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April 28, 1934.

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

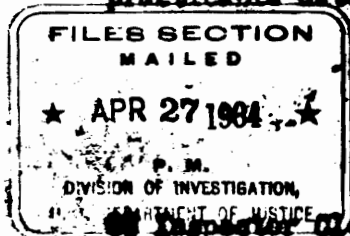
RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER  
with aliases, I. O. #1219, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There has been brought to my attention the fact that Special Agent K. E. McIntire, attached to your office, is personally acquainted with Dr. Vernon Smith, son-in-law of Dr. E. T. Hippert, who is considered very close to the Bremer family and who, perhaps, is in a position to obtain more information from members of the Bremer family than any one else outside of the family.

In an effort to ascertain whether the information furnished by victim Bremer, with respect to his experiences with the kidnapers, the description of the hide-out and the sounds heard by him, has been truthfully related to agents of this Division, it is suggested that Special Agent McIntire contact Dr. Vernon Smith and through this contact obtain the information desired. It is my understanding that you made the suggestion to Inspector Rorer sometime ago, but that no action has been taken on this suggestion to date and, unless there is some objection to this procedure on the part of Inspector Rorer or Inspector Clegg, I desire that Special Agent McIntire be sent to St. Paul at the earliest practicable date, for the purposes outlined above.

Very truly yours,



Inspector Clegg (St. Paul)

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Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York

April 27, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Billings dated March 13, 1934, in the matter of Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. #1218, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping, which has to do with the goggles used in this kidnaping.

It is noted these goggles were manufactured by the Chicago Eye Shield Company, 2300 Warren Boulevard, Chicago, Ill., and that they are known as style #524 M & L type and a welder's model. It is also observed that such goggles would be worn only by a person wearing eyeglasses. It is further noted that these goggles were manufactured and put on the market sometime between September 1, 1932 and December 31, 1932. From the report referred to it is further observed that the Chicago Eye Shield Company advised the goggles contain Essential Lite lenses and such lenses have been in the cups since the original sale.

The White Head Metal Products Company, 304 Hudson Street, New York City, is the exclusive agent for the Chicago Eye Shield Company for New England; New York State, the eastern part of Pennsylvania and as far south as the entire State of Virginia. Mr. Flak of that company was interviewed. He advised that the #524 M & L model is manufactured only with cased weld lenses which are of a dark greenish shade. He said that so far as he knows, the Chicago Eye Shield Company has never distributed the #524 M & L type with Essential Lite lenses. He said that welders and workers have their own ideas about colors and on rare occasions such a type goggle will be ordered with Essential Lite

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lenses but in such cases the agent and not the manufacturer makes the change. It is believed desirable therefore to determine from the manufacturer whether such type goggles has ever been manufactured within the period with Essential Lite lenses. Mr. Fink said that if anyone should order merely a pair of #524 M & L without specifying the type of lens, the agents assume they are ordering from the catalog, which sets forth that the welder's model of this type contains cescoweld lenses which are more expensive than the Essential Lites.

Mr. Fink also advised that the Chicago Eye Shield Company has exclusive agents throughout the country, probably not more than eight in number. He believes these agents maintain the same system that his company does, that is, a perpetual inventory is maintained and each exclusive agent can determine who ordered #524 M & L goggles with Essential lenses, unventilated type and if an order came through specifying Essential Lite lenses, on an unventilated frame, this fact would be noted on the invoice.

Mr. Fink also said that Essential Lite lenses alone are ordered on very rare occasions and that it would not be difficult for these exclusive agents to determine who purchased such lenses within the period. He also said that the lenses are interchangeable, that is, Essential Lite lenses are put into 507R type and these lenses may be taken out and fitted into the 524 M & L model.

Mr. Fink also advised that the Chicago Eye Shield Company to his knowledge, does not sell direct to any manufacturer or jobber without the knowledge of the exclusive agent. For example, if the Dupont Company ordered goggles direct, his company would receive the purchase order and fill the order. In this connection it is suggested that inquiry be made to determine who is the exclusive agent in the states of Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Reference is also made to my letter of March 1st to your office concerning these goggles. If it has not already been done, it is suggested that the particles on the glass and the frame be analyzed by a chemist to determine the nature of the material on which the user was employed and if possible, to determine what acid has eaten away the glass.

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It should be borne in mind by all offices  
that the person who used these goggles wore eyeglasses under the  
same.

Very truly yours,

F. K. FAY  
Special Agent in Charge

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Inspector Rorer (2)  
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BREKID WARRANT FOR MCLAUGHLIN XXX MCLAUGHLIN ISSUED FIVE FORTY FIVE THIS  
AFTERNOON SIX HOURS AND FORTY FIVE MINUTES AFTER ORIGINAL REQUEST THIS  
MORNING. IN DISCUSSION U. S. ATTORNEYS OFFICE HERE CLAIMS DELAY WAS  
DUE TO STPAULS FAILURE TO GIVE THEM COPY OF THEIR WARRANT UNTIL  
APPROXIMATELY FOUR OCLOCK. HAVE KNOWN OTHER CASES WHERE WARRANTS HAVE  
BEEN ISSUED WITHOUT FULL COPY OF ORIGINAL COMPLAINT AND WARRANT. SOME  
DELAY ENSUED STPAUL BUT BELIEVE CHICAGO ALTOGETHER TOO TECHNICAL  
PARTICULARLY IN EMERGENCY SUCH AS THIS.

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B-3 XXX NATHAN

ADDITIONAL MESSAGE

MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

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April 27, 1934.

MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. Egan  
MR. GUNN  
MR. LESTER  
CHIEF CLERK  
MR. ROSS

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called Agent in Charge Purvis at Chicago and asked whether he had received further information from William Edward Vidler in connection with the Bremer ransom money passed by him. Mr. Purvis advised that the only information he has given is that he received the money from John McLaughlin, a so-called political leader of the West Side. I inquired as to how much of this money had been identified as Bremer ransom money and he advised that \$2665 had been so identified. Mr. Purvis advised that they are secretly getting warrants out now; that the place was searched yesterday but nothing was found; that the Associated Press has inquired as to whether the Division has this man, stating that their information came from St. Paul, but that no information has been released.

I inquired of Mr. Purvis as to whether he had received any further information as to the location of Dillinger and he stated that an informant told him last night that the underworld reports are that Dillinger is dead; that he had a wound in his back.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley  
S. P. Cowley.

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DILLINGER THE FOLLOWING COMPLAINT NOW BEING FILED BEFORE U S COMMISSIONER  
FURNISH COPY TO U S ATTORNEY GREEN AT HIS REQUEST

QUOTE BEFORE ME, 28<sup>33</sup>48-. XXX WILLIAM T GODDARD A UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA PERSONALLY COMES AS COMPLAINANT & S HALL, J  
JUSTICE FOR SAID DISTRICT WHO BEING DULY SWORN ON HIS OATH SAYS THAT  
HERETOFORE TO WIT

ON AND PRIOR TO JANUARY 17, 1923, ONE JOHN DONXXXDOE WHOSE TRUE NAME IS

UNKNOWN TO COMPLAINANT BUT WHOM COMPLAINANT DESCRIBES AS BEING

APPROXIMATELY 30 YEARS OF AGE, TXXS FEET 8 INCHES TALL, 165 POUNDS IN

WEIGHT WITH MEDIUM CHESTNUT HAIR AND BLUE EYES, AND ONE RICHARD DOE

WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN TO COMPLAINANT BUT WHOM COMPLAINANT

DESCRIBES AS BEING APPROXIMATELY 35 YEARS OF AGE 5 FEET 7 INCHES TALL

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\*MCLAUGHLIN AND ONE WILLIAM EVIDLER, THEN AND THERE BEING HEREINAFTER  
REFERRED TO AS "DEFENDANTS" AT A PLACE UNKNOWN TO COMPLAINANT,

KNOWINGLY AND UNLAWFULLY DID CONSPIRE TOGETHER TO COMMIT AN OFFENSE

AGAINST THE UNITED STATES, THAT IS TO SAY, TO VIOLATE THE PROVISIONS

OF THE ACT KXX OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, APPROVED JUNE

22, 1921///// 1932 "FORBIDDING THE TRANSPORTATION OF ANY PERSON IN

INTERSTATE OR FOREIGN COMMERCE, KIDNAPPED OR OTHERWISE UNLAWFULLY

DETAINED" IN THIS, TO- WIT THAT AT THE TIME AFORESAID DEFENDANTS

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KNOWINGLY AND UNLAWFULLY DID CONSPIRE AND AGREE TOGETHER

THAT ON THE 17 TH DAY OF JANUARY 1934 AT TXXX THE INTERSECTION OF

LEXINGTON AND GOODRICH AVENUES IN THE CITY OF STPAUL IN IN COUNTY

OF RAMSEY IN THE STATE AND DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA THEY WOULD INTERCEPT

AND SEIZE AND

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THAT AFTER HAVING SEIZED AND CONFINED VICTIM  
CUSTODY AT THE TIME AND PLACE AFORESAID THEY, THE DEFENDANTS AFORESAID  
THEREAFTER WOULD HOLD VICTIM FOR, AND DEMAND FOR HIS SAFE RELEASE FROM  
THEIR CUSTODY, RANSOM IN THE SUM OF \$200,000.00

102309  
THAT THEY, THE DEFENDANTS AFORESAID IN EFFECTING THE UNLAWFUL SEIZURE  
AND CONFINEMENT OF VICTIM AS AFORESAID, WOULD HAVE AN AUTOMOBILE UNDER  
THEIR CONTROL AT THE TIME AND PLACE AFORESAID TO CONVOY SAID VICTIM  
AFTER SEIZURE, FROM THE PLACE OF SEIZURE, TO A PLACE UNKNOWN TO  
COMPLAINANT IN OR NEAR THE CITY OF STPAUL AFORESAID FROM WHENCE THE  
DEFENDANTS AFORESAID KNOWINGLY AND UNLAWFULLY WOULD ABDUCT, CARRY  
AWAY AND TRANSPORT VICTIM IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE.

AND TO EFFECT THE OBJECT OF THE UNLAWFUL CONSPIRACY AFORESAID THE  
DEFENDANTS DID AND PERFORMED THE FOLLOWING OVERT ACT, TO-WIT  
OVERT ACT NO. 1

ON JANUARY 17, 1934, AT THE INTERSECTION OF LEXINGTON AND GOODRICH  
AVENUES IN THE CITY OF STPAUL IN THE COUNTY OF RAMSEY IN THE STATE  
AND DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA THE DEFENDANTS JOHN DOE AND RICHARD  
ROE THEN AND THERE DID INTERCEPT AND SEIZE EDWARD BREMER, THE VICTIM A  
FORESAID.

WHICH IS AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONTRA-  
TO THE FORM OF THE STATUTE IN SUCH CASE MADE AND PROVIDED,  
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 27 TH DAY OF APRIL A. D. 1934  
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CORRECTION FOR THE BEGINNING  
JOHN V ANDERSON IS THE AGENT SWEARING TO COMPLAINT

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 26, 1934.

MR. NATHAN...  
MR. TOLSON...  
MR. CLEGG...  
MR. COWLEY...  
MR. EDWARDS...  
MR. Egan...  
MR. QUINN...  
MR. LESTER...  
CHIEF CLERK...  
MR. GORE...

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In connection with the individual arrested at Chicago in possession of some of the Bremer kidnaping ransom money, Mr. Edwards has advised that the records of the Division indicate that one William E. Vidler was received at the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois on March 3, 1920 on a charge of "larceny, etc" to serve a sentence of from one to ten years, his penitentiary number being 6729-D. This information was conveyed to Mr. Purvis, who advised it was undoubtedly the record of the man that they had in custody as he admitted serving a sentence at Joliet on a charge of larceny at about that time.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley  
S. P. Cowley

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 28, 1934.

MR. NATHAN...  
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MR. CLEGG...  
MR. COWLEY...  
MR. EDWARDS...  
MR. EGAN...  
MR. QUINN...  
MR. LESTER...  
CHIEF CLERK...  
MR. ROSS...  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In talking with Mr. Waters at Chicago this morning he advised that though they had been unable to get any information from McLaughlin in connection with the Bremer case they had obtained considerable and valuable information from Vidler.

Respectfully,

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

*Edward J. Bremer  
John McLaughlin  
Vidler*

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minn.**

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Cincinnati, Ohio.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-29-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4-24-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>A. C. Russell</b> <b>C.E.</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

There appears to be no postoffice or town in Kentucky by the name of Bortan. There is no Mary Hart known to be residing at Barton, Ky.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from the Kansas City Office addressed to the Division under date of February 20, 1934, copy of which was furnished to the Cincinnati Office.

**DETAILS:**

The Postal Guide does not reflect that there is any such postoffice in Kentucky as "Bortan." However, it does show that there is a Barton, Ky., which is located in Whitley County.

**AT BARTON, KY.**

Agent interviewed Mr. Green R. Harp, Postmaster, who advised that there was no such person residing here as Mary Hart. However, he advised that twelve or fifteen years ago a person by the name of Mary Hart lived here but that she married a man by the name of John Davis and had been living at Grove, Ky. for about fifteen years. It does not appear that this could be the person referred to in the letter of Reference as she has been away from Barton for such a long period of time.

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P. O. Box 815.  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

April 25, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE, et al.  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD  
GEORGE BREMER - Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

There are being forwarded herewith certified copies  
of United States Commissioner's complaint versus Phil Delaney,  
Jack McLaughlin, et al., in the above entitled case, with  
the United States Marshal's return thereon.

The certified papers are being forwarded to your  
office at the request of the United States Attorney here.  
Please give same the appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

HENRY HUNT,  
Special Agent in Charge.

H.L.H.

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cc U.S. Atty. St. Paul

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

On April 23, 1934 information was received by the Chicago Office of this Division to the effect that an individual had appeared at the Uptown State Bank of Chicago, Illinois and presented \$900, consisting of five dollar bills and \$100, consisting of ten and twenty dollar bills to be exchanged for ten \$100 bills. The suspicion of the Assistant Cashier who handled this transaction was aroused because he recalled the same individual having made a similar request about a week before. He thereupon compared the numbers of the five dollar bills with those of the numbers of the bills paid as ransom in the Bremer kidnaping case, which had previously been submitted to this and all other banks in Chicago by the Division, and found part of the money exchanged to be identical with that of the Bremer ransom money. As a result of this information, a circular, confidential letter was directed to all banks in the Chicago district, advising that the Bremer ransom money was being exchanged in Chicago.

On April 26, 1934 an individual, later identified as William E. Vidler, called at the First National Bank and exchanged some money. The tellers of the bank having recalled the circular letter sent out by the Chicago Office immediately reported same and stated that the individual exchanging the money might be located at a certain address. Whereupon, Agents of this Division immediately proceeded to the address in question and succeeded in locating Vidler who was taken into custody. He had in his possession at that time \$3,185, \$2,265 of which was identified as part of the ransom money paid in the Bremer kidnaping case. A comparison of the fingerprints of Vidler with those in the Division's Identification Unit disclosed that he was received on March 3, 1920 on a charge of larceny to serve a sentence of from one to ten years in the State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois. Vidler, after being questioned considerably, disclosed that he had obtained this money from John J. McLaughlin alias "Boss" McLaughlin, a political leader on the West Side of Chicago. McLaughlin was also taken into custody and later his son, Jack McLaughlin, was arrested at the Board of Trade in Chicago and \$300 was found concealed in his hat, \$65 of which was identified as part of the Bremer ransom money. Upon being questioned, young McLaughlin stated that his father had given him \$260 of this money at the time of the Bank Moratorium in March of 1933. This, of course, was obviously incorrect in that the Bremer ransom money was not passed until February of 1934. He later made a signed statement admitting that his first

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*Edward J. Bremer*

*[Handwritten initials]*

Memo, for the Attorney General.

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statement was false, and stated that about \$200 of the \$300 found in his hat was given to him by his father on April 25 and April 26, 1934 with instructions to keep same in his safety deposit box until he received further instructions from his father.

William E. Vidler in a signed statement admits exchanging over \$30,000 for McLaughlin.

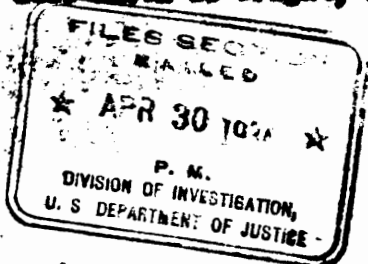
Philip Delaney, an associate of Vidler, has also been taken into custody and admits in a signed statement driving an automobile transporting Vidler and McLaughlin to various banks where Vidler exchanged money, and that he, Delaney, personally exchanged \$24,000 in bills given to him by McLaughlin.

The Senior McLaughlin refused to make any statement until informed that his son had been taken into custody. Whereupon he advised that he met one Frank Wright, a Chicago confidence man and underworld character, in the lobby of the Sherman Hotel at Chicago and that Wright had suggested to him that he exchange this kidnaping money; that he again met Wright in the Sherman Hotel about three weeks ago and that Wright introduced to him two men, known as Jones and Smith, at the Irving Hotel; that these men told McLaughlin they recently arrived from Toledo, Ohio and handled "hot" money for powerful Mid-West gangsters and that they had \$100,000 to be exchanged, and that he, McLaughlin, agreed to exchange this money on a five per cent commission basis, and that he began to exchange this money on April 17th through Chicago banks, assisted by his friends Vidler and Delaney who did the actual exchanging.

McLaughlin states that the money was sometimes delivered to his home and that he sometimes obtained it from the Irving Hotel from Smith and Jones. He agreed to exchange \$100,000 and was later advised that there were \$200,000 more available, and was advised that the first \$100,000 was that of the Hann kidnaping ransom, and that he understood the other \$200,000 was that of the Bremer kidnaping money.

Complaints have been filed against John McLaughlin, his son, William E. Vidler and Philip Delaney at Chicago, Illinois and it is expected that they will be indicted at St. Paul, Minnesota the forepart of this week.

Efforts, of course, are being made to identify and locate the individuals known as Wright, Jones and Smith referred to by McLaughlin.



Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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

April 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
224 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from your office dated April 19, 1934, relative to the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218, et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim, KIDNAPING, St. Paul file No. 7-30.

In connection with the request in the concluding paragraph of your letter for information as to whether Phoenix Donald alias Bill Weaver should be located, you are advised that from information received, it is likely that this individual is a member of the Barker-Karpis gang, who participated in the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer. There is no current evidence to point to this conclusion; however, one object in locating him would be to determine whether he possesses any of the ransom money; and it is believed that this is of sufficient importance to warrant a search for Bill Weaver. In the event he is at the time accompanied by Mrs. Myrtle Eaton, it is considered likely that she will eventually talk, probably furnishing incriminating evidence against Weaver and the rest of the Barker-Karpis gang. This is based upon information received to the effect that Myrtle Eaton is not fond of Bill Weaver but is his mistress at intervals by force rather than by choice.

Very truly yours,

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H. H. CLEGG,  
Inspector.

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 27, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. #1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

In connection with the above titled case, an investigation was conducted by this office at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, upon instructions of Inspector H. H. Clegg, to ascertain criminal record and other data concerning Phoenix Donald, alias Bill Scott, alias William Weaver, and other aliases. In connection therewith there is attached hereto a copy of a letter from this office to Inspector Clegg, dated April 19, 1934, which letter it is requested that you return to this office upon the completion of your investigation. It will be noted from that communication that Phoenix Donald, at the time he was incarcerated in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, carried on certain correspondence with relatives and others, in the course of which the name of Mrs. W. T. Bowling, sister, Salem, Arkansas, appears.

This is to advise that Special Agent Paul Hansen of this office telephonically advised me today from Mammoth Spring, Arkansas that his investigation disclosed that Mrs. W. T. Bowling, sister of Phoenix Donald, received a letter from him addressed in his own handwriting and mailed at Fort Worth, Texas. This is the only information I have, nothing being known as to local address or hotel stationery upon which the letter may have been written. However, it is thought advisable to conduct an investigation relative thereto in view of the fact that Inspector Clegg advised this office under date of April 20th that "information received by this office indicates that he (Phoenix Donald alias William Weaver) is very probably one of the kidnapers (above titled case) as he is known to have been a very close associate of the Barker-Karpis gang for some time."

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Inspector Clegg directs that "Phoenix Donald be discreetly located in order that he may be questioned in this case."

I know of no process issued against Phoenix Donald, however, it is reasonably safe to assume that in the event he is located that proper steps should be taken to detain him until instructions can be received from Inspector Clegg at St. Paul.

It is thought that you might be able through your contacts with the Fort Worth Police Department and others to discreetly ascertain if Phoenix Donald is now at Fort Worth, Texas.

Photograph of Phoenix Donald, alias William Weaver, is attached hereto and it is requested that this photo be returned to the Oklahoma City office when it has served its purpose.

The St. Paul office is requested to ascertain from the Police Department at St. Paul and furnish to the Dallas office a complete description of Phoenix Donald, alias William Weaver, St. Paul Police No. 23452.

Very truly yours,

EARLE M. BLACK, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl's.  
cc- Division ✓  
Chicago  
Mr. Clegg (St. Paul)



READY WITH YOUR CONFERENCE GO AHEAD, PLEASE

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DIRECTOR WASHINGTON AND PURVIS CGO

BREKID U S ATTY HERE IS RECALLING GRAND JURY THURSDAY MORNING THIS WEEK FOR CONSIDERATION THIS CASE AND SUBJECTS HELD AT CHICAGO HE RECOMMENDS \$200,000 BOND FOR DELANEY AND MCLAUGHLIN JR DESIRES THAT REPORT SHOWING EVIDENCE EXPECTED FROM EACH WITNESS AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE

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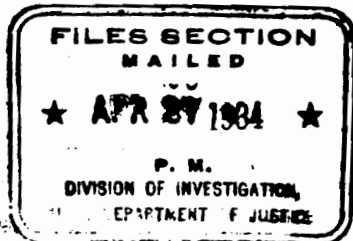
MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY

I am attaching hereto, for your information,  
a copy of a memorandum which I have just addressed  
to the Attorney General, advising of the arrest  
in Chicago yesterday of W. E. Videler, who had in  
his possession \$2,660 of the Bremer money.

Respectfully,

Director.

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April 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

In connection with the investigation which this Division is conducting into the Bremer kidnaping, I wanted to advise you that yesterday Agents of this Division in Chicago took into custody W. E. Videler. Videler had upon his person \$2,660 of the Bremer money. Videler was convicted in 1920 in Illinois for larceny and sentenced to from one to ten years in the State Penitentiary. In examining Videler, he made a statement that he had received this money from one John McLaughlin, reported to be a West Side politician in Chicago. Warrants have been obtained for the arrest of McLaughlin, as well as Videler.

In connection with this matter, I wanted to advise you of a development at Chicago which has been characteristic of some of the past developments incident to cases upon which we have worked. In some manner, possibly through employees of the bank which advised us of the efforts of Videler to exchange the bills which he had for larger bills, the newspapers learned that there was some investigative activity. They made inquiry of Mr. Purvis, the Agent in Charge of this Division at Chicago, and in accordance with the instructions which have always governed in these matters, Mr. Purvis stated at the time he could not make any comment. At that particular time Agents of our Division were endeavoring to locate McLaughlin, and to have made any public statement concerning the matter would possibly have resulted in failure to locate McLaughlin. Some of the representatives of the press at Chicago became highly indignant because Mr. Purvis would not give them all the details concerning the matter and I understand that one of these representatives called Washington and talked with Mr. Carusi in your office relative to the same. It has been quite difficult at Chicago to impress upon the representatives of the press that we cannot conduct our investigations in the newspapers and that we cannot disclose the details of our work. Because of Mr. Purvis' action in following the policy of not talking for publication in such matters he has incurred certain enmities, and I wanted you to know of this particular situation, because I believe that he has merely done the intelligent and sensible thing. If we were to disclose to the press the various investigative steps which have been and are to be taken, naturally we could not make very much headway.

Respectfully,

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Director.

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MR. ROSEN

DIRECTOR AND ST. PAUL

BREMER CASE SUMMARY

JACK MCLAUGHLIN SON OF JOHN J. MCLAUGHLIN ALIAS BOSS MCLAUGHLIN ARRESTED TODAY BOARD OF TRADE CHICAGO. WHEN ARRESTED CALIMED HE DID NOT HAVE A HAT. HAT LATER LOCATED AND \$300. IN BILLS FOUND CONCEALED THEREIN OF WHICH AMOUT \$85. WAS DETERMINED TO BE RANSOM MONEY. WHEN FIRST QUESTIONED YOUNG MCLAUGHLIN CALIMED HIS FATHER GAVE HIM \$260. OF THE MONEY AT TIME OF BANK MORATORIUM MARCH 1933. LATER MADE SIGNED STATEMENT ADMITTING FALSITY OF ORIGINAL STATEMENT ADMITTED THAT \$200. OR \$215. OF THE MONEY FOUND IN HIS HAT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO HIM BY HIS FATHER BOSS MCLAUGHLIN APRIL 25 AND 28, 1934 WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO KEEP SAME IN HIS SAFETY DEPOSIT UNTIL HE RECEIVED FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS FATHER. WILLIAM E. VIDLER IN SIGNED STATEMENT ADMITS HAVING EXCHANGED OVER \$30,000. IN BILLS FOR MCLAUGHLIN. PHILIP DELANEY IN SIGNED STATEMENT ADMITS DRIVING CAR TRANSPORTING VIDLER AND MCLAUGHLIN TO VICINITY OF VARIOUS BANKS WHERE VIDLER EXCHANGED MONEY. DELANEY ALSO ADMITS PERSONALLY EXCHANGING \$24,000. IN BILLS FOR MCLAUGHLIN. ST. PAUL OF FICE ADVISES THAT COMPLAINT AND WARRANTS ISSUED TODAY CHARGING WILLIAM E VIDLER JOHN J. MCLAUGHLIN, JACK MCLAUGHLIN, PHIL DELANEY, JOHN DOE AND RICHARD ROE WITH CONSPIRACY VIOLATE FEDERAL KIDNAPING LAW. WILLIAM E VIDLER AND JOHN J. MCLAUGHLIN ARRAIGNED BEFORE UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER WALKER CHICAGO TODAY AND BONDS \$100,000. EACH. NEITHER ABLE TO MAKE BOND.

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Mr. LESTER  
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Mr. MOHR

March 28, 1934.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-30.

On March 24th, Special Agent O. G. Hall interviewed [redacted] giving him \$10 to meet living expenses.

[redacted] had no information to offer of any value to this case. He stated he is greatly handicapped because "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt is not in town.

He was instructed to ascertain the name of "Dutch Louie" who has been mentioned in previous letters concerning [redacted] and also the name of Stanley who has likewise been mentioned. On March 27th, he telephoned Agent Hall and stated that "Dutch Louie", who is now residing at the Nicollet Hotel in Minneapolis, is Louis Schonenberg and is a former associate of Waxy Gordon of New York City. He stated that Stanley's last name is Schultz.

[redacted] is to be interviewed by Agent Hall on the morning of March 28, 1934. Were it not for the fact that the cost of maintaining this informer is unusually small, I would hesitate to retain his services in view of the little information he can secure. However, in my opinion, it would be advisable to continue his services for a short period of time in the hopes that "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt may return to Minneapolis. At the present time, "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt is in Milwaukee, the exact whereabouts unknown.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector

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April 30, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER  
with aliases, I. O. #1219, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

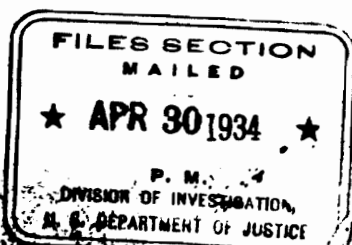
As of possible assistance in conducting the investigation in the above entitled case, there are transmitted herewith five sets of enlarged photographs of Subjects Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker, Volney Davis and Harry Campbell.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #554702

CC - Inspector Rorer (St. Paul)



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JOHN BOXS MCLAUGHLIN WHEN INFORMED OF SONS DETENTION ORALLY ADVISED HE MET FRANKIE WRIGHT CHICAGO CONFIDENCE MAN AND HOODLUM CONNECTION DESCRIBED AGE FORTY BLACK HAIR TURNING GRAY BLUE EYES HEIGHT 5 FEET 9 OR 10 INCHES WEIGHT 160 LBS IN LOBBY SHERMAN HOTEL HERE AND SUGGESTED MCLAUGHLIN HANDLE HOT MONEY DUE IN CHICAGO. MCLAUGHLIN MET WRIGHT THREE WEEKS AGO SAME PLACE AND INFORMED MONEY IN CHICAGO AND WRIGHT INTRODUCED TWO MEN LOCATED ROOM 209 IRVING HOTEL, 4845 WEST IRVING PARK BLVD AS JONES AND SMITH LATER REFERRED TO AS IZZY AND SLIM. SLIM DESCRIBED 28 OR 38 YEARS 150 LBS SLIM BUILD SANDY HAIR 5 FEET 11 1-2 INCHES FIERY BROWN EYES THIN FACE SALL LOW COMPLEXION WEARING LIGHT FELT HAT LIGHT BROWN TOPCOAT SLIGHTLY STIFF LEFT ARM. IZZY DESCRIBED 45 TO 50 YEARS 5 FEET 9 INCHES WEIGHT 165 OR 170 LBS HEAVY BUILD BROAD SHOULDERS SLIGHTLY CORPULENT BLACK HAIR TURNING GRAY NOSE GLASSES WHEN READING POCK MARKS ON CHEEKS LARGE NOSE JEWISH ORIGIN. SLIM AND IZZY TOLD MCLAUGHLIN THEY RECENTLY ARRIVED FROM TOLEDO OHIO AND HANDLED HOT MONEY FOR POWERFUL MIDWEST MOB. INFORMED \$100,000 TO BE CHANGED AND MCLAUGHLIN AGREED ON FIVE PER CENT CUT BASIS AND ON OR ABOUT APRIL 17 STARTED CHANGING MONEY THROUGH CHICAGO BANKS ASSISTED BY OLD FRIENDS WILLIAM EVIDLE AND PHILIP DELANEY WHO MADE ACTUAL CHANGE. MCLAUGHLIN SAYS HOT MONEY SOMETIMES DELIVERED HIS HOME AND OTHER TIMES PICKED UP FROM IRVING HOTEL FROM SLIM AND IZZY AND CHANGED MONEY DELIVERED IRVING HOTEL

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UNITY EACH NIGHT. MCLAUGHLIN AGREED TO CHANGE \$100,000 AND LATER  
TOLD \$200,000 MORE AVAILABLE AND INFORMED FIRST \$100,000 HAD REMAIN-  
ING MONEY AND UNDERSTOOD NEXT AVAILABLE \$200,000 TO BE BREMER RAN-  
NAPING MONEY. MCLAUGHLIN SAYS CONVERSATIONS WITH SLIM AND IZZY  
INDICATED CERTAIN MEMBERS OF GANG IN CHICAGO AND NEAR IRVING HOTEL  
DURING PERIOD MONEY BEING CHANGED. MCLAUGHLIN OVERHEARD DISCUSSION  
BETWEEN IZZY AND SLIM RELATIVE TO CRIMINALITY OF GANG MEMBERS AT  
WHICH TIME IZZY AND SLIM AGREED "PRETTY BOY, Z" XXX896 XXX  
"PRETTY BOY" WAS TOUGHEST. CLAIMS HE OBTAINED NO FURTHER INFORMATION  
CONCERNING IDENTITY GANG MEMBERS BUT BELIEVES SINCE GANG FROM TOLEDO  
THEY HAVE RETURNED THERE AS RESULT CHICAGO NEWSPAPER STORIES AND  
BECAUSE OF HIS KNOWLEDGE THAT TOLEDO IS FAMOUS GANG HIDEOUT DUE TO  
POLICE PROTECTION. UNABLE SUGGEST LOCATE HIDEOUT IN TOLEDO.  
UNABLE IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPHS SUSPECTS THIS CASE. INFORMATION FURNISH-  
ED LARSON IN DETROIT VIA TELEPHONE

INVESTIGATION IRVING

HOTEL SATURDAY NIGHT INDICATES THIS HOTEL VERY HOT AND EMPLOYEES  
UNTRUSTWORTHY. NO LIGHTS IN OR NOISES FROM ROOM 209. UNDERCOVER  
AGENT CHECKED IN IRVING HOTEL. MCLAUGHLIN BEING INTERVIEWED DAILY IN  
COOK COUNTY JAIL. ATTEMPT BEING MADE THROUGH INFORMANT AS TO  
IDENTITY AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS FRANKIE WRIGHT WHO IS APPARENTLY  
GANGS CHICAGO CONTACT.

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March 29, 1934.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-30.

[REDACTED] was again interviewed by Special Agent O. G. Hall on March 28, at which time he was given \$10 to meet living expenses.

He stated that "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt is returning to the Twin Cities within the next two or three days and that "Frisco Dutch" has promised him employment of some kind.

He stated that he has discussed with many underworld characters, mostly minor, the story appearing in the press regarding the identification of the Karpis and Barker gang, and it appears that none of the local characters know Karpis and the Barkers. All of them were of the opinion, however, that Karpis and Barker had done the kidnaping inasmuch as they had been named by this Division. He believes that the story in the papers will keep the Karpis and Barker gang out of the Twin Cities. There is also some talk among the underworld characters that there must be at least two or three local men involved in the kidnaping because of the familiarity with the habits of the Bremer family.

Concerning "Dutch Louie", who was living at the Nicollet Hotel until two days ago, the informer said that Dutch Louie is Louie Schonenberg and he described him as being 240 pounds, light hair, Jewish, 48 years of age. He stated that Dutch Louie was visited by Jack Pfeiffer and Mose Barnett.

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Concerning the Kansas City massacre, he advised that Frankie Barton has talked about the case but appeared to have no further information regarding same.

"Chic" Berman, brother of Dave Berman, an inmate of Sing Sing in New York State, is at the present time in the Twin Cities operating a baseball pool. He advised that Stanley Schultz, who lives at the Elgin Hotel, Minneapolis, Frankie Barton, and Sam Gordon are planning on sticking up a payroll, as he understands it, in St. Paul sometime this week. b7d

[REDACTED] was instructed to telephone this office immediately upon the return of "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt.

Very truly yours,



W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

APRIL 30 1934

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO

PLEASE FORWARD BY SPECIAL DELIVERY A FULL AND DETAILED STATEMENT CONCERNING  
DIFFICULTY EXPERIENCED WITH UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND UNITED STATES  
MARSHAL'S OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH MC LAUGHLIN CASE AS I AM DESIROUS OF  
PRESENTING THIS MATTER TO DEPARTMENTAL OFFICIALS

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APRIL 30 1934

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO ILLINOIS

BREKID EXHIBIT PHOTOGRAPH CHARLES J. FITZGERALD KANSAS STATE  
PENITENTIARY NUMBER SIX SIX TWO ONE FURNISHED TO YOUR OFFICE  
WITH COPY OF DIVISION LETTER DATED APRIL 9 1934 ADDRESSED TO  
INSPECTOR MORRIS IN KANNO CASE TO SUBJECTS McLAUGHLIN ET AL  
AMONG FITZGERALDS ALIASES ARE CHI SLIM SLIM WILLIAMS AND BIG  
FITZ HE HAS BEEN ARRESTED TOLEDO DETROIT AND OTHER PLACES  
DURING INCARCERATION AT KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY FOLLOWING  
1919 HE CORRESPONDED WITH NUMBER OF PERSONS IN TOLEDO  
DETROIT HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CHECK THE ADDRESSES

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

April 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218,  
et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

There is being forwarded herewith certified copies  
of United States Commissioner's complaint versus John Doe,  
Richard Roe, John McLaughlin, and William E. Vidler in the  
above entitled case, with the United States Marshal's non  
est return thereon.

The certified papers are being forwarded to your  
office at the request of the United States Attorney here.  
Please give same the appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

B. L. NICHOLSON, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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MR. EDWARDS  
MR. EGAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
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MR. ROHR

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,

*Edward J. Purvis*

Agent in Charge Purvis at Chicago advised that they had just picked up a man there who had \$3185 on him; that this money has been checked and has been found to be the Bremer money; that he stated that he is fourth removed from the gang; that he went to the First National Bank this morning and exchanged some money; that two of the tellers came to the Chicago office and advised that they knew where his "Bookie" joint was; that they went with the Agents when he was picked up; that he at first stated that somebody rode by him in his car and threw the money into his car; that his name is William Edward Vidler; that he has been at the Joliet Penitentiary; that the first two digits of his number there are 67; that he has scars on both of his thumbs and on his left middle finger; that his fingerprint classification is 25  $\frac{2}{1}$   $\frac{R}{R}$   $\frac{10}{00}$ ; that he is 34 years of age; that he served

time for auto theft in Joliet, said time ending in 1923; that he married after he served time in Joliet; that he has 2 children, a boy 2½ years of age and a girl 1½ years of age; that he lives at 5001 N. Ashland Avenue, second floor, east apartment, with his wife's mother, Mrs. Mabel Seele; that he moved to that address from 6430 North Mozart Avenue, where he lived for six months; that he stated that he met a man named William Burns at the McVickers Theater in Chicago last Tuesday and this man passed him the package of money and told him to change it; that Burns was in the prison at Joliet with him on a stick-up charge. Mr. Purvis stated that Vidler was to meet Burns today at noon at Irving and Crawford Avenue in Chicago and that they are going to proceed to that point in an endeavor to pick up Burns. Arrangements are being made to search the home of Vidler.

Mr. Purvis advised that this is the same individual who was passing the Bremer money at the uptown bank the first part of the week.

Respectfully, 7-576-1804

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

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY.**

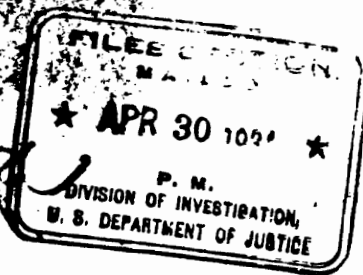
For your information, I am transmitting herewith a copy of a memorandum directed to the Attorney General concerning the apprehension of John J. McLaughlin, et al, of Chicago, Illinois, in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

Very truly yours,

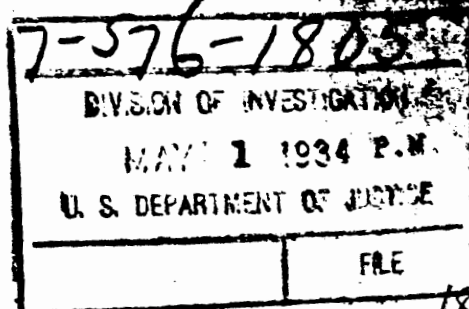
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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April 25, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. EGAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
CHIEF CLERK  
MR. RORER

Upon my arrival at the Chicago Office on the morning of April 14, 1934, Special Agents V. W. Peterson and K. R. McIntire were assigned to accompany me on the survey of towns to be made with reference to locating the hide-out where Bremer was held. Special Agent McIntire is assigned to the Bremer Case at the Chicago Office and has developed an index of the case and has arranged his files according to subject matter. Agent McIntire advised me that no work had been done on the Bremer Case at the Chicago Office since the first of April, inasmuch as instructions had been received from the Division to concentrate all Agents on Dillinger leads.

When information was obtained at Whitewater, Wisconsin, on April 16, 1934, indicating that the Pitt sisters, who were serving a sentence at the Reformatory at Milwaukee, and the Shaw brothers, who were serving a sentence at Green Bay, Wisconsin, possibly had information concerning the subjects involved in the Bremer Case, Agent Peterson was sent to Milwaukee and Green Bay, Wisconsin for the purpose of interviewing these individuals, and it was later learned that these individuals had previously been interviewed by Special Agent R. B. Brown, prior to April 1, and no report covering the interviews had been submitted, and therefore Special Agent McIntire was not aware of the fact that these individuals had been interviewed. Special Agent Brown apparently having been put on the emergency Dillinger leads, had not had an opportunity to submit a report covering these interviews.

When this matter was brought to the attention of Special Agent in Charge Purvis, he instructed Brown to promptly submit the report, and it was suggested to Mr. Purvis that Special Agent McIntire devote his time to the Bremer Case, in order to become thoroughly acquainted with the investigation conducted to date, so

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as to be in a position to proceed with the Bremer investigation as soon as Agents become available again. When I departed from the Chicago Office, Mr. Purvis had assigned a clerk to assist Agent McIntire in bringing his index and files up to date, in order that investigations would not be duplicated as was done in the above instance.

Respectfully,

*R. E. Newby*  
R. E. Newby

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DIRECTOR

WARRANTS ISSUED FOR JACK MCLAUGHLIN JUNIOR AND PHILIP DELANEY  
AT ARRAIGNMENT THE BOND WAS SET AT \$30,000 FOR YOUNG MCLAUGHLIN AND  
\$75,000 FOR DELANEY THE HEARING HAS BEEN SET FOR MAY SEVENTH 1934  
WHICH IS THE SAME DATE AS THE OTHER HEARINGS IN THIS CASE

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- MR. NATHAN
- MR. TOLSON
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RESENDING MESSAGE TROUBLE EXPERIENCED WITH MACHINE  
WARRANTS ISSUED FOR JACK MCLAUGHLIN AND PHILIP DELANEY AT  
ARRAIGNMENT BOND WAS SET FOR \$30000 FOR YOUNG MCLAUGHLIN \$75000  
FOR DELANEY. THE HEARINGS HAVE BEEN SET FOR MAY 7 1934 WHICH IS  
THE SAME TIME AS THE OTHER HEARINGS IN THIS CASE

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BREKID JAMES FRANKLIN COLORED BELLHOP IRVING HOTEL REPORTS SLIM AND  
COMPANION BELIEVED TO BE IZZY HAVE BEEN IN ASSOCIATION WITH DOCTORS  
JOE MORAN AND JIM WILSON AT ABOVE HOTEL SINCE CHRISTMAS THOUGH FORMER  
HAVE NO ROOMS THERE. ABOVE PARTIES NOT SEEN SINCE LAST FRIDAY.

IZZY NOT SEEN SINCE LAST THURSDAY. DOCTOR L. J. MACKEY, DENTIST HAS  
OFFICES WITH MORAN. MACKEY NOT SEEN SINCE LAST SUNDAY SLIM DESCRIBED

ABXKAGE 30 HEIGHT 6 FEET THREE INCHES LAST SEEN WEARING LIGHT GRAY  
T, GRAY TOPCOAT, GRAY X-SUIT AND BLACK SHOES. IZZY DESCRIBED

AS AGE 50, HAIR GRAY AT TEMPLES AND MIXED ON TOP, HEIGHT  
5 FEET 6 INCHES, FACE ROUGH, BUILD HEAVY, POTBELLY

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Jacksonville, Fla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>Apr. 29, 1934</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>Apr. 28, 1934</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. E. McRae, Jr.</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Leota Graham has left Crestview, Florida;  
now resides Omaha, Nebraska.

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**REFERENCE:** Letter from Kansas City Division office dated March 27, 1934.

**DETAILS:** At Crestview, Florida

At the Vogel Tourist Camp, just outside of Crestview, Florida, this Agent was advised by Cleve Jones that he had purchased the place from Leota Graham two months ago and that she had gone to Omaha, Nebraska, with her parents. Claude Vogel had left there three months prior to the time Leota Graham did, they having "split up". Mr. Jones showed the writer a letter addressed to him from Leota Graham pertaining to a payment he owed her on the camp. This letter bore a return address of 124 S. 24th St., and was postmarked Omaha, Nebraska.

Photostatic copies of fingerprints and photographs furnished the Jacksonville office for use in this investigation are herewith returned to the Kansas City office, as requested.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:** THE KANSAS CITY DIVISION OFFICE will interview Leota Graham, 124 South 24th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, along the lines requested in letter of reference.

~~REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN~~

"Pending"

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-576-1809</b>	RECORDED AND INDEXED <b>MAY 2 1934</b>
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3 Division 2 Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul 2 Kansas City (Enclosures) 2 Chicago 2 Jacksonville		UNITED STATES <b>MAY 2 1934 A M</b> BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>[Signature]</i> FILE	CHECKED OFF <b>MAY 2 1934</b> INDEXED

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

April 30, 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

For your information there are transmitted, herewith,  
copies of telegrams dated April 29, 1934 and April 30, 1934, which  
were directed to me by Mrs. McLaughlin. Mrs. McLaughlin is the  
wife of John J. McLaughlin, alias "Boss" McLaughlin, and the  
Mother of Jack McLaughlin, who were recently arrested in  
connection with the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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TELEGRAM - DATED APRIL 29, 1934

MELVIN PURVIS

WONT YOU PLEASE TELL ME WHERE MY SON IS? WHAT KIND OF TREATMENT ARE  
YOU AND YOUR MEN GIVING HIM? WHAT KIND OF A MAN ARE YOU THAT YOU WONT  
LET HIM TELEPHONE HIS MOTHER? YOUR UNPRINCIPLED METHODS MAKE ME  
WORRIED OVER HIS SAFETY. I APPEAL TO YOU TO RETURN HIM AT ONCE

MRS MCLAUGHLIN

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TELEGRAM - DATED APRIL 30, 1934

MR. MELVIN PURVIS

I READ YOU ARE TRYING TO LOCATE THE UNDESIRABLE ASSOCIATES OF MY  
HUSBAND INVESTIGATE SEVEN MEN YOU WENT TO WAIT ALL AFTERNOON WITH HIM  
AND FAMILY SATURDAY THEY ARE THE ONLY MEN OF THAT CHARACTER HE KNOWS  
OR EVER ASSOCIATED WITH BETTER INVESTIGATE HOPE THIS WILL HELP YOU

MRS MCLAUGHLIN

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et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -  
Victim. KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

I am attaching, hereto, a newspaper clipping taken from the Chicago Daily Tribune of April 30, 1934, relating to the alleged implication of William Elmer Mead in the above entitled case. The facts set forth in the newspaper clipping compare favorably with those developed by Special Agents of the Division in this case.

It will be noted in the report of Inspector W. A. Rorer, under date of February 20, 1934, Edward G. Bremer, the Victim in this case, was interviewed concerning his transaction with Martin Wunderlich, who it is alleged borrowed a large sum of money from Bremer as a result of the fraudulent scheme of William Elmer Mead.

Your attention is also respectfully invited to my letter dated January 27, 1934, wherein information is set forth as provided by Lieutenant Edward J. Kelly of the Confidence Men Detail, Chicago Police Department. It will be noted from this letter that Mr. Kelly interviewed Martin Wunderlich on January 26, 1934, at which time Mr. Wunderlich explained the details of the confidence game and identified the picture of one, William E. Mead, Chicago Police Department group picture number 5647. This individual is known to Lieutenant Kelly and was arrested at 2970 Sheridan Road on August 10, 1933 as a fugitive from Lima, Ohio and was returned to Lima where he remained, forfeiting a \$30,000.00 bond.

Although the information contained in the newspaper account corresponds favorably with the information developed by Special Agents of the Division, please be advised that no information whatever concerning same was furnished to the press by the Chicago Office.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis  
per U. W. C.

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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## 3 Ohio Felons Disarm Guard, Break Prison

(Picture on Back Page.)

Columbus, O., April 29.—(AP)—Three convicts escaped today over the walls of the Ohio penitentiary despite the strong guard that has been installed to prevent any attempt to deliver three Dillinger mobsters.

The convicts terrorized 18 men, forcing prison officials and guards to submit to a smuggled automatic pistol, and collected a shotgun, a gas gun and a rifle in their scramble over the wall.

Auto Waiting for Them.

They went up the wall on a ladder, helpless guards standing by, on the pretense they were to fix a searchlight. Disarmed the wall guard, slipped to the street with a cable, and drove away in a small car with three men who had been waiting for them. Not a shot was fired.

Theodore G. Roazmann, a federal officer working as a field representative and now will inspector for the

## \$50,000 FRAUD LINKS FUGITIVES WITH KIDNAPING

### New Evidence Points to Dillinger Crew.

Chicago operatives of the department of justice ordered the arrest yesterday of William Elmer Mead, notorious swindler, as they followed a thread in the tangled skein which involves the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and the search for Desperado Dillinger's gang.

Mead is wanted, because federal agents believe he directed the kidnaping gang, which has Dillinger affiliation, to Banker Bremer as a likely ransom prospect. The order for his arrest followed the seizure of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin and four others late last week as a result of the tracing of some of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom here.

Contractor Is Swindled.

The Bremer investigation revealed yesterday that, a short time before the kidnaping, Martin Wunderlich, a St. Paul and Jefferson City, Mo., contractor, was swindled out of at least \$50,000, according to the operatives of Mead and his gang.

Melvin Purvis, chief of the department of justice bureau of investigation here, who was being assisted by Harold Nathan, second in command of the government bureau at Washington, refused to discuss the link between the Wunderlich swindle and the Bremer ransom. He also declined to name two prisoners he is holding incommunicado along with "Boss" McLaughlin, John J. McLaughlin Jr., his 17 year old son, and William Vidler, in whose hands some of the Bremer ransom money was supposed to have been found.

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"We are looking for Dillinger every minute of the day, but have received

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...swindled out of at least \$25,000, according to the testimony of Mead and his partner, Alvin Purvis. Purvis, a former member of the federal bureau of investigation here, who was being assisted by Harold Nathan, second in command of the government bureau at Washington, refused to discuss the link between the Wunderlich swindle and the Bremer ransom. He also declined to name two prisoners he is holding incommunicado along with "Boss" McLaughlin, John J. McLaughlin Jr., his 17 year old son, and William Vidler, in whose hands some of the Bremer ransom money was supposed to have been found.

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"We are looking for Dillinger every minute of the day, but have received no reports even hinting at his whereabouts," Purvis said. "No one has reported seeing him and no reports of progress have been made by the agents on the case. We are in touch with all phases of the search."

#### On a Live Trail.

According to the investigators, Vidler, a gambler and ex-convict, said he obtained the \$2,600 in ransom money which he carried from "Boss" McLaughlin. McLaughlin's past record of obtaining the release of many criminals from penitentiaries when he was a political power on the west side and a member of the legislature, and his indictment last fall on a charge of possessing bonds taken in a loop mail robbery on Dec. 6, 1932, have convinced the federal men they were on a live trail. They were seeking information connecting McLaughlin with Mead.

Also the federal agents have asked police of all cities to report any known relations between Mead and Barker and Karpis. Mead is 50 years old and has served prison sentences in California, Colorado, and Florida. He is known as the "Christian Kid" and is married to a woman known as "California Kate."

#### Headquarters in Chicago.

In his youth he was a shoplifter, but for many years he has been known as the head of the slickest gang of confidence men ever to operate in this country, according to the agents. They said he now owns two buildings in Chicago and has been making his headquarters here for some time.

His entry into the investigation of the Bremer kidnaping came when Wunderlich, the contractor, called at Purvis' office here and told his story of the \$50,000 fraud. The connection between the Wunderlich swindle and the Bremer kidnaping was immediately suspected by the federal operatives.

In St. Paul yesterday friends recalled that Wunderlich had sustained a loss in a swindle last year, but they said he was secretive about it and mentioned only losing \$5,000. He asked that it be kept secret. He was reached by telephone in Jefferson City, Mo., last night and admitted having put federal agents on the trail of Mead.

"I didn't lose any large amount," Mr. Wunderlich said. "I picked up Mead's picture in connection with it."



about it. As the son of a contractor, he was lured to South Bend last year and there the setting was arranged for his freedom. Wunderlich heads a large contracting firm that has offices in St. Paul, Jefferson City, and St. Joseph, Mo.

What happened later was outlined as follows:

The confidence men had interested Wunderlich by the statement of one that his father-in-law was state engineer of Indiana and had charge of the letting of all contracts, including those made possible by federal easy money funds. It was suggested that it might be worth Wunderlich's while to meet this engineer.

#### Meets Mead in South Bend.

An arrangement was made for a meeting in a South Bend hotel where Wunderlich made his appearance and was greeted warmly by the supposed son-in-law and a few friends, including Mead, who was introduced as a Chicago sportsman, interesting in racing. They said that the state engineer had been called suddenly to Washington but would return to South Bend as soon as possible.

While Wunderlich and the others waited they met a man who introduced himself as a Kentucky colonel. He appeared wise in the ways of making money through horse racing. The colonel finally confided to his new friends that he had a scheme for tapping telegraph wires and getting race results which could then be withheld from the gamblers long enough for him to place bets.

A few days of moderate winnings were reported by the swindlers, after which the "Kentucky colonel" arranged for a "big killing." After a feverish session the conspirators announced to Wunderlich that they had won \$900,000. But there was a hitch, they told him. The gamblers would not pay off until they were assured Wunderlich and the others could have paid if they had lost.

#### Induce Wunderlich to Raise Cash.

Wunderlich was induced to raise sufficient cash to convince the gamblers of their integrity. With one of the men, probably Mead, accompanying him, Wunderlich went to St. Paul and called on his friend, Edward Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank.

Wunderlich, according to the federal agents, had no difficulty getting the money from Bremer. He carried it to South Bend, and that was the last he saw of it and of his erstwhile friends.

The government men declared that Wunderlich's call upon Bremer for the money was the act that marked Bremer for a ransom victim. It called attention to the funds at his command and to the fact that the banker's father, Adolph Bremer, was wealthy and could pay a large ransom.

#### Ransom Money Turns Up.

The swindlers are believed to have passed the information to the kidnapers, and last Jan. 17 Bremer was abducted. His father paid \$200,000 in \$5 and \$10 bills for his release, the money being handed over in Faribault, Minn., and Bremer was released Feb. 8. The serial numbers of all the ransom money had been taken and given to federal men. Last week some of the bills turned up and were traced to Vidler, who was seized in a loop gambling house.

That was on Thursday. After questioning Vidler, United States Attorney Dwight F. Green swore out a warrant on Friday night, charging McLaughlin with being an accessory to the St. Paul kidnaping. Later, McLaughlin's son was arrested in the Board of Trade building after it became known he had a safety deposit box.

On Saturday McLaughlin was arraigned and held to the federal grand

## HUNTED IN BREMER KIDNAP



WILLIAM E. MEAD, ALVIN KARPIS, ARTHUR BARKER.  
William Mead, Alvin Karpis, and Arthur (Doc) Barker for whom warrants have been issued in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case and the swindling of Martin Wunderlich, St. Paul contractor and friend of Bremer.

#### AUTOMOBILE THEFTS.

Automobiles stolen, 25; recovered, 46; stripped, 4. [From police records for the 24 hours ending at midnight, Saturday.]

jury under \$100,000 bond. The son was also locked up. Attorney Joseph R. Roach, representing McLaughlin, denied that the government had traced any of the Bremer money to his client.

McLaughlin has admitted he knows Vidler but denies having had any dealing with him. He also denies having handled any of the ransom money.

It was while government agents were waiting for some of the ransom money to turn up that they learned of the swindling of Wunderlich. The contractor had not made any formal complaint to police and it was not until after the Bremer kidnaping that his experience appeared significant. Whether he and Bremer ever discussed the possibility of Mead being responsible for the kidnaping was not learned.

A postal inspector from New York, identified only as a Mr. Graham, was here recently seeking to arrest Mead, and later planned to seize him in Florida, where Mead was scheduled to appear for trial last month. Mead, however, forfeited his bonds there and has since been in hiding. Mead's two buildings in Chicago were being watched by federal agents last night.

A STAR  
ESTABLISHED  
MONTH  
Men

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

UNIT #1 Room 420  
5-4-1934.

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nathan  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 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. Listerman  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Little  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Lowdon  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Newby  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Stapleton  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Gandy  
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*Miss A. C. Carthy*  
*H. H. Clegg*

H. H. CLEGG

April 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In connection with the conditions in the Oklahoma City office, as outlined by Mr. Nathan in his telephone call with you on April 20, 1934, I discussed these matters with Mr. Brantley, who advised that in his opinion two Agents should be assigned to work exclusively on the Calatas case and of the personnel now assigned to his office recommended Agents Black and Marshall for this assignment; that two Agents should be assigned exclusively on the Floyd and Richetti case and recommended Agents Denderick and Smith; that two Agents should be assigned to work exclusively on the Bremer case, primarily looking toward the apprehension of the Barker and Karpis gang, and recommended Agents Hansen and Franklin. Mr. Brantley is of the opinion that the Dillinger case does not require special assignment in the Oklahoma City territory at this time, there being no indication that Dillinger has ever been in that district or that his hide-outs or contacts are in that section but that the leads which have been coming into Oklahoma City in connection with this case could well be handled as general assignments; they, of course, to be given preference over other matters.

There are at the present time thirteen Agents assigned to the Oklahoma City office and Mr. Brantley is of the opinion that in order to give the above named cases the attention they deserve they should be made specials, as above indicated, and that to take care of the general assignments in the Oklahoma City territory eight additional Agents should be transferred to Oklahoma City, some of whom at least should be experienced.

In connection with Mr. Nathan's comments on the personnel in the Oklahoma City office, Mr. Brantley advises that Agent Birch is a willing hard worker; that he is inexperienced and is not an average Agent but that with careful and close supervision he may eventually develop into an average Agent, but not into a better than average Agent.

With respect to Agent Black, Mr. Brantley advises that he is energetic and forceful and a very efficient Agent.

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Mr. Brantley advised that Agent Butterworth is capable of handling any kind of assignment well but he does not believe him to be as well adapted to work involving raids in the pursuit of hardened criminals as to other classes of work.

Mr. Brantley advises that Agent Chipman is qualified for any type of work, as is Agent Deaderick.

Mr. Brantley advises that Agent Franklin is a bit slow, but his work is fair.

He reports that Agent Hansen is an efficient Agent and is well qualified to handle any type of case.

Agent Hartin is an average Agent.

Agent Marshall is comparatively new in the service. He does good work and will, in Mr. Brantley's judgment, develop into an average Agent.

Agent Owens has been in the service since June, 1933. It is Mr. Brantley's opinion at this time that it is doubtful that with close supervision he will ever develop into an average Agent.

Agent Perkins has been in the service several years, is a hard worker and handles a large volume of work, but it is not believed that he is adapted to handling those investigations involving hardened criminals.

Agent Smith is a seasoned Agent. He handles a great deal of work and is especially valuable for his contacts with peace officers and enforcement agencies. He is qualified to handle investigations involving hardened criminals.

With the exception of Agents Birch and Owens Mr. Brantley is of the opinion that all of the Agents now assigned to the Oklahoma City office are doing at least average work and that the following Agents are above the average; Black, Chipman, Deaderick and Hansen, in the order named.

Respectfully

S. P. Cowley.



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Special Agent in Charge,  
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1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

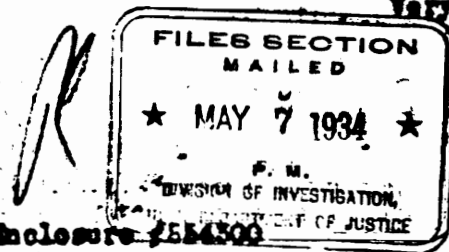
RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases  
Identification Order #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases  
Identification Order #1219, et al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 30, 1934 to which was attached newspaper clippings taken from the Chicago Daily Tribune of April 30, 1934, containing information as to the alleged implication of one William Elmer Mead, in the above entitled case.

There are attached hereto copies of an abstract of the criminal record of this individual. The Division does not possess a very good photograph of this individual. Therefore, you should obtain from the Chicago Police Department the group photograph #5847, which includes a photograph of Mead, and forward same to the Division to complete its files.

Very truly yours,



Director.

cc Mr. A. E. Clegg  
St. Paul Office

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SAC ST PAUL

BREKID ON APRIL 26 WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER EXCHANGED TEN TEN DOLLAR  
BILLS IDENTIFIED AS BREMER RANSOM MONEY AT THE CITY NATIONAL BANK  
AND TRUST COMPANY, 208 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET FOR ONE HUNDRED ON DOLLAR  
BILLS. VIDLER PARTIALLY IDENTIFIED BY WILLIAM ZOCH WHO HANDLED  
TRANSACTION. VIDLER ADMITTED TO AGENTS NICHOLS AND RICE HERE THAT HE  
MADE THE EXCHANGE THRU ZOCH. ZOCH HAS THIS MONEY NOW. AT CHICAGO DI-  
VISION OFFICE AGENTS BILLINGS AND NICHOLS FOUND \$3,185.00 ON PERSON  
OF VIDLER OF WHICH \$2,625.00 PROVED TO BE BREMER RANSOM  
MONEY. AGENT CROWL COMPARED THIS MONEY WITH BREMER RANSOM MONEY.  
WILLIAM H. BLESCHKE, ASSISTANT CASHIER, LAKEVIEW TRUST AND SAVINGS  
BANK, 3201 ASHLAND AVENUE ADVISED THAT ON APRIL 23, VIDLER EXCHANGED  
THRU HIM ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN TEN DOLLAR BILLS AND ONE THOUSAND  
IN FIVE DOLLAR BILLS. BLESCHKE HAS 31 FIVE DOLLAR BILLS IN HIS POSSESSION  
HE HAS CHECKED THEM AGAINST LIST OF BREMER MONEY AND FOUN IDENTICAL.  
ADVISE IF YOU WISH TO BRING SUCH BILLS WITH HIM TO GRAND JURY. SIGNED  
STATEMENT OF VIDLER CAN BE INTRODUCED BY AGENT NICHOLS. AGENT M.C.  
FALKNER ADVISES HE FOUND BREMER MONEY IN THE HAT BAND OF JOHN JOSEPH  
MC LAUGHLIN AT BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING, CHICAGO. AGENT CROWL CHECKED  
THIS MONEY AGAINST LIST OF BREMER MONEY AND FOUND \$85.00 TO BE RANSOM  
MONEY. THIS MONEY IN POSSESSION OF THIS OFFICE. FALKNER CAN INTRODUCE

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SIGNED STATEMENT OF MCLAUGHLIN JR. J J MC LAUGHLIN ALIAS BOSS INTERVIEWED AGENT R D BROWN THAT ONE FRANKIE WRIGHT INDUCED HIM TO HANDLE HOT MONEY. THAT HE BOSS, GOT HIS MONEY THRU ONE SLIM AND ONE IZZY, THAT HE, BOSS, KNEW THE MONEY WAS HOT, AND WAS TOLD THAT HE WAS HANDLING HAMM KIDNAP MONEY, AND THAT HE SHOULD HURRIEDLEY DISPOSE OF SAME AS THERE WERE \$200,000 MORE IN BREMER KIDNAP MONEY TO DISPOSED OF. BOSS ADMITTED SECURING VIDLER AND DELANEY TO EXCHANGE HOT MONEY. AGENT BROWN CAN INTRODUCE A SIGNED STATEMENT OF PHILIP DELANEY WHICH ADMITS THAT HE EXCHANGED HOT MONEY FOR BOSS MC LAUGHLIN, AND FURTHER THAT DELANEY WAS OF BELIEF THE MONEY WAS BREMER MONEY.

SUMMARY REPORT BEING SENT YOU TONIGHT. BLESCKE STATES HE WILL PROCEED TO ST PAUL WITHOUT ~~BEING~~ BEING SERVED ~~HERE~~. PERHAPS ADVISABLE TO HAVE U S ATTORNEY ADVISE BLESCKE BY WIRE TO BE IN ST PAUL.

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1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

May 1, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218, et al,  
Edward George Bremer - Victim,  
Chicago File No. 7-82.

Pursuant to your request of today, there is enclosed here-  
with two lists, in duplicate, of Federal Reserve Notes found in the  
possession of Subjects in the aforesaid case, together with a list  
of Bremer kidnaping ransom money which has been identified at three  
of the Chicago banks. One of the lists represents \$2,625.00 Federal  
Reserve Notes found in the possession of William E. Vidler on April  
26, 1934. The other list represents \$85.00 of the Bremer kidnaping  
money found in the possession of Jack McLaughlin, together with \$285.00  
of National Currency and Federal Reserve Notes which do not check with  
the list of ransom money of the Bremer kidnaping case. The Bremer  
kidnaping money will be found on the first page.

Mr. Fred J. Bauer of the City National Bank & Trust Co.,  
Chicago, Illinois, advised this office that the following Federal  
Reserve Notes, all of ten dollar denominations, came into  
the possession of the bank, of which notes it was found that all  
numbers on the list, with the exception of the last numbered note,  
represents Bremer kidnaping ransom money. William Edward Vidler was  
identified as the man who had passed the above Federal Reserve Notes.

105153932A  
104945262A  
104983380A  
104763728A  
104687765A  
104164610A  
104740698A  
104317244A  
104852061A  
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103779126A

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Following is a list of 1031 Federal Reserve Notes drawn on the Minneapolis Branch, all of five dollar denominations, which were passed by Vidler at the Lakeview Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Illinois, where the aforesaid notes now are:

100035560A  
100043101A  
100051340A  
100054999A  
100070272A  
100084040A  
100084079A  
100129019A  
100137586A  
100147242A  
100220049A  
100225176A  
100234628A  
100252578A  
100256499A  
100279312A  
100282400A  
100292791A  
100314228A  
100338092A  
100362599A  
100371176A  
100396786A  
100460878A  
100479271A  
100484631A  
100529940A  
100561914A  
100591353A  
100604968A  
100624635A

The following Federal Reserve Notes and National Currency were issued by the Minneapolis, Minnesota, Branch, all in denominations of five dollars and were exchanged for larger bills at the Uptown State Bank, Chicago, Illinois, apparently by William E. Vidler.

NATIONAL CURRENCY:

I00380467A  
I00193872A  
I00119238A  
I00285254A  
I00187500A  
I00311804A  
I00644461A  
I00161134A  
I00254819A  
I00252175A  
I00083896A  
I00134009A  
I00231974A  
I00455732A  
I00463692A  
I00005427A  
I00137528A  
I00431807A  
I00472643A  
I00417587A  
I00093086A  
I00186237A  
I00632121A  
I00319412A  
I00410408A  
I00380399A  
I00347253A  
I00489719A  
I00332274A  
I00268951A  
I00441287A  
I00195429A  
I00663347A  
I00326991A  
I00568812A  
I00093979A  
I00314056A  
I00421427A  
I00359095A  
I00412437A  
I00359629A  
I00234862A  
I00335110A  
I00035884A  
I00227918A  
I00546835A

100661317A  
100002492A  
100267122A  
100633595A  
100309873A  
100647915A  
100365964A  
100112814A  
100309416A  
100358032A  
100252893A  
100271404A  
100336245A  
100294674A  
100644313A  
100275837A  
100537493A  
100563669A  
100350274A  
100273476A  
100062479A  
100447789A  
100345399A  
100117859A  
100464426A  
100289832A  
100416077A  
100568341A  
100327285A  
100167454A  
100113282A  
100663845A  
100265662A  
100500354A  
100376018A  
100534307A  
100212321A  
100146257A  
100178370A  
100349438A  
100266663A  
100537114A  
100444233A  
100316259A  
100663219A



I00556441A  
I00609049A  
I00637600A  
I00487294A  
I00428002A  
I00454906A  
I00421275A  
I00412223A  
I00134752A  
I00360541A  
I00448223A  
I00428353A  
I00261597A  
I00647742A  
I00063532A  
I00576985A  
I00461616A  
I00041106A  
I00090739A  
I00338302A  
I00073074A  
I00411078A  
I00149183A  
I00539698A  
I00466819A  
I00309909A  
I00496683A  
I00268820A  
I00496661A  
I00317135A  
I00318849A  
I00309119A  
I00391311A  
I00191771A  
I00365415A  
I00302889A  
I00317380A  
I00164080A  
I00606296A  
I00602984A  
I00173320A  
I00096268A  
I00606535A  
I00646892A  
I00314670A  
I00196577A  
I00491390A

I00350750A  
I00646424A

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES:

I05127040A  
I04623877A  
I03836774A  
I06346137A  
I06293333A  
I05541269A  
I06178530A  
I06324765A  
I04674795A  
I04675377A  
I04212033A  
I06276028A  
I06277263A  
I06356889A  
I05245986A  
I04696028A  
I06102612A  
I06325966A  
I05641276A  
I06239515A  
I06278090A  
I04385728A  
I06369420A  
I05408051A  
I05902545A  
I03872840A  
I06155679A  
I06351852A  
I00065683A  
I06357150A  
I05953642A  
I04040922A  
I05330578A  
I04631872A  
I06244352A  
I05809592A  
I04336152A  
I06078688A  
I06155483A

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The following note is a note of the Federal Reserve Bank  
of San Francisco, California:

L21470735A

With reference to the above list, it should be noted  
that the following notes apparently do not represent ransom money  
in the above entitled case:

100556441A  
L21470735A

Very truly yours,

M. H. FURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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INFORMATION JUST RECEIVED THAT FRISCO DUTCH IS NOW IN MILWAUKEE WISC  
AND THAT HARRY SAWYER CONTACT MAN FOR TWIN CITY HOODLUMS IS LIKELY WITH  
HIM BELIEVED THAT SINCE CGO ANGLE HAS DEVELOPED IN BREKID CASE THAT  
FRISCO DUTCH MAY BE FINGER MAN AND THAT MONEY MAY HAVE REACHED CGO ALSO  
ALSO THRU SAWYER WHO IS BOSS OF PAT REILLY AND AN INDIVIDUAL WHO  
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Division of Investigation  
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1216 Smith Young Tower,  
San Antonio, Texas,  
April 29, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, WA  
ET AL - KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter to Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated April 21, 1934, the photograph of Mrs. C. P. Harmon mentioned was exhibited to Mrs. Nora Mauher, Houston, Texas, sister of Charley Harmon, and she states it is a very good likeness of Paula Harmon, particularly the side view resembling Paula when she is angry.

Mrs. Mauher states Paula's face was a little out of shape due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident. However, she had, no doubt, had that remedied. Mrs. Mauher is cooperating with this office but there is little likelihood of her hearing from Paula.

Yours very truly,

Gus T. Jones

Special Agent in Charge.

cc- St. Paul  
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625 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan  
April 30, 1934

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, et al  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith two copies of a letter dated February 16, 1934, directed by the Kansas City Office to St. Paul, a copy of same being forwarded to Detroit.

Special Agent Newby of the Division telephonically communicated with this office today calling our attention to the contents of this letter in connection with our present investigation at Toledo in an attempt to identify one Slim and one Izzy who were mentioned by Subject McLaughlin in connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Division ✓  
Kansas City  
St. Paul

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

April 23, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

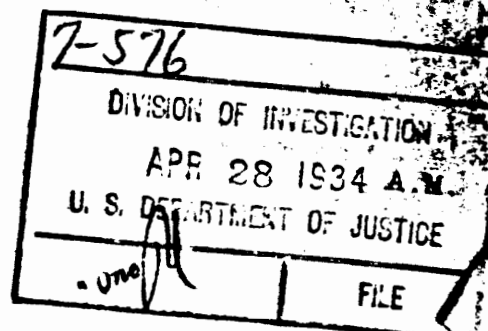
I am in receipt of a letter from R.J. Lake, Game Warden, Conservation Department, State of Wisconsin, to the effect that during the latter part of January, and in February, 1934, two aeroplanes were at Pike Lake, near Hartford, Wisconsin, which planes are owned by residents of Hartford. Mr. Lake further advised that there is a stationary siren which blows each week day morning at Hartford.

It is requested that appropriate investigation be made in that vicinity with a view toward determining if the hideout is there.

Very truly yours,

H.H. CLEGG, INSPECTOR.

WAR:TC  
CC Division ✓





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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
April 24, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR H. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING - S.L. File 7-27.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to my letter dated April 17th, 1934, in which I made known to you the inquiry instituted through this office concerning Cesco M & L-524 goggles, said to have been shipped by the Chicago Eye Shield Co., into this territory.

I now have to inform you that a communication has been received from Mr. L.F.J. Wilking, Superintendent, The Texas Company, Casper, Wyoming, in which he expresses his regret that he is unable to inform me what disposition was made of a pair of Cesco M & L-524 goggles, said to have been shipped by the Chicago Eye Shield Company to the Texaco Company, Denver, Colorado. Mr. Wilking stated that his company furnishes goggles for its employees use when their work requires them, and at the present time his company has twelve pair of goggles, and that during recent years they have had as many as 100 pairs of Cesco goggles which have been worn out or lost.

Along the same lines Mr. L.A. Wilson of the Ohio Oil Co., Grass Creek, Wyoming, informs that one pair of Cesco M & L-524 goggles is presently in use by one of the welders of that company. The records of the Ohio Oil Company, according to Mr. Wilson, show that this pair of goggles were purchased through the Wyoming Automotive Company, Casper, Wyoming, and not through the Hendrie & Bolthoff Manufacturing & Supply Co., Denver, Colorado. Mr. Wilson expresses the possibility that the Wyoming Automotive Company were unable to supply the goggles, and the order was passed on to Hendrie & Bolthoff, who in turn placed the order with the Chicago Eye Shield Company. Mr. Wilson states that the firm order number 192293, as mentioned in my letter to him under date of April 17th, 1934, conforms exactly to the goggles he received.

Very truly yours,

JAD:J

cc - Division  
cc - St. Paul.

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

April 25, 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.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge R.E. Vetterli, dated April 11, 1934, at Salt Lake City, Utah, page 4 of which indicates that FRED BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS, at Reno, Nevada, were identified as having been accompanied by women.

This office is informed by MRS. BESSIE SKINNER, consort of EDIE GREEN, that FRED BARKER cohabits with PAUL HARMON.

Very truly yours,

WAR:TC  
CC Division. ✓

H.H. CLEGG, INSPECTOR.

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Room 1403  
370 Lexington Ave.  
New York, New York

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Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the investigation involving Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. #1218, et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim - Kidnaping, this office has to inform as follows.

It has been determined that Bernard Phillips, I.O. #1196, was in New York City stopping at the Hotel Belvedere from August 24 to September 24, 1932, with his paramour Winnie Williams, who is at present residing in Chicago. A check of the telephone calls disclosed that on September 2nd, 4th, and 6th, 1932, Phillips telephoned Rhinelander 4-9362, which is listed in the name of the Nilebrook Apartments, 61 E. 66th Street, New York City. This apartment house contains thirteen apartments and is located in one of the better sections of Manhattan. Inquiry was made to determine just when Phillips might have called and through the process of elimination, it is believed the person called has been identified.

One Edward Rudick resided on the fifth floor of this apartment house with his alleged wife. He came there about July 1, 1932 and was requested to leave, which he did on or about September 15, 1932. He was a weekly tenant and paid in cash. He had a car with Minnesota plates. His alleged wife may be described as 33 years of age, 5' 6", 125 pounds, slender build, blonde, tough looking. Mrs. Edward Rudick left the apartment house about three days before Rudick did. The day Rudick moved out a man assisted him in packing and moving and the superintendent believes this man to have been Phillips.

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The Edward Rudick referred to was arrested at New York City on September 18, 1932 charged with extortion. His identification number here is B197316. He was discharged September 26, 1932. The files of the New York City Police Department reveal that this same individual was arrested at Miami, Florida on March 7, 1934 for violation of the Harrison Narcotic Act and turned over to the United States Narcotic Service. It is requested that immediate inquiry be made of the Narcotic Service to determine the present status of the case against Rudick. His place of residence prior to March, 1934 at Miami should be checked to determine whether Phillips or any of the fugitives in this or the allied cases have visited him and the arresting officers should be interviewed to determine what they know concerning his associates while in Miami. Also, it is believed desirable that upon completion of this investigation Rudick be personally interviewed to determine just when and under what circumstances he met Phillips, his activities with Phillips, the last time he saw Phillips, and so forth. The identity of the woman with whom he was living in New York should likewise be ascertained.

For your further information be advised that Winnie Williams was recently interviewed by the Chicago office. She said that she came to New York City in August 1932 with Phillips but after they were here about two weeks or so Phillips left the hotel to play golf one day and never returned and she has not seen him since and that the car he went away in was a small sedan bearing New Jersey license plates. Upon a later interview Winnie Williams contradicted herself and said that sometime in December, 1932, while living in Kansas City with Phillips the latter stopped on the street one day and spoke to Alvin Karpis, I.O. #1818, but did not introduce her to Karpis. Our investigation at the Hotel Belvidere disclosed the possibility that Phillips did leave Winnie Williams and her child at the hotel alone inasmuch as on September 7, 1932 it would appear from the records that Winnie Williams and her daughter moved from the suite into another room in the hotel. It is observed that Rudick was in New York City on September 18, 1932. If Phillips did actually disappear, Rudick would be in a position to furnish information as to statements made by Phillips just prior to his departure from New York City as it is noted Phillips spoke to him last on September 6, 1932.

Will you kindly give this phase of the investigation immediate attention.

CC:Division  
Inspector Rorer (2)  
Chicago  
Kansas City

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY  
Special Agent in Charge



P. O. Box 1283

Butte, Montana, April 26, 1934.

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

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnapping

Dear Sir:

Referring to letter from the Chicago Office, dated March 21, 1934, to the Salt Lake City Division Office, copy of which was sent the Butte Office with a pair of "Coco" W & L Goggles, and the request made on page 6 that when this office has completed its investigation the sample goggles be returned to the Chicago Office, the investigation having been completed in the Butte Office district the goggles are returned herewith, registered.

Very truly yours,

D. E. BUCKASON  
Special Agent in Charge

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Enc.

cc Division  
St. Paul

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 27, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Federal Building, Suite L,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

MAY 10 1934 PM

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. #1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

This is to advise that Special Agent Paul Hansen, who has been conducting investigation in the above titled case at Salem and Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, advised this office today that he has developed considerable information in connection therewith, none of which, however, is "real hot."

Special Agent Hansen in his communication referred to a letter from Inspector Clegg to the Director dated April 16, 1934 wherein the Kansas City office is requested to locate "one Dodo" at Westplains, Missouri. Agent Hansen advised that it will not now be necessary for Kansas City to cover this lead as he, Hansen, has located "Dodo" in Missouri just across the line from Mammoth Spring and he will conduct the necessary investigation.

This also will serve to advise you that I authorized Special Agent Hansen to proceed into Missouri in view of the obvious economy which will be effected.

Very truly yours,

EARLE M. BLACK,  
Special Agent in Charge

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1216 Smith Young Tower,  
San Antonio, Texas,  
April 29, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, wa  
ET AL - KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 25th instant I am attaching hereto the original photographs from which the composit picture was prepared and produced with the photostat machine here.

Yours very truly,

Gus T. Jones

Special Agent in Charge.

cc- St. Paul  
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☐ Mr. Tolson  
☐ Mr. Edwards  
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☐ Mr. Newby  
☐ Mr. Smith  
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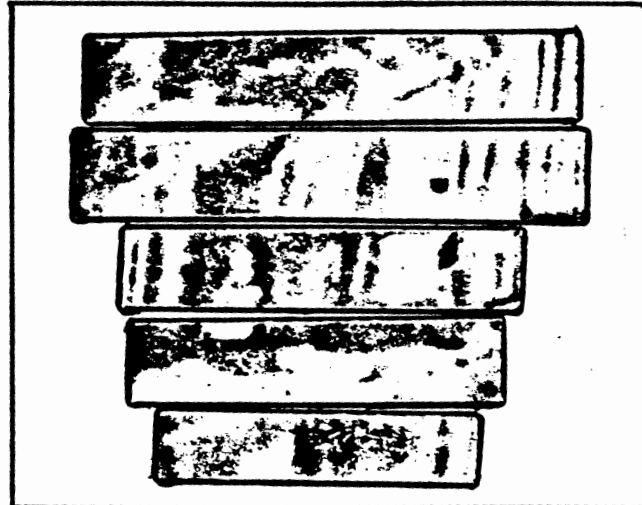
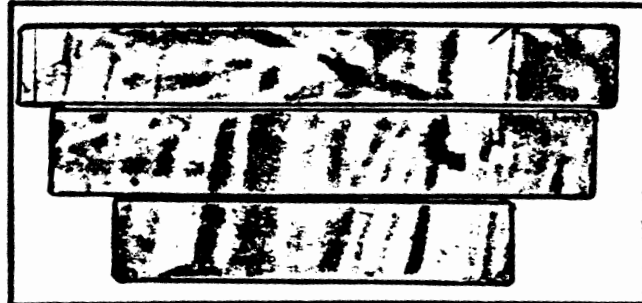
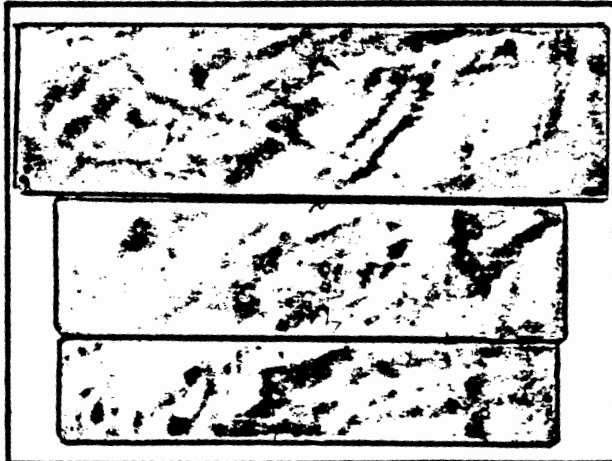
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<b>ARTHUR R. BARKER - aliases - "Doc" Barker, "Dock" Barker, Bob Barker, Claud Dale, Claude Dale, E. L. Murray, H. J. Harvey, A. S. Hunter - I. O. #1219:</b> <b>J. J. McLAUGHLIN, alias "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN:</b> <b>JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., aliases - Jack McLaughlin, Jimmy McLaughlin:</b> <b>PHILIP J. DELANEY:</b> <b>WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER:</b> <b>EDWARD GEORGE BREMER ----- VICTIM</b>			

## Synopsis of Facts:

J. J. McLAUGHLIN, SR., J. J. McLAUGHLIN, JR., PHILIP DELANEY and WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, taken into custody recently in Chicago, Ill. for having in their possession, having passed, or having conspired to pass and exchange BREMER ransom money. Signed statements secured from McLAUGHLIN, JR., VIDLER and DELANEY. Oral information furnished by McLAUGHLIN, SR., implicating himself in the securing and the passing of BREMER ransom money. Information set out herein is brief summary for assistance of the U. S. Attorney, Saint Paul, Minnesota, in presenting matter to Grand Jury in near future. Complete report will follow:

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At Chicago, Illinois

The title of this case is being carried as changed, due to the inclusion of the new Subjects - J. J. McLAUGHLIN, JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., PHILIP J. DELANEY and WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, who were recently arrested in Chicago, Illinois for having in their possession, having passed, or having attempted to pass and conspired to pass and exchange certain portions of the BREMER ransom money.

Information was secured through the Lakeview Trust and Savings Bank, 320 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on April 23, 1934, that a party, later identified as Subject VIDLER, had exchanged certain portions of the Bremer ransom money at said bank for good currency. Later investigation disclosed the following summary of information.

Following is a brief summarization of the evidence in the possession of this office, against the parties now detained, by virtue of having in their possession, or having passed at banks, or having conspired to pass at various banks, quantities of the BREMER ransom money:

WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER

On April 26, 1934, Mr. Fred J. Bauer, in company with Mr. L. W. Calkins, both of the City National Bank & Trust Company, 208 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised Special Agent H. L. Scott, of this office, that a person, now believed to be VIDLER, on the same morning presented ten Ten Dollar bills and requested to be given in exchange for them, one hundred one Dollar bills. This man has not as yet been positively identified as VIDLER, but it appears, through Vidler's own admissions, that he is the man who attempted to make this exchange of money. The bills presented by VIDLER on this occasion for exchange, are serialized as follows:-

I05153932A  
I04983380A  
I04687765A  
I04740698A  
I04852061A

I04945262A  
I04763728A  
I04164610A  
I04317244A  
I03779126A or I03778126A

This money is in the possession of the City National Bank and Trust Company, 208 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, and if it is desired for Grand Jury purposes, subpoena duces tecum should be issued



upon WILLIAM ZOCH, a teller, care of said bank.

Investigation disclosed that the above referred to money is identical with a portion of the Bremer ransom money.

It was ascertained that the party believed to be VIDLER, had attempted to exchange this money through WILLIAM ZOCH, a teller at the City National Bank & Trust Company. Arrangements were then made by Special Agents L. D. Nichols and J. H. Rice, of the Chicago Division Office, to accompany Mr. Zoch to a "bookie" joint at 226 South Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois, at which place, the party believed to be VIDLER, informed Zoch he could be found.

Mr. Zoch partially identified VIDLER. The latter was brought to the Chicago Division Office by Agents Nichols and Rice and admitted that he was WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, who had made the exchange of money at the City National Bank & Trust Company, through Teller Zoch.

Special Agents L. D. Nichols and J. H. Rice, of the Chicago Division Office, will be able to testify to the above admissions on the part of VIDLER.

At the Chicago Division Office, Vidler was examined and money in the amount of \$3,185.00 was found on his person, of which amount, \$2,625.00 was identified as Bremer ransom money. Following is a list of the Federal Reserve notes found on Vidler's person, which were identified as Bremer ransom money:

\$5.00 Denominations - Total \$75.00

I03587467A	I0411958A	I04369475A
I04731242A	I04739900A	I05153206A
I05520674A	I05896803A	I05951905A
I06299979A	I06315025A	I06332513A
I05960045A	I06114854A	I06146146A

\$10.00 Denominations - Total \$2,550.00

I00061888	I00747960A	I00940868A
I00958252A	I01107455A	I01272167A
I01651861A	I01757212A	I02235421A
I02528494A	I02656199A	I02871122A
I02898603A	I02900692A	I02994069A
I03190770A	I03328619A	I03333887A
I03371536A	I03385813A	I03402550A
I03459875A	I03471688A	I03480949A
I03540063A	I03540679A	I03555942A
I03575123A	I03592159A	I03638019A

I03644290A  
I03736095A  
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I04143887A  
I04184162A  
I04206134A  
I04231406A  
I04251077A  
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I05383803A

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Special Agents L. D. Nichols and T. E. Billings, of the Chicago Division Office, will be able to testify to the finding of this ransom money on the person of William Edward Vidler.

Special Agents (A) R. A. Knittle and A. H. Crowl, of the Chicago Division Office, can testify as to having compared this money, found in the possession of VIDLER, with the list of Bremer ransom notes, and this money was found to be identical with the money paid by BREMER. This money is now in the possession of the Chicago Division Office and can be presented by either Agent Knittle or Agent Crowl, if desired.

Mr. William H. Bleschke, teller and assistant cashier of the Lakeview Trust & Savings Bank, 3201 Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Ill., will be able to testify that on April 23, 1934, VIDLER exchanged \$1,000.00 in Ten Dollar bills and \$1,000.00 in Five Dollar bills, for other money, at Bleschke's cage. Mr. Bleschke has positively identified VIDLER, by virtue of having seen him in the Chicago Division Office.

Bleschke will testify that on Monday, April 23, 1934, when VIDLER asked for an exchange of bills, he (VIDLER) told Bleschke that he (Vidler) formerly delivered alcohol up in Wisconsin and that was the way they pay up there, using small bills.

Mr. Bleschke furnished Agent John R. Welles, of the Chicago Division Office, with thirty-one Federal Reserve notes, drawn on the Minneapolis Branch, and being of Five Dollar denomination, for purpose of examination. It is understood these are the only bills which were set aside by Mr. Bleschke. Examination disclosed that each of these bills was a part of the Bremer ransom money and are listed as follows:-

IO0035560A	IO0043101A	IO0051340A
IO0054999A	IO0070272A	IO0084040A
IO0094079A	IO0129019A	IO0137586A
IO0147242A	IO0220049A	IO0225176A
IO0234628A	IO0252578A	IO0256499A
IO0279312A	IO0282400A	IO0292791A
IO0314228A	IO0339092A	IO0362599A
IO0371176A	IO0396786A	IO0460878A
IO0479271A	IO0484631A	IO0529940A
IO0561914A	IO0591355A	IO0604968A
IO0624635A		

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If these bills are desired for Grand Jury purposes, a subpoena duces tecum should be issued upon WILLIAM H. BLESCHKE, of the Lakeview Trust & Savings Bank, 3201 Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, to produce same.

Special Agents H. E. Hollis and L. D. Nichols, of the Chicago Division Office, will be able to introduce the following signed statement secured from WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER:



Chicago, Illinois  
April 27, 1934.

I, WILLIAM E. VIDLER, do hereby make this statement to Special Agents H. E. Hollis and L. D. Nichols, of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, of my own free will voluntarily and without any force or duress, and without any promise of immunity or reward. I make this statement freely and voluntarily of my own free will because it is true.

My name is William E. Vidler. I am 34 years of age, having been born in Chicago, August 22, 1900.

I have known McLAUGHLIN several years. He came to me Tuesday, April 17, 1934, and said he had some money he wanted changed in large bills. He did not want to go to the bank himself. I said to let me know whenever he was ready. He came to my house at 5001 North Ashland Avenue, Thursday morning April 19, 1934 and rang my bell and called me downstairs. I came down to the car and he showed me a package of money. McLaughlin had a Ford sedan. A man by the name of Phil was driving the car. Phil is an associate of McLaughlin.

I asked McLaughlin what the money was, and asked him if it was counterfeit money and he said 'No, it is good money'. So we drove downtown and went to several banks, as follows:

Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company, where I presented \$2,500.00 worth of the bills given to me by McLaughlin and secured \$2,500.00 worth of larger bills in denominations of \$100.00. The teller at the bank objected to changing this money, stating that it cost the bank money to transact that kind of business.

From there, I went to the First National Bank and cashed \$2,000.00. The teller gave me the same story there, so I went to the City National Bank and cashed \$500.00. I also cashed \$500.00 of these bills at the Builders National Bank.

I do not recall the exact denominations of the bills I secured at the last three mentioned banks; however, to the best of my knowledge at this time, it was in \$50.00 and \$100.00 denominations.

I went to another bank, the name of which I do not remember, and cashed \$500.00. From there, I was driven home and given about \$110.00 by McLaughlin. I wish to state here that all of the money cashed by me at the banks mentioned above, was turned over to McLaughlin by me.

On Friday, April 20, 1934, McLaughlin appeared at the same time at my house and told me he had \$6,000.00 more. McLaughlin was again accompanied by Phil, who was driving the car. We drove first to the Hamilton State Bank and changed \$1,000.00; went to the Lakeview Bank and cashed \$2,000.00; went to the Main State Bank and cashed \$3,000.00 and there I was given \$60.00 by McLaughlin.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, McLaughlin came again with \$6,000.00 and we went to the Uptown Bank and cashed \$2,000.00; went to the Lakeview Bank and cashed \$2,000.00; went to the Main State Bank with the other \$2,000.00. McLaughlin gave me approximately \$60.00 for cashing the \$6,000.00 on April 21st.

On Monday, April 23, 1934, McLaughlin again came to my house and at this time he had \$11,000.00 in bills, which he desired to have changed. I went to the Howard Trust and Savings Bank and cashed \$1,500.00; went to the uptown Bank and cashed \$1,500.00; went to the Lakeview Bank and cashed \$3,000.00; went to the Main State Bank and cashed \$3,000.00; went to the Pioneer Trust & Savings Bank and cashed \$2,000.00. McLaughlin gave me somewhere in the neighborhood of \$70.00 for cashing the above mentioned \$11,000.00 on April 23, 1934.

On Tuesday morning, April 24, 1934, McLaughlin's car was laid up, so I drove over to his house. McLaughlin told me the day before, that is April 23rd, that he was putting his car in the garage and, therefore, I went to his house at 3523 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois. I went in to McLaughlin's house but he was not ready. I then went and had a tire repaired and returned to the above address, at which time McLaughlin was ready. He came out to the car and we then drove to the Main State Bank and the teller refused to change money for me. However, he did not give me any reason for his refusal, but said he could not do it today. No more money was given to me until Wednesday afternoon, April 25, 1934, when I was given \$3,000.00, with the understanding that I was to take it to Louisville, Kentucky to change, and return to McLaughlin Friday morning, April 26, 1934. When I arrived downtown Thursday morning, I was apprehended.

On April 19, 1934, when McLaughlin called for me at my home and when I came down to the car to talk to him, Phil was in the car and he heard our conversation about changing the money. I wish to state further that nearly every day while I was with McLaughlin and Phil on the above mentioned occasions, Phil drove to the South side and parked near 79th and Emerald Avenue, where Phil would get out of the car and walk in the direction of 79th and Halsted

and after approximately one half hour, Phil would return with an envelope and hand it to McLaughlin. I wish to state further that every day after the money had been cashed at the banks, we would drive to Irving and Cicero Avenues, in Chicago, and McLaughlin would get out of the car and walk west on Irving, returning to the car in about 20 minutes. No statement was ever made to me by Phil or McLaughlin as to who was contacted at these places.

In the beginning of this statement, I said that I asked McLaughlin whether the money was counterfeit money. I wish to elaborate on this statement in that McLaughlin told me that it was good money, but that it was 'hot' money, but that I need not be afraid of it. All of the money given to me by McLaughlin to be changed into larger bills was in \$5. and \$10. denominations. The arrangement between McLaughlin and myself was that I was to receive 1% commission on the money changed. The first knowledge I had of the nature of this money was information given to me by Mr. Purvis.

At one time during the days I was changing the money for McLaughlin, I asked him how much of this he had and McLaughlin stated it was about \$30,000.00 or \$40,000.00 more.

(SIGNED) WILLIAM E. VIDLER

Witnesses;

H. E. Hollis (Signed)  
Special Agent, Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

L. D. Nichols, (Signed)  
Special Agent, Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Ill."

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The original of the above statement is being forwarded, with a copy of this report, to the United States Attorney at Saint Paul, Minnesota. Carbon copies are being retained in the file on this case at the Chicago Division Office.

JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR.

Special Agent A. E. Lockerman, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers Building, Chicago, Illinois, will testify he secured Chicago Board of Trade Safe Deposit Company receipt No. 7868, issued to JACK McLAUGHLIN on April 24, 1934, to cover Box No. C-521, from Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, same having been secured from Special Agent L. D. Nichols, who conducted an investigation at the home of J. J. McLAUGHLIN, Sr., 3523 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Lockerman will advise that on April 27, 1934, he went to the Safe Deposit Box Section of the Chicago Board of Trade Safe Deposit Company, 141 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois, to make pertinent investigation, where he observed a young man enter the vaults, whom he later identified as JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR.

He will further testify that he, together with Special Agent M. C. Falkner, interviewed McLAUGHLIN, Jr. at the Chicago Board of Trade Building, Chicago, Illinois, where McLaughlin, Jr. admitted he is identical with JACK McLAUGHLIN, to whom safe deposit box C-521 was issued by the Chicago Board of Trade Safe Deposit Company on April 24, 1934.

Lockerman will testify that McLaughlin, Jr. admitted he had gone to the Safe Deposit Box that morning, April 27, 1934, at about 8:45 o'clock; that McLaughlin, Jr. stated he had obtained \$55.00 from his safe deposit box, which money he took out of his pockets and showed to Agents Lockerman and Falkner, stating he was scheduled to go on his vacation the following Monday, April 30, 1934, and that he had obtained the money from the vault for that reason on said morning, because the vaults closed at 1:00 P.M. that day and he would have no opportunity to return there.

Agent Lockerman or Agent M. C. Falkner, will testify that McLaughlin, Jr. admitted his father is "Boss" McLaughlin. The said Agents will testify they searched McLaughlin, Jr. and that the only money found on his person was the money he had shown Agents. They will testify that at that time, McLaughlin, Jr. was wearing a uniform, worn by all messengers of the Chicago Board of Trade; that McLaughlin was requested to obtain his coat and other suit from the locker room and accompany the said Agents; that McLaughlin, Jr. proceeded to that point where he called for the contents of Rack No. 17, which held his overcoat and the suit of clothes he had taken off that morning.



The said Agents can testify that the overcoat and suit of clothes belonging to McLaughlin, Jr., were thoroughly searched, but no money was found therein. The said agents will testify that McLaughlin, Jr. willingly accompanied them to the Chicago Division Office and at the time of departure from the Chicago Board of Trade Building, the Agents inquired of McLaughlin, Jr., if he was not going to wear a hat; that he stated he did not have a hat, whereupon Agent Lockerman, who had observed McLaughlin, Jr. entering the Safe Deposit Vault during the morning, told McLaughlin, Jr. that at that time he, the latter, was wearing a flat brimmed hat.

Agents Lockerman and Falkner will state that McLaughlin, Jr. denied this statement and told Agents they must be mistaken, as he had not worn a hat to the city that morning. The Agents then insisted that McLaughlin had worn a hat and told him to go back to the hat rack and point out his hat. McLaughlin, Jr., who immediately became extremely nervous, pointed out a rolled brimmed grey felt hat, which was not placed in Rack No. 17, stating this was his hat. Agent Lockerman will state he did not recognize that hat as being the one he had seen McLaughlin wearing in the morning at the Safe Deposit Vault and that he told McLaughlin, Jr., positively, that was not the hat he (McLaughlin) was wearing when he entered the Safe Deposit Vault and instructed McLaughlin to try the hat on. At this point, the hat proved to be about one and a half sizes too large for McLaughlin, Jr. The latter continued to insist, however, this was his hat, although it was too large for him. He was again told that it was known he wore a brown flat brim hat when he entered the vaults that morning. McLaughlin, Jr. then pointed out a brown flat brim hat on the rack and stated that was his hat. This hat was removed by Agents Falkner and Lockerman and after examining same, it was found to contain two envelopes that were sealed, which proved to contain sums of money. These envelopes were tucked under the sweatband of McLaughlin's hat.

McLaughlin, Jr. was then questioned as to whether he had put the money in his hat and he stated he had. He also admitted he had obtained that money from his Safe Deposit Box that morning and said it was money that had been given him by his father; that the \$55.00 he had in his pocket, which he had shown to Agents previously, was not all the money he had secured from the Safe Deposit Box.

Assistant Director Harold Nathan, will testify that when McLaughlin, Jr. was brought to the Chicago Division Office, the money was taken from his hat band and counted in the presence of McLaughlin, Jr. It was found one envelope contained \$300.00 in bills of five, ten and twenty dollar denominations. The other envelope contained only three five dollar bills, making a total of \$315.00 found in the hat

belonging to McLaughlin, Jr., which he admitted taking from the Safe Deposit Box.

Special Agent (A) A. H. Crowl, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers Building, Chicago, Illinois, will testify that he compared the money found in the hat band of McLaughlin, Jr., with the list of ransom money paid in the Bremer Kidnap Case and found that \$85.00 of this money was identical with the Bremer ransom money.

The ransom money found in the possession of McLaughlin, Jr. has been placed in a cellophane envelope and is now in the custody of Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, Chicago Division Office, and can be introduced by Special Agent (A) A. H. Crowl.

Special Agent M. C. Falkner, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers Building, Chicago, Illinois, will be able to introduce the following signed statement secured from John Joseph McLaughlin, Jr.:

"Chicago, Illinois  
April 28, 1934.

I, JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., make the following statements voluntarily to M. C. Falkner, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. No threats or promises of any nature whatever were made to me in connection with this statement.

I am 17 years of age and reside with my mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. John Joseph McLaughlin, Sr., at 3523 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. In the same house, there resides my sister, Helen McLaughlin, 11 years of age, and another sister, Mrs. Sherwood Frazer and her husband.

I attended St. Patrick's Grammar School in Chicago, Illinois through the eighth grade, where I completed studies in about 1929. I began work as a messenger for the Rosenbaum Grain Corporation, members of the Chicago Board of Trade, in August, 1932 and have continued in this employment to the present date. My salary has been \$16.00 a week. I have never been in any sort of difficulty; previous to this time.

I have a bank account at the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Co. and I formerly had a safety deposit box at this institution. On or about April 24, 1934, I rented a safety deposit box at the Safety Deposit Company of the Chicago Board of Trade, Chicago, Illinois. My lease on the safety deposit box at the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Co. expired a day or so before April 24, 1934, at which time I withdrew \$100.00, which I had at this safety deposit box and deposited this sum to my account at this same bank.

When I rented the safety deposit box at the Safety Deposit Co., Chicago Board of Trade, on or about April 24, 1934, I withdrew the sum of \$100.00, which I had deposited at the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Co., which money had been in my safety deposit box at that institution and took this money to the safety deposit box, which I had secured at the Safety Deposit Co. of the Chicago Board of Trade. In addition to this \$100.00 which I put in this safety deposit box, I also placed in this same box the sum of \$100.00 in cash which my father, John Joseph McLaughlin, Sr. had given me the day before and asked that I place this money in my safety deposit box and hold it until he gave me further instructions. This money consisted of \$100.00 in fives and tens, and possibly one twenty dollar bill.

On or about April 25 or 26, 1934, my father gave me \$100.00 or \$115.00 in cash, requesting that I place this money in my safety deposit box at the Safety Deposit Company, Chicago Board of Trade. This sum was likewise in bills of five and ten dollar denominations. As before, my father told me to hold this money in this safety deposit box until I received further instructions from him.

On April 27, 1934, a number of men whom I took to be officers, appeared at my home and when I arrived there from work in the afternoon, I was detained for about two hours.

The safety deposit box which I have at the Safety Deposit Co., Chicago Board of Trade, was taken out under the name 'Jack McLaughlin'. Jack is my nickname and I took out this box under the name Jack McLaughlin of my own accord, but I had talked the matter over with my mother and she had suggested that this name be used.

On the morning of April 28, 1934, I drove to my place of work in my automobile and decided that it would be best for me to withdraw my money from the safety deposit box which I had at the Safety Deposit Company, Chicago Board of Trade. I felt this was the thing

do so because I was suspicious of the actions that had taken place at my home the day before. I proceeded to the Safety Deposit Co., Chicago Board of Trade, and while there I obtained access to my safe deposit box and took from it the sum of approximately \$315.00. I noticed at the time that a strange man was observing me while I was in the vault. I further noticed that this strange man followed me when I went out in the building to take the elevator to the seventh floor, where I keep my coat and hat. On my way up I decided that I would not keep this money on my person and I then placed this money in my hat. The cloakroom for employees at the Chicago Board of Trade contains spaces which are numbered, where each employee leaves such wearing apparel as he desires to leave. My number in the cloakroom is 17, which is the same number as on my identification badge of the Chicago Board of Trade. Upon arrival at the cloakroom, I changed my suit of clothes to another which I had there and left the suit which I was wearing upon arrival at the office and also left my overcoat and hat.

At about 10:00 A.M., on April 28, 1934, I was informed that I was wanted in the office of the Rosenbaum Grain Corporation on the fourth floor of the Chicago Board of Trade Building. I proceeded on my way to that office but before reaching it, I was detained by two men who stated they were with the United States Department of Justice. Accompanied by these men, I proceeded to the cloakroom to obtain my hat and coat. Upon arrival at the cloakroom, I secured my coat and stated that I did not have a hat. A few minutes later, I saw my hat, which was not in its usual place, and I pointed it out to the above mentioned men and stated this was my hat. In this hat was found the money which I had taken from the safety deposit box on the morning of April 28, 1934, which was all of the money which had been in this safety deposit box on April 28, 1934, the amount being \$315.00 in bills.

The money which was found in the hat, as above set out, consisted of the \$100.00 which was in my safety deposit box at the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Co., plus either \$200.00 or \$215.00, which had been given to me by my father between the dates of April 24 and April 28, 1934. I have carefully read the statements appearing above and they are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Witnesses:

(Signed) JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR.

M. S. Falkner (Signed), Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois."



J. J. McLAUGHLIN, alias "BOSS"

Special Agent R. D. Brown interviewed J. J. McLaughlin, alias "Boss" McLaughlin, at the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois, on the afternoon of Saturday, April 28, 1934, the day after he had been placed in that institution. At this time, McLaughlin was informed that his son, John Joseph McLaughlin, Jr., had been picked up and a quantity of the Bremer five and ten dollar bills found in his hat-band on that morning, Saturday, April 28, 1934. McLaughlin was then advised that his son was being held. McLaughlin advised that he would do anything to assist his son; that he knew the Government "had the goods on him" and if it would help his boy in any way, he would tell all he knew concerning his handling of the Bremer ransom money. He then stated that he has known a man by the name of FRANKIE WRIGHT, a Chicago confidence man and racketeer connection for the last twenty-five years; that he does not know where Frankie Wright resides but often met him in the lobby of the Sherman House Hotel, in Chicago; that approximately three months ago, he met Wright in the lobby of the Sherman Hotel, at which time Frankie Wright informed him he expected to have some "hot" money and bonds in the near future and suggested that McLaughlin handle some of it.

McLAUGHLIN stated that about three weeks later, he again met Wright in the lobby of the Sherman Hotel, at which time Wright told him that his connection was in town and after that they drove to a certain hotel in the northwestern section of Chicago, where he met two men, who were introduced to him as Smith and Jones; that one of the men was tall and slender and was later referred to by the other man as "Slim". McLaughlin described SLIM, as follows:-

Name:	"SLIM"
Age:	28-30 years
Height:	5 feet 11½ inches
Weight:	150 lbs.
Build:	Slim
Hair:	Sandy
Eyes:	Firey brown
Complexion:	Sallow
Face:	Thin
Marks:	Left arm slightly stiff
Clothing:	Was wearing light felt hat; light brown topcoat.

McLaughlin described "Slim's" companion, whom he thought was referred to as "IZZY", as follows:-

Name:	"IZZY"
Age:	45-50 years
Height:	5 feet 9 inches
Weight:	165-170 lbs.
Build:	Heavy, slightly corpulent
Shoulders:	Broad
Hair:	Black, turning gray at temples.
Glasses:	Wears nose glasses when reading.
Marks:	Pock marks on cheeks; large nose, indicating Jewish origin.

McLaughlin informed that Slim and Izzy asked him if he wanted to handle some "hot" money, to which he agreed, but that nothing was said at that time relative to the origin of the money. He stated Glim and Izzy told him they recently arrived in Chicago from Toledo, Ohio and handled "hot" money for a powerful midwest mob, and that \$100,000.00 was available to be changed into good money; that he, McLaughlin, agreed to handle the money on a 5% basis. He advised that nothing more was said at this time relative to the origin of the money and arrangements were made whereby the "hot" money would be delivered to his home each night and if delivery could not be made, he, McLaughlin, was to call at this certain hotel and pick it up each morning and that the changed money was to be delivered each night to Slim and Izzy at this hotel or vicinity.

McLaughlin stated he first started changing this money on or about April 17, 1934, and he obtained the assistance of PHILIP DELANEY and WILLIAM E. VIDLER, old friends; that Delaney had an automobile and drove VIDLER and himself to various Chicago banks. He advised he is unable to recall the names and locations of the various banks that handled the money, but that he, McLaughlin, never entered the banks personally; that he sat in the car while Delaney and Vidler entered the banks and secured good money for the "hot" money. He stated this procedure was followed for two or three days and finally about three or four days later, he called at this certain hotel, where he met Glim and Izzy, for the purpose of delivering to them a quantity of money which had been exchanged. At this time, McLaughlin informed he asked Glim and Izzy directly if the money were "Bremer Money" or "Hamm Money"; that Glim and Izzy replied to the effect that Hamm money was being handled by McLaughlin at that time and that they wanted him to expedite the changing of this \$100,000.00 in Hamm money because \$200,000.00 more money would be available.

McLaughlin stated he then asked them if the \$200,000.00 was Bremer money, but they did not directly reply; however, they indicated it was and he, McLaughlin, understood that he was to handle \$200,000.00 in Bremer money after he had disposed of \$100,000.00 of the Hamm money.

McLaughlin went on to state that he has never seen any of the members of the Kidnap Gang with which Izzy and Slim are connected, during the time he was exchanging the ransom money, but that he believed they must have been in Chicago during that time. No conversation was had indicating the identity of the members of the gang, except that he overheard a conversation between Slim and Izzy to the effect that "PRETTY BOY" was the most dangerous member of the gang. He claimed not to have associated CHARLES ARTHUR (PRETTY BOY) FLOYD with the name "Pretty Boy" referred to by Slim and Izzy. He stated, in his opinion, the gang had been in Toledo, Ohio and would probably return there after learning of the arrest of VIDLER, DELANEY and himself, as this town is a good hiding place.

JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, SR. was either unwilling or unable to furnish any further information concerning Izzy and Slim, or Frankie Wright, the man who introduced these men to him.

On Sunday, April 29, 1934, McLaughlin was again interviewed at the Cook County Jail, at which time Agent M. C. Falkner was present. McLaughlin requested to know whether his son, John Joseph McLaughlin, Jr., had been released. He was informed he had not been released as he was being held for further questioning. McLaughlin then stated "I absolutely refuse to talk to you and you can expect no further information from me until my son is released." However, McLaughlin was further interviewed and although he failed to furnish any further information of any value, he orally stated, in the presence of Special Agent R. D. Brown and Agent Falkner, that he was changing five and ten dollar bills, which had been paid for the release of either William Hamm, Jr. or Edward George Bremer, Victims in Saint Paul kidnap cases; that he thought he was handling money obtained by the gang as a result of kidnaping William Hamm, Jr., but expected to handle money obtained by the gang in the kidnaping of EDWARD GEORGE BREMER.

Special Agent M. C. Falkner, as well as Special Agent R. D. Brown, can testify as to the guilty knowledge of J. J. McLAUGHLIN, SR. with reference to his part in the changing of the ransom money.

McLaughlin emphatically stated that PHILIP DELANEY and WILLIAM VIDLER did not know and were never told by him, that the money being changed by them was money obtained in a kidnaping; that he informed them

the money was "hot" and he believes, since there was such a large quantity of the money, that they must have guessed that the money came from a kidnap gang.

MCLAUGHLIN emphatically refused to reduce his admissions to writing. He is being interviewed daily and it is expected he will furnish further valuable information with reference to the connections between the kidnap mob and the money changers.

PHILIP J. DELANEY

Special Agent R. D. Brown, of the Chicago Division Office will be able to introduce the signed statement secured from PHILIP DELANEY showing his participation in this matter. The statement reads as follows:

"Chicago, Illinois  
April 27, 1934

I, PHILIP DELANEY, make the following signed statement to R. D. Brown, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice. I am making this statement of my own free will and volition at the office of the Division of Investigation, 1900 Bankers Building, Chicago, Illinois, and fully realize that same may be used against me.

I have known JOHN MCLAUGHLIN, commonly known as 'Boss' McLaughlin, for about twenty-five years. During that period of time, he has been of great assistance to me in obtaining various positions for me and has assisted me financially on many occasions. I have always considered him a very close and intimate friend.

Until the fall of 1933, I have always been able to take care of myself and family financially, but reverses about that time, and due to lack of employment, I was forced to accept public relief. From time to time during this period, John McLaughlin has assisted me financially, for which I have been very appreciative. Although I have been aware that John McLaughlin has been considered a political boss, I do not know in what manner he has made a living.



Previous to April 17, 1934, for approximately two months, I would call at John McLaughlin's house in the 3400 block on West Jackson Boulevard, and drive him downtown to whatever places he desired to visit, especially the City Hall and the Sherman House Hotel. On or about April 17, 1934, I called for him and we drove to approximately Lawrence and Ashland Avenues, where a man, who McLaughlin called Bill got into the car. I do not know his last name and have never been introduced to him. McLaughlin then instructed me to drive back on the north side of Chicago, the exact address of which I do not know, which was near a bank, the name of which I do not know, at which time and place, John McLaughlin gave Bill a package of money. The conversation with reference to this money did not take place at this time and I assumed that McLaughlin had made prior arrangements with Bill. Bill got out of the car and proceeded to the bank near the point where we had parked the car, while McLaughlin and myself sat in the car. Bill returned in a few minutes and said, 'The money is all right'. I believe he took in a package of five and ten dollar bills in the approximate amount of \$1,000.00. We then proceeded to the Loop. I drove the car and Bill stopped at numerous banks and exchanged several packages of five and ten dollar bills into bills of larger denominations. I do not recall just how many banks were visited. I do not know exactly how much money was changed, but he had no difficulty in exchanging the money on that date.

About noon of that date, John McLaughlin gave me a package containing \$4,000.00 in five and ten dollar bills and I took this money to the Mutual Bank, located in the 7800 block on South Halsted Street, where I was successful in changing this amount of money into larger denominations, and I then turned this amount of money in the large denominations over to McLaughlin. We then drove Bill back to the approximate point where we had picked him up.

On or about April 19, 1934, I again called at McLaughlin's house and picked him up and we proceeded to a point located in the vicinity of Lawrence and Ashland Avenues, where we again picked up Bill and we then visited two or three banks on the North Side of Chicago. The exact names and location of these I am unable to recall, where we would park the car and Bill would enter the banks and change a quantity of the five and ten dollar bills into larger denominations. On this date, I drove to the Mutual Bank, located in the 7800 block on Ashland Avenue and again was successful in changing \$4,000.00 in five and ten dollar bills, which were given me by McLaughlin into bills of larger denominations and I then turned the money over to McLaughlin.

On Friday, April 20, 1934, I again called for McLaughlin and we again picked up Bill at the same place, as above stated, and Bill again called at several banks and changed more of the 'hot' money. On this date I drove to the Mutual Bank, location as given above, and again changed \$4,000.00 of the 'hot' five and ten dollar bills into bills of larger denominations and turned the money over to McLaughlin.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, I again picked up McLaughlin at his home and we met Bill at the appointed place as before mentioned, at which time Bill again changed a quantity of the money at various banks into bills of larger denominations. I do not recall the name of or the addresses of the banks where we called. On this date I again called at the Mutual Bank, address above, and changed \$4,000.00 of the 'hot' five and ten dollar bills into bills of larger denominations and turned the money over to McLaughlin.

On Monday, April 23, 1934, I again picked up McLaughlin at his home and we met Bill at the appointed place, at the approximate point above mentioned, and Bill again changed a quantity of the money, given him by McLaughlin, at various banks, the names and locations of which I do not recall, into bills of larger denominations and turned the money over to McLaughlin. On this date, I again called at the Mutual Bank and changed \$4,000.00 in 'hot' five and ten dollar bills into bills of larger denominations and turned the money over to McLaughlin.

On Tuesday, April 24, 1934, I again called for McLaughlin at his home and we drove around to the appointed place on the north side and picked up Bill. Bill called at two different banks, the names and locations of which I cannot recall, which banks refused to change the five and ten dollar bills given him by McLaughlin, into bills of larger denominations. We then drove to the 7800 block on Halsted Street and I called at the Mutual Bank and again changed \$4,000.00 of the five and ten dollar bills into bills of larger denominations and gave the money to McLaughlin.

When I changed the five and ten dollar bills given me by McLaughlin at the Mutual Bank in the 7800 Block on Halsted Street, I would generally park the car at 79th Street and Emerald Avenue and Bill and McLaughlin would wait in the car until I returned with the money.

Nearly every day, while driving McLaughlin and Bill to various banks throughout the Loop, before mentioned, at the end of the day's work, McLaughlin would have me drive him to Irving

and Cicero Avenues, and McLaughlin would get out of the car and disappear, returning to the car in about 20 minutes. McLaughlin never told me where he went when we parked thusly.

John McLaughlin told me that the money Bill and myself had been changing was 'hot' money but did not state where he had obtained it or what connection it had with any certain case. As I recall it, he once told me he did not know the history of the money.

At first, I thought the money to be counterfeit money but when the banks accepted this money, I realized it must have been genuine. I had an idea in my own mind that the money was coming from some mob who had robbed a bank.

I have read this statement and it is true to the best of my recollection.

(Signed) PHILIP DELANEY

Witness:

R. D. Brown (Signed)  
Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois."

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The originals of the above quoted statement, and the heretofore quoted statement of JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR. are being transmitted with a copy of this report to the United States Attorney at Saint Paul, Minnesota, while copies of these statements are being retained in the file of this case at the Chicago Division Office.

Agent R. D. Brown will testify that PHILIP DELANEY made the following oral statements to him, just previous to his being arraigned before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker, at Chicago, Illinois, on April 20, 1934:

In answer to the question - "Did you not suspect that this money given you by J. J. McLAUGHLIN to be changed into other money, was kidnap money, due to the quantity of it?", DELANEY answered, "I did not suspect it was kidnap money at first, but when the money kept coming,

I surmised it must have been kidnap money and probably some of the ransom paid by EDWARD G. BREMER for his release."

DELANEY further stated that he believed that the teller at the bank where he changed all the money given him for changing by McLAUGHLIN; namely, the Mutual Bank located in the 7800 block on South Halsted Street, Chicago, knew that the money was "hot", due to the fact that no questions were ever asked and that it appeared strange to him he was able to change so much money, day after day, without having any questions asked and that he believed arrangements had previously been made by J. J. McLAUGHLIN, SR. at this bank, with this particular teller. This matter is receiving consideration by the Chicago Division Office at the present time.

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With further reference to the information furnished in this report, on pages 10 to 14, inclusive, relative to JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., the following is a list of the money found on his person, which proved to be part of the Bremer ransom money:-

\$10.00 FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES

I-05172767-A	\$10.00	
I-05195127-A	10.00	
		\$20.00

\$5.00 FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES

I-05871621-A	\$ 5.00	
I-05926140-A	5.00	
I-06026011-A	5.00	
I-06066099-A	5.00	
I-06123347-A	5.00	
I-06146356-A	5.00	
I-06244659-A	5.00	
I-06294981-A	5.00	
I-06362282-A	5.00	
I-06362264-A	5.00	
I-06044108-A	5.00	
I-06155238-A	5.00	
I-06148545-A	5.00	
		\$65.00
Total .....		\$85.00



All of the above listed notes are Federal Reserve Notes  
of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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The Chicago Office will immediately submit a complete  
report on all the information disclosed to date, not previously  
reported in connection with the Bremer ransom money being passed  
at Chicago banks.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1216 Smith-Young Tower Building,  
San Antonio, Texas.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Identification Order #1218,  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,  
Identification Order #1219, et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

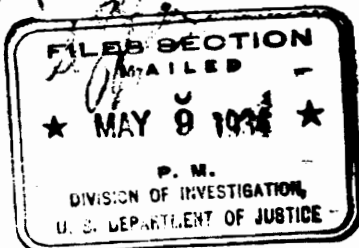
There are returned herewith the original photographs  
of Paula Harmon, from which the composite picture was prepared  
and from which were produced a number of photostats, which  
have been distributed to all field offices. Copies of these  
photographs are being retained by the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

8 Enclosure #554702

cc Mr. Clegg, (St. Paul Office)  
Chicago



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625 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan  
May 1, 1934

MAY 31 1934 PM

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. 1219  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Special Agent in Charge M. E. Purvis of the Chicago Office telephonically communicated with me on April 29 advising that J. J. McLaughlin who is in custody at Chicago in connection with the above matter furnished the names of one "Izzy" and one "Slim" as being involved in this case, further stating that they had been in Chicago until recently but had probably left for Toledo, Ohio, and it was requested that an investigation be made in that city to determine if persons answering such names are known there.

Special Agent H. W. Beckins of this office was immediately dispatched to Toledo and I am advised that the only Izzy of any prominence is Izzy Kaplan. This information was secured from Detective E. E. Meeker of the Detective Squad who is familiar with a great many characters in Toledo. He further advised that he could recall no individual generally known as Toledo Slim.

Upon making further inquiries it was determined that Izzy Kaplan is known as a racket bond promoter and that he has spent a great deal of time in Detroit and evidently has connections in Chicago. The persons contacted however advised that they have not seen him for the past eight or nine months in Toledo. At the Identification Unit, Toledo Police Department, the following description was found:

Age	40 years
Height	5 feet 2 inches
Weight	200 pounds
Eyes	Dark
Hair	Dark and thin on top
Nationality	Thought to be Jewish

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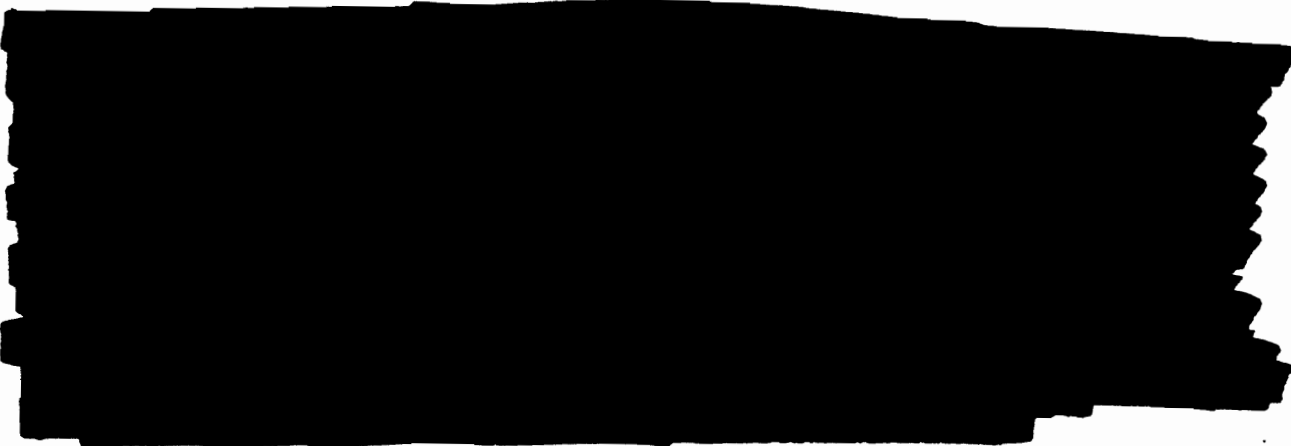
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Immediately upon receipt of this information Special Agent L. D. Bocey was instructed to secure the criminal record from the Detroit Police which is as follows:

Name	Issy Kaplan, alias Isaac Kaplan, alias Issy Green, alias Isadore Kaplan
Age	41 years
Height	5 feet 2 3/8 inches
Weight	180 in 1927
Build	Stout
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Hazel slate
Complexion	Dark
Nationality	Russian Jew
Peculiarities	Receding chin
Teeth	Short and stubby
Marks	Brown mole on right cheek bone

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A photograph taken in 1918 was secured and is being forwarded herewith to Chicago.



The records of the Detroit Police Department reflect that on 8/1/34 a circular was issued by the Police Department of Flint, Michigan, for this individual. Upon communicating with Flint it was determined that they have a more recent photograph of this individual than the one secured from the Detroit Police, and they agreed to forward two photographs with a copy of their circular containing the description of this man direct to the Chicago Office. This man seems to answer somewhat the description furnished this office of "Ray".

A further search of the files in the Identification Unit at Toledo reflects that one David Rashken also has an alias of Inzy. His description is as follows:

Age	34 years
Height	5 feet 8 1/2 inches
Weight	151 pounds
Hair	Chestnut
Complexion	Medium
Build	Slim
Number	Toledo Police Department #12951.

A photograph of this individual was also secured and is being transmitted herewith to Chicago for identification purposes.


Joseph Weissman is also known in Toledo as Inzy. His description is as follows:

Age	30 years
Height	5 feet 7 inches
Hair	Dark chestnut
Complexion	Medium light
Born	San Antonio, Argentine
Build	Slender
Number	Toledo Police #13275

A photograph of this individual was also secured and is being transmitted to Chicago.

After a careful search of additional records at the Identification Bureau, Toledo Police Department, it was determined that one George Huffmaster has an alias of Toledo Slim. His description is as follows:

Age	29 years
Height	5 feet 8 1/2 inches
Weight	132 pounds
Eyes	Dark blue
Hair	Light chestnut
Build	Slender



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In the event McLaughlin is able to identify any of the photographs forwarded to Chicago it is desired that this office be notified and the necessary investigation will be conducted in an effort to locate the proper persons.

Very truly yours,

Ed. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Division \_\_\_\_\_  
St. Paul  
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BREKID FOLLOWING TELEGRAM JUST RECEIVED BY U S ATTORNEY QUOTE

CHICAGO ILL DL DISTRICT ATTORNEY STPAUL MINN

I APPEAL TO YOU IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE AMERICAN LADY WIFE AND  
MOTHER TO DELAY INDICTMENT AGAINST MY SON AND HUSBAND OF  
CHARGES MADE BY YOUR AGENT MR PURVIS HELPLESS MYSELF  
FINANCIALLY TO REACH WASHINGTON ASK INVESTIGATION OF FEDERAL  
OFFICE HERE I APPEAL TO YOU TO HAVE INDICTMENT AND JUDGMENT  
WITHHELD UNTIL SUCH INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE I DENY ALL CHARGES  
HE MADE AGAINST MY HUSBAND AND SON WHO ARE IN JAIL UNABLE TO  
SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES I KNOW CHARGES MADE BY MR PURVIS THAT MY  
SON POSSESSED MARKED MONEY IS A FALSEHOOD THE DISCHARGE OF THIS  
CASE IS AS GREAT AND INJUSTICE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS IT IS  
TO US I APPEAL TO YOU VERY RESPECTFULLY

MRS MC LAUGHLIN

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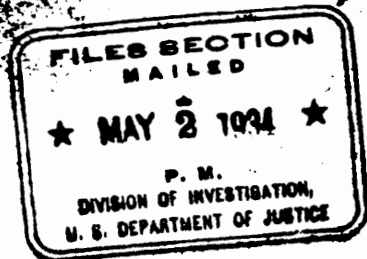
MEMORANDUM

FOR MR. CONLEY.

Mr. Nathan telephoned from Chicago concerning Jack McLaughlin, who has been taken into custody, bond being set at \$30,000. This boy is seventeen years of age. The newspapers are reporting that his lawyer thinks that he may make bond today. The only thing that is worrying the elder McLaughlin is his son, and this is the only reason that he is telling everything. Mr. Nathan stated that they have been talking to him every day, and yesterday he was very angry, stating that we had double-crossed him by promising to release his son. This allegation of course is not true. Mr. Nathan said that McLaughlin is an underworld character, and is "tough" and shrewd. Mr. Nathan suggested that young McLaughlin's bond be reduced to \$10,000 with the idea in mind that the elder McLaughlin would then give us additional information. I agreed with Mr. Nathan's suggestion, and told him to take steps to try to have this effected.

Very truly yours,

Director.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 2, 1934.

MR. NATHAN.....  
MR. TOLSON.....  
MR. CLEGG.....  
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MR. EGAN.....  
MR. QUINN.....  
MR. LESTER.....  
CHIEF CLERK.....  
MR. RORER.....

MEMORANDUM FOR MR TOLSON.

Mr. Holland of The Pathe News called at 10:15PM  
and wanted to talk to Mr. Hoover or Mr. Keenan regarding  
Boss McLaughlin. I advised Mr. Holland to call back in  
the morning.

Respectfully,

*R. L. Moore*  
R. L. Moore

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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MR. NATHAN  
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MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. EGAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
CHIEF CLERK  
MR. ROGER

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Mr. Dorsey of the Pathe News telephoned at 8:30 P.M. and inquired as to who to contact to obtain authority to have a news picture made of 'Boss' McLaughlin. He stated the District Attorney had refused permission stating that the authority would have to come from Washington.

I referred him to Colonel Gates.

Respectfully,

C. E. Kleinkauf.  
C. E. Kleinkauf.

of course we will  
never consent to this.  
J. E. H.

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Edward G. Bremer



Room 1403,  
370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y.

May 2, 1934

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
et al  
EDWARD G. BREYER - VICTIM.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the press dispatch under date of April 30, 1934 at Chicago, Ill., which indicated that the whereabouts of Wayne E. "Christian Kid" Mead, as the finger man in the instant case, was desired.

In this connection, Postoffice Inspector Graham of New York City, telephonically advised Special Agent Val C. Zimmer of this office that he had noted the information related above and that he desired to furnish the following information which might be of assistance:

That Louis J. Piquett, an attorney at Chicago, Ill. was alleged to have represented John Dillinger prior to the time the latter escaped from the Crown Point Jail, Indiana, and that Piquett also represented Mead in a case handled by the Postoffice Inspectors of Jacksonville, Fla., at which time Mead was to have reported to the court on April 2, 1934 but failed to do so.

Inspector Graham had no additional information, and the above is being submitted to your office for whatever value it might have in the event the same has not been developed previously.

Very truly yours,

cc Division  
cc Inspector W.A. Rorer,  
St. Paul, Minn.

F.X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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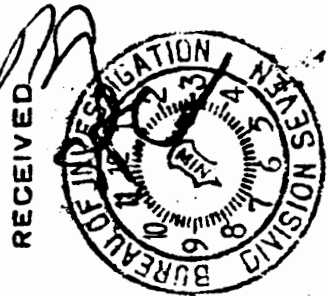
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E E CONROY  
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DALLAS OFFICE ADVISED DIVISION INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO BE PAULA HARRON TAKEN  
INTO CUSTODY CABOOL MISSOURI TWO MEN PARTIALLY IDENTIFIED BARKER AND KARPIS  
ESCAPED FORD V EIGHT SEDAN BEARING IOWA LICENSE THREE SEVEN FOUR NINE THREE  
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April 30, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONLEY

Agent in Charge Purvis telephoned after calling in the press to give a brief statement concerning the John McLaughlin matter.

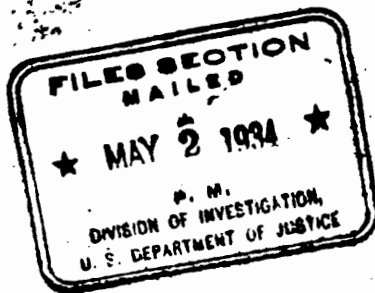
In connection with the general situation with reference to the press in Chicago, I mentioned to Mr. Purvis my conferences with the Washington representatives of the Chicago Daily News and the Chicago Herald Examiner, and stated that I felt the situation with those papers in Chicago would be somewhat clarified now. I suggested to Mr. Purvis that when he has no information, he should so advise the press, and when he has a story that can be given out, he should give it to the press.

Very truly yours,

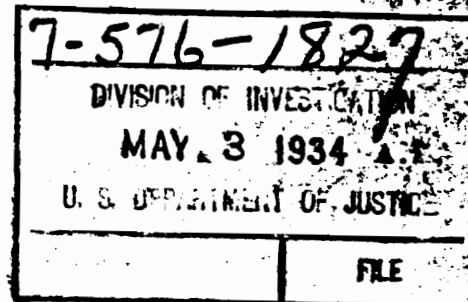
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Edward G. Bremer

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April 30, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONLEY

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I telephoned Agent in Charge Purvis at Chicago this morning, and called his attention to article in this morning's Washington Post concerning the arrest of John McLaughlin in Chicago, in which it is stated that our Agents are seeking a confidence man, who is alleged to be a Twin Cities contractor, who had apparently been fleeced. Mr. Purvis advised that he had received a number of inquiries concerning this matter, and while he knows of no basis for the story, he is looking into it.

Mr. Purvis stated he is of the opinion that McLaughlin is to be arraigned May 7th.

Mr. Randall, of the Associated Press, telephoned to state he had received a wire from Chicago advising that Mr. Purvis refused to give out any information on this case without specific authorization from me, and wanted to know if the story could be broken here. I told him I would call Mr. Purvis.

I immediately called Mr. Purvis and told him I saw no objection to his giving out the story, with regard to McLaughlin's attempt to pass the money and the fact that it involves the two sums in the two cases. I suggested that he call the press correspondents in and give them a brief statement on the matter.

In this connection, I then talked with Mr. Nathan, informing him of my conversation with Mr. Fitzmaurice, Washington representative of the Chicago Herald-Examiner, in which Mr. Fitzmaurice told me he had been requested by headquarters at Chicago to talk with me concerning the allegation that Mr. Purvis had given the Chicago Tribune a "scoop." I told Mr. Nathan of my suggestion to Mr. Fitzmaurice that I would have him, Mr. Nathan, call upon Mr. Victor Watson, Managing Editor of the Herald-Examiner, and his absence Mr. Dinehart, the City Editor, explaining our situation. Mr. Nathan will take care of this.

I also indicated to Mr. Nathan the action I desired taken relative to giving information to the press concerning the McLaughlin matter. He stated he would see that this conference is called immediately, and at that time he will also indicate to the press that he is not in Chicago to supplant Mr. Purvis.

Very truly yours,

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JOHN DILLINGER NEWTA AGENT VAN WAGONER TELEPHONED TONIGHT THAT NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AS YET INDICATING DILLINGER AND GANG ARE IN VICINITY OF IRONWOOD, MICHIGAN.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS. ARRANGEMENTS MADE TODAY WITH INFORMANT RESIDING FOX RIVER GROVE TO FURNISH INFORMATION REGARDING LOUIS CERNOCKYS PLACE WITH REFERENCE TO LOCATION PEARL ELLIOTT DILLINGER CONTACT. SAC CONNELLEY DESIRED INFORMATION CONCERNING WHETHER DEWEY ELLIOTT HUSBAND OF PEARL HAS BEEN RETURNED MICHIGAN CITY PENITENTIARY INVESTIGATION DEVELOPED THE DEWEY ELLIOTT IN MICHIGAN CITY PENITENTIARY IS NOT HUSBAND PEARL. FORD COACH PROPERTY ROY P. FRANCIS ST. PAUL FOUND ABANDONED CHICAGO TODAY CONTAINED MATCH BOOKS WITH NAME WANATKA, LITTLE BOHEMIA LODGE. ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS.

BREKID SLIM IDENTIFIED AS ROY GRAY, WIFE ESTELLE GRAY, AND BROTHER IN LAW NAME NOT KNOWN HAVE APARTMENT AT 626 WAVELAND AVE CHICAGO, SAID PARITES NOT SEEN SINCE LAST FRIDAY, BUT PERHAPS WILL RETURN SINCE THEY HAVE EXPENSIVE FURNISHINGS IN APARTMENT. SLIM IS DRIVING 1934 FORD V-8 COUPE. ESTELLE GRAY HAS A 1932 BUICK SEDAN NOW PARKED AT GRACELAND GARAGE 3729 BROADWAY. PARTY FITTING DESCRIPTION OF LIZZY, KNOWN AS SAM MILLER PARKS HIS 1934 FORD V-8 COACH IN SAME GARAGE. SAME MILLER BROUGHT TO GARAGE BY GRAY. APARTMENT OF GRAY RAIDED TONIGHT. EVIDENCE FOUND LINKING HIM DEFINITELY WITH DR. MORAN. AGENTS ON DUTY AT GARAGE. WILL FOLLOW ALL LEADS CAREFULLY. ARTICLES SIEZED WILL BE EXAMINED FOR LATENT PRINTS UNLESS DIVISION DESIRES US TO FORWARD ARTICLES TO WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY. AGENTS BROWN, NICHOLS, FALKNER AND CROWL PROCEEDED TO ST. PAUL TONIGHT TOP PRESENT RANSOM MONEY MATTER TO GRAND JURY TOMORROW.

**PURVIS**

MESSAGE FROM ST PAUL BREKID

INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE THAT ONE GRAY FIRST NAME NOT AT PRESENT KNOWN IS BROTHER  
IN LAW OF HARRY SAWYER OF ST PAUL AND MPLS WHO IS SUSPECTED AS A FINGER MAN IN  
BREMER KIDNAPING

# DILLINGER CASE

HOUSE WHERE IT WAS BELIEVED THAT PAT CHERRINGTON DEPARTED FROM MPLS ENROUTE TO CGO AND DETROIT WAS ENTERED TONIGHT AND INDICATIONS ARE THAT THIS IS A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY AND THAT WOMAN WHO LEFT THIS PARTICULAR HOUSE WAS GOING TO CHICAGO TO VISIT HER SISTER CHICAGO HAS BEEN FURNISHED NAMES AND ADDRESSES FOR VERIFICATION. THE DETROIT OFFICE HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF THIS FACT. EVELYN FRECHETTE ARRAIGNED TODAY ENTERED PLEA OF NOT GUILTY HEARING ON MOTION TO REDUCE BOND SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW AFTERNOON BEFORE JUDGE JOYCE. INDICATIONS ARE THAT TRIAL ON HARBORING CHARGES MAY BEGIN NEXT WEEK. CHARGES AGAINST MCLAUGHLIN ET AL IN BREKID CASE TO BE PRESENTED TO GRAND JURY HERE TOMORROW MORNING AS WELL AS A WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT CASE AGAINST PAT REILLY. E.D

**CLEGG**

CAN YOU GIVE US LICENSE TAGS ON BUICK CAR AT GRACELAND GARAGE ABOVE MENTIONED

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CHARLES FRANCIS MCGUIRE NUMBER 8449 ARRESTED POLICE TOLEDO OHIO OCTOBER  
3 1918 ON SUSPICION FUGITIVE RETURNED TO CHICAGO ILLINOIS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
OCTOBER 10 1918 ON CHRGES ROBBERY AND ASSAULT TO ROB AND CONCEALING AND  
AIDING PRISONERS TO ESCAPE INDICTED ON LATTER CHARGE BY OCTOBER TERM  
GRAND JURY CHICAGO ILLINOIS DISPOSITION CASE STRICKEN OFF BY JUDGE HOLDEN  
CHICAGO ON JUNE 17 1921 CHICAGO POLICE RECORDS SHOW MCGUIRE AT PRESENT  
WANTED AS FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE LOS ANGELES AND CINCINNATI FOR MAIL  
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MR. MATTHEW  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. CONNELLEY  
MR. EUGENE  
MR. GARDNER  
MR. HENRY  
MR. LADD  
MR. NICHOLS  
MR. ROSEN  
MR. TRACY  
MR. WATSON  
MR. WOOD

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota.**

S. A. FILE NO. **7-41**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>San Antonio, Texas.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-30-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4-5,15,20,27-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>J. V. Murphy</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218, ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases, I. O. #1219, UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. Nora Mauhar, 1717 Chenevert Street, Houston, has no further information regarding Paula Harmon and Madelyn Snyder. The Texas News Stand, Houston, has had no persons resembling Subjects purchase St. Paul or Minneapolis newspapers.

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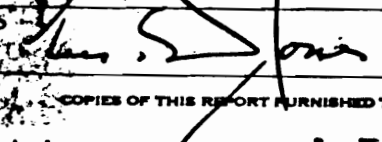
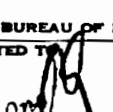
**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, San Antonio, Texas, 3-10-34.

**DETAILS:**

Mrs. Nora Mauhar, Apartment #2, 1717 Chenevert Street, Houston, Texas was contacted on several occasions and each time she stated that she had no further information regarding the whereabouts of Paula Harmon and Madelyn Snyder, and has no idea with whom they may be contacting. The resident agent's telephone was furnished Mrs. Mauhar and she agreed to immediately inform Agent should she learn of any information concerning Paula Harmon, nee Brannon, and Madelyn Snyder.

Agent interviewed Mrs. L. W. Peay, Texas News Stand, 1017 Texas Street, Houston, Texas, on four occasions, and she advised that they have had no inquiries nor have they sold St. Paul or Minneapolis newspapers to any persons resembling Subjects.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-576-1830</b>	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>MAY 4 1934</b>
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1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
May 2, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218,  
ARTHUR E. BARKER, with aliases, I. O.  
1219- et al, O  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,  
O Kidnaping,  
Chicago File 7-82

Confirming telephonic conversation between  
Agent Roche of your office, and Agent Starns of this office, in con-  
nection with the above-entitled case, please be advised that recently  
when Philip Delaney one of the subjects was taken into custody, he  
had in his possession a Western Union telegram dated April 24, 1934  
sent from E. Sacramento, California at 8:29 P. M. It was addressed  
to Delaney at his local address and contained the following message:

CALL TONIGHT CAP T O FIVE THREE SEVEN IMPORTANT  
REVERSE CHARGES

It was signed- "Maurice".

It has been determined by this office  
that one FRANK J. PRINDVILLE, who is described as follows:

Name: Frank J. Prindville  
Age: 40 years  
Height: 5 feet, 6 inches  
Weight: 155 pounds  
Complexion: Light  
Eyes: Blue  
Hair: Light Brown, turning gray  
Build: Stocky  
Peculiarities: Always grinning, flashy dresser,  
wears horn rimmed glasses.

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left Chicago two or three weeks ago, for some point in California. Prindville resided at the Pershing Hotel in this city, and during the past winter, it is reported, he disposed of a large amount of "hot" money, and bonds. Possibly there is some connection between the sender of the telegram and Prindville.

It was also found that Delaney had a card in his possession, at the time of his apprehension, showing a membership in the International Sheriff's and Police Association. It was No. 119, and expired December 1, 1930. It was issued to Philip J. Delaney, Sacramento, California. The President was shown to be B. E. Schoener, St. Cloud, Minnesota, while the Secretary-Treasurer was William A. Gerber of St. Paul, Minnesota. It was suggested that appropriate inquiry may be desirable to determine whether Delaney was legitimately entitled to have the card above-described. Inasmuch as it was issued to him in Sacramento, the St. Paul Office is not being required to make any investigation relative thereto.

Very truly yours,

JJW/dr  
CC Division  
St. Paul

M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Suite 1  
Federal Building  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
May 2, 1934.

Attention:  
Division File 454350.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, IO 1218,  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, IO 1219,  
ET AL  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.

Referring to Division letter to Inspector  
Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, under date of April 25, 1934, in the  
above captioned case, please be advised that it has been ascertained  
from the Omaha, Nebraska, Police Department, that Madeline Snyder  
was arrested by that department on August 18, 1932, under its police  
number 17073, on a charge of investigation, Miss Snyder having been  
released on August 27, 1932, by order of Judge Arthur Thompson.

One copy of Miss Snyder's photograph was  
obtained from the Omaha Police Department and is being transmitted  
herewith to the Division with the suggestion that appropriate copies  
thereof be made and be furnished the appropriate field offices for  
investigation in the instant case.

Very truly yours,

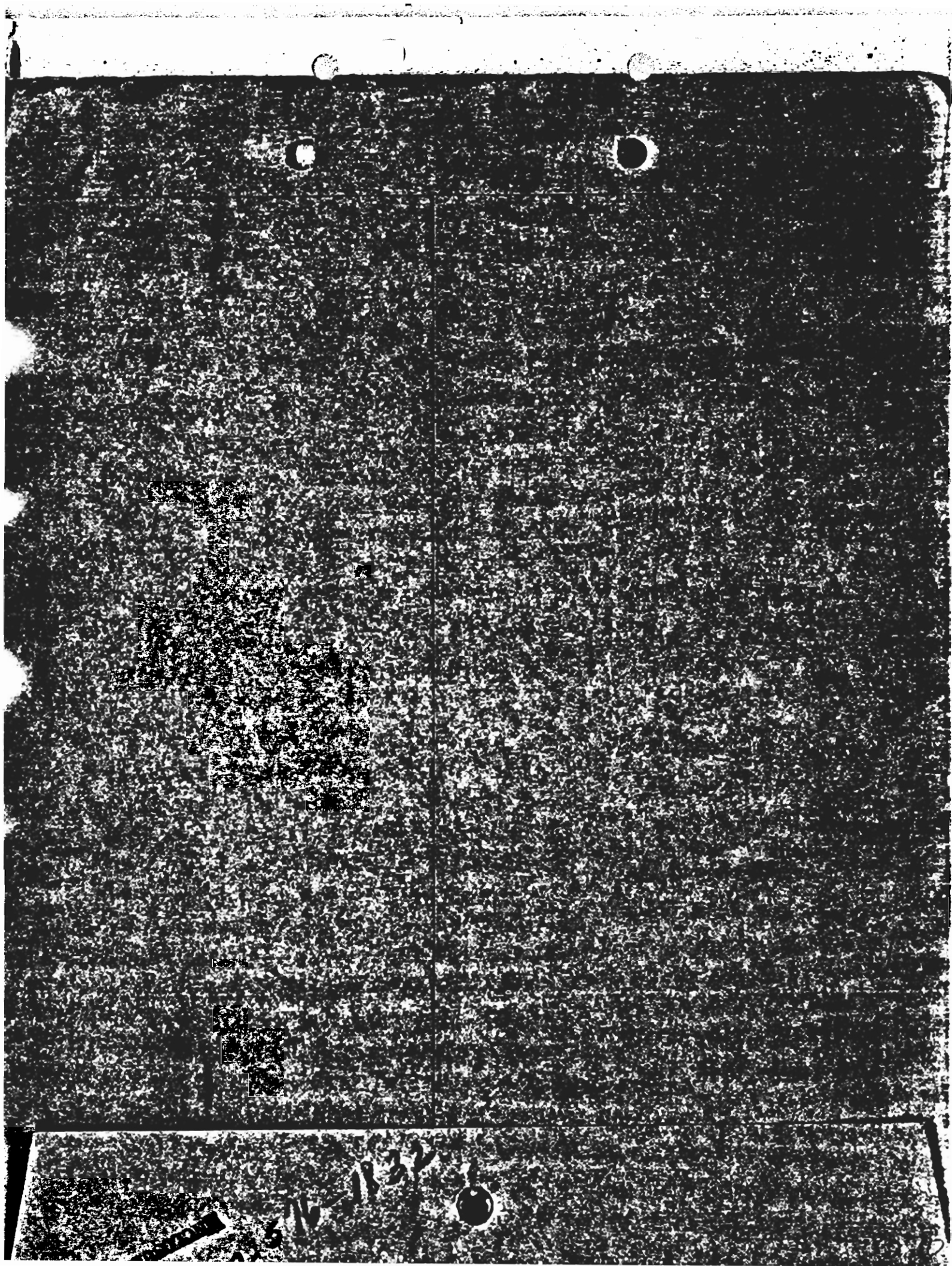
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Madeline Snyder.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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May 3, 1934

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MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
CHIEF CLERK  
MR. RORER

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent in Charge Blake of the Dallas Office telephoned at noon today to advise that he had received information indicating that Paula Harmon has been located at Cabool, Missouri and is in custody there; that two men with whom she was traveling escaped in a Ford V-8 Sedan, bearing Iowa license plates #37493; that these men had been partially identified as one of the Barkers and Karpis.

Mr. Blake stated that the reason he had received the information was that the woman was at first believed to be Bonnie Parker, companion of Clyde Barrow. I suggested to Mr. Blake that he telephone the information to the Kansas City Office, instructing that office to trace the Iowa license plates, and also to make investigation at Cabool, Missouri.

I telephoned Acting Special Agent in Charge Spear at Kansas City and learned that he had been in contact with Captain Shepherd of the Missouri State Highway Patrol who furnished him with information to the effect that the woman now in custody at Cabool, Missouri gives the name of Florence Isley, described as slim build, weighing one hundred pounds, 5' 3" in height; that the above automobile was abandoned at Cabool, Missouri; and that the State Officers are endeavoring to trail the men by the use of bloodhounds. Mr. Spear stated that he furnished Captain Shepherd with a complete description and fingerprint classification of Paula Harmon, and Captain Shepherd stated that he would have the fingerprints taken of the woman, and the Kansas City Office will be advised as to her identity. The 1934 Iowa license plates have been traced to one Charles Wilson, Grand Junction, Iowa.

Mr. Spear stated that he would keep the Division advised relative to any developments in this matter.

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Respectfully,

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We should get some agents  
to Cabool at once to assist in  
the hunt.

J. E. H.

R. E. Newby

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ENCOURAGED BY THE IMMORTAL WORDS OF LINCOLN JUSTICE FOR ALL  
MALICE FOR NONE I APPEAL TO OUR GREAT GOVERNMENT IN  
WASHINGTON TO ISSUE ORDERS SO THAT THE PRESS MAY BE  
PERMITTED TO INTERVIEW MY HUSBAND SO THAT THEY CAN HEAR  
FOR THEMSELVES WHETHER THE ALLEGED CONFESSION REPORTED TO  
HAVE BEEN MADE BY HIM FROM MR PURVIS OFFICE WAS REALLY  
MADE OR NOT MADE THE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN DENIED  
THIS INTERVIEW BY ORDERS OF THE CHICAGO FEDERAL OFFICE I AM  
UNABLE TO MAKE BOND WHICH MAKES HIM HELPLESS TO SPEAK FOR  
HIMSELF THIS MOST JUST REQUEST HAVING BEEN DENIED FROM MR  
PURVIS OFFICE I AM APPEALING TO YOU-

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MR. NATHAN \_\_\_\_\_  
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CHIEF CLERK \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. EDGER \_\_\_\_\_

MAY 9, 1934  
This need not be answered.  
We are not touring a circus  
at Chicago & only his lawyer  
can see him. I suspect the  
Chicago newspapers have  
put this up to this.

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER



**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

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

May 1, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218,  
et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Reference is made to Division's letter dated April 11, 1934, addressed to Inspector W. A. Rorer relating to a list of names and police numbers of individuals whose fingerprints are to be checked against latent fingerprints in the above entitled case.

William Leonard, St. Paul Police Department No. 24115, was arrested at St. Paul on 7-29-33 and fingerprints forwarded to the Division immediately thereafter and report received from the Division dated August 16, 1933, referring to the Division's file No. 661470. The fingerprints of James Wilson, St. Paul Police Department No. 24156, may be found in Division's file No. 2278. The fingerprints of William Hart, St. Paul Police Department No. 23981, may be found in Division's file No. 245803. The records of the St. Paul Police Department disclose that no fingerprints of James Pinto, St. Paul Police Department No. 24144, and Joseph M. Byrnes, St. Paul Police Department No. 24145, were forwarded to the Division. Photographs of fingerprints of these two individuals are being prepared and will be forwarded to the Division when completed.

I am communicating with the Chicago Division office requesting that fingerprints of Joseph Crawford, Chicago Police Department No. 4875, be forwarded to the Division. I am likewise communicating with the Police Department at Sioux City, Iowa, requesting that fingerprints of Lewis Postare, Sioux City Police Department No. 3479, be forwarded to this office for transmittal to the Division.

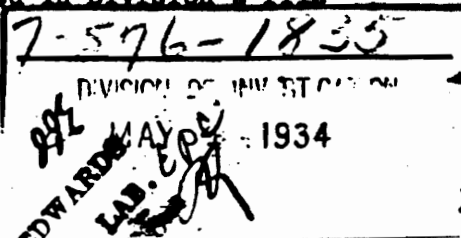
Examination of the files of the St. Paul Police Department discloses that the fingerprint record of Albert DuVol, St. Paul Police No. 23982, is identical with Albert DuVol, carried in Division's file No. 41932 and in Division's file No. 112953.

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It has been further ascertained that the fingerprints of James Brock, St. Paul Police No. 24075, are identical with James Brock, Division's file No. 65122.

Very truly yours,

  
H. H. GLEGG,  
Inspector.

JEB:HVS

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida

RAA:HAM.

May 2, 1934

Director  
Division of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.



Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
Identification Order 1218; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Please refer to the report of Special Agent C. E. McRae, Jr., of the Jacksonville Office, dated April 29, 1934, which indicates the status of this case here as being Referred Upon Completion to Office of Origin. This is incorrect. There is additional investigation to be made in this district, which is receiving appropriate attention. Please make the necessary correction on the Division's copies of the aforementioned report.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Inspector W. A. Rorer - Saint Paul  
Kansas City  
Chicago.

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May 14, 1934.

Mr. E. H. Clegg,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

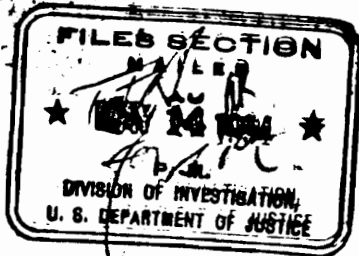
Reference is made to your letter dated May 1, 1934, submitting identifying data relating to a list of individuals whose fingerprints are to be checked against latent fingerprints in the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. 1118, et al; Edward G. Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

In each instance the Division file number referred to by you contains the arrest record referred to in our letter dated April 11, 1934. It is noted that you indicate that Albert DuVal, St. Paul Police #23982, is being carried in two Division files. You are advised that our file number 112953, although it pertains to an individual by the name of Albert DuVal, is not identical with our file number 41932, which contains the criminal record of the person in question.

The photostatic copies of fingerprints of Joseph Pinto, St. Paul Police #24144, and Joseph M. Byrnes, St. Paul Police #24145, received under cover of your letter of May 3, 1934, have been searched through the main fingerprint files, and were found to be identical with our files, number 807213 and number 785506, respectively.

Very truly yours,

Director.



*[Handwritten signature/initials]*

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April 12, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I talked to Mr. Clegg this evening concerning the Dillinger case, and inquired about the individual named Sawyer, whose name has been linked with that of Dillinger and several others in St. Paul. Mr. Clegg stated that a boy named Pat Riley, described as small, lighthaired, thin and pale faced, a former Mascot of the St. Paul baseball team, is supposed to be travelling with Sawyer. They have plenty of information and evidence with regard to Sawyer and if they are able to locate Sawyer he will be taken into custody and questioned thoroughly. Pat Riley's sister-in-law, Majorie, is a girl friend of a hoodlum named Tommy Carroll who is allied with Homer Van Meter. Mr. Clegg stated that it would be advisable to check the Division records on Carroll, but he doubted if Pat Riley has a record, however it is known that Pat Riley is Sawyer's man Friday and probably knows all about Sawyer's doings.

Mr. Clegg is going to telephone El Paso and talk to SAC Colvin concerning the wire from there this evening with respect to the airplanes at Phoenix, Arizona, thought to be owned by Sawyer.

Mr. Nathan is questioning the woman, Bessie, at the present time, Mr. Clegg stated, but he, Mr. Clegg, obtained the following additional from here with respect to the Barker gang. Harry Campbell has a Cherokee Indian girl about 18 or 19 years old for a girl friend. This girl has straight black hair, unbobbed, and is named Winona or perhaps Wema. Fred Barker's girl is Paula Harmon, who, according to Bessie, is a funny looking dame, with flat features, dark complexion, dark brown hair, age 25 to 28, weighs less than a hundred pounds and wears a size 12 dress. She has been going with Barker since last summer. Bessie stated that she never saw Doc Barker with a girl, but he is supposed to have a girl in Reno. Kate Barker, at the present time is believed to be in Chicago with her sister from California, name unknown. Doc Barker and Fred Barker had a split-up last Christmas. Alvin Karpis has a girl friend named Dolores, age 18, in Chicago, Karpis rents an apartment there for her. Ray Karpis eats quite frequently at an eating place in Maywood, Illinois, just outside Chicago. This place is reached by going north on Washington boulevard to the town of Maywood, turning left to North Avenue in Maywood. The girl Dolores is supposed to stay Chicago, she has light complexion, light brown hair, brown eyes, has a long bob and uses quite a bit of makeup. Karpis also has a wife living in Chicago but he doesn't contact her. Bill Weaver, also a member of the Bremer kidnaping gang, has a girl friend named Mary Eaton, who is his girl friend by force, he often kidnaping her and taking her away against her will. She is supposed to be

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in Des Moines, Iowa, with her sister in law, the wife of another one of the Eatons. This sister in law runs a chicken eating place which is easy to find and Bessie states that wherever Mary Eaton is Bill Weaver is bound to be close, however he has been back to St. Paul on at least two occasions since the kidnaping. Bessie stated that she understood the Barker gang went to Reno right after the kidnaping, that Bill has returned to Des Moines to serve as a contact man to handle the money situation. In regard to the money situation, Mr. Clegg stated that about the first of December last year, the Barker gang was broke, that they planned the Bremer kidnaping, obtained the ransom money, turned it over to Sawyer, who was to keep it for ninety days, during which time he was to turn it in for good money, and take his cut for the exchange. Therefore it is believed that the Barkers and Karpis are laying low, and are not able to spend much money because of the fact that they have not got hold of the any of the money, and Mr. Clegg stated that Bessie stated that if none of the money had turned up yet, it was pretty certain that it was still being held by Sawyer and that he may be still negotiating through the Kleckmans, who are the bosses in St. Paul, to obtain good money, probably in New York. She stated that it is supposed to be ninety days before the money is turned back to the kidnaping gang, which is probably having just about enough money to get along.

Bessie stated that Billie described the house in which fire the Dillinger lived in Florida as having a large living room with four places grouped in a circle in the middle. However Bessie does not place much faith in what Billie says because she is inclined to lord over the other people and to stretch the truth. She stated that Harry Sawyer when he get "hot" usually goes to a hospital outside of Hudson, Wisconsin, which is sort of a private sanitarium for mental cases. At the time of the Bremer kidnaping, Bessie stated that she and Eddie Green were in the apartment building owned by Senator Capper in Topeka, Kansas. The girls who were with Barker and Karpis drink quite a bit and like night life.

Mr. Clegg stated that little by little they are getting this information out of her, but they are getting little evidence.

With regard to the Hamm case, Bessie stated that it is rumored that the Barker gang also pulled that job, but that they lost most of the money from that in a gambling place in Reno.

With regard to the record of Tommy Carroll mentioned on the first page of this memo, I am advised by Mr. Newby that he has already checked up on this man and he is known to be an associate of the bank robbers around St. Paul and is wanted by the authorities at Brainerd, Minn., at the present time for bank robbery.

Respectfully,

S.P. Cowley.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

April 30, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.  
1218, et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

In connection with the investigation being conducted by  
Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry at Reno, Nevada, where under the  
name of F. T. HERRY he is making certain under-cover inquiries with  
reference to the Bremer kidnaping case, you are advised that I have  
asked Special Agent Fortenberry to submit to me daily a record of  
his expenditures for which reimbursement might be claimed, occasioned  
by his presence in Reno. I have received the first two itemizations  
of this type as follows:

For Thursday, April 26:

Taxi fares	\$2.00
Drinks	2.25
Gambling losses	4.00
Total	\$8.25

For Friday, April 28:

Gambling (broke even)	
Taxi fare	1.75
Drinks and entertainment (for date and would-be-writer friend)	7.25
Total	\$9.00

It is obvious to me that because of the front that this agent  
would have to assume at Reno, there will be certain expenditures  
occasioned by his investigative status for which he should be entitled  
to reimbursement. It occurs to me, however, that there should be some  
sort of daily maximum which he should be required to follow as an average,  
and I would suggest the sum of \$7.50 as the maximum unless unusual

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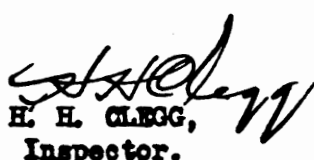
circumstances arise for which he is able to submit an explanation in justification. Until I have received word from the Division on this point, I am not suggesting any restrictions to him, but if any contrary view is held I shall be glad to be advised telegraphically.

During the past week, I received a communication from him in the nature of a daily letter wherein he discussed the fact that one of the acquaintances which he has made was acquainted with "Doc and Fred". He had been unable to determine their exact identity, and his informant became so inebriated that the police took him to jail. Agent Fortenberry stated that he felt that he should get into jail himself in order that he could have the fellow prisoner feeling and could question this fellow while he was intoxicated; and after assuming intoxication for a time, he was unsuccessful in being arrested and instead the police were about to take him home, whereupon Agent Fortenberry took a swing with his fist at the policeman and then the policeman accommodated him by placing him in jail, although Agent Fortenberry's \$10 collateral was restored to him by the Judge the next morning.

In talking with this agent by telephone, as well as in a communication, I have informed him that I felt that such extremes were unnecessary and that he might have recourse to an agent in Reno who is not under cover to make the necessary inquiries. At least, this should be tried before resorting to such extremes.

I felt that the Division should be informed of these circumstances with reference to Agent Fortenberry's assignment in Reno.

Very truly yours,

  
H. H. CLEGG,  
Inspector.

HHC:EVS

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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May 3, 1934.

MR. NATHAN\_\_\_\_  
MR. TOLSON\_\_\_\_  
MR. CLEGG\_\_\_\_  
MR. COWLEY\_\_\_\_  
MR. EDWARDS\_\_\_\_  
MR. EGAN\_\_\_\_  
MR. QUINN\_\_\_\_  
MR. LESTER\_\_\_\_  
CHIEF CLERK\_\_\_\_  
MR. ROBB\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I talked to Acting Special Agent in Charge Spear, Kansas City, and inquired whether anyone had been sent to Cabool, Missouri. He advised that he had not sent a man as the Chief of Police with whom he had been in touch was sending the fingerprints photograph, et cetera, of the woman arrested there for check up before he sent a man there in view of the length of time required to reach the point, it being necessary to travel by car. I instructed him to have a man proceed at once to personally handle the matter.

Respectfully,

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

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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April 30, 1934.

MR. NATHAN...  
MR. TOLSON...  
MR. CLEGG...  
MR. COWLEY...  
MR. EDWARDS...  
MR. EGAN...  
MR. QUINN...  
MR. LESTER...  
CHIEF CLERK...  
MR. ROSEN...

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I talked to Mr. Nathan at Chicago Saturday night. He stated that they had succeeded in getting complaints and warrants issued for McLaughlin, et al, but that in doing so it had been necessary for him to promise the United States Attorney at Chicago that indictments would be returned against these individuals at St. Paul. He stated that he had conveyed this information to Mr. Hanni in Mr. Clegg's absence and that Mr. Hanni had advised that he would discuss the matter with the United States Attorney. Mr. Nathan stated that he felt it absolutely necessary that indictments be returned at St. Paul and that if there was any hesitancy or reluctance on the part of the United States Attorney there the Department should take some action here. While talking with Mr. Clegg this morning I asked whether there was going to be any difficulty in getting the indictments. He stated that both the Judge and the United States Attorney were in full accord with the Division's activities and that he did not expect any difficulty at all in getting indictments. It was suggested that should any difficulty arise in connection with this matter he immediately advise the Division in order that the proper action might be taken later. Mr. Clegg stated that the Grand Jury had been dismissed but that it was being recalled for the purpose of returning indictments against these individuals.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

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May 3, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I talked to Mr. Nathan at Chicago and inquired as to the charges against McLaughlin, et al., particularly with regard to transportation. Mr. Nathan advised that the charge against them was Conspiracy to Kidnap Edward Bremer; he stated the Court held that the conspiracy was not consummated until the money had been exchanged; however as to the transportation charge angle, he had talked to St. Paul in this connection; that the Chicago and St. Paul complaints are identical in this regard and charged subjects with "carrying away and transporting victim in interstate commerce".

Respectfully,

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

Mr. NATHAN \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. CLEGG \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. COWLEY \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. EDWARDS \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. EGAN \_\_\_\_\_  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY

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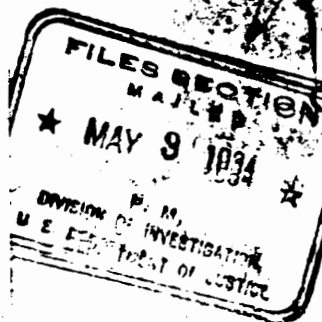
For your information, there is transmitted herewith a copy of a memorandum which I have this day furnished to the Attorney General relative to the arrest of John J. McLaughlin and others at Chicago, Illinois in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated April 30, 1934, wherein you were advised of the arrest at Chicago, Illinois of John J. McLaughlin and three others in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping case, when it was learned that they were passing the ransom money at various Chicago banks. Jack McLaughlin, son of John J. McLaughlin, was included among those arrested and there was found concealed in his hat \$300.00, \$85.00 of which was identified as part of the Bremer ransom money. Upon being questioned, young McLaughlin stated that his father had given him \$260.00 of this money at the time of the bank moratorium in March, 1933. This, of course, was obviously incorrect in that the ransom money was not passed until February 6, 1934. He later made a signed statement admitting that his first statement was false and said that about \$200.00 of the \$300.00 found in his hat was given to him by his father on April 25 and April 26, 1934, with instructions to keep same in his safety deposit box until he received further instructions from his father.

The senior McLaughlin refused to make any statement until he was informed that his son had also been taken into custody. When he learned of his son's arrest, he advised that he met one Frank Wright, a Chicago confidence man and underworld character, in the lobby of the Sherman Hotel at Chicago and that Wright had suggested to him that he exchange some kidnaping money; that he again met Wright in the Sherman Hotel about three weeks ago and Wright introduced him to two men known as Jones and Smith, at the Irving Hotel; that these men told McLaughlin they recently arrived from Toledo, Ohio and handled "hot" money for powerful mid-west gangsters and that they had \$100,000 to be exchanged. McLaughlin stated that he agreed to exchange this money on a 5% commission basis and he began to exchange this money on April 17th, assisted by his friends Vidler and Delaney, who did the actual exchanging and who have also been arrested.

McLaughlin states that the money was sometimes delivered to his home and that he sometimes obtained it from the Irving Hotel from Smith and Jones; that he agreed to exchange \$100,000 and was later advised that there were \$200,000 more available; that he had

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advised that the first \$100,000 was that of the Hamm Kidnaping ransom and understood the other \$200,000 was that of the Bremer Kidnaping money.

William E. Vidler, in a signed statement, admits exchanging over \$30,000 for McLaughlin and Philip Delaney admits, in a signed statement, that he drove an automobile transporting Vidler and McLaughlin to various banks where Vidler exchanged money, and that he, Delaney, personally exchanged \$24,000 in bills given to him by McLaughlin.

In connection with the arrest of the McLaughlins, Mrs. John J. McLaughlin telephoned the Chicago Office of this Division yesterday afternoon and stated that she intended to send the following quoted telegram to President Roosevelt, Senator Hamilton Lewis, the District Attorney in St. Paul, all newspapers in Chicago, St. Paul and Washington and to me:

"I appeal to you in the name of justice as an American, a lady, a wife and mother, to delay indictment against my son and husband. Charges made by your unprincipled agent, Mr. Purvis of Chicago, are false for what reason I do not know. Helpless myself financially to reach Washington to ask investigation of Federal office here, I appeal to you to withhold indictment and judgment until investigation is made of Mr. Purvis and his office in this case. I deny all charges Purvis has made against my husband and son and I charge him with persecution, not only of me and mine but all of the wonderful offices of the Federal Government. I deny the charges made by Mr. Purvis that my son John, Junior possessed marked money. My husband and wonderful seventeen year old son are in jail. I am alone. I appeal to you for help. The disgrace is as great to the Federal Government as it is to us. Please withhold indictment and judgment until you investigate." Signed Mrs. McLaughlin.

I thought you might desire to receive this information in the event publicity is given to the above.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

*McLaughlin*



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DIRECTOR

MRS JOHN J MCLAUGHLIN THE WIFE OF JOHN J BOSS MCLAUGHLIN WHO WAS RE-  
~~XXX BB XXX~~ BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE BREMER KIDNAPING  
 CALLED ON THE TELEPHONE THIS AFTERNOON AND STATED THAT SHE INTENDED  
 SENDING THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, MR HOOVER,  
 SENATOR HAMILTON LEWIS, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN ST PAUL AND ALL THE  
 PRESS IN CHICAGO, ST PAUL AND WASHINGTON " I APPEAL TO YOU IN THE NAME  
 OF JUSTICE, AS AN AMERICAN, A LADY, A WIFE AND MOTHER, TO DELAY  
 INDICTMENT AGAINST MY SON AND HUSBAND. CHARGES MADE BY YOUR  
 UNPRINCIPLED AGENT, MR PURVIS OF CHICAGO, ARE FALSE FOR WHAT REASON  
 I DO NOT KNOW. HELPLESS MYSELF FINANCIALLY TO REACH WASHINGTON TO  
 ASK INVESTIGATION OF FEDERAL OFFICE HERE I APPEAL TO YOU TO WITHHOLD  
 INDICTMENT AND JUDGMENT UNTIL INVESTIGATION IS MADE OF MR PURVIS AND  
 HIS OFFICE IN THIS CASE. I DENY ALL CHARGES PURVIS HAS MADE AGAINST  
 MY HUSBAND AND SON AND I CHARGE HIM WITH PERSECUTION, NOT ONLY OF ME  
 AND MINE, BUT ALL OF THE WONDERFUL OFFICES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
 I DENY THE CHARGES MADE BY MR PURVIS THAT MY SON JOHN ~~AND XXX~~ JUNIOR  
 POSSESSED MARKED MONEY. MY HUSBAND AND WONDERFUL SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD  
 SON ARE IN JAIL I AM ALONE. I APPEAL TO YOU FOR HELP THE DISTRICT  
 IS AS GREAT TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS IT IS TO US. PLEASE WITHHOLD  
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MR. NATHAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_  
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MR. RORER \_\_\_\_\_

April 16, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

In compliance with telephonic request of Inspector H. H. Clegg in connection with post office box 254 at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, which was rented under the name of E. V. Davis, and box 345, which was rented under the name of E. D. Murray, I am attaching hereto two memoranda submitted by Special Agent O. G. Hall and one submitted by Special Agent E. N. Notesteen.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR:

Re: BREKID  
St. P. 7-30.

(White Bear Lake, Minn.,  
P.O. Boxes and Mail)

Please refer to memorandum addressed to Inspector Rorer by myself, dated March 30, 1934, on the same subject as above titled.

Agent Sam McKee and myself on January 29, 1934, went to White Bear Lake, Minnesota, when the Postmaster, Mr. Campbell, was gone. We very carefully, with gloved hands, distilled water, pure white blotters, opened three letters, read and copied them, resealed the letters very carefully and left with no one knowing a thing about it. I assume that the Postmaster suspects we opened the letters, but under no circumstances would I want to see him involved as he is friendly and cooperative with us.

The letters were addressed to the holders of Post Office Box 254 and 345, E. V. DAVIS and E. L. MURREY.

This has been orally reported to Mr. Rorer, Mr. Hanni, and to Mr. Nathan, but has never been written into any report. I carry the copies of the letters in my pocket. As far as the file shows, the contents have never been learned.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,  
Special Agent.

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2 Inspector Rorer  
1 Agent Hall

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
March 30, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR BOKER:

RE: BREKID  
St. P. 7-50.

Shortly before the kidnaping of EDWARD BREMER, one Roy McCord, a radio operator, while driving his car near his home, was shot by unknown assailants who were in a Ford automobile bearing 1934 Minnesota license 47-372. This number was traced to E. L. MURREY at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, and proved to be the license for a Chevrolet Sedan which was registered to E. V. DAVIS at White Bear Lake.

After the BREMER kidnaping, further investigation in this connection developed that P. O. Box 254 at White Bear was taken under the name E. V. DAVIS, and Box 345 in the name E. L. MURREY.

Upon receipt of the above information this Agent contacted Post Office Inspector Striech and accompanied him to the White Bear Post Office.

Agent's memorandum concerning this investigation is set out as follows, being dated January 24, 1934, and being Serial 387 of St. Paul file 62-888:

At St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 24, 1934, the contents of Post Office Boxes 254 and 345 were examined.

At White Bear Lake, Minnesota, on January 24, 1934, at 5:00 p.m., a tracing was made of the address on this letter. The same box was found. A letter directed to E. L. MURREY, White Bear Lake, Box 345, which was also mailed and postmarked at St. Paul, Minnesota, January 22, 1934. A tracing of the address on this letter was made.

A registration card from the Secretary of State and directed to E. L. MURREY, White Bear Lake, for a Ford Deluxe Coupe, model 1933-40, motor No. 18-504-794, previous license No. B-455099, 1934 license No. B-75038, was also found in Box 345.

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the envelope  
reads as follows:

In connection with the above card, it may be noted that the Minneapolis Directory reflects that the address at 23 South 6th is occupied by Berdan's Hat Shop.

Agent was further advised by the Postmaster that Box 254 was also registered to one J. C. MONTGOMERY.

for a letterhead addressed to one J. C. MONTGOMERY, Minneapolis 1934. No letter was found in the box.

The above box to DAVIS was rented by FLOYD TRUNELL, Post Office Clerk, on January 11, 1934, MR. TRUNELL describing DAVIS as follows: Age, 35-40 years; height, 5 feet, 10 inches; weight, 180 pounds; hair, light; complexion, ruddy; rough skin; wore light suit, tan overcoat, and gray cap.

The box for MURREY, No. 345, was rented by Post Office Clerk AL LINDSTEN on January 3, 1934, MR. LINDSTEN being unable to give any description of MURREY other than the following: Age, 35-36 years; height, 5 feet, 10 inches.

At the time of Agent's call at the White Bear Post Office it was Post Office Inspector STREICH'S intention to open all of the above mail for examination but because of the fact that the Postmaster was present during the examination of the letters, MR. STREICH decided against opening same.

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The combinations on the two lock boxes have been changed and the mail returned to them. Any person calling for this mail will of necessity be required to call at the window. If any inquiry is made for this mail, Postmaster CAMPBELL has advised that the person calling for same will be taken into custody by the City Manager and Chief of Police of White Bear. The Post Office authorities and the St. Paul Division office will be notified."

Agent reported the above facts to Agent Hall and to Special Agent in Charge Hanni, and in a day or so later, when contacting Inspector STREICH about another matter, MR. STREICH stated that the mail at Boxes 254 and 345 had been ordered removed to General Delivery, Post Office, St. Paul, Minnesota, and further stated that he believed this Agent was responsible for the removal order. This was denied by Agent. Inspector STREICH on the following day called this Agent by telephone and advised that he had ordered the above mail returned to the White Bear Post Office.

This Agent did not order the removal of the mail in question and did not open same.

It may be further noted that E. V. DAVIS is a subject in the BREMER case and the name E. L. MURREY is a known alias for ALVIN KARPIS, identified subject in this case.

Recent investigation has also developed that E. V. DAVIS still maintains a P. O. Box at Lakeville, Minnesota, and the photo of VOLNEY DAVIS, a member of the KARPIS-BARKER gang, has been positively identified as E. V. DAVIS.

Very truly yours,

E. N. NOTESTERN,  
Special Agent.

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March 30, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR RORER:

Re: BREKID  
St. P. 7-30.

(Mail at White Bear Lake,  
Minnesota, P.O. in connection  
with titled case)

My connection with the above matter came about through information obtained by Special Agent E. N. Notesteen that the persons that had shot, with a machine gun, one McCord in St. Paul, Minnesota, January 13, 1934, had been traced by him to E. L. MURREY, P. O. Box 345, White Bear Lake, Minnesota. The reason we had an interest in this matter was that from a very reliable confidential source from the underworld, I had learned that KARPIS and one of the BARKERS had shot McCord.

You will recall that from the very outset of this investigation, this gang was suspected of kidnaping EDWARD G. BREMER. For the same reasons we naturally had an interest in the persons who had rented P. O. Box 345 at White Bear Lake, Minnesota. Agent Notesteen also learned that P. O. Box 254, same Post Office, had a connection with Box 345. Box 254 was rented in the name E. V. DAVIS, an alias for VOLNEY DAVIS, suspect in this case. E. L. MURREY is the alias of ALVIN KARPIS. These boxes were rented on January 12, 1934, five days before BREMER was kidnaped. It seems reasonable to assume that the rental of these boxes were a part of the modus operandi of the kidnaping. Consequently, it was of paramount importance that full facts concerning same be secured.

In these P. O. boxes some letters were found by Agent Notesteen. This, he reported to me. Later he went to White Bear Lake with Post Office Inspector Striech; returned and stated that he had been unable to learn the contents, or effect any way of so doing. I then sent a forwarding order to White Bear Lake to have the mail sent out to General Delivery, St. Paul, Minnesota. [redacted] who later told me in the strictest confidence that Inspector Striech had been trying to find something wrong with his office in order to have him removed to make way for a new appointee, then telephoned Striech that the forwarding order had been received, in accordance with Striech's instructions.

Inspector Striech immediately told the St. Paul Postmaster to notify him if anyone called for the mail at St. Paul, and a day later [redacted] back to White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

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The statement of Inspector Striech that Agent Notesteen had told him that he (Notesteen) had sent the forwarding order, to me, sounds ridiculous, because I sent the forwarding order. In my opinion, Inspector Striech, not knowing I had anything to do with it, merely assumed that Agent Notesteen had done it, and his statement to the Chief Post Office Inspector is untrue.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,  
Special Agent.

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3 Director  
2 Inspector Rorer  
1 Agent Hall

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM.

MR. NATHAN.....  
MR. TOLSON.....  
MR. CLEGG.....  
MR. COWLEY.....  
MR. EDWARDS.....  
MR. EGAN.....  
MR. QUINN.....  
MR. LESPER.....  
CHIEF CLERK.....  
MR. ROBER.....

I talked to Mr. Nathan at Chicago this morning. He stated that he yesterday interviewed Mr. Victor Watson, of the Chicago Herald-Examiner, and was very much pleased with the results of the interview. He stated that Mr. Watson was not acquainted with the situation concerning the allegation made by the reporters on the Herald-Examiner that Mr. Purvis had given the Chicago Tribune a "scoop" on the John McLaughlin case. He immediately called his subordinates, but all of them happened to be out to lunch. Mr. Watson stated that his reporters should get on intimate terms with the Division of Investigation, whether we encouraged it or not. Mr. Nathan asked Mr. Watson if he could inform his people that we do not engage in the practice of showing favoritism, and indicated to him that he, Mr. Nathan, would be glad to talk to anybody wishing to make a complaint. Mr. Watson asked Mr. Nathan to tell the Director and also Mr. Purvis that if in any way they seemed to be antagonistic or seemed to be attacking this Division, we could be assured that they did not have that kind of feeling toward us, but that on the other hand, he had the utmost respect for our organization. Mr. Watson advised Mr. Nathan that he was leaving shortly for the West Coast, but that upon his return to Chicago, he would be glad to see Mr. Purvis personally.

Mr. Nathan and I discussed generally the situation existing in our Chicago Office with reference to its relationship with the newspapers. I mentioned the fact that there is a very cordial feeling existing between the Division in Washington and the representatives of the Chicago Daily News and Herald-Examiner here, and stated that I felt the situation in Chicago could be cleared up considerably if Mr. Purvis developed a more cordial relation with the papers there. I told Mr. Nathan I also desired him to interview Mr. Craig, City Editor of the Chicago Daily News, expressing our gratitude for the manner in which Mr. Connors, their Washington representative, has cooperated with us. Mr. Nathan said he would take care of this some time today.

I telephoned Mr. Nathan later, and told him that the man with the Chicago Daily News that I want him to see is Mr. Henry J. Smith, Managing Editor. He stated he would see him instead of Mr. Craig.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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Washington, D. C.

May 1, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Reference is made to the teletype from the Chicago Office dated April 29, 1934, wherein it is noted that John J. McLaughlin has stated that one Frankie Wright, Chicago confidence man and hoodlum took him to Room 209 Irving Hotel, 4345 West Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago where he met Jones and Smith, who were later referred to as Izzy and Slim. McLaughlin states that Slim and Izzy advised him that they had recently arrived from Toledo, Ohio where they had handled hot money for a powerful midwest mob. It was recalled that one Charles J. Fitzgerald, alias "Oz Fitz", who has been prominently mentioned in connection with the Kansas City Massacre Case, during the time of his incarceration at the Kansas State Penitentiary, corresponded with a number of individuals in Toledo, Ohio, as reflected in the letter of the Kansas City Office dated February 16, 1934, addressed to the St. Paul Office, in the Bremer Case. It further appears from this letter that among the aliases used by Fitzgerald appears the alias "Slim William"; also Chi Slim and other aliases.

After consulting with Mr. Cowley I telephoned Mr. Larson and called his attention to the letter of the Kansas City Office referred to above and suggested that the addresses recited in that letter be given immediate consideration with a view to possibly picking up a trace of Fitzgerald. Mr. Larson advised that Agent Meekins is in Toledo, Ohio covering certain angles of the Bremer Case and that he would immediately furnish Agent Meekins with a copy of the letter referred to above. Mr. Larson also stated during my conversation with him that a record had been located at the Detroit Police Department of one Isadore Kaplan, #9894, who also used the alias "Iszy Kaplan" and is presently wanted under that name on charges of forgery by the Police Department, Flint, Michigan. Mr. Larson stated that he had obtained photographs of Kaplan and had forwarded them to the Chicago Office for identification purposes. I inquired of Mr. Guinane, Identification Unit, whether the Division had a record on this individual and was advised that "Kaplan", #24276 was arrested by the Police Department, Akron, Ohio on October 30, 1933, charged with suspicion. I instructed Mr. Guinane to forward two copies of the photograph appearing on the fingerprint card, submitted by the Akron Police Department to the Chicago and Detroit Offices for identification purposes.

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Respectfully,

R. E. Newby

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