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*Michael - No. 30*

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300.

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Miami, Fla.

January 23, 1935

I, Dr. F. A. Nichols, make the following statement to L. J. Metcalf and P. C. Dunne Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

For the past 25 or 30 years I have resided at Etowah, Tenn. which is a railway town. I graduated from Vanderbilt University Medical School in 1920 and practiced medicine at Etowah, Tenn. until up to the present time.

While in Etowah I come to know Joe Adams' mother and his two children; my acquaintance with Joe Adams until recently was only a very ~~casual~~ casual one.

Last summer Joe Adams & his wife were at Etowah and I treated him; at that time Adams told me that if and when I came to Miami to practice, he would do what he could for me in the

way of sending me business.

Sometime early in December 1934 Joe Adams told me that there was a patron of the El Comodoro <sup>Hotel</sup>, who he believed was an expectant mother and that he would send her to me.

On December 8, 1934 a small black haired woman came to the office and gave her name as Mrs. L. A. Woods stating that she resided at the El Comodoro Hotel.

The next time I saw Mrs. Woods was a few days after the first visit to my office; this time I was called by the night clerk at the El Comodoro hotel and told that a patient wanted to see a doctor, this was late at night.

On my arrival at the hotel I found that the patient was Mrs. Woods; she was having pains, but they were just

just indigestion pains and did not  
 concern the expectant baby. During  
 this visit I saw the supposed  
 husband of this woman; when washing  
 my hands the man handed me some  
 disinfectant soap. I have identified this  
 man as the Alvin Karpis on a picture  
 displayed to me by Special Agent J. H. Hones.  
 I was not introduced to the husband  
 of Mrs. Woods during the above  
 visit.

During a visit to the office Mrs.  
 Woods gave me her telephone number  
 and address; telephone number was 9-1607  
 and address 1123 - N.E. 85th St., Miami,  
 Fla. I called the above telephone  
 number and was informed that the  
 people living there were named Green.

After ascertaining that ~~the woman~~  
 Mrs. Woods also employed the same Green  
 J. A.



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get Jan trying to help someone <sup>whom</sup> ~~and~~

you don't know who they are"; Adams appeared very upset and distracted at this time.

It is my opinion, based upon my dealings with him, that Joe Adams is honest and upright in every way.

Signed: F. O. Nichols

Witnesses:-

P. L. Devine + L. J. Meece  
Special Agents  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Dept. Justice

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*Randall Burke*

Memphis, Fla.

January 26, 1935-

I, Duke Randall, make the following statement to S. J. McK. Call & P. C. Dunne, Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

On the Sunday before New Years, Dec. 30, 1934, I was in the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Fla., eating dinner. Joe Adams came up and said that he wanted me to make a trip for him, he stated that a man named Smith was supposed to make the trip but for some reason or other he was unable to do it. Adams said that he wanted me to go up to Etowah, Tenn. and give a man named Harry, who runs a filling station and garage there, \$50.00; that I should tell Harry that the money was from Joe Adams for the license plates for his son and that the (Harry) should find out about Joe Adams.

I made the trip as requested by Adams; I left Miami at about 9:00 A.M. on Dec. 31, 1934 by plane and flew to Jacksonville, Fla. At Jacksonville there was some  
Henry Randall.

question as to whether the plane would go through; I visited Adams requesting advice as to the procedure which I should take if the plane didn't fly to Atlanta. Adams advised me at the Jacksonville Airport that I should use my own judgment but take the quickest way.

The plane did fly to Atlanta and I rented a car in Atlanta and drove to Etowah, Tenn. and there did as Adams requested. I told Harry, as Adams had requested me to, that I (meaning Randall) would be through Etowah again sometime when I would again take care of him. Adams also told me to tell Harry that the reason he did not want his (Adams') name mentioned was that the fellows for whom the plates were for were booze runners and had got in some kind of a jam.

Henry Randall

I am unable to recall Harry's last name but <sup>this is his</sup> it is a large station with Garage

attached and should be easy to locate in Etowah  
which is a small town.

Signed:-

Witnesses:-

L. J. McCabe

Special Agents,

Division of Investigation

U. S. Dept. of Justice

Henry Randall.

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Miami, Florida,  
Jan 21, 1935,

I Henry Randall make  
the following free and voluntary statement  
to J. H. Lanham and R. L. Jones,  
Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S.  
Dept. of Justice, knowing that I need  
not make a statement and that what  
— say can be used against me in  
court.

About April 15, 1934, I became  
acquainted with Joe H. Adams at  
Newark, N. J. I met him thru a  
Mr. Ariel who is a clerk at the Douglas  
Hotel in Newark and who lived at the  
Grant Hotel in Newark where I also  
lived at that time. Ariel told me  
— came by the Douglas Hotel, he perhaps  
found some a job for me. When I went  
there about April 15, 1934, Ariel introduced  
me to Joe H. Adams and J. D. Passmore  
who he described as dog track men  
from Miami, Fla. There was a third  
man in their party whose name I do  
not recall for certain, altho I know his  
first name is Charlie and I believe his  
last name is Sandler or <sup>Chandler</sup> ~~Chandler~~. He is also  
from Miami.

Henry Randall

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Joe Adams offered me a job as a chauffeur to drive his 1933 Lincoln Sedan at a salary of \$30.00 per week. I worked for him for about a month in this capacity. During this time, I drove all three of these men to various places in Newark and vicinity. I gathered from their conversation and what they told me that they were in Newark to promote a race track. I drove these people to many places in Newark and vicinity.

I don't know who they contacted except Fred Sholl, Pres. of the New Jersey <sup>Building</sup> <sup>Union</sup> <sup>State</sup> Council, in Newark. I understood from what these men said and told me that thru Sholl, they expected to get the favoritism of "Longie" Gwillman of Newark who is reported to control the gambling in New Jersey. Gwillman is the leader of what is known as the "Third Ward Mob" which organization operates the dog tracks in New Jersey, as well as the slot machines and the "number" racket. I also know that Joe Adams contacted Col. Baumgardner at West Orange, N. J. in connection with establishing a dog track at West Orange.

On another occasion I drove Adams and the other two men to a town on Long Island, where this group

Henry J. J. J.

spent about 4 or 5 hours: visiting a man who Adams later told me was a member of The President's "Brain Trust." I believe this man lived at Fort Washington, Long Island.

After I worked for Adams for a month, he told me that he and the party were returning to Miami as it was a waste of time to try to get a racing concession in New Jersey. During the time I worked for Adams, I got very friendly with him as did my pal Gregory L. Codomo, of Newark. When Adams left he told Codomo and me that if we ever came to Miami, he'd help us get jobs. Adams wrote me a letter when he wrote from Newark to Miami after which we corresponded infrequently.

In the fall of 1934, I wrote Adams telling him that Codomo and I were out of work and that we'd like to spend the winter in Miami if he could help us

Henry, carefully

get work. He wrote me that he could help us when the Dog Racing Season started and that if we came before that time he would see that we got enough <sup>money</sup> to furnish us with spending money and that he would take care of our room and board until we got steady work.

Henry Jacobs

In accordance with Adams' promises and thinking that he was a very wealthy man, Codomo and I drove to Miami from Newark in the latter part of Oct. 1934. We drove in Codomo's 1931 Ford Coupe. When we arrived in Miami we spent the first night at a small hotel where Codomo's sweetheart was stopping. The next day we called on Joe Adams at the El Comodoro Hotel, of which place we had been told by him, he was the manager. He told us to move in the hotel and that we could stay there until the dog races started on Dec. 1st when we could live in one of the huts at the Biscayne Kennel Club.

In accordance with this offer of Adams, we moved into the El Comodoro Hotel and were assigned room #1102. About 2 or 3 weeks after we moved into this hotel, I noticed 2 men and an old lady in the lobby. I saw these people frequently in the lobby on and off from that time until a week or two before X-mas. I have identified the picture of a woman who I have been told was Kate Barker as this woman. ~~Her son's picture I have~~ <sup>N.R.</sup> identified. The man who was with her and who I understood was her son was called "Shorty" by the second man who was in that party. I have identified the photograph of a man who I have been told was Fred Barker as the man who was called "Shorty". The photograph of the man who I have been told is Harry Campbell is that of the second man in this party. I don't know what rooms these people occupied in the hotel. However, I frequently saw Ise Adams talking to these people in the lobby of the hotel. I never saw him talking to all three at the same time but I have seen him talk to two of them at one time. They never seemed

never revealed

to be talking confidentially, but were sitting in the lobby as with other guests. I never saw Bob Knight, (who is Adams' father-in-law and who I understand owns the El Comodoro) talking to these people, nor did I ever see the other members of the staff talk to them except in a casual manner.

These three people walked around the lobby of the Hotel ~~Star~~ in a very carefree manner and I did not recognize them as any body I had ever seen before or whose photographs I had seen. However, I did think these men were perhaps in the liquor racket or some other illegal racket since they seemed to have nothing whatsoever to do.

In the first part of November 1934 on an occasion when Adams and I were talking about my working at the Dog Track, I asked him how I was going to travel back and forth to it, and he replied that I couldn't use his Lincoln, but that he perhaps could get a cheaper car for me. A

Henry Cavallini

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few days later I again spoke to him about this matter. Codomo was with me at this time. Adams told me that a Mr Bronson had a Ford Coupe stored at the Biscayne Kennel Club and that it could be bought for about \$300.00, that he would see Mr Bronson about it; further that he would take care of the cost of the car and that I could see him later about it. Fred Barker who at that time knew as "Sharty" was sitting in Mr. Adams' office located on the 1st floor of the hotel at the time I had this conversation with Adams. When I walked into the office I heard Adams and Barker talking about dog-racing.

The next day I went to Adams' office again and at that time Adams gave me the keys for an automobile, also the registration slip for the automobile showing it had been registered in Ohio by a Charles Bronson. He also gave me a ten dollar bill and told me to get the Ford Coupe at the Kennel

Charles Bronson

Club and buy <sup>license</sup> plates for it. No one else was present at this time. Adams then told me what he said for the car ~~was who~~ <sup>N.R.</sup> nor did he identify Mr. Brown in any manner. I, however, of my own accord drew the conclusion that Brown was "Sharty". After I obtained the car I purchased license plates for it in Miami registering it in my own name. It was on or about Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 1934, that I registered this car. I registered it in my own name inasmuch as Adams when giving me the money to buy plates told me "to go over and get my own plates". Adams used the automobile for the first two weeks after I got it. Thereafter I used it to go back and forth to the dog track. This automobile that I got from Adams is the same car that I had in my possession today and which car I have voluntarily given possession of to Special Agent J. H. Starnes.

Henry J. Starnes

Very possibly

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I saw Shorty ~~as Fred But~~ in  
Adams' office on the time when I  
spoke to Adams about the automobile  
mentioned above; also one time about  
Xmas of 1934 when I went to Adams'  
office to see about a bill the El Comodoro  
had sent me. At this second time  
Adams and "Shorty" were eating  
lunch in the office. I also saw  
"Shorty" drive Adams' Lincoln Sedan  
on one occasion. Shorty was alone  
in the car and drove it into the  
parking lot in the rear of the Hotel.  
The next day Adams told me to take  
the car to the Forestone Service Station at  
139 W. + Flagler St, saying he loaned it  
to some one yesterday and they said they  
wouldn't drive it because it skinned  
too much.

During the first two weeks of  
December 1934, I saw a young  
woman around the Hotel El Comodoro  
Hotel. She was in a pregnant  
condition. ~~I have identified the~~  
~~photograph as Dolores Delaney, a~~  
~~woman.~~ <sup>NR.</sup> She appeared to be alone.  
I never noticed Joe Adams or any  
men talking to her.

Some time before leaving, this woman left the Hotel and I never saw her again until a few days ago, as I will explain below.

Henry Cavalcanti

The photograph of the scoundrel who I have been told is ~~Alvin Karpis~~ <sup>that of</sup> ~~Alvin Karpis~~ I wish to say is a man I met in Joe Adams' office at the El Comodoro Hotel on about Dec. 22, 1934. I went to Adams' office at his request and Karpis was there at that time. Adams asked me if I would do a friend or his a favor. I told him I would if I could do it. Adams pointing to Karpis, then said This Mr. Morrison wants you to buy a car for him, and that he had already picked out the car. Karpis then told me the car he wanted was a black two door Buick Sedan standing in the middle of the show room floor. He also gave me a business card of the Unger Buick Co, which is the same card found in my room today by Special Agents Hanson and Jones and which card I have initialed. Adams at this time told me

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that he wanted me to do this because they were busy and were expecting a business call.

Then I asked them in whose name I should buy the ~~car~~ automobile. Karpis spoke up saying here's a slip with my name and address. I rec'd the name to be Leroy

Morrison and the address, some number on Main St. in Buffalo, N.Y.

I then went to the Mugar Buick Co., where I talked to Mr. Bishop and the manager of the place. Before going there, Karpis had told me in Adams' office and in the latter's presence that the car he wanted cost \$1080.00. He also told me to get him license plates for the car. He gave me eleven one hundred dollar bills to pay for this automobile.

At the Buick place I asked Mr. Bishop if the black 2 door Buick Sedan standing on the floor cost \$1080.00 and when<sup>he</sup> stated that it did, I told him I wanted to buy it.

Henry Morrison

Neither Bishop nor the sales manager said anything to indicate that anyone else had been looking at the car. When I decided to take the car, I told Bishop who asked for the name of the purchaser that it was Leroy Morrison and gave the Buffalo, N.Y., address that Karpis had given to me. I also asked Bishop to get license plates for me and when he asked for my local address I told him I had none, as I was intending to move at that time. Bishop then told me I could pick up the title in 15 or 20 days at the Buick Co. — I never did do that and don't know where the title is now. —

It took me about an hour to get the Buick and when I got it, I immediately drove it to the El Comodoro Hotel, parked it in the parking lot at the rear, then walked into Mr. Adams' office and gave the keys to the car and the money that was left over to Karpis who was still there. I noticed at that time that Karpis and Adams were drinking beer together. I told Karpis he'd have to go to the Buick Co. for his title papers. Adams said nothing at this time. I did not see Karpis again

Buffalo, N.Y.

until the night of either Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> when a woman came to my money-changing window at the Bi-Cayne Kennel Club. She called me Duke and said that Mr. Morrison wanted to see me. I told her I couldn't see him until between 11:30 PM and 12:30 AM when the last race had started. She then said I should come outside in the parking lot and see him at that time. This woman who talked to me is apparently Wynona Burdette whose photograph I have identified. When I got outside she took me to the Buick Sedan parked there and I saw that Karpis and Campbell were in the car. I got in the Buick with Karpis and Campbell. Karpis did the talking. He told me that they had to leave that they were going up north to Atlantic City or Philadelphia, and he asked if I hadn't lived in Atlantic City. When I replied that I had, he asked me the name of a hotel there. I told him about the Danmor Hotel. I saw him write that name on a card. He also told me to give the girls the address of the hotel saying further that the girls were going to take the train because his wife was pregnant. At that time I didn't know who his wife was but as I will explain below I subsequently recognized her as the pregnant girl I had seen at the Hotel. ~~Karpis also told me to see her there at the Hotel. He also told me to see her there at the Hotel. He also told me to see her there at the Hotel.~~ He also asked me to take care of his wife and Campbell's wife until train time the next day. He further stated that they would go over and pick them up. He then started to drive out of the parking lot. I was driving my Ford coupe and the Karpis and Campbell were in the Buick Sedan. When we got on Second Ave., the girls were sitting in a Ford Sedan. Wynona Burdette was at the driver's seat and Delores Delaney was in the car with her. I then recognized the Delaney woman as the pregnant woman I had seen at the El Comodoro Hotel, as I had previously mentioned. When the Buick reached the car in which the 2 girls were sitting it stopped and the two men got out and talked to the girls. I

Wynona Burdette

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heard them tell the girls that I would tell them where they were going to stop in Atlantic City. The two men then began to drive away but turned around before I got in my car. Karpis told me in the presence of the girls that I should get a thousand dollars from Joe Adams at the El Comodoro the next day and give it to the girls. He also said I obtained ~~the~~ <sup>to give me</sup> Joe ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> two hundred dollars. ~~to give for myself~~

The men then drove away down Second Ave which is the Dixie Highway going north. I then drove towards Miami going to the Las Miami Hotel. The girls followed me in the Ford Sedan. I parked on the street in front of the Hotel and the girls were directed by me to the parking lot in the rear of the Hotel. The girls then came in the Hotel with me. I took their bags out of the car. They had three women's bags. They were not very heavy. One of the porters carried the bags in the Hotel and put them in the check room. I told the manager of the Hotel that the girls were my sisters and that they were going to use my room for a few hours until their train left. The girls then accompanied me to my room. They talked for a while at that time. They did not mention why the boys were leaving but they did mention that they were going to Atlantic City where Alclores' baby was to be born. They asked me the name of the Hotel the boys were going to stop at there. I told them the Danmore and when I wrote the name of it down and also directed a note to Bill Morley telling him that these people were my friends and that I wanted him to take care of these people. Alclores also asked me for the name of a doctor in Atlantic City. I told her that Mrs Morley could perhaps refer her to a doctor. At this time the girls also asked me to buy railway tickets and a compass.

Operry Randall

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ment for them to Atlantic City. Delores gave me \$150.00 for this purpose. She gave me this money about 6 am on Thursday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>. After I had left the girls to leave home earlier to go to Miami Beach, I had gone by the depot to inquire about the cost of these tickets. I bought the tickets shortly after 6 am, ~~at the Florida East Coast railway~~ the tickets, I returned to the depot. After getting them to Delores, she gave her the change that was left over. She gave me the change that was left over. She gave me the change that was left over. At this time, Wynona Burdette told me that she hated to leave her car in Miami as she parked it. She asked me to put the car in a garage or to park it, until she called for it. She gave me the keys for the car, as well as the papers of ownership for it. She gave me no money to store the car, although she asked what this would cost. I told her I didn't know as she said she'd pay for it on her return. The papers she gave me included the title, registration, and bill of sale for the car. I then noticed that these papers were made out in the name of E. F. Summers. In order that I wouldn't have to pay storage on the car, I turned it over to my room-mate, Gregory & Codomo, to drive it to Miami Beach telling him to store it at the Bover Club parking space. I told him the car wouldn't be used and that he could take the plates off of it. ~~and then on his own~~ I kept the girls in my room, which is #517 at the La-Miami, about 6:30 am that date. I remained in the lobby until 10 am when I returned to my room and the girls

Wynona Burdette

were getting ready to leave. I went back to the lobby and the girls came down in a few minutes. The clerk called a cab and told the porter to get the girls bags. The girls then left.

I seemed have explained alone that at 9 am I went to the El Comodoro Hotel where I saw Joe Adams. He was behind the clerk's desk in the office. I went in a private office off of the clerk's room and Joe came in there. I explained to him what Karpis had told me the previous night and asked him for twelve hundred dollars. He left the room and when he returned he said "They ain't got a Hell of a lot of dough left. Send them this and tell them that's all they get." With that he gave me a thousand dollar bill, also saying, "I suppose I'll have to fix that house up."

I said nothing but walked back to my hotel the La-Miami Hotel where I asked the clerk if he could get <sup>the \$1000 bill</sup> changed for me. I told him I didn't know anybody at the bank and they perhaps would think I stole it. The clerk got the bill changed giving me twenty \$50.00 bills. I then went to my room and gave dollars sixteen ~~\$200.00~~ \$50.00 bills. I told her that I took \$200.00 out of the sum.

On Wednesday afternoon, Jan 16, 1935, when I was at the El Comodoro Hotel, I was sitting in the lobby with Joe Adams. He said "That's what you get for doing favors for people." I asked him what he meant. He said "I rented that house as Lake View to that old lady and her son. They must have been wanted by the police because there was a terrible shooting spoutch up there this morning." When he

Henry Faulstich

Henry Russell

mentioned the old lady and her son, I thought of Fred Barker and his mother because he had previously told me that he had rented Carson Bradford's home at Lake Hier to Blackburn. I also thought of these people at this time because I had made a trip to Quincy, Florida, about Dec. 1st 1934. I made this trip at the request of Joe Adams who asked me to drive George Davis, one of the Florida racing commissioners, to his home as his baby was ~~being~~ dying. Adams told me ~~as he~~ that on my way back I should stop at Bradford's place at Lake Hier where I should pick some oranges and bring them back. He then told me that the old lady and her son who had stopped at the hotel were living at Bradford's place. He said that their name was Blackburn. When I got there, a negro told me that no one was at home. He said that he didn't know where Mr. Blackburn and his mother were, further that they were gone for a few days. The negro helped me pick some oranges and when I returned to Miami the bell boy at the hotel took them from the car and put them in the check room. I did not see Joe Adams at that time as I believe he was at the dog track.

The next day Joe asked me if the Blackburns were at home and when I told them that they weren't, he asked me if the colored boy had told me where they were.

I also wish to say at this time that on Dec. 22, 1934, when I was called to the El Comodoro Hotel in

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Miami by Joe Adams and when he asked me to buy the Buick Sedan for Mr. Morrison who I have identified as Alvin Karpis, there was also present at this time Fred Barker who I knew was using the names of Bronson and Blackburn after I had bought the Buick Sedan Adams again called me to his office in room # 210 and asked me to go to a jewelry store to get an assortment of jewelry for a lady. Barker, Karpis and Adams were in the office at that time and they were talking about Christmas presents. In my presence Adams telephoned a jewelry shop and asked if they would prepare an assortment of jewelry for a lady. He said he would send a man to get the stuff and then gave me one of his cards on which he had written the name of the Sutton Jewelry Co on Flagler St, as I recall, also writing a note for them to give me the jewelry. I went to the jewelry shop where I got a package that the lady was wrapping. I brought the package to Adams' office in the El Comodoro Hotel where Adams with Fred Barker and Karpis looked over the jewelry. They selected 2

"Specially Made"

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took part in the selection. I recall  
that Karpis and Fred Barker complained  
about the price of the jewelry whereupon  
Adams phoned the jeweler saying that  
his friends thought the price was too  
high. I gathered from the conversation of  
the three men that the jeweler reduced  
the price, as <sup>the</sup> three men were elated.  
Barker then handed Adams some money  
from his bank-roll and Adams in turn  
gave me the money. Adams also gave  
me the balance of the jewelry. I took  
it with the money to the jewelry shop. The  
jeweler gave me the receipt for the money.  
This is the receipt found in my room and  
which is made out to Joe Adams. I got  
no money for running this errand.

About a week before the shooting  
at Ocala, Fla., Joe Adams called me  
to his office in room #210 at the El Comodoro.  
He told me that a friend had left a  
rifle with him and that he did not want  
his people to know he had it in case  
something happened to him. He did not  
show me this gun at this time. However,  
he told me to have a box made for it.  
That night at the Bis Coyne Kennel Club,  
I asked Lee Kane, the Carpenter, who also  
works and lives at the El Comodoro Hotel to  
make a box for a rifle. The next afternoon  
when I went to the track Kane had made  
a box. He tried to put a shotgun  
in it and when it wouldn't fit he

Joe Adams' Account

Henry J. Vanecko

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I got the box from Kane and took it to ~~Adams~~ my room in the La-Miami Hotel. I then went to Adams' office in room #210 at the El Comodoro when I told Adams that the box <sup>for the gun</sup> was finished. He then opened his closet door and took out a golf bag. This is a big brown leather bag. It has a zipper top to it and the bows in the bag are covered with a darker brown leather. He unlocked the bag and took from it an automatic rifle. I have identified a gun that has been shown to me by Special Agent Hansen as the gun Adams took from this bag and gave to me on this occasion. Adams and I took the gun apart after which we wrapped it in newspapers. He also gave me four clips for this gun. They were loaded. They also came from the golf bag which also contained some golf sticks. At this time Adams told me to put the gun in the box, put a fictitious name on it and then check it in the check room at the El Comodoro Hotel. Nothing was said about a claim check for the box. After he said this, he told me I could sell this weapon or get rid of it in anyway that I wanted to. I then took the gun to my room in the La-Miami

Hotel where I put it and the clips in the box that I had <sup>let</sup> made at the <sup>dept</sup> ~~dept~~ <sup>dept</sup>. I then left the gun in my clothes closet after having painted on the box in ink the name of the "Hess Hardware Co., Brooklyn, N.Y." as consignee with the "U.S. Steel Co., of ~~Bethlehem~~ Bethlehem, Pa." as consignor. The gun then remained there until the same day that Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette left Miami, when on that night I asked Mr. Raffe at the Brycayne Kennel Club if he would be interested in buying an automatic rifle. I offered it to him for \$150.00. I told him a friend of mine had given it to me and that I knew where he could get 2 more of them. This was a lie as I did not know where any more such guns were located nor had I heard of any more. Raffe told me to bring the gun to his office the next day which I did. At Raffe's office, Raffe and I who were alone put the gun together. He also loaded it when it accidentally discharged. Raffe didn't agree to buy it, but said he would see me that night. When I saw him, he said that he couldn't use the gun and that I could get it back. I never did get it.

I wish to say that I work for Mr. M.G. Raffe who operates the Raffe Armored Service being engaged in transporting money to banks. He also carries the money from the Brycayne Kennel Club to the First National Bank in Miami. It was a part of my duty to accompany the truck to the bank.

Memorandum

Special Security

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as well as to act as a guard at the money windows at the Kennel Club. However during the past three weeks I worked in the money change window at the Club. In connection with my position with Ralfe, he had secured for me special officer's commissions in the City of Miami and at Miami Shore, where the Browne Kennel Club is located. These permits authorized me to carry a pistol. Ralfe had furnished me the 45 automatic pistol found in my room at the Ta-Miami Hotel. This gun is a Smith 45 Cal. automatic pistol, government model, # C112311. He also furnished me the shoulder holster found with this gun, as well as the special officer's badge found in my room.

My salary with Ralfe is \$42.00 per week. As far as I know Ralfe pays my salary, as his Captain, Ted Bush, told me.

NR. On Monday morning, ~~front~~ January 21, 1935, about one a.m., when I was at the Boney Club in Miami Beach accompanied by Billie Hareen, I was told by the Cashier that I had received three telephone calls before I came in. The maker of these calls left no name, but told the Cashier to tell me that there had been a shooting scrape in Atlantic City. I thought some one was playing a trick on me. However, I still was worried and I thought of the people I had recommended to the Hotel in Atlantic City.

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I tried to reach Joe Adams at his home and at the El Comodoro Hotel, but he didn't answer the phone at either place. I then asked my girl companion, Billie Noreen, to call Bill Marley at the Marley Cigar Store on Kentucky Ave. in Atlantic City telling her to ask him or whoever answered if there was any trouble there. This she did. After the conversation she told me that she was told that there was a shooting in the Danmore Hotel, that 2 men got away but they had taken 2 women into custody. I stayed at the Club for an hour or two when I took my girl home. I then returned to the Bowery Club, told Gregory & Codomo, my room mate, that I was going to my hotel and that the next day I was going to see Joe Adams, ask him if he made the calls to me at the Bowery Club, and to see what he knew about this, then give my call up to the Miami Police. Before this happened I was picked up by special agents Jones and Hanson and voluntarily went with them for questioning <sup>in the newspaper</sup>.

I had read of the Bremer kidnapping case. I knew that Bremer was a bremer and that a \$200,000.00 ransom had been paid for his release. I did not know who all was wanted for this kidnapping, as I have said above, I had heard about the shooting at Lake Michigan, at the Bradford home. I read the newspaper accounts of that shooting and then learned that

Henry Silver

The man I had known at the El Comodoro Hotel as "Shorty" alias "Benson" alias "Blackburn" was one of the kidnapers and was wanted by the Federal Government. Joe Adams had also mentioned this shooting to me and that these people were wanted by the authorities. After reading this shooting and after hearing Adams' talk about it I knew that ~~the~~ the man I had met at the El Comodoro Hotel and who I knew as Morrison, as I have explained above, was a partner of "Shorty's" or of Fred Barker and that he also was a fugitive from the U.S. Government in the Bremer case.

All the trouble that I have gotten into as a result of running errands for the people mentioned above was done in the instance of Joe Adams and it is only because of him that I got in this trouble.

I have read this statement in which this is the 24th page. It has been given voluntarily by me. No promises have been made to me, nor has any force been used against me.

Witnesses:

Harry Randall

J. H. Hanson,

Special Agent

Division of Investigation  
U.S. Dept. of Justice

Sub County Jail  
Miami Florida  
February 1, 1935

I, Duke Randall, make the following  
voluntary statement to Special Agents  
#111 Stone and J. W. King of the Division  
of Investigation of the Department of Justice.

Several days before I made the  
trip to Elvash, Tenn for Joe Adams <sup>which was</sup>  
on December 31, 1934, he gave me <sup>instructions to</sup>  
have a box made for <sup>the</sup> ~~it~~ <sup>gun</sup> which I later tried to sell for to  
Mr. Rolfe. At the time he gave me the  
instructions he told me to have a box made  
for it and put it in the check room  
of the El Comodoro Hotel. At the time  
he told me to have the box made  
he told me to put any sort of name  
I wanted to on the box.

I had the box made and a couple  
of days later told him the box was  
ready. At that time he gave me the  
gun and told me to get rid of it.

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do anything I wanted to with it; then it  
in the ocean but dispose of it in some  
manner. I then took the gun to my  
room at the La Miami and when I  
made the trip to Coral, then both  
the gun and the box were in my room.

After I returned from Coral, then  
Mr. Adams later asked me what I had  
done with the gun and I can not now  
recall what I told him at the time  
the gun was still in my room.

Several days before the shooting at  
Scala it occurred to me that Mr. Roffe  
might buy the gun as he would  
have a legitimate use for it.

Before I thought of selling the gun  
to Mr. Roffe I remembered what Adams  
had said about putting any sort of  
name on the box so I put the  
writing in gun ink on the box which  
was on it at the time it was found  
~~in my room~~ recovered from Mr. Roffe.

On the day that those people left  
here, the day after the shooting at Scala,

I took the gun to Mr. Ruff and left  
it with him.

The above statement is true & correct

Henry Randall.

Witness:

James W. Boing  
Special Agent  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice  
Birmingham, Ala.

Franklin M. Stone  
Special Agent  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Miami, Fla.

January 25, 1935-

I, Duke Randall, make the following statement to L. J. Metcalf & P. C. Dunne, Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice having just been told that it may be used in court against me.

On last Sunday evening, January 20, 1935, a girl friend of mine, Belle Koren<sup>and myself</sup>, attended a moving picture show and then stopped at the Bowery Casino, 37<sup>Ocean Drive</sup>, Miami Beach on our way home.

Immediately upon our arrival at the Bowery Casino, which was at about 11:30 P.M., Harry Hellen informed me that he had a message for me which he had received from an unknown person on the telephone. The message as related to me by Hellen was that there had been a shooting at Atlantic City and that I should screw out of town. The person who made the call did not tell Hellen who he was but said that I'd know who made the call. Henry Randall

In my opinion that call could have

come from no one other than Joe Adams.

Since I've been in Miami there have been only two men with whom I've had any dealings, social or business, ~~with~~ and they are Gregory Codomo and Joe Adams. Codomo at no time even had any dealings with Karpis, Campbell or their women. Adams on the other hand had dealt with Karpis ever since he came to Miami in November 1935.

On Thursday morning, January 16, 1935, I went to Joe Adams and told him that "these two fellows were out at the track last night and told me that they were going to drive to Atlantic City and that the two women were going to Atlantic City by train; that they had told me to see you and get \$1200.00 for them." Adams went behind the Clerk's desk and got \$1000.00 which he gave me saying "here's \$1,000.00, that's all I got for them." The money was a one thousand dollar bill.

Joe Adams is the only man I told about Karpis, Campbell & the two women going to  
Henry Woodall.

Atlantic City.

After Helen, at the Barway Casino, had given me the message referred to above, I became worried and had my girl friend Belle Kosen call Bill Manley, at Manley's Organ Stand, Atlantic City to verify the phone message.

I tried to reach Joe Adams on Sunday night to see if he called me but I was unable to locate <sup>him</sup>; I called both the hotel & his home.

There is no doubt in my mind that Joe Adams made the above call or had someone to make it as he is the only man, whom I know of, that knew of my directing Karpis, Campbell, & the two women to Atlantic City.

Signed :-

Witnesses: - L. J. Mulcahy & Q. C. Sumner *Henry Randall.*

Special Agents,

Division of Investigation

U. S. Dept. of Justice

Jan 29, 1935  
Miami, Florida.

I, Duke Randall, presently incarcerated in the Dade County Jail, Miami Florida, freely & voluntarily make the following signed statement to Franklin M. Stone and James W. King, Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice.

My real name is Henry Stern. I am known also by the name of Duke Randall.

My father, Elias Henry Stern and my mother Anna Cecelia Stern are both now deceased. My mother died in 1919 and my father died about two years later. Both of my parents are buried in some lodge cemetery, the name of which, I do not recall, in Newark New Jersey.

I wish to state that I have never been convicted of a murder charge; that I have never been arrested on a murder charge. That I have never been under suspicion, as far as I know, as being responsible for a murder. I have never had a friend who was mixed up in a murder case.

HR. I have never been arrested for assault and battery. I have never been mixed up in any assault case. I have never tried to help any friend out of an assault charge.

I have never been arrested on any charge in my life. I had never been in jail

.... before I became mixed up in the case for which I am now in jail:

I never went to Joe Adams, wrote to Joe Adams, or had anyone of my friends go to him with a story that I was in trouble because of an assault charge pending against me and that I needed money to get out of my trouble. I never asked Joe Adams for any money for my self for any reason. I never asked him to help me out if any court troubles as long as I've known him. I never told Joe that I was in trouble and needed money to get me out of it.

I read the above statement and it is true

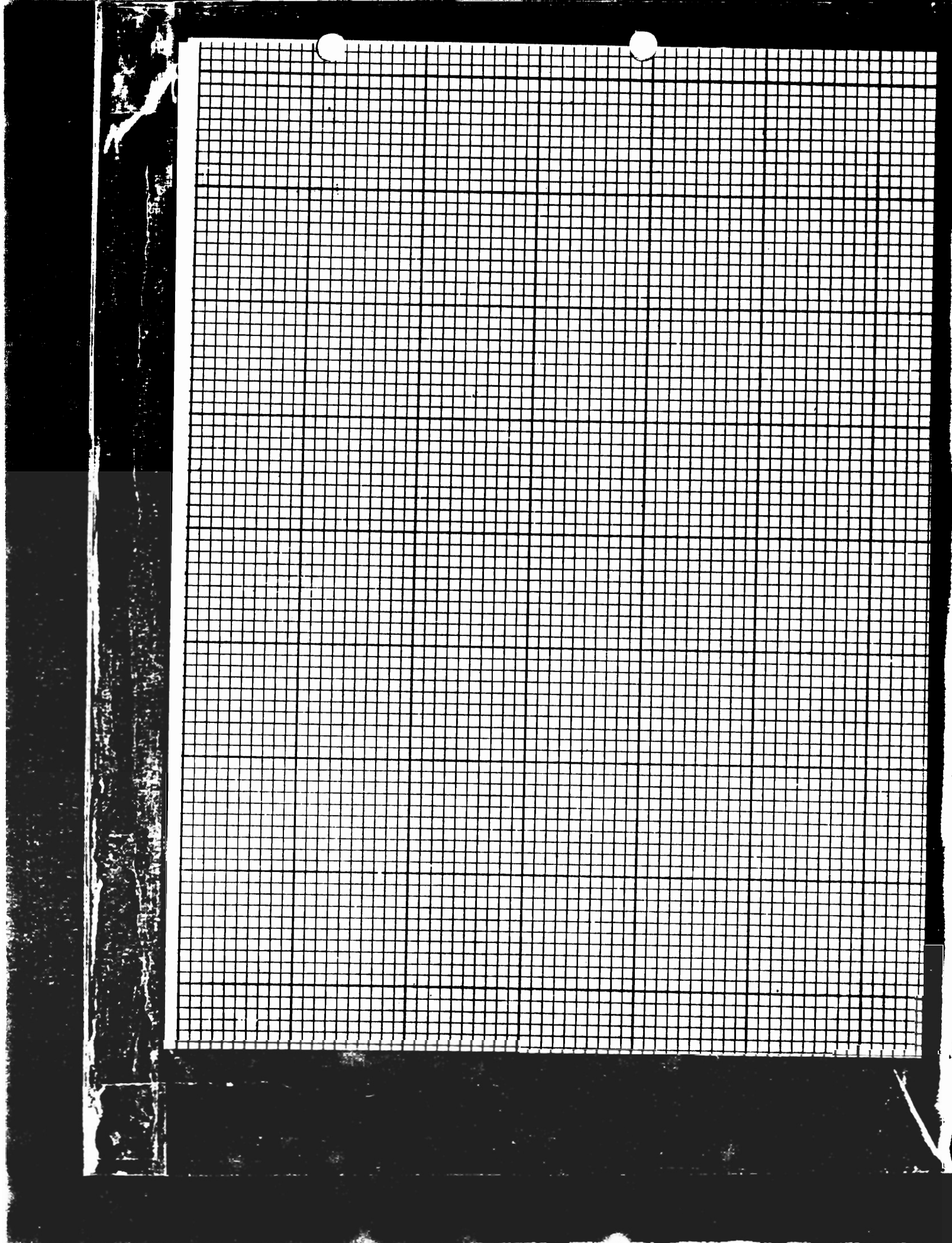
witnesses:

Henry Randall.

Franklin M. Stone  
Special Agent, Division of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice.  
Birmingham, Ala.

James W. King  
Special Agent, Division of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice  
Birmingham, Ala.

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PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300.

*Rosetta - Wm. O.*

January 20, 1935

I, WILLIAM OWEN ROBERTS, being first fully advised that any statement that I may make will be used against me, do make the following statement of my own free will and without any force or duress being used against me.

I was born at St. Michaels, Maryland in 1879. I was married for about a period of two years to Edith Miles, but don't know on what year the ceremony was performed. We separated and since that time, which is about twenty five years ago, I have not seen Edith and have been living by myself mostly in rooming houses.

I live at 1110 Commodore Ave., Atlantic City, New Jersey, having moved there about the first of this year. Before that I lived at 105 Pennsylvania Ave. I am a bell boy at the DANMORE HOTEL starting work there about the last week in September of 1934. I am paid five dollars a week and whatever tips that I can make.

I work the night shift at the hotel and come to work at seven in the evening and leave at seven or seven thirty in the morning depending on whenever the day bell boy, GRAT BONEY, relieves me. In addition, Mr. Young, the manager, stays at the hotel until the last train comes in which is about one ten in the morning. Sometimes he stays until three or four in the morning and then again he may leave at about nine or ten. When he is away in the early morning hours, I would check in any guests and assign rooms. Then when the manager comes in the morning he would take over his duties.

As far as I can recall, GRAT, the day bell boy, roomed the two women who occupied room 400. I think they came in on Friday. It is customary for each of us to tell the other how many guests we have roomed during our shift and what rooms they occupy. In the morning when I relieved GRAT, he told me that he roomed two women in room 400. He did not describe them to me and he did not tell me their names.

About three or four in the morning of the nineteenth two men came in. They left their car outside, came in to talk with the manager who was there at the time and engaged in the usual conversation as to rates and accommodations. I went out and got their luggage and took out of the back of the car three dark brown Gladstone bags; one of these bags was heavier than the rest and I judged it to weigh between fifty and sixty pounds. I did not pay any particular attention to the car but did notice that it was a dark sedan. Mr Young called a garage and an attendant came over and put the car in the garage. I took these men up on the elevator, opened the room, 403, and carried their bags in. One of the men asked me to get him some whiskey. I went across the street to the saloon at tavern where Mr Ford is manager and bought a bottle of whiskey for two dollars. I brought the bottle back and charged the man what I paid for the whiskey.

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He gave me a quarter tip and then I left. This man was about five feet ten inches in height was of a thin build and had a long narrow face. I did not see these men for the rest of the morning and did not have a ring from them or from the women in room 400. When I was relieved by GRAT a little after eight in the morning, I told him that I had roomed two men in 403.

When I came to work on the morning of the twentieth I talked with GRAT about heating the hotel; no mention was made of any of the guests in room 400 or in 403. I made several trips to the fourth floor on the night of the nineteenth and saw a light in room 400 through the transom. I put the lights out on the fourth floor about one thirty in the morning of the twentieth. At that time I did not notice any lights in either room 400 or in 403. After that I did not go up to the fourth floor again.

When I am waiting for a call or to carry some bags I usually sit down near the desk or walk over to the windows at the front of the hotel. From the chair I can see anybody coming in or going out of the hotel and can see anybody going down the stairs.

Early this morning, I don't know the exact time, five men of the law came in. They were dressed in civilian clothes and two of them had on uniforms, one of them having leggings and a short coat with a badge on his cap. I don't distinctly recall what the other one had on. I thought they were guests and walked over to the desk. One of the law asked me who was in charge and I told him I was at the present time. They asked me if there were any people registered from Florida. I told them I did not know. Then some one asked me if there was a pregnant woman in the hotel and I told him that I did not know that either. Then I called Mr Morley on the room phone and he came down in about four minutes. He had on a bath robe over a pair of pajamas.

After Mr Morley came down I walked over to the window and then later sat down near the desk. I did not hear any of the conversation. While they were talking, Mr Morley called down on the room phone and asked me to tell Mr Morley to come up to bed. I told him this and after a short while he went up stairs.

Then two of the law went outside to their car and stayed there about half an hour. The other three stayed in the lobby talking. After half an hour the two who had gone outside came back in again and all five of them made a few remarks and then one of them made several telephone calls which I think were made to the police headquarters. After a short while one of the law brought me over to the police station and questioned me about the two men who were in room 403. After about a quarter of an hour we went back to the hotel. Before I had left the hotel I called Mr Morley so he could be down on duty. He was there when the law and I got back to the hotel. The law asked for the names of the men in room 403 and he gave them. Then all of the law

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walked upstairs. I stayed down stairs and went to the back of the building and shook the furnace. I stayed there about three minutes and then left. On the way back I heard three shots in rapid succession. There may have been more shots than that but I was sure that I heard three and they were very quick and all had the same sound. I ran into one of the side room, 106, closed the door and leaned up against the side of the wall. While I was in the room I heard footsteps of about four or five people who seemed to be walking or running quickly toward the steps. Soon after that I peeked out of the door and heard some body in the lobby. I saw Mr Lynch, the guest in room 100, two of the law and Mr Morley. Then after that the lobby filled up with guests.

In about half an hour the two women who occupied room 400 entered the hotel and I took them up to the fourth floor. I noticed one of them had some blood on her right foot. Then I came down in the elevator and must have waited about five minutes or even ten minutes and then took two of the law up to the fourth floor.

A doctor had been called to look after one of the girls and he must have called an ambulance. I went up on the elevator and took down a woman on a stretcher with two of the law and another person who it seemed was the doctor. The girl was taken away in the ambulance. The other girl was already down in the lobby and she was taken away in the patrol. Shortly after that the law came down stairs carrying three bags which looked like the ones I had taken up to room 403.

BONEY came in about eight o'clock in the morning and asked me what had happened. I replied that I did not know; I wanted to get home and get some sleep. I did not talk about this matter from the time I left the hotel until being questioned

I have read the following statement consisting of three typewritten pages and know the same to be true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I have forgotten something which I wish to add to what I have already said. After the law came back with me to the hotel and they asked Mr. Morley how to get to room 403, one of them said to come up with them and show them the room. Mr. Morley told me to go up with them. I led the way up the stairs and when I got to the landing on the third floor and was about to go up to the fourth floor, I noticed a light and got scared. I stepped aside and let the law go up and then I hurried down. When the law first came in the hotel I was scared, but when I was going up the stairs and saw the light I became greatly frightened.

Witness:

*Richard J. Gussel*  
Special Agent  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Dept. of Justice

*William Owen Roberts*

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January 23, 1935

I, D.B. Sutton, freely and voluntarily make the following signed statement to F.M. Stone and J.W. Going, Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice.

As near as I can remember, Joe Adams phoned on December 22, 1934 stating that someone in his office wanted to buy a Christmas present and asked if I would send up a selection for them to choose from. Mrs. Sutton selected a dozen pieces from our stock and these pieces were delivered to a messenger that Joe sent to the store. This messenger brought a card signed by Mr. Adams and the said signature was identified by both myself and Mrs. Sutton. I do not have the card in my possession now and it has probably been destroyed.

Later the messenger returned all of the jewelry except two pieces and brought with him cash for the two pieces which were kept. The pieces kept were a platinum bar pin #2680 valued at \$175.00 and one diamond bar pin #809 valued at \$85.00

While the jewelry was out of the store Mr. Adams called a second time and stated that the parties had selected two ~~two~~ pieces but the price was a little more than they wanted to pay and asked me if I could reduce it any. I told Mr Adams that I thought the price was very reasonable but if it would help to make the sale I would reduce the price on pin #2680 from \$200.00 to \$175.00 and on pin #809 from \$100.00 to \$85.00.

Mr. Adams then stated that he would tell the parties of the new prices. This closed the transaction so far as I was

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concerned as the messenger returned with the remaining jewelry and \$260.00 in cash for the two pieces heretofore mentioned.

I do not know the identity of the messenger. I only know that he was white.

Signed:

*L. B. Sutton* Betty J. Whyzel

Witness:

*James W. King*  
Special Agent  
Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice  
Birmingham, Ala.

*Franklin M. Stone*  
Special Agent  
Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice  
Birmingham, Ala.

I have read the above voluntary statement of Mr. Sutton and believe it to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge

Signed:

*Sarah B. Sutton*

Witness:

*James W. King*  
Special Agent  
Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice  
Birmingham, Ala.

*Franklin M. Stone*  
Special Agent  
Bureau of Investigation  
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*Betty J. Whyzel*

Manuscript - J. W.

# MIAMI COLONIAL HOTEL

Formerly The Watson

ON BISCAYNE BOULEVARD - SWEEPED BY OCEAN BREEZES

MIAMI, FLORIDA



Miami, Fla.

January 23, 1935

I, L. W. Thomas make the following statement to L. J. Metcalf and P. C. Dunne, Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept of Justice.

I have owned the residence at 1121 - 85th St. N. E. since 1931. In the early part of November 1934 I mentioned to Joe Adams that I planned on renting my home out for the season and that if he knew of a couple who wanted a house for the season to let me know.

Negotiations for the renting of my home were carried on between a Mrs. Green and my wife. I never talked with either Mr. or Mrs. Green prior to the time they leased the house as wife took care of the transaction.

My wife told me that Mrs. Green had arranged for the house and was to move in;

L. W. T.

MIAMI'S FOREMOST HOTEL

## OTHER COLONIAL HOTELS

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MIAMI, FLORIDA  
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MIAMI, FLORIDA



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or about Dec.

I believe this was on ~~Dec.~~ 13, 1934. That some evening I saw Joe Adams at the Biscayne Kennel Club and told him that the renters had not arrived as yet and that I was anxious to know whether they planned on taking the house. Adams replied that the renters, Mr. & Mrs. Green, had gone away for a few days but that they had given him the season rent money to pay me; Adams then paid me the \$750.00.

The only conversation which I had with either Mr. or Mrs. Green was had a short time after they had moved into my house. At that time I talked a short time with Mrs. Green relative to the care of the house and yard.

I recognized the photograph of Alvin Karpis, which was displayed to me by Special Agent J. H. Hanson, as that of the Mr. Green who rented my home.

The Greens were not overly friendly and from appearances did not care to have anything

L.W.J.

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to do with us on strangers

The descriptions of Mrs & Mrs.  
Green to the best of my knowledge are  
as follows:

## Mrs. Green

Name - Mrs. Green  
Age - 22 years  
Height - 5'2 1/2"  
Weight - 110 lbs  
Build - Medium  
Hair - Dark  
Eyes - Dark  
Complexion - Fair

## Mr. Green

Name - Mr. Green  
Age - 25 years  
Height - 5'10 on 11"  
Weight - 140  
Build - Slender  
Hair - Black, unable to ascertain  
Eyes - Shifty & wouldn't look at one.  
Complexion - Sallow or tanned

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My occupation at present is that of greyhound  
owner & racer; I have raced dogs for about three  
years.

I have known Joe Adams for about three  
or four years and raced my dogs on his  
track one season. Aside from the transaction in  
which I rented my house, I have had no

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MIAMI COLONIAL HOTEL

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MIAMI, FLORIDA



Business dealings with Jesse Adams.

Signed: -

L. W. Thomas

1121 N.E. 85<sup>th</sup> St.

Miami  
Fla.

Witnesses: -

R. J. McKay

Special Agent,

Division of Investigation,

U.S. Dept. of Justice

P. C. B. name

Special Agent

Division of Investigation

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KEY WEST, FLORIDA  
COLONIAL ORANGE COURT  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA  
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TAMPA, FLORIDA  
FORT SUMTER HOTEL  
CHARLESTON, S. C.  
PLAZA APARTMENT HOTEL  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

MIAMI'S FOREMOST HOTEL

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300.

*Thomson - Mrs. Grace.*

# MIAMI COLONIAL HOTEL

Formerly The Watson

ON BISCAYNE BOULEVARD - SWEEP BY OCEAN BREEZES

MIAMI, FLORIDA



Miami, Fla.  
Jan. 22, 1935



I, Mrs. Grace Thomas, make the following statement to Special Agents H.J. Metcalf and P. C. Dwyer, Division of Investigation, U.S. Dept of Justice.

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MIAMI, FLORIDA  
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MIAMI BEACH, FLA.  
KEY WEST COLONIAL HOTEL  
KEY WEST, FLORIDA  
COLONIAL ORANGE COURT  
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TAMPA, FLORIDA  
FORT SUMNER HOTEL  
CHARLESTON, S. C.  
PLAZA APARTMENT HOTEL  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Before the winter season began my husband and I decided that if we could find suitable tenants that we would rent our home for the winter season.

The latter part of October 1934, <sup>on the first of Nov.</sup> my husband and I came to Miami, Fla. from California, where we had been since spring. Shortly after we arrived my husband told me that he had spoke to Joe Adams and told him of our desire to rent our home to a <sup>reputable</sup> couple for the season.

Sometime ~~later~~ in November Mr. Knight

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Came to our home and stated that he understood the house was for rent. I showed Mr. Knight through the house and he seemed pleased with it. Knight gave the impression that he was interested in renting a house for someone who was a member of his family but who was out of town; I'm not sure but it is my belief that Mr. Knight came to the house on two or three occasions.

Shortly after Mr. Knight had made his visit, a Mr. S.A. Green came to the house and explained that he understood that the house was for rent and asked to be shown through. I showed Green through the house and he appeared to be pleased with it but left undecided; during this visit Green explained that he wanted a quiet location and added that his wife was expecting a baby. Green made another visit on two to the house and on the last visit told me that he was

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FORT SUMTER HOTEL  
CHARLESTON, S. C.  
PLAZA APARTMENT HOTEL  
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sure that he & his wife would take the house and that he would return with his wife.

Several days before I completed negotiations with Mrs. Green for the leasing of the house, she & her husband came to the house. While Mrs. Green and I discussed the renting of the house, he walked down to the bay and did not appear interested. When the Greens left they stated that they wanted the house and would like to get possession as soon as possible, but they paid no money then.

A day or so later my husband gave me \$50.00, a great deal of which was in fives and tens; I believe I asked my husband that he see about the rent but I don't recall whether he told me at the time from whom he received the rent money.

The day Mrs. Green moved in, she and I signed a lease which my husband had had

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known up. a couple of days later  
Mrs. Green and I went to the bank  
and had our signatures on the lease  
notarized at the bank in Little River  
( Little River is a section of N. E. Miami, Fla ).

The physical descriptions of Mr. &  
Mrs. Green are as follows: -

## Mrs. Green

Name - Mrs. L.A. Green

Age - 20 - 22 years

Height - 5'2 or 3"

Weight - 105 lbs.

Build - Medium

Hair - Brown, medium, wavy.

Eyes - can't say.

Complexion - Fair

## Mr. Green

Name - Mr. Green

Age - 25 years

Height - 5'10"

Weight - 140 lbs

Build - Slender

Hair - Brown

Eyes - can't say, wore glasses

Complexion - tanned.

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TAMPA, FLORIDA  
FORT SUMTER HOTEL  
CHARLESTON, S. C.  
PLAZA APARTMENT HOTEL  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

During the time the Greens were in the house  
I came over to the house & cared for the lawn. Mrs.  
Green was always cordial & treated me nicely during  
my visits; during my visits I only saw Mr. Green.

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one time. I never saw any of the  
Greens' visitors.

When Special Agent J. H. Hansen  
displayed photographs I immediately  
identified that of Alvin Karpis as that  
of the Mr. Green who rented our home.

On the afternoon of January 17, 1935-  
my husband and I drove by the house  
and looked for mail. Tenese Carmichael,  
the maid employed by the Greens, explained  
that the Greens had left the day before  
along with another couple, names unknown,  
who had been staying with the Greens  
since the previous Sunday.

Miss Carmichael called me on January 19, 1935-  
and stated that the Greens had not yet returned.  
On Saturday, January 20, 1935, we moved back into  
the house; on the same date we called the police  
and explained all the facts about the Greens, their  
renting the house, their departure, etc.

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When the Greens departed they left behind some men's & women's wearing apparel, also a baby's cradle & bath tub, and a fishing rod & reel. No guns were left behind although Mr. Green one time showed an automatic pistol and I also saw a rifle when he returned from a hunting trip.

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CHARLESTON, S. C.  
PLAZA APARTMENT HOTEL  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Signed :-

Witnesses :-

L. J. Meloy & P. E. Burre  
Special Agents,   
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Dept. of Justice

Mrs Grace Thomas  
1121 N.E. 85<sup>th</sup> St.  
Miami,  
Fla.

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*Long - A. A.*

**PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO A  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$500.**

# MIAMI COLONIAL HOTEL

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MIAMI, FLORIDA



January 23, 1935



I, A. A. Unge make the following  
Voluntary statement to L. B. Nichols, Division  
of Investigation, U.S. Dept of Justice.

Sometime during December, the exact  
date I don't recall but as I recall  
it was not more than a month ago  
and I am positive that it was around  
the middle of December and it was  
certainly not later than the first of the month of Decem  
ber. Adams called me up and as I recall Joe  
said "Kotter I've got a good prospect for you,  
he is a wealthy friend and is about to buy  
a car in Orlando, Fla, and I stopped him from  
buying a car up there, and he is going out of  
town and when he returns I'll get him in  
touch with you at the proper time." Adams also  
said that he was always tickled to death to do  
something of his friends here in Miami, and  
that his friend had had his car overhauled in  
Orlando, Fla and they had tried to sell him  
there, but that he Adams had persuaded him to  
buy here as this person stated he would as soon buy

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from Adams friends at bay in Orlando,  
Fla. At the time I thought stated  
my money <sup>my attorney</sup> to make a notation of  
this project, which he states I didn't  
do. While I am not positive as  
to the name Adams gave me, nevertheless  
I am almost certain that it was  
Morrison, and Adams stated he  
was a wealthy influential friend from up  
North.

I have read the foregoing statement and  
it is true to my best recollection.  
A. Allergar

Witness

L. B. Nichols  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice  
Birmingham, Ala.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

*Henry - Oliver*

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300.

Ramsey County Jail  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
January 22, 1936

I, DOLORES De LANEY, make the following signed statement to D. P. Sullivan and John L. Madala, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. This statement is entirely voluntary and no promises or threats have been made to me.

I am twenty years of age and was born in Aberdeen, South Dakota. I have three sisters, Frances, Helen, and Margaret, and one brother named Robert. My father's name is James De Laney, and my mother's name before her marriage was Helen O'Donnell. They have now been separated for the past ten years. I attended grade school in Saint Paul, Minnesota, and discontinued my education when I was in my third year in high school in Chicago, Illinois. After I left high school I lived in Chicago until the latter part of 1932, and while here I worked at various places. I thereafter proceeded to Saint Paul, Minnesota, and lived with my sister Helen, who is the wife of Pat Reilly, until May of 1933.

I first met HARRY SAWYER either in 1929 or 1930 through Pat Reilly, who at that time was working for HARRY SAWYER at Sawyer's cigar store on Wabasha Street. I saw him frequently at this store when I stopped in to see Pat Reilly. During my acquaintanceship with HARRY SAWYER I very often referred to him as "Sea Lion", and I believe that Pat Reilly is the person who gave him that name.

During 1932 and the early part of 1933 I kept company with Clarence DuVol, who is the brother of Lawrence DuVol, who is presently serving a life sentence in the Minnesota State Penitentiary at Stillwater, Minnesota. In March 1933 after Clarence DuVol was arrested by the St. Paul Police Department for participation in the robbery of the Third Northwestern Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota, I appeared in the State Court as one of his witnesses, testifying to the fact that he was in my company at the time the bank was supposed to have been robbed. Clarence DuVol was acquitted on this charge.

*Dolores De Laney*

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I first met ALVIN KARPIS in Saint Paul, Minnesota, during the early part of May 1933 at the Hollyhocks Inn. I met him as "Ray", no last name given at this time. He was with someone whom I do not know, and a few days later I saw him again outside of the Plantation Club in Saint Paul. ALVIN KARPIS at this time merely nodded his head to me. I thereafter saw him again two or three days later in the Hollyhocks Inn, and on this occasion I associated with him and told him that I was going to Chicago, Illinois, in the next few days. I gave him my address in Chicago and at this time we made an appointment for him to meet me in Chicago in a few weeks.

Around the latter part of May 1933 I proceeded to Chicago, Illinois, to visit my sister Margaret, who is also known under the name of Jean. At that time she was living in an apartment located on the South Side of Chicago, Illinois. One day as I left the apartment I met ALVIN KARPIS in an automobile near my home. He was coming up to see me at this time and was driving a Graham-Paige automobile. Upon recognizing him I entered his automobile and we thereupon drove about Chicago, Illinois, for the remainder of the day.

I was in his constant company for several weeks thereafter, and at his suggestion I went to live with him as man and wife in a furnished apartment which he had rented at River Forest, Illinois, the address of which I do not know. To my recollection this apartment house is located on the first street south of Lake Street near the 8000 West block. The building is a large three or four story brick structure with several entrances and a large lawn in front of it. ALVIN was living at this place under the name of HAYES. When I went to live with ALVIN KARPIS he told me that he was working for some automobile agency as a salesman and that he at one time resided in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

We lived at his apartment in River Forest, Illinois, for about a month, during which time he made two or three trips, staying away possibly three or four days at a time. The first time, as I recall, he stayed away for possibly four days and when he returned he brought a man and woman with him whom he introduced as Freddie and Paula, and whom I now know as FRED BARKER and PAULA HARMON.

*Dolores De Landy*

PAULA lived with us for three days at this time and it is my understanding that FREDDIE was living with his mother, who I later learned had an apartment in Oak Park, Illinois, as I recall on the day PAULA left FRED BARKER came after her and they thereafter moved to a place on a lake somewhere in Illinois, the exact location I do not know. When PAULA left she told me that she would invite me to their place on this lake but she has never done so. Approximately four days after PAULA HARMON left our apartment in River Forest, Illinois, ALVIN KARPIS left for an unknown destination, leaving his Graham-Paige automobile with me. I recall he left alone in a taxi on this occasion. He remained away for possibly four days on this trip.

I also desire to state that while living at River Forest, Illinois, we frequently ate at a place I believe is called the Rainbow Inn, and which I believe was a barbecue stand. Across the street from this place was located another barbecue stand with the name Hayes on the front of it. I distinctly recall this place as ALVIN KARPIS and I were at that time living in River Forest, Illinois, under the name of HAYES as stated above. We also frequently visited a dime and dance place which is located approximately thirty miles from Chicago, and it is possible that this is Louie Cernocky's place in Fox River Grove, Illinois. The only persons I recall meeting at this place are JESS DOYLE and his wife Doris. There were several other of ALVIN'S friends there, the identities of whom I do not now recall.

Also while living at River Forest, Illinois, ALVIN and I made an automobile trip to Saint Paul, Minnesota. He told me before leaving that he was going through Saint Paul, Minnesota, and that if I desired I could go with him as far as Saint Paul and visit with my people. Upon arriving in Saint Paul, Minnesota, I registered at the St. Francis Hotel under the name of MRS. HAYES. While in this city I visited with my sister Helen and Pat Reilly and at this time told Helen that I had married some automobile salesman at Chicago, Illinois. I endeavored to see my mother on this trip and learned that she was out of the city, and therefore did not see her. I also saw HARRY SAWYER at this time while I was visiting with Pat Reilly at Sawyer's saloon. I returned to Chicago, Illinois, by train several days later and upon arriving at my apartment in River Forest, Illinois, ALVIN KARPIS was there, having previously returned from his trip.

*Dolores De Laney*

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During the latter part of June 1933 ALVIN KARPIS and I moved to the Country Club Hotel at 6950 South Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois, registering there under the name of LOHMAN. We lived in this apartment for possibly ten days and did not have any visitors during this period. About a week or so later ALVIN KARPIS and I moved to a beautiful summer home at Long Beach, Indiana, which I believe is owned by a man known to me as Konvalinka. ALVIN and I lived at this summer home for approximately two months, and on one occasion during the middle part of July 1933 I noticed ALVIN KARPIS' picture in a newspaper identifying him as a suspect in the Kansas City Massacre. I exhibited this photograph and newspaper article to ALVIN and asked him if it were true. He admitted his identity but denied that he was involved in that crime, stating however that he had done a few little things, none of which he described. This is the first knowledge I had of ALVIN KARPIS' true identity, and as a result thereof a quarrel between us arose and he told me at that time if I desired to leave him he would give me some money and I could go where I desired. However, because of my affection for him I refused to leave.

While living at Long Beach, Indiana, ALVIN KARPIS and I were visited on two occasions by FRED GOETZ, whom I only knew as George, his wife Irene, and a little boy called Bobby. FRED BARKER and PAULA HARMON also visited us on one or two occasions while at this place. On another occasion FRED GOETZ and his wife Irene, and BRYAN BOLTON, his wife and two children, whom I at that time knew as the CARTERS, were our guests for three days.

On or about September 1, 1933 ALVIN KARPIS and I moved from this home at Long Beach, Indiana, to the Country Club Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, where we again registered under the name of WILLIAM LOHMAN and wife. On the day we left Long Beach, ALVIN KARPIS left me that morning for Chicago, Illinois, and returned in the evening in company with DOC BARKER, whom ALVIN introduced as "DOC" and as the brother of FREDDIE BARKER. I recall that he accompanied us to the Country Club Hotel and shortly thereafter he left for an unknown destination.

While living at the Country Club Hotel during this period we were visited by HARRY SAWYER, his wife Gladys, and their daughter Francine. I judge this to be around the middle of September of 1933, and they lived with us for approximately

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*Calvin DeLaney*

one week. I wish to state that this is the first intimation I had that ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY SAWYER were known to each other. Upon seeing HARRY SAWYER I naturally asked him about Pat Heilly and my sister, and he replied that they were all right.

While HARRY and GLADYS SAWYER were living with us I spent most of my time with Gladys and Francine visiting the Worlds Fair, going to movies, and doing shopping. On one or two occasions upon our return to the apartment the condition of it indicated that there had been some visitors there, although I never did see anyone else other than ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY SAWYER there on these occasions. As stated above, HARRY and GLADYS SAWYER and Francine, lived with us for approximately a week and thereafter the SAWYERS obtained an apartment in the same hotel, either on the same floor or the floor above us under a name I do not recall. I never visited them at their apartment, although Gladys Sawyer and I continued to shop and travel in Chicago together. As I recall, the SAWYERS lived in this apartment for about one week and I do not have any knowledge of any visitors which they might have had.

On or about September 25, 1933 ALVIN KARPIS and myself left for Reno, Nevada, in his Dodge Sedan. We did not pass through Saint Paul, Minnesota, on this trip but drove direct to Reno, Nevada, arriving there three days after our departure. We registered into the Anderson Hotel under the name of either BURNS or LOHMAN, at which hotel we stayed approximately one week. We knew no one at this hotel, nor did we see any of ALVIN'S friends at this time. I might state at this point that ALVIN indicated to me upon our arrival in Reno that he had been there some time previous. To my recollection he stated that he lived there for a period of several weeks during 1932.

6 Around this period ALVIN KARPIS and myself drove to San Francisco, California, and checked into the William Taylor Hotel under the name, I believe, of LOHMAN. While in San Francisco ALVIN purchased an Auburn Sedan. We stayed in San Francisco for two days and visited various taverns, the addresses of which I do not know, with the exception of one place which ALVIN and I visited more frequently than the others and which is located about two blocks around the corner from the William Taylor Hotel. It appeared that ALVIN was well acquainted there. We returned to Reno, Nevada, shortly thereafter in ALVIN'S new Auburn automobile and went to live at Steamboat Springs, a health resort a few miles from Reno, Nevada. While living at Steamboat Springs, and after we had been

*Valerie De Lane*

there approximately one week, PAULA HARMON and WYNONA BURDETTE visited the Springs, where I met them. A day or so later, at ALVIN'S suggestion, PAULA and I drove to San Francisco, California, to pick up the registration card for the Auburn Sedan previously purchased by ALVIN and which was to be sent to the William Taylor Hotel. PAULA and I registered at the William Taylor Hotel and got the letter addressed to ALVIN under the name of LOEMAN and left that same night to return to Reno, Nevada.

On or about November 2, 1935 we moved to the Alvada Apartments, and FREDDIE and PAULA, who had been living in an apartment the address of which I do not know, rented a place at the Belmont Apartments. While living in the Alvada Apartments ALVIN wanted to get someone to work for me but I told him that I would much rather do the house-keeping by myself. In our discussion about this matter ALVIN commented on the fact that the Japs were very good domestics, and at this time stated that he had a Jap working for him while he was living at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, and that he was entirely satisfied with him. From the conversation that followed I gained the impression that FREDDIE BARKER was living with him at this lake.

Also during the time I was living at the Alvada Apartments in Reno, Nevada, I met EDNA MURRAY, under the name of "Rabbits" at PAULA HARMON'S apartment. On one occasion VOLNEY DAVIS came to our place and asked for PAULA HARMON and FREDDIE BARKER. This was the only occasion I met VOLNEY DAVIS while living in Reno, Nevada. I likewise saw DOC BARKER on several occasions during this period although I do not know where he was living. HARRY CAMPBELL and WYNONA BURDETTE were also living in Reno at this time, the exact address I do not know.

ALVIN and I frequently went to various taverns and night clubs with FRED BARKER and PAULA HARMON, and the places I recall we visited were The Town Club, The Tavern, The Bank Club, and a small night club which is located on the road between Reno and Steamboat Springs, Nevada. We usually made the rounds of all four of them when we went out, and it appeared that the boys had been to these places sometime previous as they appeared to be quite friendly with the employees there.

Shortly after we moved into the Alvada Apartments FRED and DOC BARKER left for an unknown destination. ALVIN KARPIS and I a day or so later drove to Las Vegas, Nevada, and on the outskirts of town, and purely by chance, we met DOC and FRED BARKER, who were parked at a barbecue stand. All four of us checked into the best hotel in town, which I believe is the Sal Sagev. That same afternoon the four of us went to visit the dam outside of Las Vegas which was then under con-

*Paula Harmon*

struction. On the following morning DOC and FRED BARKER left Las Vegas and I do not know where they were going. However, ALVIN and I stayed in Las Vegas for three or four days more and then we drove to Los Angeles, California, and checked into the Roselyn Hotel under an alias which I do not recall. We remained in Los Angeles for two days and it appeared that ALVIN KARPIS was waiting for a message from some person inasmuch as he did not leave the hotel at any time while we were living there. He apparently did not receive this message, and although he did not make any remark in connection therewith, I observed that he was somewhat perturbed because of it. We did not go anywhere nor did we see anyone while in Los Angeles, California, and at the end of two days ALVIN and I returned to Reno, Nevada.

On or about December 2, 1933 DOC BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, and myself left Reno, Nevada, in our Auburn Sedan and drove to Chicago, Illinois, arriving on or about December 5, 1933. ALVIN and I checked into the Orlando Hotel, and after we carried our baggage to our room ALVIN left with DOC BARKER and shortly thereafter ALVIN returned by himself. I do not know where the rest of the crowd went upon leaving Reno, Nevada; however, it was my understanding that they were either going to leave or had already left Reno when ALVIN and I did, and I recall that we met FRED BARKER and PAULA HARMON in a restaurant in Cheyenne, Wyoming, on our way to Chicago, Illinois.

ALVIN KARPIS and I stayed at the Orlando Hotel for about ten days, after which time ALVIN told me that he had rented an apartment and purchased some furniture as a surprise for me. Several days later we moved into an apartment located at 7133 Yates Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, under the name of LOEMAN. We did not see any members of the gang frequently at this time, and I recall that ALVIN KARPIS and myself had Christmas dinner alone at the Teko Inn, a Chinese restaurant located at 71st and Jeffry Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. On Christmas night ALVIN KARPIS left the apartment and returned partially intoxicated. I did not know where he had been but later ascertained that he visited at Mother Barker's apartment, located at 7269 South Shore Drive, Chicago.

I distinctly recall the period of the BREMER kidnapping, and naturally was very much interested in it, and to my recollection ALVIN KARPIS' actions did not at any time make me suspicious that he was connected with that crime. During this

*Alvin Karpis*

period, as I recall, he was away at one time for about a week. Also during this period I recall he did leave home in the early morning and return to the apartment either late that same night or early the next morning before six o'clock.

I cannot recall the exact dates, but I remember that George Ziegler called at our apartment on two or three occasions in January 1934 and several times in February 1934. He would usually come there for breakfast on these occasions and to my recollection he was always dressed in business clothes, and was usually alone on these visits. We were also visited by FRED BARKER several times during this period.

I recall FRED BARKER'S birthday dinner, which was had sometime during the middle of January 1934, and that at this party there were present Mother and FRED BARKER, GEORGE ZIEGLER, and his wife Irene, ALVIN and I, and another couple whose identity I do not know, but whom I believe were from the East, possibly New York City. However, I have no information which can substantiate that. It appeared that this unknown couple were quite friendly with GEORGE ZIEGLER and Irene, and it is possible that Irene knows who they are. I recall that during the course of the evening at this party we quite freely discussed WILLIE HARRISON'S experience at Hammond, Indiana, in that a girl jumped out of a window in HARRISON'S room to avoid being raped by him.

About the middle of March 1934 ALVIN told me that he was leaving and would be away for several weeks, not stating where he was going. He took with him a small bag containing clothes. While he was away on this trip I visited Mother Barker on several occasions, and on one occasion FRED BARKER was present. This was about a day or so before GEORGE ZIEGLER was killed. I noticed that FRED'S hands were bandaged, and asked him about ALVIN as I believed that they had met up with some accident. FREDDIE told me at this time that ALVIN was all right, and then remarked that ALVIN and I were going to move to Toledo, Ohio. In this connection he stated that PAULA would be over to my apartment to get me the following day and that she would drive me to Toledo where I was to stay with her until I got word either from him or from ALVIN as to what I was to do. About 8:00 A.M. the following morning PAULA came to the apartment. We were cleaning up the apartment before leaving when Mother Barker arrived at about 10:00 A.M. She showed me the newspapers and told me that GEORGE ZIEGLER had been killed; that Irene had been to her apartment that morning

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and was coming back. I went with Mother Barker to her apartment. Within fifteen minutes Irene Goetz came in and I asked her if she needed any money, and she replied that she did not, that Mother Barker had already given her some money. Irene stayed about an hour, during which time she spoke to Mother Barker, which conversation I did not overhear. She then left stating that she would return later. I returned to my apartment shortly afterwards. PAULA and I completed our packing. We left about 1:00 P.M. that afternoon in FRED'S Ford Coupe for Toledo, Ohio.

Upon arriving in Toledo I moved into PAULA'S apartment on Summit Street, where she had been living for some time. I did not see anyone when PAULA and I arrived in Toledo, Ohio, and about four or five days later FREDDIE BARKER came to the apartment in company with Jimmie Wilson, who drove him up from Chicago. Jimmie Wilson stayed with us for two or three days at this time.

About three or four days later ALVIN KARPIS came to the apartment with Russell Gibson. Gibson left immediately for an unknown destination. I noticed that ALVIN'S fingertips were bandaged and likewise noted a scar on the right side of his face immediately below the lobe of the right ear. During this time FRED BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS were almost helpless, and PAULA HARMON and myself were with them almost constantly. DOC BARKER and HARRY CAMPBELL visited us on several occasions. William Harrison likewise visited us, and on one occasion he drove me in ALVIN'S Pontiac to Chicago, Illinois, where we checked into the Southmoor Hotel under assumed names. ALVIN KARPIS had instructed me before leaving Toledo that we should do that inasmuch as he told me he thought that our Yates Avenue Apartment might be under surveillance by the police or by Government agencies. That afternoon William Harrison and myself visited Mother Barker's apartment on South Shore Drive and that evening we drove to a town the name of which I do not know, located about thirty miles out of Chicago, and visited VOLNEY DAVIS and EDNA MURRAY in their apartment. Two other women whose identity I do not know were likewise present. Thereafter we visited a tavern in a small town, the location of which I do not know, where Harrison was acquainted with most of the customers and employees, and after remaining an hour or so we returned to the Southmoor Hotel. The following day I spent almost the entire day at Mother Barker's apartment, and Harrison called for me at approximately 4:00 P.M.

Willie then drove me out on the West Side of Chicago to an apartment located on or near Washington Boulevard, where he

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picked up BRYAN BOLTON. The three of us then drove out to Cicero, Illinois, to a furniture store, the location of which I do not now recall. BOLTON went in and returned a few minutes later and stated that he had arranged for somebody to deliver a package to our apartment at 7133 Yates Avenue for the purpose of learning whether the apartment was being watched.

We then left BOLTON off at his apartment and Willie drove me to the vicinity of 71st and South Shore Drive, where we waited in a drug store. About a half hour later Willie returned and told me that it would be safe for me to go to my apartment, which I did. After packing we proceeded straightway to Toledo, Ohio.

13 Upon arriving at Toledo, Ohio, we went direct to FRED BARKER'S apartment where PAULA and I found FRED and ALVIN, and that same afternoon Willie Harrison assisted ALVIN and myself in obtaining an apartment at the Jarvis Apartments. This was approximately April 10, 1934 and we lived here under the name of MURRAY M. BEAUNEY and wife. Harrison did most of the carrying of the luggage inasmuch as ALVIN was still recuperating from his operation and could not handle any of the baggage. While living at the Jarvis Apartments DOC BARKER stayed with us for three or four days, and after about two weeks later EDNA MURRAY and VOLNEY DAVIS likewise moved into the apartment. VOLNEY DAVIS at this time had been operated on, and although his fingertips were not bandaged, his fingers were still sore and tender. VOLNEY and EDNA remained for two or three days, during which time EDNA MURRAY located an apartment in Toledo. I recall that one evening during this time VOLNEY DAVIS, JIMMIE WILSON, OLLIE BERG, DOC BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS had dinner in the apartment. This was the first and only time I saw OLLIE BERG.

After locating an apartment, the location of which I do not know, VOLNEY, EDNA, and DOC then moved from our apartment. I recall that ALVIN and myself visited the Casino Club on four or five occasions. We talked with people working in the Club, and I recall meeting two brothers who either worked there or who were owners of the Club. However, I do not recognize the names Ted or Bert Angus. While we were at the Club I likewise saw on several occasions DOC BARKER, FRED BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL, PAULA HARMON, WILLIAM HARRISON, MUSTY GIBSON, and probably WYNONA BURDETTE. ALVIN KARPIS generally accompanied me to the Club. I do know that the two brothers who were often present at the Club drank with

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members of the gang, and I likewise know that members of the gang frequently went riding in a boat on the lake; however, I do not know who was the owner of the boat.

About a month after moving into the Jarvis Apartments, on or about May 15, 1934, I made a trip to Chicago by plane to visit Mother Barker and to let her know that DOC and FRED BARKER were all right, FRED having intended visiting his mother but had been unable to do so. I stayed over night at the Southmoor Hotel, and visited MA BARKER, who was alone; spent that evening with her, and returned to Toledo alone the following day by plane.

Some time in the middle of May 1934 ALVIN KARPIS and I left Toledo, Ohio, and drove to Cleveland. The reason we left Toledo at this time was to get away from the crowd, inasmuch as everyone was moving into Toledo at this time, and also for the reason that I was in my first stages of pregnancy and ALVIN did not want them to know of my condition and likewise did not want me to associate with the mob.

Upon arriving in Cleveland, Ohio, we passed an apartment building which had a "For Rent" sign on the front of it. This place I believe was on 159th Street immediately off of Euclid Avenue. ALVIN drove past this place and told me to take a cab back to the apartment house and inquire whether they had any apartments vacant, which I did. I rented one and ALVIN and I immediately moved into it, and inasmuch as the manager of the building did not ask us for our name we did not give them any. We remained in this apartment for approximately one month, and after a week or so from our arrival in Cleveland, ALVIN KARPIS drove to Toledo, Ohio, and returned with FRED BARKER and PAULA HARMON. They lived with us for about three days at this time and then moved to another apartment somewhere in Cleveland, the address of which I do not know. I visited their apartment on only one occasion.

While living in Cleveland, Ohio, around this period I made a trip to Chicago, Illinois, by plane to pick up some mail at the post office which ALVIN KARPIS apparently expected to receive at General Delivery. Upon arriving at Chicago I proceeded direct to Mother Barker's apartment and visited with her for several hours. She asked me about the boys and everybody in general. After I left Mother Barker's apartment I proceeded to downtown Chicago to pick up the mail at the post office, and enroute I thought that two men were following me, and in order to lose them I made several trips around Chicago and finally did lose them in the Worlds Fair

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grounds. As a result of this observation I did not desire to pick up the mail at the post office, and that same evening I returned to Cleveland, Ohio, by plane. Upon my return to Cleveland I told ALVIN KARPIS about my observations as above indicated, and he conjectured that they were police officers. I never returned to Chicago, Illinois, for the mail in question, and it is my belief that ALVIN sent someone else after it.

ALVIN KARPIS at this time stated that he was going to rent an unfurnished apartment and he apparently did so inasmuch as he took me out to visit it. This house was located on Flamingo Street. I had purchased furniture for the house at various furniture stores in Cleveland, and about two weeks later had it delivered and we moved into the house. A few days after moving FRED BARKER visited the house, alone, and thereafter he visited us on several occasions. On one occasion PAULA HARMON was with him.

On or about June 1, 1934 ALVIN KARPIS drove me to the Cleveland Hotel, stating that he was going to meet some friends. In my presence he asked the room clerk in what room MR. SAWYER was living, and upon being advised he and I went to that room and there met HARRY and GLADYS SAWYER and their little daughter Francine. HARRY SAWYER asked ALVIN what had been keeping him; that he had been waiting for him for two days at the hotel. After talking with them for a while ALVIN invited HARRY SAWYER, his wife Gladys and daughter Francine, to live with us until they located an apartment in Cleveland, Ohio. That same evening ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY SAWYER left and later Gladys, Francine, and I departed from the hotel and went to our home. HARRY and Gladys remained with us at our place over night, and on the following day PAULA HARMON came over, after which Gladys, Paula and myself proceeded to the Cleveland Hotel to check out the SAWYERS. At that time the floor clerk stated that a long distance telephone call from New York City had come to the hotel for MR. and MRS. FRANK JAMES during their absence, and that the party calling gave the room in which they were registered. Gladys remarked to Paula and myself that she could not understand who could have made this call because nobody knew where she and HARRY SAWYER were, and was greatly worried about this call, and in conversation with Paula and myself she mentioned the possibility that it might have been "The coppers" checking up on them.

We then took the baggage and made a roundabout trip to our home, figuring that we possibly might be followed, and when we arrived there we told HARRY SAWYER and ALVIN about the call. They

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both were very much worried concerning it, HARRY being especially so, and thereafter ALVIN went to a public telephone and called the long distance telephone operator, asking her whether anyone had called MR. JAMES at the Cleveland Hotel. He was advised by the operator that she had no record of such a call. ALVIN told HARRY about this but he still was very much worried about the call as he still insisted that no one knew that he and his wife were living in the Cleveland Hotel.

During the time HARRY and GLADYS SAWYER were living with us FRED BARKER and PAULA HARMON visited us on several occasions, and quite frequently HARRY, GLADYS, and ALVIN visited FREDDIE and PAULA at their apartment in Cleveland, the address of which I do not know. I did not visit their apartment during this period as I did not get along very well with PAULA and on the occasions HARRY, GLADYS, and ALVIN were away I remained at home with Francine.

On one occasion while HARRY and GLADYS SAWYER were living at our house I can recall that a large commercial airplane was broadcasting above the city. As it passed over our house HARRY SAWYER looked up and stated that it was possible that there might have been "coppers" in the airplane, and actually seemed afraid that they might be looking down at him.

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About the first part of July or the latter part of June 1934 ALVIN and myself moved into a house on West 140th Street, the exact address of which I do not know. After we had been in the house about a week WILLIAM HARRISON moved in with us. PAULA HARMON and FRED BARKER visited us on one occasion with HARRY CAMPBELL, GLADYS and HARRY SAWYER. Because I did not especially care for PAULA HARMON and was a bit incensed that she should visit my home, I remained in the kitchen and did not overhear any of the conversation had by my visitors.

During this time ALVIN KARPIS took me to a gambling place located on the outskirts of Cleveland. This place was a large gambling house having a large parking lot located immediately outside. I recall that on the first occasion that ALVIN took me there he had said "Hello" to the man at the front door as though he had been previously acquainted with him. Thereafter ALVIN took me there on several occasions and I frequently visited it alone. On one occasion I saw PAULA and FREDDIE there but I did not speak to them.

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While living at this house ALVIN and myself drove out to BILL WEAVER'S cottage located outside of Sandusky, Ohio. I recall that BILL WEAVER and MYRTLE EATON were there and several other of the gang whose identities I cannot now recall. ALVIN got out of the car but I did not. After remaining about a quarter of an hour we returned to Cleveland, Ohio. On another occasion we again visited WEAVER'S cottage. EDNA MURRAY and possibly VOLNEY DAVIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, WILLIE HARRISON, and BILL WEAVER were there, and MYRTLE EATON prepared dinner for us. After dinner ALVIN and myself returned to Cleveland, Ohio.

On or about September 5, 1934 ALVIN and I went to bed about 9:00 P.M. WILLIE HARRISON, who had been living with us, left Cleveland, Ohio, with some of his clothes four or five days previous. I do not know where he went. At about 11:00 P.M., while ALVIN and I were in bed, HARRY CAMPBELL, FRED BARKER and DOC BARKER came to the house. ALVIN went to the door to let them in. At this time FRED told ALVIN that WYNONA BURDETTE, GLADYS SAWYER, PAULA HARRISON and I had been arrested, and ALVIN stated that I was not arrested, that I was in bed. FRED then told ALVIN that Wynona, Gladys, and Paula were arrested at the Cleveland Hotel for causing some sort of a disturbance. ALVIN thereupon told me to get dressed and go into the living room and maintain a lookout. HARRY CAMPBELL and DOC BARKER laid down to get some sleep while FRED and ALVIN talked privately, none of which conversation I overheard. About an hour or so later ALVIN and FRED went out and returned about 45 minutes later stating that there were cops and squad cars all around FRED'S house. I was still maintaining a watch when I observed at about 4:30 A.M. two police squad cars drive slowly by the house, and it appeared that they were watching our place. They apparently drove up the block some distance and returned again driving slowly by the house. I immediately called to ALVIN and told him of what I had seen. He then instructed me to start packing the things that we would absolutely need and to forget about the rest. I started to pack and about fifteen minutes later ALVIN awakened FREDDIE, DOC and HARRY and we departed at about shortly before 5:00 A.M. in three automobiles. ALVIN and I drove away in our Pontiac coupe.

17 We drove out on the highway and by pre-arrangement met the other two cars, which had taken different routes from the one we took. I got into the Pontiac and ALVIN, FRED and DOC BARKER, and HARRY CAMPBELL got into the other two cars. ALVIN thereupon instructed me to drive to Toledo, Ohio, and to check into the Algee Hotel where he would telephone me. I thereupon drove to Toledo and checked into the hotel as instructed. That afternoon ALVIN

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18 telephone me and I met him downtown. He told me to take a train to Chicago and to register at the Southmoor Hotel. I took a train to Chicago and on my arrival registered at the Southmoor Hotel and waited for ALVIN to get in touch with me. Two days after my arrival ALVIN telephoned me and told me to get an apartment on the North Side of Chicago; that he would call me back the following day. I thereupon got an apartment located on Diversey Avenue, possibly in the Diversey Park Arms Hotel. 19 ALVIN called me at the Southmoor Hotel the following day and I met him outside the hotel. We went to Mother Barker's apartment and Mother Barker accompanied us to the apartment I had rented on Diversey Avenue, where we registered under a fictitious name as mother and daughter. ALVIN KARPIS stayed outside and left immediately after we had registered. We stayed at this apartment, and after approximately two days Russell Gibson and Willie Harrison called at this apartment for a short while. A couple of nights later ALVIN KARPIS called at the apartment and told me to pack our belongings, that we were going to Miami, Florida. He then told Mother Barker that FRED BARKER would see her in a couple of days.

At this time ALVIN gave me six \$1000 bills which he told me to keep. He did not tell me where he had gotten this money, nor do I know at the present time where he obtained it.

ALVIN and I left that night for Miami, Florida. A few miles outside of Chicago, probably near Gary, Indiana, we stopped at a gas station along the road. WILLIE HARRISON was there and he introduced me to a girl named Ruth. I do not know who this woman is. We stayed for about a half hour, during which time Ruth and I casually talked together and WILLIE and ALVIN talked alone. Upon leaving WILLIE said he would see us sometime soon. Ruth apparently had met ALVIN before inasmuch as he was not introduced to her and they acted as though they were not strangers to one another.

20 On the way we did not stop off at any place or see anyone with whom ALVIN was apparently acquainted, and on our arrival in Miami, Florida, we proceeded to the El Comodoro Hotel. ALVIN asked the room clerk for Mr. Adams. When told Mr. Adams was not there he left word to be notified when Adams returned. I later gathered from the conversation of ALVIN and WILLIE HARRISON that WILLIE had been friendly with Adams prior to our coming to Miami and had referred ALVIN to Mr. Adams. We checked into Room 1005 under the name of WAGNER. An hour and a half or two hours later Adams called ALVIN on the telephone. ALVIN went downstairs apparently to see Adams and I went shopping. On my return ALVIN told me that we were going

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to Havana, Cuba, in the morning; that Adams was taking care of the tickets for us.

The following morning ALVIN went downstairs and returned with two letters of reference, one addressed to Nathaniel Heller, Parkview Hotel, Havana, Cuba, and the other addressed to George Harris, American Bar, Havana, Cuba, and our tickets to Havana, which ALVIN told me Mr. Adams had gotten for us. I inquired of ALVIN what he intended to do with our Ford Coupe, and he stated he was leaving it with Mr. Adams, who would get rid of it. We packed our baggage and on leaving we met Mr. Adams in the lobby. Adams referred to ALVIN as RAY, and ALVIN introduced me as his wife. We left immediately, proceeding by train and boat, arriving in Havana the same evening.

Upon our arrival we registered at the Parkview Hotel under the name of WAGNER. After cleaning up we went downstairs to the bar, where we met Mr. Heller. ALVIN gave him the letter which introduced us as MR. and MRS. WAGNER, good friends of Mr. Adams, who was the writer of the letters. The same evening we went to the American Bar where ALVIN presented to George Harris ALVIN'S letter of reference, which letter was similar in wording to the one addressed to Mr. Heller. We stayed but a short while and then returned to the hotel. We stayed at this hotel for approximately a week and during this time we frequently visited the American Bar.

At about this time ALVIN and I rented a cab and drove to Varadero Beach, where we met Mr. and Mrs. Bermudez, who aided us in renting a cottage. We finally located a cottage owned by a Cuban family and arranged for its rental and thereupon returned to Havana, Cuba. About two weeks after our arrival we moved into the house. This was around the first part of October 1934. We rented the cottage under the name of E. N. WAGNER. We lived at Varadero Beach until November 15, 1934, during which time we were visited on one occasion by Mother Barker, who came to Cuba to look over the country as she thought she might want to live there. We were also visited on one occasion by George Harris, above mentioned, and his wife. They remained with us for two days and two nights. Also during this period, that is, while living at Varadero Beach, ALVIN and I made several trips to Havana, Cuba, on which occasions we visited George Harris and his wife.

On one occasion while in Havana, Nathaniel Heller took me to a Ford agency and he told the salesman that I wanted a Ford Sedan.

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I thereupon purchased a Ford Sedan, paying \$1074.00 for it in cash, consisting of American money. Heller thereupon took me to Marinao, a town located outside of Havana, where I registered the car under the name of DOLORES WAGNER.

While at Varadero Beach ALVIN mentioned that he was expecting to either see or hear from WILLIE HARRISON and wondered what was keeping him. About this time ALVIN had received a couple of cablegrams addressed to him, under the name, I believe, of WAGNER. I do not know where these cablegrams were sent from nor do I know who the sender was.

One day ALVIN asked me to write a letter for him. He then dictated a letter, which I wrote and addressed to Mr. Adams at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida. In this letter ALVIN inquired concerning WILLIE and "that party". I have no idea of the identity of "that party" but I do not believe it referred to any of the gang inasmuch as he would undoubtedly have mentioned them under the name they were using at the El Comodoro Hotel. I have been shown a letter addressed to Mr. Adams, signed by Mr. Wagner, which I recognize as being identical with the above mentioned letter, which I wrote and which was dictated to me by ALVIN KARPIS. I notice that the top of the first page of this letter, which I believe I dated, has been torn off. I feel certain that I likewise addressed the envelope containing the letter to Mr. Adams in care of the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida. A day or two after I wrote the above mentioned letter ALVIN stated that he had received a cablegram at Varadero Beach under the name of WAGNER from Adams at Miami, Florida. I saw this cablegram, which stated that WILLIE had not been there (referring to Miami, Florida) and Adams had no idea where WILLIE was.

Likewise during this period, at the suggestion of ALVIN KARPIS, George Harris arranged for us the rental of a safety deposit box at the National City Bank of New York at Havana, Cuba, which box we obtained under the name of E. N. WAGNER. Under the instructions of ALVIN, I placed in the box five \$1000 bills, which was the same money ALVIN had given me in Chicago.

With reference to the sixth \$1000 bill which ALVIN had given me in Chicago, I may state that on our arrival at Miami, Florida, ALVIN asked me for a \$1000 bill, which I gave him. Although we were only in Miami overnight, on our arrival in Havana, Cuba, ALVIN had only about \$250 from the \$1000 bill. I do not know of any expensive purchases or in what way ALVIN could have spent

this money unless he gave it to someone for some purpose of which I do not have definite knowledge.

On one occasion I went to Miami, Florida, in company with Nathaniel Heller, as at that time we were planning on moving to Miami and possibly live there and wait for the baby to be born. The reason I went to Miami with Mr. Heller at this time was due to the fact that he at that time mentioned that he was likewise going to Miami and ALVIN believed that it would be best if I go with him rather than go by myself. On this trip Mr. Heller and I travelled by boat, and upon our arrival in Miami both Mr. Heller and I registered at the El Commodore Hotel. On arriving at the hotel I asked for Mr. Adams but was told he was out of town. ALVIN had told me before leaving Varadero Beach to get in touch with Mr. Adams, who would help me in locating a house or apartment in Miami where we could live, inasmuch as I did not know anything about the city of Miami. At the hotel I was given Room 1005 and Mr. Heller occupied the adjoining room, No. 1004, although I did not know this until the following morning when I met him in the hallway. I believe this was around the latter part of October 1934. While in Miami, Florida, I spent several days looking for an apartment but did not find any one that suited my desires. Also on this trip Mr. Heller accompanied me on one occasion to purchase an American pet bull dog, which we called "Wimpy".

Prior to my leaving Havana, Cuba, for Miami, Florida, on this trip ALVIN KARPIS instructed me to ascertain whether Mother Barker and FREDDIE were residing at the El Commodore Hotel, and on the day I registered I inquired for them under the name they were registered, which name I do not now recall. I was advised by the clerk that they had checked out several days previously. As stated before, I remained in Miami, Florida, for three or four days and thereupon returned to Havana, Cuba, with my dog "Wimpy" by plane. Upon arriving in Havana I proceeded to the Parkview Hotel and telephoned ALVIN at Varadero Beach to pick me up, which he did.

About ten days or possibly two weeks later ALVIN left Varadero one morning at around eight or nine o'clock for Havana, Cuba. He returned home at midnight that same day and told me that we were going to move immediately as he had heard that the "G's" were in Havana. We packed our things that night and left Varadero at six or seven o'clock the next morning, and upon our arrival in Havana we drove about the city and did not go near the Parkview Hotel. ALVIN instructed me to proceed to Miami by plane and to

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pick him up either the next day or the day after at Homestead, Florida, stating that he was going to proceed to Key West, Florida, by boat and then travel by train from Key West to Homestead, Florida, which town is located about thirty miles outside of Miami. I proceeded to Miami, Florida. Upon my arrival there I registered at a small hotel about three blocks from the El Commodore Hotel. ALVIN had told me not to register at the El Commodore but to check in some other hotel and then inquire at the El Commodore to ascertain whether any of the rest of the gang were there. I followed his instructions, and after checking into this small hotel mentioned above, I went to the El Commodore Hotel and inquired at the desk for Mother Barker and FRED BARKER under the fictitious names which they were then using, which names I do not now recall. The clerk advised me that they were not there but that their friends, the Summers, were living in the hotel. Believing that the Summers were persons connected with our crowd, I proceeded to their room, which was Room 1005, and met WYNONA BURDETTE there. This was the first time I had seen WYNONA since their departure from Toledo. I stayed with WYNONA in her room overnight.

ALVIN had told me before we left Havana that I should see Mr. Adams about borrowing an automobile which I could use in meeting him at Homestead, Florida. On the following morning I went downstairs to see Mr. Adams, who was busy at the time. While waiting for him WILLIE HARRISON came into the lobby. We talked together for a while and then went into Mr. Adams' office together. On entering Adams said, "Hello, Willie", and Adams addressed me as Dolores. I do not know from whom he ascertained the name Dolores inasmuch as I was always registered at the hotel under the name of MRS. E. N. WAGNER, and only members of the gang knew my name to be Dolores and addressed me as such. I asked Adams if he had seen "Freddie" and "Mother". He told me he would try to get in touch with them for me. Upon mentioning the borrowing of a car Willie told me that I could use the car which he and DOC BARKER had. Adams asked concerning "RAY" and I told him I was going to meet him down at Homestead, Florida. Adams then mentioned to Willie that George and his wife were registered at the hotel. Adams apparently had reference to HARRY CAMPBELL and WYNONA BURDETTE. We left shortly thereafter and WILLIE told me that he and DOC BARKER had just arrived in Miami that morning. WILLIE and I then went up to WYNONA'S room and later the three of us went to WILLIE'S room, which was Room 405, where we saw DOC BARKER.

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That evening in DOC and WILLIE'S car I went to Homestead and picked up ALVIN as he got off the train, and returned with him to Miami. We did not register at the El Commodore Hotel at this time but went up to WILLIE HARRISON'S room. I know that ALVIN did not register but that later the same evening we somehow obtained Room No. 404, the room adjoining Room No. 405, which was occupied by DOC and WILLIE. ALVIN told WILLIE and DOC what had happened in Havana, stating he had recognized a "G" man in the Parkview Hotel as he was registering. This was the same story he had told me in Cuba and which was the reason prompting us to leave Cuba. WYNONA BURDETTE, WILLIE HARRISON, DOC BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS and myself were all together in Room 405 that evening, where we engaged in general conversation. This was about December 10, 1934. I did not see Adams that night, but the following day ALVIN went downstairs to see Adams. I believe that he did see Adams but I do not know what conversation was had between them.

About three or four days later DOC BARKER and WILLIE HARRISON left Miami, Florida, by automobile for parts unknown and the same day shortly after their departure Mother Barker, FRED BARKER, and HARRY CAMPBELL arrived in Miami, Florida, and checked into Rooms 904 and 905 at the El Commodore Hotel. FRED BARKER had a quantity of fish with him which he claimed he caught on a lake where he and his mother were living, and either that same day or the following day we had a fish dinner in one of our rooms, and present at this dinner were Mother Barker, FRED BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, WYNONA BURDETTE, and myself. That same evening I became very ill and believed that the baby was about to be born. ALVIN called the desk clerk and had them send a doctor to our room to examine me. The doctor likewise believed that I would soon give birth to the baby and suggested that I immediately get in touch with Dr. Nichols, who had been attending me.

On the following day Mother Barker, FRED BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL, and WYNONA BURDETTE, left Miami for Oklawaha, Florida. ALVIN and I continued to live at the El Commodore Hotel for several days thereafter. Around this period Joe Adams, who was at this time the Manager of the hotel, told ALVIN and I in our room that he wanted us to keep in our room as much as possible and did not want us running in and out of the hotel, and in order to keep us company sent a large radio up to our room. Some days later ALVIN told me that we were going out to rent a house. Mr. Adams, ALVIN, and I went down to a car, where Adams told us that he had located a house which he thought would please us. Adams then drove us out to the

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house, where Adams introduced us as MR. and MRS. GREEN to Mrs. Thomas, the owner. We rented the house and I believe ALVIN then paid Mrs. Thomas \$750.00 rental for the season. On the way back Adams remarked that he had introduced us as MR. and MRS. GREEN because he had forgotten to ask ALVIN beforehand what name he wanted to use and that GREEN was the first name that came to his mind. I recall signing the lease for the rental of this house under the name of MRS. S. A. GREEN.

A few days after ALVIN and I moved to the above mentioned house, Joe Adams drove ALVIN KARPIS to Oklawaha, Florida, to visit with FRED BARKER, MOTHER BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL, and WYNONA BURDETTE, as at this time ALVIN did not have a car of his own. ALVIN returned the following day with FRED BARKER and HARRY CAMPBELL. ALVIN later told me that Adams did not stay overnight at Oklawaha but returned to Miami shortly after he arrived there. FRED and HARRY remained with us for about five days before returning to Oklawaha, during which time they did a great deal of fishing. Thereafter I did not frequent many places or make any visits as I was very sick and was expecting our baby any day.

About a week or so before Christmas FRED BARKER and HARRY CAMPBELL came to Miami, Florida, and visited with us. They brought with them a quantity of baby clothes which were from Mother Barker and Wynona Burdette. They remained at our home for about two days on this occasion. I recall that during this time Adams visited our house and he talked with ALVIN, FRED, and HARRY in the living room outside of my hearing. After remaining about a half hour Adams left.

I distinctly recall Christmas day and on this day, sometime in the afternoon, ALVIN received a telephone call from a party called JOE. I overheard him ask the party calling what time they would be there, and from the conversation which followed I gathered that these people would be at our house right away. After ALVIN hung up the telephone he told me that I should prepare dinner for two more people, but did not volunteer any further information concerning them. About five minutes later he left the house apparently to meet them someplace but returned alone about ten minutes later stating that he did not see them. However, a short time later, while I was in the kitchen with Theresa Carmichael, who was working for us as a maid and nurse, I heard voices and went to the front part of the house. Standing near the front door was ALVIN and a tall grey-haired man dressed in sport clothes with a

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Panama hat. ALVIN merely said, "This is my wife" and introduced him to me under the name of Mr. CRAWFORD. This man stated that he had heard that we were expecting an heir. I cannot recall any reply that I made.

While at the front door I noticed a large automobile parked in front of the house, and I recall that someone was sitting in the car, although I do not know whether it was a man or a woman. I believe I went to the rear of the house inasmuch as I did not see this man again, and a few minutes afterwards ALVIN came back to the dining room and told me that the man and his companion had left, that they could not stay for dinner because they had a previous engagement. I cannot recall any further conversation had with ALVIN concerning the identity of these people.

I have been shown a photograph of CASSIUS McDONALD wherein he is wearing a Panama hat, and I can only state that the person represented in the photograph bears a resemblance to the man who visited us on Christmas day.

Sometime about New Years day in January 1935 DOC BARKER and RUSSELL GIBSON called at our home and delivered a white pit bull dog named "Tuffy" which I had left in Cleveland with FRED and DOC BARKER. DOC and RUSSELL GIBSON stated that they had either seen Mother Barker and FRED BARKER or would see them on their way back. They stayed about three days and went fishing with ALVIN every day. DOC BARKER and RUSSELL GIBSON did not indicate where they were living, and after three days they left. During the early part of January 1935, while I was downtown visiting my doctor, I read in the newspaper of RUSSELL GIBSON being killed in Chicago while resisting arrest by Government Agents.

On the night of January 13, 1935 WYNONA BURDETTE and HARRY CAMPBELL came to our house. At that time they did not know of Gibson's death until I had told them of it. Before coming to our house they had checked into the El Commodore Hotel, but ALVIN, believing it would be safer for them to stay at our house, invited them to live with us. On the following day I went to the El Commodore Hotel with Wynona and assisted her in checking out of the hotel. HARRY CAMPBELL and ALVIN went fishing every day and HARRY intended returning to Oklawaha, Florida, on both January 15th and 16th but was prevailed upon by ALVIN to remain inasmuch as he desired HARRY to accompany him fishing.

On January 16, 1935, while HARRY and ALVIN were fishing, at approximately 10:00 A.M., Wynona and myself heard over the radio that it was believed that two of the BREMER kidnapers had been trapped in a house which was then being gassed. About an hour later we heard over the radio that MA and FRED BARKER had been killed in a house at Oklawaha, Florida.

At 3:00 P.M. the telephone rang and someone called asking for RAY GREEN, and when I told him it was RAY GREEN'S wife and that RAY GREEN, meaning ALVIN, was not there, this unknown party, whom I later learned to be DUKE RANDALL, told us to get out of town immediately. Wynona and I immediately packed our baggage, put it in our car, and kept driving around the neighborhood until about 7:30 P.M. At that time we met ALVIN and HARRY, who were returning from fishing, on the street near our house. I told them what had happened. ALVIN and HARRY left after telling us to follow them. When we got out into the country I told them of Mother Barker and FRED BARKER'S death and the telephone call, whereupon ALVIN and HARRY left and returned in about an hour. They told Wynona and myself to drive their car to a dog track to get DUKE RANDALL and to bring him to a street near the race track where ALVIN and HARRY would be. We went to the race track, and not finding DUKE RANDALL outside, Wynona went inside and on her return stated that DUKE was not able to leave the track at that time and to have ALVIN come out to the track to see him. Wynona and I thereupon left and met HARRY and ALVIN in the spot outside of Miami where we had formerly conversed and told them what had happened. They left without further words and did not return for an hour and a half. With them in another car was DUKE RANDALL. All of us thereupon went to a point further outside of Miami where we parked our cars. Wynona and I stayed in the car and HARRY CAMPBELL, ALVIN KARPIS, and DUKE RANDALL conversed near one of the other cars.

At that time I had \$500.00, most of which I gave to ALVIN, who told me that DUKE RANDALL would give me \$1000 the following morning. He thereupon told Wynona and I to follow DUKE, who would take us to some place where we could spend the night, and instructed us that we were to take a train in the morning for Atlantic City, where we were to register at the Danmore Hotel, and that I was to use the name of LOUISE GRAHAM. ALVIN stated that he would get in touch with us at that hotel.

Shortly after this conversation Wynona and I, in ~~ALVIN'S~~ <sup>HARRY'S</sup> Ford Sedan, followed DUKE RANDALL in his Ford Coupe, which

I believe was likewise owned by ALVIN KARPIS, to the Ti-Miami Hotel, which hotel was located near the El Commodore Hotel. DUKE RANDALL took us into the hotel and introduced us to the clerk as his sisters. He then took us to his room, where we stayed overnight. While in DUKE'S room he showed Wynona and myself a pistol which he carried in a shoulder holster, and made the remark, "Put your glimmers on this rod". He also showed us at this time a badge which was pinned on his vest and remarked that he was wearing it for protection. He also stated, "I am lamming from a murder rap in New Joisey". DUKE thereupon pulled me to one side and asked whether I was afraid when I received the telephone call that afternoon telling me to get out. I told him that I was not, and that I was too used to that to be frightened. He then said that he would like to get in with the boys, and inquired whether they were as tough as they were cracked up to be. DUKE departed after this conversation stating that we would be safe at this hotel and that he would see us the following morning.

On the next morning DUKE came to our room and while Wynona was in the bathroom he gave me an envelope which contained \$800, stating that Adams could not get the money from where he was supposed to; also that Adams had taken this money from the hotel and that he, Adams, would try to get the remainder of it to me some time. DUKE also gave me at this time a sealed note addressed to the people at the Danmore Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey, stating in this connection that the note stated that these people, meaning Wynona and myself, were good friends of his and that they should take care of us. I recall that the \$800 which DUKE gave me were in \$100, \$50, and \$20 denominations. I thereupon gave DUKE \$200 of the \$800 which he had given me for the purchase of our railroad tickets and a drawing room to Atlantic City. He went out and returned with the tickets shortly thereafter and gave me approximately \$50 in change from the \$200 I had given him. DUKE then took us downstairs and got a taxi cab for us.

Wynona and I boarded the train about 9:00 A.M., the date being January 17, 1936, and arrived in Philadelphia the following afternoon. We thereupon got a train for Atlantic City and arrived late that afternoon and checked into the Danmore Hotel under the name of LOUISE GRAHAM, as ALVIN had instructed me. I delivered the note which DUKE had given me to a man who appeared to be the manager and he stated that he hoped that we would be comfortable during our stay at his hotel. Wynona and I ate dinner and went to bed. About two or three o'clock the following morning a knock sounded on the door and when I opened it I found ALVIN KARPIS, who stated that they had

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just arrived in town and were registered in another room. We had little conversation at this time, ALVIN KARPIS stating that he would see us in the morning. He left and returned at eight or nine o'clock that morning with HARRY. Later that morning ALVIN went out and purchased a suit and an overcoat. We stayed at the hotel until late that afternoon, when Wynona and I went out and bought some clothes.

The day after ALVIN and HARRY arrived in Atlantic City I told ALVIN what DUKE had told me about the money and he said it was O.K. Our conversation then drifted to the killing of Mother and FRED BARKER, and ALVIN remarked that he later learned that Adams had warned them three or four different times to get out and stay out but they did not heed his warnings.

ALVIN also told me at this time that when I was with Wynona at the time she checked out of the El Commodore Hotel on January 14, 1935 there were "G" men sitting in the lobby of the hotel. He did not volunteer the source of this information.

I also asked ALVIN at this time what DUKE was doing with our Ford Coupe; that I thought Adams was to have gotten rid of it, and ALVIN replied that he told Adams to destroy it but later found out that he had given it to DUKE for his personal use. ALVIN also told me at this time that of the \$2000 which ALVIN had left some time previously with Joe Adams at the El Commodore Hotel for safekeeping, and which \$2000 was a part of the six \$1000 bills he gave me in Chicago, there still remained one \$1000 bill at the hotel. ALVIN told me at this time that I could go down and get this money which Adams was holding when I needed it.

I have previously related to Government Agents my activities and the activities of ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, and WYNONA BURDETTE subsequent to this time.

I have read the foregoing statement, which consists of 25 pages, and here sign to vouch for its truth.

*Dolores De Laney*  
DOLORES De LANEY

Witnesses:

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*Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Dept. of Justice*

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300.

*Young, Daniel J.*

January 22, 1935.

I, Daniel Francis Young, make the following statement to F. E. Wright and N. J. Harzenstein, knowing them both to be Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, of my own free will, without any threats or promise, having been made to me, and knowing that this statement may be used against me.

I live with my mother at 6203 Ventnor Ave., Ventnor, N. J., and spend most of my time at the Danmor Hotel, #123 So. Kentucky Ave., Atlantic City, N. J., of which I am a part owner, partner, and manager. I also run a number game at #2435 Atlantic Ave., Atlantic City. My father has a cafe at #102 N. South Carolina Ave. I have no interest in the cigar store or horse books of William Morley, who is my partner in the Danmor Hotel. We have had this hotel since April, 1934, and have had it open since Decoration Day. I am single. I am actively in charge of the hotel, and spend most of my time there. Morley does very little about the hotel, but is usually across the street at his cigar store, #126 So. Kentucky Ave. We employ four people at the hotel: Owen Roberts, the night bell-boy; the day bell-boy, Gregory Boney; the utility man, who works irregularly, I know to me only as "Clint" or Clinton; the housekeeper, Mrs. Estella Wilson, who lives on So. Florida Ave. Mrs. Wilson is white, and the three men are colored. Some of the trade of the hotel, both steady and transient, are brought by various taxicab drivers, with whom I have an arrangement providing for a kick back to them on the business they bring. I am a member of the Hotel Greeters Ass'n of America, in which my 1935 number is #389, - New Jersey, Charter #43. I am 37 years of age, have lived the last 30 years in Atlantic City, and have known Morley for about 22 years. Samuel Morely is the brother of William Morley, and I met him through William Morley. I have known of him around Atlantic City for 16 or 17 years, and have known him intimately for the past 6 or 7 years. I think Sam is a couple of years older. So far as I know, William and his wife own the store, and Sam works for them. He has been around the store about 6 years. I have a numbers book at the store, which Bill runs as my agent, but I have no interest in his horse book. My sole sources of income are the hotel and the numbers game, in which I have two partners.

On the afternoon of last Friday, January 18, 1935, at about 1.15 or 2.30, a La Salle limousine taxi drew up in front of the Danmor Hotel, and two women got out and came into the hotel. The cab was driven by a colored man, about 5'7" tall, heavy build, dark color. I know this man, and could recognize him again, but I do not know his name, nor what company he drives for. The two women came to the desk and asked for a room. I asked how long they expected to stay, and they said it was indefinite, but maybe two or three weeks. One of the women was pregnant. I believe it was the other woman who signed the registration card. I have been shown registration card #868 of the Hotel Danmore, and recognize this as the card they signed, as it bears my handwriting across the bottom. It bears the name Mrs. A. B. Graham and sister, which was written by the woman I mentioned above. I assigned them to Room #400, and Boney took them up in the elevator. I believe they had two bags, although I do not recall what kind. I said yesterday, to F. E. Wright, that the women, or one of them, phoned me on the house phone several hours later in the day, but I now recall definitely that they phoned about ten minutes after they registered. The house phone at the hotel does not show what room is calling, so that it is necessary

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to ask what room is calling. I do not remember whether I asked them what room it was, but I am sure that #400 made that call. A woman's voice asked ~~where Mr. Morley was~~ and I said if this were Mr. Morley, and I said it was Mr. Young, but that Mr. Morley was over in the store, and asked whether she wanted him. She said she did not, and hung up. I remained at the hotel about ten minutes after this phone call, and then left, to check up on my numbers business. I always stop first at a place on Michigan Ave., to add up the slips of a book I have there. The books all close at 3 PM, and I always arrive at the Michigan Ave. place at that time. I stayed there until 3.35 PM, and then went to the place at Florida Ave., which is my headquarters. I remained there until about 5 PM, and then went directly back to the hotel, arriving about 5.15 PM. I did not see either of the women that evening, nor did I receive any calls from them, or any messages from them or concerning them. I think I went to my mother's house for dinner that night, as it was Friday, and I think that I left about 6.45 PM. I left my mother's house about 8 PM, and arrived at the hotel about 8.15 or 8.20 PM. About 11.30 PM, I left the hotel with Mr. Lynch, a guest of the hotel, and we both went to the New Yorker Restaurant, where we stayed for a while. I said yesterday to F. E. Wright that we returned to the hotel about 1.30 AM, but I now wish to change this time to 1.30 AM, 10 or 15 minutes later, two men came into the hotel. Lynch was still there at the time. The men drove up in a black sedan, which they parked in front of the hotel. I believe they had two bags with them. One of these men was taller and thinner than the other. I have been shown a picture labeled Alvin Karpis, and I have identified this as a likeness of the taller, thinner man. This man came to the desk and asked, "Mr. Morley?" I said, "No, I am Mr. Young." He asked, so far as I can recall, "Do you have a Mrs. Graham and sister registered here?" The two women I mentioned above were the only persons who checked in during the day, but I was not familiar with the names of all the guests, and checked the room cards. I found the name, and told him they were here. He said he wanted a room, and proceeded to register, signing the card as Carson. He then told the other man he had better sign, too. The other man said nothing at that time. Both men smelled somewhat from liquor. I started to assign them to Room #300. Carson asked whether the women were on that floor, and when I said they were not, he asked to be put on the same floor with the women. The other man had registered in the name of Cameron. I then assigned them to #403. #401 and #402 were then taken. I told them that the women were in #400. They did not call the women on the house phone. They asked if there were a garage in the neighborhood, and I mentioned the Coast Garage at Kentucky Ave. and the boardwalk, which is the garage I always refer my guests to, and told them that they could either take the car there themselves, or the attendant would call for it. I do not recall what answer they made to this. Owen Roberts took them up to the room in the elevator. Owen came down and asked for a dollar for a few minutes, as the men wanted him to get them some whiskey. I gave him the dollar, and he went out and returned shortly with a pint of liquor. He showed it to me, and said it had cost two dollars. The brand was G & W, or Golden Wedding. Before the men went up, Carson told me to have Bill Morley call him in the morning, so I wrote a note for Morley: "Bill, please call Room #403 at 9 o'clock," and signed it, "Dan." Shortly thereafter, Owen came down and returned the dollar to me. He then told me that the men wanted me to call the garage and have the car put away. I believe they had left the key in the car. I called the garage, and the man came, in about ten minutes, and took the car away. I think this was about 2.30 AM of

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January 19, 1935. The registration card of the men is #870, of the Hotel Danmor. It is dated 1/18/35 so that it will show a charge for that particular night's use. At about 2.30 AM, just after I had finished rooming these men and taking care of the car, I decided to go out for a drink before going to bed. Lynch was still in the lobby, but he said he was going to bed. I went across to the cigar store. Sam Morely was taking care of the store. I believe Bill Morley and his wife had gone to bed. George Patterson was coming out of the store at the time, and, after discussing the matter of a drink, we went to the Monticello Tavern, intending to have a scotch and soda before retiring. While there, we were joined by William Hagis and his wife, who were mourning the death of their little dog, and we all stayed there together for some time during which time, I might have had as many as a dozen drinks. I was pretty drunk by the time I returned to the hotel, and I do not know what the hour was.

Sometime the next day, Bill Morely woke me. I was still pretty groggy, but I think he said something to the effect of its being one o'clock. He told me he wanted me to put on a robe and come with him to meet some men. I was then in #405, which is my room in the winter time. During the summer, I occupy #404, which is a smaller room. I put on a robe and went with Bill to #403. There were two men in the room, the same two that I had checked in early that morning. They asked me to have a drink, and I refused. Carson was wearing glasses, and was dressed in a grey suit, but I do not think he was wearing the coat. The other man wore neither coat nor vest. Carson lay on the bed, and the other two were standing. I sat down next to the bed. Bill introduced the men to me, although I do not recall what names he called them by. He told me that the men were looking for a furnished apartment or house, and were willing to pay \$75 per month. I do not recall any conversation concerning locations desired nor do I recall being asked to recommend an agent. If I had been asked, the only agent I would have recommended would be Viricusa, who is an old employer of mine. I suggested that they remain at the hotel and take two communicating rooms. They said they would probably look around. Yesterday, I told F. E. Wright that nothing concerning the note I had written to Bill, nor that I had been in the room with Bill and the two men on Saturday. I was then given an opportunity to recall this, but was unable to do so until today when I was reminded. I do not recall any conversation between Bill and Carson concerning the latter's occupation. I was in the room about ten minutes, and then went back to my room. Bill advised me to take a bath and try to straighten out, but I went back to bed instead.

I arose about 4.30 or 5 PM that day, and went down to the desk in the lobby. I did not go out to eat until 6.30 or 7 PM, when I went out to Kent's, and returned to the hotel at about 7.30 PM. At about 9 PM, I had a call to get a cab. I believe I asked what room it was calling, and was told #400. The voice was a woman's. I sent Clint out for the cab. He brought a yellow cab from in front of the Jefferson Hotel, on Kentucky Ave., nearer the beach. I did not know then who the driver was, but obtained that information today, and gave the man's number to Special Agent Sharpe, and no longer have it. I called the women in #400, and they came down and drove away in the cab, although I do not know where they went. I saw them return about 10 PM, in a different cab with two shopping bags. These bags were big manila bags, with rope handles. I saw nothing protruding from them, and do not know

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what was in them, although they appeared to be well filled. The women went upstairs. I did not see them again that evening, nor did I see either of the men. I did not see any of them that afternoon in the lobby. If any of them had been in the lobby while I was there, I must have seen them.

At 10.15 or 10.30 PM, I left the hotel, and went with a woman friend, in the Buick belonging to Rawninsky, one of my partners in the number business, to Weber's Hofbrau, at the Camden airport. We returned to Atlantic City at about 4.30 AM on Sunday, January 20, 1935. I spent the rest of the night at this friend's apartment. I left there about 8.30 AM, and went to church, for 9 o'clock mass. I left there about 9.50 AM, and went to Kent's restaurant for breakfast. At the restaurant, I was told by a Mr. Arbuckle, one of the guests of the hotel, that there had been some shooting at the hotel ~~xxx~~ early that morning.

I never knew anything concerning any note that might have been brought by these people to Bill Morley, until after the shooting, when Mrs. Morley told me something about Duke Randall having sent them to the hotel. Later that day, I saw one of the detectives leaving the hotel, and he told me he was going over to the store to get a note that was supposed to have been torn up. He came back a little later, and I was given the impression that he had not found any note. D.F.Y.

I have read the above statement, consisting of four pages, word for word, and have had whatever corrections made that I wished. Everything that is contained therein is true, and I am voluntarily signing each page at the end, and also signing the statement at the end of it.

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**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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**PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
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**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

*Burdette - Raymond*

Ramsey County Jail,  
St. Paul, Minn.  
January 18, 1936.

I, WYNONA BURDETTE make the following statement to D. P. Sullivan and John L. Madala whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. This statement is entirely voluntary and no promises or threats have been made to me.

Around the first part of November, 1934, while I was living with my sisters, Eunice and ~~Rose~~, ~~who also had the name of "Vivian"~~, at Ponca City, Oklahoma, and while broadcasting one evening from radio station WBBC in Ponca City, Oklahoma, I observed HARRY CAMPBELL drive by the radio station.

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Rose.*

Upon recognizing HARRY CAMPBELL I immediately left the radio station and upon entering the street I observed HARRY CAMPBELL turn his car around some distance away and return. He drove past me and parked his car about 1/2 block ahead of me down the street. I walked to the car alone and talked with CAMPBELL.

At this time I informed him that I had made a signed statement to Bureau Agents at Chicago, Illinois, and asked him how he felt about it. He replied that it did not make any difference to him and thereafter he told me that he had come after me, and asked if I would care to again live and travel with him. I consented and he then suggested that I take a cab from my home and meet him at the swimming pool located immediately outside of the city limits of Ponca City.

I returned home and told my sisters that HARRY CAMPBELL had come after me and that I was again going to live with him. They did not approve of this but after arguing with them for several minutes I left in spite of their unwillingness to let me go, and proceeded in a taxicab to the appointed meeting place. I did not take any clothes with me.

Upon seeing HARRY CAMPBELL again at this time he told me that we were going to Miami, Florida to live and that we would not be in association any more with the crowd. He also told me that he had driven up from Miami, Florida, and that we would stay at the El Commodore Hotel until we found a place to live. I surprisingly asked, "At a hotel - how come you are staying at a hotel?" and he said "Well, the place is all right". We drove to

*Wynona Burdette*

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Miami in a week's time, stopping at numerous towns for refreshments and rest.

Upon arriving in Miami, Florida, which was three days before Thanksgiving, HARRY CAMPBELL and I proceeded direct to the El Commodore Hotel. It appeared that HARRY CAMPBELL was already registered in room 905 under the name of G. L. SUMMERS. We lived in room 905 for approximately three weeks at the end of which time HARRY CAMPBELL and I moved to Oklawaha, Florida.

I wish to state that during this period I observed JOE ADAMS, the manager of the El Commodore Hotel on numerous occasions in the lobby of the said hotel, and although he was never formally introduced to me, he would always address me as "Mrs. Summers". Also during this period HARRY CAMPBELL frequently met JOE ADAMS on the 10th floor of the hotel, but I do not have any knowledge of the nature of their business at these times. Also during this period HARRY CAMPBELL and I ate practically all of our meals in our room, which was at my suggestion inasmuch as I was afraid I might be recognized by some of the Agents who saw me in Chicago, Illinois, during the time I was detained there. I also recall that on several occasions while living at the El Commodore Hotel JOE ADAMS sent special dinners to our room with his compliments, and which were free of charge.

During this period the bell boy at the El Commodore Hotel brought Chicago and Miami, Florida, newspapers to our room, but only when the newspapers contained either articles or photographs of some of the boys or when the articles referred to either the BREMER kidnaping case or to some crime which they were suspected of. I know this to be true because I usually read these newspapers or HARRY would read them to me. On one occasion HARRY CAMPBELL remarked that if ADAMS continued to send the papers up to the room by the bell boy, the boy would soon get wise as to who we were.

I also recall on one occasion during this period, either the bell boy or someone else, who possibly might be JOE ADAMS brought a newspaper to our room which carried a story of the killing of Cowley and Hollis at Barrington, Illinois. I had previously met both of these individuals at Chicago, Illinois, and I knew them to be Special Agents of the Government.

*Myrona Lucette*

I also recall that a few days later there appeared in one of the Chicago newspapers which was delivered to our room, the photograph of ALVIN KARPIS as the companion who assisted "Baby Face" Nelson in the killing of Agents Cowley and Hollis.

On or about December 5, 1934, HARRY CAMPBELL left Miami, Florida, stating that he was going 300 miles up the road and would be gone for a few days. On one afternoon while he was away I went down town shopping, and on my return I ordered some refreshments. The bell boy who always waited on us told me when he brought the refreshments, that a woman who appeared to be pregnant had called while I was away. HARRY had previously instructed me not to see anybody that called at the hotel and to tell the bell boy to tell such persons that I was out of town, which I did at this time.

That evening DOLORES DeLANEY whom I had previously known, came to my room and asked whether GEORGE, meaning HARRY CAMPBELL, was there. I told her that he would be out of town for a few days. She then told me that she desired to see HARRY and asked at this time whether I had seen any of the rest of the bunch around there, and I replied that I had not. DOLORES also told me that at that time she had to see Mr. Adams and she would wait until the next day to see him, as he wasn't in then.

I invited DOLORES to stay with me until HARRY CAMPBELL returned, and she accepted. On the following morning at about 11:00 o'clock, DOLORES went downstairs, presumably to see JOE ADAMS, and about one hour later she returned with WILLIE HARRISON who asked about "Buff" meaning HARRY CAMPBELL. Sometime thereafter I went down to room 405 at HARRISON'S invitation and saw DOC BARKER there with WILLIE HARRISON and DOLORES DeLANEY. That afternoon the four of us went riding around Miami, Florida, and had some refreshments.

Later that evening ALVIN KARPIS accompanied by DOLORES DeLANEY, came into room 405 while I was there with WILLIE HARRISON and DOC BARKER. I do not know where KARPIS came from at this time.

On the following evening I went with WILLIE HARRISON to the Biscayne Kennel Club to attend the races. While there WILLIE

*St. Ignace Burdette*

introduced me to Duke Randall as "Squaw". Duke was working behind a cage at the time and appeared to be very friendly with WILLIE.

On the following morning WILLIE HARRISON and DOC BARKER left Miami, Florida, and later that same day HARRY CAMPBELL, FRED BARKER, and MOTHER BARKER came to the El Comodoro Hotel from Oklawaha, Florida. At this time HARRY asked me whether I would like to go deer hunting at FRED BARKER'S place in Oklawaha for a few days. I told him I would not mind if it were only for a few days.

I forgot to state that on one occasion while in room 405 with DOC BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, DOLORES DeLANEY and WILLIE HARRISON, JOE ADAMS came to room 405, after which DOLORES and I went into room 404, leaving the above named persons together in room 405. I also recall that the day after HARRY CAMPBELL returned to Miami, Florida from Oklawaha, JOE ADAMS came into room 905 and visited with HARRY CAMPBELL.

On or about December 13, 1934, FRED BARKER, MOTHER BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL and I left for Oklawaha, Florida, in HARRY CAMPBELL'S Ford automobile. Upon arriving there I met WILLIE WOODBURY and his wife ANNABELLE, who are colored, and who were working for FRED BARKER in taking care of the place.

About two or three days later JOE ADAMS came to our place in company with ALVIN KARPIS. After ADAMS talked with the boys privately for several hours, he left. On one occasion I overheard ADAMS tell FRED BARKER and HARRY CAMPBELL that there were some Government men in Miami, and that they, meaning HARRY CAMPBELL and FRED BARKER better get out of the place in Oklawaha, as the Government men might find out that they were there. After JOE ADAMS left FRED BARKER remarked that he did not believe there was anything to it.

I desire to state that immediately after JOE ADAMS left our place HARRY CAMPBELL and FRED BARKER asked MOTHER BARKER and I whether we would like to take a short trip about the state of Florida, that they, meaning ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, and FRED BARKER, had to go to Miami, Florida, and stay there about a week or week and a half.

*Myrona Burdett*

On the following morning sometime before daybreak, the boys left Oklawaha, Florida, and that same evening MOTHER BARKER and I proceeded by automobile to Jacksonville, Florida, thence to Tampa, Florida, and other places, this being merely a pleasure trip.

MOTHER BARKER and I returned to Oklawaha, Florida, about a week later and that same day, as I recall, HARRY CAMPBELL and FRED BARKER likewise came back. Upon our return from the trip WILLIE WOODBURY gave MOTHER BARKER a note stating that some fellows left it with him for Mr. BLACKBURN. I subsequently read this note which was contained in a sealed envelope and was signed by JOE ADAMS, and to my recollection it stated in substance that we had better get out of the place and stay out of there as the place was hot; also that he, meaning JOE ADAMS, was getting tired of warning us and that he wanted to see the boys at the hotel as soon as they got back.

After reading the note we had WILLIE WOODBURY describe the men who delivered this message to him, and his description of these individuals answered to that of JOE ADAMS and DUKE RANDALL. WILLIE also told us that these men came to the place in a Ford Coupe.

We destroyed the note by throwing it in the fireplace immediately thereafter, and when HARRY CAMPBELL and FRED BARKER returned to Oklawaha that evening MOTHER BARKER told them in my presence about JOE ADAMS' message. I heard FRED BARKER say that he did not think there was anything to it. However, HARRY CAMPBELL was very much concerned and worried over this possibility. In fact he and I discussed it at length that night and he wanted to send me home then but I refused to go.

Two days later HARRY CAMPBELL and FRED BARKER again left for Miami, Florida, leaving MOTHER BARKER and I in Oklawaha. They returned two days later by themselves and I believe they went to Miami at this time to do some Christmas shopping.

Shortly after Christmas HARRY CAMPBELL received a letter from DOC BARKER stating that he and SLIM would be down to see us for New Years.

On or about December 27, 1934, DOC BARKER and SLIM, whom I now know as RUSSELL GIBSON, came to our place in Oklawaha

*Thyona Burdette.*

and stayed there until January 3, 1935. They fished and hunted considerably during this period.

January 3, 1935, SLIM and DOC BARKER left for Chicago Illinois. Nothing unusual took place thereafter until on or about January 10, 1935, when JOE ADAMS came to our place alone. He remained for about four hours during which time he talked with FRED BARKER and HARRY CAMPBELL in the boathouse. I do not know why he came there and whether he brought anything with him.

HARRY CAMPBELL and I left Oklawaha on January 13, 1935, for Miami, Florida, and upon arriving there we checked in to the El Commodore Hotel in either room 905 or 705 under the room of SUMMERS. HARRY left the hotel and returned shortly thereafter, at which time he advised that DOC BARKER had been arrested and that SLIM had been killed. He stated that we had better get out of the hotel and live with ALVIN KARPIS and DOLORES DeLANEY, which we did.

At about 10:00 on the morning of January 16, 1935, while DOLORES DeLANEY and I were alone, the boys having gone fishing that morning, we heard over the radio that there was some shooting going on at Oklawaha, Florida, and later learned through radio dispatches, that MOTHER BARKER and FRED BARKER had been killed by Government Agents. At about 3:00 P.M. DOLORES told me we had better leave. She did not mention at this time that she had received any telephone call warning them to get out of the place. We packed our clothes and DOLORES told the maid that she had received a message to the effect that her mother was seriously ill and that she and I were going out of town to visit her, and that she would wire her.

After leaving the place DOLORES and I drove around its vicinity waiting for ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY CAMPBELL to return home. We later met ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY CAMPBELL at about 7:30 P.M. approximately one block from the house. We told the boys what had happened, that is, about the shooting in Oklawaha. HARRY CAMPBELL then told DOLORES and myself to follow KARPIS and him in the Ford car; they were driving KARPIS' automobile. We followed them to a point outside of Miami, Florida, where they stopped and came to the car which DOLORES and I were in. They then took some of the baggage from our car and placed it in the Buick, whereupon

*Theresa Burdette.*

they left, stating we should wait at this place; that they would be back in an hour. HARRY CAMPBELL and ALVIN KARPIS returned sometime later and KARPIS stated at this time that DOLORES and I should drive to the dog track and instructed me to go in and see Duke Randall and tell him that he, KARPIS, wanted to see him; that DOLORES and I then drove to the track and I contacted Duke at his station inside of the track and told him that RAY, meaning KARPIS, wanted to see him as soon as possible. Duke stated that he could not get away and that Ray should come to the track. I told him that RAY did not want to come there, and he replied that I should tell Ray for him, to come to the track, through the back way and that he would have an old man there waiting for him. I returned to the car in which DOLORES was still waiting and drove to the place where we were supposed to meet HARRY CAMPBELL and ALVIN KARPIS and found them there.

I gave KARPIS Duke's message, whereupon HARRY CAMPBELL and KARPIS went to the track, and before leaving they told DOLORES and myself to wait at a certain point about one mile from the race track. KARPIS and CAMPBELL returned shortly thereafter and we then followed the boys to a point outside of Miami, Florida.

Duke Randall showed up about two or three hours later and went into conversation with KARPIS and CAMPBELL, none of which either DOLORES or I overheard. HARRY CAMPBELL thereafter told me to follow Duke into town and that he would keep DOLORES and myself that night and send us to Atlantic City the following morning; that he and KARPIS would go there by automobile. HARRY gave me at this time either \$100 or \$200.

DOLORES and I followed Duke Randall in our Ford Sedan, he driving a Ford Coupe, to the Ta-Miami Hotel. Upon arriving there we drove our car up a driveway which is adjacent to the hotel. I asked Duke what he was going to do with the car and he told me to leave the keys and the baggage in the car and that he would take care of it. He later told me that he would get rid of it by running it into the ocean. Duke took us into the hotel and introduced DOLORES and myself to the hotel clerk as his sisters, stating that we were going to stay in his room over night.

After we entered his room he told us to make ourselves comfortable and that we would be safe there. At this time he took

*Myrona Burdette.*

off his coat and we noticed that he carried a pistol in a shoulder holster. We also observed what appeared to be a police badge and he later removed it from his coat and showed it to us, stating that he got it for protection. He also told DOLORES and myself at this time that he was wanted for murder in the state of New Jersey and that he had "jumped the rap". He left shortly thereafter stating that he would see us early the next morning.

On the following day sometime before eight o'clock, Duke returned to the room in which DOLORES and I were located, and said that he would run down to the station and get our tickets to Atlantic City, New Jersey. He left and returned soon thereafter with the railroad tickets, which he gave to DOLORES. He then accompanied us downstairs where he called a taxicab from the lobby of the hotel and DOLORES and I left for the railroad station, leaving Duke at the hotel.

I forgot to state that while living at Oklawaha, Florida, JOE ADAMS sent Chicago and Miami newspapers to us, some of which were addressed to BLACKBURN and some to SUMMERS. HARRY CAMPBELL told me on one occasion that JOE ADAMS had been given money to send these papers to us. I recall that in some of the papers which were sent to us by JOE ADAMS, there appeared photographs of ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, FRED BARKER, DOC BARKER, and VOLNEY DAVIS; also various articles which connected them with the BREMER kidnaping case.

I have read the foregoing statement which consists eight pages and swear same is true to the best of my recollection.

*Wynona Burdette*  
WYNONA BURDETTE.

WITNESSES:

*L.P. Sullivan, Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Dept. of Justice, 1900 Bankers Bldg, Chicago Ill.*

*J.L. Madala, Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Dept. of Justice*

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

*Altmeppen - M.S.*

PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$3.00

# MIAMI COLONIAL HOTEL

Formerly The Watson

ON BISCAYNE BOULEVARD - SWEEP BY OCEAN BREEZES

MIAMI, FLORIDA



Jan 21, 1935



I, M.S. Altmeyer make the following  
Voluntary statement to L.B. Nichols,  
Division of Investigation, U.S. Dept of Justice.

I recall from checking the records of  
The Ungey Motor Co., of which I am General  
Manager, and know that a Buick  
Four Passenger Coupe Motor #42949155  
Serial #2783525-35 was sold to LeRoy  
Morrison for \$1096.50 which amount was in  
cash. This sale was made by Miller Bishop,  
one of my salesmen. I don't recall talking to  
Morrison however Bishop & my wife girl Mrs. Gilbert  
state that I talked to him and counted the money,  
for which reason I undoubtedly did talk to him.

I don't recall anyone resembling a photo of  
Alvin Karpis, coming to our show-room with  
Joe Adams or coming with a letter of introduction from  
Joe Adams and I am ready to swear to this fact for  
as far as I know Joe Adams has always been a good  
reputation in Miami, Fla.

The above mentioned car was paid for in cash

## OTHER COLONIAL HOTELS

THE VENETIAN HOTEL  
MIAMI, FLORIDA  
COLONIAL TOWERS HOTEL  
MIAMI, FLORIDA  
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HOUSTON, TEXAS

MIAMI'S FOREMOST HOTEL

M. Dr.

MIAMI, FLORIDA



and I do recall participating in a Cook  
transaction recently, where the purchase  
price was paid in \$100, \$50 and \$20 bills.  
However I cannot swear whether this  
transaction was the one with LeRoy Morrison.

I have read the above statement and it is true

### OTHER COLONIAL HOTELS

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MIAMI, FLORIDA  
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MIAMI BEACH, FL  
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CHARLESTON, S. C.  
PLAZA APARTMENT HOTEL  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Witness  
L. B. Nichol, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice  
F. M. Stone " " " " " "

Birmingham, Ala.

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**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

*Dep - Ray*

**PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO A  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300**

R.A.

Etowah, Tenn.

4-1-'35.

I, Ray Arp, make this statement to Special Agent  
N. F. Small, Federal Bureau Investigation, U. S. Dept  
of Justice

My name is Ray Arp and I work for Harry Cook  
at the Etowah Service Station.

Sometime before the first of January 1935, I would not  
say for sure but it might have been the last part of December  
1934, about 8:30 P.M. at night, two fellows drove into  
Harry Cooks Service Station. It seems to be they were driving  
a U. Drive A car. It was a 1934 V8, model deluxe  
two door sedan, black body and yellow wheels, with a  
narrow yellow stripe around the body. The shorter of the two  
fellows asked me if Harry Cook was at the station.  
I informed him, Harry was at the show. He told me to call  
him on the phone <sup>as he wanted to see him,</sup> and I did, calling Harry at the show.  
Harry said he would come over, ~~when~~ right away.

The shorter of the two fellows said in referring to  
the car "This thing runs too slow, I wish I had the  
Governor off of it."

The taller one of the two, who was wearing glasses

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R. A.

and who was driving the car said "No we can't do that, I have to take this car back and they would get after me, they wouldn't bother you, but they would me"

The little man said ~~He~~ had come from Miami to see Harry Cook and that he had come from Miami to Atlanta in aeroplane and that he hoped he could make Atlanta and get a plane back to Miami". To this remark the taller of the two men, who did the driving said "He will be too late to get a plane, but we can see a midnight show in Atlanta"

They did not purchase anything at the station and when Harry Cook came up, I checked the car over and cleaned the windshield.

I don't know what conversation took place between Harry and these parties as I was busy attending to the car. Both of these fellows stayed only a very few minutes and drove away in a great haste.

Their descriptions to the best of my knowledge is -

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One wearing glasses (tallest one)

Age 35

Height - 5' 11"

Weight - 156

dress - wearing blue serge suit

eyes - wore glasses

Hair - black

Complexion - dark

It was the first and last time I ever saw them and I don't know who they are

I have read the above statement, consisting of two and one half pages and it is the truth

Signed

Witness

H. F. Small, Special Agent.

Fed. Bur. Investigation

U. S. Dept of Justice

508 Medical Arts Bldg.

Nashville, Tenn.

Shortest one

Age 33

Height - 5' 9"

Wt - 145

dress - Can't recall

Hair - Can't recall

wearing a hat, color

I don't recall.

Complexion - sandy

Ray Cyp

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PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300.

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**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

*Bishop - Miller J.*

# MIAMI COLONIAL HOTEL

Formerly The Watson

ON BISCAYNE BOULEVARD - SWEEPED BY OCEAN BREEZES

MIAMI, FLORIDA



Jan, 21, 1935



J. Miller V. Bishop, make the following  
Voluntary statement to L. B. Nichols, Division  
of Investigation, U. S. Dept of Justice

On Saturday morning before lunch  
Dec 22, 1934, a man got out of a Red  
Fox Super Cab and walked into the  
Show Rooms of The Hays Buick Co., where  
I am employed as a salesman. He walked  
directly to a 5 passenger Black Buick Coupe,  
Motor # 42949155, Serial # 2783525-35 and  
asked me what discount he could get off of the price  
which appeared on top of the car, for paying cash. I told  
him that I couldn't give him any discount because of  
the law. We got in the car and sat in the seat for  
a while, after which we got out, and he asked me how  
soon he could get the car, and I told him about  
10 minutes and he said "lets go". I then took  
him back to the desk, where he paid for the car  
in cash. After paying for the car he went back  
into the Service Department where I left him waiting  
for the car until he got in it and started the motor.  
This was the last time I saw him.

## OTHER COLONIAL HOTELS

THE VENETIAN HOTEL  
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MIAMI'S FOREMOST HOTEL

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MIAMI COLONIAL HOTEL  
Formerly The Watson  
ON BISCAYNE BOULEVARD - SWEEP BY OCEAN BREEZES  
MIAMI, FLORIDA



As I recall he gave his name as  
444 main st, Buffalo,  
De Ray Morrison  
New York and was about 35 years of age,  
5'9", slender build, sandy hair, Blue or  
grey eyes. fair complexion. While waiting  
for the car he stated he was from Atlantic  
City, N.J. and talked about recently  
buying a Packard but which he returned  
as he was not satisfied with it.

OTHER COLONIAL HOTELS

THE VENETIAN HOTEL  
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HOUSTON, TEXAS

I do not recall Joe Adams bringing anyone  
in to see me about a car or writing a letter of introduction  
to anyone, all the while that if Joe sent anyone to  
buy a Buick that he would send them to me, As a  
matter of fact I haven't seen Adams, I am sure, since last  
June (1934). Also I do not recall anyone getting the  
description of or assembling the photo of Alvin Karpis.  
On Dec 22, 1934 I was on the floor in the morning.  
On Dec 21, 1934 I was on duty from 6 to 10 P.M. On Dec 22, 1934  
On Dec 21, 1934 I was on duty during the afternoon.  
On Dec 21, 1934 I was on duty with me, with the Dec 21, 1934  
D.C. Melenna was on duty with me, at that  
and the 20th as we usually work in pairs. At that  
period I was working with Melenna whenever  
on floor duty. When Morrison purchased the above  
MIAMI'S FOREMOST HOTEL

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Formerly The Watson

ON BISCAYNE BOULEVARD - SWEEPED BY OCEAN BREEZES

MIAMI, FLORIDA

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mentioned car, I was of the impression that he had seen the car in the North and knew exactly what he wanted when he purchased it.

Before Morrison left with the car, I took him for a ride, and on returning prior to his leaving, he seemed to be in a hurry as when he left he drove over the grease rack at about 40 miles an hour.

I have read the foregoing statement and it is true.

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Witness  
L. B. Nichols  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Dept of Justice  
Birmingham, Ala

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**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300.**

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**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

*Bradford Carson*

STEAM  
HEAT  
FIREPROOF

250 ROOMS

250 BATHS

SAMPLE ROOMS  
SUN  
SOLARIUM

Comfort without Extravagance

Service without Annoyance

COR. S. W. 2ND. AVE. AND FIRST ST. S. W.

Miami, Florida

Miami, Fla.

January 29, 1935-

I, Carson Bradford, make the following statement to P. C. Dunne & L. J. Metcalf, Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

I have been a resident of Miami, Fla. for about the past 14 years; prior to coming to Miami I lived at Nashville Tenn. For the past five years I have been interested in log tracks handling the publicity for the same. At present I am publicity man for the Biscayne Kennel Club. I own an interest in the Biscayne Kennel Club which, after the indebtedness of the Club is paid, will amount to



"Open the Year Round"

STEAM  
HEAT  
FIREPROOFSAMPLE ROOMS  
SUN  
SOLARIUM

250 ROOMS

250 BATHS

Comfort without Extravagance

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COR. S. W. 2ND. AVE. AND FIRST ST. S. W.

Miami, Florida

about 10%.

I have known Joe Adams for about 16 years having met him when I was in the show business in Nashville, Tenn.

During the early part of November 1934, Joe Adams called me on the telephone and asked me if I would rent my home at Ocala, Fla. for \$75.00 per month; he stated that the tenants would be an elderly woman and her two grown sons. This is the first time that I ever rented my home in Ocala to anyone, but at present and for the past few years I have needed money and when I received an opportunity to realize \$75.00 per month for the house I rented it.

I never at any time saw or talked to any one of the tenants who rented my house I did not even know the names of the people who rented the house until sometime after they

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HEAT  
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SUN  
SOLARIUM

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Miami, Florida

had moved into ~~the~~ it. The renting of this house was carried on solely by Joe Adams who had my permission to rent it.

After the people had moved into the house I learned from Adams that their names were Blackburne. There was some trouble over an electric light & water bill for the house but in clearing up this matter I never at any time carried on any correspondence with the Blackburne.

I have talked with Adams since the shooting at Ocala and he tendered me a \$1,000 bill, for the damage done my home, <sup>he stated</sup> which belongs to that son - of - a - bitch who <sup>left his</sup> ~~rented the~~ house. But much as I felt that I should be reimbursed for the damage done my home, I told Adams that I couldn't take that kind of money.

With regards the Duke Randall involved in this case, I will state that my acquaintance

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Miami, Florida

with him has been only to exchange greetings with him at the Biscayne Kennel <sup>club at night</sup>. At one time I inquired of Adams concerning Randall and he (Adams) replied in a joking way "his my man."

I have never owned or run gambling houses nor have I even associated with gamblers.

I have been shown photographs of the Karpis - Barker gang by agents; with the exception of Doc Barker I am sure that I have never seen any of them other than pictures printed in the newspapers. As to Doc Barker it seems to me that I have seen him somewhere.

I gained the impression from Adams that the owner of the \$1,000.00 bill, which he tendered me, was Alvin Karpis.

Whether Adams knew who the Blockburses were at the time he rented my house to them

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Open the Year Round

T. R. KNIGHT, PRESIDENT

JOE. H. ADAMS, MANAGER

STEAM  
HEAT  
FIREPROOF



SAMPLE ROOMS  
SUN  
SOLARIUM

250 ROOMS

250 BATHS

Comfort without Extravagance

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Miami, Florida

on what he found out about them after that time, I do not know. But it is my honest opinion that Adams had no idea as to who the Blockhusses were at the time he rented my house to them; this opinion is based upon my 16 years association with Adams.

Signed: -

Carson Bradford

Witnesses: -

L. J. McKay & P. C. Dunne

Special Agents,

Division of Investigation

U. S. Dept. of Justice

Open the Year Round

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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*Johnson, Wm. Milton.*

Miami, Fla.

Mar. 29, 1936.

I, William Milton Johnson, hereby make the following statement freely and voluntarily to B. B. Connelley, known to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice. No threats or promises of any kind have been made to me to cause me to give this statement.

Referring to my employment as bell boy at the El Comodoro Hotel during the latter part of year 1934 and my previous identification of photos of various members of the Barker-Karpis gang I can offer the following details. I recall during the month of December 1934 or thereabouts that while on duty I helped James Grant, then head bellman take a radio to room 405 where I saw a woman who was pregnant and a man who had on dark glasses. He was a tall, thin man and I only got a side glance at him. I do not know who arranged to send this radio up.

I don't recall having carried up a radio to any other guests about this time unless it was their own property.

W. M. Johnson

as regards newspapers being delivered to these people I may have delivered some but as to the detail of same I cannot say whether they would be local or out of town papers.

When I decided to return from Oklawaha, Fla. I was employed by Fred and Kate Barker in Nov. 1934. Fred Barker gave me a \$10.00 bill and asked me to mail him papers. I don't know what papers he asked me to send. It seems to me it was a Chicago or St. Louis paper. He wrote the name down on a piece of paper. Fred told me at first to find out about his paper as he had not word at the office of the El Comodoro Hotel to have it sent. On inquiry of the clerk or someone else on duty upon my return to Miami I could not find out about the paper so I went ahead and sent them myself and wrote a letter to Fred about it. I purchased such papers at various stands and at times when I could not get out would ask some of the other boys to get one for me.

I have read this statement which is written on two sheets before signing same and it is true.

Witness: R. B. Worsalder  
Special Agent F.B.I.  
U.S. Dept. Justice  
Jacksonville, Fla.

W. M. Johnson

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

*Jennings - Grant*

**PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300.**

Frank Jennings

Etowah, Tenn.  
4-1-'35

I, Frank Jennings make this voluntary statement to Special Agent N. F. Small, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. This statement is the truth.

My name is Frank Jennings and I live here in Etowah Tennessee, I have known Harry Cook for several years. I don't recall, what date, but it was sometime in December, I think, I was going to Athens on business, I am a florist, and I stopped in Harry's station. Harry asked me to get some plates for him while in Athens, the County Seat. Harry gave me a piece of paper with the description of the car and the name of party <sup>for</sup> whom I was to get the plates registered. I never even glanced at the paper and I couldn't tell you what kind of a car or for whom I was to get the plates for in Athens. <sup>I don't know where the</sup> paper is now.

I went to Athens and got the plates at County Court Clerk's office. ~~It~~ It was John Anderson's office. I can't remember how much I paid for the plates, as I never thought anything of the transaction. Late in the afternoon I came back to Etowah, with the plates and gave them to Harry.

Purchasing plates in this fashion is the customary thing and I never thought anything of buying the  
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plates in this manner.

This statement is the truth and I have  
read it.

Signed

Frank Jennings

Witness -

W. F. Small, Special Agent  
Federal Bureau Investigation  
U. S. Dept of Justice  
508 - Medical Arts Bldg.  
Nashville, Tenn.

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*Money - Elizabeth*

STEAM  
HEAT  
FIREPROOF

250 ROOMS

250 BATHS

Comfort without Extravagance

Service without Annoyance

COR. S. W. 2ND. AVE. AND FIRST ST. S. W.

Miami, Florida

Nationality - American

Occupation - Publicity man &amp; promoter

Relatives - Mrs. Carson Bradford - wife - address  
Miami, Fla.

Mrs. Mary Porter Harper - daughter - address  
Miami, Fla.

Carson Bradford Jr. - son - address  
Islamorada, Fla.

James Grant, negro bell-boy at the El Comodoro Hotel, stated that he recognized the pictures shown to him, by agents, as Campbell, Kate, Freddie, and maybe Harpiss as these of persons staying at the hotel during November 1934. Grant advised that until the beginning of this year (1935) he had been captain of the bell-boys and had not hopped bells; that the only contact that he had with any of the above mentioned persons was on one or two occasions when he delivered laundry to Kate & Freddie; that he did

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Miami, Florida

not recognize anything unusual about the Barkers.

William Milton Johnson, negro bell-boy at the El Comodoro Hotel, stated that he had been employed at the hotel about 8 months; that he recognized photos shown to him by agents as being those of Kate, Fiddie, Campbell (known to him as Summers) and perhaps Karpis. Johnson stated that he waited on Fiddie & Kate on quite a few occasions; that Fiddie & Kate treated him nicely and tipped about 25¢; that he knew Kate as Mrs. Ryan and that she always called Fiddie "son" and that such was the only name he knew him by until later when he learned the name of Blackstone. That Kate & Fiddie asked him to go with them to Ocala, Fla. and work at the house there which they had rented; that he did go to Ocala, on about Jan. 20, 1934 as he recalls, that Kate, Fiddie & he drove up there in a 1934 Buick coupe; that he stayed at Ocala for about three weeks but left & returned to Miami as he was receiving only \$10.00 per week; that he saw

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SUN  
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Miami, Florida

nothing unusual about Kate or Fiddie while there, that they were quiet and were frugal with their money. Johnson added that he had directed Fiddie to a Gus Lane, tailor in Miami, to have some shirts made; that when he returned from Ocala he wrote ~~Joe~~ Blockburn a letter stating that Joe Adams had been ill but that their papers which they had requested would be sent to them.

L. M. Main, carpenter at the El Comodoro Hotel & the Biscayne Kennel Club, stated that in Dec. 1934 or more correctly about the holidays 1934, Duke Randall asked him to build a wooden box to fit a gun which he was going to ship; that he did build such a box and that as he remembered the dimensions were as follows 4" by 4" and 4' long; that one end of the box was 6" by 4" in order to accommodate the stock of the gun. Pictures of the box were shown Main but he did not recognize any of them as persons he had seen.

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FIREPROOFSAMPLE ROOMS  
SUN  
SOLARIUM

COR. S. W. 2ND. AVE. AND FIRST ST. S. W.

Miami, Florida

L. E. Guey, clerk at the El Comodoro Hotel, stated that Special Agent Jerry Campbell had talked to him in Nov. about the Karpis - Barker gang but he had not shown him any pictures; that Campbell showed him pictures of the gang on Jan. 16, 1935; that he did not know such as McDonald, Willie Harrison, or Harry Sawyer; that from 8-20 guests on the average have money, in envelopes, which is kept in the hotel safe; that he does not recall having seen an envelope in the safe for anyone by the name of Green; Guey added that Mr. Sandercock was the man who handled most of the money in the room.

George Wilson, manager of El Comodoro Coffee Shop, stated that he recognized F. M. M. Kate, & Campbell as persons who stayed at the hotel for a time in November; that none of the above persons talked a great deal. Wilson denied having "shadowed" or tailed Special Agents Gairing & Stone when they were registered at the El Comodoro for a few days after Jan. 16, 1934; he added that he knew Duke Randall but only casually and as a customer who frequently ate at the coffee shop; that his impression of Randall was not a favorable one and

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that he had not told Joe Adams this, that Randall told him that he was mixed up in the labor racket up in New Jersey; that Randall had talked to him about selling him his (Karpis') Ford coupe but later told him (Wilson) that he (Wilson) wouldn't want the car as it was hot and that he had got the car from a friend from Akron, Ohio.

Joe Adams stated that he perhaps gave Dolores Delaney an Karpis (called Wagner) a card to Helen of the Park View Hotel in Havana, Cuba telling him that the people on business of the card were O.K.; that he may have done the same as regards a George Harris who runs a bar in Havana but is not sure. Adams explained this by that he often sends Helen business & that Helen does the same for him. Adams stated that he knew nothing of a car on home which Karpis had in Cuba. Adams stated further that he understood that while he was away from the hotel in Havana, Delores Delaney & Helen are supposed to have stayed & been seen together at the El Comodoro Hotel; that he understood that Willie Harrison was to send a dog to Helen in Cuba.

Arthur Sanderson, Clerk at El Comodoro Hotel, stated that a party named Green did have a money envelope in the safe, that the same was given him by Joe Adams to put in the safe; that he did not know the amount contained in the envelope.

quest of the Hotel sequence will be made in another portion of this report to Heller's contacts with this Gang. Heller also registered at the Hotel on 12/5/34 where he remained until 12/7/34 as a guest of the Hotel.

The daily account cards are being retained in (the Jacksonville files) (or are being forwarded to the Division for the purpose of making a handwriting comparison with specimens of subjects).

From a comparison of the registrations and ~~photo~~ ~~copy~~ specimens of handwriting of subjects in this case it would appear that Mrs E. M. Wagner is Helene Delaney; D. F. Summers is Harry Campbell; H. C. Weygner is Alvin Karpis; and T. C. Blackburn is Fred Barker.

It should also be noted that subjects when registering at the El Commodore Hotel were always assigned to rooms <sup>705</sup>904, 905, 1004 or 1005, except on 2 occasions namely when they registered first on 9/29/34 and when Karpis registered as H. C. Weygner on 10/19/34, at which time 1004 + 1005 was occupied, and was only a day before the American Legion Convention in Miami, Fla. It should also be noted that the 04 + 05 rooms are situated on the S W corner of the Hotel, with the 04 room facing

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The corridor leading to the fire escape, and  
which communicates with the O.S. room.

L. B. Nichols

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Feb 4, 1934

Memo for SAC J. B. Vanders

Mr. M. J. Martin, Assistant Traffic Manager,  
of the Pan American Airways, Miami, Florida, produced  
eight sheets showing all sailings between Havana  
and Miami for the period of Sept. 1, 1934 to  
Dec. 31, 1934. A summary of pertinent sailings is  
attached hereto.

Mr. C. Turner, Ticket Agent of the same company,  
produced records <sup>showing</sup> where, when and by whose tickets  
for the said sailing were sold, which is incorporated  
in the summary.

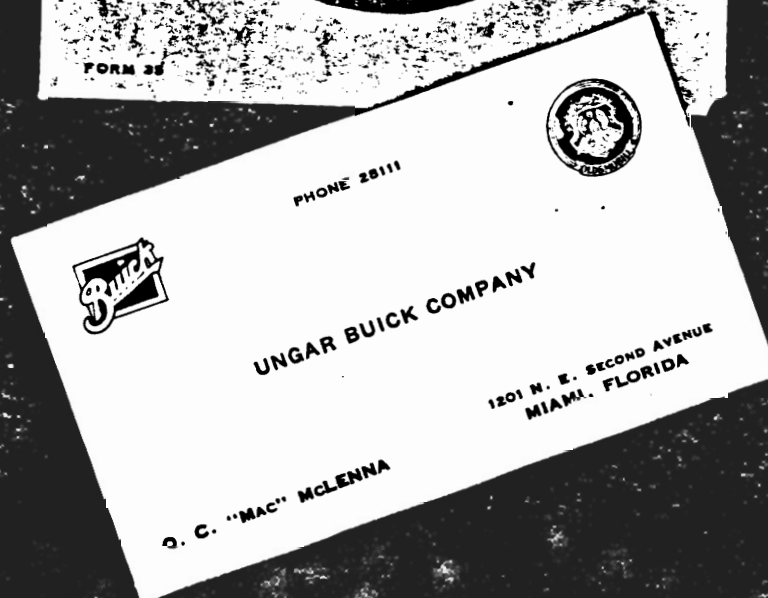
Miss One-Flower, 44 Biscayne Boulevard, Pan  
American Airways found "first sheets" for Cassius  
M. Donald and William Hanison which gave the  
following information about these parties.

Copy / Name: Cassius M. Donald  
Weight: 182  
Age: 48  
Occupation: Engineer  
Address: 711 Hammond, Detroit Michigan

Name: William Hanison  
Weight: 157  
Age: 34  
Marital Status: Single  
Occupation: Soldier Professional  
Address: 4539 Lincoln, St. Louis, Mo.  
Residence: 2100 9th 9/10/34

James W. King

Dunne found this card  
in Karpis' home. on  
Jan 22-1935.





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BISCAYNE BOULEVARD AT FIFTH STREET

MIAMI, FLORIDA

Memo for file: Re Bremer Case

Jan 23, 1935

A. A. Unger, Pres. The Unger Buick Co  
executed the following signed statement:

(Please quote statement of A. A. Unger dated 1/23/35)

O. C. Mc Lenna, Salesman, Unger Buick Co, advised that on Friday Night, Dec 21, 1934, 2 men came to the salesroom of the Unger Buick Co and went directly to two buicks, models 47 + 48 and inquired about their price, speed, when delivery could be had, whether they were completely adjusted and ready to go. In this connection it should be noted that a long morning prior to this he had purchased a model 48. Mc Lenna further advised that he gave the men information about the car his level, and was advised that the man's name was F. E. Corlson, Meyer Hotel. Corlson then stated to Mc Lenna that he would be ready to buy around Jan 15, '35 and that it would be a cash deal. Mc Lenna has identified the Corlson as resembling Karpis.

## FLORIDA COLLIER COAST AND ASSOCIATED HOTELS

YEAR ROUND HOTELS  
FLORIDIAN, TAMPA  
TAMPA TERRACE, TAMPA  
LAKELAND TERRACE, LAKELAND  
DIXIE COURT, WEST PALM BEACH

SEASONAL HOTELS  
MANATEE RIVER, BRADENTON  
SARASOTA TERRACE, SARASOTA  
ROYAL WORTH, WEST PALM BEACH

YEAR ROUND HOTELS  
GEORGE WASHINGTON, JACKSONVILLE  
MAYFLOWER, JACKSONVILLE  
ALCAZAR, MIAMI  
HALCYON, MIAMI



THE HOTEL OF COURTESY AND SERVICE

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DISCAYNE BOULEVARD AT FIFTH STREET

MIAMI, FLORIDA

altho he stated he didn't think he ~~could~~ could swear to his being Kozis. Pictures of the Kozis-Barker gang were exhibited to Mc Lenna, who could not identify the person accompanying Corbin, but gave the following physical description of him.

Age 35 years  
Height 5' 6 to 8"  
Weight 160 to 170 lbs  
Build Medium  
Hair - Light  
Eyes - Blue  
Complexion - Medium.

Mc Lenna stated that Kozis & his companion remained in the show rooms not over 15 minutes, and acted nervously all the time, and when he offered to drive them back to the Hotel, they were very positive in stating they would walk and left immediately.

A. P. O. Person advised



Carlson identified as George by  
Mr. Penne.

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And another man fitting the description of S. I. Codomo worked on the car under the Grandstand.

L. L. Collins, Biscayne Kennel Club, furnished the following written statement:

(Quote Statement of Collins)

Collins was unable to furnish any other information of value.

C. P. Donald Brumgarden, of Brumgarden Bros. II showed it, advised that all members of their organization distribute their cards rather promiscuously and he can not understand how one of their cards could have gotten into the possession of Fred Barker, unless he picked it up some place.

Special Agent Dunne and this Agent mingled in the crowds at Hialeah Park where Willie Harrison has been seen with negative results.

End copy

Nichols interview  
with assame

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Memo for File: Bremer Case

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The records of the El Commodore Hotel were rechecked, and no additional information was secured. A comparison of the registrations of R. H. Brown who came to the Hotel 12/9/34 and left 12/16/34 was compared with handwriting specimen of subjects and it is clear that Brown's writing is not identical with subjects.

Arthur Sandevick advised that the best recollection he has of the time when ~~Arthur's~~ <sup>Green's</sup> envelope appeared in the vault was sometime around the ~~for~~ Christmas and that he believes it could have been anytime between the middle of December and Christmas.

L. H. Gray identified his initials on the registration cards of Mr & Mrs Summers 1/13/35; T. C. Blackburne on 12/8/34 Mrs S. E. Ryan on 12/8/34. Gray further advised that cards bearing the <sup>initials</sup> "C" were handled by Mr Cobell, Night Clerk of the El Commodore.

Gray furnished valuable information indicating that Joe Adams had knowledge of identity of subjects before they left Miami, Fla. However he refused to sign a typewritten statement that was prepared from a rough draft that he approved. It is believed that Gray has further information of value, but that he is afraid of his job. Further information regarding this interview will be reported at a later date.

Joe Adams, advised that he saw Willie Harrison and took Mr Donald around town or shortly after, at which time he asked Willie to call "for that jockey" (the Browning Sun) at ~~work~~ which time Willie said he would be around for it the next day. Adams denied having any knowledge of a meeting at Macon, Ga on 1/5/35 of Doc Barker, Skip Gray, and other members of the mob.

Adams further advised that while he was driving with Mr Donald around town endeavoring to help him locate a gambling site, Cook stated that he desired to stay away from the South Beach as he didn't want to enter into competition with his friend George Carter. Adams further stated that George Carter runs the gambling house on the corner of N. P. Blvd. to Minskys Barbecue, on the second

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floor above "The Jewish Home Cooking Restaurant." That Carter operates between South Beach & Brier County where he also has another gambling house. Hollywood & 7th. Boulderdale. Adams stated that there was a possibility that possibly lost could be located around Carter Place.

After slapping Mr. Toland, advised Special Agent P.C. Dunne & this Agent, that he knows Willie Harrison well, but has never feeling to use for him, for which reason he would be only to glad in assisting the Division in apprehending him. He also stated that the last time he saw Willie was last August in Chicago, when he (Dunne) was endeavoring to promote a "Big Rock" and Willie ~~asked~~ asked him for employment, with reference to Willie, Mr. Toland advised that he was well known in Hammond, Ind. & Calumet City; that he spends a lot of time in Honors Saloon, 1000 East 29th St, Chicago, Ill; and that he knows he ~~too~~ spends a lot of time around Benton Harbor, and St Joe, Michigan and is well known at the Whitcomb Hotel - St Joe, Ind. ~~it~~ advised that he knows Cook McDaniel.

only by sight, and has never met him. That, last Sunday while he was eating in the evening at Carley's place on the Beach, a man came to a table occupied by 4 people and addressed an elderly, dignified man as Carley, whereupon the other people eating at Carley looked around, like as if "Jack Dempsey had just arrived."

Mr. Forland advised that Joe Adams is a very good friend of his and if catching Harrison or McDonald would help Joe he would do everything in his power to locate them and advise Agents. Mr. Forland further stated that if he called he would give the name of "Daniel David." The above information regarding Harrison was forwarded to Mr. E. J. Connelly in letter from 2/3/35.

L. B. Nichols  
Special Agent

Mrs. Clara Gilbert

Additional info  
re purchase of  
Randa of the Service  
for Karpis.

Mr. S. V. Allmeyer, larger owner, advised this agent that he had recalled further details in connection with the sale of the Buick 5 door sedan to Harry Newman.

FLORIDA, TAMPA  
TAMPA TERRACE, TAMPA  
LAKE LAND TERRACE, LAKE LAND  
DIXIE COURT, WEST PALM BEACH

SEASONAL HOTELS  
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MIAMI, FLORIDA

And requested an interview. <sup>at which time</sup> Altmyer then advised agent, that his memory had been repeated by Mrs Clara Gilbert his ~~office~~ <sup>office</sup> ~~sec'y~~ <sup>sec'y</sup> Cashier, and he recalls returning to Miami from Jacksonville, Fla. and while on the train ~~he~~ remembers seeing LeRoy Morrison (alias Duke Rondell) with a girl sitting in the Club Car, that about 1 hour after the train left Jacksonville - Morrison and the woman left the Club Car apparently to go to bed. That when Morrison ~~came into~~ <sup>was in</sup> the salesroom of the Unger Buick Co on 1/22/34, Altmyer located the Cook at which time Altmyer asked Morrison if he had not just arrived from Jacksonville, to which Morrison replied that he had and then stated that he remembered seeing Altmyer on the train.

Altmyer supplied a very accurate description of Morrison (alias Rondell)

YEAR ROUND HOTELS  
FLORIDAN, TAMPA

FLORIDA COAST AND ASSOCIATED HOTELS  
SEASONAL HOTELS  
MANATEE RIVER, BRADENTON

YEAR ROUND HOTELS  
GEORGE WASHINGTON, JACKSONVILLE



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MIAMI, FLORIDA

Altmaier furnished the following description of the woman ~~seen~~ who was with Morrison on the train.

Age 25 years  
 Height 5' 5"  
 Weight 120 #  
 Build medium  
 Hair Black  
 Complexion dark

Well dressed and attractive.

Altmaier was unable to identify the woman as Minnie Burdett, and advised that he didn't think she was pregnant.

Altmaier further advised that when Morrison made application for his tag he gave the address of the Unger Buick Co, which was a common practice among transients. The Motor Vehicle Certificate of title was also given to Agent, which is being attached to this (memo); after this Agent gave him a receipt for same at his request.

FLORIDA COLLIER COAST AND ASSOCIATED HOTELS

 YEAR ROUND HOTELS  
 FLORIDIAN, TAMPA  
 TAMPA TERRACE, TAMPA

 SEASONAL HOTELS  
 MANATEE RIVER, BRADENTON  
 SARASOTA TERRACE, SARASOTA

 YEAR ROUND HOTELS  
 GEORGE WASHINGTON, JACKSONVILLE  
 MAYFLOWER, JACKSONVILLE



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MIAMI, FLORIDA

J. W. Burke, Shop Foreman, ~~and~~ Vic Williams, Mechanic  
who serviced instant Buick and L. A. Smith, Ass't Shop Foreman,  
all of the Unger Buick Co failed to identify the person of  
Kozis as being the one who drove the car into be serviced  
on 12/21/34. All of the above named people advised that  
they didn't recall who brought the car in, and stated  
that they would not know the person if they saw him.

L. B. Nichols  
Sgt. Det.

FLORIDA COLLIER COAST AND ASSOCIATED HOTELS

YEAR ROUND HOTELS  
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SARASOTA TERRACE, SARASOTA

YEAR ROUND HOTELS  
GEORGE WASHINGTON, JACKSONVILLE  
MAYFLOWER, JACKSONVILLE

Miami, Fla  
1-21-35

Memo for File

Re: Alvin Karpis et. al. etc

M. S. Altmyer, Mgr, Unger Buick Co  
advised that Le Roy Morrison purchased a 5  
passenger Buick Coupe Motor # 42949155 on  
Dec 22, 1934 paying for it in cash the purchase  
price of \$1096.50 incos, which included  
1935 Fla license tags # ~~that this~~  
money was immediately deposited in the Florida  
National Bank, Miami, Fla., at once, however the  
bank book ~~press~~ indicate that the deposit was not  
made until 12/24/34. Altmyer when first interviewed  
seemed very cooperative, but stated that he had  
not seen Morrison, but when his salesman Miller  
V. Bishop & Cashier Mrs Clara Gilbert both stated  
that he counted the money, Altmyer, stated that he  
remembered a cash transaction recently but was not sure  
that this was the one. Altmyer appeared very  
nervous and apologetic for his forgetfulness.

On Reinterview Altmyer executed the following  
signed statement:

(Quote statement of M. S. Altmyer dated 1/21/35)  
Mrs Clara Gilbert, 559 N.W. 44th St, Cashier  
Unger Buick Company, advised that she completed

the ~~transaction~~ sale of the above mentioned Buick ~~with~~ to Leroy Morrison, and that he refused to give a local address to her, stating he had just arrived in town, from Buffalo, N. Y. where he resided at 444 Main St. He further instructed her to retain the Certificate of Title when it was returned from Tallahassee, Fla. until April 1, 1935, after which time she should forward it to him at his Northern address, if he had not called for it. Mrs. Gilbert advised that as she recalls the purchase price was paid in \$100 \$50 + \$20 bills.

The Certificate of Title bears <sup>Certificate</sup> # 959114 Application # 377514 and is dated 11/1/35 for 35-48 Buick 5-7 Coupe, Motor # 42949155; Serial No. 2783525-35.

Miller Bishop, Salesman, Unger Motor Co, executed the following Signed Statement:  
(Quote Statement of Miller Bishop dated 11/21/35.  
It is believed that Bishop tells a straight forward story.

J. M. Barbre, Service Mgr., Union Motors, advised that he filled out the blue repair & service slip found in the house occupied by Karpis, but stated that he did not recall the person who brought the car to the garage to be serviced, however Barbre identified the picture of Karpis as closely resembling the person who brought the car in.

R. E. Curcio, Office Manager advised that he had just returned from lunch when Morrison paid for the car, and that he saw Mr. Altman come the back and talking to Morrison.

None of the above mentioned people with the exception of J. M. Barbre could identify pictures of subjects in the Karpis-Barker group as being identical with Al Roy Morrison, the following description of Morrison was obtained from persons interviewed:

Name	Al Roy Morrison
Age	35 - 38
Height	5'7" - 5'9"
Weight	140 lbs.
Hair	Smoky
Eyes	Blue or grey
Complexion	Fair & not sunburned.
Build	Medium

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All of the above named people interviewed  
were requested by ~~stated to~~ agents ~~that they would not discuss~~  
information requested from them with anyone and ~~that~~  
~~it would be treated as~~ <sup>is</sup> purely confidential.

L. B. Nichols  
Special Agent.

Memo File  
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Memo for File:-

Re:- Bremer Case

Agents made a thorough ~~search~~ <sup>search</sup> of the Vault of the El Commodore Hotel for papers or deposit Envelope left by subjects with negative results.

Arthur Sondercock, Office Clerk, El Commodore Hotel, advised that if a deposit is made with the hotel that it is entered on the daily register and account card and credits are made to guests accounts and deductions likewise made on the daily account cards. That if money is left with the Hotel as Valuable it is placed in an Envelope and ~~placed~~ <sup>deposited</sup> in the Hotel Vault. A ~~Search~~ <sup>Search</sup> of the daily registration and account cards reflect that all transactions subjects had with the Hotel was on a Cash Basis. ~~records of the El Commodore Hotel~~

An examination of the ~~daily~~ <sup>records of the El Commodore Hotel</sup> ~~Arrival and~~ <sup>Registration Books</sup> as produced by Sondercock reflect as follows:

G. L. Summers & T. C. Blackburn registered at the El Commodore Hotel on 9/29/34 and remained in room 811 until 10/6/34 when they were transferred to room 1005. That on 10/20/34 they had a guest whose name could not be ascertained who ~~was~~ <sup>remained</sup>

with Summers & Blackburn. until 10/21/34.  
that Summers & Blackburn checked out on 11/7/34.  
during this period the daily account books show  
that on 9/29/34 a telephone call was made from Room  
811 to 2-3573 as indicated by the daily entries  
on the Telephone Report sheets made by the operator  
Anne Covington, 2436 N.W. 7th St, Miami, Fla. Mr  
Hixon office manager of the Telephone Company advised  
that telephone Number 2-3573 is in the name of Mrs J  
C Batley 149 N.E. 15th St, Miami, Fla. Mr Hixon  
was of the opinion that this is a house of prostitution,

The daily account books further indicate that on  
10/25/34 a telegram was sent from room 1005 occupied  
by Summers & Blackburn, costing 1.05. With reference to  
this telegram Mr Johnson, Manager of the Western Union Telegraph  
Co advised after checking all telegrams sent from  
the El Commodore Hotel on that date that he is unable  
to find any purporting to be sent by subjects. His  
agent likewise checked the telegrams with negative  
results

The daily account Card for Room 1005 also reflects that on 11/6/34 a long distance telephone call was made costing \$4.45. The daily telephone report sheets reflect that this call was made to Harrison 3332 Chicago, Ill. ~~which would make~~ the price of the call indicate that it was a station to station call made between 4:30 AM + 7 P.M., as the local rate from Miami to Chicago is \$4.25 plus 20¢ tax which would make the \$4.45 charge. A further notation on the daily telephone report sheet indicates that the parties talked 2 minutes. It should also be noted that ~~this call~~ Sumner + Blackburn checked out the day following this telephone call. Information concerning this call was given to S.A.C. E. J. Connelly at Chicago by S.A.C. Hanson telephonically, ~~while~~ no other ~~information of value is to be~~ for. The cards also reflect that \$40.00 cash was given to Sumner + Blackburn on 11/6/34 which was returned on 11/7/34 when they checked out + paid for their Bill in cash. No further information of value is to be found on the daily account forms.

The arrival and departure book reflects that W. J. Harrison checked into the El Comodore Hotel on 9/1/34 <sup>from Cleveland, Ohio</sup> at which time he registered for himself and party of 3 occupying rooms 1004 and 1005 until 9/12/34 at which time the departure column indicates only 2 people checked out with Harrison. Only one telephone call was made <sup>on 9/1/34</sup> from these rooms during this period to 2-7205, which number is was ascertained through inquiry at the telephone company is listed in the name of Cleve Baker, 406 N. E. 13th St., Miami who are wholesale Beer Dealers. No records at the Hotel indicate the identity of the other members in the party.

The Records above referred to reflect <sup>that all</sup> on 9/30/34 a Mrs D. E. Ryan registered <sup>from the El Comodore</sup> at the El Comodore and was assigned to Room 907 until 10/6/34 when she was moved to Room 1004 which she occupied until 11/7/34. The daily account books indicate that 10/31/34 a local telephone call was made, no record of which could be found on the daily telephone reports; a charge was made on 10/24/34 of \$35.00 for a ticket. The arrival and departure book also reflects that on 11/23/34 T. C. Blackburn & Mrs Ryan, registered from St. Charles, Ill. at the El Comodore Hotel where they were assigned rooms 904 + 905 where they remained until 11/25/34 no charge appears on this card other than a charge for 15¢ for paper.

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The file of the El Comodoro further reflects that T. C. Blackburn + Mrs B. E. Ryan registered at the Hotel on 12/8/34 where they remained until 12/11/34. No other information of value appears in the Hotel records.

Examination of the departure + arrival lists and daily account cards reflects that S. F. Summers + wife registered at the El Comodoro Hotel on 11/25/34 and were assigned to room 905 where they remained until 12/11/34. The daily account card carries a charge of \$2.25 for phone toll, examination of the daily telephone reports fails to show any phone calls being made from room 905, on 11/30/34 the date upon which the charge was made. The above records also reflects that Summers and wife returned to the El Comodoro Hotel on 1/13/35 and remained until 1/19/35 being assigned to room 705.

The records further indicate that on 10/19/34 H. C. Wagner registered at the El Comodoro Hotel and was assigned to room 718, until 10/20/34 when he checked out. Wagner registered from Atlanta, Ga.

On 11/14/34 Mrs E. M. Wagner registered at the El Comodoro Hotel from "the City" and was assigned to room 1005 where she remained until 11/18/34. Regarding the registration of Mrs Wagner it should also be noted that N. H. Heller, Horrocks, Cuba registered with Mrs Wagner on 11/14/34 and was assigned to room 1004 where he remained until 11/20/34 as a

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Feb. 4, 1935  
Miami, Fla.

Memo for Bremer File:

~~Among the effects of the late Kate Barker and  
Fred Barker were the following papers and cards.  
The following inquiries were made at Miami Fla.  
with regards to the above mentioned papers.~~

Copy  
No. 1. Reference to a receipt from the Miami Optical Co.  
Mr. Keller, of the Miami Optical Co. produced his records  
and disclosed that Mrs. G. E. Ryan purchased a pair  
of glasses, the following are the numbers of the glasses,  
OU + 3.50 + 2.50, Pres. Optik Soft Light No. 1. The  
records also disclose that Mrs. Ryan paid the bill, <sup>\$28.00</sup> on  
11/2/34 and gave her address as the El Commodore  
Hotel. Mr. Keller identified the photo of Kate Barker  
as Mrs. Ryan.

No. 2. The records of the Miami Radio Service, 104 W  
Flagler St. Miami, as produced by Mr. A. H. Dillard,  
reveal that on 11/6/34 Mrs. Barker, alias Mrs. J. E.  
Rhyme & Fletcher Barker bought a Portable Philco  
Radio, Model 66 B, Serial No. F 74590 and that  
they paid cash, \$39.90 and took the set with them  
to the El Commodore Hotel.

(Mo 3) Mr. Roy Jordan, Mgr. Sports S. L. Bailey - Milan Co. 27 W. Flagler St. Miami, stated that he remembered selling a 12 Cal. Rifle 63 model for \$3.40, 1 box cartridge \$1.80 and some gun oil .35 to Mr. T. C. Blackburn, who paid cash and later called for the gun himself. Mr. Jordan stated that Blackburn fitted the description of Fred Barker. The date of the sale was 11/5/34.

(Mo 4)

Mr. G. C. Hanson, Service Salesman, Unger Buick Sales, stated that the initials P. C. Blackburn were the ones given to him on 10-22-34 by Blackburn. The Buick Car serviced by the Unger Sales was a 1934 Coupe, and the bill was paid in cash. Mr. Hanson believes that Campbell was with Blackburn on the day of the service job.

(Mo 5)

Mrs. John W. Illitt, 3044 S W 26th St. Miami, whose card was found among the effects of Kate Barker, states that she did not know Kate Barker's photo and could not account for the card being in her possession, except that she might have given it to Kate Barker during a conversation in the park, which she frequently visited with her sickly husband. Mrs. W. Illitt is a German woman and is very foreign in her conversation. // End copy - go on to next memo of

addendum: Miss Jean Marie Duplessis executed the following signed statement (Concise statement attached to Memo.)

Nichols

Respectfully Submitted

P. C. Sumner  
Sp. Agent

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C.C. Shepard, J.E. <sup>Thomas</sup> ~~Thompson~~, + Willie Worthen,  
advised agents that they knew Willie Harrison  
by his photo and had seen him around town  
sometimes ago but could not place him, and  
were positive that he was not known in West Palm  
Beach + had never been there for a very long  
period of time. Shepard + Worthen run a bookmaking  
joint, and Thomas is a local gambler. Agent  
was directed to the above named people as being  
a reliable source of information with knowledge of  
the town. The above named people promised to  
cooperate with the Division and stated they  
would call the Jacksonville Office should  
Willie Harrison <sup>or other member of the gang</sup> ~~be in~~ <sup>be in</sup> their presence, A.

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Upon receipt of information from SAC Hanson in Jacksonville, Fla. <sup>2/27/35</sup> advising that McDonald had been located, Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimmons and this Agent proceeded to West Palm Beach, Fla.

Mrs. Edith McDonald, was questioned at great length by Special Agents H. M. Eubank and the writer, in addition to the information recorded in her signed statement, Mrs. McDonald, advised that she left Cuba in Detroit Sept 1, 1934 when she went to their home in the North Woods, that sometime between Sept 10 & 12 she wired him in Detroit to call her at a designated place where a telephone was in the North Woods, that shortly thereafter Cook called her from Detroit, and as far as she knows he was in Detroit all the time, that he never brought her any jewelry which he is alleged to have brought to the States from Cuba in excess of Customs regulations. Mrs. McDonald contended that she was ignorant of Cook's business activities, stating that she did know he had some money invested in a gambling house or so in Detroit.

That she didn't know Cook was interested in the Chinese gambling concessions in Cuba, that he sold \$25,000 worth of liberty bonds in Cuba, or that he had any gold in Cuba. She further added that when Cook said he was going to Detroit on Jan 29, 1935 it was for the purpose of taking care of their home in Detroit, and to see that nothing froze. She further added that only her immediate family called her husband "Cook" that so far as she knows that is not the name he is generally known by. She further ~~said~~ reiterated when shown pictures of the Barker-Karpis Gang, that she had never seen any of them and had never seen Willie Harrison. It was apparent throughout the interview that Mrs. Mae Howell was not telling the truth.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agents, H. M. Eubank + L. B. Nichols at  
Palm Beach, Fla.

John L. Prescott, Salt Air Hotel, advised  
that the Mc Donalds checked in on Jan 28, 1935,  
that the following day Mr Mc Donald left for  
the North and didn't return until 2/6/35, that  
Mrs Mc Donald remained, that the Mc Donalds  
had no visitors nor made no phone calls received  
except on Jan 30, 1935, but that the night ~~man~~  
man had destroyed the daily report sheet after  
making the entries as he was new & inexperienced. Prescott  
was unable to identify any photos of the Barker-Karpis gang.

It should be noted that the Salt Air Hotel  
is a small 2nd rate hotel and decidedly below  
the standard that Mc Donald would be expected to frequent.  
L. J. Reidy, Royal North Hotel, was shown photographs  
of the Barker-Karpis gang & could identify none of them.

A golf tournament was in progress and agents  
walked around with the crowd, thinking that Willie  
Hornum might be present, however no one bearing  
his description or resembling him was present.

Registration of  
Langelle. McKee  
at El Comodoro Hotel

STEAM  
HEAT  
FIREPROOF



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SUN  
SOLARIUM

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Miami, Florida

Jan 16, 1935

Memo for Bremer file:

Immediately upon arrival in Miami Fla. agents C.G. Campbell and S.K. McKee registered in the El Comodoro Hotel, S.W. 2nd Ave & S.W. First street and contacted Mr. Gray, Asst Mgr. of this hotel. Reference is made to memorandums of agents C.G. Campbell and C.O. Hurt dated Nov. 18 1934 to Dec. 5, 1934 in which interviews with Gray were related.

Gray stated to agents Campbell and McKee that a Mr. D.E. Summers & wife registered at the El Comodoro Hotel on Jan. 12, 1935 and remained two days. Gray identified photograph of subject Harry Campbell as the Mr. Summers registered at his hotel, and stated that the woman did not come near

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the desk and consequently was  
 unable to give a description of her.  
 Gray further identified <sup>photograph of</sup> Fred Barker  
 as a J. C. Blackburn who was a guest  
 at his hotel with Summers a few  
 weeks back, and at this time was  
 accompanied by a woman registered  
 under the name of Ryan. Kate  
 Barker photograph was identified by Gray  
 as Mrs. Ryan. Due to Gray's  
 position in the hotel & his friendship  
 with Adams, the manager of the hotel  
 and contact for Barker & Karpis gang  
 it was not deemed advisable to  
 check the hotel records for these dates.  
 Receipted bills found in the Barker  
 house at Oklawaha, Fla. after the  
 raid on Jan. 16, 1935 bear the exact  
 dates and corroborate statements made  
 by Gray, concerning their stay at the hotel.

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Special Agents Brown, E.K. McKee and C.B. Campbell again interviewed Gray later the night of Jan. 16, 1935 and after some questioning Gray stated that Alvin Karpis, whose photograph he picked out had stayed at the El Comodoro Hotel but had not been in the hotel for quite some time.  
Mr Gray has been employed here since Nov. 1, 1934, in the capacity of Asst. Mgr. but due to numerous outside activities of Joe Adams, Mgr., Mr. Gray is in charge of the hotel. Due to his connections and his fear of losing his position, any open investigation has not been made.  
Mr. Gray described a woman

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answering the description of Dolores Delaney, as being in the El Comodoro Hotel dining room alone on Jan. 15, 1934 or Jan 16, 1934. Mr. Gray stated that this woman appeared to be expecting a child in the near future, and that this same woman was seen by him in the dining room some weeks back, he does not remember the date, in company with Mr. Heller, proprietor of the Park View Hotel at Havana, Cuba, who was in Miami distributing pamphlets advertising his hotel. Mr. Gray further stated that this young woman left and accompanied Mr. Heller to Havana, Cuba. It may be noted here that pamphlets

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advertising the Park View Hotel,  
Havana Cuba were found in  
the effects of Kate Barker &  
Fred Barker in their home at  
Oklawaha, Fla.

Mr. Gray expressed his willingness  
to co-operate fully with the agents  
and is in constant contact with the  
above mentioned agents.

McC Campbell & S. K. McKee  
Spec. Agents

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Registration of  
Stone & Goring at  
the El Comodoro  
Hotel & conversation  
with Bob Knight



THE HOTEL OF COURTESY AND SERVICE



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250 ROOMS - 250 BATHS  
RADIO IN EVERY ROOM

BISCAYNE BOULEVARD AT FIFTH STREET

MIAMI, FLORIDA

1/17 to 19/35

Memorandum for File

Agent Stone being requested at  
Miami Beach, Fla. Thursday Jan 17 at 12:15 P.M.  
Since that time it is a matter of surveillance to have  
been asked for any members of Barker. No  
answer reported.

About 1:20 P.M. 18 agents were approached by  
Mr. Knight one of the old timers who informed  
that he was a former operator saying that if  
I could see the way he wanted to get all  
the information he could as he did not  
want to be shot up. Agent denied being  
"Federal operators" but it was obvious that  
Knight did not believe the denial. He  
reiterated the information that the old lady

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YEAR ROUND HOTELS  
FLORIDIAN TAMPA

SEASONAL HOTELS  
MANATEE RIVER, BRADENTON

YEAR ROUND HOTELS  
GEORGE WASHINGTON, JACKSONVILLE

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and men who had been shot were staying  
in the hotel about a week ago and made  
a great deal of trouble. Barker, however,  
frequently appeared in the lobby playing  
the various marble machines. Mr. Barker  
appeared frequently and was very popular  
among the old crowd. The fact of his  
being in the hotel was a great help in  
finding him. Mr. Knight said he was very  
satisfied with the results but it is not  
certain if he is all the time. He would  
be in the hotel of Jan. 9, 1935. The  
man who was shot by the police was  
one of his associates. Knight stated that  
he was sure that he had seen Barker from  
the picture of him that appeared in the  
paper but that at the time he was at the  
hotel he was using the name of John  
and wearing glasses. Barker was the same man

YEAR ROUND HOTELS

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SEASONAL HOTELS

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SARASOTA TERRACE, SARASOTA  
NORTH, WEST PALM BEACH

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ALCAZAR, MIAMI  
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## YEAR ROUND HOTELS

FLORIDAN, TAMPA  
TAMPA TERRACE, TAMPA  
LAKELAND TERRACE, LAKELAND  
DIXIE COURT, WEST PALM BEACH

## SEASONAL HOTELS

MANATEE RIVER, BRADENTON  
SARASOTA TERRACE, SARASOTA  
ROYAL WORTH, WEST PALM BEACH

## YEAR ROUND HOTELS

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Statement of  
Randall to J. M.  
Stone & J. M. Going  
re going "note" in  
jail.

Memorandum for SAC. J. M. Thomson:

Jan 29, 1934.

At 4.30 P.M. There & J. M. Going conducted the following investigation:

Chief Attorney Stumling advised that Duke Randall had word over to him last night that he wanted to see him; that he had some further information to give him about the case; that he thought it was with reference to the gun he had received from Joe Adams. Stumling stated that he could not get down to see Randall & requested agents to inform Duke to this effect and to advise him that he should give any further information, he had to divulge, to this agent.

Duke Randall was interviewed in the Dodge County Jail, where he executed the signed statement, attached to this memo.

Randall stated that he did not have any information for us about the gun; that his main reason was to see whether he could get his bond reduced & get out of jail as he was going nuts; that he wanted to give some of a list of people who know him well & who can vouch as to his character & the fact that he has never been in any

Travels to find.

Randall advised that his girl in New York is named Peggy O'Neill 460 45th St Brooklyn; that he has known her for about 24 years; that she has a sister named Della.

Randall further advised that he and Gregg C gave a bill of about \$8 or \$9 to the Venetian Restaurant, Venetian across B'ly, which bill was for food and cigarettes which they bought, when they were living in the El Comodoro Hotel and here broke. The manager of this place is J. D. Pasmore, Gregg borrowed \$20.00 from Pasmore & still owes it to him.

Gregg Codomo Continental Cafe across River stated that he has never known Randall to have been mixed up in or around case or charged with murder.

Ben Sipes stated that he known Randall intimately for several years & has never heard of him Randall being in trouble of any kind before the affair.

J. M. Stone  
Special Agent

Who took this  
statement from  
Adams?

Jones.

Jan. 26, 1935

Some time in Sept. 1934 Willie Harrison came in the lobby of the El Comodoro Hotel with a package about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  or 4 feet long. I don't know if he brought the package from his room or not. Willie Harrison was living in the El Comodoro Hotel at that time. I am manager of the El Comodoro Hotel. Harrison said he wanted to leave the package with me. I asked him what was in the package. He said a gun and that he would ~~would~~ pick it up in a few days.

A man who I know as Seahon was with Harrison when he brought this package to me. Harrison and I stepped into my office which was on the ground floor at that time. My golf was ~~leaving~~ in the corner of my office. Harrison said "I will put this gun in your golf bag and will be back for it in a few days as I am going to Cuba".

I don't remember if I asked Harrison what kind of gun it was but do remember that I told him that I did not like it and

bit, but he assured me that he would return in a few days and pick it up.

I did not see Willie Harrison again till the ~~first~~<sup>later</sup> part of December 1934, at that time Willie Harrison came in the lobby of the El Comodoro Hotel. I talked to him and told him to come and get the gun he had left with <sup>me</sup> as I didn't want ~~the~~ the gun around the hotel. He told me he would come and get the gun the next morning. I also asked him where he was stopping and he said out in town. This is the last time I saw Willie Harrison and he never returned or sent anyone for the gun.

While making some repairs on my downstairs office, my office was moved to room 210 at that time I moved the golf bag containing the gun to room 210 and placed it in the clothes closet and after Willie Harrison did not return for the gun as he promised I opened the package it was in and saw the kind of a gun it was I decided to get rid of it and

I called a boy named Duke Randall who did live at the El Comodoro Hotel but lived now at the Tamiami Hotel and works at the Biscayne Kennel Club in fact I got him the job at the Biscayne Kennel Club on the change window, he also acted as a guard at the club and helped transfer the money to ~~and from~~ the bank. I don't remember the exact date I called Duke Randall but it was about three weeks ago. Duke was not in and I left word for him to come to see me which he did. Duke and I went into my office 210 El Comodoro Hotel. I took the gun out of the bag and told Duke a fellow left it with me and I wanted to get rid of it, that ~~was~~ I thought it was a U.S. Government gun and I didn't want to keep it around. There was a place on top of the gun that looked like the numbers and name of the gun had been chiseled off. It was blue steel gun, repeating type <sup>gun</sup> and used a long rifle shell which was feed into the gun by a clip from

the bottom of the gun, there was about eight or ten of these clips with the gun. I told Duke to take the gun and clips and dump them in the bay. Duke took the gun apart and wrapped the pieces up and left. That was the last time I saw the gun. Two or three days later I asked Duke if he dumped the gun in the bay and Duke replied that he had dumped it in the bay or that it was in the bottom of the bay or some thing like that.

The golf bag that I turned over to Special Agents O. Jones and John Hanson Jan. 25, 1936 is the golf bag the gun was kept in while it was at the El Comodoro Hotel.

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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*Morley - Wm. A.*

January 21, 1935.

I, William A. Morley, make the following statement to C. K. Fierstone and L. S. Harzenstein, knowing them both to be Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, of my own free will, without any threats or promises having been made to me, and knowing that it may be used against me.

I live at the Danmore Hotel, #123 So. Kentucky Ave., Atlantic City, N. J., of which I am a part owner and partner. I also own a cigar store across the street from the hotel, at #126 So. Kentucky Ave.

On last Friday, January 18, 1935, at about 3 PM, I was in the back room of my store, and was called to the front of the store by my wife. There was a woman in the store, who gave me a note, addressed to me. It was written on the stationery of the Tamiami Hotel, Miami Florida, so far as I can recall, in green ink. I do not remember any date on this. I think the message said, "Dear Bill: Take care of my friend Mr. Graham, and see that he gets a good doctor, and get good care." It was signed, "Duke." The girl, who was pregnant, asked whether her husband had arrived, and when I said he had not remarked that he would be there soon. I asked whether she wanted the doctor right away, and she said that the morning would do. JAM.

I did not see the man, Mr. Graham, on that day. Next morning, when I came down, I found a note on the desk for me from my partner, Daniel Young, who had been on the desk the day before. It said, as I recall, "Bill: call Mr. Carson, Room #403," and was signed, "Dan." I surmised that the husband that the girl had been expecting had arrived, and called the room. This was about 9 AM. There was no answer. I then called Dr. Carl Surram, according to the girl's request the day before. The doctor arrived about a half hour later, and I called #403, asked for Mr. Carson, and told him the doctor was there, if he cared to talk to him. He said he would send his wife down. Soon after that, the pregnant woman came down into the lobby, and my wife and I showed her and the doctor into one of the rooms on the first floor, where we left them. The doctor stayed ten or fifteen minutes. ~~He told me, when he came out that the girl had had good treatment, and was in good condition, and did not need to worry.~~ JAM. He then left, and the woman went upstairs. Soon after, perhaps 10.30 AM, I received a call from #403, asking me to come up. When I arrived, I was offered a drink from a bottle which stood on the bureau, - which I refused. I think this was a pint bottle of G & W rye whiskey. The man whom I took to be Carson, then asked me if I knew where he could rent a house, as his wife would soon give birth. He wanted a place in a good residential section, for about \$75 per month. I called Daniel Young, who was asleep in his room, #405, and the four of us discussed the house proposition. Dan suggested that they stay at the hotel, and we would make them comfortable, and he said that he would keep the room at the hotel anyhow, in case he wanted to do a little cheating. The man whom I thought to be Carson was the taller of the two, and wore rimless glasses. I have been shown the picture of Alvin Karpis on Identification Order #1218, and identify this as the man whom I knew as Mr. Carson, although I think Carson's hair was a light brown, almost blonde.

(At this point I wish to correct something I said earlier in this statement. I said that Carson did not answer the phone when I rang him at about 9 AM. I now recall that he did answer the phone, and came down to the lobby at once.

*William A. Morley*

Statement of William A. Morley 1/21/35.

He told me that he was the husband of the woman that was pregnant, and wanted me to get a doctor for her. He also mentioned the fact that he knew Duke. The Duke we both meant, and the only man I know by that name is Duke Randall. He used to be a drummer, and played in various bands around Atlantic City for several summers. I have known him casually for several years, and he has sent me other customers, all of which seemed perfectly respectable and gave me no cause for alarm. Randall stayed at my hotel for a couple of days last summer, and again for a few days about two months ago, when he was in town, working on the New Yorker Restaurant construction job, as an ironworker or lather. When he left town the last time, he told me that he was going to Miami, Florida, to work at a dog track, - I think Biscayne.)

So far as I can recall, neither Dan nor I suggested the name of any real estate dealer in town. Carson said that he had a kennel of racing greyhounds in Miami, Florida, that business there was good, and that he was going to move them to California. I asked after Luke, and he said that Luke was all right, and had a good job at Miami at the dog track, and I think that was about all I heard of him. He looked well, as though he was still on his feet, but I did not believe it. I did not believe that he was still alive, because I had seen him die. But I did not say anything about it. I was thinking of my own affairs, and I remembered the places on Arctic Ave., like New York, and Virginia, mentioning Slotteroff's, at Tennessee and Arctic. During the course of the conversation, the two women came in. My wife had previously told me that she had offered her coat to the regnant woman, and I asked her whether she wanted it. She did, so I went downstairs and got it for her, bringing it upstairs and leaving it for her on the bed of #403. I was in the room for only a few minutes, and during that time, Carson did not drink, although Cameron took three or four drinks in quick succession, and mentioned that he liked that particular whiskey.

About noon that day, Carson came down to the lobby and over to the desk, where I was. At that time, William <sup>249</sup> ~~248~~ <sup>249</sup> ~~248~~, a white man, who works for me in the cigar store, as board man for the horse game I run, came over to take my car. He wanted to go to the animal hospital on North Virginia Ave., and I suggested that he take Carson to get some clothes. He suggested the "Plotteroff's" store at Arctic and Virginia Aves., and I believe that he took Carson there, and that he bought some clothes there. I saw nothing more either of the men or the women that day.

I went to bed at about 2 AM, on Sunday, January 30, 1935. At about 3.30 Am, I was awakened by a phone call from Owen Roberts the colored man who is night bell-boy. He told me to come down, as there were some detectives in the lobby. I told this to my wife, put on my robe, and went down. I suspected in my own mind whom the detectives wanted, but I had no idea that they were wanted for so serious an offense. The detectives said they wanted two men who had come from Florida. I asked them to wait until Mr. Young came in, and told them that there were some guests in the hotel that I knew nothing about, and that I did not know of anyone who had come from Florida. I stayed with the detectives a few minutes

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and then returned to my room. I lay down on the bed, and told my wife that the detectives wanted two men who had come from Florida, and I thought they wanted these men in #403. Neither she nor I knew what to do, as we did not want to create a disturbance in the hotel, and I wanted to wait until Young should return as he runs the hotel. I stayed in the room about a half hour, after which the bell-boy called me again and said that the detectives were tearing things apart in the office. I then went down again, and tried to persuade them to wait until Mr. Young should come in, and to make less noise. There were three or four detectives, two or three officers in uniform, and two radio cars outside. I stayed about fifteen minutes and returned to my room, at the suggestion of one of the detectives. I again told my wife that I did not know what to do, and we discussed the matter. At about 5.30 AM my brother-in-law, John Tuscano, the brother-of-my-wife's-<sup>sister</sup> husband of my wife's sister, who occupies the adjoining room, came in and told us that when he had come into the hotel he had been grabbed and searched by the detectives. I then decided to go down again, and I dressed and did so, as he told me that the detectives had taken Owen Roberts to the police station. When I came down, Owen was not there, but the detective and two uniformed officers were in the lobby. A few minutes later, the detective and one detective came to see if Owen was still there. "Owen #403," I got up and went to see if Owen was still there. I saw him sitting on the floor, looking very nervous. I asked him if he knew where Owen was. He said he didn't know. I then went back to my room. I heard several shots, although I do not think there were more than five. At this time, I do not know whether the uniformed policemen were in the lobby or out side. When I heard the shots, I went into the lavatory, which is behind the elevator. Immediately thereafter, I heard feet running all over the house, front and back. A few minutes later, when things were quiet, I came out. Shooting then started in the street, apparently in back and in front as well. I did not see the fugitives' car, but I did see many policemen running about and shouting. While the shooting was still going on, the two women came in. Both had coats on, but were in their bare feet, and I noticed blood on the foot of the pregnant girl. My wife had come down, and took them up in the elevator. So far as I can recall, this is all I know concerning the entire affair.

I have read the above statement, consisting of three pages, and it is all true, so that I am affixing my signature at the bottom of each page, and at the end hereof.

William A. Morley  
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Miami, Fla.  
January 25, 1935

I, Harry Heller, make the following statement  
to Special Agents R. L. Jones and L. J. Motzoff, Division  
of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

I have known Duke Randall for about four  
years, having met him in Atlantic City, N. J. where  
he had his band at the Little Club.

at present he employs no publicity man  
for the Bowery Casino, 37 Ocean Drive, Miami,  
Beach.

Last Sunday night, January 20, 1935, at  
about 7:30 P. M. the phone rang at the Bowery  
Casino just prior to the time we opened for business.  
The party making the call was a man and he  
asked if there was anyone there who could take  
a message for Duke Randall. I replied that I  
would take the message. The man making the

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cell then said "tell Duke that" Atlantic City has shot it out, received telegram, beat it. This call was made as a local call. The party, who made this call, called back twice and inquired of me whether or not I had given Randall the message. The party who made the call did not give his name but told me that Duke would know who called.

At about 11:30 Duke came to the Broadway Casino accompanied by a girl named "Bible". I then gave the above message to Duke. Duke received the message without appearing nervous and with a nod of his head said, "Oh, ya."; he then asked me who made the call and I told him that the one making the call said that he (Duke) would know who called.

I ~~do not~~ <sup>have not</sup> known Duke Randall under any other name and have never been intimate with him

Harry H. Heller

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There is a slight possibility that I might be able to recall the voice who made the call; the person who called had a rather deep voice and from the English used by this person I would say that he was a literate person.

It is my opinion that at the time I gave Duke the message that he (Duke) knew from whom the message came.

The telephone number of the Bowley Casino is 5-9272 and is listed in the telephone directory as "Hardie's Casino."

The above statement consisting of three pages has been read to me & is true.

Signed: - Harry H. Heller  
 City Hotel

Officer Special Agent  
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 Special Agent  
 Division of Investigation  
 U.S. Dept. of Justice

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 MAYFLOWER, JACKSONVILLE  
 ALCAZAR, MIAMI  
 HALCYON, MIAMI

January 21, 1935.

I, Elizabeth Morley, make the following statement to N. S. Katzenstein, knowing him to be a Special Agent of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, voluntarily, without any threat or promise having been made to me, and knowing that the same may be used against me.

I live with my husband, William Morley, at the Danmore Hotel, #123 So. Kentucky Ave., Atlantic City, N. J. My husband is a partner and part owner of the hotel, together with a man named Daniel Young. We also have a cigar store, across the street from the hotel, at #126 So. Kentucky Ave.

On Friday, January 18, 1935, at about 2.45 PM, while I was in the cigar store, I noticed a taxi drive up in front of the hotel, and two women get out, and go into the hotel. Mr. Young was in charge of the desk at the time. About twenty minutes later one of the women came over to the store and gave my husband, who was there with me, a note. The envelope, so far as I can recall, was addressed to Bill Morley, and the note inside was written in green ink, on the stationery of some hotel, the name and location of which I do not recall. I think the note said, "Take care of my friend, and see that they get a good doctor," and was signed, "Duke." The only Duke I know is Duke Randall, who used to be a drummer in bands around Atlantic City. ~~I met him at the hotel for a few days, probably last June, and for a few days again, several months later. At the latter time, he was employed on a construction job in Atlantic City, and I have never known Duke to be a criminal, nor to have been mixed up in any rackets.~~ He stopped *E.M.*

I walked back across the street with the woman. She asked whether her husband had arrived yet. He was registered, together with the other woman as "Mrs. A. B. Graham and sister," and had been assigned to Room 400. I looked over the room card, found no Mr. Graham, and told her so. He said that he would arrive soon. I offered to get her a doctor right away, but she said that the next day would do. She was wearing a fall coat, which was not warm enough for the weather then, and I offered to lend her my fur coat, in case she wanted to take a walk. I asked her whether she expected to give birth soon, and she said that she was not sure but thought she might give birth almost any time. I gave the matter no particular thought at the time, and did not think it queer that a woman in her condition would be travelling as she had been. I saw her later that afternoon, when he came into the store to buy some cigarettes, a New York "Sun," a Philadelphia "News," and a magazine. The other woman was with her at this time. The next day, Saturday, someone, I think my husband, called Dr. Carl Surran for her, and I saw her again when she came down into the lobby to meet the doctor, and they went into room #106 to talk. I saw her again on the afternoon of that day, while I was in the store. She came to the hotel in a cab, and got out, carrying several brown boxes, I think three, about the size of coat boxes. She was wearing my fur coat at the time. I did not see either of the women again that day.

I understand that, about 1.30 AM, on January 19, 1935, two men registered at the hotel. Mr. Young was at the desk at the time, and I was in my room, asleep. I did not see these men at all, and was told nothing concerning them. I did not know that they were there until early Saturday afternoon, when Mr. Morley came into the store and told me that one of the men had asked him

*Elizabeth Morley*

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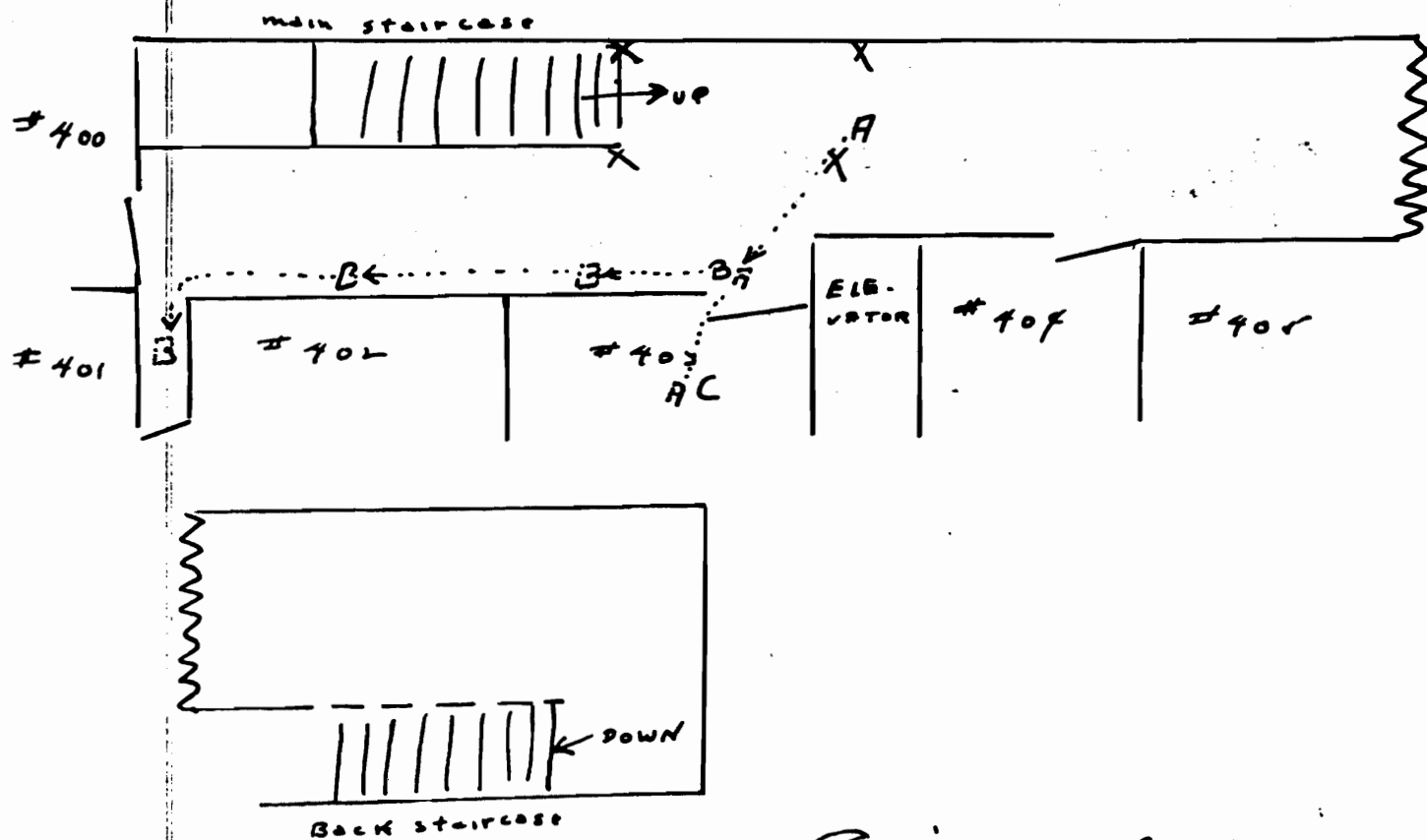
if he could change a \$1000 bill. Nothing more was said by either of us concerning either the men or the women, until early the next morning.

On the morning of Sunday, January 20, 1935, at about 3.30, my husband was called on the phone by the colored bellboy who was on duty downstairs. This man's name is Owen Roberts. He told my husband that there were some detectives downstairs who wanted to see him. My husband put on a robe and went down. I was awakened by the telephone, and remained awake until about 4.20 AM, when my husband returned, and lay down on the bed. He told me that the detectives were looking for two men from Florida, and that he wondered whether they wanted the two who had come in and who were in Room #403. He said that he had asked for the register, and that he did not know what to do, - whether to send them upstairs, or whether to make them wait for Mr. Young, as the register was locked up for the night, and Young had the combination. My husband and I stayed in the room for about an hour after that, unable to decide what to do, as we had had no experience in such matters, and were afraid of a disturbance in the hotel. At about 5.20 AM, I heard the detectives talking in loud voices downstairs, and told my husband to dress and go downstairs. He did so, and I also dressed, intending to go to six o'clock mass. A few minutes before six, I decided to go upstairs. I walked up from my room, on the second floor to the fourth floor, and knocked on the door of #403. A man's voice answered, and I told him to come out, as I was the proprietress, and wanted to see him. A man came out of the door, and I called him into #404, telling him that I wanted to talk to him. My purpose in going up to talk to him was because I did not want to see anyone who was innocent involved, and because I wanted no disturbance in the hotel, and thought that, if these were the men that the detectives were looking for, that I could get them to come down and surrender. I did not know at the time that the men had registered from Florida. The women had registered from Georgia, and I thought that the men had done the same. The man who came out was dressed only in his underwear, which was a long sleeve, ankle length style, apparently a union suit. It was either white or cream colored, and seemed to be medium weight. He seemed to be about 5'8" in height, and was very thin. I have been shown a picture of Alvin Karpis, and identify the front view as being a picture of the man I spoke to that morning. I told him that I asked him where he was from, and he said "Savannah." I told him that the law was downstairs, and that if he were the man they wanted to go along quietly, as I wanted no disturbance, and that both the front and back were guarded. As I was telling him this, I heard the detectives running up the stairs, and heard them shout, "Open the door, or I'll shoot!" The man wanted to hide under the bed, and wanted to borrow a suit of Mr. Young's which was hanging on the back of the door. I would not let him do either. The man was trembling, and seemed very much frightened. I pushed him out the door into the hall. As we came into the hall I saw at least four detectives there. The ink diagram which forms page 3 of this statement represents an accurate diagram of the hall and the parts of it which featured in what followed. It was drawn by N. S. Harzenstein at my direction. The four detectives that I remember seeing were standing at the four points marked X on this diagram. The man walked out of #404 and stood opposite the elevator, about between two of the detectives, at the point marked A on the

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Diagram of Fourth Floor Hallway  
Dannor Hotel



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diagram. I went to the door of #403, standing at the point marked B on the diagram. I told the detectives that I would open the door. I put a pass key into the lock, and then turned to the detectives, fearing that they might start shooting when I opened the door, and might hit me. I then asked the man in the hall what the other man's name was, and he said it was George E. M. He walked over beside me, to the point marked A in x dots, and called to the man inside. I turned the key in the lock, and he suddenly pushed the door open and slipped between me and the door, and into the room, at this instant I caught a glimpse of a man standing inside the room, at the point marked C on the diagram, with a gun held in his hands. This gun was not a pistol, but a longer gun, which he held with both hands, with the front pointed in my direction and the rear end under his arm. He was not holding the gun to his shoulder. At the same time, I felt the keys fly out of my hand, and heard a shot fired. I think there were four brass keys altogether, in a small leather key case. There were more shots fired, and I stepped away from the door, to the point in front of room #403 marked B in dots. I then moved down the hall toward #400. As I reached a point in front of #402, marked on the diagram with another B in dot, I saw the two men run out of #400. I turned to look at them and saw that the two men running down the hall toward the back stairs. One man appeared to have two guns, one under each arm. They were not pistols, but big, long guns, and one in particular seemed very big around. The general appearance of a Thompson sub-machine gun has been explained to me by H. S. Katzenstein, and I think this looked like the drum that fits one of those guns. The other man had a large, two-handed gun under his arm. He turned as he ran, and fired back in my direction, although I do not think he fired at me. I saw no detectives in the hall at this time. I moved into the side hall leading to #401, where I would be out of the gun fire. After I was in there, I think I heard one shot, which I thought came from the third floor. I do not think I heard more than 15 shots fired on the fourth floor. I have heard simulated machine gun fire in sound pictures, and the shots I heard on the fourth floor were not that rapid. At no time do I recall seeing either of the men entering or leaving #400, nor do I know which was which as they ran down the hall. I do not know how any of the people were dressed as they ran, although I saw several coats flying, and had the impression at that time that they all had coats on. I did not look at the legs of the girls, and do not recall seeing blood on either of them.

I do not know anyone in the hotel who might have known these people or who they were before they arrived, or while they were there. I had no idea of protecting them when I did what I did and no suggested that I protect them. E. M.

Duke Randall, as nearly as I can remember, is about 33 yrs old, 5'10" tall, 160-165 lbs in weight, slender build, has very dark brown, curly hair, blue eyes, and a quick, easy smile. He is a drummer in bands, and I think he is also a lather. When I last saw him, he said he was going to Florida, to work at a dog track. He used to be married, but I do not know whether he still is. His wife was a small woman, about 4'10-11" tall, now age about 28 yrs. old, about 115 lbs. in weight, light brown hair, blue eyes. She had a good figure, and was not thin, but had a well

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developed bust, and she carried herself erectly. She sang in the same place where her husband played in the band. I last saw her in the summer of 1932. I later heard that she had left Duke. I do not recall her first name. At that time she and Duke stayed at New Richmond Hotel, on Kentucky Ave., near the Boardwalk.

I have read all of the above statement, consisting of five pages, including the diagram on Page 3, and it is all true, so that I am affixing my signature to the bottom of each page, and at the end hereof.

*Elizabeth Morley*  
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*Hampton - Mr. A.*

Dr. A. Hampton, Manager of the Official  
Physicians' and Surgeons' Exchange and Nurses'  
Registry, State County Medical Society, make  
the following voluntary statement to Special  
Agent Frank M. Stone and James H. King,  
Special Agents of the Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice.

Miss Teresa Carmichael, whom I  
consider above reproach, has been listed  
on our Nurses' Registry for a period of about  
three years.

On December 26, 1934 about ~~three~~<sup>seven</sup>  
o'clock in the morning ~~about in the afternoon~~ Mr. J. H. Adams  
called the Duke Hampton Pharmacy Bureau  
and asked for me but I was not in. When  
I later returned Melvin Carter, elevator boy  
in the First National Bank Building told  
me that Mr. Adams had called and was  
willing to get in touch with me. I called  
Mr. Adams but he was not in and I told  
the party who answered the phone to tell  
him that Dr. Hampton had called.

A. H.  
On the meantime about one o'clock on

(2)  
The same day my daughter, M. Jane C. Hegemann  
called the telephone operator Miss Livingston  
at the El Comodoro Hotel and verified the  
fact that Mr. Adams had tried to reach me.

Later about three o'clock in the afternoon  
Mr. Adams again called me and stated that  
he wished to secure a practical nurse - cook  
for Mrs. Green. I asked him what kind of  
a person she wanted and what the pay  
would be. Mr. Adams stated that he did  
not know what she wanted to pay; that  
Mrs. Green was in an interesting condition  
and wanted a nurse who could do house  
work. I asked Mr. Adams for Mrs. Green  
address so that I could see her and find  
out what kind of a girl she wanted and  
so that I could see the people that I  
was getting a nurse for. Mr. Adams gave  
me the address 421 N. C. St. and  
I promised him that I would go right out.  
He thanked me and said that was nice of me.  
I immediately went out to the address  
and Mr. Adams gave me the horse was bolted  
with both legs and chain. When Mrs. Green

came to it. I told her that Mr. Adams  
had called me for a mail - coach and I  
had come to find out the kind of person she  
wanted to go as far out I wanted  
to be sure to have the right sort of person  
the first time. She said she wanted somebody  
to stay with her who could do house work and  
who could not talk too much or ask too many  
questions. This did not impress me as peculiar at  
the time as many of my best customers often  
make the same request. I promised her that  
I would bring her someone and that she  
would not be alone that night.

About 10:30 the same night I took  
Miss Carmichael to Mr. Brown and left her  
there.

I have read the foregoing statement  
and it is true to the best of my belief.

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