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COUNTY OF BAKERY

I, M.C. Falkner, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, being first duly sworn, depose and say:

On Sunday, April 29, 1934, at the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois, in company with Special Agent Ralph D. Brown, of the Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago, Illinois, I interviewed JOHN JOSEPH MALACHUK, SR., who stated as follows:

That he had made oral admissions to Agent Brown relative to having obtained money from a man whom he knew as "SLIM", and a short, swarthy Jew, in a hotel at Chicago, Illinois, in 1934, which money he suspected was "hot", and understood it to be money paid in ransom in the MURKID kidnapping case and that he further understood that he was to receive either \$100,000.00, or \$200,000.00, additional from the same source, that being the two men above mentioned, which money was ransom paid in the BRUMER kidnapping case at St. Paul, Minnesota; that, upon being given this money by these men, it was the understanding that he, MALACHUK, was to change this money into bills of larger denominations at the Chicago banks, for which service he was to receive 5% of all money so exchanged; that all of this money was in \$5.00 and \$10.00 bills; that he did meet the two men above mentioned at this hotel and that he recalls distinctly that it would take them about twenty minutes to reach this hotel upon being advised that he, MALACHUK, was awaiting them and that from this he judged that his place of residence was in the near vicinity of this hotel; that he would never use the elevator at this hotel but would always proceed to the room occupied by these men by the stairway at the hotel; that this money was kept by these men, until turned over to him, in newspapers, and the bills would be stacked and wrapped in sums of \$1,000.00 each.

He stated that the hotel at which he met these men and obtained this money was located at the corner of Cicero Avenue and Irving Park Boulevard, in Chicago, Illinois; that he knew the taller of these two men as "SLIM"; that SLIM was a very tall man and very slender and had sandy hair; that he felt sure that these two men were connected with a gang at the time hiding out, or operating, in Toledo, Ohio, and that investigation in that city would, no doubt, disclose additional money in kidnapping cases and the location of other persons responsible for the kidnappings.

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During this conversation, MR. McLAUGHLIN asked Agent Brown if he could take some steps toward effecting the release of his son, JACK McLAUGHLIN. Agent Brown advised MR. McLAUGHLIN that he had neither the power nor the authority to take such steps and could make no promises of any nature relative to the release, or continued detention, of his son, JACK McLAUGHLIN.

I have read the foregoing statement and same is true and correct.

*M. C. Falkner*

M. C. Falkner, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, 252 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 1934.

*Florence Wilson*

FLORENCE WILSON, Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minn.  
My commission expires April 16, 1936

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

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May 18, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with  
aliases, I.O.#1219, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-59

With reference to Director's letter dated April 11, 1934,  
listing names and police numbers of individuals whose fingerprints  
were to be checked against latent prints in the case entitled above,  
fingerprints of LOUIS (LEWIS) PASTORE, Sioux City, Iowa, Police De-  
partment #3479, were obtained from the Sioux City, Iowa, Police De-  
partment and are attached hereto for the purpose set forth above.  
This individual is referred to in Division letter dated April 11,  
1934, as LEWIS PASTORE.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG, INSPECTOR.

JEB:TC

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
May 19, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID

On May 18, 1934, Mr. Aaron Kohn, an employee of the Identification Unit of the Division, stopped at the Chicago Division Office, while en route from Saint Paul, Minnesota to Washington, D. C.

Upon being advised of the nature of some of the articles removed from the apartment at the Yates Apartments, 7133 Yates Avenue, Chicago, formerly occupied by a party who has been identified as ALVIN KARPIS, but who registered there as WILLIAM B. LOHMAN, Mr. Kohn stated it would be impossible to obtain latent fingerprints properly, from these articles, particularly the bottles, without the use of the Division equipment. I, therefore, requested him to personally transport to the Division, the following articles for laboratory examination:

- 24 Beer bottles;
- 2 Small mirrors;
- 1 Bottle of honey;
- 2 Odd bottles;
- 1 Apartment Lease, from Russell Spencer Co., Agents for Yates Apartments, to WILLIAM B. LOHMAN, for Apartment No. 9-1, at 7137 Yates Ave. from January 1, 1934 to December 31, 1934;
- 2 Receipts for rent at the Yates Apartments, dated February 1 and March 2, 1934; rent received of William B. Dohman;
- 1 Statement of the Yates Apartments, to Wm. B. Lohman for rent from January to February, 1934 - same marked paid.
- 1 Bill for balance due on subscription of Mrs. W. B. Lohman, to The McCall Company magazine, dated Febr. 5, 1934;

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- 1 Subscription form of the Woman's Home Companion Reading Club of Chicago, dated February 6, 1934;
- 1 Customer's copy of an invoice of Sears-Roebuck, Chicago, to W. B. Lohman, 7137 Yates Avenue, dated January 30, 1934, in the amount of \$3.88, covering purchase of a magazine stand;
- 1 Bill of Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago, to William B. Lohman, covering service from December 15, 1933 to January 17, 1934, at 7137 South Yates Avenue;
- 1 Request for Deposit, of Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago, bearing name of Wm. B. Lohman, 7137 Yates Avenue - account number 3402-532;
- 1 Deposit Receipt of Commonwealth Edison Company, No. 537932, dated December 16, 1933, showing receipt of payment of \$5.00 from Wm. B. Lohman;
- 1 Magazine subscription statement, bearing application number 41698, showing \$.70 paid on account, to N. Kitte, Collector, on March 8;
- 1 Cleaner's tag bearing following - "N 167; 10; 1-3 pc. suit; 3 shirts (or skirts); 1 dress, belt & collar; 7 ties."
- 1 Business card of the Vincennes Tailors, 2604 East 75th Street, Chicago;
- 1 Envelope bearing typewritten name and address of "Miss Dolores Lohman, 7137 Yates Ave., Chicago";
- 1 Sheet of letter paper, containing handwritten recipes;
- 1 Sheet of letter paper, containing handwritten recipe; also various pencil drawings of faces and other characters; also, the names "Rose", "Harold"; "Carmen"; "Gorman"; and "Dolores".
- 1 Sheet of paper containing indescribable drawings;
- 1 Typewritten page, listing a number of real estate firms, and signed by Chas. A. Reagon, the manager of the Yates Apartments.

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*M. H. Purvis*  
M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

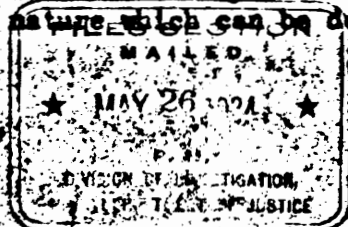
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 19, 1934 wherein you advise that Mr. Aaron Kohn, an employee of the Identification Unit of the Division, stopped at the Chicago Division Office while en route from St. Paul, Minnesota to Washington, D. C., and that upon his advice you forwarded with him a number of articles to be examined in the Division's Criminological Laboratory which had been removed from the apartment at the Yates Apartments, 7133 Yates Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, formerly occupied by a party who has been identified as Alvin Karpis.

The Division observes that you have in your office a Special Agent who has had considerable training in developing latent fingerprints and has been in the Division's Criminological Laboratory, namely, Special Agent M. Chaffetz who could treat these articles as well as they can be treated at the Division. Accordingly, it is requested that in the future you use the personnel of the Chicago Office on work of this nature which can be done equally as well there as at the Division.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.



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June 14, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

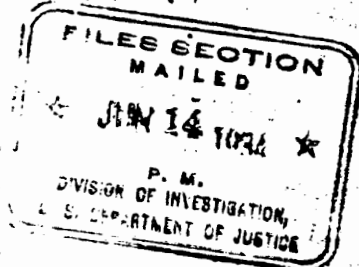
Reference is made to your letter dated May 19, 1934, wherein you listed a number of articles which were sent to the Division for Laboratory examination with Mr. Aaron Kohn, an employee of the Identification Unit of the Division. This list of articles includes a subscription form of the Women's Home Companion Reading Club of Chicago, dated February 6, 1934, and also a magazine subscription statement, bearing application #41678, showing \$.70 paid on account to H. Kittle, Collector on March 8. It is suggested that Mr. H. Kittle be located and possibly through him the present address of Dolores Lohman might be traced through a change of address furnished to the magazine for which a subscription might have been given.

A copy of the Chicago letter of reference is being furnished with a copy of this letter to Inspector Clegg for his information, it being noted that no copies were designated for the St. Paul Office, the office of origin in this case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc Inspector Clegg,  
St. Paul Office.



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 3, 1934.

MR. NATHAN.....  
MR. TOLSON.....  
MR. CLEGG.....  
MR. COWLEY.....  
MR. EDW RDS.....  
MR. EGAN.....  
MR. QUINN.....  
MR. LESLER.....  
CHIEF CLERK.....  
MR. ROBER.....

MEMORANDUM.

Mr. Clegg telephoned from St. Paul this afternoon. He mentioned the fact that Mr. Keenan telephoned the United States Attorney at St. Paul this afternoon, suggesting that they include the names of Barker and Karpis in the indictment. I told Mr. Clegg that when Mr. Keenan advised me of this action I stated that I would direct him, Mr. Clegg, to talk with the United States Attorney, and take any action which he felt to be proper. Mr. Clegg stated the problem will be to establish interstate transportation. He said that United States Attorney Sullivan at one time suggested that his office not be given any more information than necessary so that there would be no basis for our believing there was a "leak" in his office. The St. Paul Office then decided not to give the United States Attorney's office any more information than that needed to secure an indictment, and had not told Mr. Sullivan of the cap and the oil cans. Mr. Clegg stated that after Mr. Sullivan talked with Mr. Keenan today, the grand jury was adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock, which gives ample time to draw up a new indictment. He said that Bremer testified this morning, at which time he mentioned that the cans were in the car. I suggested to Mr. Clegg that he have a confidential talk with the United States Attorney and decide just what action should be taken. I told Mr. Clegg that Mr. Keenan is planning to be in Chicago Monday for the removal hearing in connection with McLaughlin.

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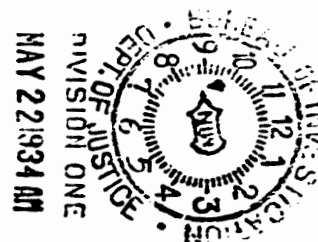
F. G. SCHERCK, CHIEF

City of Casper

PHONE 298

Casper, Wyoming

Casper, Wyoming,  
May 19th, 1934.



Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Re; Walter Elmer Meade,  
Alias "The Christ Kid"

Gentlemen:

Have an informant here who has been an underworld character for many years and his activities have covered the west coast and extended east as far as Detroit. He has in the past given me some very valuable information resulting in the conviction of several men. I have considerable confidence in him and his ability to put the finger on men of bad reputation throughout the country. He has no confidence in our Captain here who acts as finger print man and also keeps the records of our department, he absolutely refuses to give any information that will pass thru him. Of course, he is wrong in this but at times I'm unable to dictate terms with him.

Last night he came to me asking information as to Meade, wanted to if I knew whether there was a reward on the man and asked if I'd find what it would be worth to the Government and to the Bremer case to have him caught. As I said, I have considerable confidence in his being able to give us valuable information for I know that it was he who helped to get the Man in the U P Train robbery a few years back and I have three men in the pen from information I received from him. I am not informed as to the status of this man Meade but if he is really wanted I believe it would be well for you Office to have a man who is working on the case contact me as soon as possible.

I will appreciate your early reply mailed to me personally at our Department address here.

Respectfully yours,

Joseph P. Jones

Police Department,  
Casper, Wyoming.

Please have your man contact me at my home address which he can get at the station here.

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May 24, 1934

MAY 25 1934

Mr. Joseph P. Jones,  
Police Department,  
Casper, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 19, 1934, wherein you state that an informant has furnished you with information relative to one Walter Elmer Meade, alias "The Christ Kid", and further, that the informant desires information relative to any reward that may be outstanding.

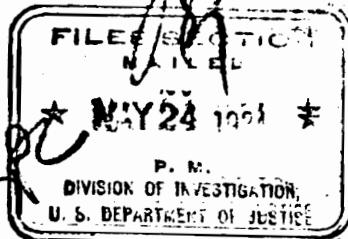
Please be advised that I have referred a copy of your letter to Mr. J. A. Dowd, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 503-a, U. S. Court House and Post Office Building, Salt Lake City, Utah, who will assign an Agent to interview you at your home address with reference to this matter.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter,

I am

Very truly yours,

Director.



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May 24, 1934

MAY 25 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
503-a, U. S. Court House and Post Office Building,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

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

Dear Sirs:

There are enclosed copies of a letter dated May 19, 1934, addressed to the Department of Justice by Joseph P. Jomen, wherein he stated that an informant has indicated that he knows the whereabouts of one Walter Elmer Heade and requested to be advised whether there was a reward outstanding for this individual.

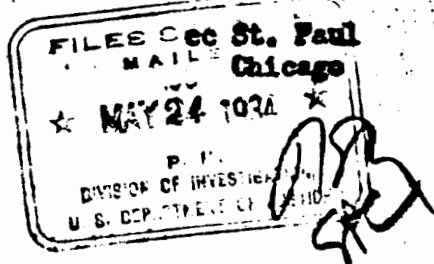
The Heade referred to in Mr. Jomen's letter is possibly identical with William Elmer Heade, who is being sought by the Division for questioning in connection with the above entitled case.

You are instructed to have an Agent interview Mr. Jomen at his home address for the purpose of further developing the information through his informant relative to the whereabouts of Heade.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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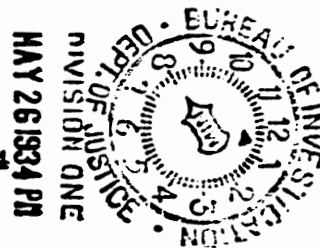


U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

May 17, 1934



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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
I.O.#1218, et al,  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter of Inspector H.H.Clegg dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, May 1, 1934, requesting Chicago office to procure a copy of the fingerprints of John Crawford, Chicago Police Department No. 4875, and to forward same to the Division to be checked against latent fingerprints in the above entitled case. Transmitted herewith are photographic copies of the fingerprints referred to, and also two photographs of John Crawford.

For your further information, according to members of the Chicago Police Headquarters, Detective Staff, John Connors, Tommy Touhy, David Earnshaw and Frisco Dutch, were at one time members of a safe cracking mob in Chicago. David Earnshaw is dead, and according to underworld gossip John Crawford was taken for a ride, shot and killed, and his body thrown into the Chicago drainage canal. This latter information, however, has not been verified by the Detective Division, and it is uncertain as to whether or not John Crawford is still alive.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis  
M.H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc St. Paul

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 1088

Laboratory Report

Case: Amarillo, Texas.

Number:

Specimens: One enlarged chart of rolled fingerprint marked "A".  
One enlarged chart of latent fingerprint marked "B".  
One set of fingerprints for Loie L. Pulliam, #3099 Pd. Amarillo, Tex.

Examination requested by: Police Dept.

Date received: May 24, 1934,

Examination requested: Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by:

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# 1079

Laboratory Report

Case: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1218: et al. Number: 7-576-1966  
Edward George Bremer - Victim

Specimens: One Remington Portable Typewriter, No. MM-34865 (forwarded from  
Chicago Division Office May 18, 1934).

Examination requested by: Chicago Division Office.

Date received: May 22, 1934 (cover letter)

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by:

*64. Typewriter, not same as  
Vrochul 7-115  
7-482  
7-413  
7-575  
7-449  
7-281/Elite  
7-460*

*Bremer case & Hamman used  
Crona*

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
May 18, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:-

There is being forwarded to the Division today, under separate cover, a Remington Portable Typewriter, No. NM-34865, which was purchased from the Remington Typewriter Company, Chicago, Illinois and found in the apartment of ROY GRAY, alias "SLIM" GRAY, 626 Waveland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

It is suggested that same be examined for fingerprints and that the type be compared with samples of typewriting in various kidnaping cases at present being investigated by the Division, particularly in the instant matter.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

May 16, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

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

There is enclosed herewith a one dollar bill which was recently taken by the Sheriff at Charlevoix, Michigan, from the mail of Charles Renaud, alias William Bond Forsyth, Jr., who is in custody of the above Sheriff on a State charge of forgery. This bill was enclosed in a letter written by Mrs. Edna M. Forsyth, alleged foster mother of the above individual, 2975 South Michigan Avenue. Both Renaud and Mrs. Forsyth were recently interviewed by an agent of this office at Charlevoix, Michigan, in connection with the investigation being conducted in instant case. The above referred to dollar bill was forwarded to this office by Prosecuting Attorney A. J. McDougall of Gaylord, Michigan, by letter dated May 7, 1934. Mr. McDougall, in his letter, stated that the above bill has the appearance of having been saturated in some solution and he requested that the Division make an analysis of same.

It is therefore requested that the above referred to bill be turned over to the Crime Laboratory of the Division for analysis, and that when same has served its purpose it be returned to this office for transmittal to Mr. McDougall.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis  
M. H. PURVIS, per vrb.  
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1218, et al. Number: 7-576-1967  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.

Specimens: 1 one dollar bill #D05134520B.

Examination requested by: Chicago Division Office.

Date received: May 24, 1934.

Examination requested: Chemical Analysis.

Result of examination:

Examination by: 4/5

No evidence of secret marking -  
checked by U.V. lamp or by heating.  
No evidence of have been heated  
with solution  
Bill to be returned to Chicago office

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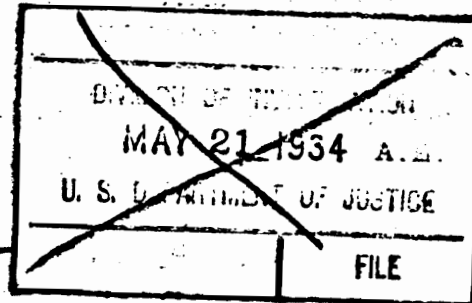
May 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

With reference to the McLaughlin case at Chicago, I have just been advised that Federal Judge Sullivan this morning postponed until May 21, 1934, 10:00 a.m., the hearing on writ of habeas corpus for the defendants McLaughlin, Senior, McLaughlin, Junior, Delaney and Vidler, to permit filing a petition of certiorari by defense attorneys for the purpose of examining records of the United States Commissioner in this case.

Respectfully,

Director.



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May 17, 1934.

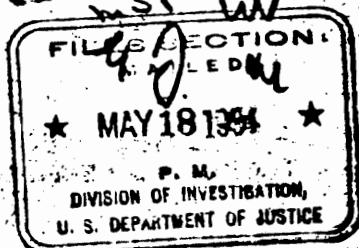
MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY

I am attaching hereto, as of possible interest to you, a copy of a memorandum which I have just addressed to the Attorney General, giving the latest developments in the McLaughlin case at Chicago.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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WILLIAM J. HUGHES, JR.  
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EUGENE B. SULLIVAN  
JAMES F. REILLY  
JAMES A. McDONNELL

WILLIAM E. LEAHY  
LAW OFFICES  
INVESTMENT BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 20, 1933.

Judge Arthur Wood,  
Parole Board,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Judge Wood:

I have been requested to look into the case of Lloyd Barker, who is now confined in the Federal Prison, Leavenworth, Kansas. I understand that the Parole Board recently heard his case and set the date for release July 19, 1934.

His father is very anxious to effect his release and I would appreciate it if you would advise me what possibilities there are of a commutation or a rehearing by the Parole Board with a view of effecting his release before the date already set.

Very truly yours,

*E. M. Toland*

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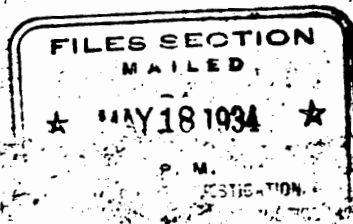
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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

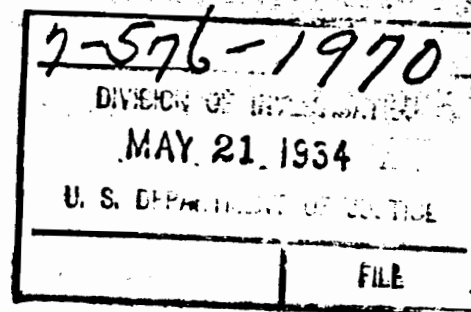
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Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director,



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

April 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Purvis advised me by telephone today that John McLaughlin had been arrested and was still being held at the place so that a search could be made. He stated they had been trying for several hours to have a warrant issued, but the United States Attorney was slow in taking the proper action. I then talked to Mr. Nathan. He stated McLaughlin was located at his home at approximately ten o'clock this morning, and left four Agents there to see that McLaughlin is kept incommunicado. He, Mr. Nathan, and Mr. Waters returned to the office at eleven o'clock, and Mr. Waters immediately proceeded to the office of the United States Attorney to try to draw up a complaint and a warrant. The United States Attorney's office first wanted a copy of the complaint that was being drawn up in St. Paul, which Mr. Nathan felt would not have been necessary. St. Paul submitted the complaint to the Chicago Office over the tele-type, and all the information needed had been furnished the United States Attorney. I suggested to Mr. Nathan that he call Mr. Green, the United States Attorney, and indicate that if prompt action were not taken it would be necessary to take the matter up with the Department, advising Mr. Green that he, Mr. Nathan, had received such instructions from me.

Edward H. Tamm

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

May 14, 1934

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Director's letter, dated May 4, 1934, asking that Inspector W.A. Rorer be released from duty at St. Paul at the earliest possible moment so that he can proceed to Nashville, Tennessee, for the purpose of opening an office there.

Arrangements were immediately perfected whereby Mr. Rorer might depart for Washington on Saturday evening, May 12, 1934. However, due to an emergency which arose at Madison, Wisconsin, which called for my presence there and intervening emergency in the Northern part of Minnesota, which required Mr. Rorer to be present in that section for a period of three or four days, his departure has been necessarily delayed and it is now planned that he complete the summarization of the evidence in the BREMER kidnapping case and it is believed that he will be able to depart from here on the night of Tuesday, May 15, 1934, for Washington.

Mr. Rorer's preparation of this brief, in the few days' time that is necessary, will save perhaps several weeks' time on the part of others in the office who have not been in position to observe the developments of the BREMER case as closely as Mr. Rorer, and I have assigned to assist him Special Agent D.L. Nicholson whose services will tend to expedite the completion of this report.

Very truly yours,

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H.H. CLEGG, INSPECTOR

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P. O. Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.  
April 21, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
I. O. 1218, et al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping.

Clarence Hurt, Assistant Chief of Police, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, called at the office this afternoon and stated that one Bobby Thompson, former ex-convict, now said to be "going straight" and operating the Oriental Drug Company, 10th and Robinson, Oklahoma City, returned from a recent trip to Kansas City and reports that Russell Gibson, alias "Rusty" Gibson (I. O. #1216) and James M. (Cowboy) Hayes were said there to have been implicated in the Bremer kidnaping. Russell Gibson is said to be a member of Johnny Laxie's mob. "Cowboy" Hayes is also well known in Kansas City and said to have been formerly an undertaker there. Mr. Hurt stated that the Kansas City office, he felt quite certain, possessed the full criminal record and other data concerning these men. For that reason no data is included herein.

The above information is being forwarded to the St. Paul and Kansas City offices for whatever value it may possess.

Very truly yours,

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Earle M. Black, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Kansas City  
cc-Division.

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May 8, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the examination being conducted in the Division laboratory in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1218, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

The latent fingerprints in this case have been compared with the finger impressions of William E. Meade, our file #291926, William Vidler, #8729 SP Joliet, Illinois, Harry Fitzharris, our file #775740, Mrs. Harry Fitzharris, alias Margaret Reilly, our file #20360, Patrick Fraire, our file #677543, James W. Hayes, our file #164126, and Russell Gibson, I. O. #1213, with negative results.

It is noted that the letter addressed to Mr. Rorer from the Oklahoma City office dated April 21, 1934, refers to one Russell Gibson, I. O. #1213. This identification order is assigned in the Division to one Percy Geary, but unless otherwise advised by your office it is being assumed that Geary has no connection with the instant matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc: Kansas City.  
 Oklahoma City.



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Bureau of Investigation

735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

May 21, 1934.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Identification Order #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases.  
Identification Order #1219.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Concerning your letter dated May 17, 1934, transmitting photostat copies of a chart prepared at the Division with respect to the cars which have been in the possession of members of the so-called Karpis Barker gang, will you kindly inform whether it will be possible and advisable, in your opinion, to furnish four additional copies of this chart for transmittal, one each to the Delaware State Police, the Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania Highway Patrol, and the Philadelphia local police department?

In the event you authorize the distribution of these charts to the aforementioned agencies, please advise whether it would be proper to inform that they are members of the Karpis Barker gang.

Very truly yours,

R. G. HARVEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division with respect to cars used  
by Karpis Barker gang



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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

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

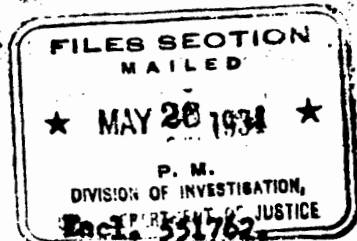
In reply to your letter dated May 21, 1934, request-  
ing permission to furnish four copies of the photostatic  
chart prepared at the Division with respect to the cars  
which have been in the possession of members of the so-called  
Barker Karpis gang, to be distributed one each to the Delaware  
State Police, the Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania  
Highway Patrol, and the Philadelphia Police Department, please  
be advised that the Division has no objection to furnishing  
these agencies with a copy of this chart. In furnishing a copy  
of this chart to each of the investigative agencies above named  
it is suggested that they be advised that the cars described in  
the chart are possibly in the possession of members of the Barker  
Karpis gang, and that every precaution should be exercised in  
questioning the occupants of the cars should they be located  
in your district.

It is further suggested that arrangements be perfected  
whereby you will be promptly notified should any of the cars be  
located in order that representatives of the Division may assist  
in bringing about the apprehension of the suspects in the above  
entitled case.

There are enclosed herewith four copies of the chart  
referred to above.

Very truly yours,

Director.



cc Mr. E. H. Clegg.  
St. Paul

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FROM

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

TO

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Mr. Nathan	.....	( )
Mr. Tolson	.....	( )
Mr. Clegg	.....	( )
Mr. Appel	.....	( )
Mr. Baughman	.....	( )
Mr. Coffey	.....	( )
Mr. Cowley	.....	( )
Mr. Edwards	.....	( )
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Mr. Lester	.....	( )
Mr. Glavin	.....	( )
Mr. Quinn	.....	( )
Mr. Rorer	.....	( )
Inspector	.....	( )
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Secretary	.....	( )

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*MR.* \_\_\_\_\_

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

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May 2, 1934.

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MR. NATHAN...  
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MR. COWLEY...  
MR. EDWARDS...  
MR. EGAN...  
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MR. LESTER...  
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MR. ROBER...

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Reference is made to newspaper articles referring to one William E. Meade as a suspect in the Bremer kidnaping case. Under date of January 27, 1934, the Chicago Division office addressed a letter to the St. Paul office advising that on that date Lieutenant Edward J. Kelly of the Confidence Men Detail of the Chicago Police Department had furnished information to the effect that on January 26, 1934, an individual came into the Chicago Police Department and while waiting to see Lieutenant Kelly proceeded to look through an album of pictures of confidence men which is available in Lieutenant Kelly's office. This individual, at first, would not give his name, business, or reason as to why he was looking through the album. After considerable questioning by Lieutenant Kelly, he advised that he had lost \$200,000.00 to a confidence man and that he was endeavoring to identify this individual. This man later advised Lieutenant Kelly that his name was Martin Wunderlich, 530 Desnoyer Street, St. Paul, Minnesota; that he was a road contractor having built roads throughout the United States. Wunderlich had evidently met the confidence man in St. Louis, Missouri, where he got him interested in betting on horse races and as a result of his placing bets for him, he at first won \$370,000.00 but did not receive this money until he could put up an amount of money showing that he, Wunderlich, could have paid in the event he had lost; that he approached Edward Bremer who loaned him \$200,000.00, \$100,000.00 having been taken from a safety deposit box. The result of this transaction was that Wunderlich lost \$200,000.00 to the confidence man.

Wunderlich advised Lieutenant Kelly that he had looked over the pictures of confidence men at the St. Paul Police Department and had identified one of the men; that Tom Brown of the Detective Bureau of the St. Paul Police Department would know who the individual was who had been identified. Wunderlich identified from the photographs exhibited to him by Lieutenant Kelly, the photograph of one William E. Meade, Chicago Police Department group picture No. 5647, who was arrested at 2970 Sheridan Road on August 10, 1933, as a fugitive from Lima, Ohio. This individual was returned to Lima and later jumped a \$30,000.00 bond.

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had requested him to keep this information confidential inasmuch as he did not want his bonding company to know that he had been engaged in betting on horse races.

Inspector Rorer in his report dated February 20, 1934, stated that Bremer advised that Wunderlich borrowed \$100,000.00 and not \$200,000.00 from him and that he gave as security a \$100,000.00 Liberty bond and subsequently paid off his indebtedness. Bremer further stated that Wunderlich came to him on the 4th of July, two or three years ago and told him that on the day previous he had visited the Plantation Night Club at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, with a woman who is not his wife and had lost \$6,000.00 gambling; that he had given an I. O. U. and asked Bremer what to do about it. Bremer stated that on that occasion he arranged with the owner of the Plantation Night Club to settle Wunderlich's indebtedness for either \$1,000.00 or \$2,000.00 and claims that in connection with the \$200,000.00 loan to Wunderlich, Wunderlich came to him advising that he needed \$200,000.00 in order to obtain road contracts in the State of Kentucky; that Wunderlich, at that time, had on deposit a little more than \$100,000.00 and he, Bremer, loaned him \$200,000.00 in currency at which time, Wunderlich secured the debt with certificates of deposit in something over \$100,000.00 and subsequently sold Liberty bonds in excess of \$100,000.00 and in that manner paid off the debt. Bremer, when being questioned relative to this transaction advised Inspector Rorer that he would not welcome an investigation of this loan. He was told that the Division would of necessity investigate this loan in order to clear up the matter, whereupon, Bremer stated that he would cooperate with the Agents. Bremer suggested that Wunderlich be interviewed relative to this matter. Bremer explained that the loan to Wunderlich was made shortly after the bank holiday and that the money used was money belonging to the brewery which, due to the bank holiday, had been placed in a safety deposit box.

Respectfully,

*Made is wanted etc.*

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

MEMORANDUM

On January 17, 1934, Edward G. Bremer, President of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota was kidnaped between 8:15 and 8:45 A.M., immediately after he had driven his daughter to the Summit School. He was taken to a hide-out where he was held until February 7, 1934, when he was released near Rochester, Minnesota after the payment of \$200,000 in ransom money by Walter McGee, who was named by Bremer as the contact man.

In effecting the payment of ransom the kidnapers used three flashlights as signals and Alvin Karpis has since been identified as the purchaser of three such flashlights by a clerk in a St. Paul department store during the time Bremer was held.

Although the place where Bremer was held has not yet been identified, he advised that the car in which he was returned contained a number of gasoline cans used for the purpose of refilling the gasoline tank. He stated that at a point about half way between the place where he was held and Rochester, Minnesota, the kidnapers stopped and filled the gasoline tank with gasoline from these cans. Four gasoline cans, similar to those described by Bremer, were located shortly after Bremer's release at a point about seven miles northwest of Portage, Wisconsin. These cans were forwarded to the Division at Washington and examined for fingerprints which resulted in locating a latent print found to be identical with a fingerprint of Arthur R. Barker, a known associate of Alvin Karpis. Since these identifications were made the Division has prepared and furnished to each of its field offices a detailed memorandum setting forth the modus operandi of the so-called Barker-Karpis gang, which includes, in addition to the two above named, Fred Barker, Volney Davis and Harry Campbell. These individuals are known to be desperate criminals. Arthur Barker was paroled from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma on September 10, 1932, where he was under sentence of life for the crime of murder. Volney Davis was also serving a life sentence at the same institution for the crime of murder and was granted leave of absence November 3, 1932, which leave of absence was extended on June 30, 1932 to July 1, 1934. Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis are wanted by the Sheriff's Office at West Plains, Missouri for the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelly, during December, 1931.

There is in the possession of each Special Agent of the Division a strip of photographs bearing the likeness and description

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of each of the above five named individuals, and each Agent is on the alert to locate and cause the apprehension of these individuals.

Edward G. Bremer has furnished representatives of the Division with information respecting the sounds heard by him during the time he was held captive as well as the description, as nearly as he can recall, of the place wherein he was held. Acting upon the limited information furnished by Bremer, Special Agents of the Division are making every effort to locate the house wherein he was held.

From a description of the wallpaper furnished by Bremer, there has been located a paper, exclusively manufactured for the Sears Roebuck Company, which has been positively identified as being identical with the paper covering the walls of the room wherein he was held.

The car designated by the kidnapers to be used by Walter McGee in making the ransom payment, bore counterfeit emblems of the Shell Oil Company on its sides. An effort is being made to trace the source of the metal used in preparing these emblems with a view to identifying the person who prepared the same. The goggles which were used as a blindfold on Bremer have been recovered and it is possible that these goggles will be traced to the kidnapers. An effort is being made to trace certain articles of clothing which were purchased and given Bremer by the kidnapers.

Prior to the payment of the ransom, a list of all serial numbers of the money used in the payment was obtained. Printed copies of this list have been made by the Division and distributed to all banks in the United States. As a result of this distribution, the officials of the Uptown State Bank, at Chicago, Illinois, on April 23, 1934, notified the Chicago Office of the Division that an individual had that day presented \$900, consisting of currency, which had been identified as part of the Bremer ransom money. A circular letter was immediately forwarded to all banks in Chicago calling attention to the list of ransom previously furnished each bank, with the request that the Chicago Division Office be immediately advised in the event an attempt was made to exchange this money.

On April 26, 1934 representatives of the City National Bank and Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois, reported that an individual had exchanged some of the Bremer ransom money, and that this individual was later identified as William E. Vidler, who frequents a certain address of questionable reputation. As a result of the information furnished



by the officials of this bank, Vidler was taken into custody and there was found on his person \$3,185.00, \$2,625 of which was identified as a part of the Bremer ransom money. Upon being questioned, Vidler advised that he had obtained the money from one John J. McLaughlin, Sr., known to him as "Boss" McLaughlin. On April 28, 1934, McLaughlin was taken into custody and at first stated that he knew nothing concerning the Bremer case, but when advised that his son, Jack McLaughlin, had also been taken into custody, confessed to representatives of the Division his participation in the exchanging of Bremer ransom money at various Chicago banks, assisted by William E. Vidler and Philip J. Delaney.

When John J. McLaughlin, Jr. was taken into custody he denied that he was in possession of any money, but there was located in his hat band a sum of \$300.00, including \$85.00 identified as part of the Bremer ransom money.

John J. McLaughlin, Sr., in confessing his part in the Bremer case, stated that he first negotiated with one Frankie Wright in the lobby of the Sherman Hotel and was later introduced by Wright to individuals known as "Izzy" and "Slim"; that he agreed to exchange the money on a 5% cut basis and understood from information furnished by "Izzy" and "Slim" that the first \$100,000 to be exchanged was the "Hamm" ransom money paid by William F. Hamm of St. Paul to effect his release from a gang of kidnapers, and that \$200,000 paid by Edward G. Bremer would be forthcoming later. None of the Hamm money has been located, however. When William E. Vidler and Philip J. Delaney were taken into custody by Special Agents of the Division, they admitted in signed statements exchanging \$32,000 and \$24,000, respectively, of the ransom money for John J. McLaughlin, Sr.

Based upon the above information, there was returned at St. Paul, Minnesota, on May 4, 1934, a secret indictment charging Arthur R. Barker, Alvin Karpis, John J. McLaughlin, Sr., John J. McLaughlin, Jr., William E. Vidler, Philip J. Delaney, "Slim", "Izzy", Frankie Wright, John Doe and Richard Roe with violation of the Federal Kidnaping Statute dated June 22, 1932.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

MR. NATHAN  
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I telephoned Agent in Charge Purvis at Chicago this morning, and advised him I had been advised by a local representative of a Chicago paper that he had received a telegram from his Chicago office stating that Federal Agents in Chicago yesterday arrested a man and has garnered \$3,000 of the Bremer ransom money. I told him that the Chicago correspondent requested confirmation of this story. Mr. Purvis stated he had no idea how this information had reached the press. He stated Mr. Nathan received an inquiry from the Associated Press this morning, they having received the information from St. Paul. Mr. Purvis felt the story would break today anyway, inasmuch as Mr. Nathan, with several of the Agents, had gone out to pick up McLaughlin, a West Side political man, who is under indictment in connection with a mail robbery. Videler had given the information that he received the Bremer ransom money from McLaughlin. A warrant was in process at the time, but the United States Attorney had suggested that they go on out to take McLaughlin into custody. They were trying to do this secretly. I told Mr. Purvis that when the story does break, I desire that he indicate exactly what the situation is, namely, that the arrests have been made, and that the persons arrested had some connection with the passing of the money in the Bremer case. I suggested that he not call the newspaper representatives in to give them the story, but just to give a brief statement upon inquiries. Mr. Purvis was reluctant to give out the information, but indicated he felt it would probably be better for the story to be given out at Washington, in view of the apparent feeling against him on the part of Chicago newspapers. In this connection he stated that his photograph was carried in yesterday's Chicago American, with an article mentioning only his "bad breaks". He stated that there is also an unfavorable editorial in the same paper concerning him, Mr. Purvis.

After talking to Mr. Purvis I telephoned Mr. Connor, of the Chicago Daily News, who had advised me of this flash, and stated that we had no comment to make, but suggested that Mr. Purvis would probably give out a statement in Chicago some time today.

Mr. Gates also telephoned to state he had received inquiries from both the Associated Press and United Press concerning this matter. I told him he might state that we are investigating the matter but that we have no comment to make.

I later telephoned Mr. Purvis to advise him of the telephone call received from a Chicago newspaper by Mr. Carusi, stating that an Agent of the Division at St. Paul had informed them that the Bremer money had been recovered, and that Mr. Purvis would give no information. I told him of the statement which I gave Mr. Carusi to the effect that he, Mr. Purvis, was acting upon specific

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instructions from Washington not to make any statement concerning this case at the present moment. Mr. Purvis stated he had just given out a statement that Videler was arrested yesterday, and that \$3185 was found on his person; that he had a previous record at Joliet; and that \$2685 was identified as Bremer kidnaping money.

Upon my inquiry, Mr. Purvis stated that the Chicago newspapers which have been particularly hostile toward him are the Chicago American, a Hearst paper; the Chicago Examiner, a Hearst paper also, though run by a separate organization; the Chicago Tribune, which is run by the McCormicks; and the Chicago Times. He stated the Chicago Daily News is also slightly assuming a hostile attitude, though not as much so as the other papers mentioned.

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BREKID NO DISCLOSURES HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS BY THE CHICAGO OFFICE REGARDING THE BREMER OR DILLINGER HIDEOUTS. NEWSPAPER REPORTS HIDEOUT LOCATED BY AGENTS THIS ~~DIVISION~~ DIVISION NEAR CUBA CITY WISCONSIN AND NEAR GALENA ILLINOIS. INVESTIGATION ALREADY MADE AT GALENA ILLINOIS DID NOT DISCLOSE HIDEOUT. HOWEVER FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING MADE AND WILL REPORT RESULTS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

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FURTHER REFERENCE MY TELETYPE TODAY CONCERNING NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT DILLINGER AND BREMER HIDEOUT WAS LOCATED AT CUBA CITY WISCONSIN. WHEN CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION AT GALENA ILLINOIS AND JENKINSVILLE WISCONSIN SPECIAL AGENT GLYNN WAS ASSISTED BY THE SHERIFF AT GALENA. THE SHERIFF ADMITTED TO GLYNN THIS AFTERNOON THAT HE HAD TOLD MR ROBERT MCKEAG, WHO REPRESENTS THE DUBUQUE TELEGRAPH AND ALSO A ROCKFORD ILLINOIS NEWSPAPER, OF THE INVESTIGATION WHICH WAS CONDUCTED OVER THERE. THE INVESTIGATION DID NOT SHOW ANY RESULTS. MCKEAG DOES THE FINGERPRINT WORK AND PHOTOGRAPHIC WORK FOR THE SHERIFF AND IS ALSO A DISTRICT MANAGER OF THE CWA. THE MINE WHICH IS MENTIONED IN THE PRESS WAS LOCATED AT JANKINSVILLE WISCONSIN WHICH IS THREE MILES NORTH OF CUBA CITY. NO INFORMATION WAS RELEASED BY THIS OFFICE AND THE STORY APPEARS TO BE FALSE ENTIRELY

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REFER TO RECENT LETTER MAY THIRD SHOWING BESSIE GREEN STATED THAT  
BIG HOMER AND "DUTCH" WERE MEMBERS OF BARKER-KARPIS GANG AND WERE  
PROBABLY AFFILIATED WITH THEM AT TIME OF BREMER KIDNAPPING

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MUCH HEAVIER PROBABLY WEIGHING OVER 200 POUNDS SEND TEN ENLARGED PHOTO  
PHOTOGRAPHS OF THIS SUSPECT FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES ALSO SEND

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TEN ENLARGED PHOTOS OF BILL WEAVER ALREADY IDENTIFIED AS A SUSPECT A  
AND MEMBER OF BARKER-KARPIS GANG RUN BOTH THESE INDIVIDUALS PRINTS  
AS WELL AS PAT REILLYS PRINTS THROUGH SINGLE FINGER PRINT FILE

BESSIE GREEN KNOWS "DUTCH" AND "BIG HOMER" ALIAS "THE BIG BOY" WELL  
HAS BEEN OUT ON PARTIES WITH THEM BUT SHE DOES NOT KNOW "BIG HOMERS"

NAME HE IS DESCRIBED BY HER AS FOLLOWS PLEASE TRY  
NUMBERING MACHINE ON DESCRIPTIONS AS SEND PHOTOS OF PROBABILITIES

HEIGHT REAL TALL OVER SIX FEET WT OVER 200

COMPLEXION LIGHT FAIR HAIR LIGHT BROWN ALMOST BROWN MARRIED  
HAS SON SEVEN OR EIGHT YRS OF AGE IS FRIEND OF HARRY MILLER NOW A  
RESIDENT OF ST PAUL WHOSE PHOTO BEARS NUMBER 29955

PROBABLY LEAVENWORTH NUMBER AN ALIAS OF MILLER IS HARRY MOORE

HE IS XXXXXXXXX "BIG HOMER" IS ABOUT RT XX 4010 RT XX 45  
D.V.SON OF INVESTIGATION  
AND IS ALSO FRIEND OF JACK  
PFEIFFER OF TWIN CITIES  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 19, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

On the evening of May 14, 1934, after receipt of a teletype from Inspector Clegg wherein it was requested to advise the name of the fingerprint expert at the Division who could testify in the development and identification of latent fingerprints found on a gasoline can, and also the Police Department from which the fingerprint card was received in making the identification, I talked with Inspector Clegg after his conversation with Mr. Quinn, and advised him that Aaron Cohen, Technical Expert of the Identification Unit, who was then in St. Paul, had made the identification of the latent fingerprints on the gasoline can, and that Mr. J. C. Duncan is indicated on the fingerprint cards as the individual who took the fingerprints of Arthur R. Barker, No. 11059 and No. 11906, both fingerprint cards submitted by the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma on January 30, 1921 and February 10, 1922, respectively.

Inspector Clegg amplified his teletype request by requesting the name of the photographer who took the photograph of Alvin Karpis, which photograph had been identified by a clerk at St. Paul as resembling an individual to whom she had sold the flash lights. I told Mr. Clegg that I would obtain this information and have it furnished him immediately. A wire was accordingly sent to the Kansas City Office to ascertain the name of the photographer who had taken the photograph of Karpis at the Kansas State Penitentiary and furnish the information to Inspector Clegg.

All of the above information was confirmed by teletype and telegram on May 14, 1934.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby.

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MIDDLETON STATES THAT HE CAN SECURE INFORMATION AS TO LOCATION OF  
KARPIS AND BARKER I DO NOT KNOW THAT HE IS EMPLOYED BY ATTORNEY  
FURLONG BUT AM CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE THIS THIS  
INFORMANT IS VERY DEAF AND I HAVE SOME DOUBTS AS TO HIS HAVING  
OVERHEARD ANY CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE SOCALLED NELLIE AND THE  
KIDNAPING GANG BUT I BELIEVE WE SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO DETERMINE WHAT  
HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO LEARN AS TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF THIS OUTFIT

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT

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OF THREE DAYS TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE CAN PRODUCE INFORMATION

CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS OF BARKER AND KARPIS. KEEP THE DIVISION

ADVISED AS TO HIS ACTIVITIES.

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REN:RD

May 21, 1934

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

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

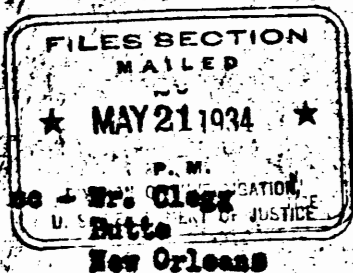
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated May 18, 1934 with which was transmitted copies of a full-length photograph of William Elmer Head, #5647, taken by the Chicago, Illinois Police Department, together with an abstract of the criminal record as reflected by the files of the Identification Unit of the Division.

It appears that this individual is suspected of having perpetrated a fraud against Martin Wunderlich of St. Paul. The Division desires that this matter be thoroughly investigated, and therefore, the offices receiving copies of this letter should make every effort to locate Head and thoroughly question him concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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MR. RORER.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In connection with the teletypewriter message from Chicago advising that the United States Marshal had been requested by Judge Sullivan to postpone the removal of McLaughlin, Jr. to St. Paul until tomorrow noon, affording him an opportunity to make bond, I talked with Mr. Waters in Chicago, who advised that McLaughlin had already been released on a \$5,000 bond, approved by Judge Sullivan at Chicago, that the First Assistant United States Attorney in Chicago, who was handling the matter, had endeavored to have the amount of the bond increased but without success, and that it was within the jurisdiction of the Judge in Chicago to release McLaughlin on bond for his appearance in St. Paul.

Respectfully,

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

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May 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

McLaughlin and others, charged with conspiracy to kidnap Edward Bremer, and previously ordered by United States Commissioner Walker removed to St. Paul, filed a petition for habeas corpus before the United States District Court, which was today overruled.

They were given until two o'clock this afternoon to file the necessary papers for appeal.

In the event that they do so, I have instructed the United States Attorney at Chicago to take proper steps to urge vigorously that the amount of bail be raised in accordance with that originally fixed before its reduction by the United States Commissioner.

*Joseph B. Keenan*  
JOSEPH B. KEENAN,  
Assistant Attorney General.

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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

May 17, 1934

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with  
aliases, et al  
EDWARD G. BREMER,  
Victim - KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 23, 1934,  
requesting that this office endeavor to secure photograph  
and fingerprints of Jew Eddie and Red McLaughlin.

A search of the records at the Chicago Police Department  
through their arrest records, Vagrancy Bureau records, and the  
Bureau of Identification, failed to disclose any record on  
Jew Eddie.

Information was secured at the Detective Division that there was  
a Chicago hoodlum, known as Red McLaughlin, but that this  
McLaughlin has been dead for several years. He is therefore  
probably not identical with Red McLaughlin mentioned in your  
letter, and in the report of Agent K.R. McIntire, dated at Chicago,  
Illinois, February 21, 1934.

Very truly yours,

M.H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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Suite 1,  
Federal Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
May 20, 1934.

Mr. E. E. Clegg,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, IO 1212,  
ET AL  
GEORGE EDWARD BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Under date of May 14, 1934, a telegram was received from the Division instructing this office to advise you as to the name and address of the individual who had photographed Alvin Karpis, Kansas State Penitentiary No. 1539.

Immediate telephonic communication was had with Mr. Wilson, Record Clerk of the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, and he advised that at the time the above mentioned photograph had been taken, which was on May 19, 1930, photographs of inmates were being taken by one of the convicts; further advising that it would be impossible for him to check his records that night, May 14, 1934, but he would advise the following day.

The following day, Mr. R. D. Payne of the State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, called at the Kansas City office and advised that the photograph in question of Karpis had been taken by one Fred Jackson, who at the time, had been incarcerated under No. 8394 on a charge of burglary. Payne further stated that his information was to the effect that Fred Jackson was presently incarcerated in the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, under Register No. 38106.

Telephonic communication was had with E. E. Gaines, Assistant to the Deputy Warden, State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, and he permitted convict Fred Jackson to speak over the telephone with Special Agent E. C. Spar, Jackson who is presently incarcerated at Jefferson City under the above

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register number, having been received on January 18, 1931, under a sentence of from 10 to 21 years for robbery, which has later been reduced to from 5 to 10 years, stated that he was the official photographer of the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, during May, 1930; further stating that he has examined the photograph of Alvin Karpis, Kansas Penitentiary No. 1539, which appears upon Identification Order No. 1218, but he could not definitely recall any details of having taken that picture. His only statement in this regard would be to the effect that he took all photographs of inmates at that time and as a register number was assigned for an inmate, the register numbers were listed on a pad of paper and as the photographs were taken Jackson in his own handwriting would set out the name of the inmate after the appropriate register number on this pad of paper. Jackson, of course, could not state whether these pads of paper with his original handwriting notes thereon are maintained as a permanent record at the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas. In the event this point becomes necessary to determine in the future, please advise this office and further inquiries will be made at the Lansing Penitentiary in an endeavor to locate Jackson's original record. Jackson advised that he made no distinguishing mark upon the negative of the photograph by which he might identify the same.

Believing that you might desire someone other than a convict to verify and identify a photograph of Karpis as having been taken by a particular individual, inquiries were made at the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department relative the individual who took the standing photograph of Alvin Karpis, Kansas City, Mo., Police Department No. 17902. It was ascertained that this photograph of Karpis, copies of which were furnished you with your copy of a letter from the Division to the St. Louis office dated May 1, 1934, had been taken by one L. B. Jones, who at the time was employed as the official photographer of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, but was now said to be employed by the Katz Drug Company at 1130 Walnut Street and residing at 815 Ryandotte, Kansas City, Mo.

The substance of the above information was furnished by telegram to you on May 15, 1934.

Subsequent to the above, Mr. Lewis D. Jones, above named, appeared at the Kansas City Division office, pursuant



to telephonic request, and upon examining the photograph of Karpis advised that he recalled having taken that original photograph. Mr. Jones stated that he is no longer employed by the Katz Drug Company, nor does he reside at the address given on Wyandotte, as apparently he has had difficulty with his wife and has left and now has a private business in Suite 327, 818 Wyandotte, Kansas City, Missouri, his telephone number there being Harrison 1928. In the event his location is desired and it cannot be obtained at that address, he suggested that he could be located through his brother, Frank Jones of the Goldblatt Tool Company, 1222 Walnut Street, Telephone Number Harrison 3648.

Jones remarked that he recalled definitely two characteristics of Karpis, one of which was that he was continually pushing out his chin and drawing his neck upward as if his collar was too tight, or as if he had some ailment with his throat. The other peculiarity was that he would continually rub his right thumb on his index finger of his right hand.

During the conversation with Mr. Jones, it was explained that it might be necessary at some later date to use him before a Federal Court or Grand Jury to identify the photograph of Karpis, which he had taken, and he indicated that he would be glad to cooperate in this respect.

Very truly yours,

E. L. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

K.C. NO. 8-15-1934

H H CLEGG  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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ST PAUL MINNESOTA

BREKID ALVIN KARPIS KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY NUMBER FIFTEEN THREE NINE  
PHOTOGRAPHED BY FRED JACKSON MAY NINETEEN THIRTY INMATE OF KANSAS STATE

PENITENTIARY JACKSON PRESENTLY CONVICT NUMBER THREE EIGHT TEN SIX STATE  
PENITENTIARY JEFFERSON CITY MISSOURI STOP PHOTOGRAPH ALVIN KARPIS KANSAS

CITY MISSOURI POLICE DEPARTMENT NUMBER SEVENTEEN NINETY TWO FURNISHED WITH  
DIVISION LETTER ST. LOUIS MAY FIRST LAST TAKEN BY L D JONES FORMERLY KANSAS CITY

MISSOURI POLICE OFFICER NOW EMPLOYED KATZ DRUG COMPANY ELEVEN THIRTY WALNUT  
RESIDENCE EIGHT FIFTEEN WYANDOTTE KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

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

Mr. Hugh Clegg,  
Division of Investigation  
P. O. Box 518,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of April 25, 1934, regarding the above matter, and particularly with reference to the locating of Myrtle Eaton.

The mail cover here has produced information as to the address of the letters received and all local inquiries have been made.

The mail cover here has produced information as to the address of the letters received and all local inquiries have been made. Investigation of this address 2315 West 27th Street, reveals that the Mrs. Phasant is the mother of a former police officer of Des Moines, Ia. who was killed several years ago in an accident. I located this officers wife Mrs. Mariel Sheppard, 2708 East Grand Ave. and finding her to be a responsible person, I have had her drop out to see her former mother-in-law and to incidentally talk with Ruby Jones whom she has known for a number of years. Ruby Jones talked rather confidentially with Mrs. Sheppard and stated that she was terribly worried about her sister, Myrtle. Mrs. Sheppard advised me today that for some time she has been talking about making a trip to St. Paul, and had occasion to ask Ruby where her sister lived, and she gave the address 565 Portland Ave. St. Paul, Minn. Apartment #104, which I noticed is the address you already have. Further conversation brought out the fact that Myrtle has a boy friend Bill (apparently Bill Weaver) who comes into see her off an end, and that she was apparently going to see Bill in the next few days. Ruby stated that she wished Mert would stay away from that fellow.

It was further learned that Ruby Jones' full name is Ruby Hubbard Peterson Jones and that she and her husband Dick Jones used to live on a farm on the edge of town, but as he would not work she moved back to town and is now working at Lederer Straus & Co, 305 Court St, Des Moines. While Dick Jones her husband has been away for quite awhile, he is at present back living with his wife. Dick Jones is described as age 28, height 5-8, weight 145-50, very thin, grey bendy eyes, black hair, shifty looking, and limps with left foot.

Ruby Jones shortly after the first of May was operated on at the University Hospital at Iowa City, Ia. and was very ill. There was some indication that she wanted to get in touch with her sister but could not find her, so had her Aunt Mrs. D. Sommers at her bedside.

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is a barber in the Florentine Barber Shop, 404 - 7th Street, Des Moines. Who has two other uncles living in the city, but their names are unknown at this time.

It was further learned that several weeks ago, Baby Jones and her boy friend, name unknown, together with Berdina Partisoper and her husband, Dan made a trip to Ottumwa, Ia. to meet another couple and to spend the weekend. The names of these parties are unknown, however, Mrs. Partisoper is a sister-in-law of Mrs. Sheppard, and the latter will try to discreetly ascertain further information from her regarding Baby Jones.

Also living at this 2315 West 37th Street address is a Miss Amanda Dalrymp le, about whom I am unable to obtain very much information.

The agent at the address 2704 S. E. 6th Street, Des Moines, Ia. has produced no information. This is the home of Winnie Eaton, who lives there with Charles "Chuck" Conlan, bootlegger and gambler, who operates a drug store on the side. An informant advised me yesterday, that Conlan and Winnie Eaton had just purchased a brand new Packard automobile, described as a "\$2500 job". I will endeavor to trace this car down and find out how and where it was purchased.

As soon as Myrtle Eaton is located, I wish you would advise me, so that further inquiries along this line will not be necessary.

Very truly yours,

O. C. Dewey.  
Special Agent.

cc- Division  
Kansas City



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

May 18, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
302 Federal Building,  
Butte, Montana.



Dear Sir:

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

This office is in receipt of a letter postmarked at  
Sunburst, Montana, dated May 14, 1934, addressed to M. F. Kinkead,  
St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. Kinkead is County Prosecuting Attorney of  
Ramsay County at St. Paul. Contained therein is a note, as follows:

"NATHAN KINKEAD YOU MIGHT INVESTIGATE NICE  
GORDON, OF SHELBY MONT. ABOUT BOTH OF THE  
ST PAUL KIDNAPING. SULLIVAN HOTEL  
HEADQUARTERS FOR CROOKS."

The above was printed with a pencil.

Please make inquiries to ascertain the identity of  
GORDON and whether there is any possibility of there being a  
connection as inferred.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,

Inspector.

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Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York City

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May 15, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Please refer to your file #7-82 in the  
matter of ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218, et  
al. Edward G. Bremer - Victim - Kidnaping.

Kindly furnish this office with a copy  
of the report of Agent Gillispie, dated Chicago,  
March 29, 1934 and copies of reports submitted in  
this matter by your office subsequent to March 29th,  
with the exception of the report of Agent Billings  
dated April 18th.

Very truly yours,

F. K. FAY  
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Inspector Rorer, St. Paul  
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P.O. Box 64  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
370 Lexington Ave., Room 1403  
New York City

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of May 12, 1934, we  
enclose herewith copy of list of Immigration Offices in  
Canada along the New York State border.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland  
Special Agent in Charge

JPM:MAN

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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May 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Mr. Clegg telephoned from St. Paul yesterday, making inquiry as to the date of the photograph of James McDonough, K file number 1760. He indicated that this person resembled "Big Homer", member of the Barker-Karpis gang, connected with the Bremer kidnaping. I checked our file and found that the photograph in Mr. Clegg's possession was the latest appearing in our file and that it was taken in 1931.

Mr. Clegg also asked that other records be checked to see if we had more recent photographs in the cases of William Weaver and Clyde Linerick. A check of the files revealed more recent photographs which had been sent over to Mr. Newby, who was informed of the facts and stated he would communicate with Mr. Clegg.

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*

L. C. Schilder.

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DIRECTOR

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May 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

In accordance with the request of Mr. Newby there are transmitted herewith 6 copies of the complete criminal record of Clyde Wimerick with aliases, Des Moines Police Department #9024.

The following description appears on fingerprints submitted by the Des Moines Police Department December 31, 1931:

Color - White  
Nationality - American  
Age - 34  
Height - 5' 9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>"  
Weight - 170  
Build - Medium  
Complexion - Medium  
Eyes - Blue  
Hair - Brown  
Residence - Minneapolis, Minn.  
Place of Birth - Parsons, Kansas.

On fingerprints received February 11, 1918, from Sheriff's Office, Enid, Oklahoma, the following appears under remarks: "Small scar in center of forehead. Brown mole at base of neck on spine."

On fingerprints received December 2, 1919, from Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, the name of John Ryan #8578 appears as an accomplice.

On fingerprints received from the Sheriff's Office, Albia, Iowa, in December 1921, the name of John Ryan also appears as an accomplice.

It is observed on fingerprints received from the Police Department, Denver, Colorado, where he was received on March 12, 1924, that his residence is indicated as being Floater: Loma Hotel, Denver, Colorado. Relative Wife, Cna Woodruff #9247. On this same print the following appears under modus operandi:

"With Cna Woodruff 9247 James E. Reynolds 9249 & J. B. Ross 9250 alleged to be wanted for the robbery of a bank (Yeggs) at Walton Kansas & the blowing of the Continental Oil Safe at Phoenix, Ariz. 1934 P. Bought two Lafayette autos giving in payment \$20,000 worth of bonds stolen from the Walton Bank. Believed to be wanted all through the country for various yegg jobs."

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On prints received from Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, February 5, 1925, the date of birth appears as November 23, 1892. Birthplace, Illinois. Occupation, chauffeur. The following also appears under scars and marks:

"I. Vac cic upr otr; ct cic 1st phlx inr; etc cic base of thumb otr; ct cic bas of 1st phlx otr; II. clear; III. dent cic above rt eye; Mole back of neck; pitted cic corner mouth lft side."

There are transmitted herewith 6 copies of the photograph submitted with the fingerprints received from the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, February 5, 1925.

Respectfully,

  
L. C. Schilder.



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May 19, 1934

MAY 24 1934  
Mr. E. E. Clegg,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your teletype message dated May 14, 1934, copy of which was furnished the Chicago Office, wherein you informed the Division that Bessie Green had identified the photograph of one C. B. Harris, Des Moines, Iowa Police Department Number 9024, as an individual known to her as "Dutch", a member of the Barker-Karpis gang. It appears that this individual is identical with Clyde Wimerick, Division Number 77961, who has been considered as a suspect in this case from the outset. Enlarged photographs of this individual and William Weaver, St. Paul Police Department Number 23452, Division Number 17920, were forwarded to you airmail special delivery, under separate cover.

There are transmitted to each of the offices indicated below, copies of memoranda prepared in the Identification Unit, setting forth information obtained from the files of that Unit, with respect to Clyde Wimerick and William Weaver, together with the abstracts of criminal records of each of these individuals. Each of the offices receiving a copy of this letter should make appropriate investigation in their districts in order to ascertain the dispositions of the arrests indicated on the criminal record and the circumstances surrounding the arrests, with a view to establishing the identity of their associates, and any other information which will be helpful to the Division.

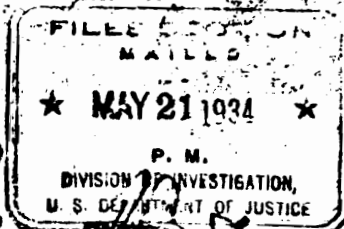
A photograph of each individual is enclosed with each copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-25**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Detroit, Michigan</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/19/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/8 to 5/15/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. E. MURPHY</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218 ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219 et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Records of C. H. Dockson &amp; Company, Detroit, Michigan examined and list of firms to whom "#524 M &amp; L Goggles, Welders Model" were sold obtained and efforts to trace same set out herein.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Report of Special Agent T. E. Billings dated at Chicago, Illinois 5/15/34.</p>			
DETAILS: <p>During the above period and as time was available to Agent, the goggles known as "#524 M &amp; L Goggle, Welders Model" which were shipped by Chicago Eye Shield Company of Chicago, Illinois to C. H. Dockson Company of Detroit, Michigan and which are the same make as were used by the kidnapers in this case, were traced by Agent.</p> <p>C. H. Dockson Company is now located at 2885 E. Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan. Agent interviewed Mr. H. S. Davis, Secretary and Treasurer of this company and he made available for Agent's inspection the books and records of that company. From the perpetual inventory records of this company it was found that during the period of September 1, 1931 to December 31, 1932 that Company only received 98 pair of "#524 M &amp; L Goggles, Welders Model. It will be noted that this does not agree with the records of the Chicago Eye Shield Company of Chicago, Illinois as the report of reference indicates that a great many more goggles were shipped to C. H. Dockson Company during that period. Mr. Davis of C. H. Dockson Company stated, however, it was possible that the balance of these goggles were Chippers Model and not Welders Model. Mr. Davis further advised that none of the goggles ordered by their company ever come equipped with "Essentialite" lenses. He stated that this was because of the fact that most of the goggles sold by this company are sold to industrial concerns in the City of Detroit and that the safety engineers in these companies have</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>M. W. McQuinn, Acting</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>MAY 23 1934</b>	
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found that the Essentialite lens is not the best lens for welding as it permits different rays to penetrate the glass, which rays have been very harmful to the eyes. Mr. Davis stated, however, that they do carry in stock a small supply of Essentialite lenses and he showed Agent their stock of these lenses which consisted of not more than ten pairs. From the records as above stated, it was learned that these goggles were sold to the following firms and in the following amounts:

WELDING METALS COMPANY  
122 E. LARNED STREET  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN      • 10 Pairs

At this company the manager advised that their records indicated that they bought the frames only and this was for the purpose of installing their own make of lenses which do not in any way resemble the Essentialite lens. The manager of this company advised that the Welding Metals Company has never handled the Essentialite lens nor do they ever have any calls for them. He stated that because of the fact most of their sales are cash sales sold in the Retail Department, it would be impossible for him to tell to whom these goggles were sold.

UNI FLO GRILLE  
4646 LAWTON AVENUE  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN      • 1 Pair

Miss Moyer of the Allied Products Company, of which the Uni Flo Grille is a subsidiary, advised that she was purchasing agent for the Allied Products Company and their subsidiaries and that their records indicated these goggles were purchased on April 16, 1932 and that they bore #6 Cesco Weld lenses. A check was made by her and it was found that these goggles are still in the possession of that company, further stating that their company has never used a goggle with the Essentialite lenses.

ALLIED PRODUCTS COMPANY  
4646 LAWTON AVENUE  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN      • 1 Pair

Miss Moyer, purchasing agent of this company, advised that these goggles bore #6 Cesco Weld lenses and that they are still in the possession of that company. This pair of goggles as well as the pair sold to Uni Flo Grille were both shown to Agent.



GRIFFIN WHEEL COMPANY  
2270 BEECHER  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

1 Pair

Mr. B. A. Compton, Chief Clerk of the Griffin Wheel Company from an examination of their records, advised that they show the purchase of one pair of M & L Goggles, Welders Type, from C. H. Dockson Company and that they bore Super Safety Lenses. These goggles are still in the possession of Griffin Wheel Company and were shown to Agent. At the present time they are equipped with a clear lens. Mr. Compton stated that their company had never had more than one pair of these goggles.

LUDINGTON NEWS COMPANY  
4743 FOURTH  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

1 Pair

Mr. A. G. Ludington, Manager of Ludington News Company, when interviewed advised Agent that their company had a fire and theft on March 10, 1934 and at this time the above goggles as well as all their welding and cutting equipment were stolen. Mr. Ludington brought Mr. Everett Hammell, Garageman of the Ludington News Company, to the office and he was interviewed by Agent and advised that he had used the goggles which had been purchased from C. H. Dockson Company and he also verified the theft of the same. He stated, however, these goggles were not equipped with the Essentialite lenses; that it was his impression that they had Super Safety lenses.

LONG MANUFACTURING COMPANY  
2768 E. Grand Boulevard  
Detroit, Michigan

1 Pair

Mr. R. B. Scott, purchasing manager for the Long Manufacturing Company, was interviewed, verified the purchase of these goggles from his records which showed they were purchased on December 19, 1931. He stated that at the time these goggles were purchased, their company was working on a job for the Studebaker Company; that they had a number of men welding at that time and all goggles were charged to the Welding Department rather than to the men. He stated that as a result of this a number of goggles were lost and that it was impossible to trace this particular pair. He advised, however, that their company has never used an Essentialite lens in any of their goggles. The manager of the stock room as well as the foreman of the Welding Shop of the Long Manufacturing Company were interviewed by Agent and an attempt was made to trace this particular pair of goggles. They stated, however, that although they recalled having some goggles of the type in question in their stock room at one time, they no longer have these and it was impossible to tell what might have happened to them.

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PALMER BEE COMPANY  
WESTMINSTER & GRAND TRUNK RAILROAD  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN      \* 1 Pair

The purchasing agent of this company was interviewed and after an examination of his records he advised that the same did not show that their company had ever purchased a pair of these goggles from C. H. Dockson Company. The foreman of the Welding Shop was interviewed by Agent and he immediately recalled these goggles. He stated they were brought over on approval by one of the salesmen for C. H. Dockson Company for workmen who wore glasses, but that this goggle did not prove satisfactory and they were returned the same day. The welding foreman advised he has been with Palmer Bee Company for a number of years and to his knowledge they have never had a pair of goggles in their shop. He further advised that they do not use an Essentialite lens because of the fact that it permits harmful rays to penetrate the eyes.

JEFFERS BROTHERS  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN      \* 1 Pair

At Jeffers Brothers it was learned from Mr. Jeffers, the President of this company, that these goggles were purchased for a man by the name of Henry Michaud, who was doing some welding for their company but that he is no longer with them.

Henry Michaud was located by Agent at the Linwood Garage, 2618 Montgomery Street, Detroit, Michigan and upon being interviewed, advised Agent that these goggles were still in his possession. They were shown to Agent.

CHRYSLER CORPORATION  
(Plymouth Plant)  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN      \* 6 Pairs

At the general offices of the Plymouth Plant of the Chrysler Corporation, the records were examined and although the records show the receipt of these goggles, the Purchasing Agent advised that it would be impossible to trace the same. He stated that their records indicate that they were sent to the store room where they were placed in stock. He advised that the Chrysler Corporation at that time kept a great quantity of welders goggles.

on hand and that these were placed in the bins with the other goggles and that when they were charged out to the men, all goggles were charged out as welders goggles without specifying what make or type. He also stated that occasionally goggles are taken up and sent over to be repaired and sterilized and that one hundred or one hundred and fifty pairs are taken over at one time. When the goggles are taken over to be sterilized, a like number of goggles are brought back at the same time and that once a pair of goggles gets into the factory it loses its identity. The purchasing agent as well as the safety engineer for Chrysler Corporation advised Agent, however, that their company has never used an Essentialite lens in goggles.

CHRYSLER CORPORATION  
(Kercheval Plant)  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN - 6 Pairs

At the office of this company the records were examined and they indicate that on May 20, 1932, six pairs of Special Cesco Weld Slipover glasses were received from C. H. Dockson Company. This shipment corresponds as to date and quantity with the records of C. H. Dockson Company. However, the type of goggles shown on the records of the Chrysler Kercheval Plant, are not identical with the records of C. H. Dockson Company. The purchasing agent of the Chrysler Kercheval Plant advised it is knowledge their company never purchased any of the 524 M & L Welders Model Goggles from C. H. Dockson Company as they have a contract for the purchase of goggles with Boyer Campbell Company of Detroit, Michigan. At this plant Agent was further advised that even if they had purchased this type of goggle it would be impossible to trace them any further than the stock room; that during the period in question several hundred pairs of welders goggles were kept on hand at one time and that when goggles were received at their plant they were taken to the stock room and placed in the bins with all of the other goggles and that a small quantity of goggles would lose identity in the stock room.

BRIGGS MANUFACTURING CO.  
Highland Park Plant  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN - 6 Pairs

The records of this company indicate receipt of the goggles from C. H. Dockson Company and also show that they were sent from the Receiving Department to the stock room. An attempt was made to trace these goggles out of the stock room, however, the storekeeper advised that they have no record to whom these particular goggles were issued nor would it be possible to tell how many of these goggles are still on hand. He advised that several hundred pairs of goggles were kept in stock by their company and that there was a big loss and breakage in this particular item. He advised, however, that their company does not use the Essentialite lens on any of its goggles because of safety regulations.

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DETROIT GRAY IRON FOUNDRY

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

5 Pairs

At the above company Agent was advised that it was impossible to trace these particular goggles any further than the store room, that there is no record to whom these goggles were issued nor was it possible to tell whether these particular goggles are still on hand. They advised that they have ordered a great number of goggles of this general type from C. H. Dockson Company but could not state what happened to these five pairs as the goggles upon being received, are placed in the store room and lose their identity. They advised, however, that their company does not use an Essentialite lens in welders goggles.

ROBERT WAY

10465 Knodell

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

2 Pairs

Mr. Way was interviewed by Agent where he was employed at Jack's Welding Shop at the above address. He advised that these goggles are still in the possession of the above company and both pairs were shown to Agent. These goggles do not have an Essentialite lens.

BOYER CAMPBELL CO.

EAST GRAND BOULEVARD

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

7 Pairs

At the above company Mr. Dowdy, manager of the Purchasing Department was interviewed. He stated that their company does a wholesale business and that the goggles purchased from C. H. Dockson Company were later sold by them. From their records it was ascertained that two pairs were sold to the United States Tire Company, two pairs to Holcroft Company and three pairs to Detroit Edison Company; that all seven pairs of these goggles, according to their records, were equipped with Super Safety Lenses.

At the U. S. TIRE COMPANY located on E. Jefferson Street, Detroit, Michigan, an examination of their records showed the receipt of these two pairs of goggles on 11/9/32. The records of the store department were examined but it was impossible to trace these goggles beyond the stock room. The records do not indicate to whom they were ever issued. The manager of the stock room advised that he recalled these goggles but that he has not seen them for perhaps six or eight months. It is impossible to tell whether they are still in their possession and there is a great loss in this particular item.



At the HOLCROFT COMPANY, Detroit, Michigan the records show that two pairs of goggles were received from Boyer Campbell Company on June 21, 1932 but these goggles cannot be traced beyond the stockroom. They are no longer in the possession of Holcroft Company and it is not known to whom these goggles were issued.

At the DETROIT EDISON COMPANY, records show the receipt of three pairs of goggles equipped with Super Safety lenses in June 1932. The purchasing agent of the Detroit Edison Company advised that their company does not use an amber lens in any of its goggles as amber lenses are objected to by the safety department. He stated they keep a large supply of goggles on hand at all times and that these goggles were placed with their supply and it is impossible to tell from their records to whom they were issued or to what plant they might have been sent as equipment of this kind is all purchased through the main office and might be sent to plants in other cities and that their record would show that a certain number of goggles were sent out but would not show what type or make.

MR. SULLIVAN  
3736 Vermont  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN      1 Pair Frames Only

Investigation in the 3700 block on Vermont Street showed that there was no address such as 3736 Vermont. There is an address 3786, which is the last address in the 3700 block, but this place is vacant. It is a small apartment above what appeared to have been a grocery store at one time. It was learned that C. J. Bowers is the rental agent for these premises. Mr. Bowers was interviewed at his office, 3210 Grand River, Detroit, Michigan. He stated he has no recollection of anyone by the name of Sullivan ever having lived at this address. A neighborhood investigation was conducted in the 3700 block, Vermont Street, but Agent was unable to find anyone who had heard of a man by the name of Sullivan living in that neighborhood.

O. H. DAVIS SERVICE & SUPPLY CO.  
4108 DETROIT AVENUE  
CLEVELAND, OHIO      1 Pair

Investigation was conducted at Cleveland, Ohio by Special Agent R. C. Chapman from the Detroit office and it was found that this pair of goggles is still in the possession of the C. H. Davis Service & Supply Company and these were shown to Agent Chapman.



At the different industrial plants to whom goggles were sold by C. H. Dockson Company, the photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang were shown to storekeepers to determine whether anyone answering their descriptions could be recalled as ever having been employed by any of these companies. None of the storekeepers, however, recalled anyone answering the descriptions of these men ever having been employed by their companies and to whom goggles might have been issued.

In addition to the above goggles, it was ascertained that C. H. Dockson Company shipped goggles to the following companies in the territory covered by the Chicago office:

Wolverine Optical Company Grand Rapids, Michigan	1 Pair
Hayes Body Corporation Grand Rapids, Michigan	10 Pairs
Kent-Moore Organization Kalamazoo, Michigan	3 Pairs

A letter was sent to the Chicago office advising them of this information and also requesting that that office conduct the necessary investigation at Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo.

Letters are being sent to the following companies outside of Detroit, Michigan and within the territory covered by Detroit, who purchased goggles, as follows:

Kellogg Company Battle Creek, Michigan	12 Pairs
Mueller Brass Company Port Huron, Michigan	1 Pair
Wickes Biler Company Saginaw, Michigan	3 Pairs
Pere Marquette Railroad Co. Saginaw, Michigan	3 Pairs
Consumers Power Company Flint, Michigan	1 Pair
Ingram County Road Commissioner Mason, Michigan	1 Pair

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In accordance with report of reference, the goggles forwarded as samples to this office are being returned to Chicago herewith.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: The DETROIT OFFICE will report the results obtained from circularizing the above companies.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

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

May 21, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with the kidnaping case involving Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. 1218, et al, Edward George Bremer, victim, this is to request that the following notice be posted on the Division's fingerprint file with respect to Edward Rudick, New York City Police Department No. B-107316; Division of Investigation No. 710269: ✓

"This party is wanted for questioning concerning the whereabouts of Bernard Phillips, I.O. 1196. See letter from New York office to Jacksonville office dated 4/27/34 and report of Agent Main, dated Jacksonville, 5/15/34 in the matter of Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. 1218, et al. Rudick is a friend of Phillips, and was in contact with him in New York City in September, 1932."

Very truly yours,

F. X. Fay  
F. X. FAY  
Special Agent in Charge

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BREKID JOE MIDDLETON 6201 BLACKSTONE AVENUE CHICAGO CALLED AT THIS OFFICE THIS MORNING AND STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN SENT BY AN ATTORNEY NAMED WILLIAM E. FURLONG OF 8019 SOUTH CARPENTER ST CHICAGO TO STPAUL FOR THE PURPOSE OF WORKING ON HAMM CASE. MIDDLETON STATES THAT FURLONG'S INTEREST IN THE HAMM CASE WAS AS A CITIZEN ONLY. INFORMANT STATES THAT HE WARNED BREMER FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS BEFORE HE WAS KIDNAPED THAT HE WOULD BE KIDNAPED. HE DID THIS THROUGH A REPORTER FOR THE STPAUL DAILY NEWS OR TIMES. HE OBTAINED HIS INFORMATION FROM A WOMAN NAMED NELLIE WHOM HE BEFRIENDED SOME YEARS AGO. HE STATES ALSO THAT A MAN NAMED SHIELDS, INITIALS UNKNOWN AND FURTHER DETAILS UNKNOWN, OF STPAUL IS TO BE KIDNAPED. I WILL HAVE INQUIRIES MADE IMMEDIATELY CONCERNING FURLONG AND ENDEAVOR TO DETERMINE MORE ABOUT MIDDLETON. HOWEVER, REQUEST AUTHORITY TO PAY HIM SIX DOLLARS A DAY FOR A FEW DAYS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING HIS VALUE AS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT. PREVIOUS INFORMATION RECEIVED BY MR. NATHAN THAT ONE L. J. SHIELDS OF STPAUL WOULD BE KIDNAPED. THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM A NEWSPAPER MAN IN CHICAGO. FOR INFORMATION STPAUL OFFICE NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING SHIELDS IN POSSESSION OF CHICAGO OFFICE

*Edward G. Bremer  
He confidentially told*

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT

CHICAGO

MAY 24 1934

YOUR TELETYPEWRITER MESSAGE REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO PAY JOE MIDDLETON  
INFORMANT SIX DOLLARS PER DAY DOES NOT INDICATE NATURE OF INFORMATION  
EXPECTED FROM THIS INFORMANT OR POSSIBILITIES OF HIS OBTAINING INFORMATION  
OR WHETHER HE IS NOW EMPLOYED BY ATTORNEY WILLIAM E. FURLONG IN CONNECTION  
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Mr. M. E. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

*Edward G. Bremer*

I have just read your teletype message, advising of how the information reached the press concerning the investigation made by Agent Glynn at Galena, Illinois, and Jenkinsville, Wisconsin. I note that the Sheriff at Galena, who assisted Agent Glynn, states that he told the representative of the Dubuque Telegraph and the Rockford, Illinois, newspaper of the investigation which was conducted. I think that in the future, any investigative activity which we have occasion to conduct at Galena or its vicinity should be conducted by our Agents without seeking the assistance of the Sheriff. Obviously he is too garrulous an individual in whom to impose any confidence. We have been considerably annoyed and embarrassed today by newspaper inquiries concerning this information which the Sheriff gave out. Consequently, I desire that in the future we endeavor to conduct our own investigations at Galena without the assistance of the present Sheriff.

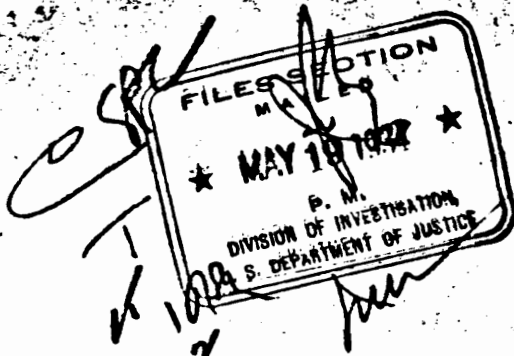
Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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



May 21, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Division letter dated May 17, 1934, which was distributed to all field offices, together with a chart showing the make and model of automobiles thought to be in the possession of the Barker-Karpis gang. Please be advised that car as set out on the list as No. 9, being Ford V-8 DeLuxe Coupe, motor No. 18-304,794, was purchased on June 10, 1933, from the Ford Motor Sales Company, 117 West University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, in the name of Edwin Bergstrom, 408 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. This car was transferred on January 5, 1934, to E. L. Murrey, Box 345, White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

It is also noted on the Division's chart that there appears a notation in connection with cars No. 7 and No. 9 that Minnesota license plates No. B-45372, issued for Chevrolet Sedan, motor No. 3554674, being car No. 7; and 1934 Minnesota license plates B-75038, issued for Ford V-8 DeLuxe Coupe, motor 18-304797, were intercepted and not delivered. Please be advised that the actual license plates were not intercepted and apparently were obtained by members of the Barker-Karpis gang. However, the registration cards covering these license plates were intercepted.

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Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,  
Inspector.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
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318 Hewes Building  
San Francisco, California.

REV/AP.

May 19, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

You will recall some time ago the writer was in Reno, Nevada, in connection with the Frisch kidnaping case and also the Bremer kidnaping case.

A search was made by the Postal and Western Union Telegraph Companies for copies of wires which might have been sent out by Subjects in the Bremer kidnaping case to any of their friends from Reno, and with a view to possibly locating something on the Frisch kidnaping case. A detailed search was made for several months, and it was necessary to employ help to make this search, and the Postal Telegraph Company has now submitted a bill for \$36.50.

Do you desire that this bill be submitted in voucher form? If I am not mistaken, I believe it is the Division's desire that I personally pay this bill in amount \$36.50, and blue-slip same.

I will appreciate it if you will advise just how this voucher should be submitted. The Postal Telegraph Company has submitted the names of the employees and the dates and hours they worked.

Very truly yours,

*R. E. Vetterli*  
R. E. Vetterli,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Edward L. Bremer*

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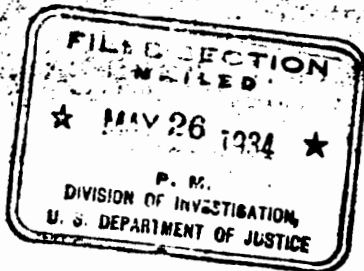
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
318 Hewes Building,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of May 18, 1934,  
concerning the special services rendered by the Postal  
and Western Union Telegraph Companies in connection with  
the Bremer and the Friess kidnaping cases, you are ad-  
vised that the expenses incurred should be claimed by  
blue slip.

Very truly yours,

Director.



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

May 21, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Division's letter dated  
May 17, 1934, requesting that dispositions be obtained  
to complete the criminal record of HARRY "DUTCH" SAWYER,  
Division's file No. 421325. Disposition sheet covering  
the arrest of Sawyer as Harry Sandovich, Minneapolis  
Police Department No. 16479, showing the disposition to  
be: fined \$100 on October 9, 1918, is submitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,  
Inspector.

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WILLIAM STANLEY  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Department of Justice  
Washington

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MR. LOCKE \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. RORER \_\_\_\_\_

March 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

Re: Letter of March 26th, from  
the Postmaster General -  
Subject - White Bear Lake, Minn.,  
Lock Box, Mr. E. V. Davis.

Will you please let me have your sug-  
gestions in connection with the attached.

*William Stanley*  
William Stanley  
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

*Post Office*

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Office of the Postmaster General  
Washington, D. C.

March 26, 1934.

The Honorable

The Attorney General.

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

There is inclosed a copy of a report submitted under date of March 16, 1934, by Inspector John Streich. It will be noted that in an effort to obtain possession of mail addressed to certain patrons of the post office at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, a special agent of the Department of Justice sent a spurious forwarding order (copy herewith) to the postmaster at White Bear Lake, directing that the mail in question be forwarded to St. Paul, Minnesota. We have been informed that the special agent who accompanied Inspector Streich to White Bear Lake prior to the time the forwarding order was sent is Mr. E. J. Notesteen.

It appears that a violation of 18 U. S. C. 317 (Section 2347, Postal Laws and Regulations of 1932) would have occurred except for the intervention of the inspector, and the matter is brought to your attention for suitable action.

Very truly yours,

  
Postmaster General.

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Post Office Department

John Streich,  
Inspector

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR

CASE NO. Special.

Saint Paul, Minnesota, March 16, 1934.

Subject: White Bear Lake, Minnesota: Rental of a lock box on January 12, 1934, by Mr. E. V. Davis.

Report furnished by Agent  
H. J. Ryan, St. Paul, Minn.

MAR 16 1934

H. J. Ryan,  
Inspector in Charge

Inspector in Charge,

Saint Paul, Minnesota.

1. On January 24th, last, Mr. Werner Hanni, the special agent in charge of the local office of the Department of Justice, advised you, as I recall it, that he was interested in some mail which evidently was being held for delivery through a lock box to Mr. E. V. Davis at White Bear Lake, Minnesota. It is understood that it was stated that Mr. Davis was suspected of a law violation, and it was indicated that I should, if possible, accompany a Department of Justice agent to White Bear Lake for the purpose of examining Mr. Davis' mail. Your wishes were complied with, and, as a result, the Department of Justice agent (whose name I do not remember) took tracings of the handwriting on the one letter and one postal card which we found in Mr. Davis' box. The latter contained a third piece of mail but this article consisted only of a motor vehicle registration card issued by the State Automobile Department at St. Paul, Minnesota.

2. On the morning of January 26th, the postmaster at White Bear Lake indicated in a long-distance telephone call that he had received an order for the forwarding to the Saint Paul general delivery of the mail which he was holding for Mr. Davis and inquired whether the request should be complied with. Inasmuch as assurances were given that the forwarding order appeared to be genuine and regular, the inquiry was replied to in the affirmative and interrogation was made concerning the time at which the mail would be dispatched. Upon being advised that the forwarded matter would arrive in Saint Paul on Duluth and Minneapolis R. O., Train 61, which is due here at 12:45 P. M., this information was communicated to the local office of the Department of Justice.

3. At about 1:30 P. M. on January 26th, the agent in whose company I had visited White Bear Lake called on me and confided that he or one of his associates had filed the forwarding order

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referred to above. He also indicated that he desired to call for the redirected matter. However, in view of the circumstances, it was suggested that it might be best not to obtain the articles.

4. The forwarding order hereinbefore alluded to is being attached.

  
Inspector.

Postmaster,

For next five days  
please forward mail addressed  
to E V Davis + J. L. Marten  
in Box 254 to General  
Delivery. Parit Paul, Minn.

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

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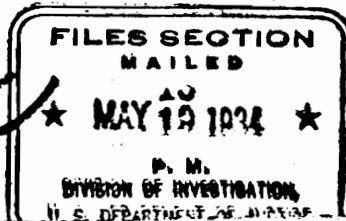
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Reference is made to your memorandum dated March 18, 1934, wherein you requested suggestions in connection with an attached letter dated March 26, 1934, addressed to the Attorney General by Postmaster General James A. Farley, forwarding a copy of a report submitted under date of March 18, 1934, by Inspector John Streich, St. Paul, Minnesota, reporting the activities of Special Agents attached to the St. Paul Office of this Division, whereby the Postmaster at White Bear Lake, Minnesota had been requested to forward to General Delivery at St. Paul, Minnesota the contents of certain Post Office boxes located in the Post Office at White Bear Lake.

In connection with the investigation into the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 17, 1934, evidence was obtained by Special Agents of this Division, indicating that certain individuals suspected of perpetrating this kidnaping, had rented Post Office boxes 254 and 345 at White Bear Lake, using the aliases E. V. Davis and E. L. Murray, respectively. These boxes had been rented on January 12, 1934, five days before Bremer was kidnaped, and it seems reasonable to assume that the rental of these boxes was a part of the modus operandi of the kidnaping, and consequently it was of paramount importance that the full facts concerning these boxes be secured. Special Agent E. N. Notesteen, in a memorandum dated January 24, 1934, advised that he went, in company with Post Office Inspector Streich, to White Bear Lake, Minnesota, where Postmaster Fred F. Campbell was contacted, and with the assistance of these Post Office officials, the contents of Post Office boxes 254 and 345 were examined. Tracings were made by Special Agent Notesteen of certain letters found in these boxes and a registration card from the Secretary of State, directed to E. L. Murray, for a certain described Ford Deluxe Coupe, with 1934 Minnesota license plates

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#B-75058 was also found in Box 345. There was also found in Box 254, 1934 Minnesota license plates #B-45572.

The following paragraph is quoted from Special Agent Notesteen's memorandum: "At the time of Agent's call at the White Bear Post Office, it was Post Office Inspector Streich's intention to open all of the above mail for examination, but because of the fact that the Postmaster was present during all of the examination of the letters, Mr. Streich decided against opening same."

The combinations on the two lock boxes were changed, and the mail returned to them, so that any person calling for the mail would of necessity be required to call for the mail at the window, and in the event such a call was received, the Chief of Police at White Bear Lake was to be notified so that the individual calling for the mail could be taken into custody, and the Post Office authorities, as well as representatives of this Division could immediately be notified. Several days after these arrangements had been perfected, Special Agent Notesteen had occasion to confer with Inspector Streich, at which time Mr. Streich advised that the mail of Boxes 254 and 345 had been ordered removed to General Delivery, Post Office, St. Paul, Minnesota, and he further stated that he believed Agent Notesteen was responsible for the removal order, but Agent Notesteen denied that he was responsible. On the following day, Inspector Streich telephonically advised Agent Notesteen that he had ordered the above mail returned to the White Bear Post Office.

As a result of inquiries made at the St. Paul Office of this Division, it has been ascertained that Special Agent O. G. Hall, Acting in Charge of the office, was under the impression that it had not been possible for Special Agent Notesteen to obtain information concerning the contents of the two lock boxes, located at White Bear Lake, and therefore had sent a forwarding order to White Bear Lake, requesting that the mail found in the lock boxes be forwarded to General Delivery at St. Paul, Minnesota, where same could be examined by Special Agents of this Division. Incidentally, it is noted that the photostat copy of the forwarding order for Box 254 attached to the report of Inspector John Streich, is informal and anonymous and may not have been, or perhaps should not have been complied with under the circumstances. However, Special Agents attached to the St. Paul Office

Memo. Mr. Stanley

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of this Division are being cautioned to refrain from doing anything during the course of their investigations which will be a violation of the Postal Laws and Regulations in the future.

The letter of the Postmaster General, dated March 28, 1954, with enclosures, which was attached to your memorandum dated March 28, 1954, is returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 554187.

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

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May 21, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
502 Federal Building,  
Butte, Montana.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. # 1212,  
et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Dickason, dated at Butte, Montana, April 17, 1934.

In this report it is set out that a pair of Cesco M. & L. Goggles were sold by Mr. William Hawthorne of Great Falls, Montana, to an individual by the name of Sward Figar, who resides near Carter, Montana. The report further reflects that it was ascertained that Figar is a responsible person and therefore no inquiry was made as to whether or not he still has these goggles in his possession.

It is the desire of this office, and an effort is being made to account for all Cesco M. & L. Goggles, and it is, therefore, requested that Sward Figar be contacted to ascertain whether or not he still has these goggles in his possession, or what disposition he made of them.

Very truly yours,

H. H. OLSON,

Inspector.

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P. O. Box 838  
Los Angeles, California  
May 19, 1934

Los Angeles, California

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

L. A. File 7-42

Dear Sir:

In accordance with an investigation conducted by  
this Division to address several fugitives who have  
committed various Federal violations it is hereby  
placed on all mail received at this office in  
this office. This office has reasons  
to believe that the fugitives are corresponding with persons  
residing at that address.

It is requested that you advise the Bureau of any  
information received from the above named persons  
and that you keep the Bureau advised of any  
information received from the above named persons  
marked for the attention of our file  
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Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT - Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
May 15, 1934

Mr. J. A. Murphy,  
Woodstock Hotel,  
Woodstock, Illinois

RE: BREMER CASE

Dear Sir:-

Your memorandum containing report on investigation of the hideout in Woodstock, Illinois and other towns fails to disclose that you made inquiry at the lumber yards with regard to the purchase of Beaver Board or other plaster board, which may have been used to cover the window of the room in which Bremer was held.

I note that you have placed considerable confidence in postmasters in their ability to tell you the time of day that bells, sirens and whistles are heard. This is believed to be unwise. It is advised that you inquire of the persons who actually ring the bells, blow the whistles and sound the sirens.

It is not desired that you take the word of a meter reader as to the contents of a particular house. If a house is suggested as a possible hideout, it is advisable to personally enter the house for inspection.

Please bear these suggestions in mind in your future investigations.

Very truly yours,

RE: BREMER  
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M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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

May 1, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

It is requested that you procure copy of  
the fingerprints of John Crawford, Chicago Police  
Department No. 4875, and forward same to the Division  
to be checked against latent fingerprints in the  
above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,  
Inspector.

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL**

REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>MAY 24 1934</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. J. LEE</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

One H. A. Brown, of Elsmere, Delaware, (suburb of Wilmington) purchased pair of goggles about three years ago in Wilmington for use in his course of welding; has had them in his personal possession ever since and still has them; Brown of good repute in his community.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent T. E. Billings, dated Chicago, 3-13-34.

**DETAILS:**

**At ELSMERE, DELAWARE.**

Agent interviewed Mr. D. B. Lynan, superintendent of the Elsmere Station of the Wilmington Post Office and he advised that there are at least seven families by the name of Brown receiving mail through that post office. He furnished agent with a list of these persons' addresses but it is not being included in view of the development in the location of the right Brown.

Mr. H. A. Brown is, according to Mr. Lynan, a reputable citizen; has lived in the community for a good many years; is a plumber by trade; is employed by a reputable firm in Wilmington and is apparently a substantial person in every respect.

An interview was had with Mr. Brown, 211 S. Dupont Street, and he advised that about three years ago, he was attending the Wilmington Trade School, learning the plumbing trade and that in connection therewith, some work with an acetylene torch was used; that he has weak eyes, as is evidenced by the eyeglasses that he wears, and did not wish to harm his eyes; that, accordingly, he purchased a pair of welder's goggles from a Dr. Adams, whose store is located near the corner of Eighth and King Streets, about three years ago, paying \$4.75 for them; that since that time the goggles have been in his personal possession and he has never loaned them to anyone for any length of time. Mr. Brown secured the goggles from his Ford truck and exhibited them to agent. An inspection of them indicated that they were quite worn.

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APPROVED AND  
FORWARDED:

*Q. Whorley acting*

SPECIAL AGENT  
IN CHARGE

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and the following words appear on them: "PAT BROWN" (apparently the trade-mark). Mr. Brown further advised that he is at the present time employed at the plumbing concern of W. D. Shellenbarger at 1015 Lancaster Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware.

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