, a couple of rifles and pistols; that he then asked Mr. Hollis if any of the Bremer money had been found on Glenn Roy Wright and Hollis told him none of the Bremer money was found on Wright, but that a thorough check would be made and the Department would not overlook any chances; that he, Burks, did not ask Hollis anything about the latent fingerprints on the gasoline cans because he knew that Hollis, being a Department of Justice man, would not tell him; that he, Burks, then went to Mannford, after which he returned to Tulsa, at which point he found that the Minneapolis Tribune was again calling, a man by the name of Campbell speaking, and wanted to know if any later developments had occurred connecting the men arrested at Mannford with the Bremer outfit; that he told Campbell that the Department of Justice planned to check the money found on Wright, which was about \$216.00, to see if it was any part of the Bremer money.

At this point the writer questioned Mr. Burks closely and Burks told quite a few different stories, but when the fallacies of same were pointed out to him, he immediately changed and amended his story in an attempt to tell one that the writer would believe.

Mr. Burks denied calling or telephoning Minneapolis at any time, but when he was confronted with the information furnished by Mr. Clegg of the Division on March 25th relative to the statement of Mr. Gilfillan that he had secured his information from Mr. Burks of the Tulsa World concerning the latent fingerprints, Burks then admitted that he had called the Minneapolis Tribune, but that he didn't know to whom he talked; that he just talked to the city desk. Burks then stated that two or three weeks prior to the "Mannford raid", a party had furnished him the information relative to the latent fingerprints being identified on the gasoline cans, at the same time enjoining him that he must not release this information until the apprehension of the Karpis-Barker gang had been effected; that he agreed to this but held his information in readiness, figuring that immediately upon the arrest of this gang, he would sell this information he had obtained concerning the latent fingerprints to the Minneapolis Tribune for at least \$200.00; that on the morning

that Joe McGuire notified him that the gang had been arrested at Mannford, he figured the time had come to release his story, whereupon he immediately telephoned the Minneapolis Tribune and advised that this gang was connected with the Bremer Kidnap case and that latent fingerprints of Barker or Karpis had been identified on some gasoline cans; that after he, Burks, arrived at Sapulpa and found that only Glenn Roy Wright had been arrested, he then communicated with the Minneapolis Tribune and told them that he had furnished them some information that was erroneous, that only Glenn Roy Wright had been arrested. Mr. Burks was questioned intensively in this regard and he stated that neither the Minneapolis Tribune, nor Mr. Gilfillan, nor anyone connected there had first called him, but that he, Burks, first called Minneapolis and talked to someone on the city desk of the Minneapolis Tribune; that he doesn't know to whom he talked, but that it may have been Mr. Gilfillan.

During the interview with Mr. Burks on the afternoon of March 26th, he took occasion to remark that he understood "the heat was on" Agent Hollis and that he wanted it understood that Mr. Hollis did not furnish him the information, nor did any Department of Justice man do so. Burks took occasion to remark that he had heard that an agent by the name of Birch had been at Tulsa making inquiries about the Barker-Karpis gang and that he, Burks, had heard from various sources, which he refused to name, "information as to certain things." Being pressed as to what he meant, he stated, "Well, certain things that Agent Birch may have said, or could have said." Upon being further pressed, Mr. Burks stated that he could not positively state that Birch did say anything, but that he, Burks, was not at liberty to say anything further.

During the afternoon Mr. Burks also stated that when he went to Sapulpa about March 15th that he saw one Jim Bracewell, a special agent who works for some pipeline company out of Kansas City (from information later secured Jim Bracewell is a special agent for the Great Lakes Pipeline Company, Kansas City, Missouri and cooperates closely with law enforcement officers all over the middle West;) that he, Burks, asked Mr. Bracewell if he had heard about the fingerprint angle and Bracewell immediately said, "Yes", he had heard about it in Kansas City about two weeks prior to that time. Burks then stated repeatedly that he could not divulge the name of his informant at Tulsa, but that the party who furnished him the information is not a Department of Justice man, nor is he a law enforcement officer of any kind, that he does not do anything, having an independent means of support and that he is a former convict; that this individual has furnished him information for about eight years, all of which information has proved to be absolutely

correct and that he knew in this instance, with reference to the latent fingerprints, that this information was correct.

It becoming obvious that no information could be obtained from Mr. Burks on the afternoon of March 26th, the writer asked Mr. Burks to further consider the matter and allow the writer to call on him during the evening. Later during the evening of March 26th the writer called on Mr. Burks at his office in the Tulsa World. It became apparent, as time went on, that Mr. Burks was almost ready to divulge the name of his informant, but Burks stated that in the event he did, he would have to have the writer's assurance that this man would not be interviewed, or "put on the carpet." This agreement was given Mr. Burks. At this time the writer indicated to Mr. Burks that he would leave and see him later, as it was feared that Mr. Burks would furnish the name of some individual in order to be rid of the writer, but Mr. Burks insisted that the writer remain and finally wrote the name of his informant on a piece of paper, the name being Henry Chase, City Detective, Tulsa, Oklahoma. At this time Mr. Burks stated that he was furnishing this information in order that the Division and the Department might know that none of the Department of Justice Agents had furnished the information to him in order to obtain any favor from him. At this time Burks produced a piece of paper, which is being retained at the Oklahoma City office, on which appeared the typewritten names of Alvin Carpus or Karpis, Doc Barker, Fred Barker, Glenn Roy Wright, Harry Campbell (the bandit), Volner (which Mr. Burks changed with pencil to Volney) Davis; also on this piece of paper appeared in pencil the figures \$200. Mr. Burks explained that this memorandum was made by him at the time Henry Chase furnished the information; that Henry Chase stated at that time, which was about 2:00 o'clock in the morning, that he had received information which would be of great interest. Mr. Burks thereupon took his pencil and wrote on the back of this same piece of paper the names Hollis and Burch, stating that Chase had advised him that they, referring to Hollis and Birch, had been making inquiries at the Police Department relative to the Barker-Karpis gang and had stated that latent fingerprints of Barker and Karpis had been identified on some gasoline cans. Being further questioned, Mr. Burks stated that Chase had told him that this information was inadvertently dropped and that he doubted whether or not Mr. Hollis knew that he had mentioned anything about the fingerprints. From this point on Mr. Burks referred only to Agent Hollis, stating that he understood it was perfectly proper for Agent Hollis to make inquiries at the Police Department and seek their cooperation. This was about 2:25 in the morning of March 27th. Mr. Burks had asked during the latter part of the above referred to discussion if it would be necessary for the writer to say anything to Agent Hollis. This inquiry was prior to the time the name of Henry Chase was divulged. The writer, seeing

the immediate possibility of Burks divulging the name of his informant, stated that there would be no need to worry Hollis about the matter, if Hollis had not furnished him the information.

After the writer left Mr. Burks and upon further reflection, it was decided that Mr. Burks appeared too anxious not to have Agent Hollis know about the reference to him and, after communicating with Special Agent in Charge Brantley, the writer visited Mr. Burks at his residence, in company with Agent Hollis. It might be noted here that during the previous two interviews with Mr. Burks, he seemed perfectly composed and self-assured, but when interviewed later upon the morning of March 27th, in the presence of Agent Hollis, his assurance seemed to have left him and he appeared considerably perturbed and finally stated that he did not intend to convey the impression that Chase had told him that Agent Hollis or Agent Birch had furnished the information. Burks was asked if he obtained from Henry Chase the name of the party who had furnished him the information and Burks stated that he would, but that he could not get that information on the 27th, that he would be able to get it within a couple of days. Burks then stated that after the writer left him earlier in the morning, he, Burks, had talked with someone else and had started to telephone the writer relative to other information which he had obtained to the effect that an Agent by the name of Farland had talked to Tulsa City Detective Earl P. Gardner about the Barker-Karpis gang some two or three weeks ago and that possibly Farland had unintentionally given the information. Burks stated it would be agreeable to him for the writer and Agent Hollis to interview Detective Gardner.

On the morning of March 27th the writer, in company with Special Agent Hollis, interviewed Detective Gardner, who stated that no one had discussed the latent fingerprints with him; that he had talked with Agent Farland, but Farland had not mentioned the matter of latent fingerprints to him. Without any prompting from the writer or Agent Hollis, Detective Gardner stated that the only person he could think of who might have given the information to the newspapers unintentionally was a city detective with whom he formerly worked by the name of Henry Chase. Detective Gardner then related an incident that happened a couple of years ago in connection with the apprehension of a bank robber, in which the Tulsa Police Department had suspected either him, Detective Gardner, or Henry Chase, of furnishing information to Mr. Burks, but that it later developed that Burks had picked this information up down at Police headquarters. Detective Gardner further stated that the first he heard of any fingerprints was when Agent Sorola interviewed him sometime ago with reference to a flashlight which Agent Sorola stated he was attempting to check at Bristow, Oklahoma, as some part of the shipment had been sent to Bristow; that he understood Agent Sorola to state at that time that this flashlight had been discovered in the house where Bremer was held and that

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the fingerprints of Karpis or Barker had been identified on the flashlight.

The writer and Agent Hollis also interviewed Mr. Morgan at the Identification Bureau, Tulsa Police Department, and he stated that no one had discussed with him the question of latent fingerprints in connection with the above inquiry.

Immediately upon the writer's return to Oklahoma City, he was advised that Mr. Burks had telephoned the Oklahoma City office asking for the writer and had requested that the writer call him, Burks, at the Tulsa World about 5:30 P.M. This request was complied with and Special Agent in Charge Brantley was asked to listen in on the conversation, which he did. At this time Burks stated that he did not want to convey the impression that either Agent Hollis or Agent Birch had given the information to Henry Chase; that he didn't know where Henry Chase had received his information; that he, Burks, only used the name of Hollis and Birch in illustration of a hypothetical possibility. Mr. Burks further stated that he had not been able to see Henry Chase in order to find out specifically from whom Chase obtained his information, but that he expected to get the information by 10:00 P.M. Mr. Burks was requested to telephone the writer at the Oklahoma City office any time during the evening. Burks stated that he would advise the writer by telephone by 10:00 P.M. The writer remained at the Oklahoma City office until 10:45 P.M., but no call was received from Mr. Burks. However, on the morning of March 28th the following telegram was received from Mr. Burks:

"Sorry to have taken you for buggy ride Stop I told Chase about latent prints he didnt tell me Stop Dont ever try to obtain a newspaper mans source if you dont expect fairy tales but murder would be different kindest regards"

The writer hesitates to express an opinion to the Special Agent in Charge, but feels that possibly he might want to advise the Division that the writer is of the opinion that Mr. Burks is a colossal liar, but that the writer does feel that Mr. Burks did tell the truth with reference to receiving his information from Henry Chase. This appears to be substantiated by the unsolicited reference of Detective Gardner to Henry Chase. It would appear that when Mr. Burks contacted Henry Chase on the night of March 27th, Chase refused to give him the information and the above quoted telegram was sent in a feeble attempt to try to make the Division believe that Henry Chase was not his source of information.

  
Earle M. Black,  
Special Agent.

April 4, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS,  
with aliases; et al. Unknown subjects; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim; KIDNAPING, the fingerprints of James George Zeigler,  
Chicago Police Department #96578, alias Fred Coats, have  
been compared with the latent prints found in connection  
with the kidnaping of Bremer. No identification has been  
effected.

Zeigler's fingerprints have been compared with  
the latent fingerprints found at the home of Vernon Miller  
at Kansas City with negative results.

Zeigler's fingerprints have also been compared  
with the latent fingerprints found on the ransom letters  
in the Lindbergh case without identification.

Zeigler's fingerprints have been searched through  
the file of unidentified latent fingerprints found in  
connection with kidnaping without identification.

A search of Zeigler's fingerprints through the  
files of the Identification Unit has failed to disclose  
any prior criminal record for Zeigler.

Very truly yours,

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U. S. Department of Justice  
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April 3, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG. *H. Clegg*

Mr. Guinane today advised that Mr. Harry DeWoody of the Technical Section had observed a similarity between the right middle finger and the left little finger of Leland Charles Standifer, South Gate, California, Police Department, #348, and two of the latent prints found in connection with the Bremer Case. The fingerprints of Standifer were thereupon checked with all the latent fingerprints in this case in the Single Fingerprint Section and, although there is a similarity in the patterns, the fingerprints of Standifer are positively not identical to any of the Bremer latent prints.

Respectfully,

*E. P. Coffey*  
E. P. Coffey.

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503-a U. S. Court House & F.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah,  
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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Upon my return to this office on April 1, 1934, I found before me your letter of March 27, 1934, in which you refer to the receipt of a personal and confidential letter from this office dated March 21, 1934, over the signature of Louis D. Wine, Acting Special Agent in Charge, in which he furnished information concerning the Reno Police Department, its Chief and other members of its personnel.

In your letter you ask that Agent Wine prepare a memorandum setting out in detail all the information he has in his possession concerning the failure of the Police Department to respect confidences and cite instances known to him where the Reno authorities have "tipped off" persons under investigation.

I note a letter from Agent Wine to the Division as of March 21, 1934, with which he forwarded to you a personal and confidential memorandum. However, no copy of that personal and confidential memorandum was apparently prepared by him for the Salt Lake City Division Office.

As for myself, I wish to make known to the Division that on the occasions I have visited Reno and contacted members of the Reno Department of Police, as well as the United States Attorney, I was received as befits my official station, was received cordially and was given every cooperation necessary to the missions I was on and I have not on any of the occasions upon which I have contacted the Chief of Police, other members of his Department, or the United States Attorney, received other than the finest cooperation, nor have I ever known of any confidences I reposed in them being violated. I have no information, of my personal knowledge, that these officers violated confidences or "tipped off" persons under investigation.

Very truly yours,

*John A. Dowd*  
JOHN A. DOWD  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 536  
Los Angeles, California  
April 2, 1934



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

Re: Identification Order #1219  
ARTHUR R. BARBER with aliases

Dear Sir:

Please forward this office 30 additional copies of the above Identification Order, as supply forwarded us was insufficient to complete our mailing list.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. P. Dunn*  
J. E. P. DUNN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

J. H. McCLELLAND  
CHIEF OF POLICE

April 2nd, 1934.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

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Would you please furnish this Department with two additional copies, of Identification Order No. 1218, dated March 22nd, 1934, showing complete description and record of one ALVIN KARPIS and his aliases.

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Also two additional copies of Identification Card Order No. 1219, dated March 23rd, 1934, showing complete description and record of Arthur R. BARKER, with aliases.

Yours very truly,

*J. H. McClelland*  
J. H. McClelland,  
Chief of Police,  
Long Beach, California.

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TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>Kidnaping.</b>
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Michael J. <sup>X</sup>Murphy, 1817 Palmcroft Way, N.E., P. O. Box 465, Phoenix, Arizona, registered Cadillac Sedan, motor #1201355, in Arizona on January 8, 1934. Mr. Murphy spent last three winters in Phoenix, Arizona; has no telephone or accounts with the Western Union or Postal Telegraph Companies; business unknown.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent W. Carter Baum, Chicago, Ill., dated March 15, 1934; and report of Sp. Agent W. Carter Baum, Chicago, dated March 9, 1934, in case entitled "VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased); et al. CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER."

**DETAILS:**

AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

Edward Pinarie, P. O. Box Clerk, main post office, advised agent that M. J. <sup>X</sup>Murphy, 1817 Palmcroft Way, N. E., rented Post Office Box 465 on September 8, 1933. Examination of Murphy's application for the post office box revealed the following information: that Mr. Murphy did not state his business on the application; that Mr. Murphy gave the following references: J. T. Murphy, Monroe and Central Streets, Real Estate, and the O'Malley Investment Company, Phoenix.

Agent [redacted] and [redacted] handwriting appearing on the application for rental of post office box, and same is being forwarded to the Chicago Division office.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. E. P. [Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1581	RECORDED AND INDEXED: APR 6 1934
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Post Office Box 465, and to date the following information is addressed to Mrs. Norma L. Murphy, postmarked Chicago, Illinois, following return address: W. S. Heibermann & Co., First National Investments, 10 S. La Salle Street, Chicago. The above address to Mrs. Murphy was typewritten in printing.

On [redacted] 1933, letter addressed to [redacted] was received at the [redacted]. This address in printing was as follows: Sec. Bond Holders Office, 215 E. Mich. Ave., Chicago.

Agent searched the current telephone directory but found no listing for Michael J. Murphy at 1817 Palmcroft Way, N. E., Phoenix, Arizona. The 1934 City Directory lists Michael J. Murphy; wife, Norma, 1817 Palmcroft Way, N.E. No business for Mr. Murphy is stated in the directory.

W. B. Beveridge, Commercial Representative of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, ascertained for agent that there was no telephone listed in the name of Michael J. Murphy at 1817 Palmcroft Way, N.E. He advised that there was a listing for George H. Rawlins at 533 W. Willetta, which had been transferred to 324 West Almeria on March 1, 1934. He further advised that George H. Rawlins has been having telephone service since December 1932, and that Mr. Rawlins is a local attorney at law. Mr. Beveridge advised that he could not make a check of the long distance telephone calls received or emanating from 533 West Willetta without permission of the District Manager of the Mt. States Telephone and Telegraph Company, who, at the present time, is out of the city. Agent will contact the District Manager upon his return to Phoenix and obtain that information.

T. G. Woods, Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, advised agent that M. J. Murphy or Michael J. Murphy did not have an account with the Western Union Telegraph Company. Mr. Woods made inquiry of various clerks in the office, and then advised that Mr. Murphy was unknown. Mr. Woods further advised that it would be almost impossible to check messages which may have been sent or received by Mr. Murphy unless the dates that the messages were sent or received were available. He stated that without this information it would take a clerk about six days to check all the incoming and outgoing messages from September 1933 to ascertain whether Mr. Murphy had sent or received any telegrams. Agent did not request the check at this time, but it is left to the discretion of the Chicago office whether same is advisable.

F. M. Garner, Manager of the Postal Telegraph Company, advised agent that Michael J. Murphy or M. J. Murphy had no charge account at the Postal Telegraph Company. He advised that Mr. Murphy was known to him, as Mr. Murphy on various occasions had been in the office and had employed a messenger to deliver notes to 1817 Palmcroft Way, N.E., and had lavishly tipped the messenger boy. Further than this Mr. Garner advised that he does not know whether Mr. Murphy has sent or received any telegrams through the Postal Telegraph Company. Mr. Garner stated that it would be an immense job to search all the telegrams sent and received since September 1933 in an effort

to locate messages sent or received by Mr. Murphy, but stated that he would check the month of September 1933 and obtain this information for agent for that month. Agent will report the result of this search at a later date.

Agent ascertained at the office of the County Assessor, Maricopa County, that 1817 Palmcroft Way, N.E., is Lot 247, Palmcroft Addition, and that this property is owned by Anastasia Michener, 72 West Cypress. Agent checked the assessments for the current year against Michael J. Murphy and ascertained that he lists household goods and Lot 159, Encanto Subdivision. No automobile was listed.

Records in the Automobile Registration Division of the County Assessor's office, reveal that Cadillac Sedan, motor #1201355, was registered by Michael J. Murphy, 1817 Palmcroft Way, N.E., and that 1934 Arizona Plates 2XU7 were assigned to this car.

Miss Mae Clark, Clerk in the office of the Motor Vehicle Division, State of Arizona, allowed agent to examine the application for title on Cadillac Sedan, motor #1201355. This title number is 235440. Agent examined this file, which disclosed the following information: that on January 8, 1934, Michael J. Murphy made application for title on the above car, at which time he made an affidavit to the effect that he had purchased Cadillac Sedan, motor #1201355, on July 22, 1933, from the South Chicago Garage and Machine Company, 9601 Ewing Avenue, South Chicago, Ill., but that he did not purchase 1933 license plates in the State of Illinois. Attached to this file is a bill of sale for Cadillac Sedan, motor #1201355, on the stationery of the South Chicago Garage and Machine Company, which indicates that Michael J. Murphy, 3930 N. Lincoln Avenue, purchased Cadillac Sedan, motor #1201355, on July 22, 1933, for \$2,250.00, and that he received an allowance of \$1,050.00 for a 1930 Cadillac Sedan, motor #501091, and paid the balance of \$1,200.00 in cash. This bill of sale is receipted by stamp of the South Chicago Garage and Machine Company and the following name appears: Alts Norris.

Agent attempted to locate Anastasia Michener, 72 West Cypress, and was informed at that address that Mr. O'Brien handled the property located at 1817 Palmcroft Way, N.E. Mr. O'Brien was not available for interview.

E. I. Brown, Manager of the O'Malley Investment Company, advised agent that the premises at 1817 Palmcroft Way, N.E., had been leased to Michael J. Murphy in September 1933; that Mr. Murphy leased the premises for one year at \$75 per month and paid two months' rent in advance in cash. He advised that Mr. Murphy had been in Phoenix two winters prior to this winter and stated that George P. Brown had some business dealings with Mr. Murphy and knows Mr. Murphy better than he does.

Mr. George P. Brown, Salesman for the O'Malley Investment Company, advised that Michael J. Murphy rented the premises at 533 West Willetta Street for the winter seasons of 1931 and 1932, and the season of 1932-1933. Mr. Brown stated that he does not know the present business of Mr. Murphy, but believes that Mr. Murphy stated, at one time, that he had been in the retail grocery business in Chicago.

Mr. Brown recalls that Mr. Murphy stated that while conducting this business in Chicago, Ill., he employed gangsters to protect him in some way, which he did not mention, and that this gangster, or gangsters, had assaulted a person unknown, and as a result Mr. Murphy was involved in some trouble in Chicago. Mr. Brown advised that Michael J. Murphy seems to have unlimited funds, although Mr. Murphy is not extravagant and does not have many social contacts. He stated that Mr. Murphy is residing at 1817 Palmcroft Way, N.E., with his wife and two children, a boy possibly ten years of age, and a girl about eight years of age; that Mrs. Murphy does her own laundry and Mr. Murphy cares for the yard himself. Mr. Brown cannot advise agent as to Mr. Murphy's associates in Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. George P. Brown further advised that J. T. Murphy is a local real estate man, but he does not believe Mr. J. T. Murphy is a relation to Michael J. Murphy, although Mr. J. T. Murphy evidently knew Michael J. Murphy when Michael J. Murphy was previously in Phoenix, Arizona.

Informant further advised that he believes the rent at 1817 Palmcroft Way, N.E., is paid to J. T. Murphy by check of Norma Murphy, and he thinks that the checks are drawn on a Phoenix bank. He further advised that the premises at 533 West Willetta Street are owned by a party residing in the East, and that a Dr. Denett, 714 West Moreland Street, is the local representative for the owner of the premises at 533 West Willetta Street.

Agent made various attempts to locate J. T. Murphy at his office, 30 E. Monroe Street, but was advised that J. T. Murphy is an appraiser for the Home Owners Loan Corporation and is away from his office the greater portion of the day.

No further attempt will be made to contact Anastasia Michener or Mr. O'Brien for the reason that Mr. Murphy did not rent the premises directly through the owner, but through Mr. J. T. Murphy and Mr. E. I. Brown.

No attempt will be made to contact George H. Rawlins, attorney at law, at this time, for it appears that Mr. Rawlins occupied the premises at 533 West Willetta Street after Michael J. Murphy.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

THE CHICAGO OFFICE, at Chicago, Illinois, will make further investigation there from the information disclosed in this report.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE, at Phoenix, Arizona, will complete investigation at Phoenix and report results of mail cover placed on Post Office Box 465.

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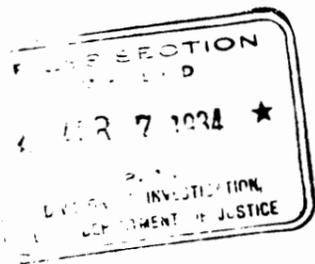
Mr. J. H. McClelland,  
Chief of Police,  
Long Beach, California.

Dear Chief:

In accordance with the request contained  
in your letter of April 2, 1934, there are being  
forwarded to you under separate cover two copies of  
Identification Order No. 1218 on Alvin Karpis, and  
two copies of Identification Order No. 1219 on  
Arthur R. Barker.

Sincerely yours,

Director.



# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

St. Paul, Minn.

FILE NO. 7-43

REPORT MADE AT: Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-4-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/29-30/34	REPORT MADE BY: H. D. Harris <b>HJ</b>
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Records of Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles do not disclose 1934 registration of any cars known to be in possession of Subjects. List of all cars registered under names identical to names of Subjects with aliases secured for Ohio and flashes filed on known cars and names.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from the St. Paul Office dated 3-23-34.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT COLUMBUS, OHIO</u></p> <p>At the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles with the cooperation of Mr. C. E. Nofer, Chief of the Records Division, it was ascertained that the motor number index fails to reveal that any of the cars known to have been in possession of Subjects were registered in Ohio for 1934. It should be stated that Ohio has not had a motor number index prior to 1934, and at the present time the filing by motor numbers is not quite complete, although practically complete. Flash cards on all known cars are on file, and the Cincinnati Office will be notified immediately should any of these cars be registered.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>A check of all cars registered under names identical to the names and known aliases of Subjects likewise failed to indicate registration of any of the cars in question. The Buick and Ford which were registered in Ohio in 1933 under the name of T. C. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio, do not appear to be registered in Ohio for 1934, and there are no cars registered under this name.</p>			
DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE 7-576-1572		RECORDED AND INDEXED: APR 8 1934
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3 Division 3 St. Paul 3 Detroit 3 Cincinnati		UNITED STATES APR 5 1934 A M BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>[Signature]</i> FILE	CHECKED OFF: APR 9 1934 ACCEPTED:



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The complete list of registrations in Ohio under names of interest in this matter is as follows:

No record for Arthur Barker.

1. License #232,955 was issued to Robert Barker, R. D. #3, Lexington, Ohio, for a Ford Coupe, motor #9525733. Richland County.
2. License #B-10,864 was issued to Robert Barker, 1512 Forest Ave., Middletown, Ohio, Butler County, for an Oldsmobile Coupe, motor #D 36447.
3. License #395,365 was issued to Robert Barker, Richwood, Ohio, Union County, for a Ford Coach, motor #393255.
4. License #D 18,044 was issued to Robert Barker, R. R. #5, Batavia, Ohio, Clermont County, for a Buick Sedan, motor #1730319.
5. License #333,006 was issued to Fred and Wesley Barker, 705 Pierce Ave., Lancaster, Ohio, Fairfield County, for a Studebaker Sedan, motor #56585.
6. License #114,814 was issued to Fred Barker, R. R. #2, Convoy, Ohio, Van Wert County, for a Ford Coach, motor #B 5125372.

No record for J. Barrows.

7. License #60,754 was issued to J. E. Blackburn, 232 Spring St., Youngstown, Ohio, Mahoning County, for a Chevrolet Coupe, motor #2820489.

No record for T. C. Blackburn.

No record for E. L. Burnes.

No record for E. L. Burns.

8. License #475,787 was issued to J. J. Burns, 2315 E. High St., Springfield, Ohio, for a Chevrolet Sedan, motor #3757852. Clark County.

No record for R. L. Burns.

9. License #568,516 was issued to Harry Campbell, 14200 Bardwell, East Cleveland, Ohio, Cuyahoga County for a Ford Tudor, motor #3919496.
10. License #503,593 was issued to Harry Campbell, 524 Ludlow Ave., Springfield, Ohio, Clark County, for an Essex Sedan, motor #940191.

11. License #301,174 was issued to Harry Campbell, 410 N. Belmont, Springfield, Ohio, Clark County for a Nash Coach, motor #286467.
12. License #920,270 was issued to Harry Campbell, 1624 Jefferson St., Warren, Ohio, Trumbull County, for a Ford Coupe, motor #1913489.
13. License #264,273 was issued to Harry Campbell, R. #2, Quincy, Ohio, Logan County, for a Ford Coach, motor #A 2525.
14. License #338,963 was issued to Harry Campbell, R. #1, Pleasantville, Ohio, Fairfield, County for a Nash Sedan, motor #A 2821.
15. License #397,872 was issued to Harry Campbell, 72 Griswold, Delaware, Ohio, Delaware County, for a Chevrolet Sedan, motor #3838010.

No record for A. Carter.

No record for Claude Dale.

No record for E.V. Davis.

16. License #417,278 was issued to R. E. Davis, 1086 Geneva Ave., Columbus, Ohio, Franklin County for a Ford Sedan, motor #13407490.
17. License #425,914 was issued to R. E. Davis, 816 Leonard Ave., Columbus, Ohio, Franklin County for an Essex Touring, motor #119334.
18. License #575,628 was issued to R. E. Davis, 854 E. 147th, Cleveland, Ohio, for a Chevrolet Sedan, motor #3775169. Cuyahoga County.
19. License #518,962 was issued to R. E. Davis, 3666 Rawnsdale Rd., Shaker Heights, Ohio, Cuyahoga County, for a Plymouth Coupe, motor #PC 13561.
20. License #516,159 was issued to R. E. Davis, 11318 Parkview, Cleveland, Ohio, Cuyahoga County for a Ford Coupe, motor #18-274413.
21. License #577,744 was issued to R. E. Davis, 683 E. 128th, Cleveland, Ohio, Cuyahoga County for a Chevrolet Coach, motor #2160012.
22. License #A-17,055 was issued to R. E. Davis, 1807 Huffman Ave., Dayton, Ohio, Montgomery County, for a Chevrolet Sedan, motor #3722690.
23. License #A 80,885 was issued to R. E. Davis, 2738 Montana Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, Hamilton County for a Dodge Sedan, motor #E 29930.
24. License #803,463 was issued to R. E. Davis, 60 Franklin St., Akron, Ohio, Summit County, for a Pontiac Sedan, motor #440907.
25. License #343,427 was issued to R. E. Davis, 56 Fulton Ave., Newark, Ohio, Licking County, for a Chevrolet Coach, motor #335372.

No record for Volney Davis.

26. License #570,744 was issued to Geo. O. Dunn, 94 Wandle, Bedford, Ohio, Cuyahoga County, for an Oakland Coach, motor #L 81966.
27. License #249,177 was issued to George Dunn, West Salem, Ohio, Wayne County for a Ford Sedan, motor #14105049.
28. License #C 26,058 was issued to Geo. Dunn, 953 Rogers, Toledo, Ohio, Lucas County for a Pontiac Coach, motor #P 338624.
29. License #D 13,817 was issued to Raymond Hadley, Wilmington, Ohio, R. #5, Clinton County for a Chevrolet Sedan, motor #3224110.

No record for H. J. Harney.

30. License #428,928 was issued to R. E. Hamilton, 141 Northridge Road, Columbus, Ohio, for a Pontiac Coach, motor #458576.
31. License #A 67,276 was issued to Geo. Haller, E. 3rd, Xenia, Ohio, Greene County, for a Chevrolet Sedan, motor #1329065.
32. License #B 23,951 was issued to Geo. Haller, 3225 Nash, Cincinnati, Ohio, Hamilton County, for a Graham Sedan, motor #743485.
33. License #536,525 was issued to Geo. Haller, 2173 W. 62nd St., Cleveland, Ohio, Cuyahoga County for a Chrysler Sedan, motor #34201.
34. License #514,766 was issued to Geo. Haller, 1407 Nickel Rd., Cleveland, Ohio, for a Chevrolet Sedan, motor #309462.
35. License #617,736 was issued to George Haller, 1632 Orchard Grove, Lakewood, Ohio, Cuyahoga County for a Ford Sedan, motor #A 2243865.
36. License #B 92,038 was issued to A. S. Hunter, 2 LeRoy Court, Cincinnati, Ohio, for a Hudson Coach, motor #254608.

No record for Alvin Karpis.

No record for Ray Karpis.

No record for Alvin Karpis.

No record for J. H. Lockwood.

No record for William Lohman.

No record for William B. Lohman.

37. License #890,918 was issued to C.E. Moore, 2605 Norwood Ave., Norwood, Ohio, Hamilton County for a Chevrolet Sedan, motor #2052179.

38. License #833,300 was issued to Ted. Murphy, 2030 2nd N. E., Canton, Ohio, Stark County, for a Chrysler Sedan, motor #CM 14233.

No record for E. L. Murphy.

No record for F. G. Ward.

39. License #D 12,789 was issued to George L. Martin, B. #5, Wilmington, Ohio, for a Ford Sedan, motor #1153825.

40. License #269,732 was issued to Geo. L. Martin, R. #7, Sidney, Ohio, Shelby County, for a Ford Sedan, motor #3989822.

41. License #A 64,567 was issued to Geo. L. Martin, 55 Bish Ave., Dayton, Ohio, Montgomery County for a Chevrolet, motor #580137.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

DETROIT OFFICE, will make appropriate investigation as to owners of Cars 1, 6, 7, 9, 12, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35 and 38.

CINCINNATI OFFICE, will make appropriate investigation as to owners of Cars 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 25, 29, 30, 31, 32, 36, 37, 39, 40 and 41.

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Box 293  
Bassett, Va.

(BASSETTS)

Mar. 23, 1934

Attorney Gen. Cummings,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

from what I read in the paper I mite be some help  
in finding Authur R. Barker. From what I know and have heard  
more than a year ago about Arthur Barker I don't doubt but what  
he is the man you are looking for. I am not financed to  
look him up but in case I lead to his arest what is there in it  
for me. I wood gladly look him up if I was Financed to do so.  
Please write me by return mail and return his photo if you have  
one. If you choose to send special dectitive have him bring  
this letter with him as I must be very careful. Please dont  
print this for the public. If you send any one to see me, come  
to Bassett Furnature Co., Bassett, Va., and call for G. W.  
Young.

Resp. yours,

/s/ G. W. Young

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<i>[Handwritten signature]</i>

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*Letter to  
4-5-34  
J.M.T.*

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April 5, 1934

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Mr. G. W. Young,  
Box 293,  
Bassetts, Virginia.

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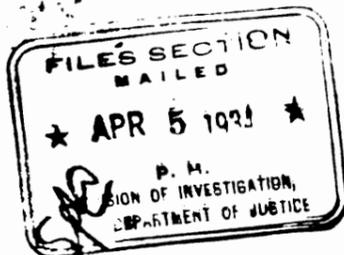
Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of your letter dated March 23, 1934, addressed to the Attorney General, concerning Arthur R. Barker, which has been referred to this Division for attention.

Please be advised that a copy of your letter has been forwarded to Mr. J. M. Keith, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Hurley-Wright Building, Washington, D. C., who will have an Agent interview you in the very near future.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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

Dear Sir:

There are inclosed copies of a letter addressed to the Attorney General from one G. W. Young, Box 293, Bassetts, Virginia, dated March 23, 1934, in which he states that he has information concerning Arthur R. Barker, Identification Order No. 1219.

It is requested that you have an Agent interview Mr. Young in the very near future and secure from him whatever information he may have to offer.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. #682467



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April 5, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 27, 1934, transmitting three photographs of latent fingerprints found on articles at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, and received recently from the St. Paul Police Department in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim; KIDNAPING. The latent prints appearing in one of the photographs are too blurred and indistinct to be of value for comparison or classification. A latent fingerprint found in the second photograph has been found to be identical with the right thumb of Mrs. C. P. Harmon, alias Paula Harmon, our file #105880. A latent fingerprint appearing in the third photograph has been searched through the single fingerprint file without identification. It has been compared also with negative results with the fingerprints of the following individuals:

Frank Nash, our file #475943.	Harry Campbell, our file #419856.
Harry A. Sawyer, USP Leav. #29022.	John Luger, our file #515201.
Alvis Payton, our file #676983.	Winfel Urban, our file #515120.
Volney Davis, our file #400441.	Bernard Phillips, our file #328905.
Arthur "Dock" Barker, our file #289428.	Alvin Karpis, our file #199217.
Samuel Schrage, our file #182772.	W. C. Wieseman, our file #88986.
Fred Barker, our file #59163.	Edward Bentz, our file #15279.
Glen Roy Wright, our file #79217.	Jack Pfeiffer, our file #47641.
Theodore Benz, our file #510598.	

The one unidentified latent fingerprint of value is available for comparison with the fingerprints of any other individuals which you may desire to submit. This latent fingerprint is being placed in our file of unidentified latent fingerprints for possible future identification.

Very truly yours,

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P. M.  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CC - St. Paul  
Kansas City

AIR MAIL

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DIRECTOR'S P. M.  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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WJAG, founded in 1922, is one of the oldest stations in the west. It covers 22 counties in Northeast Nebraska like a blanket and has a very responsive audience.

There are 293,000 people in the WJAG territory who like our local station type of program. We are "home folks" to them.

**WJAG**

1040 Kilocycles 1000 Watts

Norfolk, Nebraska

87000

In several campaigns WJAG led all stations in replies per dollar.

One advertiser built up a business of almost a million dollars in his first year. You can reach more people in this territory over WJAG for less money than in any other way. Write for testimonials.

March 23, 1934.

DIV. of INV.

*Bank Robbery - Sioux Falls, S.D.*

County Sheriff,  
Sioux Falls, S. D.

Dear Sir:

Can you furnish us with descriptions of the Barker Bros., Alvin Karpis, Tommy Carroll and Martin Wilson, suspects in your bank robbery, for use in our broadcasts to our radio detective boys described on attached sheet?

Sincerely yours

RADIO STATION WJAG

By A. C. Thomas, Mgr.

*A. C. Thomas*

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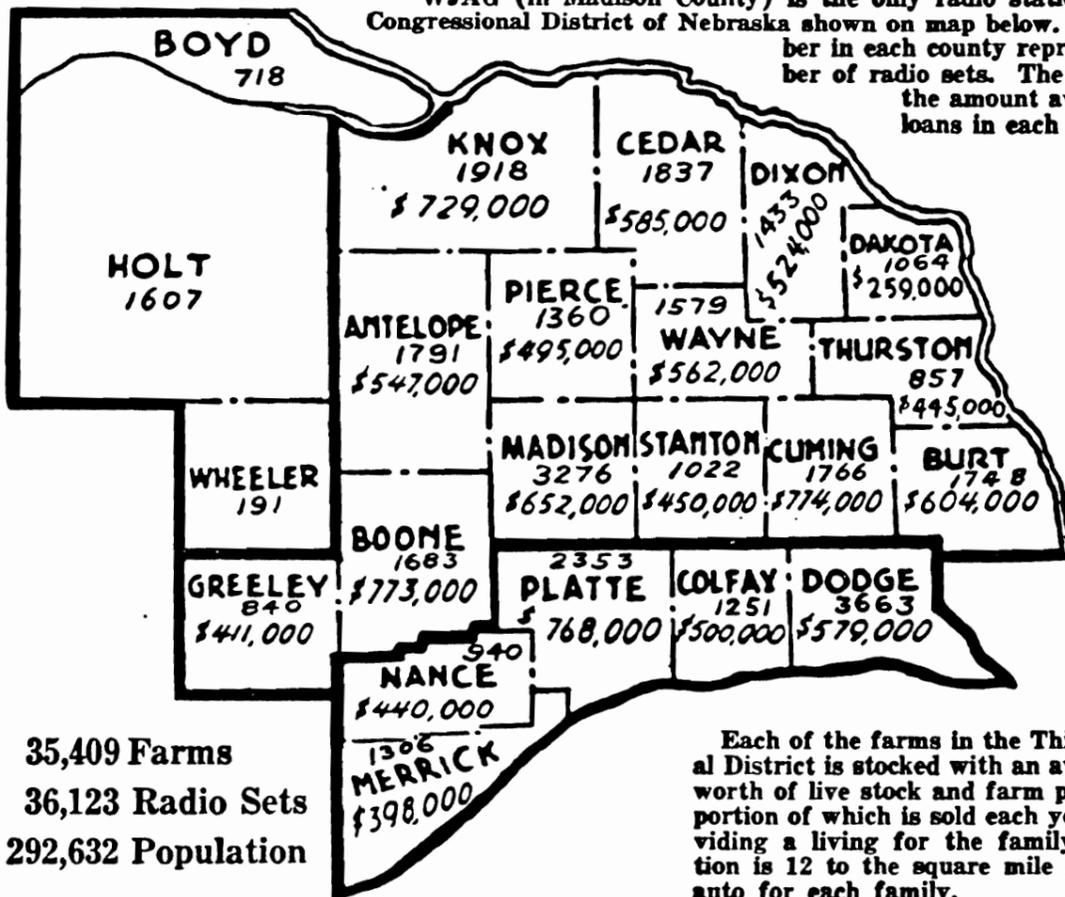
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Hours—6 A. M. to Sundown. Sign Off Time:  
Jan., 5:15; Feb., 6:00; March, 6:30; April, 7:15;  
May, 7:45; June and July, 8:00; Aug., 7:30; Sept.,  
6:45; Oct., 5:45; Nov., 5:15; Dec., 5:00.

# WJAG 1060 Kilocycles 1000 Watts "Norfolk in Nebraska"

"The Voice of the Third Congressional District of Nebraska"

WJAG (in Madison County) is the only radio station in the Third Congressional District of Nebraska shown on map below. The first number in each county represents the number of radio sets. The dollar figure is the amount available for corn loans in each county.



35,409 Farms  
36,123 Radio Sets  
292,632 Population

Each of the farms in the Third Congressional District is stocked with an average of \$4,700 worth of live stock and farm products, a large portion of which is sold each year, besides providing a living for the family. The population is 12 to the square mile and there is an auto for each family.

You can reach more people in this territory over WJAG for less money than in any other single medium.

Thousands of listeners depend on WJAG for their market reports, weather forecasts, Associated Press news bulletins and entertainment.

Our largest audience is at noon. The noon day session of WJAG's "radio family" with weather, news, markets, anniversary greetings, cradle roll, hospital report, etc., has been conducted for twelve years and has one of the largest audiences in the entire west, 50,000 daily.

Norfolk is an important trading center in an area with the largest per capita wealth in America.

Nebraska leads all states in the production of hay, is second in live stock and winter wheat, third in corn, fourth in butter and rye and fifth in oats.

WJAG is excellently located for test programs and we gladly work with advertisers and their agencies to build up successful programs which can be used elsewhere.

Write for data sheets including testimonials and report of radio survey of north Nebraska Federation of Woman's clubs (group 8).

We cover our territory like a blanket and have a very large, loyal and responsive audience. Eight of the leading seventeen counties in Nebraska in radio set ownership are located in our territory. There are 93 counties in Nebraska.

Owned by The Norfolk Daily News, Norfolk, Nebraska  
"The World's Greatest Country Daily"

Boys Radio Detectives

The purpose is to assist law enforcement authorities in the detection of major criminals and to furnish boys with a useful and worthwhile activity without danger to themselves and to arouse public interest in law enforcement. Boys start out as Lone Detectives. They may appoint assistants or organize clubs if they wish.

Each boy is assigned a secret number and given a series of secret general orders by number so that the radio station may send him messages over the air without anyone knowing whom we are talking to or what we are saying.

The detective listens to our daily broadcasts at 4:15 P.M. or asks someone to listen for him such as a boy friend or filling station or business house or some elderly person or invalid or member of the family.

Each boy gets a series of free detective lessons which train him to be observing and to be able to describe a person seen, including such items as age, height, weight, features, peculiarities, habits, etc. Many criminals have been caught because some one remembered a peculiarity of posture, speech or habit.

Each detective is instructed never to carry fire arms and not to expose himself to personal danger. He is expected to use his brains only. He may be asked to deliver copies of our broadcasts to local police authorities, filling stations, bridge tenders, ferry men, etc.

Sample of our secret broadcasts: "Calling Radio Detective number 71 and issuing general order number 62".

Detectives are instructed not to become busybodies, nor nuisances, nor to bother themselves with minor infractions of law. They are expected to train and hold themselves in readiness for an emergency.

Test calls are made occasionally to see if detective is listening.

The State Sheriff says: "The more people we get interested in law enforcement the more successful we will be in our work. Therefore I endorse your idea very highly."

(OVER)

Efforts to Catch Columbus Bank Robbers, January 18, 1934

One club got released from school and notified all filling stations in town and nearby community.

Another club -- "We notified the County Sheriff and the town marshall. Right now the Marshall is watching the main highway. My mother is keeping tuned to WJAG for me and keeping watch of cars at the filling station across the street."

Another club -- "The mother of one of our member's heard the broadcast and got word to us. We were released from school and reported the broadcast to the marshall and all filling stations. I watched the highway all day myself and other members watched that evening till about 10:30."

(Other similar reports received)

From the Mothers of Our Detectives

(1) - "Personally I think it is good training for the boys. My son has been playing a lone hand. As long as my son is interested and can be of any use I will listen to the broadcasts as often as possible when he is not here. He is quite a busy lad with his school, Scout and band work. We wish you every success."

(2) - "We are very happy to think our boy is interested in this sort of work."

From a Tilden Listener

"The boys are doing a great piece of work. Hope we may have a lot of cooperation along that line."

RADIO STATION WJAG, NORFOLK, NEBRASKA.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
From: UNIT #1 Room 418  
3-27 1934.

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nathan 86999  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Tolson  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Edwards  
\_\_\_\_\_ Unit Two  
\_\_\_\_\_ Unit Four  
\_\_\_\_\_ Files Section  
\_\_\_\_\_ Personnel Files Section  
\_\_\_\_\_ Equipment Section  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chief Clerk's Office  
\_\_\_\_\_ Unit Five  
\_\_\_\_\_ Identification Unit  
\_\_\_\_\_ Statistical Section  
\_\_\_\_\_ Technical Laboratory  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Baughman  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Cowley  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Little  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Newby  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Stapleton  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Stein  
\_\_\_\_\_ Miss Gandy  
\_\_\_\_\_ Miss Finnell  
\_\_\_\_\_ Washington Field Office  
\_\_\_\_\_ Stenographic Pool  
\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary  
\_\_\_\_\_ Correct  
\_\_\_\_\_ Re-write  
\_\_\_\_\_ Re-date  
\_\_\_\_\_ See Me

*How was the attached  
received?*

*MR*

H. H. CLEGG

REN:mr  
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April 5, 1934

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Mr. Melvin L. Sells,  
County Sheriff,  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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My dear Sheriff:

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There has been referred to this Division by the Attorney General a copy of a letter dated March 23, 1934, addressed to you by A. C. Thomas, Manager, Radio Station WJAG, Norfolk, Nebraska, wherein you were requested to furnish descriptions of the Barker brothers, Alvin Karpis, Tommy Carroll and Martin Wilson, suspects in a bank robbery which occurred in your City. This letter was apparently forwarded by you to the Department.

There are transmitted herewith copies of Identification Orders Nos. 1218 and 1219 issued by this Division on Alvin Karpis with aliases and Arthur R. Barker with aliases who are wanted by this Division for questioning in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case. This Division has not issued Identification Orders on the other individuals named in your letter. There are, however, set out below descriptions of individuals believed to be identical with the persons named in the letter from Mr. Thomas:

<u>Fred Barker</u>	<u>Tommy Carroll</u>	<u>Martin Wilson</u>
Age - 32 years (1934)	Age - 31 years (1930)	Age - 25 years (1934)
Height - 5'4"	Height - 5'9"	Height - 5'11"
Weight - 120 pounds	Weight - 172 pounds	Weight - 195 pounds
Build - Slender	Build - Muscular	Build - Stocky
Hair - Sandy red	Eyes - Gray	Hair - Brown
Eyes - Blue	Hair - Black	Eyes - Brown
Complexion - Medium fair	Complexion - Light	Complexion - Dark

The above information is submitted to you in order that you might comply with the request contained in the letter addressed to you by Mr. Thomas, copy of which is enclosed herewith.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

Enclosure  
FILES SECTION  
APR 5 1934  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
P. O. Box # 987  
Pittsburgh, Pa.



April 5, 1934

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

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

As of possible interest to the Division in the event this has not already been brought to your attention, I am transmitting herewith a copy of the American Bankers Association Protective Bulletin for the month of April, 1934, wherein on Page 4 are contained photographs of KARPIS, FRED BARKER, NEAL G. BOWMAN, CLYDE C. BARROW, and RAYMOND HAMILTON.

It will be noted that the Association Bulletin indicates that these individuals are being sought by the Division.

Very truly yours,

E. A. TAMM  
Special Agent in Charge

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
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Butte, Montana,  
April 2, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

ALVIN KARPIS, et al  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnapping

Upon receipt of the telegram from the St. Paul Office, dated February 15, 1934, requesting this office to check all news dealers in this district selling St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers for the purpose of determining whether these papers were being purchased by Doc Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, or any other suspicious persons, the following investigation was immediately launched:

At Great Falls, Montana - Special Agent in Charge Dickason contacted all news dealers and made arrangements with the Sheriff's office to be advised should any suspicious persons purchase St. Paul or Minneapolis papers.

Special Agent Costello caused the news dealers in the following places to be interviewed and also advised the Sheriffs' offices to be on the lookout for persons purchasing St. Paul or Minneapolis newspapers: Forsyth, Miles City, Wibaux, Glendive, Sidney, Plentywood, Scobey, Wolf Point, Glasgow, Malta, and Chinook, Montana.

Special Agent Scott interviewed all news dealers at Helena, Lewistown, Harlowton, and Butte, Montana, and made arrangements to have these persons contact the local authorities in case any suspicious persons asked for St. Paul or Minneapolis papers.

At Pocatello and Boise, Idaho - Special Agent Bryon contacted all news dealers and made arrangements with the police at these places to be on the lookout for persons purchasing these papers.

At Dillon, Montana - Special Agent McCarthy interviewed the news dealers and notified the police to be on the lookout for suspicious persons purchasing these papers.

No information whatever was secured through these inquiries which would indicate that either of the Subjects had been in this district. This investigation will continue.

J. P. McCarthy  
Special Agent

CC: Inspector Roper-2  
Division

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**U. S. Department of Justice**

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

April 4, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
EXTORTION.  
St. Paul File No. 7-51.

There is transmitted herewith letter received by Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul, Minnesota, for the purpose of examination as to fingerprints, et cetera.

With reference to the instructions contained therein, this information was given to the St. Louis Division Office by telephone.

Very truly yours,



WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Conroy advised over the telephone that there is a rumor to the effect that Fred<sup>o</sup>Barker and his brother, Leon~~Barker~~, are at Erie, Kansas. Mr. Conroy stated that there are a Fred Barker and a Leon Barker living at Erie, Kansas but they are not the subjects that this Division is looking for. He advised that their descriptions do not correspond in any way.

Respectfully,

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

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-27**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Salt Lake City, Utah.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-2-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/22-30/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>A.R. GERE</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Photographs of women associates of Subjects not identified as accompanying Subjects at Reno, Nevada, in October and November, 1933. Safety deposit boxes at Reno banks not rented in any known names of Subjects. Laundry marks on laundry of Subjects E.L. Burns, J.C. Blackburn, and Geo. L. Martin (Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and Harry Campbell) obtained.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent A.R. Gere, Salt Lake City, Utah, March 22, 1934.

**DETAILS:** AT RENO, NEVADA.

Mrs. Mary Stratford, Manager, Ridgeway Apartments, 303 Hill St., stated that no one named E.L. Burnes had occupied an apartment at the Ridgeway Apartments during the fall or winter of 1932-1933, and that during November and December, 1932, Apartment No. 20 was being remodeled, and was not occupied during that period.

Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Smith, 249 West Liberty St., stated that the woman living as the wife of E.L. Burns (Subject Alvin Karpis) was between 20 and 25 years of age; height, about 5ft., weight, 100 lbs., or less; small features; black hair; dark eyes; dark complexion; talked brokenly or with an accent; attractive looking.

They also stated that when E.L. Burns first occupied

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Apartment No. 5 by himself from November 18, 1932, to February 7, 1933, he had numerous male callers at his apartment, and that he was also friendly with two women living at the Elvada Apartments, viz., Mrs. J.F. Adams, Jr., who occupied Apartment No. 8, from November 29, 1932, to Jan. 16, 1933, and left a forwarding address in care of J.C. Monmonier, Catsonville, Maryland; and Mrs. W.L. Wardell, who occupied an apartment from Nov. 29, 1932, to Jan. 13, 1933, and who stated she was a graduate of Wellsley College, and had worked for the Dennison Mfg. Co., Boston, Mass., and who left a forwarding address in care of Swallows, Coleman & Haskins, Equitable Bldg., Hollywood, Calif.

Dr. John Kilb, 424 First National Bank Bldg., stated that his records show that Mrs. G.L. Morton (undoubtedly same party known as Mrs. G.L. Martin) 240 West Liberty St., made 14 visits at his office between November 9 and Nov. 29, 1933, paid \$34.50, and still owes a balance of about \$30.; that Mrs. G.L. Morton was about 24 years of age, height, about 5ft.4in.; weight 125 to 130 lbs.; black straight hair, parted in middle, and worn straight; dark hazel eyes; brunette complexion; had little Indian blood; good looking; claimed from Cleveland, Ohio, and traveling for pleasure, claimed husband away from home most of the time; claimed going back to Cleveland and would pay balance of bill before leaving, but did not.

He also stated that Mrs. Blackburn, Belmont Apartments, made seven visits at his office between November 19, and November 28, 1933, and paid fee of \$75 in full; that Mrs. Blackburn was between 25 and 27 years of age, height, about 5ft. 2in.; weight 120 to 125 lbs.; light auburn hair; light blue eyes; medium complexion, not good looking, quite homely; short build; had flat nose; had pronounced English accent.

Miss Doris Rockwood, residence, 1214-A St., Sparks, Nev., employed in Dr. Kilb's office, participated in furnishing the foregoing descriptions.

Dr. Kilb assured Agent he would be glad to cooperate in causing Subjects apprehension in the event any of these parties should return to Reno. He was unable to identify the photographs of any of the Subjects.

Chas. Baufe, residence, 118 West St., Colonial Hotel, Apt. #15, and Lance Morton, residence, 692 Chestnut St., Apt. #8, and employee of the Grand Central Garage, South Virginia St., owned by Mayor Sam Frank (closely associated and good friend of Wm. J. Graham and James C. McKay) identified the photograph of Subject Volney Davis as a man named "Jimmie" who was around Reno for about five weeks during the fall of 1933, and had a Pontiac Sedan, maroon color; that "Jimmie" was about 24 or 25 years of age (description of Subject Volney Davis shows present age as 41); height, about 5ft.4in.; weight, about 130 lbs.;

light hair; light complexion; good looking. These informants promised their cooperation in causing the apprehension of Subjects, but requested that their cooperation not be made known to the local police officers on account of the local situation and the fact that they are employees of Mayor Sam Frank.

Efforts were made to locate R.E. Davis, who on Feb. 14, 1934, was issued Nevada License No. 5917, for a 1928 model Pontiac Coach, and gave his address as 327 West 4th St., Reno, Nev., and his former address as 5937 Augusta Blvd., Chicago, Ill., at the time of obtaining Illinois (1933) License No. 705653 for the same car on March 15, 1933, but it was found at 327 West 4th St., that nobody named R.E. Davis was known at that address, and that the party at that address who owned a Pontiac Coach with a former Illinois license was named Gus Erickson, and had a son named Ted Erickson. While at Carson City, Nev., Agent ascertained at the Secretary of State's Office that when the applicant signed the application for this Nevada license, he signed the application "R. Bavis 327 W 4th St., Reno, Nevada." and also executed an affidavit of non-operation on Feb. 14, 1934, stating that the automobile in question had been stored from Dec. 1, 1933, to Feb. 14, 1934, on the property owned by D.C. Wilson, 512 Mill St., Reno, Nevada.

Mrs. R.S. Page, owner of the premises at 327 West 4th St., aged 92, stated that Gus Erickson was a steam-fitter during the building of the new post office from October, 1933, until about March 13, 1934, and that he stated he was going to Green Bay, Ohio, to look for work; that he was about 50 years of age; and that since his departure on March 13th, mail had been received for him with return addresses of Johnson Bros. Heating Co., 1419 Ball Plains Ave., Chicago, Ill., March 13, 1934, also from Ernest S. Vanada, 206 North 4th St., Lewisburg, Penna., March 12, 1934; also a letter addressed to T.A. Erickson, 512 Mill St., Reno, Nevada (Same address as mentioned in affidavit signed by "R. Bavis"), with return address of P.O. Box 594, Newark, N.J., March 12, 1934; also that these parties had left no forwarding address. It was apparent that Gus Erickson or T.A. Erickson had signed the name of "R. Bavis" to the application for registration of a Pontiac Coach formerly owned by R.E. Davis, 5937 Augusta Blvd., Chicago, Ills., but it is believed that it is only a coincidence that the name of R.E. Davis at that address is identical with that used by Subject Fred Barker at Reno, Nev., on January 11, 1933, when purchasing a Buick Sedan, and it is believed unnecessary to make further search for Gus Erickson or T.A. Erickson.

AT TRUCKEE, CALIF.

Paul L. Marion and J.G. Latham, Quarantine Inspectors, P.O. Box 181, Truckee, Calif., and Traffic Officer C.E. McKean,

California Highway Patrol Checking Station, and Deputy Sheriffs Tom Dolley, and Carl Smith, were furnished with a list of the six automobiles shown on page 9 of report of reference, together with the then-known aliases of Subjects Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, and Harry Campbell, on Nov. 23, 1934, with instructions to notify SAC Reed E. Vetterli, San Francisco, Calif., in the event any of the automobiles should endeavor to check through their station, and they were advised that as soon as 1934 license numbers became known for any of these automobiles they would be furnished the same.

AT TAHOE, CALIF.

Similar information to that furnished in above paragraph was furnished to Miss Janet D. Watson, Postmistress, in the absence from town of Constable Carl Beckdolf.

AT RENO, NEVADA.

The records of the Post Office, including forwarding addresses, and also the patrons of the safety deposit boxes at the First National Bank, the closed Riverside Bank, the closed Reno National Bank, and the United Nevada Bank, disclosed no record in the names used by Subjects, and their photographs could not be identified by anyone connected with the banks named.

At the Reno Laundry, it was ascertained that for the week ending Nov. 4, 1933, "Burns, Elvada Apt. #9" had a bundle of laundry, amounting to \$3.85, with the laundry mark "C 7 -"; and from Mrs. C.W. Smith, 249 West Liberty St., it was ascertained that her record showed that on Nov. 3, 1933, laundry amounting to \$3.85 was charged to Apartment No. 9, then occupied by E.L. Burns and wife.

At the Reno Laundry, it was also ascertained that for the week ending Dec. 2, 1933, two bundles of laundry were received from 240-A West Liberty St., amounting to \$1.70 (flat work) and \$8.55, respectively, bearing the laundry marks "751" and "75", and from the Manager, John Miramon, residence, 800 Willard Ave., it was ascertained that both of these laundry marks were already upon the articles at the time of receipt at the laundry.

At the I.X.L. Laundry, 505 East 5th St., no record could be found of laundry having been received from any of Subjects, or their known addresses in Reno, nor of the foregoing laundry marks as obtained at the Reno Laundry.

From J.A. Barbash, Manager of the Sunshine Laundry, 440 East 2nd St., residence, 1275 Arlington St., the following record was obtained:

Date.	Name.	Laundry Marks.	Amount.
Oct. 10, 1933	Blackburn.	751 and 75	\$3.39.
" 21, "	"	751	6.12
" 24, "	Martin.	751 and 75	4.50
Nov. 3, "	Blackburn.	751	.81
" 13, "	Martin.	751 and 75	8.08
" 14, "	Blackburn	751	3.16
" 16, "	Burns.	75 and C7-	6.19
" 20, "	Davis.	751	3.48
" 27, "	Blackburn	751	4.45
" 29, "	Burns	751 and 75	6.56
Dec 1, "	Blackburn.	751	4.68

Mr. Barbash stated that each of the foregoing bundles of laundry was left at the office and called for, and that no addresses of any of the parties named was left at the laundry.

From Mrs. L.L. Rowan, 234 West Liberty St., it was ascertained that upon checking her records with those of the electric light company, she had determined that G.L. Martin and wife left Apartment No. 240-A on December 2nd, instead of December 20, 1933, as formerly stated by her as shown in report of reference.

Mrs. L.L. Rowan also stated that while G.L. Martin was at Apartment 240-A he purchased a suit of clothes from the Federal Outfitting Co., Sierra St., and obtained a nice letter from the firm shortly after purchasing the suit.

At the Federal Outfitting Co., 106-108 Sierra St., it was ascertained from S.N. Joelsohn, residence, 528 Gordon Ave., that on November 4, 1933, G.L. Martin, Hiland Apartments, purchased a suit, size 36, short, for \$45., also a Hickok belt \$1.00 and a buckle, \$1.50, paying cash; that the suit was a dark, banker's grey color, salt and pepper, with the following described label sewed on the lining of the inner coat pocket: Letter "S", "Shragge Quality For Particular People" on a red and black background with white lettering. Mr. Joelsohn furnished Agent a sample of the goods comprising the suit in question which is being forwarded with copy of this report to Inspector W.A. Moyer, St. Paul, Minn.

M.A. Mooser, salesman for the Federal Outfitting Co., residence, No. 9, Sovereign Apartments, 100 West Court St., positively identified the photograph of Subject Harry Campbell as a good likeness of G.L. Martin to whom he sold the suit in question on Nov 4, 1933.

In the letter from Special Agent in Charge M.H. Purvis, Chicago, Illinois, to Inspector W.A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minn., office dated March 24, 1934, it was suggested that certain signatures or handwriting specimens which Agent A.R. Gere, Salt Lake City, Utah, office secured at Reno, Nevada, and which he referred to in his report dated March 22, 1934, be referred to the St. Paul office of the Division to be compared with any handwriting specimens filed at that office of the Karpis-Barker gang. Attached to the St. Paul office copies of this report will be found the following original signatures:-

Contract No. 459 with Paul A. Walters, dated November 18, 1932, signed "R.L. Burnes, Anderson Hotel."

Contract No. 461 with Paul A. Walters, dated November 20, 1932, signed "E.L. Burnes".

Contract No. 463 with Paul A. Walters, dated November 21, 1932, signed "E.L. Burnes."

Contract No. 464 with Paul A. Walters, dated November 22, 1932, signed "E.L. Burnes."

Contract No. 468 with Paul A. Walters, dated November 25, 1932, signed "R.L. Burnes".

Sales Contract dated Jan. 7, 1933, between the Scott Motors, Ltd., and "R.E. Davis", Anderson Hotel, Reno, Nev., also signed by R.L. Wilson, Salesman for the Scott Motors Ltd.

Sales Contract dated Jan. 7, 1933, signed by "E.J. Harvey" Anderson Hotel, Reno, Nev., also signed by E.R. Wilson, Salesman for Scott Motors Ltd.

Register at the Elvada Apartments, dated Nov. 2, 1933 #9, signed "E.L. Burns & Wife".

Elvada Apartments Inventory for Apartment No. 9, signed by "E.L. Burns".

Photographs of the women mentioned in letter of Special Agent in Charge M.H. Purvis, Chicago, Ill., dated March 24, 1934, namely:- Dorothy Slayman; Jewell Johnson; Paula Harmon; Dorothy Dodd; Bertha Engler; Jo Ann Armour; Billie Fitch; Leota Graham; Nina Snyder; Lillian Holden; were shown to Mrs. C.W. Smith, 249 West Liberty Street, Mrs. L.L. Rowan and daughter, Marian Rowan, 234 West Liberty Street, Mr. and Mrs. Andres Chris Pedersen, No. 17 Belmont Apartments, 400 Belmont Road, Emma Wray, maid, Belmont

apartments, all of Reno, Nevada, but none of these persons were able to identify any of the photographs as being likenesses of the women accompanying subjects while at Reno, Nevada.

The Oklahoma City office will note the additional description of the woman accompanying Geo. L. Martin (presumably Subject Harry Campbell) at Reno, Nev., whose father was alleged to have been a Methodist preacher near Tulsa, Okla.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE: will circularize the laundries in its jurisdiction for the purpose of ascertaining if Subjects are using any of the laundry marks "75", "751" or "C7-" at present.

The LOS ANGELES OFFICE:

The PORTLAND OFFICE:

The CHICAGO OFFICE:

The ST. PAUL OFFICE:

will take similar action in their respective jurisdictions.

The SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE: At RENO, NEVADA, will continue its investigation in an effort to locate Subjects.

PENDING.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

April 4, 1934.

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MR. TOLSON	_____
MR. CLEGG	_____
MR. GLAVIN	_____
MR. LADD	_____
MR. NICHOLS	_____
MR. QUINN	_____
MR. TRACY	_____
MR. Egan	_____
MR. Gurnea	_____
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MR. Hendon	_____
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MR. Nease	_____
MR. Gandy	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Russell Smith of the Omaha World Herald called and requested a description of the house in which Bremer was held while a victim of the kidnapers, stating that his newspaper wanted to conduct a search for this house. I told him that the Division could not submit such information to the press and it was a confidential matter in connection with the investigation now being conducted.

Mr. Smith stated that he did not understand why the Division should follow such a policy and wanted to know if he could get such information through the Attorney General. I told him if the Attorney General wanted to give out such information, of course, he could do so.

Respectfully,

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

*We most certainly  
won't disclose information  
on this.  
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US DEPT OF JUSTICE:

=ALVIN<sup>W</sup> KARPIS SENTENCED BY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE J H SWANN OF  
OKMULGEE COUNTY AT HENRYETTA OKLAHOMA SEPTEMBER SEVENTEENTH  
NINETEEN THIRTY ONE TO SERVE THREE YEARS STATE REFORMATORY  
GRANIET OKLAHOMA PAROLED FROM BENCH SAME DATE TO M M ALEXANDER  
HIS ATTORNEY WHO WAS FORMER DISTRICT COURT JUDGE OKMULGEE  
COUNTY NO COMMITMENT TO REFORMATORY STOP ASCERTAINED KARPIS  
NEVER CONFINED STATE PENITENTIARY MCALESTER  
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U. S. Department of Justice

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April 3, 1934.

MR. NATHAN	.....
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MR. LESTER	.....
MR. LOCKE	.....
MR. RORER	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

There is attached a copy of the telegram dated February 19, 1934, directed to the Division by the Oklahoma City office with reference to dispositions in the Bremer case. Particular attention is invited to the information contained in the first six lines of this telegram ending with the word "stop", giving criminal history with reference to Alvin Karpis. For your convenience the portion of the telegram relative to Karpis is quoted:

"ALVIN KARPIS TULSA PD EIGHT NAUGHT NAUGHT EIGHT AS GEORGE HALLER ARRESTED JUNE TENTH THIRTY ONE INVESTIGATION BURGLARY TURNED TO OKMULGEE SO THERE SHOWS ARRESTED WITH JOE HOWARD AND FRED BARNER CHARGE BURGLARY PLEAD GUILTY SEPTEMBER ELEVEN THIRTY ONE SENTENCED FOUR YEARS SP MCALESTER PAROLED".

On March 29th Mr. Lester requested that we secure by telegraph from the Oklahoma City office further details as to this charge against Karpis. A copy of this telegram is attached.

Your attention also is invited to the telegram dated March 31st, directed to the Division by the Oklahoma City office in reply to our telegram of March 29th, the said telegram of March 31st reading as follows:

"ALVIN KARPIS SENTENCED BY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE J H SWANN OF OKMULGEE COUNTY AT HENRIETTA OKLAHOMA SEPTEMBER SEVENTEENTH NINETEEN THIRTY ONE TO SERVE THREE YEARS STATE REFORMATORY GRANDET OKLAHOMA PAROLED FROM BENCH SAME DATE TO M M ALEXANDER HIS ATTORNEY WHO WAS FORMER DISTRICT COURT JUDGE OKMULGEE COUNTY NO COMMITMENT TO REFORMATORY STOP ASCERTAINED KARPIS NEVER CONFINED STATE PENITENTIARY MCALESTER".

In view of the further explanation contained in the telegram of March 31st, it would seem that the information contained in the wire of February 19th from Oklahoma City was incorrect. It is observed in this connection that information relative to the alleged four year sentence in the State Penitentiary at McAlester and subsequent parole was included in the identification order issued in Karpis' case. The necessary changes have, of course, been made in our files and the case "reanswered" for the benefit of all contributing officials. Of course, Karpis actually was paroled as reflected in our identification order, but the length of the sentence, institution and date are incorrectly stated.

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D BRANTLEY  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
224 FEDERAL BUILDING  
OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM FEBRUARY NINETEENTH THIS YEAR DISPOSITION ALVIN KARPIS  
PD TULSA NUMBER EIGHT NAUGHT NAUGHT EIGHT TELEGRAPH DATE SENTENCE TO  
PENITENTIARY BY WHAT COURT SENTENCED PENITENTIARY NUMBER AND DATE  
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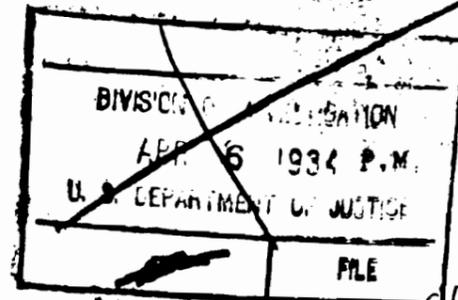
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OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA  
FEBRUARY 19, 1934

DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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BREMER CASE DISPOSITIONS ARRESTS THIS DISTRICT ALVIN KARPIS  
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SP McALESTER FEBRUARY THIRD TWENTY THREE FOR LIFE CHARGE MURDER  
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SEVEN THIRTY TWO PENDING STOP WANTED AS HARRY CAMPBELL ROBBERY  
COMMUNITY SALES PROCEEDS WITH GLEN ROY WRIGHT WITH FIREARMS STILLWATER  
OKLAHOMA NOVEMBER LAST STOP FRED BARKER AS J DARROWS TWO NINE THREE



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ARRESTED PD OKMULGEE DECEMBER NINETEEN TWENTY FIVE INVESTIGATION BANK  
ROBBERY TURNED TO COUNTY RELEASED DECEMBER TWENTY THREE TWENTY FIVE  
TO FEDERAL OFFICERS STOP AS FRED BARKER THREE FIVE SEVEN FIVE ARRESTED  
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GRAND LARCENY RELEASED ON BOND FORFEITED AND NOW FUGITIVE AS F G  
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FOUR ARRESTED PD TULSA JUNE TEN THIRTY ONE INVESTIGATION BURGLARY  
CAR THEFT AND FUGITIVE RETURNED TO SHERIFF ROGERS COUNTY OKLAHOMA  
JULY THIRTEEN THIRTY ONE CHARGE BURGLARY ESCAPED COUNTY JAIL  
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ARRESTED PD OKMULGEE JUNE TEN THIRTY ONE TURNED TO COUNTY NO RECORD  
DISPOSITION STOP ADDITIONAL DISPOSITION BEING EXPEDITED

BRANTLEY

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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- To:  Director
- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Edwards
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Lester
- Miss Gandy
- Miss Finnell
- Chief Clerk
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- Inspector
- Miss Sheaffer.

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Clyde Tolson.

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

*Edward G. Bremer*

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased),  
RICHARD TALAMON GALATAS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, Identification Order #1201,  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Reference is made to your telegram dated February 19, 1934,  
wherein you advise the Division relative to the disposition of  
certain arrests charged against Alvin Karpis and others. A portion  
of your telegram is quoted as follows:

"ALVIN KARPIS TULSA POLICE DEPARTMENT EIGHT NAUGHT NAUGHT  
EIGHT AS GEORGE HALLER ARRESTED JUN. TENTH THIRTY ONE  
INVESTIGATION BUREAU TURNED TO OKMULGEE SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
THERE SHOWN ARRESTED WITH JOE HOWARD AND FRED BARKER  
CHARGE BURGLARY PLEADED GUILTY SEPTEMBER ELEVEN THIRTY  
ONE SENTENCED FOUR YEARS STATE PENITENTIARY McALLESTER  
PAROLED."

When requested to furnish additional information relative  
to the above arrest, a telegram dated March 31, 1934 was received  
at the Division, quoted as follows:

"ALVIN KARPIS SENTENCED BY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE J H SWANN  
OF OKMULGEE COUNTY AT HENRYETTA OKLAHOMA SEPTEMBER SEVENTEENTH  
NINETEEN THIRTY ONE TO SERVE THREE YEARS STATE REFORMATORY  
GRANITE OKLAHOMA PAROLED FROM BENCH SAME DATE TO W H ALEXANDER  
HIS ATTORNEY WHO WAS FORMER DISTRICT COURT JUDGE OKMULGEE  
COUNTY NO COMMITMENT TO REFORMATORY STOP ASCERTAINED KARPIS  
NEVER ENTERED STATE PENITENTIARY McALLESTER."

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Kindly advise the Division the reasons for the discrepancy appearing in the above quoted telegrams, it being noted that the telegram dated February 19, 1934 reflected that Karpis was sentenced to serve four years in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, whereas in the telegram of March 31, 1934 it appears that Karpis received a sentence of three years in the State Reformatory at Granite, Oklahoma and was paroled from the bench on the same date, September 17, 1931, and was never confined to the State Penitentiary at McAlester.

This matter should receive your immediate attention, it being noted that the information originally furnished by you has been included in Identification Order #1218.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC Kansas City

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION



April 5, 1934.

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Mr. NATHAN	.....
Mr. TOLSON	.....
Mr. CLEGG	.....
Mr. COWLEY	.....
Mr. ARDS	.....
Mr. FOAN	.....
Mr. QUINN	.....
Mr. LESTER	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. ROYAN	.....

I telephoned Mr. Harold Nathan at New York this evening. I told him I had received the substance of the information he obtained from the woman interviewed, and that I felt she should be given a day or two, but not as much as a week's time, to make a decision. Mr. Nathan agreed with this, but stated he felt we should not appear too anxious.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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April 5, 1934.

Mr. Nathan	.....
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Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Cowley	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Nease	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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Mr. Nathan called from New York and stated that he had talked to the niece of prisoner Kramer; that he declined to interview Kramer at the prison under the guise of an attorney; that he pointed out to her that it was undesirable for the interview to be made in this manner, as he was known in several places and if it was discovered that he was there under this guise it might be worse for Kramer and for her too; that she stated that she would think it over, although there was considerable argumentation before she reached this decision; that she was with Kramer while he was a fugitive from 1932 until when he was captured in 1933; that she gave a little information relative to the clothes worn by members of the Barker-Karpis gang but her information was of a minor nature; that she wants the Division to use its influence to bring Kramer to Sing Sing where she can see him. Mr. Nathan stated that he thought it would be better for the time being to let her think the matter over; that he would not drop the matter and if nothing is heard from her in about a week it might not do any harm to have Mr. Fay send for her, but he did not think it would be advisable to interview Kramer without her knowledge.

Mr. Nathan advised that he was awaiting further orders.

Respectfully,

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

*Tell him to wait & get word from her. It shouldn't take a week for her to make up her mind.*

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503-A U. S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah,  
April 5, 1934

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Inspector,  
P.O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping  
S.L. File 7-27

Dear Sir:

With reference to your communication of March 23, 1934, in this matter, in which you submitted the descriptions of ten automobiles, together with the correct names and all of the known aliases of the above named subjects, and asked that a check be made thru the State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus in the territory of this office for the purpose of determining whether or not the cars mentioned are registered and for the additional purpose of determining if any automobiles are registered under any of the names or aliases of subjects, permit me to say that the check thus far made in the states of Utah and Colorado shows that not any of the automobiles mentioned are registered in those states, and while in both the states of Utah and Colorado, motor vehicles have been registered under one or more of the aliases used by these persons, it is the belief that subjects, under their true names or aliases, are not the registrants of these cars since these persons have registered automobiles in these states in years past, appear to be residents of long standing in these states and are accounted for by occupation and other means as not being subjects.

The check-up has already been submitted to Agent A. R. Gere at Reno and is being submitted to Agent J. D. Swenson for check-up in Wyoming.

At both the Utah and the Colorado State Bureaus of Motor Vehicle Registration, notations have been inserted in the records to notify this Division Office should any of these cars be registered or should they be picked up by representatives of the State Motor Vehicle Bureaus.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOND  
Special Agent in Charge

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
April 5, 1934.

Mr. R.E. Vetterli,  
General Delivery,  
Reno, Nevada.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping. S.L. File 7-27.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your rough draft report in this matter for the period of March 31st to April 3, 1934, inclusive, and I note therein the changes that are to be recorded in the title of the case to take care of the new aliases for Alvin Karpis, namely R.E. Nelson and Earl Lyman Burns, and the new alias of Fred Barker, namely C.W. Davis.

I note that the first paragraph of the details of your report does not explain definitely the reasons for the change in the title as required by Division Bulletin No. 23, Fiscal Year 1934, 3rd Series. I am taking the liberty to have the report typed consistent with that ruling, and I am assuming that the change in the title is prompted by the development of the new aliases.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
April 5, 1934.

Mr. R.E. Vetterli,  
General Delivery,  
Reno, Nevada.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING - S.L. File 7-27.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto you will find three photographs of Alvin Karpis, No. 1539, Kansas State Penitentiary, three photographs of Harry Campbell, No. 1846 Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, three photographs of Fred Barker, No. 9836, Kansas State Penitentiary, three photographs of Arthur R. Barker, No. 11906, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, and three photographs of Volney Davis, No. 12808, Oklahoma State Penitentiary; one of each are being submitted for the use of Agents Sackett, Gere and yourself. These photographs were just received here from the Division, and are presumably the best photographs of these subjects which have been procured.

I am also attaching two composite photographs of Miss Paula Harmon alias Paula Brannan for any value that they may have. I only have in my possession one more of these composite photographs, but I have approximately three additional photographs of each of the above named subjects. However, unless they are absolutely necessary for your needs I will retain them here in my file.

Undoubtedly if you need additional copies of these photographs, they may be secured from the Division. Please let me know your wishes.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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326 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.  
April 5, 1934.

Mr. H. Nathan,  
Assistant Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

Dear Sir:

In compliance with request contained in your letter dated April 4, 1934, there are transmitted herewith copies of memorandum of even date prepared by Special Agent M. Sorola concerning his activities at Tulsa, Oklahoma, in connection with the above captioned matter.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division ✓  
Encs.



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NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,  
April 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM.

With reference to any statements that I may have made to Captain George Stewart, of the Tulsa Police concerning the identification of the Barker-Karpis Gang with the Bremer Kidnaping case, please be advised that when Special Agent H. E. Hollis received instructions from the Oklahoma City Office to cover several leads in Tulsa and vicinity for the purpose of locating members of this gang, I received telegraphic instructions at Tulsa on 2-21-34 from S.A.C. Brantley to help Special Agent Hollis to cover these leads, which were contained in report that was being mailed to Agent Hollis by Special Delivery.

On the morning of 2-22-34 Special Agents H. E. Hollis, E. C. Birch, and myself met at the Federal Building, Tulsa, at 8 a. m. and went over the leads contained in the report or memorandum. There were three or four persons to be interviewed or leads to be covered at Sapulpa and Kiefer, Oklahoma. I also had other work to perform at Sapulpa. Agent Hollis gave me the leads contained in this report for Sapulpa, which I covered 2-22-34. Special Agent Birch covered the leads at Tulsa and Special Agent Hollis, I believe, went to Vinita and Miami, Oklahoma.

On 2-23-34 in the morning, at the suggestion of Agent Hollis I worked in Tulsa, endeavoring to locate a woman informant who might have information concerning the Barker-Karpis Gang through a former Chief of Detectives at Tulsa, who is now a Special Investigator for the County Attorney. In the afternoon of that day Special Agents Hollis, Birch, and myself accompanied Captain George Stewart and several other Tulsa City Detectives and the Sheriff and Chief of Police of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, to raid a place six miles west of Mannford, Oklahoma. Captain Stewart had informed one of the Agents, I believe Agent Hollis, that he had information that Harry Campbell was hidden at this place.

I never contacted Captain Stewart specifically with reference to this matter, although the connection and location of the Barker-Karpis Gang was generally discussed when I was in his presence. I never made any statements to Captain Stewart direct or indirect concerning the identification of the Barker-Karpis Gang with the Bremer Kidnaping case, and I never heard any other Agent make any such statement. I do not recall having heard Captain Stewart, or any other Tulsa police officers, make any statements indicating that they knew there was a connection between the Barker-Karpis Gang and the Bremer Kidnaping case. The possible whereabouts of these parties was discussed with Captain Stewart and other City Detectives in a general way. Special Agents Birch and Hollis covered all leads contained in the report for Tulsa. Special Agent Birch stated in conversation with me that he obtained good information of leads from the police officers at Tulsa, and a reporter or employee of the Tulsa World Newspaper concerning the connections of Harry Campbell at Tulsa and vicinity. Agent Birch stated that the reporter of the Tulsa World did not know his, Birch's, identity. I have never heard any agents make any statements in this connection to Captain Stewart.

*M. Sorola*

M. Sorola,  
Special Agent.

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Salt Lake City, Utah.  
 April 8, 1934

F. K. Fay  
 Division of Investigation  
 U S Department of Justice  
 Room 1483, #370 Lexington Avenue  
 New York City,

Retel your telegram Brekid first telephone listed to J C McKay second to  
 William J Graham

cc Division ✓

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708 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



April 6, 1934

Inspector J. A. Rorer  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 518  
St. Paul, Minnesota

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

Dear Sir

Reference is made to your letter of March 23, 1934, in the above entitled case.

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, has advised me that the serial number set forth for Plymouth Sedan (175702) and the chassis number set forth for Graham-Paige Sedan (10181950) do not fit in with any series of numbers ever given these vehicles.

I contacted Mr. Joseph Davis, Automobile Underwriters Detective Bureau representative in Philadelphia, who also checked on these numbers and advised me that no such numbers were ever given either a Plymouth or a Graham-Paige.

In view of this fact, it is suggested that you trace both these cars from the factory for the purpose of ascertaining the correct numbers. Although it is realized that there is a possibility that the purchasers of these cars changed the numbers, it is believed that a trace should be made of the cars from the factory for the purpose of ascertaining whether these numbers are changed or whether there has been a mistake in the numbers set forth in your letter.

Very truly yours

AS:HC  
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cc- Division

A. Schroeder, <sup>in Charge</sup> DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
Special Agent in Charge  
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REPORT MADE AT: <b>KANSAS CITY, MO.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-5-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/23-26-27-28-29-31/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. C. SURAN</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218 ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219, et al Edward George Bremer - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <span style="float: right;">P.</span> Goggles shipped to Standard Chemical Company, Des Moines, Iowa, on 10-2-31, sold to C. L. Dixon Company, Ames, Iowa, for use of student in Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa. Goggles shipped to Iowa Machinery and Supply Company sold to Barnes McDonald, Iowa State Highway Commission, Jefferson, Iowa. List of retail stores to whom Yarnus caps sold by Midwest Hat Company, Des Moines, Iowa, obtained. Persons to whom Bell's Hess, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, made sales with similar names of firms, who handle similar brands of clothing furnished victim, obtained. Description of contents of shipments made to above parties unobtainable at Kansas City, Missouri. Check made at the Motor Vehicle Departments, Des Moines, Iowa, and Topeka, Kansas. None of the known cars of Subjects found to be registered. Stop orders placed. Automobile registrations at Omaha, Nebraska, disclose cars registered under names of R. E. Davis, Eldon L. Murray, E. L. Murray, Robert Hamilton, George Dunn and George J. Haller, all to be investigated. Barker family at Chenute, Kansas, apparently different family from Subject Barker.			
DETAILS:  REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, 3-9-34; report of Special Agent T. E. Billings, Chicago, 3-13-34; and letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, 3-23-34.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>R. C. Suran</i>		7-576-1596	RECORDED AND INDEXED APR 7 1934
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The following investigation was made by Special Agent O. C. Dewey:

Agent interviewed E. K. Stoddard, Manager, Iowa Machinery and Supply Company, 315 Court Street, Des Moines, Iowa, and invoice covering shipment of one pair of #524 M & L Goggles from the Chicago Eye Shield Company was located. This invoice is #19288 and dated 4-19-32, and shows thereon that these goggles were shipped upon receipt to the Iowa State Highway Commission, c/o Barnes McDonald, Jefferson, Iowa. Mr. Stoddard stated that he is well acquainted with Mr. McDonald, who is still located at Jefferson, Iowa, and that these goggles were undoubtedly for one of his employees. Mr. McDonald will be interviewed at Jefferson, Iowa.

Agent interviewed F. S. Perry, Secretary, Standard Chemical Company, 1017 High Street, Des Moines, Iowa, and ascertained that a pair of the goggles in question was ordered from the Chicago Eye Shield Company on 9-29-31 and was received on 10-2-31 with invoice #15126. As the Standard Chemical Company is one of the largest pharmaceutical houses in the middle west, it was necessary to check through several thousand sales slips covering cash sales, city sales and out-of-town sales before it was ascertained that the one pair of goggles in question was sent to the C. L. Dixon Drug Company, Ames, Iowa, on 10-6-31. This concern was billed \$3.00 for the goggles and the invoice is dated 10-6-31. Investigation will be made at this store to ascertain what disposition was made of these goggles.

Agent interviewed Sam Maness, owner of the Midwest Hat and Cap Company, 305 2nd Street, Des Moines, Iowa, and ascertained that in October, 1933, he received a large order of Yarmus Caps. Mr. Maness explained that the particular cap in question was first made by the Kromo Cap Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; that this concern enjoyed a very good business and consequently this cap was copied by numerous concerns and at the present time there are several suits pending in various courts as this cap had been patented, consequently the cap is known in the trade as the "Kromo Cap", the "Railroad Cap", and the "Blizzard Cap". Mr. Maness further explained that he ordered similar caps from other concerns and in invoicing the retail stores he did not specify the particular maker of the cap, only listing it as a "Kromo", "Railroad" or "Blizzard". He was unable to tell to just whom the Yarmus caps were sent. Agent, therefore, took a list of all the concerns which received an order of caps identical with the one given to Edward Bremer by the kidnapers and which is generally referred to as a "Railroad Cap". These concerns are as follows:

St. Paul territory in the State of Iowa:

<u>Date of Shipment</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
10-25-33	Goza Clothing Company	Tama, Iowa
11-10-33	The Leader Clothing Store	Ft. Dodge, Iowa
11-10-33	Flindt and Miller	Sheldon, Iowa
11-13-33	Ben Bear Company	Decorah, Iowa
11-15-33	Flindt and Miller	Sibley, Iowa
11-15-33	Henry Jacobson	Stanhope (Hamilton County) Iowa
11-15-33	B & B Store	Waukon, Iowa
11-18-33	Jake & Bill	Waterloo, Iowa
11-21-33	St. Clair's	LeMars, Iowa
11-28-33	St. Clair and Kovaleske	Cherokee, Iowa
12-18-33	Larson Clothing	Ft. Dodge, Iowa
12-22-33	M. W. Conley	Newell (Buena Vista) Iowa
12-26-33	B & B Company	Charles City, Iowa
12-27-33	Leuthold-Hinkley Company	Eagle Grove, Iowa
12-28-33	Cameron & Parr	Vinton, Iowa
12-29-33	The Leader Clothing	Belle Plaine, Iowa
12-29-33	William Lerner	Mason City, Iowa
1-4-34	Lane Clothing	Humbolt, Iowa
1-11-34	Nutter's	Sac City, Iowa
1-15-34	Leuthold-Reich Company	New Hampton, Iowa
11-4-33	Leuthold Bros.	Kasson, Minnesota
11-27-33	Leuthold & Evens	Albert Lea, Minn.
1-5-34	Leuthold Majors Company	Spring Valley, Minn.
11-8-33	Koplow Bros.	Sioux Falls, S.D.

Kansas City territory in the State of Iowa:

11-9-33	R & W Clothing	Perry, Iowa
11-16-33	Yunker Bros.	Des Moines, Iowa
11-23-33	S. Oppenheimer & Sons	Chariton, Iowa
12-8-33	Albert Johnson	Atlantic, Iowa
12-26-33	Winnick's	Des Moines, Iowa
12-27-33	G & L Clothing	Des Moines, Iowa
12-27-33	H. F. Sanquist	Madrid, Iowa

<u>Date of Shipment</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
12-27-33	Harvey Bros.	Logan, Iowa
12-27-33	Garfield Clothing	Des Moines, Iowa
12-29-33	Levine & Klein	Des Moines, Iowa
12-30-33	Ben Rosenberg	Des Moines, Iowa
1-2-34	Morris Farber	Des Moines, Iowa
1-2-34	Jess R. Perry	Woodward, Iowa
1-8-34	Williams Clothing	Albia, Iowa
1-26-34	Shapiro Bros.	Davenport, Iowa
1-29-34	Ralph Collings	Indianola, Iowa
10-20-33	Kingheim & Ringheim	Nevada, Iowa
11-10-33	Schmitt Bros.	West Point, Nebraska
11-27-33	National Clothing	Wayne, Nebraska
12-11-33	Mayper's	Omaha, Nebraska
1-6-34	Philip Thierolf	Plattsmouth, Nebraska
1-11-34	Victor Shapiro	Lincoln, Nebraska
2-7-34	Brown Ekberg Company	Madison, Nebraska

The above list covers the period from 10-1-33 to 2-15-34. It might be stated that in searching for the particular type of cap in question, if a supply of them is located, the first thing to ascertain is whether they contain a union label, if not they are not made by the Yarmus Cap Company of New York.

Agent interviewed C. L. Dixon, proprietor of the Dixon Drug Store, Ames, Iowa, and showed to him the Cesco goggles which he ordered from the Standard Chemical Company, Des Moines, Iowa, on 9-29-31, and questioned him as to what disposition was made of same. Mr. Dixon stated that they had been ordered by some student at the Iowa State College, but he had no recollection as to who this student might be, nor did he have any record at the present time as to the identity of this student, what course he was pursuing or any identifying information whatsoever. Effort was made to secure some kind of a description, as Mr. Dixon at first thought the student had been in and ordered them, but later changed this and said he believed the student had ordered them over the telephone. The only helpful information that Mr. Dixon could supply was that he believed he had ordered a similar pair of goggles the previous year for a student named Buck and this other student in ordering his goggles stated that he wanted the same kind as Buck had secured and gave the name and make of the kind that he wanted.

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At the Registrar's office, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, Agent ascertained that there were two students in school during the fall of 1931 by the name of Buck, one of these was Donald Garton Buck, of 1821 East 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, a freshman in the mechanical engineering school, and the other Clarence R. Buck, who at the time gave his address as care Mrs. E. A. Renshaw, Route #3, Storm Lake, Iowa, who was a graduate student in chemistry during 1931-32.

Agent interviewed Professor W. H. Meeker in charge of the Mechanical Engineering School, who advised that his students receive a one hour, twelve weeks course in welding; that they have a regular forge where the students work, but due to the fact that it is a freshman course and a rather minor course, the school furnished goggles and shields for the boys to use. However, to make certain of this a visit was made to the forge shops and Mr. Reinholtz, superintendent, was questioned and shown the goggles in question, but he was unable to recall any student ever having such a pair.

From Mr. Meeker it was learned that during the fall of 1931 he had some 110 students taking the Mechanical Engineering course and it would be necessary to make up a list of such students and to then search the record of each one at the Registrar's office to see if he had taken welding during that semester. As there was no information at hand that it was possibly a student from the Mechanical Engineering School, a search of these records was not deemed necessary.

A photograph of Clarence R. Buck was secured at the college and this was shown to Mr. Dixon at his drug store and he identified it as being the Buck he referred to, who he is sure purchased an identical pair of goggles in 1930. He further advised that these goggles retailed at \$4.25 and it was not believed that any student would be purchasing such an expensive pair unless he had possible use for same after he left school. It could therefore be assumed that they were purchased by some post-graduate who would have use for them after he completed his work at school.

At the office of Professor Coover, in charge of the Chemistry Department, Iowa State College, it was learned that there were two places where goggles would be worn, i.e. in the repair department where they maintain an acetylene torch for welding purposes and at the high temperature furnaces. Inquiry in the repair department of Mr. Cox revealed that he has a pair of goggles handy for any student who wishes to use the acetylene torch and he recalled no student ever having a pair of goggles like the ones in question. Inquiries of Mr. Jeffery, who has charge of the work in which the high temperature furnaces are used, revealed that he recalled that Clarence Buck did have a good pair of goggles of his own, that there were a few other students who had

goggles, but just what kind he did not recall, nor could he recall their names.

The last address the college had for Clarence R. Buck was care of the Army and Navy Hospital, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Professor Coover stated that he recalled Buck being an extremely nervous boy in school. Photographs of Subjects were shown to Mr. Dixon at the drug store, but he was unable to identify them as ever having been in his store. It might be stated here that during the time that Agent was questioning Mr. Dixon, it was noticed that he was extremely nervous, therefore, inquiry was made of Chief of Police W. J. Cure, Ames, Iowa, a very reliable officer, concerning Dixon and Chief Cure advised that Mr. Dixon had just recovered from a long illness, he believed it was a nervous breakdown, so that his condition was possibly caused from that. Pictures of Subjects were shown to Chief Cure, but he was unable to identify any of the Subjects as having been seen in his town.

Barnes McDonald of the Iowa State Highway Commission, Jefferson, Iowa, who ordered the pair of goggles through the Iowa Machinery and Supply Company, Des Moines, Iowa, advised that he ordered the goggles in question for C. B. Evers, foreman of his shop, who has occasion to use them in connection with repair work on road graders and other machine work. Mr. Evers was interviewed and produced the goggles which Mr. McDonald had ordered for him. They are identical with the pair in question, except they are the ventilated type or chippers model, with the four large holes containing a screen mesh covering.

At the store of Ringheim and Ringheim, Nevada, Iowa, Agent interviewed A. M. Ringheim, Wright Ringheim and D. I. Allen concerning the shipment of railroad caps received from the Midwest Hat and Cap Company. They acknowledged that such a shipment had been received and a search of the remaining hats revealed one identical hat made by the Yarmus Bros. still in stock. Photographs of Subjects were exhibited and while Wright Ringheim picked out the pictures of Harry Campbell and Volney Davis and stated that they looked very familiar, he was unable to give any definite information that either one of these men had been in the store and purchased the cap in question. He stated that his eye picture of the man he had in question was a man in overalls and other rough farm clothes.

Photographs of Subjects were shown to Sheriff John Hattery at Nevada, Iowa, but he advised that he does not recall ever seeing any of these men around town.

At Madrid, Iowa, Agent interviewed H. F. Sanquist and a check of his railroad caps revealed that he still had six identical Yarmus Bros. caps in stock. He was shown photographs of Subjects but was unable to identify

any of them as ever having been in his store.

At Woodward, Iowa, Agent interviewed Jess R. Perry and a check of his stock of caps revealed two identical Yarnus Bros. caps. He was shown photographs of Subjects, but was unable to identify any of them.

At Perry, Iowa, Agent interviewed Clarence Wiltse of the R & W Clothing Store and a search of his caps failed to reveal any Yarnus Bros. caps in stock. Mr. Wiltse stated that as he recalled he only received a "twisted" material cap in the order from the Midwest Hat and Cap Company. He was shown photographs of Subjects but was unable to identify any of them.

Under date of 3-23-34 Inspector W. A. Rorer requested this office, by letter, to conduct further investigation at the National Bellas Hess, Inc., at Kansas City, Missouri, and submit to this firm the names of the firms shown to be retailers of shirts and underwear involved in this matter, in order that they could be checked against the names appearing on the sales record of the National Bellas Hess, Inc., and if any of the names of the dealers were found as receiving shipment from the National Bellas Hess, Inc., leads should be set out for appropriate investigation at the respective places.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent R. H. Simons:

Inquiry at National Bellas Hess, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, revealed that the above company does a strictly mail order business and deals strictly with individuals and will not deal with stores knowingly and that they have no salesmen in the field. The only manner in which a store could secure any of their merchandise would be for some individual therein to purchase the goods under his own name and then an extraordinarily large purchase would arouse suspicion. It is, therefore, very unlikely that any of the dealers mentioned in the letter of W. A. Smith, Acting Special Agent in Charge, Chicago, 2-17-34, and the report of Special Agent W. C. Jamison, Chicago, 2-22-34, could have purchased the socks in question and have carried them in stock in his store.

The records of the company were checked and the shipment of socks from the Rockford Mitten and Hosiery Mills, Rockford, Illinois, was

verified. The style of these socks was shown as 213-8 and 45 dozen received at National Bellas Hess, Inc., on 12-3-32.

The lists in the above mentioned reports were checked against the customers sales records at the National Bellas Hess, Inc., and the following possible tie-ups were noted:

Department 179, J. F. Thompson in charge:

<u>Dealers named in report of Special Agent Janison, Chicago, dated 2-22-34.</u>	<u>Purchase by individuals with similar name from National Bellas Hess.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount Purchased</u>
Seim Bros., Wausau, Wis.	Henry J. Seim, 315 Forest Street, Wausau, Wis.	3-16-33	\$2.15
Roberts Bros. Springfield, Ill.	Bion J. Roberts 1008 North Eighth Springfield, Illinois	1-7-33	\$1.00
 <u>Dealers named in letter of Acting Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith to Division, dated 2-17-34.</u>			
Fuller and Taylor Clothing Company Bedford, Iowa	Mrs. W. F. Taylor	7-13-33	\$2.00
	Bedford, Iowa	8-11-33	\$2.00
		12-11-33	\$3.73
	Mrs. Ella R. Taylor	12-7-32	\$2.32
	501 Orchard Street Bedford, Iowa		
Vissar & Bareman Holland, Michigan	Leonard E. Bareman Route #4 Holland, Michigan	1-12-33	\$1.52

<u>Dealers named in letter of Acting Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith to Division, dated 2-17-34.</u>	<u>Purchase by individuals with similar name from National Bellas Hess.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount Purchased</u>	
Johnston and Jones, Prop. Lime Springs, Iowa	Miss Arna E. Jones	1-12-33	\$5.27	
	Route 3, Box 14	4-19-33	\$2.79	
	Lime Springs, Iowa	11-1-33	\$6.30	
		1-17-34	.10	
		Mrs. Ed W. Jones	6-21-33	\$4.45
		Route 1	7-5-33	\$2.24
		Lime Springs, Iowa	8-8-33	\$1.86
			11-29-33	\$5.52
			3-10-34	.50
	Crone Bros. and Company New Ulm, Minnesota	Mrs. Meta Crone 500 South Washington St. New Ulm, Minnesota	10-2-33	\$1.10
B. A. Lucking Perham, Minnesota	Mrs. Elase J. Lucking Box 650 Perham, Minnesota	1-27-33	\$5.00	
	Mrs. Ambrose Lucking Box 360 Perham, Minnesota	6-5-33	\$2.64	
Hansen Bros. Sauk Center, Minnesota	Mrs. Wm. E. Hansen	6-30-33	.57	
	114 18th Street N. Sauk Center, Minnesota	10-21-33	\$2.17	
		1-27-34	\$1.05	
A. S. Christianson & Co. Thompson, Iowa	Ingvald C. Christianson Route 1 Thompson, Iowa	3-24-33	\$4.54	
		12-26-33	\$2.00	
Bevers & Schmalz Menasha, Wisconsin	Erwin Schmalz 535 First Street Menasha, Wisconsin	5-11-33	\$2.88	

It will be noted that it is impossible to ascertain from the sales records of the company what the purchases were as the only data retained is that of the date and amount of purchase. Consequently, it is impossible to determine that these purchases were of socks.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent O. C.

Dewey:

Upon receipt of the letter, dated 3-23-34, from Inspector W. A. Rorer, referring to the automobiles owned by Subjects, interview was had with O. C. Gaumer, Motor Vehicle Department, State House, Des Moines, Iowa, and a search made of all his records for the cars described in letter from Inspector Rorer, dated St. Paul, 3-23-34.

Mr. Gaumer advised that his department does not have an alphabetical list of the owners of cars; that on the matter of names a check would have to be made at each individual county.

A stop order was placed on each of the above cars and the Kansas City office will be advised should an attempt be made to register one of the above cars in the State of Iowa.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent R. C.

Suran:

Frank J. Kambach, Chief Clerk, Office of Motor Vehicle Commissioner, State House, Topeka, Kansas, caused a search to be made of the 1933 files of automobile registrations in the State of Kansas and no record was found of the cars described in Inspector Rorer's letter above mentioned.

Mr. Kambach stated the files of the registrations were not up to date, with the exception of the Fords for 1934, but a stop would be placed in the files and the Kansas City office telephoned at once should any of the cars be registered.

Mr. Kambach further advised that the filing of the registrations by name has just been begun for the 105 counties in the state. He stated that he considered it impracticable to place stop cards in each of the 105 county files but that he furnish the names of the Subjects with aliases to the employees engaged in filing with instructions to familiarize the names and report should a similar name appear. He stated if any information was obtained he would notify the Kansas City office by telephone at once.

The State Auto Theft Bureau, connected with the Vehicle Commissioner's office, have access to the above described engine number and name files and will notify the Kansas City office should any information be obtained as to the whereabouts of any of the cars in question.

Upon receipt of Inspector Rorer's wire, dated 3-28-34, indicating the correct motor number of the Ford V-8, mentioned in the first paragraph of page two of his letter, dated 3-23-34, was 18-493080 instead of 1849308, an appropriate letter was sent the Motor Vehicle Commissioners at Des Moines.

Iowa; Topeka, Kansas; Lincoln, Nebraska, and Jefferson City, Missouri. Investigation is going forward to check the cars at Jefferson City, Missouri, and Lincoln, Nebraska.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent J. R. Green:

Agent furnished list of automobiles and names of Subjects with aliases to Mrs. M. G. Tracey, in charge of the State Automobile Registration Bureau, Lincoln, Nebraska. Mrs. Tracey informed that only registrations for 1933 were available as 1934 registrations had not yet been received, but when and as received she would cause examination of same for automobiles and names as listed in reference letter and would advise the Kansas City Division office immediately upon discovery of same. Agent furnished her with a supply of addressed envelopes for this purpose.

Mrs. Tracey caused an examination to be made of all 1933 automobile registrations in Nebraska, after which she advised that there were no registrations of any of the automobiles listed. However, she did find registrations under some of the aliases of the two Barkers and Alvin Karpis as follows:

R. E. Davis, 1622 Military Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska,  
2-25-33, 1933 certificate #1-12858; renewal registration  
(license plate) #1-14102, for 1929 Oldsmobile Sedan,  
motor #F 104757, blue body, 6 cylinder car.

R. E. Davis, 3419 Lafayette Street, Omaha, Nebraska,  
4-26-33, for 1933 certificate #1-41849, new registration  
#1-45416, for 1929 Dodge Sedan, motor #63436, tan body,  
6 cylinder car.

Eldon L. Murray, 2602 South 13th Street, Omaha, Nebraska,  
5-26-33, 1933 certificate #1-44342, registration  
#1-41931, for 1930 Oldsmobile Sedan, motor #F 234123,  
wood wheels, 6 cylinder, black body.

E. L. Murray, 1840 North 17th Street, Omaha, Nebraska,  
8-25-33, for 1933 certificate #1-47698, new registration  
#1-28996, for 1925 Ford Sedan, motor #11303396, wire  
wheels, black body.

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E. L. Murray, 5708 North 30th, Omaha, Nebraska, 5-10-33, 1933 certificate #1-X 7964, registration #1-17961, for 1926 Chevrolet Coach, motor #2415589, wood wheels, green body, 4 cylinders. Same name and address previous registration 4-3-33, 1933 certificate #1-30964, renewal registration #1-17961, for 1926 Chevrolet Coach, motor #2261815, wood wheels, green body, 4 cylinders.

Robert Hamilton, 3450 North 39th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, 1933 certificate #1-52533, registration #1-24734, for 1927 Overland Coach, motor #93A 100,361, wood wheels, black body, 6 cylinders.

Robert Hamilton, 8240 Lake Street, Omaha, Nebraska, 5-12-33, 1933 certificate #1-X 8153, registration #1-62666, for 1926 Nash Coach, motor #229502, disc wheels, green body, 6 cylinders.

George Dunn, 524 South 16th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, 5-23-33, for 1933 certificate #1-22019, renewal registration #1-34791, for 1924 Oldsmobile Sedan, motor #A 4162, wood wheels, maroon body.

Geo. J. Haller, 415 Lincoln Blvd., Omaha, Nebraska, for 1933 certificate #1-10457, renewal registration #1-40623, for 1929 Ford Coach, motor #2608123, 4 cylinders, black body.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent H. D. Bray:

On 3-31-34 Agent interviewed Chief of Police Lindquist, Chanute, Kansas, who advised Agent to contact Clarence Yockey, former Sheriff, at Erie, who was an exceptionally good officer, stating that the present Sheriff could not be depended upon to keep information confidential. Mr. Yockey stated that Leon Barker was unknown to him, and interview was then had with Postmaster Nin Oliver, who advised that Leon and Fred Barker had been residing on a farm about eight miles from town, on route #2, for about a year, but that he knew nothing of them. ~~They were reported to have been on their mail for a period of thirty days.~~

Mr. Yockey accompanied Agent and interview was had with Guy Rush, who resides on a farm adjoining that of the Barkers and whom Mr. Yockey advised is a reliable source of information. Mr. Rush advised that Leon and Fred Barker came to Erie in March, 1933, and have been on the farm since that time.

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He advised that Leon is married, but that Fred is single. Mr. Rush stated that they were very good neighbors and voluntarily stated that when the photograph of Fred Barker came out in the papers some weeks ago he and the Barkers discussed the similarity of the names. Mr. Rush advised that Fred Barker bears no resemblance to the Fred Barker wanted; that his neighbor is very short, about 5 feet 2 inches and is exceptionally stocky of build, being almost heavy of build; that he has red hair and a full face, has no face scars and an entirely different expression from the Fred Barker, who is a subject of this case. He advised that his neighbor is 23 years old. He advised that Leon Barker is 27 years old and is the youngest of the family.

Mr. Rush employs a younger brother, Carl, on his farm, Carl being 15 years old. He stated there is another brother, age 13, named Paul, with the family in Bartlesville. Rush stated that the father of the boys, A. T. Barker, comes to see them frequently; that the father rented the farm and is aiding them financially; that he has seen the father, who is also red haired, about 48 years old and small of build. It will be noted that the father of the Subject Fred Barker is white haired. Mr. Rush stated that A. T. Barker, the father, is a switchman for either the Katy or Santa Fe Railroads at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and that the two sons came to Erie from Bartlesville.

Mr. Rush advised that Leon and Fred are very congenial and are actually operating the farm, doing all of the work themselves; that they have considerable livestock and therefore both of them never leave the farm at the same time; that occasionally one of them will leave to visit at Bartlesville, but the other remains to care for the livestock. They have only one car, a model T Ford with pick up bed on the rear. The father drives a 1930 model Oldsmobile when he visits them. Rush stated that Leon and Fred never have visitors except the father and mother, and that he never sees strange cars coming there. He is a close neighbor and has an unobstructed view of their house. He advised that Leon's wife is named Estella, that she was a widow, her former husband being named Johnson, and that her mother has visited them a time or two. He has gained all of his information through talking with the boys, who he advised are free to talk of all of their affairs. Mr. Rush was requested to keep the interview confidential.

Apparently this is another family of Barkers, however, the mail ~~will be maintained~~ and it is suggested that the Oklahoma City office make appropriate investigation at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, to determine whether there is an A. T. Barker employed as a switchman there.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent H. E. Hollis, Oklahoma City, dated 3-7-34, noting that while in the Oklahoma Penitentiary Volney Davis corresponded with George McGee, Coffeyville, Kansas. Agent was advised by Deputy Sheriff George Tobler and Chief of Police Lang,

Coffeyville, Kansas, that George McGee was a small time gambler who was drowned in a river near Coffeyville nearly two years ago; that McGee has no relatives, in Coffeyville, and that he was single, so far as they knew.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

ST. PAUL OFFICE will refer to the report of Special Agent C. E. Weeks, New York City, 3-15-34, for detailed information concerning the cap worn by Edward George Bremer, given to him by his kidnapers, and will conduct appropriate investigations at the stores listed in the body of this report on page 3.

Will further conduct investigation at Wausau, Wisconsin, to ascertain if Henry J. Seim, who received an order from the National Bellas Hess, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, on 3-16-33, has any connection with Seim Bros. located at that place, after which it should be ascertained if Mr. Seim can identify any of the Subjects in this case as purchasing the socks involved in this matter from him.

The same information should be sought from Miss Anna E. Jones, Route 3, Box 14, Lime Springs, Iowa, who might possibly be connected with Johnston and Jones, Prop., Lime Springs, Iowa.

At New Ulm, Minnesota, Mrs. Meta Crone, 500 South Washington Street, should be interviewed likewise as she may possibly be connected with Crone Bros. and Company, New Ulm, Minnesota.

At Perham, Minnesota, Mrs. Blase J. Lucking, Box 650, should be interviewed as it is possible she is connected with B. A. Lucking, Perham, Minnesota.

Mrs. William E. Hansen, 114 18th Street N., Sauk Center, Minnesota, should also be interviewed as it is possible that she is connected with Hansen Bros., Sauk Center, Minnesota.

At Thompson, Iowa, will interview Ingvald C. Christianson, Route 1, who might possibly be connected with A. S. Christianson and Company, Thompson, Iowa.

CHICAGO OFFICE at Holland, Michigan, will interview Leonard E. Baraman, Route #4, who on 1-12-33 received a shipment of merchandise from the National Bellas Hess, Inc., of Kansas City, Missouri, the description of the contents being unknown and it is possible that it may have been socks of a similar brand as those involved in this case which were furnished to victim by the kidnapers. It is possible that Mr. Baraman is connected with Vissar & Baraman, Holland, Michigan. In this connection refer to copy of the letter addressed to the Division by Acting Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith, Chicago, 2-17-34.

At Menasha, Wisconsin, will also interview Erwin Schmalz, 535 First Street, who might possibly be connected with Bevers and Schmalz of Menasha, Wisconsin. Mr. Schmalz received a shipment of merchandise from the National Bellas Hess, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, on 5-11-33.

If it is found that the above named parties are connected with the respective firms referred to, the photographs of the Subjects of this case should be displayed to them to ascertain if any Subject purchased any article of clothing involved in this case from the respective stores.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE at Springfield, Illinois, will interview Bion J. Roberts, 1008 North Eighth, who on 7-7-33 received a shipment of merchandise from the National Bellas Hess, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, and it is possible that he may be connected with Roberts Bros., Springfield, Illinois. In the event this is true the photographs of Subjects should be exhibited to him in an effort to identify the Subjects in this case as securing any article of clothing from him. In this connection refer to the report of Special Agent W. C. Jamison, Chicago, 2-22-34.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE will refer to the body of this report and conduct the appropriate investigation at the stores listed herein on pages 3 and 4 in Iowa and Nebraska in an effort to ascertain the identity of the purchaser of the cap involved in this case. It is noted that investigation has already been conducted at Nevada, Madrid, Perry and Woodward, Iowa.

At Bedford, Iowa, will interview Mrs. W. F. Taylor, who might possibly be connected with Fuller and Taylor Clothing Company. Mrs. Taylor on 7-13-33 received a shipment of merchandise from the National Bellas Hess, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri. Description of the contents of this shipment is not known. It is possible that it might be hosiery of the same description as involved in this case. If in fact Mrs. Taylor is connected with the Fuller and Taylor Clothing Company, refer to the copy of the letter addressed to the Division by Acting Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith, Chicago, 2-17-34.

At Omaha, Nebraska, will ascertain if the owners of any of the automobiles listed on pages 11 and 12 of this report are Subjects of this investigation.

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Hot Springs, Arkansas, will interview Clarence R. Buck, now located in the Army and Navy Hospital, and ascertain the name of his friend at the Iowa State College in 1931 who ordered a pair of goggles through the Dixon Drug Store at Ames, Iowa.

For the information of the Oklahoma City office the goggles in question are identical to the pair the kidnapers had Edward George Bremer wear at the time of his release on 2-8-34. These goggles are manufactured by the Chicago Eye Shield Company, Chicago, Illinois, and are known as 524 M & L goggles. They are known as the unventilated type of welders goggles. They are equipped with unbreakable "Essentialite" lenses. They were only on the market from 9-1-31 to 6-10-32 when a new type or mold for the eye cup was substituted, therefore, it is desired to trace out and locate every pair of goggles identical with the instant pair.

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Hon. Attorney General.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir, I beg to advise. The house I supposed Mr. Bremer was confined in I have proved to be a mistake. Yet it had been occupied by some of the gang. I wrote the Department St. Paul to have Bremer give me as manute a discription of the Party's that took him in the car as he was able to do. also to go to Montgomery Wards & Co St. Paul get one of their Eal paper sample books. Select sheet ressembling the paper he said he could identify and to mail me the sheet. I had a letter from the St. Paul Investigator to the effect that under no circumstances could he give me any information. however, he would be glad to receive any information I might hav. What has he accomplished. Simply nothing. Only to take in to custody a man that looks or favors Dollinger. Poor Dollinger he is just lik the James Boys was. Every crime committed in the U. S. Mexico or Canada. It was the James Boys. Now it is Dollinger. While there is no doubt but he kneeds killing, he had no hand in Sioux falls - Mason City or the Bremer case. That is simply bunk. There is a most thorough criminal orgenashi n in Minn. and Iowa. They are operating a string of randovous. The same as John Brown. Under ground rail way. I wish to say there is not a highway South of Minneapolis or North of Des Moines that I have not walked over in trying to locate criminals. As soon as I saw wher Mr. Bremer said he could hear a chime clock I know the clock he heard and it is two hundred miles from Sioux City. It will be but a matter of a little time for me to locate his Prison. The Sioux Falls and Mason City bunch Used the same cellar. If you wish to come down to Spirit Lake. (That is your Deputy) I will take pleasure in taking him over the most interesting trail. I will show him where the brains of the whole orgination resides. the man who plans all these Bank rodeo I will show him more in two days than the department of Justice could ascertain in two years. I have worked over this territory. Off on an since the McKinley-Bryan Campaign, I come up to Faribault from Springfield Mo and located a couple of stickups that had been operating near West Plains Mo. If your asistent cant come send me Department Investigator I absolutely refuse to have a thing to do with them I have had Experience with them. The Chicago Office had worked for four years trying to locate the Leunternat Boys with no success I located them and was double crossed out of the reward by the Chicago Office, and I can prove what I say. I have a big surprise awaiting your pleasure.

Respt. C. J. B. Wilson  
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Mr. C. J. B. Wilson,  
Box 135,  
Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 24, 1934, by reference from the Attorney General, wherein you make reference to the Bremer kidnaping case and state that you may possibly be of assistance in the investigation of that case. It is further noted in your letter that you state the Chicago Office had worked for four years trying to locate the Delutremont boys with no success, and that you located them and were double-crossed out of the reward.

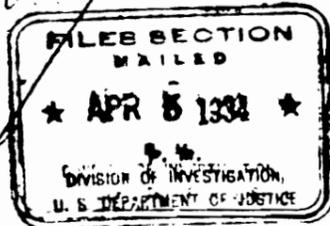
This Division, which is conducting the investigation of the Bremer kidnaping case, will appreciate any information concerning the case which you may desire to furnish to Inspector E. A. Rorer, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Post Office Box 515, St. Paul, Minnesota, who is supervising the investigation.

With reference to that portion of your letter concerning the Delutremont brothers, kindly be advised that this investigation was one over which the Post Office Department had primary investigative jurisdiction. Accordingly, it is suggested that you communicate to that department any information in your possession concerning this matter.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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JEH:HCB

March 30, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

During telephonic conversation with Mr. Nathan at Kansas City this evening, I expressed my extreme displeasure at the manner in which the Karpis-Barker-Bremer investigation was recently handled by the Oklahoma City Office, and instructed Mr. Nathan to give this situation his most careful attention in an effort to ascertain the details concerning the "leak." I told him to impress upon Mr. Brentley the undesirability of allowing policemen and newspaper reporters to accompany Agents on an investigation.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

Personal and Confidential

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

Supplementing my letter of even date, I desire to point out to the Division the wording of the memorandum of Special Agent Hollis dated at Oklahoma City, March 28, 1934 in connection with the above matter.

In the second and third paragraphs on page two, and in the last paragraph on page four, Hollis refers to "cans and flashlights," or "gasoline cans and flashlights." It is my understanding that this is the wording of the newspaper article which formed the basis of the publicity in this matter. It would appear to me suggestive, or a peculiar coincidence, that the incorrect statement that appeared in the newspaper publicity should be the wording of Special Agent Hollis. This was called to his attention and Agent Hollis stated that his information relative to the situation was received from Mr. Brantley. However, the point at issue is not the identity of the source, or the correctness or otherwise of the information, but the similarity of the incorrect phrasing used by Agent Hollis and as appearing in the newspaper articles.

Very truly yours,

*[Handwritten signature]*

H. Nathan,  
Assistant Director

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Salt Lake City, Utah</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-3-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3-22-29-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>B.E. SACKETT</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Decoy letter addressed to E.L. Burnes at the Town House, Reno, Nevada produced no results. Established that the radio was shipped to J. E. Blackburn by railway express about Dec. 5, 1933, and the San Francisco Office requested to check records there for this and any other shipments made by any of subjects. San Francisco also requested arrange for examination of Telegraph Companies' records at Reno during the time subjects are known to have been there. Check of stores to ascertain place women purchased clothes, resulted in determining that Mrs. Geo. L. Martin bought a brown wool dress at Wonder Store, Reno, a hat and sleeping pajamas belonging to Mrs. Martin were located but efforts to trace have been unsuccessful. Mrs. Ruth Elliott, Reno, partially identified photo of subject Campbell as being that of Geo. L. Martin. Various hotels and apartment houses checked in an unsuccessful attempt to determine where Karpis stayed, when he was reported to have been in Reno about one month ago. ~~Phone calls were made~~ so that Salt Lake City Office will be immediately notified by phone, ~~and~~ received addressed to persons using subjects' ~~names~~. Gambling houses, saloons, and streets covered, without results tending to show that any of subjects or the Auburn Sedan or their other autos are presently in Reno. Cover being placed on all mail addressed to both Louis Marymont and William J. Graham, since they are reported to have known Karpis and possibly other subjects.

**DETAILS:**

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City Division Office dated 3/22/34.

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AT RENO, NEVADA

A joint interview had on March 22, by Agent Gere and this Agent with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Smith, owner of the Elvada Apt., resulted in ascertaining the additional information that E.L. Burns, who the Smiths previously identified as subject Karpis, appears to be very friendly with Louis Marymont, one of the owners of the Town House gambling and saloon, where Karpis appeared to spend most of his time. Mr. Smith stated that he believed that Marymont even visited at the Karpis Apt. several times. Mr. Smith claims he does not know Marymont well enough to discreetly inquire about Burns' present whereabouts.

An examination of the premises known as the Dude Ranchers Town House, located at 39 West First Street, revealed that it is a small but expensive saloon and gambling house, frequented by divorcees and their friends for the most part. All the patrons appear to know each other and appear to be known to the employees of the place as well as Marymont. It was, therefore, deemed inadvisable to conduct general discreet inquiries there at this time, because any inquiries would reach Marymont.

Agent believed it advisable to try a decoy letter, and on March 23, telephonically requested the San Francisco office to prepare and mail such a letter, sending same by registered mail "Delivery to addressee only". The letter was directed to E.L. Burnes, care Town House, 39 W. 1st St. Arrangements were made with Carrier Percy, thru Superintendent of Mails Barber, whereby this agent would be present in the Town House at the time the letter was delivered. Mr. Percy called at the Town House on three occasions on March 24, and 26, but the employees claimed they never heard of Burnes. On the last occasion, Percy contacted Marymont, as had been the object, but Marymont claimed that he did not know Burnes.

In view of the fact that information had been obtained from Mrs. L.L. Lowan, that after the Martins left their apartment in the Miland several letters were received there for them, as well as other letters addressed to persons who never lived at Apt. 240-A, inquiry was conducted at the dead letter section of the post office. Mr. D.M. Mayberry, of that section advised letters which cannot be delivered, and which bear no return address are opened, and if from the contents, some address is available, the letters are sent to such addresses, otherwise the letters are immediately destroyed, unless valuable documents are enclosed, in which case they are retained for a longer period. Mr. Mayberry did not recall receiving in this manner, or destroyin communications

directed to any of the subjects. He is the only employee in the Dead Letter Section. Agent examined the few letters he had on hand, but these proved to be without value.

Agent believed it desirable to examine if possible the telegrams on file in the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies, during the period the subjects were known to have been in Reno. Mr. W. West of the Western Union advised that authority would have to be obtained from the Supt. of the company at San Francisco. On March 27, 1934, Agent telephonically requested the San Francisco Office to make arrangements with both companies for an examination of the records at Reno.

Agent interviewed Mrs. Elva Pedersen, of the Belmont Apts., for the purpose of obtaining more specific information, if possible, relative to the shipment of the radio to J. E. Blackburn, as mentioned in report of reference. Mrs. Pedersen, after some questioning, recalled that she shipped the radio by Railway Express; that the charges were less than one dollar, and that it was directed to Mrs. J. E. Blackburn. Mrs. Pedersen recalled telephoning for the Railway Express, after having the radio, which was a portable one, made unknown to her, packed in a zipper canvas case (which was in the apartment with the radio), and placing the radio and case in a cardboard carton. Mrs. Pedersen also recalls instructing the Railway Express, to mail the addressee's receipt part of the way-bill, to Mrs. Blackburn, in care of General Delivery at the town directed in Mrs. Blackburn's letter. Mrs. Pedersen did not write to Mrs. Blackburn at any time, nor did she ever receive any communications whatever from the Blackburns, and does not know whether the radio was ever received by them. Mrs. Pedersen could not recall the name of the town to which the radio was sent, and neither could Mr. Pedersen. However, both agreed that the shipment was made on or about Dec. 5, 1933, because the Blackburns left on Dec. 5, and it was only two or three days after they left.

R. D. Michelberger, General Agent, Railway Express, Reno, advised that all records of shipments out of Reno, are sent daily to the office of the District Accountant, Mr. H. J. Dericks, at the San Francisco Office of the Railway Express. Informant also advised that all records of shipments into Reno, with the exception of "On Hand" ones, are also located in San Francisco. Agent checked the "On Hand" ones, received at Reno during October, November, and December 1933, but no shipment to any of the subjects was located.

On March 26, Agent telephonically communicated this information to the San Francisco Division Office, requesting that the records of the Railway Express there be checked to ascertain the details of the shipment of the radio, and also to check all shipments in and out of Reno, during the time subjects were there, in an effort to obtain information of value.

Mrs. L. L. Rowan, proprietress of the Miland Apartments, 234 West Liberty Street, was interviewed by this Agent. The following information was obtained from her, in addition to the information set out in the report of reference:

Mrs. Rowan advised that a few days after November 6th (she fixes the date by reason of the fact that the Martin rent was due on Nov. 6th, and had not been paid) Mrs. Martin told her that Martin, Blackburn and Burnes were going on a hunting trip. Mrs. Rowan saw them leave in the Buick Sedan and remarked to Mrs. Martin that they were not dressed for hunting, being in street clothes, and did not have any guns, whereupon Mrs. Martin stated that they would pick up clothes and guns on the way. Mrs. Martin did not say where they were going to. According to Mrs. Rowan, the men left looking very shabby, and left the women without any money, so that in fact Mrs. Martin ran out of food and not having enough to buy some, had several meals with Mrs. Rowan. Informant stated that the three men returned to Reno sometime between Nov. 13th and 15th and all appeared to have plenty of money. That Mr. Martin gave her a \$100. bill for the rent which had become due Nov. 6th. In answer to a question, Mrs. Martin told informant that the men did not have any luck hunting and "didn't even get a thing". Mrs. Martin told the informant that the men frequently left town together on trips each lasting several days. She did not state where the trips were to, or the purpose or nature of them, however, she did say that Martin left her alone a great deal of the time.

Mrs. Rowan recalls that a short time (possibly a week) after the men returned from the trip, as above set forth, the three men again left, and on this occasion, Mrs. Martin told informant that they had taken Mrs. Burnes with them. Mrs. Martin was very angry at the men for leaving her and Mrs. Blackburn behind. Mrs. Rowan states that the men and Mrs. Burnes returned about three days later, and she never did learn from Mrs. Martin the purpose of the trip or where they had been.

When questioned as to the habits of the men, Mrs. Rowan stated that she did not know much about either Blackburn or Burnes, except that they frequently visited with the Martins but that Geo. L. Martin stayed in or around his apartment all day, did not wear sport clothes, nor did he have any golf sticks or show a great deal of interest in any of the sports. Mrs. Martin did tell informant that all the three couples went to the prize fights in Reno several times, and that very frequently they all would go to the gambling places in the evenings.

Mrs. Martin told informant that she did not care much for either the Blackburns or the Burnes, and has tried to get her husband to break away from the crowd. According to the informant, Mrs. Martin referred to Blackburn as WALD. Concerning her own past Mrs. Martin told informant that she came from Oklahoma, and had previously worked for a prominent man in either Oklahoma City, or Tulsa, Okla., as a maid. Mrs. Martin did not mention the man's name, his business, etc., but did say that she had to leave his employ because she contracted the seven year itch. Also that some time after this, she married, (name of man not stated nor time), Mrs. Rowan being under the impression that she said she was married at Oklahoma City but that the marriage was an unhappy one and they were divorced (time and place not mentioned). Mrs. Martin, according to Mrs. Rowan, never mentioned her maiden name, or the name of her first husband. She claimed she married Blackburn in Ohio. Mrs. Rowan obtained the impression from Mrs. Martin that her parents were dead, and that she has a sister residing someplace in Ohio or Illinois.

When questioned whether she noticed whether the Martins or the Blackburns purchased any particular newspapers, magazines or other periodicals, Mrs. Rowan recalled that Blackburn, during his residence at the Hiland, bought a horse racing sheet every day from someplace down town, but that she never noticed the others purchase any periodicals. This angle is being checked.

Mrs. Rowan also recalled that when Blackburn and Martin first called to rent an apartment on Oct. sixth, Martin looked very pale and had to sit down, holding one hand pressed to his abdomen. That within a week after he moved in, Martin was taken ill, and stayed in bed all the time; that Mrs. Martin told her that Burnes was a doctor, and was taking care of her husband. Mrs. Rowan observed Burnes, who was called "Doc" in the Martin apartment and he apparently was taking care of Martin, since the latter called no doctor to her knowledge. Informant further advised that medicine was bought from Hilps Drug Store for Martin, and that

after about two weeks in bed, Martin appeared to be well again. No one ever told Mrs. Rowan what was wrong with Martin but she noticed that the edges of the sheets and towels were torn off, and bloody rags were in the waste, indicating that the torn portions were used as bandages.

Mrs. Rowan also recalled that Mrs. Martin was ill for several days during November, and hired a woman for one day to do the house work. Informant believed that Mrs. Martin became quite friendly with the woman, and gave her some old clothes; that she obtained the woman from some free employment agency; that the woman was very small, blond, about thirty years old, and had a son about four years old.

Mrs. Rowan also recalled that on one occasion Mrs. Martin told her that the girl Burns was living with her "picked up around town" but she never explained the girl's name or her history, etc. Informant also recalled that during the latter part of her stay in Reno, she used to use a taxi a great deal, and always called the same company, and asked for the same driver, name not recalled; that the number she called was either 8141 or 4181, and she believes it was the Cal taxi. This information will, of course, be checked by agent as soon as possible.

The following detailed descriptions were obtained from Mrs. Rowan:

F. C. BLACKBURN

Age	About 40
Height	About 5'5 1/2"
Build	Medium (could not estimate weight)
Hair	Med. Brown
Complexion	Sallow
Peculiarities	Walks very fast
Usual Dress	Light brown felt hat, dark brown or blue suit, brown shoes (oxfords); had a brown swede zipper jacket which he wore with a dark cap.

GEO. L. MARTIN

Age	About 38 (looks about 2 years younger than Blackburn)
Height	5'5 1/2"

Weight	Medium, (but about 5 lbs. lighter than Blackburn)
Hair	Light brown
Complexion	Sallow
Usual Dress	Has similar clothes as Blackburn, i.e. dark brown and blue suits, etc. also has the same kind of a brown suede zipper jacket.

MRS. MARTIN

Age	25-28
Height	About 5'7" (with very high spike heels, which she always wears)
Weight	130 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Long black, parted in center, combed straight down sides and knotted in one knot low on the back of her head
Complexion	Dark but clear
Eyes	Brown
Teeth	Even and very white
Features	Regular
Idiosyncrasies	Uses large amounts of dark red lip-stick and rouge, also mascara at times; eyebrows plucked very thin
Usual Dress	wore ear-rings; both button and drop types, had a set of imitation pearl ones. Did not wear any rings other than a plain wedding band. wore black or dark brown dresses with long sleeves, had black fur jacket, black high heeled pumps.
Education	Evidently not more than grade school
Characteristics:	Even tempered, uses medium tone of voice in conversations, is not vulgar in speech; is of a hardened type but tries to be a "lady".

MRS. (PAULA) BLACKBURN

Age	About 30
Height	5'3 or 4"
Weight	About 125 lbs.
Build	Heavy
Hair	Reddish Brown (evidently dyed) bobbed to shoulder length

Eyes	Yellow-Brown
Mouth	Large
Nose	Long and flattened; evidently has been broken
Face	Round
Complexion	Pimpily reddish skin
Voice	Course, harsh, speaks with a decided accent, either Slavish or Polish
Education	Very little
Characteristics	smokes cigarettes continuously; has a very violent temper and when angry speaks in a high pitched tone of voice
Usual dress	Dark dresses, low heel shoes, and always sloppily dressed.
Idiosyncrasies	Chewed her fingernails and is conspicuous for her extreme homeliness.

Mrs. Rowan stated that she never heard Mrs. Martin's first name, but that they called Mrs. Blackburn "Paula". Informant does not know Mrs. Burnes first name either. She recalled that Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Blackburn bought quite a few clothes in a downtown store, probably the Vogue, and Mrs. Blackburn had a dress fitted skin-tight, only to be dissatisfied and demand that the dress be taken apart again.

Inquiry was conducted at the following stores to determine where the purchases were made. All of these places keep records only of sales where the merchandise is charged, delivered to the purchaser, or altered at the customer's request. No record was found under the names of the women at any of the stores, except at the Wonder Store, hereinafter mentioned:

Vogue, Inc.  
 Parisian Dress Shoppe  
 Gray, Reid and Wright  
 Allen's Shoppe  
 J.C. Fenney and Co.

At the Wonder Store, Virginia Street, Mrs. M.C. Little, found a record that Mrs. S.L. Martin, 240 W. Liberty St. purchased a brown (dark) wool-crepe dress, size 14, brown satin sleeves, and having a strip of brown satin 3 inches wide down the front of the dress, lengthwise. The dress was sold for \$12.50 in cash, by Mrs. V. Wible, a saleslady, who, when interviewed, could not recall the transaction at all. The following alterations were

made on the dress; side seams taken in, sleeves shortened, and placket closed. Mrs. Little advised that there was no label or identifying mark of any kind on the dress.

Ray J. Root, Salesman at the Scott Motor Co., advised that about March first of this year, while he was on duty on the sales floor, E.L. Burnes, whose photo he has positively identified as Karpis, drove slowly by the show-floor in his Auburn auto, and upon seeing Root, waved to him. Root claims he waved back, but Karpis did not stop and swung around into the side street (the Scott Motor Co. is located on a corner with windows on both streets) and continued down the street. Root is positive it was Karpis, since he claims he knows him well, due to the fact that Karpis had contacted him on numerous occasions, as set out in the report of reference, in an effort to trade in an auto, this being prior to the time Karpis purchased the Auburn. Root is positive that about two or three days after he saw Karpis as above set out, he again saw Karpis driving in his Auburn in the downtown section of Reno. He did not wave or speak to Karpis on this occasion and has not seen him since. Root is sure that Karpis was alone on both occasions.

Inasmuch as Karpis has not been to the Elvada Apts., since Dec. 2, 1933, agent conducted investigation at the following hotels and apartment houses, examining the registers for the period from October 1933 to date in an effort to determine whether any of the subjects stayed there.

Sovereign Apts., 100 Court Street  
Granite Apts., 307 Granite St.  
Golden West Hotel  
Riverside Hotel

No results were obtained from the check thus far. At the time of conducting the investigations at these places, agent had received no instructions, and therefore kept the inquiries from the Managers. However, in line with instructions contained in the letter from Inspector Rorer to the Salt Lake City Office dated March 26, all hotels and apartment houses will be contacted and the names and aliases of subjects left.

Agent, during the entire period of this investigation has been checking the automobiles on the streets of Reno, in an effort to ascertain whether Karpis' Auburn Sedan is in town. No 1933 model Auburn Sedans have been seen, although two 1931 model sedans of the same color and body style have been seen and checked. One bears 1934 license 3-672, Nevada

is a 1931 model, 8-92, motor No. F 55003, serial 21723A, belonging to Mrs. Emma R. Lord, 510 Walker Street, Reno. The other car is the same model, bearing Utah 1933 tags 7-385 and 1934 Dealers tags, Nevada D-4600. This car is and has been for the past year in the possession of a dealer in Reno.

During the interview with Mrs. Pedersen of the Belmont apartments, it was ascertained, in connection with the shipping of the radio that with the letter Mrs. Blackburn wrote requesting that the radio be shipped, was enclosed a one dollar bill. Mrs. Pedersen believes that the letter was sent from Salt Lake City. Informant also stated that a ladies brown leather coat (full length) had been left by the Blackburns, and she packed this coat with the radio, when she sent same. Informant could not give the size, make, or any other details regarding the coat. Mrs. Pedersen advised that she instructed the Railway Express representative to send the difference between the express charges and the one dollar bill, to Mrs. Blackburn in stamps, at the same time the company mailed her the consignee's portion of the waybill, as has hereinbefore been set out.

In checking the records of the El Cortez Hotel, agent found a record of an A.L. Blackburn, who registered on March 6, 1934, from San Francisco, no address there given, occupied room 507, rate \$2.50 per day, and checked out on March 7th., without leaving any forwarding address. Joseph Bulasky, manager, could not recall this individual, nor could he identify any of subjects' photographs as having been there. The hotel has no record of this individual having any automobile. A tracing of the registration was made, and is being forwarded with copies of this report to the St. Paul Office for comparison with signatures and handwriting specimens of subjects. From the signatures of subjects available to agent, it does not appear similar to the signature of subject Fred Barker as J. E. Blackburn. However, the photos of all subjects will be exhibited to maids, bellhops and other employees of the hotel.

In an effort to locate purchases of medicine by any of subjects from Hilp's Drug Store, Agent with Mr. E.J. Hilp, checked over all delivery tickets for the period during which subjects were known to have been in Reno, but no record of any deliveries were found to their apartments. Mr. Hilp examined his prescription records during the period, but found none for any of the subjects or their women. At the time of this investigation, agent did not have the information that Agent Wine of the Salt Lake City Office, had secured data from Hilp's drug store about a prescription filled for one Jones, and, therefore, further

Inquiry in this regard will be conducted.

After considerable investigation, Agent identified the woman who worked for Mrs. Martin, as Mrs. Ruth Elliott, through Mrs. Gertrude Geopfarth, of the Y.W.C.A. The records there show that Mrs. Elliott was sent to Mrs. Morton on November 13, 1933.

Mrs. Ruth Elliott was located at 806 E Fourth St., where she is working in a C. W. A. kitchen. She resides at 430 Sutro Street, Reno. She stated that in November, 1933, she was sent by the Y.W.C.A. to the Miland Apartments to Mrs. Morton for work. From the description and apartment number, there is no doubt but that it was Mrs. Martin. Mrs. Elliott stated that Mrs. Martin told her that she had had a miscarriage only a few days before, and being too weak, desired someone to clean up her apartment. Mrs. Elliott worked only one day. During the day, the Martin woman told her that she and her husband came from Chicago, time not stated, and that as soon as she regained her strength, they and two other couples were going to Los Angeles, and expected to leave for there almost any day. Mrs. Martin did not state where in Los Angeles they were going to, the nature of their business there, or any other details. According to the informant, the Martin woman appeared to be very lonesome, and chatted about things in general quite a bit. Mrs. Elliott recalls that she said she was originally from Oklahoma and had married Martin in the West, that Martin always stayed out late nights with two friends, and that she did not like his two friends and had been trying to get Martin to break with them. Mrs. Martin, stating that her husband was going to leave town, invited informant to visit her the next Thursday night (Mrs. Elliott believes that she worked on a Tuesday), as she would be alone then. Mrs. Elliott claims that Mrs. Martin gave her a hat and one pair of two piece sleeping pajamas. Mrs. Elliott later exhibited these articles to this agent, and the descriptive details will be set out hereinafter.

Mrs. Elliott called about 7 PM on the next Thursday, to find Mr. Martin at home. When shown enlarged photos of all subjects, informant picked out the picture of subject Campbell, as resembling greatly Mr. Martin. Informant is not positive in her identification but when questioned in detail, could not point out any characteristics in the photograph which were different from Martin's. Mrs. Elliott claims that Martin did not speak once during the time she was there, and she only stayed a few minutes and left. The next day, according to the informant, Mrs. Martin phoned her inviting her to come over

for dinner the next day (Saturday). Mrs. Elliott called at the house at about six PM Saturday, and after getting no answer to her knocking for some time, was about to leave, when a woman's voice other than Mrs. Martin's told her that Mrs. Martin was ill and that the dinner was off. Informant identified this voice as that of Mrs. Blackburn, who had been in the Martin house for a short time on the day she was cleaning there, and that Mrs. Martin, told informant her name and indicated that she did not like her.

Mrs. Elliott advised that after Mrs. Blackburn told her that the dinner was off, she left, without seeing Mrs. Martin a min, and that she has never seen or heard from either of the women, since that time. Mrs. Elliott could not identify any of the pictures of the woman, as being that of either the Martin or Blackburn woman. Informant did not notice the luggage in the Martin house or anything else which could be of assistance in this investigation. She did recall, upon being questioned in great detail, that there was a large spot in the floor rug in the living room, about one foot in diameter, and a smaller spot on the lounge, which spots she thought to be blood, and upon calling that to Mrs. Martin's attention, the latter explained that the blood spots were made by her, at the time she was taken ill a short time ago, at which time she had the mis-carriage. Informant also recalled that Mrs. Martin told her that Dr. Kilb had taken care of her at that time. Agent Gere interviewed Dr. Kilb and the results thereof are set out in his last report.

Mrs. Rowan, upon reinterview, recalled the the rug in the Martin apartment was soiled and stained badly, but could not state whether it was blood. This rug has since been cleaned.

In an effort to trace the hat which Mrs. Martin had given to Mrs. Elliott, agent exhibited same to Mr. J.H. Erickson, manager of the Wonder Store, which store has a large hat department. He described the hat as follows: Black, wool-felt, size originally 21, but the inside band has been taken in so that the head size is 21, has a 3/4 inch black, gros grain plain band around base of crown, has a stitched brim, 1 1/2 inches in front, and 3/4" in back (the original brim was larger but had been cut down), no lining on the inside of hat. Mr. Erickson stated that the hat looked as tho it had not had much wear, was of a cheap manufacture, and would have retailed at about \$1.95. The hat also had a small black felt bow in the front. Agent found the word "RIEL" stamped in gold plain printed-capital letters, one-fourth inch in size, in one place only on the band inside of the hat. Mr. Erickson and agent could not find any numbers, marks, or labels of any kind indicating the store or the manufacturer. Mr. Erickson explained that the word

"RITZ" might mean the manufacturer's name, the name of some store, or the name of that particular model of hat. An examination of the Hat Buyer's Guide, reflected that there is a RITZ HAT CO., INC. at 151 W 35th Street, New York City, N.Y., and that this concern is the only one of that name listed. Mr. Erickson stated that Nat Levine, 174 W 32nd St., New York City, is one of the largest hat buyers in the country, and makes purchases for all the larger hat concerns in the United States, and may be able to assist in tracing the hat.

The hat was exhibited by agent to all stores in Reno carrying cheap grade hats but none had ever sold same. At Agent's request, Richard Reap, identification officer of the Reno Police Department took photographs (two views) of the hat. As soon as these are developed they will be sent to Inspector Rorer. No leads are being set out in this report for the New York Office to endeavor to trace the hat, this being left to the discretion of Inspector Rorer.

The sleeping pajamas given to Mrs. Elliott, consist of two pieces, pink rayon knit. The top portion has two white cloth strips, len th-wise, 1 inch wide. There are no labels, or marks of any kind, nor are there any indications of their ever having been any on the garment. A metal laundry tag, with the mark "73" was found, however, and Agent Gere ascertained that this mark was that of the Sunshine Laundry in Reno. Mrs. Elliott had previously told agent that she never had the garment washed in a laundry. Mr. J.M. Erickson, upon examining the garment, stated that it was of a very cheap variety, and could be purchased in any cheap store for about \$1.00, and that the garment was well worn, indicating that it had been used about ten months. Inquiry conducted at J.C. Penney, the Dollar Store and similar places, elicited the same opinions had been expressed by Mr. Erickson, and these stores could not identify the make or manufacturer, never having bought any similar garments.

Both the hat and the pajamas were returned to Mrs. Elliott, in accordance with her request, but can be obtained should it be necessary.

Agent interviewed Mr. F.P. Strassburg, of Strassburg and Co., the only stock brokerage house in Reno. His records failed to reflect that any of the subjects had any accounts there at any time, and he could not identify the photos of subjects as having been in his establishment at any time.



UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE AT MEMO: Will make further investigations as indicated in this report, as well as follow out leads requested by Inspector Rorer and other offices.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE: Will check the records of the Railway Express Agency at San Francisco as telephonically requested by the writer, and as is indicated in this report. This angle is important and should be given expeditious attention.

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