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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
May 7, 1938

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

Re: BREKID

HERBERT AKERS, with aliases, et al;
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

JEWELL LAVERNE GRAYSON, with aliases;
MARGARET THOMPSON - VICTIM;
White Slave Traffic Act.

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephone conversation had by Special Agent D. P. SULLIVAN with MR. TAMM of the Bureau on this date, please be advised that a conference was had by Special Agents JOHN L. MADALA and D. P. SULLIVAN with United States Attorney FRED A. ISGRIG and Assistant U. S. Attorney LEON CATLETT at Little Rock, Arkansas on May 6, 1938. At that time, MR. ISGRIG advised that he intended to present the harboring case in the BREKID file to the Grand Jury, convening at Little Rock, Arkansas on May 16, 1938, and that he intended to ask that indictments be returned against JOSEPH WAKELIN, HERBERT AKERS, CECIL BROCK, GARNETT MOORE, JOHN STOVER, MORRIS LOFTIS, MRS. AL C. DYER, GRACE GOLDSTEIN and CONNIE MORRIS.

Of the above mentioned persons, HERBERT AKERS formerly was Chief of Detectives, and CECIL BROCK formerly was Lieutenant of Police of the Hot Springs, Arkansas Police Department but are no longer employed by that Police Department. Inquiry at Hot Springs resulted in the information that AKERS and BROCK are still located in that city and are now engaged jointly in conducting a private detective business. The status of JOSEPH WAKELIN is not definitely known. This man was suspended by Mayor LEO P. McLAUGHLIN during the middle of last year but was reinstated on the first of January of this year; however, he apparently was not actively engaged as Chief of Police. Information was obtained yesterday to the effect that Mayor McLAUGHLIN discontinued WAKELIN'S connection with the Hot Springs Police Department on or about May 1, 1938, pending the action of the Federal Grand Jury

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which will convene at Little Rock, Arkansas on May 16, 1938, McLAUGHLIN probably having the idea that WAKELIN might be indicted by this Grand Jury. GARNETT MOORE is still employed as a patrolman by the Hot Springs Police Department.

As a result of discreet inquiries made, it was learned that all of the above persons with the exception of GRACE GOLDSTEIN and CONNIE MORRIS are located in Hot Springs, Arkansas at the present time. JOHN STOVER is still managing the Hot Springs Municipal Airport, and MRS. AL C. DYER is operating tourist cabins at Dyer's Landing. MORRIS LOFTIS is still employed by MRS. DYER at Dyer's Landing as a caretaker.

The St. Louis Office has advised this office by letter, dated April 14, 1938 that CONNIE MORRIS was presently residing at a house of prostitution operated by JOHN SONNEN at 3439 Lucas Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, under the name of MISS JEAN BARON.

MR. ISGRIG also indicated that he would ask that an indictment be returned against GRACE GOLDSTEIN for the transportation of her niece, MARGARET THOMPSON, from the vicinity of Paris, Texas to Hot Springs, Arkansas on October 16, 1935, for immoral purposes, this being set out in the file entitled "JEWELL LAVERNE GRAYSON, with aliases; MARGARET THOMPSON - VICTIM; White Slave Traffic Act".

MR. ISGRIG further advised that he intended to ask that an indictment be returned against HERBERT AKERS in the file entitled "HERBERT AKERS, with aliases, et al; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; Harboring of Fugitives;" in connection with the harboring of T. N. NORRIS and members of his gang at Hot Springs, Arkansas during the year 1937.

MR. ISGRIG stated that in connection with the harboring charges against GRACE GOLDSTEIN, in connection with the BREKID file, he would recommend to the United States District Judge that GRACE GOLDSTEIN be placed on probation at such time that she came up for sentence. He stated further that he was quite intimate with THOMAS C. TRIMBLE, U. S. District Judge at Little Rock, Arkansas, and that he could give every assurance that JUDGE TRIMBLE would follow out any suggestions he might make as to the sentencing of GRACE GOLDSTEIN.

Inquiry was made at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and it was ascertained that on May 2, 1938, GRACE GOLDSTEIN left Hot Springs, Arkansas in her Buick automobile, accompanied by her black Great Dane dog called "SHINE". It was also learned that GRACE GOLDSTEIN had talked about borrowing \$1200.00 prior to making this trip. This woman did not advise anyone where she intended going but indicated to MAXINE KELLIHER, a prostitute whom she left in charge of the Hatterie Hotel at Hot Springs, that she would communicate with this woman as soon as she got settled.

Information was thereafter obtained from DR. J. O. BOYDSTONE of the WADE CLINIC in Hot Springs, that GRACE GOLDSTEIN was infected with syphilis, in the secondary stage, and that this condition was quite serious, and that he indicated to her that she needed constant treatment in order to arrest the disease. A mail cover was placed on all mail addressed to the Hatterie Hotel and contact was had with the Western Union Telegraph Company, who agreed to place a cover on all telegrams received by or sent from the Hatterie Hotel that might contain information as to GRACE GOLDSTEIN'S whereabouts.

On May 6, 1938 MAXINE KELLIHER telephoned the Little Rock Office and requested that she be contacted as she had some information which she desired to impart to this office. Contact was thereafter had with this woman, and she exhibited a letter, postmarked at Blossom, Texas on May 5, 1938, the same having been written by GRACE GOLDSTEIN on Tuesday night, May 3rd or Wednesday morning, May 4, 1938. This letter from GRACE GOLDSTEIN indicated that she was not feeling well but did not state what her plans were as to whether she expected to remain at Blossom, Texas. It may be noted that GRACE GOLDSTEIN'S brothers, namely LEONARD and BRYAND GRAYSON, both live with their families on the outskirts of Blossom, Texas, and GRACE GOLDSTEIN is undoubtedly staying with one of her brothers. MARGARET THOMPSON, niece of GRACE GOLDSTEIN and the girl who GRACE GOLDSTEIN transported from the vicinity of Paris, Texas to Hot Springs, Arkansas in October, 1935, also resides with her mother and father, on a farm in the vicinity of Blossom, Texas. A subpoena has been issued for MARGARET THOMPSON, for her appearance at Little Rock, Arkansas in connection with the White Slave Traffic Act charges against GRACE GOLDSTEIN. This woman is absolutely a necessary witness before the Grand Jury in connection with the above White Slave Traffic Act charge. It is entirely possible that GRACE GOLDSTEIN might induce MARGARET THOMPSON to accompany her on a trip in order that this woman would not be available to the Government on May 16, 1938 at which time the White Slave Traffic Act case is to be presented against GRACE GOLDSTEIN.

On May 7, 1938, INSPECTOR E. J. CONNELLEY was telephonically contacted at New York City by Special Agent D. P. SULLIVAN, and he indicated that he believed it advisable that a Bureau Agent should serve the subpoena on MARGARET THOMPSON, preferably by Special Agent SULLIVAN or Special Agent JOHN L. MADALA, who have previously interviewed her, with the idea in mind of ascertaining at this time, what this woman's attitude is toward the Government and GRACE GOLDSTEIN. MR. CONNELLEY also indicated that it might be advisable to have a subpoena issued for GRACE GOLDSTEIN'S appearance before the Federal Grand Jury at Little Rock, Arkansas on May 16, 1938, and that same be served on her in the event that she was located at Blossom, Texas.

In accordance with the Bureau's instructions, this matter was discussed with United States Attorney FRED A. ISGRIG, and he indicated that he deemed it desirable that a Bureau Agent personally serve a subpoena on MARGARET THOMPSON for the purpose of ascertaining her present attitude toward the Government. MR. ISGRIG, at this time, indicated, however, that he did not believe it advisable to have a subpoena issued for GRACE GOLDSTEIN for the reason that a subpoena would definitely place GRACE GOLDSTEIN on notice that prosecutive action might be instituted against her and others by the Federal Grand Jury convening on May 16, 1938 at Little Rock, Arkansas, and that inasmuch as she undoubtedly felt that she will be prosecuted in connection with the harboring of KARPIS or for the interstate transportation of her niece, MARGARET THOMPSON, a subpoena would not tend to prevent her from fleeing, in view of the sentences she might receive on these charges. MR. ISGRIG stated further that he believed that the issuance of a subpoena upon GRACE GOLDSTEIN at this time might prove a hinderance to the Government in the future trial of GRACE GOLDSTEIN, in that the defendants could allege that trickery had been used against GRACE GOLDSTEIN in compelling her presence at the Grand Jury at Little Rock, Arkansas on May 16, 1938 in order that she might be placed under arrest by Bureau Agents. A subpoena therefore was not issued for GRACE GOLDSTEIN. It is intended, however, that either Special Agents SULLIVAN or MADALA will proceed to Blossom, Texas in the next day or two and there personally serve a subpoena issued for MARGARET THOMPSON. When last contacted, this girl was very cooperative and felt kindly toward the Government, and it is believed that she will not advise her family that she has been placed upon subpoena for the reason that she never advised her family of the fact that she was engaged in prostitution at GRACE GOLDSTEIN'S Hatterie Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas during the fall of 1935.

As to the manner in which the subjects in the above cases should be apprehended, the suggestion was made to INSPECTOR CONNELLEY that complaints and bench warrants possibly could be issued for these persons on Saturday, May 14, 1938, in order that they might be taken into custody prior to the convening of the Grand Jury on May 16, 1938. MR. CONNELLEY indicated that he intended to proceed to Little Rock, Arkansas around the middle of the week, beginning May 8, 1938, and that he would at that time discuss with the United States Attorney the manner in which the persons to be indicted will be taken into custody.

It had been intended that the U. S. District Court at Little Rock, Arkansas would have a term beginning early in June of this year. MR. ISGRIG advised, however, that due to a lack of sufficient appropriation Court will be unable to convene as had been intended, and that the next term of Court will convene during the month of October, 1938, at which

time he intends to present the above cases for trial. The fact that these cases cannot be tried immediately, after indictments have been returned should not, however prove a detriment to the Bureau, as it will give the Bureau an opportunity to thoroughly interview subjects in the above cases after they have been taken into custody.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher

H. B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

DPS:DTR

cc E. J. Connelley, New York City
Cincinnati

AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Post Office Box 1630
San Antonio, Texas
May 7, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Ark.

Re: BREKID

Edward G. Brennan

Dear Sir:

In compliance with letter from the New Orleans office to the San Antonio office dated May 4, 1938, investigation at Houston, Texas, has developed that Mrs. Phillip David is employed at 1100 Waugh Drive, Houston, Texas, and resides at 1118 Willard Street, Houston, Texas.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

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BROKID GRACE GOLDSTEIN RESIDED FOR WEEK AT BLOSSOM, TEXAS, LEAVING
MONDAY LAST AND STATING SHE INTENDED VISITING FLORIDA, TOWN UNKNOWN,
FOR TWO OR THREE MONTHS. COVERS PLACED ON MAIL OF MOTHER AND BROTHER
LEONARD GRAYSON AT BLOSSOM, AS SHE INDICATED SHE WOULD COMMUNICATE
WITH THEM IN WEEK OR TWO. FURTHER DISCREET INQUIRIES TO BE CONTINUED
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 2401 STERICK BUILDING
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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May 10, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The case involving the harboring of Karpis, et al, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, will be presented to the grand jury at Hot Springs on May 16, 1938. We had anticipated immediate trials of these cases, but are now advised by the United States Attorney that the June term of Court will not be held because of lack of funds, and that the next term of Court which will convene will be during the month of October, 1938. It appears, consequently, that while we will be able to get our indictments next week, we cannot hope for trial until October of this year.

Respectfully

E. A. Tamm
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DIRECTOR

BREKID PLEASE EXPEDITE PROPOSED NEWS RELEASE THIS MATTER TO ME
LITTLE ROCK FOR POSSIBLE JOINT RELEASE WITH USA AS DISCUSSED WITH
YOU WHEN PARTIES TAKEN IN CUSTODY. WILL SUGGEST TO USA THE ARREST
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469

Little Rock, Arkansas

May 13, 1938

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

Dear Sir:

Special Agent B. M. SUTTLER arrived
at Little Rock, Arkansas, 1:30 P.M., May 13, 1938,
to appear as a witness for the Grand Jury conven-
ing May 16, 1938, at Little Rock, Arkansas in the
BREKID case.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher

H. B. FLETCHER
Special Agent In Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Washington, D. C.
May 6, 1938.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Attached hereto is a suggested ~~press~~ release prepared for possible issuance in connection with the proceedings to be brought against the individuals at Hot Springs, Arkansas, who harbored members of the Barker-Karpis gang. This memorandum has been approved by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, who has been assigned to this matter, and a copy has been furnished to Mr. Connelley for check. We have not yet heard from Connelley.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

There was announced today at the Department of Justice the taking into custody by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the following named nine individuals, upon warrants charging eight of these persons with having harbored Alvin Karpis. Grace Goldstein is charged with a violation of the White Slave Traffic Act, and Herbert "Dutch" Akers is also being charged with the harboring of Thomas Nathan Norris. Those arrested by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are all of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and are as follows:

Herbert "Dutch" Akers, former Chief of Detectives,
Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department.

Joseph Wakelin, former Chief of Police, Hot Springs,
Arkansas, Police Department.

Cecil Brock, former Lieutenant in charge of Identifi-
cation, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department.

Garnett Moore, an officer of the Hot Springs, Arkansas,
Police Department.

Grace Goldstein

Connie Morris

John Stover

Morris Loftis

Mrs. Al C. Dyer

There is attached hereto a memorandum outlining the activities of the persons against whom indictments have been returned by the Federal Grand Jury at Little Rock, Arkansas.

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, subsequent to the apprehension of Alvin Karpis at New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 1, 1936, and Harry Campbell at Toledo, Ohio, on May 7, 1936, began an intensive investigation of all persons who harbored, aided or abetted these fugitives and other members of the publicized Karpis-Barker gang who were under indictment for the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, a wealthy banker of St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934.

During the course of the investigation conducted by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding the abduction of Mr. Bremer, which resulted in the conviction of eighteen members of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang and the death of three others while resisting arrest, it was learned that the gang spent many months in Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio, as well as in Hot Springs, Arkansas, where they resided unmolested. They shared among themselves a part of the \$200,000 ransom money collected from the Bremer family and spent it freely in drinking, vice and gambling. Action was delayed against the individuals who harbored and otherwise aided and abetted the gang until such a time as all of the abductors were captured. Nine individuals were convicted in the summer of 1937 in Cleveland, Ohio, for harboring and otherwise assisting members of the Karpis-Barker gang in Toledo, Ohio and vicinity. The members of the gang who found protection in Hot Springs, Arkansas, were Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Fred Hunter.

Alvin Karpis, an ex-convict from the Kansas State Penitentiary and a fugitive from the State of Missouri on a charge of murdering the popular Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Missouri on December 19, 1931, and Harry Campbell, wanted on a murder charge in the State of Oklahoma, have since been given life sentences. Harry Campbell was given a life sentence for the kidnaping and interstate transportation from St. Paul, Minnesota to Bensenville, Illinois, of Mr. Bremer. Karpis is now serving life imprisonment for the kidnaping of William A. Hamm, Jr., a wealthy brewer of St. Paul, Minnesota, on June 15, 1933. Fred Hunter is presently serving a sentence of two years for conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, at the expiration of which he is to serve twenty-five years for his participation in the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery.

In June, 1935, Alvin Karpis, together with Fred Hunter, moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas, residing in cottages on the various lakes and daily frequenting the houses of prostitution operated by Grace Goldstein. Grace Goldstein became a constant companion of Alvin Karpis, and one of her prostitutes, Connie Morris, associated herself with Fred Hunter. They were visited in their rendezvous in Hot Springs, Arkansas, by Harry Campbell and others of the gang from time to time, and they all moved about freely in Hot Springs without any apparent fear of arrest. The association of Karpis and Hunter

with Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris continued almost uninterrupted until the apprehension by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 1, 1936, at which time Fred Hunter and Connie Morris accompanied Alvin Karpis. Fred Hunter participated with Karpis and others in the mail robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7, 1935. On May 7, 1936, Fred Hunter received a sentence of two years for conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, to be served in a Federal Penitentiary.

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May 13, 1938

Inspector E. J. Connelley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
300 Rector Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

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RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your teletype of May 12,
1938, and pursuant thereto there is enclosed herewith
press release which has been prepared concerning the har-
boring phase of the instant case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure

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Post Office Box 1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
May 11, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID *Edward G. Bremer*

Please be advised that Special Agent D. P. SULLIVAN, while working in your district in the vicinity of Paris, Texas, on special assignment, ascertained that GRACE GOLDSTEIN resided with her mother, MARGARET GRAYSON, and her brother, LEONARD GRAYSON, at LEONARD GRAYSON'S home located about three and one-half miles north-east of Blossom, Texas, for one week until Monday, May 9, 1938.

GRACE GOLDSTEIN undoubtedly will be indicted in connection with instant case, by a Federal Grand Jury that will convene in Little Rock, Arkansas on May 16, 1938. There is no process outstanding for this woman at the present time, but it is desired that the Bureau be kept advised of her whereabouts. It was learned that GRACE GOLDSTEIN expected to visit someplace in Florida when she left Blossom, Texas last Monday, and she indicated that she would communicate with her mother or brother in the next week or two. A mail cover was therefore placed by Agent SULLIVAN on all first class mail addressed to all members of the GRAYSON family residing at the LEONARD GRAYSON home which is served on a rural route out of Blossom, Texas. The Postmistress at Blossom, Texas advised that she would immediately forward to the Dallas Office any tracings obtained as a result of this mail cover.

It is requested that the Dallas Office immediately notify this office in the event that any mail tracings are received which may have come from letters sent by GRACE GOLDSTEIN to her mother or brother.

Very truly yours,

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Cincinnati
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H. B. FLETCHER, *7-576-3-307*
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Post Office Box 1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
May 14, 1938

Director,
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Dear Sir:

Special Agent H. A. SNOW arrived at Little Rock, Arkansas at 1:30 a.m. May 14, 1938 under subpoena to appear as a witness before the Federal Grand Jury convening at Little Rock, Arkansas on May 16, 1938 in the Brekid matter.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher

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Special Agent in Charge.

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May 18, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

There is attached hereto a proposed press release concerning the Hot Springs, Arkansas, harboring investigation.

As the situation now stands, it appears that an indictment will be returned against Grace Goldstein for the harboring of Alvin Karpis, for which she will receive a probationary sentence. Her present whereabouts is not known at this time, and it appears that Connie Morris is residing in St. Louis, Missouri.

I want to point out that the cover memorandum of this press release may be changed so as to reflect any condition which may arise in connection with the presentation of the facts to the Grand Jury, over which we have no control.

Respectfully,

J. E. Lawler.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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William Weaver	" "	" "
Volney Davis	" "	" "
Harry Sawyer	" "	" "
Oliver A. Berg	" "	" "
	(Berg also serving life on State charge)	
Fred Barker	Killed resisting arrest January 16, 1935	" "
Kate Barker	Killed resisting arrest January 16, 1935	" "
Russell Gibson	Killed resisting arrest January 8, 1935	" "
William J. Harrison	Killed January 5, 1935 by associates	" "
Fred Goetz, alias Shotgun Zeigler	Killed March, 1934, by associates	" "

Bryan Bolton	Four 3-year sentences	Kidnaping - Hamm and Bremer
Wynona Burdette	Five year sentence	Harboring Karpis and Campbell
Dolores Delaney	Five year sentence	" " "
Myrtle Eaton	Six months' sentence	Harboring Weaver
Edna Murray	Serving twenty-five years on State charge of robbery	
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

There is attached hereto a proposed press release concerning the Hot Springs, Arkansas, harboring investigation.

As the situation now stands, it appears that an indictment will be returned against Grace Goldstein for the harboring of Alvin Karpis, for which she will receive a probationary sentence. Her present whereabouts is not known at this time, and it appears that Connie Morris is residing in St. Louis, Missouri.

I want to point out that the cover memorandum of this press release may be changed so as to reflect any condition which may arise in connection with the presentation of the facts to the Grand Jury, over which we have no control.

Respectfully,

J. E. Lawler
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

It was announced today at the Department of Justice that Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had taken into custody nine individuals upon warrants charging each with having harbored Alvin Karpis at Hot Springs, Arkansas and vicinity.

Herbert "Dutch" Akers is likewise charged with having harbored Thomas Nathan Norris, and Grace Goldstein is also charged with having violated the White Slave Traffic Act.

Those arrested by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are as follows:

Herbert "Dutch" Akers, former Chief of Detectives, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department.

Joseph Wakelin, former Chief of Police, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department.

Cecil Brock, former Lieutenant in charge of Identification, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department.

Garnett Moore, an officer of the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department.

Grace Goldstein

Connie Morris

John Stover

Morris Loftis

Mrs. Al C. Dyer

All of these persons are of Hot Springs, Arkansas, except Connie Morris, who was located and apprehended by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at St. Louis, Missouri. The police officers above named are charged with having harbored Alvin Karpis while they were on active duty with the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department.

There is attached hereto a memorandum outlining the activities of the persons against whom indictments have been returned by the Federal Grand Jury at Little Rock, Arkansas.

MEMORANDUM

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, subsequent to the apprehension of Alvin Karpis at New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 1, 1936, and Harry Campbell at Toledo, Ohio, on May 7, 1936, began an intensive investigation of all persons who harbored, aided or abetted these fugitives and other members of the publicized Karpis-Barker gang who were under indictment for the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, a wealthy banker of St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934.

During the course of the investigation conducted by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding the abduction of Mr. Bremer, which resulted in the conviction of numerous members of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang and the death of three others while resisting arrest, it was learned that the gang spent many months in Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio, as well as in Hot Springs, Arkansas, where they resided unmolested. They shared among themselves a part of the \$200,000 ransom money collected from the Bremer family and spent it freely in drinking, vice and gambling. Action was delayed against the individuals who harbored and otherwise aided and abetted the gang until such a time as all of the abductors were captured. Nine individuals were convicted in the summer of 1937 in Cleveland, Ohio, for harboring and otherwise assisting members of the Karpis-Barker gang in Toledo, Ohio and vicinity. The members of the gang who found protection in Hot Springs, Arkansas, were Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Fred Hunter.

Alvin Karpis, an ex-convict from the Kansas State Penitentiary and a fugitive from the State of Missouri on a charge of murdering the popular Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Missouri on December 19, 1931, and Harry Campbell, wanted on a murder charge in the State of Oklahoma, have since been given life sentences. Harry Campbell was given a life sentence for the kidnaping and interstate transportation from St. Paul, Minnesota to Bensenville, Illinois, of Mr. Bremer. Karpis is now serving life imprisonment for the kidnaping of William A. Hamm, Jr., a wealthy brewer of St. Paul, Minnesota, on June 15, 1933.

In June, 1935, Alvin Karpis, together with Fred Hunter, moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas, residing in cottages on the various lakes and daily frequenting the houses of prostitution operated by Grace Goldstein. Grace Goldstein became a constant companion of Alvin Karpis, and one of her prostitutes, Connie Morris, associated herself with Fred Hunter. They were visited in their rendezvous in Hot Springs, Arkansas, by Harry Campbell and others of the gang from time to time, and they all moved about freely in Hot Springs without any apparent fear of arrest. The association of Karpis and Hunter with Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris continued almost

uninterrupted until the apprehension by Special Agents of the (Federal) Bureau of Investigation) of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 1, 1936, at which time Fred Hunter and Connie Morris accompanied Alvin Karpis. On May 7, 1936, Fred Hunter received a sentence of two years for conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, to be served in a Federal Penitentiary. Hunter also stands convicted and sentenced to serve twenty-five years in a Federal Penitentiary for his participation with Karpis and others in the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery on November 7, 1935.

Herbert "Dutch" Akers, the former Chief of Detectives; Joseph Wakelin, the former Chief of Police; Cecil Brock, former Lieutenant in Charge of the Identification Division; and Garnett A Moore, an officer, all of the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department, were aware of the identity of Alvin Karpis, and were visitors at the houses of prostitution operated by Grace Goldstein at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Herbert "Dutch" Akers was observed on one occasion in conversation with Alvin Karpis, and Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin had almost nightly clandestine meetings with Grace Goldstein during the time Karpis and Hunter resided in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Morris Loftis and Mrs. Al C. Dyer rented a cottage at Dyers Landing to Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter, and informed Karpis and Hunter in December, 1935, of the details of an investigation conducted by (Special) Agents of the (Federal) Bureau of Investigation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in October, 1935, looking to the location and apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

John Stover, operator of the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Municipal Airport, flew Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter and their female companions to various sections of the country and otherwise assisted them in avoiding detection and apprehension.. Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter are named as co-conspirators in the indictments returned against each of the individuals charged with harboring Alvin Karpis.

Grace Goldstein is charged with a violation of the White Slave Traffic Act in that on October 16, 1935, she transported by automobile Margaret Thompson, her niece, from Paris, Texas, to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where Margaret Thompson was induced to engage in prostitution at one of the houses of prostitution operated by Grace Goldstein. The violation of the White Slave Traffic Act carries a more severe penalty than the violation of the Federal Harboring Statute.

Herbert "Dutch" Akers, in addition to being charged with the harboring of Alvin Karpis, is charged with the harboring of Thomas Nathan Norris. Thomas Nathan Norris was one of the robbers of the Palmetto State Bank,

Lake City, So. Car., which was robbed on September 4, 1934 of \$114,000. The robbery of this bank did not come under the investigative jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but on May 8, 1936, a complaint was issued at Charleston, South Carolina, charging Norris with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. On November 13, 1936, complaints were filed at Fort Worth, Texas, charging T. N. Norris and others with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution for three armed robberies perpetrated at Fort Worth, Texas during October, 1936. It was also definitely determined that Norris and others attempted to rob the Bank of Lake, Lake, Mississippi, just prior to the robbery of the Palmetto State Bank at Lake City, and in connection with this unsuccessful attempt, another complaint was filed at Vicksburg, Mississippi on April 9, 1937, charging Norris with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

The investigation conducted by (Special) Agents (of the Federal Bureau of Investigation) in connection with the harboring of T. N. Norris by Herbert "Dutch" Akers, developed that Norris and his associates, Sam Stegal Haynes, Alfred "Sonny" Lamb and Goldie H. Hairston, were harbored by Akers at Hot Springs, Arkansas, from March 15, 1937 to August 15, 1937. Akers has admitted to Special Agents his guilt in connection with this violation of the Federal Harboring Statute.

Norris, Haynes, Hairston and Lamb committed numerous crimes of violence, including armed robberies and a murder, while being protected by Akers at Hot Springs, Arkansas. On August 15, 1937, Haynes was arrested at Benton, Arkansas, by the Arkansas State Police. Later that day the Arkansas State Police killed Alfred "Sonny" Lamb as he was resisting arrest in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Norris was taken into custody one mile west of Rogers, Arkansas, on August 16, 1937 in a raid on the home of his mother, at which time he was shot in both arms and legs while resisting arrest by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Arkansas State Police, and local authorities.

Goldie Hairston, wanted for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, was found dead of gunshot wounds near Gretna, Louisiana, after he and companions had fired upon two officers of the Gulfport, Mississippi Police Department on September 7, 1937, killing one of the officers.

(Thomas Nathan Norris is presently incarcerated in the Texas State Penitentiary on one 99-year sentence for murder, two 99-year sentences for armed robbery, and a sentence of 5 to 40 years for armed robbery. Sam Stegal Haynes is presently incarcerated in the Texas State Penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas, where he is serving a sentence of from 5 to 12 years for armed robbery, and is awaiting trial on an indictment returned November 9, 1937, in the State District Court at Richmond, Texas, charging him with the murder of Robert Rutledge at Stafford, Texas. This is the murder charge for which Norris received a 99 year sentence.)

Norris, Sam Stegal Haynes, Goldie Hairston and Alfred "Sonny" Lamb are being named as co-conspirators in the indictment returned against Herbert "Dutch" Akers for his participation in the harboring of Thomas Nathan Norris.

As a result of the investigations conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the members of the Karpis-Barker gang who kidnaped William A. Hamm, Jr., St. Paul, Minnesota, June 15, 1933, and Edward George Bremer, St. Paul, Minnesota, January 17, 1934, obtaining \$100,000 and \$200,000 respectively, for the release of the victims, together with various persons who harbored and aided or abetted them, have been disposed of as follows:

Alvin Karpis	Life sentence	Kidnaping - Hamm
Harry Campbell	" "	" - Bremer
Charles Fitzgerald	" "	" - Hamm
Arthur "Doc" Barker	" "	" - Bremer
William Weaver	" "	" "
Volney Davis	" "	" "
Harry Sawyer	" "	" "
Oliver A. Berg	" " (Berg also serving life on State charge)	" "
Fred Barker	Killed resisting arrest January 16, 1935	" "
Kate Barker	Killed resisting arrest January 16, 1935	" "
Russell Gibson	Killed resisting arrest January 8, 1935	" "
William J. Harrison	Killed January 5, 1935 by associates	" "
Fred Goetz, alias Shotgun Zeigler	Killed March, 1934, by associates	" "

Bryan Bolton	Four 3-year sentences	Kidnaping - Hamm and Bremer
Wynona Burdette	Five year sentence	Harboring Karpis and Campbell
Dolores Delaney	Five year sentence	" " "
Myrtle Eaton	Six months' sentence	Harboring Weaver
Edna Murray	Serving twenty-five years on State charge of robbery	
John J. McLaughlin, alias "Boss"	Five year sentence for money changing (died in prison)	Kidnaping - Bremer
Harold Alderton	Twenty year sentence	Provided hideout Bremer kidnaping
Elmer Farmer	Twenty year sentence	Provided hideout Bremer kidnaping
Edmund C. Bartholmey (Postmaster, Bensenville)	Six year sentence	Provided hideout Hamm kidnaping
James J. Wilson	Five year sentence	Kidnaping - Bremer
Jack Peifer	Thirty-year sentence (committed suicide the date of sentence)	Kidnaping - Hamm
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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May 16, 1938

Time: 3:25 pm

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER CASE

I talked with Inspector Connelley at Little Rock and inquired whether he had received the press release in this case, and he advised in the affirmative. I told him that if the facts of the case were released at Little Rock, the first typed page of the press release would have to be changed.

Mr. Connelley stated they were making arrangements to pick up Connie Morris at St. Louis; that Grace Goldstein was in Arkansas somewhere, but they did not know where; that it was doubtful whether they would have her in custody. He advised that arrangements were being made to pick up the rest of the individuals involved in the case on Tuesday night; that as soon as they were taken into custody he should advise me, which he stated he would do.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

EAT:ps

May 17, 1938

Time: 4:15 pm

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER CASE

I called Inspector Connelley at Little Rock and advised him that you would be unable to come down there, and that he should go ahead with the plans to pick up the individuals at Hot Springs, Arkansas, involved in this case. He stated he would call tomorrow morning regarding the release, and that these people would be picked up tonight.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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United States Department of Justice
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EAT:ps

May 18, 1938

Time: 12:30 pm

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
RE: BREMER CASE

Inspector Connelley called regarding releasing information as to the taking into custody of Herbert "Dutch" Akers, Wakelin, Cecil Brock, John Stover, Morris Loftis and Mrs. Dyer. He advised that Connie Morris was also in custody at St. Louis; that she was not to be prosecuted on a White Slave Traffic Act violation, but was to be indicted on the harboring of Karpis charge.

I told him that he could release the information around 1:30 and that the facts would be given out in Washington immediately.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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EAT:JHR United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

May 18, 1938.

Time-1:10 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR *File*

Re: Alvin Karpis;
Harboring

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Roger Hawthorne, of the Associated Press, called and told me that he has a story from Little Rock stating that five men and two women have been arrested in connection with the above case. I told Mr. Hawthorne that this story is being released locally and will not be released in Washington. Mr. Hawthorne asked if the FBI was connected with the counterfeiting arrests in Kansas and Texas. I stated that this Bureau does not handle any counterfeiting cases and consequently would not know anything about such arrests.

Respectfully,
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May 16, 1938

Time: 6:05 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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RE: HARBORING CASE AT HOT SPRINGS,
ARKANSAS

Mr. Connelley telephoned from the Little Rock Office advising that the Grand Jury today returned an indictment against all of those persons previously mentioned with the exception of Garrett Moore, an officer of the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department. He indicated that an indictment was also returned in the White Slave Traffic Act case involving Grace Goldstein, who is also involved in the harboring charges. Those who have been indicted in the harboring case are Herbert "Dutch" Akers, Joseph Wakelin, Cecil Brock, Grace Goldstein, Connie Morris, John Stover, Morris Loftis and Mrs. Al C. Dyer. Mr. Connelley indicated the grand jury will continue tomorrow and an effort will be made to have secret warrants issued on the above named individuals tomorrow in order to take these individuals into custody tomorrow night. He stated that some of the agents are working on the White Slave Traffic Act case with the idea of breaking it at the time these individuals are apprehended. He advised that there will be six individuals to be taken into custody: Akers, Wakelin, Brock, Stover, Loftis and Mrs. Dyer and there are only seven available men at the Little Rock Office. He suggested contacting the Memphis Office and securing five agents and two cars to assist in this investigation.

Mr. Connelley was informed that there are now only four men at the Memphis Office including the Agent in Charge and it was suggested that he contact the Oklahoma City and Memphis Offices securing two men from each office, holding in abeyance any steps to apprehend these individuals until the facts in the matter have been presented to the Director, who may want to be present and participate therein. I told Mr. Connelley that you are presently en route to the Middle West and due to arrive there tomorrow. Mr. Connelley was informed that after furnishing these facts to you, he, Connelley, will be given your instructions and desires in the matter.

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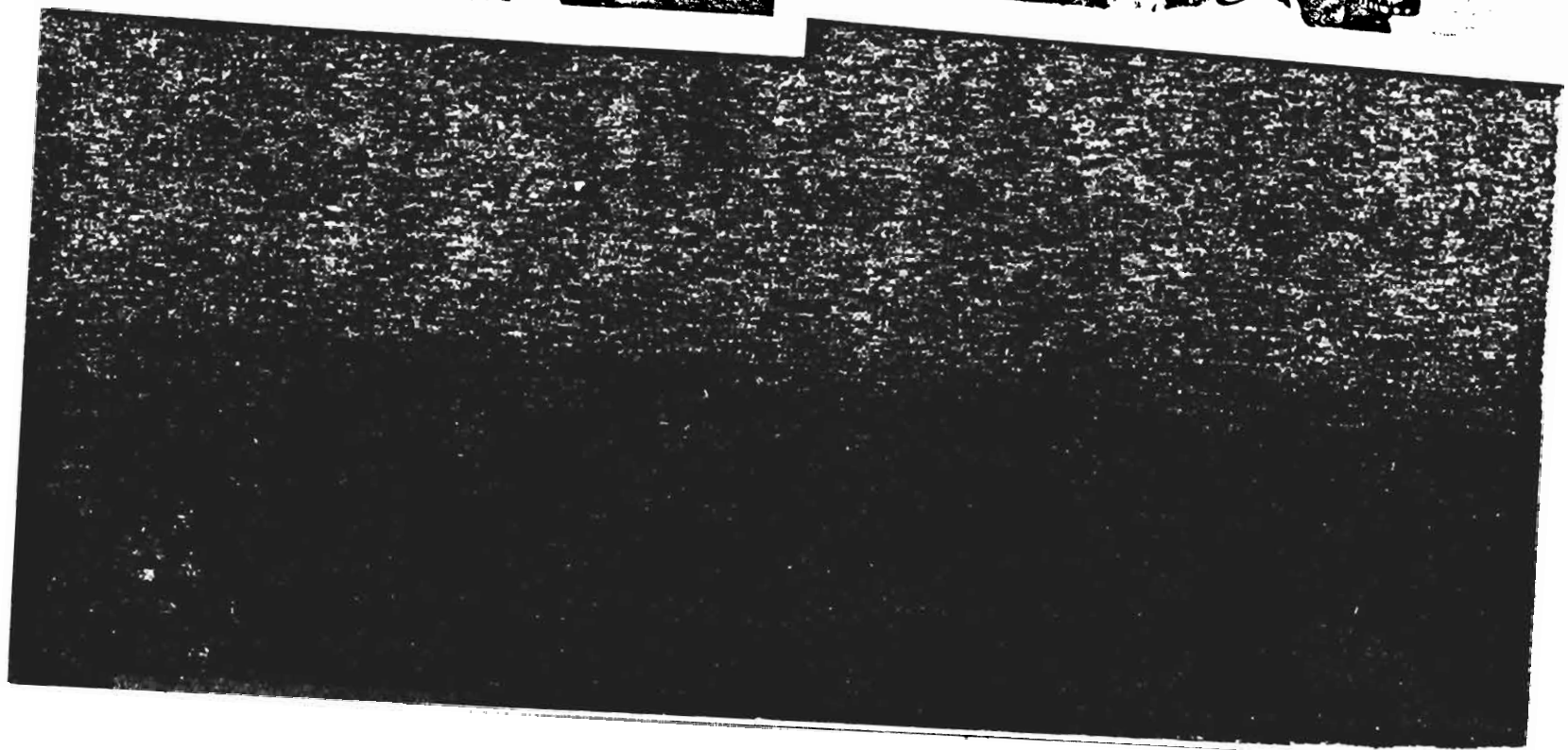
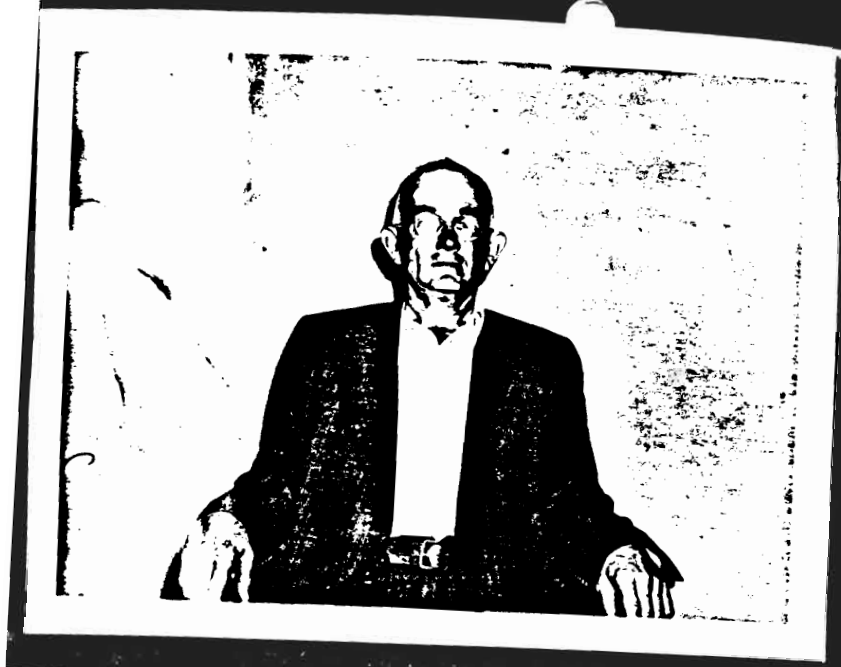
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
PostOffice Box #1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
May 17, 1938.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised Special Agents E. M. HEAVRIN and A. E. LEONARD arrived at Little Rock, Arkansas, at 9:30 A. M., May 17, 1938, from Memphis Field Division on special assignment in the BREKID case.

Special Agents W. L. BUCHANAN and C. O. HURT of the Oklahoma City Field Division arrived at noon, May 17, 1938, on special assignment on the BREKID case.

All of these Agents are making no arrangements for hotel rooms, and their address is the Little rock Field Office.

Very truly yours,

H. B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

HBf:IN
cc:Memphis
Oklahoma City

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469

Little Rock, Arkansas

May 18, 1938

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

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Re: B R E K I D

Dear Sir:

There are being forwarded herewith fingerprint cards and two photographs of each of the following subjects:

*Fingerprint cards
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for...*

- MORRIS LOFTIS
- Mrs. AL C. DYER
- CECIL C. BROCK
- JOHN STOVER
- JOSEPH WAKELIN
- HERBERT AKERS

It is respectfully requested that fingerprint records be furnished this office.

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Very truly yours,

7-576-3-320

H. B. Fletcher

H. B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent In Charge.

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Florence S. C.

F.B.I.
Sir: I read in papers about your dept catching up with the Hot Springs Police Dept. The ex chiefs harboring Keyis gang. I passed through Hot Springs some time ago and was arrested for minor charge & had to pay bail \$20. I was told by lawyer it was split 3 ways. I wish you would check further on their methods. Thanking you. I remain
& rockets: W.J. Riley = 215 City

W. J. Riley

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June 3, 1938

Mr. W. J. Riley
Florence
South Carolina

Dear Mr. Riley:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication postmarked May 20, 1938. I have noted the information which you have forwarded, and it is with regret that I must advise that the matters which you have mentioned in your letter do not constitute a violation of Federal Statutes coming within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
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June 3, 1938

Mr. W. J. Riley
Florence
South Carolina

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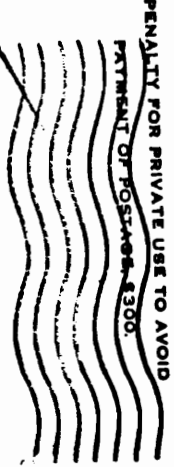
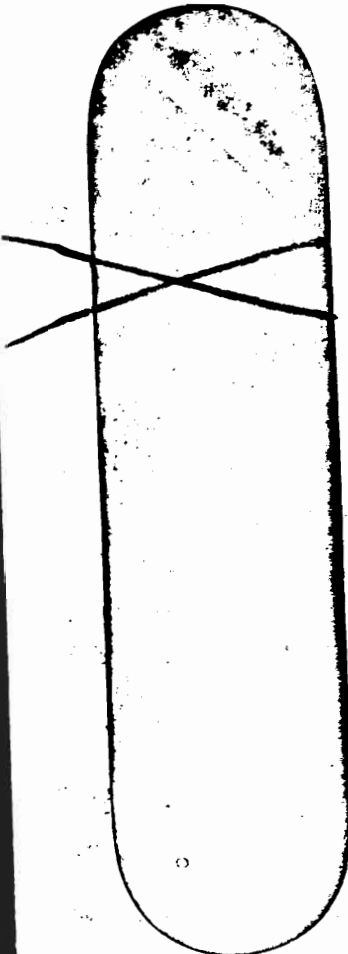
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Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT: **Cincinnati** S.A. FILE NO. **7-41**

REPORT MADE AT San Antonio, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE May 20, 1938	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/6, 16, 18/38	REPORT MADE BY T. H. Siak
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases; I.O. #1232- FUGITIVE; ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with aliases; FUGITIVE, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice National Firearms Act

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. Phillip David lives at 1118 Willard Street, Houston, Texas, and is employed at a barbecue stand 1100 Waugh Drive, Houston, Texas. Her husband advised May 18, 1938, that she had received subpoena and had proceeded to Little Rock previous week. Wanted notice on Ford V-8 Sedan Motor #2044337 cancelled in Texas Highway Department. RUC.

Reference: Letter from New Orleans office to San Antonio office dated May 4; letter from San Antonio office to Little Rock office dated May 7th.

DETAILS: At Houston, Texas.

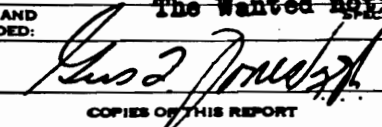
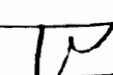
Agent ascertained that Mrs. PHILLIP DAVID is at present living with her husband at 1118 Willard Street, Houston, and that she and her husband are both employed at Frenchie's Barbecue Stand, 1100 Waugh Drive, Houston. She was not advised of the fact that a subpoena would be issued for her appearance at Little Rock.

The Little Rock office was advised of the location of Mrs. DAVID by letter on May 7th, 1938.

On May 18th, PHILLIP DAVID phoned the writer that during the week previous, Mrs. DAVID had been served with a subpoena and had proceeded to Little Rock, Ark. in answer to this subpoena.

At San Antonio, Texas.

The wanted notice placed in the files of the Automobile Registration

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">7 1576-3-322 MAY 24 1938</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">MAY 23 A.M.</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">ONE STAT. SEC. 10</div>
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Division, State Highway Department, Austin, Texas, on August 9, 1937, against Ford V-8 Sedan Motor #2044337 was removed at the request of this office in compliance with the circular letter from the Cincinnati office dated April 21, 1938.

Referred upon completion.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

No. T-1

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

Bu. File #--

May 20, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Ark.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

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

- #7-2, Morris Loftis
- #7-2, Mrs. Al C. Lyer
- #7-2, Cecil C. Brook
- #7-2, John Stover
- #7-2, Joseph Wakelin
- #7-2, Herbert Akers

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(SPECIAL DELIVERY)

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Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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For completion of our records, please supply dispositions to this Bureau in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear.

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Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

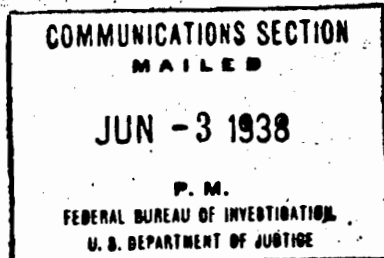
There are enclosed herewith photostatic copies of an anonymous communication received in the Bureau on May 25, 1938 which are furnished for your information and appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure.

cc-Cincinnati (with enclosure)



ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

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MAY 23 1938

Mr. Hammer in the morning
I met where to find a
nearly to give out
you found that
as Mrs. Shannon is trying
very hard to sell her fur
also 6 a. of ground at end
of Carlisle out Whitting
ton Ave. I feared she perhaps
had smelt a mouse
Mrs. Grace Goldstein
being caught they were
D. C. Shannon said
wishing you all Gods
Blessings I remain for
Honesty & right living
A well wisher

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MAY 23 1938

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.



AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

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ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION
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5-19-38

Mr. E. J. Connelley

MAJ 23 1938 P.M.
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

I am much interested in
your report of investigation. The
Crows in Hot Springs around
I feel you have omitted one spe-
cial party in passing by
Clara Shannon of 132 1/2 Cent-
ral ave. North Central Room
As she figured quite a lot
I think in the ^{alvin} Karpis case
she was in contact quite
often reading for Grace Kar-
stein & whom knows but
what she was helping her
hide Karpis's whereabouts.
Shannon claims to be a
Real fortune teller ^{delivered claim 4/3/38} & also a medium
spiritualist & also claims to
she understands the Black art

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Hypnotism In fact all that
she does along with fortune telling
always saying her forces
tells her do & do she is a
Rounder herself says she
has been married 6 times
& followed Bruce & Wallace
shows for yrs & she takes
Shannon from his wife
& children at Pine Bluff
& came to Hot Spgs & lived
with ^{him} for yrs before they ma-
ried then when he died
quite a little gossip was
rumored CONC. his sudden
death & Lena Bruce an inv-
alid living at 128 Oak St
where she died ^{recently} was appear-
as well as common on Sat
Afternoon when a Mrs
Elkins called to get work
done she went back Sun
got Mrs Bruce know of the

could care for her ⁽²⁾ she was lying
inconvincible & Mrs Shannon was
searching about the City for Parson
whom had cared for Leona Bruce
In order to have them testify that
Mrs Bruce had always intended
Mrs Shannon to have her belongings
As soon as she passed out & only
number of people have heard
Mrs Bruce mention that she had
No earthly use for Clara Shannon
& Shannon herself ^{has} after
Remarked how her & Bruce
Fought like cats & dogs fight
But when Mrs Bruce died Shannon
Taken her back to Troy N. York for
Burial as she only had 1 Aunt
& 2 Cousins living there in Troy
New York & Bruce was 66 yrs of age
Shannon had been plan on going
to Baltimore Md. to visit her son
For some time previous to Bruce's
Death but had not the means of Transp.
As she had lost an awful lot of money
Horse & carriage & her car & was

She now has three cars & all her
valuable paintings furniture & 4
val. dogs one valued at \$500.
Full terrier breed Shannon has
caused a lot of confusion &
separations between man & wife
Hattie far & near. Is still defrauding
the people. I'm assured she has
had quite a lot to do in the Karpis
case as Grace Goldstein was
to see her & have her read for her
every few days. Shannon at that
time was rooming in Room 1-
Green apts 116 1/2 Central ave
& Grace was in charge of
the Hatterie apts just acc-
ret a reputable house
Shannon influenced one
Sam Bowley owner of North
Central Rooms 132 1/2 Central
to sell out to her & go to Calif
in his as Tina Cough
and leave once he landed there.

(3)
He had been gassed in time of war
also had an asthma cough & his
Pinto had given blood for many
transfusions in St Joseph Infirmary
Mr Tribble can vouch for that. He
was very dissatisfied after she got
his place from him he was
supposed to be crazy as he was
drawing a big lot of money
from the Gov. also an insur-
ance each month some more
of Shannon's schemes as he had
a good sense as any out-living
a good health except asthma
Cough Ray Smith was his
guardian he had out a lot of insur-
ance at his death Nov. 19 just
He was on his way back from Cal
got in an accident in Mexico
It was said Shannon had requested
him visit Mexico to investigate
Gov Oil land she was trying hard
to defraud some people in that
Margarie Higdon & her were at
home at that time she also

In Irish Verb In Ireland
selling any amt of tickets
to Parties here in Hat Spr
As she has a hypnotic inf
over people & also gives the
bearances of rights & she
has said they made her
as high as \$40 in one nite
She is a dangerous Charac
ter anywhere & such things
as her & Grace Goldstein
stealing out also one Mr
Mike Blocher 325
Benton Street Hat Spr
Makes & sells drinks she
has after remarked that
she is old Marie from Wash
D.C. & so far no one has
been smart enough to cat
me she is a Catholic & staid
in with Mayor McLaughlin
is said she acc. front door
idly up stairs as you go up

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EARL L. LEVY
WALLEN HOTEL
PHONE 8-9441
MEMPHIS, TENN.

U.S. Veterans Facility
North Little Rock, Ark

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Mr J. Edgar Hoover,
Chief, Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:-

41-21205-29
Edw. J. O'Rourke

In the Spring of 1936 I wrote you from
 NORMAL, TENN. advising that some gangsters
 who visited Hot Springs, Ark had left an
 Australian Sheep Dog with a Dr McCrary
 or MCCRORY a dentist there. I understand
 they gave Dr. McCrary or MCCRORY the dog
 in payment, or part payment, or gratitude
 for dental work or professional services
 Not knowing whether you received my
 previous letter from NORMAL, TENN. I am
 again writing you in view of the arrests and
 publicity pertaining to the recent Karpis
 developments in Hot Springs, Ark. as
 you may want to investigate the
 Dr. MCCRARY OR MCCRORY matter or angle
 I also have ^{what 4/9/38 file - Little Rock Ark} certain information
 of value to the Narcotic Division and if you

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Care to have one of their men, or rather request
that they have one of their men call to see me
here, I will be glad to relate the details. I report-
ed a maibusuna matter to them in
Memphis in February over the phone and
shortly afterwards was made the victim of
an attack in the Wm Lee Hotel and otherwise
mistreated which resulted in my being com-
mitted to this Institution, viz, U.S. Veterans
Facility, a Neurosis & Psychiatric Hospital at
North Little Rock, Ark. - There are also certain
family matters involved and I can further
inform you that the SOHO CLUB in Kansas
City is a hideout for gangsters.

I may respectfully refer you to
1. Bruce Billaskie war time chief of the Dept of
Justice. I was special Agent of the U.S. Gov't
(Census Dept) at one time; also have assisted
almost every branch of the U.S. Prosecuting
Agencies as Informant. I have been a
newspaperman ^{and his police work} for thirty years and I am
not insane despite the Commitment Charge.

In further reference to the Solo Club in
Kansas City I can put you in touch with a

EARL L. LEVY

WALLEN HOTEL
PHONE 8-3444
MEMPHIS, TENN.

U.S. Veterans Facility
North Little Rock, Ark
5/19/38

Page 3. Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

a party in St. Louis who knows of certain gangsters and their methods. This party has information also of value to the Narcotic Division,

I wish that you kindly treat the letter in due confidence, and I believe it would pay you to handle this matter personally as I can inform you of a certain party in Memphis, a personal and trusted friend of yours, a high ^{est} police official who has abused the confidence of both the Dept of Justice, and you personally.

I am on Ward 102A of this Hospital and if you send one of the F.B.I. men, or the Narcotic Division men, let them bring a copy of this letter as a further means of identification and also request a good pass in order that I may discuss the matter freely without being overheard on the Ward.

(OVER)

Any consideration ~~you personally to~~ given this letter, will be greatly appreciated by the undersigned.

Thanking you, and trusting that you will personally and carefully consider the contents of this letter which I am asking a friend who is leaving the Hospital in the morning to mail for me, I am,

Respectfully yours,
Earl L. Levy

ADDRESS:-

EARL L. LEVY,
U.S. VETERANS HOSPITAL (FACILITY)
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

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June 9, 1938.

RECORDED Mr. Earl L. Levy
U. S. Veterans Facility
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Levy:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated
May 19, 1938.

Please be advised that the information which you have
supplied has been furnished to Mr. H. B. Fletcher, Special Agent
in Charge of this Bureau's Little Rock, Arkansas, Field Division,
Post Office Box 1469, Little Rock, with instructions that a Special
Agent be designated to interview you relative thereto within the
near future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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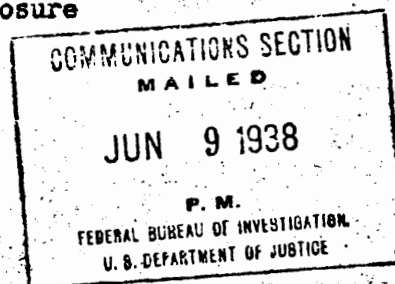
There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter dated May 19, 1938, from Mr. Earl L. Levy, United States Veterans Facility, North Little Rock, Arkansas, together with the Bureau's reply thereto dated June 9, 1938.

It is desired that a Special Agent be designated to interview Mr. Levy relative to the information which he has furnished in his letter. Please be advised that a check of the Bureau files fails to reflect the letter written by Mr. Levy in the spring of 1936 which he mentions in his letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure



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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Drawer V, Plaza Station,
Saint Louis, Missouri,
May 20, 1938.

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

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith to the Bureau the photograph and fingerprints of RUTH ROBSION, alias CONNIE MORRIS, alias RUTH ROBINSON, alias RUTH HAMM, alias JOAN BARRON, alias JOAN HAMMER, Saint Louis Police Department number 45,020, who was arrested at Saint Louis on May 18, 1938.

RUTH ROBSION was released from federal custody at Saint Louis May 20, 1938 upon furnishing \$10,000 bond.

Please furnish copies of RUTH ROBSION's previous criminal record to the Cincinnati, Little Rock and Saint Louis Offices of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

G. B. Norris
G. B. NORRIS,
Special Agent in Charge

JSB:A
cc Cincinnati
cc Little Rock--AMSD

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

EAT:JHR

United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 21, 1938.

Time-3:05 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Harbor Case;
Little Rock, Arkansas.

While talking to Mr. Connelley at Cincinnati, I mentioned that the Director has seen pictures of Connie Morris being arrested by the St. Louis police, who picked her up in connection with investigations made in Hot Springs, Arkansas to get the people who harbored Karpis and Campbell, no reference being made to the Bureau. I stated that from what the Bureau has been able to learn, the police were invited in on the raid and just stole the whole show. I told Mr. Connelley that the Director wants to ascertain whether he had issued any instructions to SAC Norris to take the local police in. Mr. Connelley advised me that he had no knowledge of such a plan and was not aware of the situation until the next day when he called SAC Norris. Mr. Connelley said that he went to St. Louis the night he went down to Little Rock and stopped at the St. Louis Office; that at no time was anything said about taking the local police along. Mr. Connelley was of the same opinion as SAC Norris in stating that all the papers gave credit to the agents of the FBI in effecting the arrests.

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1206 Tower Petroleum Building
Dallas, Texas

May 20, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

A mail tracing has been received from the Postmaster at Blossom, Texas, reflecting that Mrs. LOIS GRAYSON received a letter postmarked Skull Creek, Colorado, which the rural carrier believes to be in the handwriting of GRACE GOLDSTEIN.

According to press reports, GRACE GOLDSTEIN is in custody in Los Angeles. In the event she has been apprehended, please advise the Dallas Office, in order that the mail cover placed by Agent SULLIVAN may be withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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cc-E. J. CONNELLEY, New York

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Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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BREKID MORRIS, LOFTIS, MRS. AL C. DYER, HERBERT AKERS, CECIL C. BROCK,
JOSEPH WAKELIN AND JOHN STOVER APPREHENDED LAST NIGHT AND EARLY

THIS MORNING ON WARRANTS CHARGING HARBORING OF ALVIN KARPIS. PICTURES
AND FINGERPRINTS WILL GO FORWARD TODAY. INTERVIEWS BEING CONDUCTED

AS TO ALL WITH LITTLE MATERIAL ~~ADDITIONAL~~ ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BEING
OBTAINED. WILL CONFER LATER THIS MORNING WITH USA AS TO ARRAIGNMENT.

WILL ADVISE BUREAU IN TELEPHONE CALL AS TO FURTHER ACTION TODAY BEFORE
ANY NOTICE GIVEN AS TO PERSONS HELD. SAINT LOUIS WAS REQUESTED LAST

NIGHT TO PICK UP CONNIE MORRIS. NO FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE

AS TO LOCATION OF GRACE GOLDSTEIN BUT INFORMANT IN TEXAS WILL TRY
TO GET INFORMATION.

CONNELLEY

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SAC LITTLE ROCK

BREKID. GRACE GOLDSTEIN AS JEWELL L. GRAYSON TODAY BOOKED
PASSAGE FOR HONOLULU ON SS MATSONIA, SAILING FROM LOS ANGELES
NEXT FRIDAY NOON. SHE IS PRESENTLY REGISTERED LOCAL HOTEL.
ADVISE IF ANY ACTION IS DESIRED.

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CC BUREAU
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INSP. E. J. CONNELLEY

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FBI LITTLE ROCK 5-19-38 8-10 PM IN

DIRECTOR

Richard
BREKID WAKELIN, *AKERS*, *STOVER*, *DYER*, *LOFTIS* MADE REQUIRED BOND AND
 RELEASED MAY EIGHTEEN, *BROCK* MADE BOND MAY NINETEEN. REPORT OF
 ACTIVITY TO DATE BEING PREPARED TOGETHER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS.
 AKERS HAS INDICATED HE WILL TELL ME SOMETHING BEFORE OCTOBER BUT
 HE IS ALWAYS A DOUBTFUL QUANTITY. A WOMAN LOCATED TODAY SAW
 AKERS AT GRACE *GOLDSTEINS* PLACE ONE TWO FOUR CLUBB STREET, HOT
 SPRINGS AND ALSO IDENTIFIED KARPIS THERE AFTER WHICH SHE PERSONALLY
 REPORTED THIS TO JOSEPH WAKELIN. THIS WILL MATERIALLY ASSIST
 IN CASE AGAINST WAKELIN. SULLIVAN WILL FINISH A FEW MATTERS OF
 THIS NATURE AND THEN PROCEED ABOUT NEXT MONDAY TO HEADQUARTERS
 EL PASO.

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 WHICH ~~GILDK~~ WOULD WARRANT AN EARLIER RETURN TO NEW YORK.
 AGENT J L MADALA WILL PROCEED HIS HEADQUARTERS NEWARK, H A SNOW
 WILL RETURN HEADQUARTERS BIRMINGHAM, B M SUTTLEER WILL RETURN TO
 LEAVE STATUS FRIDAY MORING.

McCONNELLEY
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c.c.o. advised of movement
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Post Office Drawer V,
Plaza Station,
St. Louis, Missouri,
May 20, 1938.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

Re: George Timiney, with aliases;
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. 1238; et al;
Edward George Bremer - Victim;
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of Fugitives; National Firearms Act.

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I advised Mr. Tamm that on the evening when this raid was to be made, I received a long distance telephone call from Inspector Connelley, who was at Little Rock, at approximately 7:30, while I was at the Kingsway Hotel addressing the Business Circle of St. Louis, and immediately upon completion of the talk I returned to the St. Louis Office and contacted Agents J. S. Bush and G. C. Thompson. All other Agents of this office were on annual leave at this time, including our night clerk, excepting Special Agents H. G. Maynor, who was in Southern Missouri in connection with a jail case, and D. W. Maher, and for this reason Special Agent J. S. Bush and I contacted the police in the Ninth District and arranged with Sergeant Harry Powell to obtain sufficient men to assist us in the raids at 3439 Lucas and the adjoining house. There were nine prostitutes in the place where we raided, together with two negro maids and many customers, and all the doors had Yale locks on them, and the minute they discovered the identity of the persons making the raid, all prostitutes fled for cover. It took several hours to locate and identify Connie Morris and the officers participating in the raid acted entirely under my direction, and the local newspapers gave the Bureau the credit for the raid and arrest and investigation upon which they were based.

I advised Mr. Tamm that I acted in accordance with the best of my judgment, in view of the fact that time was of the essence.

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Respectfully submitted,

G. B. Morris,
Special Agent in Charge.

GBM:AM

cc Mr. E. A. Tamm



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Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Mr. E. A. Tamm

Caught in G-Men's Net



Connie Morris, 21 years old, arrested by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and police early today in St. Louis as part of a federal roundup of persons indicted at Hot Springs, Ark., on charges of harboring members of the notorious Barker - Karpis gang. Above, she shields her face from newspaper photographers. At right, a picture taken by the police for the Bertillon files.



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St. Louis Star-Times,
St. Louis, Mo.,
May 18, 1938.

Re: BREKID
St. L. #7-43.

U. S. ACCUSES 7 OF SHELTERING KARPIS GUNMEN

Three Former Hot Springs Police Officials Are Indicted by Grand Jury.

WOMAN ARRESTED HERE

Roundup Climaxes Two-Year Investigation by G-Men — Charges Made at Little Rock.

Pictures on Page 3.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., May 18.—(U. S.)—Seven persons, including three former officers of the Hot Springs Police Department, were indicted in federal court here today on charges of harboring members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Those named in federal indictments returned in federal court here this afternoon were:

Herbert (Dutch) Akers, former Hot Springs detective chief.

Joseph Wakelin, former Hot Springs police chief.

Cecil Brook, former Hot Springs police lieutenant in charge of the identification division.

John Stover, operator of the Hot Springs municipal airport.

Morris Loftis.

Mrs. Al C. Dyer.

Connie Morris, St. Louis.

The five men and two women were charged with harboring Alvin Karpis, gang leader, and Fred Hunter, a member of the gang. Both Karpis and Hunter are now serving terms in Alcatraz prison.

Federal agents went to Hot Springs early today and took in custody the three former police officers, and Stover, Loftis and Mrs. Dyer. About the same time the Morris woman was arrested in St. Louis.

Bond for Akers and Wakelin was set at \$10,000 each. Bond for the others was set at \$5,000 each.

The defendants are expected to be arraigned before Federal Judge J. C. Trimble some time next week.

The roundup climaxed an investigation by G-men over a period of two years. It sprung from discovery that members of the Barker-Karpis gang, through much of the time they were eluding federal agents, were in hiding in Hot Springs.

Announcing the arrests at Kansas City, J. Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation director, made it clear that he did not desire to clean up police departments.

"But," he said, "when members of a police department, or other citizens, harbor desperate criminals sought by the federal government, it is no longer a local matter. They must deal then with Uncle Sam."

Stover, the airport manager, Hoover said, will be charged with flying planes in which Karpis and members of his bank-raiding mob flew to and from the scenes of their crimes and their hideouts.

"At the time the former police officers are charged with helping the Barker-Karpis gang elude the G-men," Hoover asserted, "they were members of the Hot Springs Police Department."

Nation-Wide Search Ended By Arrest of Woman Here

The nation-wide search for Connie Morris, under indictment at Hot Springs, Ark., on charges of harboring members of the Barker-Karpis gang, ended in St. Louis at 2:50 a. m. today when G-men and police broke in a door on the third floor of a house in the 3400 block of Lucas avenue and took her into custody.

Trailed to St. Louis by the FBI, the 21-year-old woman is being held at police headquarters. Investigators said she is a former sweetheart of Fred Hunter, notorious member of the kidnaping gang now serving a term with Alvin Karpis in the federal prison on Alcatraz Island. She is charged with harboring both Hunter and Karpis at Hot Springs.

The St. Louis arrest came after FBI men, who had had the house at the Lucas avenue address under surveillance for three months, went there with Detective Sergt. Harry Powell and eight detectives and were admitted by a maid. The G-men in the group were Gerald B. Norris, in charge of the local FBI office, and J. S. Bush, a local agent.

When the officers identified themselves, several women in the house locked themselves in rooms on the first and second floors, and the police broke down seven doors before finding three blond women answering a description of the Morris woman. On the way to headquarters the officers decided none of the three was the one they sought and they returned to the house. There they discovered another locked room on the third floor and broke down the door. The woman inside admitted she was Connie Morris, police said. She had dyed her blond hair red.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat,
St. Louis, Missouri,
May 19, 1938.

Re: BREKID
St. L. #7-43.

Seize Sweetheart of Karpis Here

Six Other Persons Held in Hot Springs for Harboring Thug

Connie Morris, auburn-haired sweetheart of Alvin Karpis while that desperado was ranked Public Enemy No. 1, was arrested by police and Federal Bureau of Investigation agents in a surprise raid at 2:30 a. m. on a disorderly house at 3439 Lucas avenue yesterday, following her indictment at Hot Springs, Ark., on a charge of harboring Karpis. The girl is one of seven persons named in the true bill, including former high officials of the Hot Springs Police Department.

The police and the federal agents have had the Lucas avenue house under surveillance for some time, awaiting action of the federal grand jury which investigated circumstances under which Karpis and associates lived openly in Hot Springs and vicinity for some time before his arrest May 1, 1936, at New Orleans. He subsequently was sentenced to life imprisonment at Alcatraz.

SURROUND HOUSE

Federal agents under G. D. Norris, in charge of the local G-men, and detectives under Detective Sergeant Harry Powell, surrounded the Lucas avenue house prior to the raid and one of the federal agents knocked on the door. As a Negro maid admitted him, one girl at a window warned the maid to lock the door as police were approaching.

"Sorry, the police are already here," the maid replied, as she recognized the badge the agent who had gained entry displayed.

Doors were quickly locked against the officers, however, and some of the women escaped through a door and others by leaping out of a window and seeking refuge in a house next door.

Police finally broke down several doors and took three women into custody. On the way to the police station they compared the description of those held with that of their quarry and realized they did not have the woman sought.

HIDES IN ROOM

Returning they searched the house again and on the third floor, in a room which had been searched previously, they found the woman hiding behind a trunk. She admitted her identity and was taken to Police Headquarters.

Federal agents said that on the arrival of the copy of the indictment, she will be arraigned before United States Commissioner Burke and proceedings for her return to Arkansas started.

The girl also gave police the name of Ruth Ham, another of the many she has used from time to time. Police pointed out Karpis was sentenced to life imprisonment after he had pleaded guilty to the kidnaping of William Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewery head. At the time of Karpis' arrest she was with him and known as Ruth Robinson.

SEIZED IN RAID



—Staff Photo

Ruth Ham, alias Connie Morris, 21-year-old, self-made red head, who was seized by police and federal agents in a 2:30 a. m. surprise raid yesterday on a house at 3439 Lucas avenue, following her indictment yesterday at Hot Springs, Ark., on a charge of harboring Alvin Karpis, former public enemy No. 1 now serving life in Alcatraz. The girl is one of seven persons, including high police officials of Hot Springs, named in the true bills.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch,
St. Louis, Mo.,
May 18, 1938.

Re: BREKID.
St. L. #7-43.

SEVEN INDICTED, ACCUSED OF HIDING KARPIS AND AIDS

Three Officers of Hot
Springs, Ark., Police
Force, Two Women in
Group; One Seized Here.

GANGSTERS MOVED ABOUT FREELY

Report Charges Detective
Chief Talked With Leader
—Group Sent to Prison
for Kidnaping.

By the Associated Press.
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 18.—
A Federal grand jury today indicted seven persons, three of them former Hot Springs police officials, on charges of harboring Alvin Karpis, once public enemy No. 1.
Six of those indicted were arrested by Federal Bureau of Investigating agents at Hot Springs early today. The seventh, a woman, was arrested by agents at St. Louis.
Names of Prisoners.
Federal agents and United States District Attorney Fred Isgrig announced the names of the prisoners were:
Herbert (Dutch) Akers, former Hot Springs Chief of Detectives.
Joseph Wakelin, former Chief of Police at Hot Springs.
Cecil Brock, former Lieutenant of detectives at Hot Springs.
John Stover, manager of the Hot Springs Municipal Airport.
Morris Loftis, caretaker for a boat landing near Hot Springs.
Mrs. Al C. Dyer, owner of the boat landing.
The woman arrested in St. Louis, Federal agents said, was Connie Morris, 22 years old.

Karpis at Alcatraz.
Karpis, who was captured at New Orleans after eluding Federal agents in a raid at Hot Springs, is now serving a Federal sentence for kidnaping on Alcatraz Island.

Wakelin and Brock were dismissed from the Hot Springs police force in January, 1937, during an investigation of the death of John Dickson, city jail prisoner. Wakelin later was reinstated but resigned from the department May 1, 1937, on account of ill health. Akers resigned from the department last July because of ill health.

Brock was indicted with four other members of the police department for second degree murder in connection with Dickson's death. The state charged they fatally beat the man while questioning him about an assault on Wakelin. All five were tried and acquitted.

They Were Unmolested.
Inspector E. J. Connelley in his report to Isgrig said that during investigation of the activities of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang, "it was learned that the gang spent many months in Toledo and Cleveland, O., as well as in Hot Springs, Ark., where they resided unmolested."

Connelley's report charged specifically that Karpis, Harry Campbell and Fred Hunter, members of the gang, found protection in Hot Springs.

Karpis and Campbell have been given life sentences, the former for the kidnaping of William A. Hamm Jr., wealthy St. Paul (Minn.) brewer, and Campbell for the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, St. Paul banker.

"In June, 1935, Alvin Karpis together with Fred Hunter, moved to Hot Springs, Ark., residing in cottages on the various lakes," Connelley's report said.

Kept Company With Women.
Saying the two kept company with two Hot Springs women, one of whom was Connie Morris, the report added:

"They were visited in Hot Springs by Harry Campbell and others of the gang from time to time and they all moved about freely in Hot Springs without any apparent fear of arrest."

The report charged Akers, Wakelin, Brock and another unnamed member of the Hot Springs Police Department at that time, were "aware of" the identity of Alvin Karpis. It said Akers was observed on one occasion in conversation with Karpis and that Former Police Chief Wakelin "had almost nightly clandestine meetings" with Karpis' woman companion during the time Karpis and Hunter resided at Hot Springs.

Others Named in Plot.
Loftis and Mrs. Dyer, the report alleged, rented a cottage at Dyers Landing to Karpis and Hunter and "informed Karpis and Hunter in December, 1935, of the details of an investigation conducted by special agents at Hot Springs in October, 1935, looking to the apprehension of Alvin Karpis."

The report also charged Stover

Gangster's Associate



CONNIE MORRIS.

SEVEN ARRESTED, ACCUSED OF HIDING KARPIS AND AIDS

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flew Karpis, Hunter and "their female companions" to various sections of the country and "otherwise assisted them in avoiding detection and apprehension."

Akers also was accused of harboring Thomas Nathan Norris, described as one of the robbers of the Palmetto State Bank at Lake City, S. C., where \$114,000 was taken on Sept. 4, 1934. Norris also was charged with robberies and attempted robberies in Texas and Mississippi.

Connelly's report said Norris and his associates, Sam Stegal Haynes, Alfred (Sonny) Lamb and Goldie Hairston, "were harbored by Akers at Hot Springs from March 15, 1937, to Aug. 15, 1937." The report said Akers admitted this.

The report charged Norris, Haynes, Hairston and Lamb "committed numerous crimes of violence while being protected by Akers."

Norris is now serving sentences totaling 337 years in the Texas penitentiary.

Woman Arrested in St. Louis Under Surveillance a Year.

Connie Morris was arrested by police and Department of Justice agents at 2:30 a. m. today in an establishment in the 3400 block of Lucas avenue. She had been in St. Louis for about a year and under surveillance throughout that time, agents said.

She was with Karpis and his associate, Fred Hunter, when they were arrested at New Orleans two years ago. At that time she was using the name "Ruth Robinson." She was released then, with no charge against her.

St. Louis Star-Times, St. Louis, Mo.,
May 20, 1938.

Held for Aiding Karpis

Re: BREKID
St. L. #7-43.



—Associated Press Wirephoto.
JOSEPH WAKELIN (above), former Hot Springs (Ark.) police chief, and **JOHN STOVER**, airport manager, who were indicted by a Federal grand jury on charges of harboring Alvin Karpis, gangster.

Post Office Box 1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
May 19, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Inasmuch as GRACE GOLDSTEIN was taken into custody by Bureau Agents at Los Angeles, California on the afternoon of May 18, 1938, there is no longer any necessity to maintain the cover placed on the mail addressed to GRACE GOLDSTEIN'S mother, MARGARET GRAYSON, and her brother, LEONARD GRAYSON, near Blossom, Texas.

This mail cover therefore can be discontinued.

Very truly yours,

H. B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau
Cincinnati

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

No. T-8

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

Bu. File #--

May 23, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Referring to your fingerprint card quoted below please be advised that a search of the fingerprint files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation fails to disclose data concerning this individual in addition to that already in your possession.

Contributor: Bu. Field Div. Los Angeles, Calif.
Subject: Grace Goldstein, f--
Date arrested or received: 5-18-38
Charge: harboring
Disposition: To USM, Los Angeles, Calif. 5-19-38

Edw. G. Brimmer

(CC- Bu.)

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Very truly yours, MAY 24 1938 P. M.
J. E. Hoover
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

THE ABOVE SUBJECT HAS BEEN ASSIGNED NUMBER FBI 1523906 WHICH NUMBER SHOULD BE QUOTED IN FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE. FOR COMPLETION OF OUR RECORDS THE DISPOSITION IN EACH CASE IS REQUESTED.

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P. L. BUCY
TECHNICAL INVESTIGATOR

Oklahoma City, Okla.
May 23rd 1938.

SPIRITUAL ADVISER

- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. Tamm.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Coffey.....
- Mr. Dawsey.....
- Mr. Egan.....
- Mr. Foxworth.....
- Mr. Glavin.....
- Mr. Ladd.....
- Mr. Lester.....
- Mr. Quinn.....
- Mr. Tracy.....
- Miss Gandy.....

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Department of Justice,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir;-

I understand that you have rounded
up the Chief Wakelin gang of Hot Springs Arkansas, I
am sure that when you picked the parties you laid
hands on a greater criminal gang than the Carps gang.

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This Wakelin gang were kidnaping, extorting
and if it come to murder they would do that; The reason
I make this statement because they had framed to bump me
and possibly John Williams of Hot Springs. I was called
to Hot Springs April 10th 1931, to check up a title, While
there a Mr. Goss come to me and asked me to help a Mrs.
Willmot, who the parties in the Community Bank there had
swindled out of about \$185,000 cash her home worth \$35,000
and had traded to her two old apartment buildings that was
mortgaged for more than they were worth. I checked this and
found what they had done, I asked them in a kind way to give
this lady back her home which they agreed to do, but later
changed their minds and framed with the Wakelin gang to give
me the bump. This Coop and two other members of the gang
come to my room at the Hotel at 2 A.M. and arrested me, I
asked the charge and to call John Williams, they pulled
their gun and said that they would brain me, then took me
to the station, Asked if I had any money and where it was
at, and if I had any relatives or friends that had some money
I had better get them to get it to me pretty quick, They had
three sawed off shot Guns in the car and intended to take me
for a ride, but I used the Phone just the same which caused
them to give up the pumping job. I seen them extort money, I
seen them sell liquore, I seen them hold up a young man for
4 watches worth \$150 and \$68 in money, this boy was an
agent for some Watch Company and had done nothing, Two of
their gang was representing themselves to be Federal agents
which I knew was untrue. I will be gald to give you the whole
record of this matter if it will be of interest now.

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Yours truly,
P. L. Bucy, General Delivery
Oklahoma City, Okla.

P.L. BUCY

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May 31, 1938

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JEL:MK
Mr. P. L. Busy
General Delivery
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Busy:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 23, 1938, concerning the conditions at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

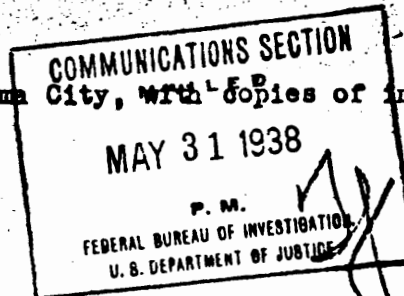
You indicate that you will be glad to give me all the information which is in your possession concerning the individuals mentioned in your letter. It will be appreciated if you will call on Mr. E. P. Guinane, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 234 Federal Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and furnish him with all details in your possession concerning these individuals, with a view to ascertaining if there is a violation of a Federal law over which this Bureau has investigative jurisdiction.

A copy of your letter is being transmitted to Mr. Guinane, and I want to express to you my sincere appreciation for your interest in calling this matter to my attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc Oklahoma City, with 5 copies of incoming letter



1206 Tower Petroleum Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.

May 21, 1938.

~~Confidential~~

Mrs. Louis H. Clark,
Postmaster,
Blossom, Texas.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Madam:

The cover placed on the mail of the Grayson family may be discontinued immediately.

Your cooperation in this matter is duly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director

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

JEL:MK May 11, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

10 A.M.

Pursuant to your instructions, the writer called Mr. Connelley at New York and ascertained that Harold Farmer, mentioned on page 9 of the proposed press release transmitted with his letter of May 7, 1938, should be Harold Alderton.

It was pointed out to Inspector Connelley that a number of sentences indicated for the individuals in his release were at variance with the Bureau's records. Mr. Connelley advised that his sentences and names were obtained from memory, which fact he inadvertently omitted from his letter of reference.

Respectfully,

J. E. Lawler
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BREKID JEWEL LEVERNE GRAYSON ORDERED REMOVED THIS DATE BUT ACTUAL
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

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May 26, 1938.

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

Re: "BREKID."

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter of the Little Rock Office, dated May 23, 1938, in the above entitled matter, in which the most recent developments are indicated, and particularly the conference with United States Attorney, FRED A. ISGRIG.

It is believed that it might be to the advantage of the development of the above indicated case if consistent with the Bureau plans, that Agent D. P. SULLIVAN be assigned to the Little Rock office in order that he might carry forward any necessary work on this case while engaged upon general assignment, there. It is believed that the addition of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan to the Little Rock office would materially strengthen the personnel assigned to that office and also would assist in maintaining the position of advantage which we have obtained by our recent initiation of prosecution as against various persons from the Hot Springs Police Department, inasmuch as he is thoroughly familiar with everyone in that locality and also would be of particular advantage in maintaining the contact with the numerous confidential informants that we have developed at Hot Springs, Arkansas while working this particular case.

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Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY
Inspector.

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June 9, 1938.

Mr. E. J. Connelley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida

Mr. Connelley:

With reference to your letter of May 26, 1938, suggesting that Special Agent D. P. Sullivan be assigned to the Little Rock Office, you are advised that the Bureau deems it inadvisable at this time to make this assignment. The Bureau has authorized Agent Sullivan to remain in Little Rock for a period of several days in order that he might complete the investigation of the various outstanding minor leads in connection with the harboring cases at Hot Springs, Arkansas, including an interview with Grace Goldstein.

The Bureau believes that it is to the best interest of Agent Sullivan that he proceed to his new office of assignment in order that he may obtain experience in the handling of general investigative matters.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Nathan.....
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- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Coffey.....
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