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BREKID REFERENCE DIVISION TELEGRAM REQUESTING CHICAGO EXPEDITE

INVESTIGATION SUGGESTED LETTER LOSANGELES TO INSPECTOR E EGG JUNE

FIFTH STOP REFERENCE LETTER CONTAINS NO LEADS INVESTIGATION THIS

DISTRICT

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FULL-RATE DAY LETTER

BREKID YOUR WIRE TODAY NO APPARENT LEADS HERE IN LETTER
LOSANGELES JUNE FIFTH STOP OMAHA REQUESTED COVER LINCOLN
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BREKID ~~ED~~ DAVIS STILL IN COUNTY JAIL LOSANGELES STOP

ARRANGEMENTS MADE YESTERDAY WITH WARDEN SANQUENTIN TO COVER

ALL CORRESPONDENCE CONTACTS ASSOCIATES AT PRISON ON HIS ARRIVAL

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BREKID EDXDAVIS STILL IN COUNTY JAIL HERE WILL ADVISE

MONDAY APPROXIMATE DATE REMOVAL STATE PRISON=

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

ST. PAUL, MINN.

L.A.

FILE NO. 7-42

REPORT MADE AT: Los Angeles	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-7-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5-30, 31-34	REPORT MADE BY: W. M. BOTT AB
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.#1219, ET AL Edward George Bremer, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

According to Witzel Studios, Los Angeles, California, photograph furnished by Chicago Division Office is photograph of MRS. ANNE GIBSON, 1170 South Norton Street, Los Angeles, California. Investigation at this address disclosed that MRS. ANNE GIBSON, who is known at this address as MRS. NANCY GIBSON, is at present residing in Kansas City, Mo., with her daughter, MRS. WALLS; that another daughter, RUBY GIBSON, is at present residing at 1170 South Norton Street, Los Angeles. No one answering RUSSELL GIBSON'S description known in Los Angeles.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from Chicago Division Office dated 5-21-34.

DETAILS:

This Agent presented the photograph of the elderly lady which was received from the Chicago Division Office, and which bore on the reverse side of the photograph the name of GRAY, No. 97431, to the Witzel Studios, 1011 West 7th Street, Los Angeles. MR. WITZEL examined his records and stated that no one by the name of GRAY, resembling this elderly lady, had had a photograph taken in his studio, and that the number "97431" is the number of a photograph for a two and one-half months old baby. In view of this information, the reverse side of the photograph was ex-

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	Acting SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-2123	RECORDED AND INDEXED JUN 12 1934
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amined with a magnifying glass, and it was discovered that the name originally placed on the back of this photograph was "GIBSON" and that the original number placed on the back of this photograph was "98241", which name and number had been erased, and that the name "GRAY" and the number "97431" written over the original name and number.

The records of the Witzel Studio disclosed that MRS. ANNE GIBSON'S photograph, No. 98241, was taken by the Witzel Studio in 1933, and the negative, which has been retained, is identical with the photograph furnished by the Chicago Division Office. At the time the photograph was taken, MRS. ANNE GIBSON gave her address as 1170 South Norton Street, Los Angeles, California.

Agent interviewed MRS. R. L. SMITH, proprietor and manager of the apartment house at 1170 South Norton Street, Los Angeles. MRS. SMITH stated that the photograph of MRS. ANNE GIBSON is the likeness of a woman by the name of MRS. NANCY GIBSON who formerly resided in her apartment house, and who is believed to be residing at the present time with her daughter, a MRS. WALLS, street address unknown, Kansas City, Missouri. MRS. SMITH stated that MRS. NANCY GIBSON has another daughter by the name of RUBY GIBSON who is at present employed by the May Company Department Store in Los Angeles, and who resides in Apartment 309 of informant's apartment house.

Continuing, MRS. SMITH stated that not very long ago, a letter addressed to MRS. NANCY GIBSON, bearing the return address of the U. S. Department of Justice, was received in the mail by informant, and that informant placed the letter in the mail box of RUBY GIBSON; that when informant later asked RUBY GIBSON if she had received the letter from the Department of Justice, addressed to her mother, RUBY GIBSON stated that she had, and laughed.

MRS. SMITH stated that she never heard MRS. GIBSON or her daughter RUBY mention the fact that there are any boys in the GIBSON family, and that she, informant, does not recall having seen anyone call at her apartment house who resembles RUSSELL GIBSON, alias ROY GRAY.

In order to secure the above information, it was necessary for this Agent to disclose his identity, after being assured by MRS. SMITH that there was no reason why the interview could not be treated confidentially. MRS. SMITH stated that she was glad to be of any assistance possible to the Government, and that she would not disclose to anyone this Agent's visit.

~~It was further stated that MRS. NANCY GIBSON, Apartment 309, 1170 South Norton Street, Los Angeles, has a period of thirty days.~~

No leads are being set out for the Kansas City Division Office to locate MRS. WALLS in Kansas City - request for such an investigation being left to the discretion of the St. Paul Division Office, in view of the fact that this work

may already have been performed. The Kansas City Office is being furnished copies of instant report, in the event that subsequent investigation is required at the instance of the St. Paul Division Office.

The photograph of MRS. NANCY GIBSON, alias MRS. ANNE GIBSON, is being returned to the Chicago Division Office with copies of instant report.

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June 11, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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.

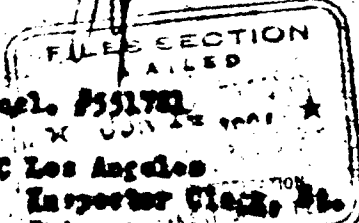
There is transmitted herewith a copy of a report rendered by Special Agent W. H. Bott, dated Los Angeles, California, June 7, 1934, in the above entitled case, wherein information is set forth concerning the presence in Los Angeles, California, during 1932, of Mrs. Anne Gibson, apparently the mother of subject Russell Gibson, with alias, Fugitive, Identification Order #1213. The Chicago office is presently engaged on an investigation looking to the location and apprehension of Russell Gibson, who has been identified as "Slim", an individual who passed some of the Bremer ransom money in Chicago, Illinois.

Inasmuch as Russell Gibson is the subject of an investigation involving a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, of which your office is the office of origin, copies of all reports submitted in the above entitled case dealing with the location and apprehension of subject Gibson should be furnished to your office.

The Chicago office has previously furnished your office with snapshots of a woman believed to be the wife of subject Gibson and it is suggested that appropriate investigation be made with a view to establishing whether this woman is identical with the woman who was associating with Gibson at the time he committed the bank robbery in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

Director.



Encl. #551781

CC Los Angeles

Inspector Clark, St. Paul

Chicago

Oklahoma City

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
May 24, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Black telephoned from Tulsa at 5:05 P.M. and wanted to know if any reward was being offered for any of the individuals wanted in connection with the Bremer case. I advised him that we would pay \$250.00 each as reward for Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis.

Mr. Black advised that a sister of Volney Davis is negotiating at McAlester for his parole and he believes it would be a good idea to get a transcript of all of her telephone calls, in and out. He was advised to proceed with this plan if he thought it would be productive and he was authorized to spend a reasonable amount of money for a reasonable length of time, if necessary.

He further advised that the former wife of Herman Barker, brother of Doc Barker, claims she has some friends in McAlester, who handle hot bonds, from whom she may be able to get some information as to the whereabouts of Barker and Karpis; also she knows Barker's father, who lives at Neosho, Missouri, from whom she may be able to get some information as to the whereabouts of Barker's mother. It is very possible that Barker and Karpis will be apprehended, if the whereabouts of Barker's mother can be ascertained. All this woman wants is her expenses and a share of the reward if anything develops.

This trip is about 700 miles and will take from 12 to 15 hours. Mr. Black was advised to follow this plan and to use his judgment as to whether to hire a car for this purpose or use a Division car. Mr. Black suggested that it might be a good idea to hire some boy to drive this woman, preferably a boy that knew nothing about this case. The Division will be advised as to developments.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
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US DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHN DC

BREKID YOUR TELEGRAM EVEN DATE DO NOT SEE ANY INVESTIGATION FOR
ELPASO ACCOUNT VAGUE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN LETTER OF REFERENCE

SUGGEST YOU REFER TO FILE H S LEBMAN ORIGIN SANANTONIO UNLAWFUL
POSSESSION GOVERNMENT PROPERTY HARBORING FUGITIVES FROM JUSTICE

FURNISHING MACHINE GUNS TO GANGSTERS HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION AND
NO BASIS FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION STOP AM PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED

b7d WITH [REDACTED] AND RECOMMEND HIS INFORMATION AS RELIABLE 1 1934

COLVIN.

Edmund D. [illegible]

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RETEL BREKID ED DAVIS TO BE TRANSFERRED STATE PRISON

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 7, 1934

JBL:ps

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ~~CONLEY~~ *Tamm*

On the evening of June 4, 1934, I received a telephone call from Mr. Schilder, who stated that a wire had been received from the Salt Lake City Office in the Bremer case requesting to be advised whether Theodore Benz is wanted. Mr. Schilder stated that the records of the Identification Unit revealed that Benz is wanted at Chicago, Illinois by the American Express Agency, by the State Police at Lansing, and by the San Francisco, California Police Department for violation of the Dyer Act. Mr. Schilder wanted to know whether it would be all right to advise the Salt Lake City Office by wire concerning these wanted notices. I told Mr. Schilder that the matter was within his province and that if these wanted notices were reflected in the files of the Identification Unit, and the Salt Lake City Office requested an answer by wire, such an answer would appear to be appropriate.

Respectfully,

John B. Little
John B. Little.

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Mr. Newby

DIV INVEST CHICAGO

MAY 31, 1934

9-40 PM

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DIRECTOR AND STP

BREKID. MR. C. A. WESTBERG A VOLUNTARY INFORMANT ADVISES THAT ON DATE OF DISAPPEARANCE OF DOC MORAN AND SLIM GRAY HE SAW ONE JACK HERMANSON, FORMER ILLINOIS STATE TROOPER AND FORMER CHIEF OF POLICE AT FOREST PARK, ILLINOIS, WHO WAS FIRED BECAUSE OF CROOKEDNESS, IN COMPANY WITH GRAY AND MORAN ON STREET CAR IN CHICAGO. WESTBERG OVERHEARD THEM SAY THEY WERE GOING TO HERMANSONS COTTAGE WHICH IS IN VICINITY OF ARBOR VITAE, WISCONSIN, THAT WHEN THEY RETURNED THEY WOULD BE SITTING PRETTY. CONVERSATION INDICATED DOC MORAN WAS TO TREAT SOMEONE FOR BAD CASE OF GANGERENE OF THE LEG. WESTBERG INDICATES MORAN FRIENDLY WITH DILLINGER. THIS NOT VERIFIED.

GLADYS WYLDE INFORMS THAT ON NIGHT OF MORANS DISAPPEARANCE HERMANSON TOLD HER HE WAS GOING TO HIS COTTAGE WITH DOC MORAN AND THAT SHE SHOULD KEEP QUIET. HERMANSON SHOWED GLADYS WYLDE A MACHINE GUN HE USES. SHE STATES JAMES WILSON, ASSOCIATE OF MORAN WAS ALSO TO GO TO SAID COTTAGE. IT HXX IS HER UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY WERE TO MEET OTHER PERSONS AT COTTAGE, HERMANSON DRIVING AN OLD BLUE LINCOLN SEDAN. MISS WYLDE BELIEVES SHE HAS SEEN FRED BARKER AND HARRY CAMPBELL IN MORANS OFFICE. SHE REPORTS SLIM GRAY TO HAVE TUBERCULOSIS AND NOT TO LIVE LONG, AND TO BE DANGEROUS. THIS FACT IS ESTABLISHED BY AGENTS. AGENTS RICHMOND AND WELLES NOW IN VICINITY OF ARBOR VITAE, WISCONSIN MAKING UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATION. THEY REPORTED TODAY THEY HAD FOUND THE RESORT WHERE HERMANSONS COTTAGE IS BELIEVED LOCATED.

OK WASH EJC

OK STPAUL JM

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U. S.
Division of Investigation,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

JUNE 8, 1934.

SECRETARY OF STATE,
STATE OF WISCONSIN,
MADISON, WISCONSIN.

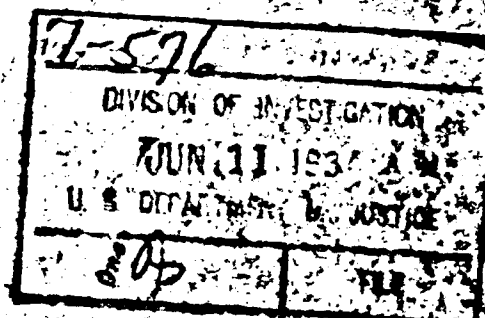
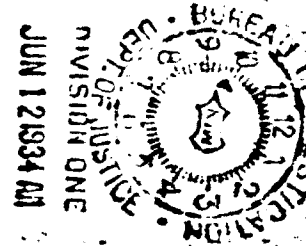
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DIRECTOR DIVISION INVEST WASHINGTON

ST PAUL MINN 6-11-34

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JODIL RE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY FATHER COUGHLIN WE HAVE LOCATED THE
AMBAXXXXXX COM ODORE HOTEL ANSWERING DESCRIPTION GIVEN AND POSITIVE
IDENTIFICATIONS MADE OF NELSON AND WIFE UNDER NAME J WILLIAMS AND FAMILY
REGISTERED THERE JUNE NINETH AND JUNE 22ND AND SEPTEMBER
WX 25TH ALL IN 1933

THEY ARE NOT THERE AT PRESENT AND HAVE NOT BEEN BACK SINCE THEY LEFT IN
OCTOBER LAST THEY ARE WELL KNOWN TO BELLHOPS AT HOTEL AND ARRANGEMENTS
HAVE BEEN MADE SO WE WILL BE NOTIFIED IN EVENT THEY RETURN THOSE KNOW-
ING NELSON STATE THAT HE IS VERY OBVIOUS BECAUSE ON FACT THAT HE IS SO
SMALL AND SO YOUTHFUL IN APPEARANCE AND LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE PHOTO
APPEARING ON IDENT ORDER

THE GARAGE ANSWERING THE DESCRIPTION GIVEN IS PROBABLY GARAGE WHICH
IN FALL AND SUMMER 1933

WAS OWNED BY HARRY SAWYER AND ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL WHOSE FIRST NAME IS
HERE GARAGE OPERATED IN HERBS GARAGE ALTHO SPOKEN OF AS HARRY SAWYERS
PLACE THE MECHANIC EDDIE AT THIS GARAGE IS NOW OPERATING EDDIES
GARAGE OWNED BY FRED BARKER AND HAS BEEN UNDER OBSERVATION BY AN AGENT
HERE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS

JEAN DELANEY CROMPTON WAS SENTENCED AT MADISON WISC TODAY TO SERVE ONE
YEAR AND ONE DAY AS A PROBATION VIOLATOR

WE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN AGENT GOING TO MADISON TO TAKE THIS GIRLS
MOTHER MRS C DELANEY TO MADISON TODAY TO SEE HER DAUGHTER AND THE MOTHER
HAS AGREED TO GIVE UP ANY INFORMATION OF VALUE OBTAINED AGENT GROSS
ADVISES MOTHER AND JEAN CROMPTON HAVE BEEN TOGETHER MOST ALL AFTERNOON
AND HE WILL ADVISE IF ANYTHING OF VALUE OBTAINED

ALL AVAILABLE AGENT HERE ARE PATROLLING ST PAUL MPLS AND ENVIRONS LOOK-
ING FOR NEW HUDSON COUPE AS DESCRIBED BY EDDIE CERNOCKY TO FATHER COUGH-
LIN

DR MORTENSEN WAS RECENTLY REINSTATED AS CITY HEALTH COMMISSIONER AND
IMMEDIATELY RESIGNED HE IS NOW ACTIVE CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY CORONER
RUNNING AS HE STATES FOR VINDICATION AT HANDS OF PEOPLE

TOM DAHILL WAS LAST WEEK APPOINTED AS TEMPORARY ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE
AND TODAY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION RECEIVED TODAY IS THAT SOMERES WILL
NOT BE APPOINTED AT ANY TIME IN FUTURE

END CLEGG

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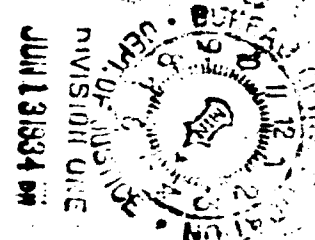
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P. O. Box #1156,
Omaha, Nebraska.

June 11, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.



Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I. O. 1218;
Arthur H. Barker, with aliases, I. O. 1219;
et al. Edward George Bremer, Victim.
Kidnaping. Omaha File #7-4.

Reference is made to telephone conversation you had with me to the effect that a certain letter received by the Kansas City Office from Inspector Clegg indicated that one [redacted] had informed that one Charles Dotson, who was recently convicted at York, Nebraska, on a bank robbery charge, and sentenced to the Nebraska State Penitentiary, was a pal of Fred Barker, or that Dotson's wife, Trixie, who is believed to be at Cookson, Oklahoma, is also well known to Barker and that if she is located undoubtedly the Barkers can be found with her, or by observing her.

Please be advised that Special Agent Green, at Lincoln, Nebraska, ascertained that Charles Dotson died in the Nebraska State Penitentiary on June 4, 1934; that his body was shipped to Marble City, Oklahoma, by Dotson's wife, who is known as Pauline Dotson and sometimes is known by the nickname "Cricket"; that Pauline Dotson was with Charles Dotson for two weeks prior to his death; that on the day of the shipping of his body to Marble City, Oklahoma, Pauline Dotson was joined by her two brothers, Robert Luna and Fred Luna, who are supposed to be residents of or near Park Hill, Oklahoma; that Charles Dotson has a brother by the name of John, and his mother, named Lucy, residing in Marble City, Oklahoma.

Special Agent Green advised that he questioned Joe Harris and Robert Trolinder, two inmates of the Nebraska prison who were convicted on the same crime with Charles Dotson, and neither of them claims to know either the Barkers or Karpis, and claim not to know that Dotson is acquainted with either one of them.

It is suggested to the Oklahoma City Office that some inquiry be made in this matter at Marble City and Park Hill, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

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WENNER HANDEL,
Special Agent in Charge.

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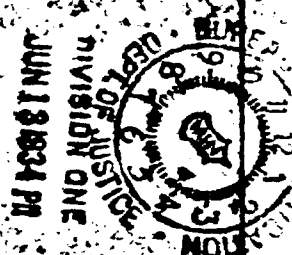
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota.**

St. Paul FILE NO. **7-30**

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-8-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/4 & 5/22/34	REPORT MADE BY: D. L. Nicholson
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. 1219; JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, alias "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, alias J. J. McLAUGHLIN - FUGITIVE; JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., with aliases - FUGITIVE; PHILIP J. DELANEY - FUGITIVE; WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, alias WILLIAMS - FUGITIVE, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<p>Synopsis of Facts:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Additional ransom note received at the St. Paul Division Office on April 4, 1934, which had been left by an unknown individual at the New Hotel Brunswick at Faribault, Minnesota.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, dated May 16, 1934.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>This is a joint report by the various Special Agents who are assigned especially to this case at the St. Paul Division Office.</p> <p>On April 4, 1934, there was received at the St. Paul Division Office an additional ransom note which had been left at the New Hotel Brunswick, Faribault, Minnesota, in a corn meal box, and subsequently forwarded to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension at St. Paul, Minnesota. This ransom note reads as follows:</p>			
DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUN 13 1934	
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"Chas. McGee or Payoff Man (John B. Brakeham)

We now cancel previous instructions

Follow these new instructions

Take the money and get off this Bus at the next town called
Owatonna.

About 50 foot west of where this bus stops at the station
you will find a 1933 Chevrolet coupe

The car is black and has a black tire cover with a round
white spot painted in the center of the cover

Place the money in this car and get into it at once

Your next instructions are on the steering post of the car

Mr. Chas. McGee (John B. Brakeham)

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my
safety. I am responsible for the full amount of the money.

E. G. Bremer (Signature)

In connection with the delivery of this note, Special Agent
J. E. Brennan conducted the following investigation:

St. Paul File No. 7-30.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. E. Brennan on May 22, 1934:

At Faribault, Minnesota, interview was had with ARTHUR MURRAY, clerk at The New Hotel Brunswick, who stated that about two weeks prior to the release of EDWARD BREMER, a man called at the hotel and stated to him that his father would arrive at Faribault on the 10:30 P.M. bus from the Twin Cities; that his father was ill and had forgotten to bring his medicine with him; that the man gave him a package, which supposedly contained medicine, and asked ARTHUR MURRAY to give the package to the gentleman who would arrive on the 10:30 bus, and whose name, as contained on the package, was JOHN B. BRAKKEHAM; that the man left immediately after this conversation, but came back just before the bus arrived and stated that his father had telephoned that he had missed the bus. He requested MURRAY to hold the package until somebody called for it. This package was held for about a month, and was opened by MURRAY'S mother, MRS. GEORGE M. MURRAY, at which time it was found to contain a ransom note addressed to JOHN B. BRAKKEHAM, the original of which note has heretofore been transmitted to the Division.

ARTHUR MURRAY stated that the man who left this package was not more than 30 years of age; about five feet, 10 inches; 130 to 140 pounds; thin face; cheeks lined as though from hard living; wore overalls, or rough clothing, and cap, and appeared to be a farmer or someone dressed as a farmer. Photographs of suspects in this case were exhibited to ARTHUR MURRAY, who stated that the photograph of ALVIN KARPIS most closely resembled the person who left the package, although he could not state that it was that of the man. He further stated that he was not sure whether or not he could identify the person who left this note should he see him again.

MRS. GEORGE M. MURRAY, mother of ARTHUR MURRAY, stated she opened the package addressed to JOHN B. BRAKKEHAM, which had been left at The New Hotel Brunswick, Faribault, and found a cornmeal box containing a ransom letter purporting to have been signed by EDWARD G. BREMER; that she showed this letter to her son ARTHUR and her husband, and that her husband sent

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it to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension at St. Paul on March 31st, MR. GEORGE M. MURRAY confirmed the statement of his wife.

MR. and MRS. GEORGE M. MURRAY and ARTHUR MURRAY stated that they were the only ones who handled the contents of the package. Their fingerprints and palm prints have been obtained and will be transmitted to the Division, together with fingerprints and palm prints of other persons known to have handled the ransom letter and cornmeal box.

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

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: 6/9/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5-25-31/34	REPORT MADE BY: K. R. McIntire - MC
TITLE: Alvin Karpis with aliases, I. O. 1218 Arthur R. Barker, with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al Edward George Bremer, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation at Clinton, Wisconsin
Beloit, Wisconsin
Milton, Wisconsin
Milton Junction, Wis.
South Beloit, Illinois

fails to disclose location of hideout house
in which Bremer was held.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois,
May 19th, 1934.

DETAILS: Investigation in the towns noted in synopsis fails to dis-
close location of hideout house in which Bremer was held.

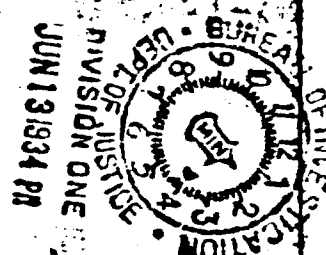
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. H. Rice, at
Beloit, Wisconsin, and South Beloit, Illinois, on May 25th, 26th and 28th,
1934. Beloit is situated on the Wisconsin State line and has an approxi-
mate population of 23,000. South Beloit is on the Illinois side and has an
approximate population of 2300.

The trunk highways #15, #26 and #15 meet at Beloit. There are no street
cars in operation but there is some street car track that has not been re-
moved from the streets, this being on Liberty Street, on which state route
#13 enters Beloit and Central Avenue, state route #15, from Beloit to
Milwaukee. This track being situated within the city limits.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Val C. Zimmerman</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-2132 JUN 13 1934 A M BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	RECEIVED AND INDEXED: JUN 15 1934 JUN 17 1934
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The following were furnished information concerning the hideout and photos of subjects and associates were exhibited without results:

J. R. Riordan - Postmaster, and all postal employees, including city and rural carriers.

Dan Torrisi - Chief of Police and all members of that Department.

B. H. Ferbert - Fire Chief and all members of that Department.

Floyd Alton - Supt. Meter Department, Wisconsin Power & Light Co.

Frank Finnegan - Electric, water and gas meter reader

Wayne Dudley - " " " " " "

Harry Wynn - " " " " " "

Lawrence Lynch - " " " " " "

Wilford Lumber & Fuel employees

Home Lumber & Fuel employees

Ideal Concrete Products & Fuel Company employees

Rock River Lumber Company employees

South Beloit Fuel & Manufacturing Company employees

Beloit Lumber Company employees

B. H. Ferbert, Fire Chief, advised that there is no stationary fire siren or fire bell at Beloit, the only fire sirens being used are those on the fire trucks. The following is the fire record for January 28th, 1934: a call at 5:18 P. M., 7:31 P. M., and 9:13 P. M.

Following is a schedule of the whistles that were blown during months of January and February, 1934 - information being furnished by the engineers of the respective plants:

Fairbanks & Morris Company,

7:50 A. M., 8:00 A. M., 12:00 noon, 12:55 P. M.,

1:00 P. M., 4:00 P. M.

General Refrigeration Corp.,

7:00 A. M., 12:00 noon, 12:30 P. M., 3:00 P. M.

Gardiner Machine Company,

6:00 A. M., 8:00 A. M., 12:00 noon, 12:30 P. M.,

4:30 P. M., 5:00 P. M.

All the whistles are steam whistles.

Following is a schedule of the churches that toll their bells for the January and February months. This information being furnished by the janitor of each named church:

First Congregational - Sunday only,

9:30 A. M., 10:15 A. M., 10:45 A. M.

Second Congregational - Sunday only,

9:00 A. M., 9:30 A. M., 10:00 A. M., 10:45 A. M.

7:00 P. M., 7:30 P. M.

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran - Sunday only,
 9:00 A. M., 10:00 A. M.
 St. Johns Evangelical - Sunday only
 9:15 A. M., 10:30 A. M.
 Our Saviour Lutheran - Sunday only,
 9:00 A. M., 10:00 A. M., 10:30 A. M., 11:00 A. M.
 St. Thomas -
 7:00 A. M., 8:00 A. M. ----- Daily
 7:30 A. M., 9:00 A. M., 11:00 A. M., ----- Sunday

Train schedules furnished by C. B. Elder, Despatcher, C. M. St. P. & Pacific R.R.,
 for January and February, 1934:

West Bound

Arr.	Dep.	
12:50 A. M.	1:10 A. M.	Freight
9:15 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	"
11:12 A. M.	11:20 A. M.	Passenger
11:14 A. M.	11:22 A. M.	"
4:59 P. M.		" (Chi.-Beloit)
6:50 P. M.	7:40 P. M.	
7:26 P. M.	7:35 P. M.	

East Bound

1:45 A. M.	2:35 A. M.	Freight
6:05 A. M.		" (Remains at Beloit)
7:02 A. M.	7:18 A. M.	Passenger
7:07 A. M.	7:12 A. M.	"
2:00 A. M.	2:12 A. M.	"
3:38 A. M.	4:10 A. M.	Freight
11:35 P. M.		" (Remains at Beloit)

Train schedules furnished by A. C. Matzek, Despatcher, Chicago & Northwestern for
 the desired period:

West Bound

4:40 A. M.	4:42 A. M.	Passenger
7:30 A. M.	7:35 A. M.	Freight
12:05 P. M.	12:10 P. M.	"
3:53 P. M.	4:00 P. M.	"
6:28 P. M.	6:42 P. M.	Passenger
8:15 P. M.	8:30 P. M.	"

East Bound

<u>Arr.</u>	<u>Dep.</u>	
7:20 A. M.	7:22 A. M.	Passenger
2:20 P. M.	2:25 P. M.	Freight
4:57 P. M.	4:58 P. M.	Passenger
6:47 P. M.	6:49 P. M.	"
8:40 P. M.	8:41 P. M.	Freight

Mr. Elder and Mr. Matzek stated that the majority of the switching at Beloit was done between the hours of 11:30 P. M. to 7:00 A. M. and 8:30 A. M. to 5:00 P. M., on weekdays. There is very little, if any, switching done on Sunday.

Photographs of subjects and associates were exhibited at the following places. No identification of any being made:

Automobile Dealers and Garages

Rock River Motor Company
Bowman Chevrolet Company
Tarraut Motor Company
Mork Sales Corporation
Kelly Motor Company
Rock County Motor Company
Studebaker Sales & Service Company
J. H. Saris Auto Company
B. & M. Motor Sales
Beloit Auto Body Shop
Housew & Kennedy
Interstate Garage
Golden Rule Auto & Electric Company

Grocers

National Tea Co., Store #1, #2.
Victor's
Universal - Store #1, #2.
The Grocery Patch
Royal Blue Food Stores
Park Avenue
Mapp's
International
Kapitanoff's
Balaban & Wisch
Economy
Cora, Inc. Store #1, #2.
The Corner Store

Gasoline Stations

Phillips
Standard - #1, #2, #3, #4, #5.
Tank Car Service
Cities Service - #1, #2.
Wodham Oil Company - #1, #2.
Valvoline
Barnsdall Service - #1, #2.
Interstate Gas Station
Sinclair - #1, #2.
Goodall's
Freeman's
Scott and Cole
Walkey's Service Station
Karlem Oil Company
Tydol

Hotels:

Hilton	Branigan
Loran	Grand
Doris	Carlton

Barber Shops

Hilton	Sanitary
Cozy	Wheeler
Keenan	Wolf & Briscoe
Bon Ton	

Drug Stores

Peoples Pharmacy
Walgreen
Liberty
Chilson
Public Service
Wisconsin Ave. Pharmacy
Farnsworth Pharmacy
Bach's
Johnson's Service
Wardin's

At South Beloit, Illinois, hideout information furnished and photos exhibited to the following, without results:

L. Walsh, Postmaster - there are no rural or city carriers working out of this office.

Fay Hansen - Fire Chief
Emile Hiederman - Constable

South Beloit, Ill.

Fay Hansen, Fire Chief, stated that at South Beloit the fire department has a stationary fire siren which, during the months of January, February and March, was blown at 12:00 o'clock noon each weekday and for fires. The records of that department do not disclose that same was sounded for any fires during the month of January, 1934.

Photos were exhibited at South Beloit, Illinois, to the following without results:

Gasoline Stations

Wodham Motor Oil	Goodall's Service
Netites Service	Tenneco
Tank Car Service	Valvoline

Garages

Blackhawk Manor
Sharp and Wilhelm Auto Supplies

Groceries

Charles Shaffer	Peifer's
Grey's	Ray White's

Strasburg Lumber & Fuel Co.

The same named electric, gas, and water meter readers set out for Beloit, Wis., cover South Beloit, Illinois.

Fay Hansen and Emile Hiederman advised that on some occasions the church bells of Rockton, Illinois, were audible in South Beloit, Illinois.

Agent personally inspected all the houses in the vicinity of the railroad tracks at Beloit and South Beloit and no house was located that fitted the hideout.

Cash Whipple, who resides at 947 Vernon Avenue, and an official of the Beloit Iron works stated that he owns a plane and same is stored at the Beloit airfield, which is located about six miles north of Beloit on the Janesville Beloit highway; that he makes business trips in his plane, having made several last January and February; that outside of his using the field same is used very little and has not been used during the last six months by anyone but him. Cash Whipple is reported to be a reputable business man and citizen of Beloit.

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On May 30th, 1934, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. H. Rice, at Clinton, Wisconsin.

Clinton is situated at the intersection of state highways #15 and #140, concrete, and has an approximate population of 900.

Hideout information and photos of subjects and associates were exhibited to the following without results:

- Y. W. Winegar - Postmaster
- A. R. Richards - Fire Chief
- George Jorgensen - Constable
- Clem Proesel - Constable, and city water meter reader
- Earl Duxstad - Electric meter reader for Wisconsin Power & Light Co.

Photos were exhibited at the following places without identification:

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| Standard Oil Station | Larson's Barber Shop |
| Tidewater Oil Station | Barker Lumber & Fuel Co. |
| Shell Oil Station | DeLong Coal & Oil Co. |
| Texaco Oil Station | Dollen's Garage |
| Goodall's Oil Station | Stony & Korth Chevrolet Garage |
| Shattuck's Drug Store | A. J. Christensen Ford Agency |
| A. J. Bodin's Drug Store | Royal Blue Store (Grocery) |
| Clinton Cafe & Tavern | Hahn's Ideal (Grocery) |
| Art Pye's Barber Shop | J. A. Hamilton (Grocery) |
| Super Service Grocery | |

The following is a schedule of the tolling of the church bells for desired period:

- Baptist - Rev. Parnell
Saturday evening - 7:00 P. M.
Sunday, 10:00 A. M., 11:00 A. M., 7:00 P. M., 7:45 P. M.
- Methodist - Rev. Wagoner
Sunday, 9:00 A. M., 10:00 A. M., 7:00 A. M.
- Polis Lutheran - Rev. Christensen
Sunday, 9:00 A. M., 10:00 A. M.

Huber Hansen, Despatcher for the C. & N.W. R. R. and S. M. St. Paul & Pacific R.R. furnished agent with a schedule of the following trains passing through Clinton during desired period:

C. & N.W. R. - East Bound	
Arr.	Dep.
8:40 A. M.	8:42 A. M.
	Passenger

Arr.

Dep.

9:22 A. M.
10:00 A. M.

6:00 P. M.
8:40 P. M.

9:24 A. M.
11:00 A. M. to 3:00
A.M.
6:02 P. M.
8:42 P. M.

Passenger
Way Freight
Freight
"

West Bound

5:00 A. M.
3:40 P. M.
7:45 P. M.
11:51 P. M.

5:02 A. M.
3:42 P. M.
7:47 P. M.
11:59 P. M.

Freight
"
Passenger
"

C. M. St. Paul & Pacific

East Bound

2:27 A. M.
7:26 A. M.
8:25 A. M.
1:17 P. M.
2:30 P. M.
6:20 P. M.

2:29 A. M.

9:25

2:32 P. M.
6:22 P. M.

Freight
Pass. - does not stop
Way Freight
Freight - does not stop
Gasoline motor
Pass. - Freeport to
Milwaukee

West Bound

8:25 A. M.
10:48 A. M.

4:16 P. M.
7:10 P. M.
11:50 P. M.

8:27 A. M.
10:50 A. M.

4:18 P. M.
7:12 P. M.
11:52 P. M.

Freight
Gasoline Motor -
Milwaukee - Freeport
Passenger
Passenger
Way Freight

There is no hotel in operation at Clinton.

A. R. Richards, Fire Chief, stated that the fire department maintains a stationary fire siren which sounds at 12:00 o'clock noon each weekday. There is no fire record for January 28, 1934.

Agent personally inspected all houses in the vicinity of the railroad tracks and none was found that resembles that of the hideout.

Constable Proessel stated that on some occasions in the winter months one was able to hear the steam whistle owned by the Fairbanks Morris Manufacturing Company at Beloit, Wisconsin.

There are no landing fields for airplanes located at Clinton.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. H. Rice on May 31, 1934, at Milton Junction and Milton, Wisconsin.

Milton Junction is located on State Highway #59, concrete, and has an approximate population of 1,000. Milton is situated on State Highway #59 and #26, concrete, and has an approximate population of 1,200. The villages are approximately one mile distant from each other, Milton Junction being west of Milton.

Hideout information and photographs of subjects and associates were exhibited to the following without results:

At Milton Junction:

G. B. Keith, Postmaster and postal employees
L. W. Foreman, Firechief
G. W. Hevey, Deputy Sheriff and constable
Harry Burrows, Constable
M. W. Stockman, Plumber (only active plumber at Milton Junction and Milton and is familiar with plumbing located in houses in that vicinity.)
Lester Knappes, Electric and water meter reader (also reads electric meters at Milton.)

At Milton:

J. P. Holmes, Assistant Postmaster
Oscar Davis, Constable
D. A. Borden, Firechief
E. L. Barnes, Water meter reader
R. A. Gray, State Game Warden for Green, Rock, Jefferson and Walworth counties.

Photographs were exhibited at the following places without identification:

At Milton Junction:

Garages and gasoline stations:

G. F. Crandall - Ford Agency
H. J. Hart - Chevrolet
W. R. Thorpe - Druggist
E. R. Hall - Grocery
S. L. Mobson - Grocery
John Wright - Grocery
J. A. Baker - Grocery
G. A. Cramp - Grocery
Iverson Dry Goods store
George Stockman - Lakeside Coal and Wood Company
Fred Wendt - Milton Junction Lumber and Coal Company
Stockman and Rye - Barber shop
Dick Grim - Barber shop
Pat's Bakery
R. H. Lauback - Meat market
Green Lantern Tavern
Max's Cafe

At Milton:

Walter Copeland - Gasoline station
Smith Oil Company - Stations #1, #2, #3.
Walter Sayre - Garage
J. R. Davidson - Garage
J. B. Harker - Garage
H. B. Crandall - Grocery
Oakes and Drakes - Grocery
Don Millis - Grocery
H. C. Stewart - Druggist
Elver Olsen - Druggist
T. A. Saunders Lumber and Coal Company
Homer Green - Barber shop
I. C. Johnson - Barber shop

At Milton Junction, Fire Chief L. W. Foreman advised that the fire department maintains a stationary fire siren which blows at 12:00 Noon each day including Sunday and for fires. The fire record reflects that the department responded to two fires on January 28, 1934, the first being at 11:15 A.M. and the second at 6:00 P.M., both fires

being located in the townships, and that the trucks going to the fires always sound the sirens attached to the trucks.

D. A. Borden, Fire Chief, advised that the fire department at Milton maintains a stationary fire siren that sounds at 12:00 Noon each day, including Sunday. There is no report of a fire or the siren sounding on January 28th, except at Noon as usual.

Ed Lucas, who operates a garage and Cities Service Gasoline Station at Milton Junction, when exhibited the photograph of Fred Barker, stated that Barker looked familiar to him and as he recalled, the description of Fred Barker and the photograph are somewhat similar to a party who stopped at his gasoline station sometime last winter, possibly January or February, and purchased gasoline; that this individual was alone and he (Lucas) was unable to recall what type or make of car he was driving; that he had not seen this stranger since, but if he has an opportunity again to observe the individual that he saw he will immediately advise Deputy Sheriff G. W. Hevey. Mr. Hevey was advised by Agent Rice concerning Lucas's information and proper arrangements were made.

Schedule of the tolling of church bells at Milton Junction covering desired period:

Seventh Day Baptist - Information furnished by Rev. J. F. Randolph:

Each Friday - 7:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.

Each Saturday - 10:20 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.

Methodist - Information furnished by Rev. Frank Hanaman:

Each Sunday - 9:15 and 9:45 A.M.

Catholic - Information furnished by Rev. P. A. Snyder:

Each week day - 7:30 A.M.

Each Sunday - 7:30 A.M. and 9:30 A.M.

AT MILTON:

Seventh Day Baptist - Information furnished by Rev. C. L. Hill:

Each Friday - 7:30 P.M.

Each Saturday - 10:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Evangelical Lutheran - Information furnished by Rev. E. C. Schumacher:

Each Sunday - 9:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.

Methodist - Information furnished by Rev. Frank Hanaman:

Each Sunday - 11:00 A.M.

The Milton College located at Milton sounded a chapel bell each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 7:00 A.M., 7:40 A.M., 11:55 A.M. and 12:55 A.M., during the desired period.

There are no whistles blown at Milton Junction. The Burdick Corporation at Milton sounds a steam whistle on week days except Saturday and Sunday, covering the period at 7:55 A.M., 8:00 A.M., 12:00 Noon, 12:55 P.M., 1:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. This information was furnished by F. A. Anderson, President, Burdick Corporation.

The following is a schedule of the trains over the C. M. St. P. & P. R.R. Co. at Milton:

EASTBOUND

<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Departure</u>	
1:05 A.M.	1:05 A.M.	Freight
5:28 A.M.	5:29 A.M.	Passenger
7:36 A.M.	7:38 A.M.	Gas engine - except Sunday
		Madison, Milwaukee
9:22 A.M.	9:23 A.M.	Passenger
10:19 A.M.	10:20 A.M.	Gas - Madison, Rockford
10:55 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	Freight
12:15 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	Freight
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	Freight
5:46 P.M.	5:47 P.M.	Passenger
6:02 P.M.	6:03 P.M.	Passenger

WESTBOUND

<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Departure</u>	
1:05 A.M.	1:05 A.M.	Freight
4:45 A.M.	4:45 A.M.	Freight
8:05 A.M.	8:06 A.M.	Passenger
10:07 A.M.	10:08 A.M.	Passenger
10:25 A.M.	10:25 A.M.	Freight
10:45 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	Freight
11:19 A.M.	11:19 A.M.	Freight
2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	Freight
4:52 P.M.	4:53 P.M.	Passenger
7:36 P.M.	7:36 P.M.	Passenger
8:32 P.M.	8:32 P.M.	Passenger

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AT MILTON JUNCTION: - C. & N.W.

WESTBOUND:

<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Departure</u>	
6:00 A.M.	6:00 A.M.	Gas engine - Passenger
		Fond du lac - Janesville
8:45 A.M.	8:45 A.M.	Freight

EASTBOUND:

<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Departure</u>	
2:05 P.M.	2:05 P.M.	
5:05 P.M.	5:05 P.M.	Gas engine - Passenger
		Janesville - Fond du Lac

The time schedule was furnished by R. K. Hurlbut, dispatcher C.M. St. P. & P. R.R. and C.N.W. R.R. Co., located at Milton, Wisconsin.

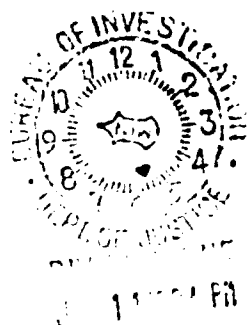
All houses in the vicinity of the railroad tracks at Milton and Milton Junction were personally inspected by Agent Rice and none was similar to that of the hideout.

The sounds of Milton and Milton Junction are audible to each other, that is to say, the fire siren, church bells and the steam whistle at the Burdick Corporation at Milton can be heard at Milton Junction and those sounds at Milton Junction can be heard at Milton.

There are no airplane landing facilities at Milton or Milton Junction.

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Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
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Dear Sir:

Since my arrival here, I have made several efforts to develop some confidential informants, particularly for use in the BREMER and DILLINGER cases and in view of the absence of any valuable confidential informants on my arrival here, as well as my personal unfamiliarity with the territory and underworld characters, I found this to be a very difficult task. I have sought to solicit the aid of Special Agents on special assignment here to help develop such contacts and, in most instances, the contacts have been either very temporary or of a comparatively unserviceable type. As a matter of record, however, and for the information of both the Division and the St. Paul Office, I desire to list the following:

MRS. PETE CONROY.

This woman is a contact that has been developed by Special Agent T.J. Dodd. She is a known shoplifter and "fence" for shoplifters. She is a friend of Myrtle Eaton and Ida Gold, who, likewise, are shoplifters and associates of underworld characters affiliated with the HARRY SAWYER group. Agent Dodd's contact with this informant has been on a personal basis. He considers it unwise to make offers of money to her for her information and all the information which she has furnished to him concerning underworld characters, upon being checked, has been found to be accurate.

LEONIA GOODMAN,
863 West Central Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This colored woman, together with her brother, MOSE GARDNER, operates the G AND G BARBECUE stand at 443 Rondo Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. She is, originally, from Georgia. She was arrested on the occasion of the shooting of EDDIE GREEN and EDDIE GREEN was shot with weapons which were, at the time, in the house

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rented by LEONIA GOODMAN. She is a close friend of MYRTLE EATON and the latter calls on her from time to time to care for and clean her, MYRTLE EATON'S, apartment. LEONIA GOODMAN has, recently, moved to the address above given from an address formerly identified as 778 Rondo Street in St. Paul. She has been offered \$500.00 if she furnished exclusive information to this Division which will lead to the location and apprehension of DILLINGER, HAMILTON, CARROLL, VAN METER, REILLY, and the BARKER-KARPIS GANG. She states that she will cooperate and, in the event MYRTLE EATON returns to the city, and communicates with her, she will promptly advise MR. LADD, whose telephone number has been furnished to LEONIA.

LUTY JACKSON,
291 St. Albans Street,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This colored woman is a sister of LEONIA GOODMAN, above mentioned. She has, in times past according to her own statements, performed services for individuals identified by photographs and descriptions as being FRANK NASH; VERNIE MILLER; MYRTLE EATON; certain members of the DILLINGER GANG; and practically all the BARKER-KARPIS GANG. She has, in her possession, at the present time, a key to MYRTLE EATON'S apartment. She has been furnished with identification orders that have been issued on both the DILLINGER and BARKER-KARPIS mobs and has been told that if she furnished information leading to the location and apprehension of these individuals, she would be furnished \$500.00 for each one so apprehended.

MR. AND MRS. E. SLOAT,
565 Portland Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

MRS. SLOAT is a janitor at this apartment building and her husband is a milkman. It is in this apartment building that MYRTLE EATON has an apartment, #104. MR. and MRS. SLOAT reside in the first apartment in the basement to the left after entering the building. They are both personally acquainted with MYRTLE EATON and have seen BILL WEAVER and ANDY ROTHEMYER, who have been friendly from time to time with MYRTLE EATON. MRS. SLOAT states that about a year ago the

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police examined MYRTLE EATON'S apartment and MYRTLE authorized them to permit the police to examine her place at any time. Although MR. SLOAT seemed to have less interest than MRS. SLOAT, the latter has been furnished with identification orders which have been issued on the DILLINGER and BARKER-KARPIS GANGS and has been informed that he, or either of them, would be paid \$500.00 for the receipt of information leading to the location and apprehension of each of the members of these mobs.

MRS. HELEN "BABE" (MRS. PAT) REILLY.

This woman is the wife of PAT REILLY, subject of an identification order. She is acquainted with all the members of the DILLINGER and BARKER-KARPIS GANGS. Her sister is MRS. JEAN MARGARET CROFTON, who, until TOMMY CARROLL'S death, has been his girl friend. She is, likewise, a sister of DOLORES DELANEY, who is the youngest sister of this group and who is the girl friend of ALVIN RAY KARPIS. MRS. REILLY adopts a jovial, joking attitude. She was held in jail for about a week to see if she would talk. She "kicks" a great deal, is probably a woman of loose moral character; she is the mother of the four or five year old son of PAT REILLY. She is not in love with REILLY and, on one occasion, sought to divorce him but changed her mind. She sees REILLY on occasions but is not especially interested in him but states frankly that she would do nothing to turn him in. She stated that she would not be a stool pigeon, or reveal the whereabouts of any of her friends or enemies, for \$10,000.00 reward each. She is quite a bluffer and it is believed that, since her sister is now likely to be sentenced to a term in the penitentiary, that she may adopt a more serious attitude and be willing to cooperate. Her income is of a decidedly limited character. She lives, at times, with her mother at 365 Maria, St. Paul, and, at times, with PAT REILLY'S mother, at 78 Sherbourne Avenue, in St. Paul. If word is left with her mother to call the office, she will do so although but limited information has been furnished by her to date.

MRS. Y. DELANEY,
365 Maria, St. Paul, Minnesota.

This woman is the mother of BABE REILLY, the wife of PAT REILLY, and JEAN MARGARET CROFTON, the girl friend of TOMMY CARROLL and of DOLORES DELANEY, the girl friend of ALVIN KARPIS. She seems to have some vestige of principle left in her makeup and will cry profusely if she is talked to about the status of her daughters.

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She insists that they were not brought up to form associations with the type which they have developed. She utterly hates PAT REILLY. On one occasion, she attempted to personally serve divorce papers for HELEN REILLY against PAT REILLY and the latter drew a pistol on her and she called him a name with the prefix "yellow", walked up to him and took the pistol out of PAT REILLY'S hands. She stated PAT REILLY had been responsible for a great deal of her unhappiness and she will have no objection to turning him in. She has been offered \$500.00 for information leading to the location and apprehension of each of the members of the DILLINGER and BARKER-KARPIS GANGS. It is possible that, through her daughters, she might be able to obtain such information. She has been furnished the telephone number of the office and has agreed to call the office if she receives such information. This woman appears to be living, at the present time, with some other man but states she has agreed, if the girls will all return to a proper type of living, to herself return to their father in Chicago and to make a home for them. She, obviously, worries considerably about the difficulties into which her daughters find themselves from time to time.

MOORE JARONER,
863 West Central,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This colored man is a brother of LEONIA GOODMAN and LUCY JACKSON. He knows less about the underworld mobs than do his sisters but the same offer has been made to him as to his sisters for the location and apprehension of the DILLINGER and BARKER-KARPIS mobs.

The managers of the Maurice L. Rothschild Clothing Departments, in both Minneapolis and St. Paul, have been contacted and furnished identification orders on both the DILLINGER mob members and the BARKER-KARPIS mobs. These clothing department managers have been informed that a considerable portion of the men's clothing found to have been abandoned by members of these groups have been purchased from their departments. They have agreed to telephone the St. Paul Office, the telephone number of which has been furnished them, for the purpose of giving information leading to the location and apprehension of any of these individuals whom they see.

MISS RUTH WOOD, clerk,
Pharmacy at Grand and Dale,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

MISS RUTH WOOD has been contacted by Special Agent S.W. Hardy. She has cooperated previously in furnishing information about HOLDEN and KEATING and she has been made acquainted with the Division's desire to locate members of this mob. Agent Hardy has been authorized to offer to her the same amount of money as indicated and similar offers for the location of those whose apprehensions are desired by the Division.

MRS. MARIE MURNANE, telephone operator,
St. Francis Hotel,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Special Agent Hardy has made a similar offer to the above informant who has previously cooperated and this informant is located advantageously in view of the fact that the St. Francis Hotel is looked upon as a gangster hotel.

MYRTLE EATON resides in apartment 104, at 565 Portland Avenue. There is another apartment, the rear of which is adjacent to the apartment building in which MYRTLE EATON'S apartment is located. The manager of this apartment building operates, in the basement, a grocery store and delicatessen and he states that MYRTLE EATON and her friends, from time to time, make a good many orders by telephone, which he delivers to their apartment. He has not seen them since they left their apartment several months ago. He has been furnished with the telephone number of the St. Paul Office and will advise in the event he receives any orders from this apartment.

MR. and MRS. SLOAT, janitors,
565 Portland Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloat are the janitors in the building in which MYRTLE EATON'S apartment is located and have agreed to advise immediately upon MYRTLE EATON'S return.

At the present time, Special Agent S.L. Fortenberry is pursuing an undercover assignment at Reno, Nevada, where it is known that the BARKER-KARPIS group have maintained temporary residences, from time to time and where their girl friends, whose descriptions Special Agent Fortenberry has, are known to visit gambling places and night clubs in Reno. Agent Fortenberry is now making his reports to Special Agent in Charge D.M. Ladd and daily reports are being received from him.

Special Agent C.O. Lawrence, using the name of AUSTIN, is working daily at a Standard Oil Company Filling Station, which is adjacent to the garage operated by "EDDIE", and known as EDDIE'S GARAGE, which is, in fact, owned by FRED BARKER. Agent Lawrence has been instructed to continue on this assignment and to telephone the St. Paul Office in the event any of those fugitives, whose apprehension is desired by the Division, should be observed.

Special Agent F.C. Guerrero has, on June 8, 1934, rented an apartment upon authorization of the Division from which the apartment occupied by the mother of PAT REILLY can be observed and Agent Guerrero, who is using the name of FRED GOMEZ, has been instructed to continue in this apartment in the guise of a student preparing to enter the local university during the coming winter and doing general studying and research, at present, until he is instructed to the contrary. He is having a telephone installed and will advise in the event PAT REILLY, or any of his associates of the DILLINGER and BARKER-KARPIS GANGS are seen.

Informant IRVING AREUBEN has made his departure from St. Paul and is now operating a Jewish Mortuary in Columbus, Ohio. The Cincinnati Office is being advised of his availability.

Very truly yours,


H.E. CLEGG, INSPECTOR.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-50 LEE**

REPORT MADE AT: BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6/11/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/31/34	REPORT MADE BY: A. E. FARLAND.
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.



SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Miles M. Hapgood, assistant manager, Berkshire Mills Supply Company, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, states one pair #524 M & L Goggles were purchased by the Berkshire Mills Supply Company from the Boston branch of the Whitehead Metal Products Company, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1931. Shipped to Strong Hewat and Company, North Adams, Massachusetts, same date. Mr. D. E. Hewat of Strong Hewat Company states goggles now being used in the mill.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. W. Mercer, Boston, Massachusetts, dated April 2, 1934.

DETAILS:

At Pittsfield, Massachusetts:

Mr. Miles M. Hapgood, assistant manager of the Berkshire Mills Supply Company, states that one pair of #524 M & L Goggles were purchased by his company from the Whitehead Metal Products Company, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts, on September 24, 1931; that the records of the company show that these goggles were shipped on the same date to the Strong Hewat Company, North Adams, Massachusetts.

DETAILS:

At North Adams, Massachusetts, agent called upon Mr. D. E. Hewat of the Strong Hewat Company, who advised that his company had purchased one pair of #524 M & L Goggles from the Berkshire Mills Supply Company, Pittsfield, Massachusetts on September 24, 1931, and that same were being used in the machine shops for welding purposes at this time.

Mr. Hewat went into the machine shop, brought the goggles out, and showed same to agent.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

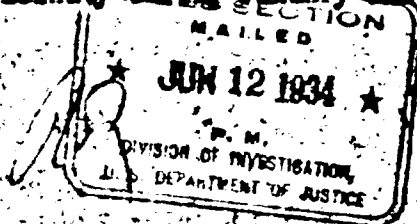
RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Identification
Order 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
Identification Order 1219, et al; EDWARD
GEORGE BREMER - Victim; KIDNAPING.

In connection with the Division's efforts to locate the Bremer hideout, it is suggested that immediate attention be given to the possibility of the hideout being located in the vicinity of Darien, Wisconsin. This town is located four miles southwest of Delavan, Wisconsin on the main route of the Chicago, Milwaukee and Saint Paul Railroad and seventeen miles south of Whitewater, Wisconsin.

Previous investigation at Whitewater, Wisconsin has resulted in a number of photographic identifications of members of the Barker-Karpis outfit and nearly all of the sounds which Victim Bremer is alleged to have heard are accounted for in that city except the coincident blowing of the siren and factory whistle in the morning and the frequent train service in the morning and afternoon.

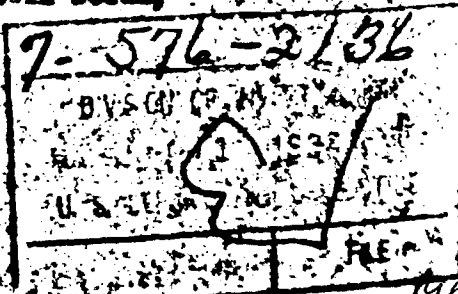
At Darien, Wisconsin the frequent train service in the morning and afternoon is accounted for. It is not known at what time the siren is blown at Darien and in the event it is found that the siren blows coincident with the factory whistle at Delavan, Wisconsin, this would indicate the possibility of the hideout being located in that vicinity.

Investigation at Whitewater, Wisconsin has shown that the group of suspicious characters who frequented that vicinity during January and February in a Lincoln Sedan,



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Buick Sedan and a Ford or Chevrolet Coupe frequently left U. S. Highway #14 and passed the home of Will Shaw on Wisconsin Street continuing due south over Cemetery Hill and into the country to an unknown destination. By examining the map it is found that the road can be followed south into Darien, Wisconsin.

Investigation has also shown that there was a fire at Whitewater, Wisconsin at 11:15 on January 23, 1934, at which time four blasts of the siren was given. The location of this fire is not shown by the reports, but in the event it is located between Whitewater and Darien, Wisconsin, it is possible that the Darien fire siren was sounded on this same date.

The airplane activity which is accounted for at Whitewater coincident with the times indicated by Bremer could have possibly extended over the town of Darien inasmuch as seventeen miles is a negligible distance in considering airplane activity.

Because of the importance of this angle of the investigation, it is suggested that Special Agent R. D. Brown, who is familiar with the previous investigation made at Whitewater, Wisconsin, be immediately assigned to conduct a thorough investigation in the vicinity of Darien and Delavan, Wisconsin with a view to possibly locating the hideout.

Very truly yours,

Director,

CC Saint Paul

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS; et al
EDWARD BREMER - Victim.
Kidnaping.
L. A. File 7-42.

VERNON C. MILLER (deceased); et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Fed. Pris.
L. A. File 82-964.

With further reference to the report of Special Agent C. J. Endres, Los Angeles, dated April 14, 1934, the following mail wrappings are enclosed for such investigation as may be deemed advisable. All of the mail is addressed to E. J. Connelley, 1044 North Broadway, Chicago, Illinois, with return addresses to Chicago.

Mrs. M. J. Murphy, 1000
 1000 10th Street, N.W.
 Washington, D.C.
 (Printed)
 10th Street, N.W.
 Mrs. M. J. Murphy
 1000 10th Street, N.W.
 Washington, D.C.

P.M.; return address:
10 South La Bolla St.

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Very truly yours

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**E. E. RACKETT, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.**

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Sir:

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

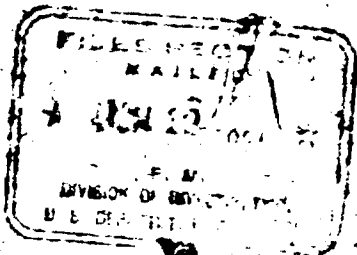
Reference is made to the letter of the Los Angeles
Office addressed to the Chicago Office dated May 31, 1934
transmitting mail tracings received from the Postmaster at
Phoenix, Arizona for Post Office Box 45, sent by Mr. M. J.
Murphy, who is suspected of being identical with "Big Boy".

The Chicago Office, as well as the Los Angeles
Office is requested to give this matter immediate attention
with a view to establishing the identity of Mr. M. J. Murphy
and, therefore, the leads suggested by the mail tracings should
be given immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC Saint Paul
Los Angeles
Kansas City



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

St. Paul FILE NO. **7-30**

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minnesota	DATE WHEN MADE 6-9-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/20 to 5/13/34	REPORT MADE BY: D. L. Nicholson
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - I. O. # 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases - I. O. # 1219; ET AL.,			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

The location of MYRTLE EATON and the subjects of this case, as well as of the BREMER kidnaping hideout, is as yet unknown. Various investigations conducted for purpose of determining whereabouts of these individuals and the hideout.

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REFERENCE:

Summary report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated June 4, 1934.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents T. J. Dodd and G. F. Hurley:

Agents were instructed by Inspector Clegg of the St. Paul office to ascertain the present whereabouts of MYRTLE EATON. On various occasions, agents from St. Paul have kept watch on her apartment located at 565 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, and have also inspected the contents of the mail box of this apartment house. It was ascertained that MYRTLE EATON'S sister, MRS. RUBY HUBBARD FORNES, living at 2315 Thirty-seventh Street West, Des Moines, Iowa, had been writing continually to MYRTLE EATON at this address. Letters which were deposited in the mail box evidently were taken out by some unknown party and probably transmitted to MYRTLE EATON. It is believed that one ANDREW ROTHMEYER, who resides at 949 West 7th Street, where he also maintains a bar room, and who is known to have been quite friendly with MYRTLE EATON, is the person through whom MYRTLE EATON receives her mail. It was also ascertained that ROTHMEYER paid the rent on MYRTLE EATON'S apartment during the past year to the Lampert Realty Company located at 36 Snelling Avenue South, St. Paul, Minnesota.

MR. LAMPERT advised that he personally had received six months' rent in advance for this apartment from ANDREW ROTHMEYER but that the rent would be due on the first of June, 1934. MR. LAMPERT stated that he would be willing to do anything in order to help this office and was quite agreeable to the suggestion that on June 1st he would personally interview ROTHMEYER and would attempt through one means or another to ascertain whether or not MYRTLE EATON is in town. In this connection, MR. LAMPERT stated that he would attempt to have a written lease executed by MYRTLE EATON and in this manner ascertain whether or not she is in St. Paul.

Mail boxes were placed at the Post Office on the mail of ANDREW ROTHMEYER. The telephone numbers of ANDREW ROTHMEYER'S place of business and his residence were checked with the telephone company for long distance phone calls, and the following information was ascertained:

On March 18, the telephone number Regent 9572 (Minneapolis) was called. On April 10, a call was placed to Stillwater 1300 and MISS FLORENCE CURTISS was the party asked for. On April 10, a telephone call was placed to Cottage Grove 409. On April 24, telephone call was placed to Shakopee to a MR. McMAHON.

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On April 5, the following calls were made:

Geneva 1357
Geneva 5193
Atlantic 8111
Da 2849
Hyland 0808
Dupont 2849
Geneva 7337
Walnut 3385
Dupont 7047

On February 23, 1934, at midnight, a toll call was placed from Sioux City, the charges reversed. The phone call was placed by a MRS. PAUL NORMAN. The telephone company advised that the operator may have been mistaken in the above name. It should be noted that the above name closely resembles that of PAULA HARMON.

On February 26, a phone call was placed to White Bear 359. On March 4, 1934, a call was placed to Farmington 257, Hunters Cafe.

On May 28, the agents gained admittance to MYRTLE EATON'S apartment at 565 Portland, and a number of photographs and miscellaneous information was received and is being placed in the file of the St. Paul office for future reference.

In view of the fact that agents are leaving town, it is respectfully suggested that an agent from this office accompany MR. LAMPERT when he makes his visit to ROTHEMYER in order to collect the rent.

GFE:HVS

April 18, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE:

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

Inspector Clegg advised that he had received telephonic communication from Mr. Newby of the Division to the effect that Mr. Newby had recently checked Whitewater, Wisconsin, in connection with the BREMER hideout. He advised that Mr. Newby suggested that Fulton Center, Wisconsin; Edgerton, Wisconsin; Milton, Wisconsin, and Milton Junction, Wisconsin, be checked for the hideout.

Previous investigation has been conducted at Edgerton, Wisconsin, by Special Agents Reinecke and R. B. Brown.

W. A. RORER,

Inspector.

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St. Paul, Minnesota
March 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER:

Re: BREKID, St. Paul file 7-30.

Reference is had to information conveyed to you by the undersigned to the effect that Walter Gordon of the Burns International Detective Agency had stated to me over the telephone that the Karpis-Barker gang was presently hiding out in the Lake Nokomis district in Minneapolis; also that members of this gang are believed to have been involved in the robbery of the Security National Bank at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, committed during March, 1934, and the First National Bank at Mason City, Iowa, committed during the same period.

I conferred with Walter Gordon at his office on the afternoon of March 27, 1934, and spent approximately two hours with him. During this period I ascertained that there is no foundation whatsoever and no identifications effected with either the Sioux Falls, South Dakota, or Mason City, Iowa, linking either the Barkers or Karpis with either one of these bank robberies; that in one place a photograph of THOMAS CARROLL taken by the St. Paul Police Department in 1933 was shown to eye witnesses all of whom failed to identify said photograph as any one of the bank robbers; however, that one party who was shown a photograph of the same individual which was taken ten years ago, and does not at all bear resemblance to that Subject today, and was identified as one of the bandits.

With reference to the information previously given that KARPIS and BARKERS were in the Lake Nokomis district, GORDON advised that a confidential informant of his who has served time in Oklahoma and Deer Lodge, Montana, and who originally comes from either Texas or Oklahoma, has informed him about two months ago that he (the informant) had seen ALVIN KARPIS, whom he claims he knows, with a woman, whose description he did not give, sitting in a car, no description, near the bath house in Lake Nokomis Park; that about two weeks later, this same informant stated that he had again seen KARPIS in that immediate vicinity with a woman; that JACK LALLY, a Police Officer of the Minneapolis Police Department, whose reputation is questionable, informed him (GORDON) about three weeks ago that he was standing at the corner of Lake and Hennepin Avenue in Minneapolis; that he saw ALVIN KARPIS in a car and a woman coming out of one of the grocery stores located at that street intersection, this woman was loaded with groceries; that she dumped them into the car that KARPIS was in, got into the car and started east on Lake Street, which would be the direction to take to reach the Lake Nokomis district in Minneapolis. According to GORDON, no description of the woman or the car was obtained.

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It will be recalled that about a year ago, KARPIS and BARKERS were involved in an automobile accident, which occurred also in the immediate vicinity of Lake Nokomis.

You will recall that in the early stages of the BREMER kidnaping case, some crank notes were received by the BREMERS giving instructions as to where to deposit the ransom money, which locations were given in Nokomis Park. Investigations relative thereto were conducted without results.

It is believed advisable that contact be made with the mail carriers covering the entire Lake Nokomis district, photographs exhibited to them and inquiry made as to any suspicious residents and automobiles bearing foreign license plates.

For your information, the Lake Nokomis area contains approximately 10,000 residents and approximately 2,000 resident buildings. It is one of the newer residential districts of Minneapolis with few, if any, apartment buildings, the residences mostly being of the newer construction resident type dwellings.

It may be stated here that empty shells and slugs fired by the bandits who held up the Security National Bank at Sioux Falls and the First National Bank at Mason City, Iowa, were obtained from the respective places and have been transmitted to the Kansas City office for ballistic observation.

Respectfully yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Re: 7-30

Reference is made to the memorandum of Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni addressed to Inspector W.A. Rorer regarding this case, on March 28, 1934. The memorandum of Mr. Hanni is attached hereto.

Photographs of suspects in the BREMER kidnaping case were left with Mr. J. E. GILLIS, superintendent of the Minnehaha Post Office, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Photographs were prominently displayed in the Post Office and all carriers working out of this office, which office covers the Como Section, saw the photographs and made inquiries for several days along the route and found nothing that seemed to be of value. Carrier Medves reported that a small sedan bearing Minnesota license B 32553 was seen circling the block on his route several times.

A check of the license tag shows that it was issued for 1932 Coach, Mrs. Jessie L. Jacobson, 2930 Bryan Avenue South, being the owner.

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On February 23, 1934, MR. N. F. DONAHUE, a resident of Faribault, Minnesota, appeared at the St. Paul Division office and advised Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni that on the night of January 17, 1934, a man arrived in Faribault with another man in an automobile; that this individual left the automobile, ran through the restaurant located across the street from the Faribault Hotel, ran out the back way, and up to the roof of the restaurant; that this man later entered the restaurant and informed the proprietor of the restaurant that he was trying to escape from two men who had held him in a car and that there were a number of guns in their car. In connection with this information, Special Agent W. C. Ryan conducted the following investigation:

Chief of Police ALBERT HANSON, Faribault, was interviewed and exhibited the report appearing on his records of this incident. The report is as follows: "Jan. 18, 1934 -- about 2:30 a.m., a man came into the Boston Cafe. He claimed that some gangsters brought him down from St. Paul and he had a fight with them in the car. He jumped out and ran into the Boston Cafe, claiming they had all kinds of guns. This man had no hat, wore a gray checked overcoat, was short and stout, had brown hair and was about 30 years of age. He called St. Paul from the Hotel Faribault, gave the name Sweet and said they had gotten one of us and tell them to come and get me, they know where. He went out the side door and went east. Their was another man, a Jew, well dressed, just left the hotel, wearing a hat and niggerhead overcoat."

Chief HANSON said that he is not sure whether the date appearing on the report is correct as it is his recollection that the notation was entered a day later. He said that Officers E. A. North and Lawrence Ableman had investigated the incident; that they were unable to locate or ascertain the identity of the man who ran into the restaurant; that no one saw the man get out of any car and that they had not followed up the occurrence after the night it was reported.

Officers E. A. NORTH and LAWRENCE ABLEMAN stated that they investigated the incident immediately after it was reported by MRS. MINNIE PETERSON of the Boston Cafe. They advised that they ascertained that upon leaving the cafe, the man went to the Faribault Hotel and made a phone call as stated in the Police Report, but lost track of the man after he left the hotel. They could not recall the exact date of the occurrence.

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MRS. MINNIE PETERSON, Boston Cafe, Faribault, advised agent that she was on duty at the cafe at the time the man came in; that he came in highly excited and ran to the back of the cafe; that he climbed a ladder in the back to the roof of the cafe, apparently to watch a car; that he came down in a few minutes and stated that some men in a Chevrolet car had tried to kidnap him and that he had hit one of the men and broken away from them. MRS. PETERSON said that the man had a scratch on his hand as though he had been fighting but that he did not appear drunk. She said that while they were talking, a Chevrolet car pulled up in front of the cafe and immediately drove away; that the man on seeing this car said, "There they are". MRS. PETERSON stated that she asked the man whether she should call the police; that he at first said, "Yes", but before she could call, he said not to mind as the men in the car had machine guns. The man then asked her to direct him to the nearest hotel and she directed him next door but she stated she later learned he went across the street to the Faribault Hotel instead. She could not recall the exact date of the occurrence and described the man as being about 30 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches, and weighing about 135 pounds.

At the Faribault Hotel, E. THOMPSON, bellboy, advised that he was on duty at the time the man came into the hotel; that the man spoke to the clerk, who was WARREN TUFTS, now located at the Minton Hotel, Glenwood, Minnesota; that he asked for a phone and went into the pay booth in the lobby. There are two phone booths and THOMPSON stated the man went into the one on the left, which is phone No. 1990. THOMPSON stated that he, himself, went into the kitchen immediately after the man entered and did not see him leave but that he later learned from TUFTS that the man left by the side door after phoning and that shortly thereafter another man entered the hotel and made a call over the same phone. He could not describe either of these parties.

Agent interviewed JOSEPH ASTLEY, Manager, Telephone Company at Faribault, relative to the calls made over phone 1990 on the nights of January 17 and 18 and was advised by him that the tickets for these calls are not located in Faribault but are sent the day following the call to the main office of the telephone company at St. Paul.

With reference to the car bearing 1933 Minnesota license B-69-065, Chief of Police HANSON advised that this license was on a Peerless Sedan.

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which was noticed parked in the park south of Faribault on the morning of February 2, 1934; that E. E. NORTON, a C.W.A. worker, saw the car there upon reporting for work at 7:00 a.m., in the morning; that the car was occupied by a man and a woman who evidently had slept in the car all night.

E. E. NORTON, upon interview, described the man as follows: age, 35 to 38 years; height, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches; weight, 200 pounds; hair, dark; build, heavy; upper front teeth, gold. He described the woman as: age, 35 to 38 years; height, 5 feet 8 to 10 inches; weight, 115 pounds; hair, dark; build, slim; bobbed hair and poorly dressed. He said this couple was asleep in the car when he arrived for work and he helped them to get their car started. There appears to be no connection here.

Re: St. Paul File No. 7-30.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W.F. Wood, under dates of March 20-23, 1934.

On 3-18-34, Mrs. Mayne Chandler, 1158-5th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, telephone Tower 2736, called the St. Paul Office by telephone and advised that she was from Waukesha, Wisconsin, and that she had some information concerning a suspicious house near Waukesha which might possess a possible connection with the BREMER case.

MRS. CHANDLER advised that a close friend of hers, named CHARLES BERKHOLTZ, was employed as a caretaker for a man who lives about eleven miles west of Waukesha, Wisconsin, on Lake Nagawicka; that he had purchased this place about one year ago from some Milwaukee attorney who has since died for \$17,000.00 and immediately had improvements made on the property, costing approximately \$6,000.00; that this party owns two automobiles, an Oldsmobile and Cadillac; that he usually stays at this place over the week end, always as a rule arriving at night; that he lives there alone with his wife, although he often brings friends with him who stay a few days at a time and then leave; that BERKHOLTZ has never had a chance to observe the visitors, in view of the fact that their arrivals and departures are usually at night; that the owner of the property gave him particular instructions that he was not to touch any of the cars in the garage.

MRS. CHANDLER further advised that the wife of the caretaker does the cleaning in the house on Fridays and is required to complete her cleaning on this one day and that the rest of the time she lives with her husband, Mr. Berkholtz, in a small cottage located about one hundred feet from the main residence.

MRS. CHANDLER advised that this place is located about a two hours drive from Madison, Wisconsin; that numerous electric trains pass within a few blocks of this house and that the highway No. 30, which is a main travelled highway between Madison and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, passes about one block from the house. Further, that about two miles in an opposite direction from the house, the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad runs, and that considerable switching is done near the town of Hartland, Wisconsin, located near here.

MRS. CHANDLER also stated that Lake Nagawicka is surrounded by numerous small towns, Pewaukee, Lakeside, Hartland, Nashotah, Okauchee, Oconomowoc, and Delafield, all located in Wisconsin, and that nearly all of these towns have sirens, which blow at different times of the day.

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MRS. CHANDLER advised that her nephew, HAROLD OWENS, 826 Aurora Street, Waukesha, Wisconsin, at whose place she resides is a personal friend of CHARLES BERKHOLTZ and knows the surrounding territory.

At Waukesha, Wisconsin.

A check showed that the T.M.E.R. & L.CO., ran electric trains within two blocks of the suspected premises located on Lake Nagawicka, a mile east of Delafield, Wisconsin, at the following intervals: 6:47 A.M.; 7:23 A.M.; 7:57 A.M.; 8:58 A.M.; 9:21 A.M.; 9:52 A.M.; 11:11 A.M.; 11:52 A.M.; 1:11 P.M.; 1:32 P.M.; 2:27 P.M.; 3:56 P.M.; 5:56 P.M.; 6:02 P.M.; 6:25 P.M.; 6:28 P.M.; 6:07 P.M.; 6:32 P.M.; 7:00 P.M.; 8:02 P.M.; 9:15 P.M.; 9:26 P.M.; 10:02 P.M.; and 10:32 P.M.

It was further noted that highway (Wisconsin) #30 runs about one block from the suspected premises and that numerous trucks used this road and the same appeared to be a main traveled thoroughfare. From a point a short distance to the north of the suspected premises could be heard a steam engine near the town of Nagawicka, Wisconsin.

HAROLD OWENS, who was present on this investigation and who, at present, is employed on the Waukesha Police force as night policeman, advised that he is acquainted with every town in the vicinity of Lake Nagawicka but that none of the towns in this vicinity have sirens which blow in the morning; that practically all of the towns have sirens but some blow at noon and some few in the evening.

CHARLES BERKHOLTZ, caretaker at the above suspected premises advised that this house was originally owned by a Milwaukee attorney who has since died and that upon the death of this individual, purchase was made by the present occupant, who spent considerable money in improvements; that this individual is rather a hermit type, whom he does not very often come in contact with. Mr. BERKHOLTZ advised that his wife, who lives in a small cottage with him on the edge of this estate, cleans the residence of the owner on Friday only and is required to complete her cleaning of the residence on this day.

MR. BERKHOLTZ was unable to give any names of the visitors or even their descriptions stating that he usually goes to bed shortly after nine o'clock in the evening and that cars occasionally arrive at the house late at night. Mr. BERKHOLTZ stated that the occupants of the house

never appear in the yard and usually stay in the house and often leave at night. BERKHOLTZ could not state that they always left at night because he often goes to visit his father's farm nearby.

BERKHOLTZ was told, when he first became employed by the present owner, that he was not to touch any of the automobiles.

MR. BERKHOLTZ drew pictures of the house and location of the various rooms. The house is a three story house; the second floor has five bed rooms and one large bath room. The first floor has a dining room occupying one quarter of the southwest part of the house; a living room which runs the full length of the house on the north side. The balance of the first floor is occupied by a kitchen and hallway. The basement of the house has a vegetable room in the northwest corner, the southwest part is the furnace room; the southeast one quarter of the basement is occupied by the laundry and hot water heater and the southwest part is a vacant room.

MR. BERKHOLTZ advised that none of the basement rooms are papered, the inside walls being of rough stone. Further, that oil is used for heating exclusively, no coal being on the premises. BERKHOLTZ advised that entrance to the cellar from the outside is gained by descending three stone steps and from the inside there are about a dozen wooden steps leading down from the hallway of the first floor. MR. BERKHOLTZ advised that the garage is a two story affair with the upstairs unfinished and has no basement; that the garage has enough room to store three cars but that part of it consists of work benches and wood machinery used by the owner, whose hobby is woodwork. BERKHOLTZ advised the garage is about 26 feet wide and thirty feet long.

BERKHOLTZ advised that the owner of the premises is C.W. COUZINS, age about sixty years, who has some business in Chicago.

Agent, in company with BERT MORRIS, deputy sheriff at Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, Raymond Reich, deputy sheriff, who is assigned to patrol the roads of Summit township, which includes the city of Oconomowoc, visited the above suspected premises.

MR. COUZINS permitted agent to make a search of the premises after being advised that agent was looking for stolen aviation equipment reported stored in the basement of one of the cottages on the east side of Lake Nagawicka. MR. COUZINS appeared very willing to have this search made and inspection showed that the rooms and condition of the house were exactly similar to the description previously furnished by MR. BERKHOLTZ. MR. COUZINS insisted on pointing out a small closet which agent failed to notice as a possible hiding place and explained that he planned to use this closet as a wine room later on.

MR. COUZINS, without being aware of Agent's previous conversation with his caretaker, stated that he was letting him go because he had discovered that this caretaker was rather suspicious of him and had started and circulated some stories that he was using this place as a hideout, or for some similar purpose. MR. COUZINS impressed agent as a rather refined and cultured individual.

Examination was made of MR. COUZINS garage, which had two new cars parked in it, one a Cadillac Sedan bearing Illinois, 1934 license 266503 and an Oldsmobile Sedan bearing Wisconsin 1934 license 91017. Examination of the registry of automobiles at the sheriff's office, Oconomowoc, showed that this license was issued to M.B. SCOTT, 1830 East Kane Place, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The balance of the garage consisted of a half dozen wood machines, lathes, planners, saws, et cetera, each operated by a half horse power motor. MR. COUZINS explained that wood work was a hobby of his and that he often worked late into the night building different pieces of furniture, et cetera.

During the above investigation, FRANK STICKELBAUER, game warden, located at Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, was contacted concerning any possible suspicious places he might have observed during the time of the kidnapping but could think of none.

RAYMOND REICH, deputy sheriff, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, who accompanied Agent at the time the above premises of Mr. COUZINS were searched, could think of no places in the vicinity of Oconomowoc which would fit the description of the location being sought. MR. REICH mentioned hearing an airplane pass low over the city of Oconomowoc, he believed the date to be January 26; that this was an army plane from Texas, which was headed for Chicago, Illinois, but got lost and was forced to land at the flying field at Oconomowoc. A check of the local newspaper revealed that this lost plane appeared at Oconomowoc, on February 28th.

Chief of Police, Carl Marquardt, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, advised that the city of Oconomowoc has a siren but that it blows only at noon.

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Re: St. Paul File No. 7-30

A letter was received from the Rev. Theodore C. Gieschen of Horicon, Wisconsin, in response to the general circular letter sent out to check location of certain sounds, sirens, whistles, et cetera, which reply advised as follows:

That there was a large stationary siren which blew at Horicon, Wisconsin, each week day morning at approximately the same time that a factory whistle blew. That this factory whistle blew each morning and at evening but not at noon. Further, that the church of the writer had a bell which rang every Saturday afternoon at 3:00 P.M., and several times on Sunday morning but not on week days. That shifting locomotives could be heard daily and occasionally air planes.

The following investigation was performed by Special Agent, W.F. Wood, on 3-24-34 at Horicon, Wisconsin.

John Bernges, Assistant Chief of Police, advised that they have a stationary siren which blows only at noon and in case of a fire. Mr. Bernges caused a check to be made and stated that this siren did not blow on Sunday morning, January 28, 1934.

Mr. Bernges, also stated that their factory whistle blows at 6:30 A.M.; 7:30 A.M.; 12:00 Noon; 1:00 P.M.; and 4:30 P.M. Agent was present at 1:00 P.M., and heard this whistle. The above mentioned letter of Rev. Gieschen, reported that no whistle blew at noon.

Mr. Bernges stated that there are three churches in Horicon: the Catholic Church, which bell rings regularly on Sunday morning; the Methodist, whose bell rings only Sunday mornings; and the Lutheran Church, whose bell rings Saturday afternoon and again on Sunday morning.

Mr. Bernges stated that they have four steam trains daily, one at 8:00 A.M.; 9:00 A.M., and again at 5:00 P.M., and 6:00 P.M., besides one gasoline coach which runs twice daily, once in the morning and once in the afternoon.

Subsequently, two additional letters were received one from F.A. Schwaefager, Pastor, Horicon, Wisconsin, who advised as follows:

(1) That there is a stationary siren but it blows only at noon, except Sundays.

(2) One church bell rings Saturday afternoon at 5:00 P.M. Another church bell rings, one bell on Sunday morning while the church of the writer rings twice.

(3) Horicon is a railroad division point and of course switching engines are frequently heard. Not many trains pass during the day. Aero planes."

The next letter was from H.H. Markham, Mayor, City of Horicon, Wisconsin, which read as follows:

"(1) The Van Brunt Manufacturing Company, of this city, has a large stationary siren, which sounds each week day morning at 6:30 and 7:30 A.M., when the factory is operating.

I suggest that the city stationary siren is blown only at 12:00 Noon, at the time the Van Brunts blow their stationary siren.

(2) One of our churches practises ringing their bell at 5:00 P.M., every Saturday and again several times each Sunday morning but not on any other day or at any other time. The Catholics ring their bell only once each Sunday morning.

(3) Horicon is a railway junction point, and has many trains. A shifting locomotive engine and many passing trains, and occasionally air planes, would fit this location."

It is quite evident that one or more of the parties writing the above mentioned letters are in error in their statement of the sounds to be heard in Horicon, Wisconsin. Examination of the map of Wisconsin shows that several small towns are located in the immediate vicinity of Horicon and a check of these towns will be made to determine whether at a point between the different towns, could be heard a combination of sounds similar to those to be heard at the hideout.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. L. Nalls on April 7, 1934:

City Editor Story of the St. Paul Daily News turned over to agent a letter dated April 2nd, 1934, signed by Dr. R. H. Breslin, who gave as his address, 66 Beatrice Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. It has developed that similar letters were also furnished to the City Editor of the St. Paul Pioneer Press in St. Paul and the Tribune Star and Journal in Minneapolis, as well as the Detective Branch of the Minneapolis Police Department. The contents of all letters are practically identical.

The letter addressed to the City Editor, St. Paul Daily News, St. Paul, Minnesota, is being set forth herewith in its entirety:

"Dear Sir:

As a former newspaper man I have the urge to inform you that a good story may be obtained in questioning Miss Alice Dahl, Suite 213, 1400 Portland Ave. S, Minneapolis, in the daytime employed by the Physicians & Hospitals Supply Co. of that city. In inadvertence and the falsely estimated security of long distance she has in correspondence made remarks that lead me to believe she has some knowledge of those associated with the Bremer kidnapping. She mentions a "Sneezy" Westerberg, who makes open boast to her, she states, and a Tommy Carel, both of St. Paul.

I am informing the police of Minneapolis.

I can furnish more detail upon request. I undersign my name below, but it is not for publication.

Yours truly,

(Signed) R. H. Breslin

Agent Nalls, together with Agent Hotestean, called at the Physicians & Hospitals Supply Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and requested Miss Alice Dahl to accompany them to the St. Paul Division Office for questioning, and Miss Dahl complied. She related that some time in the past she was in the employ of Dr. R. H. Breslin as office assistant at Williston, North Dakota; that Dr. Breslin became infatuated with her and tried to force upon her his attentions, which she repulsed; that she accordingly left North Dakota and came to Minneapolis where she has since been employed; that Dr. Breslin

has been a constant source of annoyance to her and has endeavored in every way to cause her embarrassment because of the fact that she has jilted him; that he has written to friends of hers in Williston, North Dakota, and has intimated to them that she is associating with gangsters and notorious characters, with no purpose in view but to cause her constant embarrassment and to make her appear undesirable to any other man who might consider her for marriage. The girl seemed quite truthful in her statements and has the appearance of a very cultured young lady. She appears to be approximately 22 or 23 years of age and advises that Dr. Breslin is in his late thirties.

Miss Dahl further advised that because of the annoyances by Dr. R. H. Breslin, she wrote to his brother, Dr. William W. Breslin, 455 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, Canada, and informed him just what actions his brother had been taking with respect to her. She exhibited a letter which she had received from Dr. William W. Breslin in reply to one sent to him by her. This letter contains the following paragraph which will serve to support the story of this young lady:

"Reub as you know has a very mean threatening temper which he has in the past displayed very foolishly and harmfully. However, for this time I can say his statements are the ravings of a jealous man who refuses to be jilted and no action will be taken. As for arrest, he is unable to walk the streets alone let alone enter into travel etc. and his allowance from my sister is just enough to keep him out of mischief. So even if he should wish to do anything unusual, the lack of finances will curb the desire. It is just a case of dog in the manger and I really am ashamed that he acts so childlike."

Miss Dahl also produced a telegram which reads as follows:

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

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MISS ALICE DAHL

CARE PHYSICIANS AND HOSPITALS SUPPLY CO 412 SOUTH
SIXTH ST MPLS

FOLLOWING CALL I DECLARE LETTERS MAILED TODAY BASED ON FALSE
INFORMATION ADVANTAGEOUS TO WARM BEFORE LETTERS ARRIVE WILL
OLLYS HUSBAND LLOYD MOTHER BOSS CITY EDITOR THREE MINNEAPOLIS
THREE STPAUL NEWSPAPERS DETECTIVE DEPARTMENT MINNEAPOLIS POLICE
I WILL DO MY PART WILL LOOK AFTER WILLISTON ACTION YOUR LETTERS
HERE SOMEWHAT SORRY

R. H. BRESLIN

Since dictating the foregoing, the City Editor of the St. Paul Daily News turned over to agent another letter dated April 6, 1934, from Dr. R. H. Breslin, addressed to the City Editor, St. Paul News, St. Paul, Minnesota, requesting him to kindly ignore his previous letter in regard to Miss Alice Dahl and the Bremer gangsters; that it was based on misinformation and was altogether foolish, and that it did a grave injustice to a fine girl.

Re: St. Paul File No. 7-30

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R.L. Nalls on March 28, 1934:

Agent Nalls contacted the Secretary of State's Office, Motor Vehicle Division, St. Paul, Minnesota, and left with them a list containing the names and aliases of suspects together with complete descriptions of cars believed to have been used by them. The request was made that flash cards be placed in the file of the Motor Vehicle Division and that the St. Paul Division Office be notified immediately should an attempt be made to register any of the cars listed, or should any person using a name similar to the true name or aliases of suspects endeavor to register any car. As a result of this request, information has been furnished on the following listed names:

R.E. DAVIS, Onamia, Minnesota

✓ Willys Sedan - 97-1931
Mtr. #19171 Serial 19213
1934 Minnesota License B306-581

R.E. DAVIS, Adrian, Minnesota

✓ Buick Sedan - 47-1926
Mtr. #1530637 - Serial 1477635
1934 Minnesota license B 472-143

R.E. DAVIS, Worthington, Minnesota

✓ Hudson Touring - 1906
Mtr. #80722 - Serial 46882
1934 Minnesota license B368-948

GEORGE HALLER - Sibley Memorial Highway, St. Paul, Minn.

✓ Pontiac Cabriolet - 1930
Mtr. #P671074 - Serial 588392
1933 Minnesota License B399-012
1934 license applied for and request made that it be mailed to Superior Refining Company, St. Paul, Minn.

GEORGE DUNN, 169 Carroll - St. Paul

✓ Willys Sedan - 1922-20
Mtr. #24702 - Serial #23057
1933 Minnesota license B8372
No record 1934 registration

✓ GEORGE DUNN, 169 Carroll - St. Paul
✓ Ford Coach 1924 T
Mtr. #9626417
1933 Minnesota License A101-151
Transferred Ray Motor 8/1/33

✓ R.L. BURNS, 728-37th Ave. N.E., Minneapolis
✓ Chrysler Sedan, 1926
Mtr. #84567 - Serial OC4585
1934 Minnesota license B95-215

R.L. BURNS, 426-1st Ave., Two Harbors, Minn.
Cadillac Sedan, 1927
Mtr. #149743
1934 Minnesota license B37-481

✓ J.J. BURNS, 5833-15th Avenue South, Minneapolis
✓ Roosevelt Sedan, 1929
Mtr. #58861 - Serial #707699
1934 Minnesota license B89-489

✓ WILLIAM LORMAN, Rogers Hotel, Minneapolis
✓ Chevrolet Coupe, Eagle, 1935
Mtr. #3468339 - Serial 1CA01-11789
1933 Minnesota license B46-306
No record of 1934 registration as yet.

✓ WILLIAM LORMAN, Brook Park, Minnesota
✓ Star Coach - 1927
Mtr. #443976 - Serial 407533
1934 Minnesota license B341-962

✓ HARRY CAMPBELL, 107-13th Ave. S.E., Rochester, Minnesota
✓ Ford Sedan - 1925 T
Mtr. #11357206
1934 Minnesota license A27-895

✓ HARRY CAMPBELL, Rt. #2, Glyndon, Minn.
✓ Ford Truck
Mtr. #7540768
1934 Minnesota license T24-914

✓ HARRY CAMPBELL, 4133-44th Ave. So., Minneapolis
✓ Hudson Brougham, 1927
Mtr. #442526 - Serial V57061
1933 Minnesota License #128-186
Transferred - 8-1-33 to Parker Reece Motor Co.,
3515 Lake Street, Minneapolis.

HARRY CAMPBELL, 4133-44th Ave. So., Minneapolis
Chevrolet Sedan, 1933 Eagle
Mtr. #3751484 - Serial 1CA0748647
Minnesota 1934 License B122-541

HARRY CAMPBELL, Granada, Minnesota & Fairmont, Minnesota
Hudson Coach - 1925
Mtr. #324751 - Serial #631096
1934 Minnesota license B173-105

E.V. DAVIS, Box 52 - Lakeville, Minn.
Ford Coupe - 1933-8
Mtr. #328420
1933 Minnesota license B473-569
No record 1934 registration as yet.

J.H. Lockwood, 1598 Dayton Ave., St. Paul
Chrysler Sedan - 1932 Imp. 8
Mtr. #CH 2237 - Serial #7901186
1933 Minnesota license B 12-543
No record 1934 registration as yet.

C.E. MOORE, Gen. Del. New Duluth, Minn.
Chevrolet Coach - 1928
Mtr. #602274 - Serial 21AC43427
1934 Minnesota license B142214

C.E. MOORE, 265 Weaver Street, Mankato, Minn.
Buick Touring 1925-25
Mtr. #1274801 - Serial #1260982
Transferred.

C.E. MOORE, 265 Weaver Street, Mankato, Minn.
Plymouth Sedan - 1929
Mtr. #36285 - Serial B.L. 3069
1934 Minnesota license B193-730

C.E. MOORE, JR., - 605 W. 50th Street, Minneapolis
Ford Roadster 1925
Mtr. #A1320289
1934 Minnesota license B461812

C.E. MOORE, 265 Wheeler Avenue, Mankato, Minn.
Chevrolet Coach 1928
Mtr. #4545986 - Serial 21AC 364338
Transferred.

C.E. MOORE, 330 Kenilworth, Duluth, Minn.
✓ Buick Coupe, 1925
Mtr. #1412227
1934 Minnesota License B138-815

C.E. MOORE, 265 Wheeler Avenue, Mankato, Minn.
✓ Ford 1931 - Truck
Mtr. #AA3987385
1934 Minnesota license X16-540

Information has been furnished on the following listed

motor numbers:

✓ Pontiac Sedan - 1933, Mtr. #885160 - Serial 770198
1933 Minnesota License B47-875 to MRS. H.M. FERGUSON,
147 Kent Street, Apartment #3, St. Paul, Minnesota.
Registered Nevada 2-6-33 to H.J. HARVEY, Hotel Anderson,
Reno, Nevada. Came into Minnesota 3-1-33 and sold to
MRS. H.M. FERGUSON 3-2-33.

✓ Ford Coupe, 1933-8, Mtr. #328420
1933 Minnesota license B475-569 to E.V. DAVIS, Box 52,
Lakeville, Minnesota. No 1934 registration as yet.

✓ Chevrolet Sedan, 1933, Mtr. #3554674 - Serial 1CA05-23077
1934 Minnesota license B45-372 to E.V. DAVIS, Box 284,
White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

✓ Ford Coupe, 1933, Mtr. #18-304724
E.L. MURPHY, Box 345, White Bear Lake, Minnesota.
1934 Minnesota license B75-038

✓ Ford Sedan, Mtr. #18-493080
1933 Minnesota license B478377 to R.E. NELSON, 212 St. Peter
Street, St. Paul; previous Ohio, 1933, plates G25771-1933
listed to some police officer; Transferred NELSON from
BLACKBURN 12-8-33 and from NELSON to F.L. FISHER 3-11-34
London Road, Duluth, Minnesota.

Tracings of signatures of H.J. HARVEY, Hotel Anderson, Reno,
Nevada; C.E. MOORE, Mankato, Minnesota; and R.E. NELSON, St. Paul, Minnesota, obtained
from records of State Auto Bureau and are attached hereto.

Attached hereto are copies of memoranda, containing names and
aliases of suspects and descriptions of cars used by them, which were left with the
Secretary of State's Office, Motor Vehicle Division, St. Paul, Minnesota.

WLB:30

Re: BREKID.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. J. Dodd:

On May 6, 1934, acting on information received at the St. Paul office to the effect that a man who identified himself as a MR. LUCAS was loitering about the campus at St. Catherine's College in St. Paul, Minnesota, attempting to make dates with the girls attending that school, and further that he was flashing a large sum of money and driving a large roadster, agent proceeded to St. Catherine's College and there interviewed Sister ANTONIO. Sister ANTONIO advised that it had come to her attention and also to the attention of other members of the faculty that a man known as LUCAS had on at least one occasion taken two of the students from St. Catherine's College to the Lowry Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota, and that he had exhibited to them a large roll of money; and that for the past three weeks he had been a constant annoyance to the faculty at St. Catherine's College because he persisted in loitering about the campus.

Sister ANTONIO further advised that the two girls referred to above were MISS HELEN RYAN and MISS MARY COFFEY. Subsequently, these two girls were interviewed by the writer. They stated that they met the individual known as LUCAS at the Cleveland Lunch Room located in the vicinity of St. Catherine's College; that he represented to them that he knew other girls at St. Catherine's College; that he invited them to have supper with him at the Lowry Hotel and accordingly they accompanied him there and during this dinner he exhibited what they described as a large roll of bills; and that he told very little about himself. The girls further stated that they were not particularly attracted to him and consequently avoided his advances since that time.

Photographs of WILLIAM WEAVER alias PHOENIX DONALD were exhibited to these girls and both of them stated that the individual known to them as LUCAS did not even remotely resemble the photographic representations of WEAVER alias DONALD.

Other photographs of various suspects were also exhibited to the girls, but as in the above instance, they stated that none of them were known to them.

TJD:EV8

On March 30, 1934, Special Agent R. L. Nalls interviewed ~~EARL J.~~ KIICHLI, residence 3629 Aldrich Avenue South, Minneapolis, telephone number Colfax 6234, at the office of the U. S. MARSHALL in Minneapolis.

MR. KIICHLI stated that some few days ago, a friend of his, whose name he would not disclose, informed him that a farmer by the name of ~~PIERCE~~, who resides in Anoka County, near Lake George, just out of St. Francis, Minnesota, has a regular arsenal in the basement of his house, included among which are machine guns.

A farmer who resides close to the Pierce Farm has been in the basement of the house and saw the guns which were shown to him by ~~PIERCE~~, who claimed he is making a collection of guns and purchased most of them at auction sales. This farmer told KIICHLI'S friend who in turn related the story to KIICHLI.

MR. KIICHLI further stated that the exact location of the Pierce Farm which is located nearby the HOPPER'S farm can be ascertained through making inquiry at Leather's Store in St. Francis, Minnesota.

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On April 13, 1934, BESS SKINNER alias BETH GREEN advised Inspector Rorer that VOLNEY DAVIS is now going with a girl named GRACE _____; that ALVIN KARPIS is infatuated with a girl named DELORES _____, who is not over 18 years of age, a blonde, who resides constantly in Chicago; that the rest of the Barker-Karpis gang will not permit KARPIS to take her around the country with him because they will not trust her; that it is believed that KARPIS keeps her in an apartment in Chicago.

BESS SKINNER further advised that "Doc" BARKER is infatuated with a girl who resides at Reno, Nevada, and who is believed to be a widow of a banker. She stated that FRED BARKER goes with PAUL HARMON, and that HARRY CAMPBELL goes with a girl who is from Oklahoma, approximately 20 years of age and part Indian, and whose name, BESS SKINNER believes to be WINONA. (this is undoubtedly WINONA BURDETT).

BESS SKINNER further stated that she understands that VOLNEY DAVIS owns a farm somewhere in Oklahoma and that he goes there frequently, and that he has a sister by the name of RUBY.

She stated that since January, 1934, she has heard VOLNEY DAVIS remark that he was receiving mail through a post office box at Lakeville, Minnesota, and that while he was receiving mail there he was residing somewhere on Lyndale Avenue, Minneapolis.

She further advised that BILL, who is a member of the Barker-Karpis gang, (she has identified BILL as being identical with a photograph of PHOENIX DONALD alias BILL SCOTT alias LUCAS) is very much in love with MYRTLE EATON, wife of "DOC" EATON, that on several occasions he has forced his affections upon her by means of a pistol and has forcibly taken her from her apartment on several instances; that she is in fear of him and not in love with him, although he constantly contacts her; that MYRTLE EATON for some time past has been kept by a business man in St. Paul, and that on one occasion some time ago, PHOENIX DONALD alias BILL went to this business man and threatened him unless he discontinued his attentions to MYRTLE EATON, but that nevertheless, MYRTLE EATON and this business man still go with one another.

She advised that "DOC" EATON is not divorced from MYRTLE and, although they do not live together and "DOC" EATON has not been in the Twin Cities for sometime, that he periodically telephones her from various places in the United States and she believes sometime ago telephoned her from Colorado.

She further advised that PHOENIX DONALD alias BILL SCOTT receives mail from his family, which resides somewhere in Arkansas, through MYRTLE EATON, and that mail is regularly received by MYRTLE EATON for him.

WAR:EM

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Re: St. Paul File No. 7-30

MRS. BESSIE SKINNER, consort of EDDIE GREEN, deceased, advised that VOLNEY DAVIS goes with a girl and is believed to be living with her, whose name is GRACE; that DAVIS formerly lived at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and moved to Neosho, Missouri, or he lived at Neosho, and moved to Sapulpa, after having purchased a farm for his family; that VOLNEY DAVIS has a sister named RUBY, who is believed to have gone with him to the World's Fair, at Chicago, in 1933.

She further advised that BILL WEAVER alias BILL SCOTT, in the spring and summer of 1933, possibly resided at 241 Bramhar Street, St. Paul, which is in the vicinity of Snelling and St. Clair Avenues and the house in which he lived was close to a theater.

She further advised that about a year ago ALVIN KARPIS introduced her to a boy named JIMMIE. She has identified JIMMIE as being identical with GEORGE NELSON alias BABY FACE. She stated that when she met NELSON he was driving a Hudson Sedan with California license plates and it is her understanding that NELSON'S mother and wife and one child resided constantly somewhere in California; that NELSON is believed to have two children, one of whom is a boy of four or five years; that one of his children is being kept by someone in Chicago.

KAR:TC

St. Paul, Minnesota.
April 21, 1934.

MEMO:

Re: St. Paul file 7-30.

On April 20, 1934, under instructions of Inspector H. H. Clegg, agent accompanied Special Agents T. J. Dodd and G. F. Hurley, a Deputy United States Marshal, and MRS. BESSIE SKINNER with aliases, in an endeavor to have her identify a certain garage. She pointed out the garage located at 93 East Anapolis Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, as being the garage in question, which is the place of business of the Westlund Auto Paint Company and Traefald & Antl Auto Repairs.

The St. Paul telephone directory reflects that the phone number of the Westlund Auto Paint Company is Riverview 3077. The telephone book does not list the phone number for Traefald & Antl. The telephones at this address are being checked to ascertain incoming and outgoing calls.

The above investigation is in connection with a garage which is alleged to be the one in which the KARPIS-BARKER gang is interested.

The filling station on the corner of Anapolis and Robert Streets, next to the garage referred to above, is owned by the Standard Oil Co., with offices at 1300 Harmon Street, Minneapolis.

T. C. MELVIN,
Special Agent.

TGM:HVS
12 copies made

Re: St. Paul File No. 7-30

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E.N. Notesteen, on April 18, 1934, upon the basis of information furnished by BETH GREEN to the effect that one, "EDDIE", was at the present time operating a garage in St. Paul for FRED BARKER; that this garage is located across the river on Robert Street and about six or eight blocks from the bridge, and that the garage was a frame building, trimmed in green and located next to a filling station, which filling station stands on a corner.

Agent crossed the Robert Street Bridge and followed Robert Street for approximately twenty-five blocks and observed that there was no frame garage at any point on this street; agent then proceeded over to Wabasha and followed Wabasha across the river for approximately twenty-five blocks and noted that there is no frame garage within sight of this street, or on this street, and that there is no garage answering the description furnished by BETH GREEN.

ENN:TC

The following memorandum, dated 5-13-34 at Madison, Wisconsin, was submitted by Special Agent R. C. Gillespie:

An informant stated to Agent Gillespie that about two years ago a man by the name of Touhy came to Madison, Wisconsin, from Chicago, Illinois, and built a roadhouse about two miles south of Madison; that he understood the building cost about \$23,000.00; that the place was operated by some connection of the Roger Touhy gang of Chicago; that the place had a shady reputation and was presently being run by a man by the name of Touhy. Informant stated that while he had no definite facts, he strongly suspected that this was the place where Edward George Bremer was held captive by his kidnapers.

Agent visited the above mentioned place which is located on Highway 12-18 and is situated about two miles south of the city of Madison. Lake Monona lies about 400 yards north of the Garden Lunch, the name of the roadhouse, and the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad main line runs between the lake and the Garden Lunch; about two miles away is the Madison Municipal Airport which serves as a stopping place for the Northwest Airways Line. The building is a two-story brick and stucco structure. Entrance is made into the bar room, the bar being to the left and the balance of the large room being used as a dining room where patrons are served meals. A woman appearing to be about 40 years old, reddish blonde hair, scar on left side of face, fair complexion, and identified later as the wife of the proprietor, waited on the bar. To the rear of the Garden Lunch is an infrequently used road that forms a "Y" with Highway 12-18. The rear of the building is on a lower level than the front and there is a drive-in garage underneath the rear of the building. Agent was unable to observe whether there were any rooms on the basement floor other than the garage. To enter the main floor from the rear there are about ten steps up made of wood. Entry to the basement floor apparently would be made through the garage door which is on the rear ground level.

Captain EDWARD MOVERLY, Manager, Municipal Airport, Madison, Wisconsin, stated that his place of business is about two miles from the Garden Lunch and that the place has been known as a hideout for criminals. Captain Moverly stated that for the past six months the place has been apparently very quiet and during this latter period, he had not heard anything concerning the place.

Sheriff FRED T. FINN, Dane County, residence at County Jail, Madison, Wisconsin, stated that the Garden Lunch was built about two years

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ago by WILLIAM TOEY (not Touhy) and that he understood WILLIAM TOEY was a brother or cousin of ROGER TOUHY of Chicago; that TOEY and his wife and 16-year-old daughter came from Chicago and paid \$22,000.00 cash in the construction of Garden Lunch; that on one or two occasions he was suspicious of the place and on one occasion about a half year ago an informant told him to watch the place as a certain car was coming into the place frequently and would always remove the license plates as soon as it arrived; that the place was watched for several weeks but nothing was learned. Sheriff FINN stated that he had seen TOEY who is a small, slender built man with sandy hair and partly bald.

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May 3, 1934,

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

RE: St. Paul File No. 7-30.

MR. EDWARD G. BREMER telephoned Mr. Clegg on the night of May 1, 1934 and advised that he had been informed that a Ford V-8 automobile, bearing 1934 Wisconsin license tags 371-844, was cruising about his place in a suspicious manner.

While conducting an investigation on other matters, Mr. Clegg, Mr. Brennan, and Mr. Dodd drove by the residence of MR. BREMER, and Mr. Clegg talked with MR. BREMER for a few moments and learned that a relative had telephoned him giving the license tag and the story about the automobile cruising around his place.

This number had previously been given to Mr. Hammi at the St. Paul office for the purpose of having the license number checked, and it was determined that this car had not been stolen but was owned and occupied by a group of five people who had come from Wisconsin to St. Paul to witness a tennis tournament in which professionals were engaging. This information was made known to MR. BREMER.

Mr. Hammi determined that the car was a Ford V-8 1932 Sedan, Motor No. 1871839, and that it was registered in the name of OSBORNE B. CONLES of River Falls, Wisconsin, who was accompanied by a party of five people as above described.

H. H. CLEGG,

Inspector.

HHC:ACF

HIDEOUT

On March 24 to 28, 1934, Special Agent H. H. Reinecke made investigation at the following places with reference to the hideout described by the victim, these places all being in Waukesha County, Wisconsin:

Pewaukee, Wisconsin	Willow Springs, Wisconsin
Hartland "	Lannon "
Lakeside "	Hatfield "
Nagawicka "	Colgate "
Gifford "	Northview "
Chenequa "	Meadow Brook "
Nashotah "	Edgewood Station "
Okauchee "	Buena Vista "
North Lake "	Summit Center "
Edgemore Estates, Wis.	Fussville "
Monterey "	Waterville "
Mapleton "	Jericho "
Stone Bank "	Eagleville "
Monches "	Genesee "
Ottawa "	Genesee Depot "
Vernon Station, Wis.	New Berlin "
Vernon "	Durham "
Guthrie "	Muskego "
Prospect "	Prospect Station "
Chamberlin "	Big Bend "
Dodges Corners, Wis.	Merton "
Sussex "	Menomonee Falls "
Delafield "	Oconomowoc "
Wales "	Dousman "
Eagle "	North Prairie "
Muckwonago "	Tess Corners "

A large majority of these places are small rural communities or practically uninhabited crossroads, but were shown on the detailed map of the county which agent was using as a basis of his investigation, and they are listed here as a matter of record, and the investigative results as to this type of community are grouped in one paragraph hereinafter with the names of the places referred to.

At Pewaukee, Wisconsin, interviews with the Chief of Police, who is also the city water meter reader; a Catholic priest; and two members of the volunteer fire department developed the information that there is a siren on the fire department building but that it is sounded only for very infrequent fires and at no other times. There are no whistles of

any type blown in or near Pewaukee. There are three churches--a Catholic with a Sunday morning bell ringing, a Baptist with a Sunday morning and Sunday evening bell ringing, and a Lutheran without a bell. L. A. BARTLETT, The Chief of Police and water meter reader, was given a careful oral description of the hideout, and all possibilities discussed with him, but he said there was nothing similar to it in Pewaukee. Train service through Pewaukee is on the main line of the Milwaukee Railroad, and the traffic is quite heavy, but the schedules were not secured, nor other inquiry made, in view of any semblance of the noises desired.

At Hartland, Wisconsin, interview with the Postmaster, a Lutheran minister, and an official of a creamery company, indicated that the fire department uses an air whistle sounded only for infrequent fires and a monthly firemen's meeting. There are four church bells, including one on a Lutheran church, but none make it a custom of tolling a bell on Saturday afternoons or evenings. There is no city water supply and no water meter reader. A local creamery has a steam whistle but it has not been blown for two years. There are no other noises of a similar nature anywhere in the vicinity of Hartland, although on rare occasions, if one is on the outside, the noon siren at Chenequa can be heard faintly. Train service here is as in Pewaukee.

At Chenequa, Wisconsin, it was found that there is no business district whatsoever. It is composed of large estates surrounding Pine Lake and the area has been incorporated by the wealthy estate owners to enclose the lake and keep it private. There is a siren in the place and is used as a fire warning, and is also tested each noon. There are no other noises present, or heard from neighboring communities. The nearest railroad track is two miles away, but there is no Chenequa station or stop.

At Nashotah, Wisconsin, the Postmaster advised that there is no fire department, no siren, and no steam whistle in the village or nearby. There is one church bell but it is not rung on Saturdays. This village is near Chenequa and on rare occasions, the noon siren there can be heard, if one is out of doors.

At Okauchee, Wisconsin, the Postmaster and a member of the volunteer fire department advised that the fire department has a siren but it is sounded only for infrequent fires. There are no steam or other whistles in or near the village. There are two church bells, but neither is tolled on Saturdays. A cistercian Monastery located near Okauchee rings its bell daily at 6:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 6:00 p.m. The noon siren at Oconomowoc is frequently heard. There is no city water supply and no water meter reader.

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At North Lake, Wisconsin, it was learned through the Postmaster that there is no siren in or near the village, nor is any whistle present. There are two churches with bells, but neither is tolled on Saturdays. Very few trains pass through this village, which is on a branch line, and there is little switching, only by an occasional freight.

At Merton, Wisconsin, which is a very small village, the Postmaster stated that the siren which calls out the volunteer fire department is tested each weekday noon, but there are no whistles of any sort in the vicinity, and only one church bell and it is not tolled on Saturdays. This village is also on a branch line railroad with few trains and some days no switching whatsoever. There is no city water supply and no meter reader.

At Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, MR. GODFREY, District Manager of the Wisconsin Gas & Electric Company, and the Postmaster stated that instead of one large siren for use of the fire department, there are three smaller ones scattered about the town and they are all sounded simultaneously in case of fire, and also sounded together at noon each weekday. There are no whistles of any sort in or around the town. The train service is very poor with only two trains stopping or passing through four days each week, and none on the remaining three days. There are three church bells; a Lutheran rung each Saturday at 6:00 p.m., and again on Sundays; a Catholic rung each day at 7:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 6:00 p.m., and a third rung for services only on Sunday mornings.

The chief of the fire department verified these sounds, and also stated that a siren fire call was sounded at 9:00 p.m. Sunday, January 22, 1934, and another at midnight on the same date.

Through the cooperation of MR. GODFREY of the Wisconsin Gas & Electric Company, the following employees of that company were interviewed with their duties, and territories given. These men cover not only a large portion of Waukesha County, but also the northwestern portion of Milwaukee County, and the southeastern and central portion of Washington County.

T. M. WADK, meter reader and "trouble shooter" covers the towns and neighboring vicinities of Schlinger, Hartford, Jackson, Cedar Lake, Lake, Park Lake, and Fries Lake.

BOB PRICE, meter reader, covers Richfield, Germantown, Granville, Menomonee Falls, Mequon, Lisbon, and Merton, and rural area in between.

A. POLSKA, meter reader and "trouble shooter" covers Menomonee Falls, Mequon, Brown, Deer, and Granville, and surrounding rural territory.

HARRY HICKNER, meter reader, and "trouble shooter", covers Grafton and Cedarburg and adjacent rural areas.

E. H. BIRCHOW, meter reader and tester, covers the entire territory served by the Menomonee Falls office.

ART DOLLASY, reads meters in the same territory covered by BOB PRICE.

H. KOCH, "trouble shooter", works in Merton, Lisbon, Menomonee Falls, Granville, Germantown, Richfield, Polk, and Erin, and adjacent and intervening rural areas.

The description of the hideout was carefully gone into with these men and all possibilities discussed, but none could recall any place in their district which would fit. BOB PRICE mentioned a farm home two miles east of Menomonee Falls on Highway No. 74, as being suspicious because the residents frequently hesitated in admitting electric and gas men, but this place was later observed by agent and it has not basement whatsoever and no stairs or steps going down to the ground floor, but rather a few steps going up. Furthermore, no noises of the type described by victim could be heard there, except some passing trains nearby.

Photographs of all suspects were also exhibited to the above men without results.

These employees of the Wisconsin Gas and Electric Company all seemed deeply interested in cooperating, and have been asked to do so by the company officials. Should any of them come across any premises similar to the type for which we are looking, the Chicago Division office will be notified.

A. DUNA, meter reader and "trouble shooter" for the Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company, stated that he works in Delafield, Washota, Wales, North Prairie, the lake regions of Pine Lake, Pewaukee Lake, Lower and Upper Koshkonong Lakes, also in Genesee village and Depot, and the rural section from North Prairie to Waukegan village. The hideout description was carefully gone into with him, and photographs of suspects were exhibited without any results. He will keep in mind the hideout description and notify his office in Milwaukee of any developments he might run into. The Milwaukee office has the Chicago Division office address.

At Dousman, Wisconsin, HENRY GRANLING, JR., the Postmaster, stated that the Fire Department has a siren sounded each weekday noon, and for infrequent fires. There are no whistles of any sort present. There are two church bells but neither is rung on Saturdays. Four passenger and two freights pass through each 24 hours, but there is only occasional siding by one of the freights. There is no city water supply and no water meter reader.

At Eagle, Wisconsin, the Postmaster, MRS. LILA BURTON, advised that the Fire Department there has no siren, whistle, or bell, but that volunteer firemen are notified of conflagrations by telephone. There is no whistle or siren in or near the village, and only one church bell, on a Catholic church, which is rung every morning at 6:00 a.m. There are six trains every 24 hours, but very little switching. No city water supply or meter reader is available.

At North Prairie, Wisconsin, the Postmaster and a Lutheran minister were interviewed and they said that there was no siren in the village, the Fire Department being called out by means of a bell used for that purpose. A milk condensary has a steam whistle which is blown every weekday at 6:00, 6:45 and 7:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon; and 12:45, 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. There are two church bells, one on a Lutheran church which is tolled every Saturday at 6:00 p.m., and again for Sunday morning services, the other a Methodist church bell rung only on Sunday mornings at 9:30, 10:00 and 11:00 o'clock. There are four passenger trains, and two freight trains during a period of 24 hours. There is no city water supply or water meter reader.

At Muckwonago, Wisconsin, the Postmaster advised that the Fire Department siren is sounded every weekday noon and for fires. There are no whistles, nor is there a church bell which tolls every Saturday afternoon or evening. There is a Lutheran church but it has no bell.

E. A. AUSTIN, the city water meter reader, was given an oral description of the hideout, and all possibilities were discussed with him. However, he said there was nothing fitting that description in Muckwonago.

At Tess Corners, Wisconsin, it was found that the volunteer Fire Department uses a siren, but it is sounded only for fires, which occur very infrequently. There is a Catholic church bell, the only one in the village, or nearby, but it is not tolled on Saturdays. The nearest railroad is eight miles distant. There is no city water supply, and therefore no city water meter reader.

At Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, all types of meter readers were contacted only, as previous inquiry had been made there by Agent Wood regarding noises, and through the game warden residing there. The following are the ones contacted, together with the villages they cover:

R. H. SIMS, gas fitter, for the Wisconsin Gas & Electric Company, works in Oconomowoc, Okauchee, Nashota, Delafield, and Hartland, and all adjacent lake vicinities.

W. A. WELLMAN, gas meter reader, covers Oconomowoc, Brookfield, Okauchee, Nashota, Delafield, Hartland, Pewaukee, New Berlin, and adjacent rural areas.

DANIEL HOWE, light and water meter reader for the Oconomowoc city light and water departments.

CHARLES BUEGE, 322 Silver Lake Street, service man for the Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light Company. He is a "trouble shooter", collector, meter installer, etc., covering Dousman, Exonia, Stone Bank, Okauchee, Okauchee Lake, Garden Lake, Moose Lake, Upper and Lower Nashota Lakes, Upper and Lower Menomahbin Lakes, and Silver Lake, and all adjacent vicinity.

C. A. MILLER, office man for the Wisconsin Gas & Electric Company, who formerly was engaged in outside work.

The hideout description was gone into with these men, and photographs of all suspects exhibited, without any results whatsoever, except that C. A. MILLER advised he had in mind a suspicious place near Delafield occupied by one A. GOTTILIEB. This place was later checked with A. DUMA, electric man at Delafield, and also the Postmaster, and it was found that there is only the ordinary basement with small windows, and it is all one room, with a furnace therein, and one bed used by an old man who helps about the premises.

Oconomowoc has about 35 trains through every day, and has a switch engine engaged exclusively in switching therein. There was a fire for which the siren was sounded about 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 28, 1934. This, however, was previously covered by Agent Wood and will not be gone into further here.

The following is a list of those places shown on the detailed map of Waukesha County which are merely crossroads, interurban stations, or abandoned railroad stations, and at which investigation by this agent disclosed a complete absence of all of the noises desired, except in one or two instances a country church bell. In each instance, agent kept in mind the possibility of hearing noises from nearby larger villages, but this possibility was also excluded:

Wales
Sussex
Lakeside
Nagawicka
Gifford
North Lake
Edgemore Estates
Monterey
Mapleton
Stone Bank
Monches
Muskego
Big Bend

Ottawa
Willow Springs
Lannon
Hatfield
Colgate
Northview
Meadow Brook
Edgewood Station
Buena Vista
Summit Center
Fussville
Prospect Station

Waterville
Jericho
Eagleville
Genesee
Genesee Depot
Vernon Station
Vernon
Guthrie
Prospect
New Berlin
Durham
Chamberlin

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 30, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR ROFFER:

Re: BREKID
St. Paul File No. 7-50

A compilation has been made of replies received in response to the circular letter dated March 6, 1934, and addressed to the chief of the fire department in cities being covered by this investigation. The result up to this date is as follows:

1. Territory covered by Chicago Office:

a.

ILLINOIS

<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Fires 1-28-34</u>
* Ashton	—	Siren sounded
* Aurora	6 fires	Apparatus siren
Berwyn	9:44 P.M.	" "
Blue Island	1:00 A.M.	" "
	2:53 P.M.	" "
* Brookfield	8:23 P.M.	Truck siren
* Calumet City	12:00 A.M.	Siren sounded
* Carpenterville	—	—
Chicago	154 fires	—
Cicero	3 fires	Sirens sounded
Compton	—	Siren sounded
* Des Plaines (1-29-34)	6:45 A.M.	—
* Dixon	3 fires	Truck siren
Durand	2:05 P.M.	Siren sounded
East Dubuque	—	—
* Elgin	3 fires	Truck siren
Evanston	3 fires	Truck siren
Flossmoor	9:35 A.M.	Village siren
Forest Park	3 fires	Truck siren sounded
Freeport	3 fires	" "
Galena	12:50 P.M.	No siren
Hanna City	1 fire	Siren sounded
* Harvard	3:00 P.M.	" "
Harvey	4 afternoon	" "
	fires	Truck siren
Highland Park	1:00 P.M.	" "
	5:00 P.M.	Truck siren

Place	Time	Fires 1-28-34
* Joliet	5 fires	Truck sirens
* Lake Villa	Practice call	Siren sounded
Lanark	1:30 & 8:30 P.M.	" "
* La Salle	Fire	" "
* Libertyville	5:15 P.M.	" "
* Lombard	9:45 P.M.	" "
* Lockport	8:30 P.M.	Truck siren
Lostant	---	Siren sounded
Middlethian	4:05 P.M.	" " (8 times)
* Morris	---	Siren sounded
Naperville	7:00 A.M.	" "
Newark	Date in doubt	" "
Oak Park	5 fires - P.M.	Truck sirens
* Palatine	6:30 P.M.	Siren sounded
River Forest	---	Truck siren
* Rochelle	---	General alarm
* Peru	---	Siren sounded
* Riverside	1:20 A.M.	" "
* Rockford	14 alarms	B. & M. Sirens
* Savanna	8:00 P.M.	Truck siren
Shannon	---	Siren sounded
Skillman Valley	12:00 Noon	" "
* Spring Grove	---	" "
Steger	---	Truck siren
* Sterling	8:35 P.M.	" "
* Streator	10:30 P.M.	---
* Summit	2:30 P.M.	Siren sounded
* Wankegan	5 alarms (P.M.)	Truck siren
Westmont	6:30 P.M.	Siren sounded
Willow Springs	1:30 A.M.	" "
* Wilmette	6:55 A.M.	Truck siren
	3:30 P.M.	" "
	6:20 P.M.	" "
* Winnetka	Fire	No siren
Woodburn	1:00 P.M.	Siren sounded
Zion	2:15 P.M.	" "

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b. INDIANA

<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Fires 1-28-34</u>
Crown Point	5:45 P.M.	—
East Chicago	3 fires	Siren on truck
Hammond	3 fires (12:30 P.M. on)	" " "
Hobart	1:00 P.M.	Siren sounded
Valparaiso	11:30 A.M.	" "

c. WISCONSIN

<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Fires 1-28-34</u>
* Burlington	10:00 A.M.	Alarm sounded
	3:00 P.M.	
Eagle	11:45 A.M.	Truck siren
Fontana	7:30 P.M.	Siren sounded
Hales Corners	—	—
Kenosha	10 fires	Siren sounded
Lake Geneva	—	" "
Menomonie Falls	2 fires	" "
Merton	—	" "
Milwaukee	57 fires	Siren sounded
* Oconomowoc	3:25 P.M.	" "
Racine	7:40 & 8:29 P.M.	Truck sirens
Reeseville	—	Siren sounded
South Milwaukee	9:00 A.M.	" "
Sussex	1 fire	Siren not sounded
Town of Lake (Milwaukee)	5 fires	
	(7:40 A.M. on)	Siren sounded
* Waukesha	6 fires from 10:00 A.M.	No siren
* Wauwatosa	3 calls (P.M.)	Siren sounded
Williams Bay	—	" "
West Allis	7:10 A.M. & 12:04 P.M.	Siren on truck
* Whitewater	11:00 A.M.	Siren blew

2. Territory covered by St. Paul Office:

1. IOWA

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Place	Time	Fires 1-28-34
Cedar Rapids	10 fires after 6:30 A.M.	Siren on truck
Cresco	5:30 A.M.	—
Dubuque	5 fires(9:20 A.M.on)	Truck siren
Edgewood	—	Siren sounded
Manchester	12:00 Noon	Siren sounded
Marion	2:30 P.M.	" "
New Albin	10:30 A.M.	" "
Plainfield	—	—
Stanwood	11:50 A.M.	Siren sounded
Strawberry Point	11:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M.	" "
Vinton	8:00 A.M.	" "
Waterloo	5 fires(8:57 A.M.on)	Siren on truck

b. WISCONSIN.

Place	Time	Fires 1-28-34
Argyle	2:00 A.M.	Siren sounded
Belleville	—	" "
* Beloit	3 fires(P.M.)	Truck siren
Blanchardville	3:00 P.M.	Siren sounded
Boscobel	9:00 A.M.	" "
* Columbus	10:30 A.M.	" "
Dane	— P.M.	Siren sounded
Deerfield	—	" "
* Edgerton	9:30 A.M.	Siren sounded for ice rescue
* Evansville	5:30 P.M.	" "
Fall River	12:00 A.M.	" "
Ironia	7:00 A.M.	Siren sounded
Janesville	10:30 A.M.	" "
	6:50 & 9:05 P.M.	" on truck
Lake Mills	7:00 P.M.	Siren sounded
* Madison	17 fires	Siren on truck
Milton Junction	11:40 A.M.	Siren sounded
Monticello	2 fires	Siren sounded
Mount Horeb	2:11 P.M.	" "
* Oregon	1:10 P.M.	" "
Palmyra	10:50 A.M.	" "
Prairie du Chien	2 fires	" "
Prairie du Sac	—	" "
Richland Center	10:00 & 11:30 A.M.	" "
	12:30 P.M.	" "
Rice	2 fires	" "
Sauk City	12:20 P.M.	" "

(WISCONSIN CONTD.)

Place	Time	Fires 1-28-34
Stoughton	3 fires(P.M.)	Siren sounded
Watertown	-	"

3. Territory covered by St. Louis Office.

a. ILLINOIS

Place	Time	Fires 1-28-34
Bloomington	2 fires	Siren sounded
Chebanse	-	No
East Moline	12:30 P.M.	-
Geneseo	-	Alarm sounded
Hanna City	1 fire	Siren sounded
* Hinsdale	2:00 P.M.	No siren
Hoopole	12:30 P.M.	No siren
Kankakee	5 fires	Truck sirens
Kewanee	12:20 & 3:00 P.M.	"
Milford	3:00 P.M.	Siren sounded 2 long whistles
Moline	5 alarms P.M.	Truck siren
Rock Island	9:10 A.M.	Fire Siren
Varna	12:00 Noon	Siren sounded

4. Territory covered by Kansas City Office

a. IOWA

Place	Time	Fires 1-28-34
Blue Grass	-	Siren sounded
Clinton	4 fires(5:10 P.M.on)	" on truck
Davenport	9 fires	Siren sounded
Elmwood	-	Run in country
Gooselake	-	Fire alarm
Iowa City	8 fires(11:38 A.M.on)	Truck siren
Muscatine	8 fires(8:30 A.M.on)	"
Red Oak	3 fires	Siren sounded
Solon	Dept. not called	No siren
Wilton	12:30 & 11:30 P.M.	Siren sounded

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* Actual investigation by an agent has also been made
in these towns

Very truly yours,

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R.B. Donaldson, Special Agent.

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1900 Bankers Building
105 E. Adams
Chicago Illinois

MAY 21 1934
May 21, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
617 Federal Building
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,
with aliases, I. O. #1219, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM,
KIDNAPING; -Chicago File 7-52.

During recent weeks Bremer ransom money has been passed in Chicago, Illinois, and a party known to this office as "Slim", alias Roy Gray, alias Ed Gray, alias Roy Gray Evans, alias Bob Gray, subject of I. O. #1215 in the name of Russell Gibson, alias Rusty Gibson, has been identified as the party passing such money to others. On or about April 27, 1934, when several parties were taken into custody by this office "Slim" disappeared. His apartment was located at 626 Waveland, however, and a raid conducted therein disclosed, among other things, a picture of an unidentified woman who is believed to be either the mother of Gray or the mother of his wife, who is variously known as Estelle Gray, Clara Gray, Clara Moore and Clara Fisher Gibson. This photograph bears the handwriting in pencil the word "Gray" and has the following penciled number on the back, number 97481. This photograph appears to have been taken in 1932, having the stamp of the photographer as follows: 1932, Vitral Studios, Los Angeles, Calif. I am forwarding herewith the said photograph with the request that it be returned to this office when it has served its purpose. It is requested that immediate investigation be conducted at the said studio in an effort to identify said photograph. If identified the party should be located and efforts made to learn the location of "Slim", with aliases, through her. It may be advisable to maintain a telephone tap for a time.

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For your assistance a photograph of "Slim" is being attached hereto. The identification order contains a good personal description of him. I am also forwarding a handwriting specimen of Slim. As you will note from the Identification Order, this party is badly wanted in Oklahoma. Reports from the Oklahoma City Office disclose that the sheriff at that point has posted a \$500.00 reward for the arrest of this man. He is described as a dangerous criminal, and every precaution should be taken in his apprehension. He is also wanted by the police department in Chicago for Jewelry robbery. He has often posed as a jewelry salesman. I am also enclosing a photograph of his wife, which may be of assistance to you. Her description is contained on the back of said photo. In renting a Safe Deposit Box in Chicago, Mrs. Gray gave her mother's maiden name as Eubanks. Please return all material forwarded to you when its purpose has been served.

Gray with aliases is known to be driving a 1934 Ford V-8 Coupe, dark green or black in color, having a rumble seat, motor number not known, bearing 1934, Illinois plates-number 605-683 or 605-583.

Gray is very quiet and uncommunicative. To be noted in particular are his thick lips. His teeth have a tendency to protrude.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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CC: Division
St. Paul
Oklahoma
Chicago

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1900 Bankers Building
105 W. Adams
Chicago Illinois

May 22, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with al-
liases, I. O. 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with
aliases, I. O. 1219, et
al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
VICTIM-KIDNAPING, Chicago
File 7-82.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
F. S. Smith, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 11/14/33, in the case
entitled Russell Gibson-FUGITIVE, National Motor Vehicle
Theft Act, our file number is 86-5556. It is noted that
this man is identical with Roy Gray, aliases, Slim, Ray, Gray,
Roy Gray Evans and Bob Gray. Gray has been identified as the
man who passed considerable quantities of Bremer ransom mon-
ey in Chicago, Illinois, between April 17, and April 25, 1934.
Extensive investigation has been going forward in the Chicago
Office with regard to this man, and considerable information
disclosed to date will be submitted to you within the near
future in the form of a report.

For your assistance I am enclosing two photographs
of Gray, a handwriting specimen of Gray and a photograph of
the wife of Gray who is variously known as Estelle Gray,
Clara Gray, Clara Moore and Clara Fisher Gibson. Her phys-
ical description is found on the reverse of her photo. The
Kansas City Office has been given the facts that they need,
and proper photographs and handwriting specimen have been
furnished that office.

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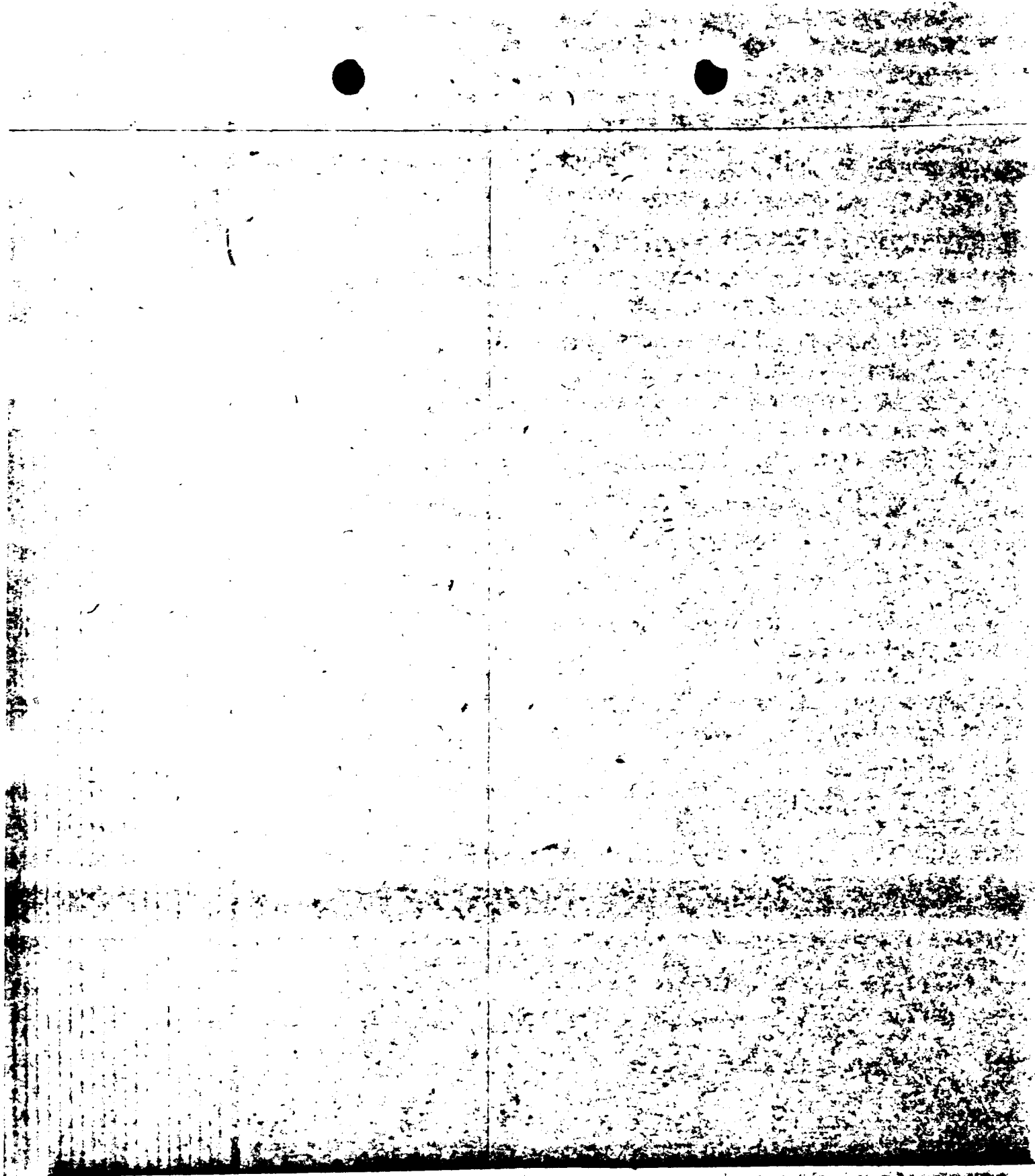
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W. H. FORVIER, Special Agent in Charge

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Russell Gibson

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

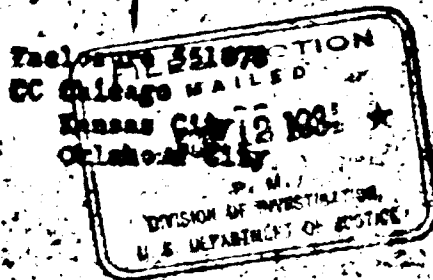
RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
Identification Order 1219;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
Identification Order 1219, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER Victim;
KIDNAPING.

As of possible assistance, there are enclosed,
herewith, photographs of Russell Gibson, alias "Slim",
subject of Identification Order 1213, who has been identified
as one of the individuals passing some of the Bremer ransom
money in Chicago, Illinois.

The Oklahoma City Office is requested to conduct
an investigation with a view to establishing the identity
of the wife of Russell Gibson. Her photographs were forwarded
to the Oklahoma City Office with the letter of the Chicago
Office dated May 22, 1934.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

June 12, 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. 7-30

Prior to my arrival here, there had been initiated a program whereby all the voluminous files in this case were to be reviewed and a summary of the investigative activity, as well as information, prepared as to each of the different phases of the investigation, including interviews with Mr. Bremer, the victim; outline of investigations made to find the hideout; investigation concerning the payment of ransom; investigation concerning shell oil signs; and numerous other aspects of the investigation of this general character. Information was not only being summarized but consolidated under the various headings to serve as a study and record.

Due to the small detail of men now assigned to the special investigation and due to the condition of the work in the St. Paul Office, it has not since been found advisable to stop the investigative activity of the agents for the purpose of continuing this report which, of course, does serve some practical purpose. It is estimated that it would take four men an entire week or perhaps slightly longer to complete this summarization and I have not felt that it would be possible to spare the personnel for this purpose particularly since it is so important to locate the Bremer hideout and to continue the investigation looking toward the finding of suspects and subjects in this case as well as in the Dillinger case.

However, I desire to advise you of the fact that there is in the office quite a voluminous report with the various sections incomplete of the character above described.

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Very truly yours,

H.H. CLEGG, INSPECTOR.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minn.

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REPORT MADE AT: San Francisco	DATE WHEN MADE: 6/8/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/18/34 to 6/4/34	REPORT MADE BY: W. H. Ramsey, Jr. - CHP
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation at 34 Hyde St., San Francisco, develops this address a former speakeasy abandoned January, 1934. Mail being delivered there however, and called for. References of Lohman to Northern Wine Co., to I. H. Lohman and to Bank of America, San Francisco, apparently fictitious. Mail under surveillance and further investigation continuing.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Ill., dated May 24, 1934.</p> <p>DETAILS: This investigation is based on a telephone call from Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, to Acting Special Agent in Charge E. B. Montgomery of the San Francisco Office wherein the gist of information contained in reference report regarding the stop of William B. Lohman and wife at 7157 Yates Ave., Chicago, and the furnishing of the following references by Lohman: Northern Wine Co., 34 Hyde St., San Francisco; Bank of America, San Francisco; I. H. Lohman, father, 34 Hyde St., San Francisco, at the time of renting the above noted apartment, was indicated with the request that this Office conduct discreet investigation looking toward location of Lohman, alias Subject Karpis, at 34 Hyde St., in San Francisco. It was further stated that Mrs. Lohman was reported to have remarked that her husband was ill and had gone to California.</p> <p>Investigation conducted in company with Special Agent H. L. Fisher, clerk of this Office, revealed that the address 34 Hyde St. was merely an entrance leading up a single flight of stairs to a door of the type used in speakeasies and giving entrance to a floor space above the first floor of one W. F. Cox. It was noted that the door is now boarded up.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED 7-5762742 JUN 14 1934 A.M. JUN 20 1934	
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windows of the floor space facing on the street are broken out and that the place is obviously a speakeasy which has been abandoned. There is an ordinary tin mail box just inside the entrance at the foot of the stairs just off the sidewalk, which has no name or mark upon it.

It was recalled by this Agent that the number 34 Hyde St. had been that assigned to a telephone number, namely Underhill 9419, mentioned in the case entitled, "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, ROY J. FRISCH, Victim - KIDNAPING", as that of "Boop" Marino, alias Joe Pasqualletti, alias George Grazie (report of this Agent in that case dated 4/19/34, San Francisco, Calif., on page 5).

A check with the telephone company developed that their full information in connection with this telephone number, Underhill 9419, was that it was listed to the Theatrical Club, and had been disconnected on Jan. 8, 1934.

Agent contacted Mr. E. D. Suydam, assistant manager of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, 445 Sutter St., San Francisco, who exhibited the records of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company with reference to the address 34 Hyde St., and it was ascertained that one John Moyles had made application for service on Feb. 6, 1933. This application reflected the home address of Moyles as 3277 - 24th. Ave., and that he owned property at 260 Crescent St. and also 2620 - 20th. St., and gave his occupation as salesman for the Yosemite Meat Co. The current telephone directory lists John Moyles at 3277 - 24th. Ave., and a J. Moyles at 260 Crescent Ave. There is a Yosemite Meat Market listed at 3202 Polson St.

Agent contacted Postal carrier #214, who has carried the 34 Hyde St. address for several years. He stated upon interview that he had seen no one at the address since the first of this year but that prior to that time on several occasions he had gone into the place to deliver mail and had seen the bartender, but had paid no attention to anyone else and had seldom ever seen anyone else. He was unable to identify photographs of any of the suspects in this case as any one he had seen or resembling anyone he had seen at this address at any time. He stated that most recently, some two or three weeks ago, he had delivered to the mail box above described at 34 Hyde St. a piece of mail addressed to the Theatrical Club and that several days later he noticed that same had disappeared. He was unable to furnish the names of anyone connected with the Club and definitely stated that he remembered no mail at any time coming to this address for William B. or I. H. Lohman, or the Northern Wine Co.



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Check of the records of the County Assessor's office at San Francisco developed that the property at 34 Hyde St. had been assessed in 1933 at \$50 to John Moyles at 3277 - 24th. Ave.; that the real property was assessed to the Josephs Estate Corporation.

Investigation at the Mercantile Acceptance Corporation, an automobile financing company, 333 Montgomery St., San Francisco, developed that Louis Tambini had bought 1933 Plymouth coach, motor #PC81712, serial #1823249, in June 1933 on time payments from the Prudential Securities Company of San Francisco. On his application for credit Tambini indicated his occupation as clerk for J. Moyles at 3219 - 24th. Ave., and gave as references Fred Lundblade, Eureka, Calif., and J. Appola, 580 Broadway in San Francisco and indicated that he had formerly been in the trucking business for himself. He gave his age as 34 and marital status as single. The files of the Mercantile Acceptance Corporation indicated the payments had been made properly in connection with this deal each month and that the mail going to Tambini, as noted above, had merely been his final notice indicating that his payments on the car would terminate with the next payment. The file indicated that usually no notices were sent with exception of the usual due date of the installment. Inquiry of the Mercantile Acceptance employees developed no one there who knew Tambini personally.

The files of the Prudential Securities Company, 1299 Bush St., San Francisco, indicated no additional information except that the car had been originally purchased from the James McAllister Company on Van Ness Ave., San Francisco.

Investigation conducted through the James McAllister Motor Company, Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, and Bob Woods, salesman of that Company, who sold Tambini the Plymouth coach, developed that two small looking, boyish, Italian youths had come into the McAllister sales room on the morning of June 15, 1933 driving a Hudson coupe, motor #42732, serial #921644, and stated that it was their friend Louis Tambini's car and that they desired to have it appraised; that it had been appraised and that then Tambini had come in later on that same day and traded it in on the new 1933 Plymouth described above, receiving a credit of \$510 on the Hudson and making a small additional cash payment. Woods was unable to identify any of the suspects in this case as persons known to him or as resembling in any way Tambini. He described Tambini as being about 35 years of age, 5-9 in height, with a very thin face and of medium build and medium complexion. He stated that he was Italian in appearance and stated that he had not seen him since this day he had sold him the car, the Prudential Securities Company buying the original contract for the installment payments.

At the offices of the Alcohol Tax Unit of the U. S. Department of Internal Revenue, the former Prohibition Unit of the Department of Justice, 845 Sanson St.,

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San Francisco, inquiries were made with reference to the address 34 Hyde St., as well as the names John Moyles and Louis Tambini and it was ascertained that the address had been well known to this Unit as a speakeasy operated by Joe Parente and that Moyles and Tambini had been employees.

The records of the Alcohol Tax Unit indicate that Andrew John Moyles, apparently one and the same as John Moyles of 3277 - 24th. Ave., was 35 years of age, 5-7 inches tall, weight 135, brown hair, brown eyes and occupation - teamster, marital status single; that he had been arrested in Case No. 17882, on July 4, 1929 for sale and possession of liquor. No disposition of this offense is given. The records further indicate that Louis Tambini, alias James Moore, alias Louis Tombini, in Case No. 23427, on April 12, 1932 was charged in company with Andrew Ferrallo, Ernest Pearson, Charles Hamilton, Lowell Boyd, Harry Sattler, Joe Parente and Abe Sherman of conspiracy to violate the National Prohibition Act; that Ferrallo, Pearson, Parente, Boyd and Sattler were discharged in connection with this matter and that Abe Sherman was fined \$500; that Hamilton was given two months in the County Jail and fined \$500. The records further indicate that Louis Tambini was dismissed before the U. S. Commissioner and was not indicted. The records of the Prohibition Unit indicating that dispositions were furnished in connection with this matter no dispositions are being forwarded with reference thereto with this report.

The records of the Alcohol Tax Unit indicate further the following notation regarding the record of Louis Tambini: San Francisco PD #31716, arrested on 5/13/31, charge burglary - disposition, not given; arrested 3/7/31, violation National Prohibition Act - disposition, not given; arrested 5/30/31, violation National Prohibition Act - disposition, not given. Description - age 30 in 1931, weight 155, height 5-10, light hair, grey eyes, scar over left eye, marital status single, occupation barber. An examination of photographs of Tambini indicated no likeness to any of the suspects in this case.

Under pretext, Agent Philbrick and this Agent interviewed W. S. Cox, proprietor of the tire store directly beneath the 34 Hyde St. address. He stated that the place had been abandoned since the first of January this year, as business had died out following the repeal of the Prohibition amendment; that he personally had been in this speakeasy on several occasions and understood that it had been run by Joe Parente, who was a notorious San Francisco bootlegger. He was unable to furnish any information as to who was presently calling for mail at the address or additional information to that noted above regarding those employed there. He knew of no wine company having an office or headquarters there. It should be noted here that in addition to the information noted above secured from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, that the notation on their files indicated that they had not installed any gas and electric service on an independent meter for the 34 Hyde St. address but that the address had secured their gas and electricity through a master meter in the name of W. S. Cox, one meter furnishing the entire building with gas and electricity.

A check with appropriate clerks of the General Delivery windows of the San Francisco postoffice revealed no record of a W. S. or I. H. Lehman calling for or having called for mail in San Francisco.

Investigation conducted at the California State Board of Equalization, State Bldg., San Francisco, where all engaged in manufacturing or retailing or wholesaling or dealing in liquor in any way are required to secure a license, but no information was secured either as to the Theatrical Club, the Northern Wine Co., or under the names W. B. or I. H. Lohman. It was stated however, that there was possibility of error in the records of this department in San Francisco and that full information in connection with this matter or rather a check on the information in San Francisco could be secured through the offices of the State Board of Equalization at Sacramento, Calif., although there was little possibility their records would reveal other information than that shown in the records of the office in San Francisco. However, in order that the search in connection with this matter may be complete, a check will be made to the offices of the State Board of Equalization at Sacramento, and the Secretary of State to determine possible information regarding these organizations and individuals at that point. Directories and telephone listings in San Francisco furnish no notations regarding the Northern Wine Co.

With regard to the reference given by Lohman as Bank of America in San Francisco, Agent contacted Mr. A. W. Brennan, assistant cashier of the head office of the Bank of America in San Francisco, at Powell and Market Sts., where the records for all of the 43 San Francisco branches of this bank are maintained, and he advised after a search of their records that there was no current account, either savings or commercial, under that name; that there had been an account opened on March 5, 1930 and closed on April 24, 1930 for a W. Lohman, whose occupation was a baker and whose account had been transferred from the Sacramento branch of the Bank of America to San Francisco; that there had been a W. Lohman, whose account had been transferred from the Morgan Hill branch of the Bank of America and closed in 1928, and a Walter P. Lohman, whose account had been closed in 1916. It did not appear that any of these accounts would have any connection with or reference to this suspect in instant case. No further investigation as to them is being made in the absence of further instructions. Brennan stated that the names William B. and I. H. Lohman were totally unknown to him at the bank and that they had no record regarding any of these individuals.

Investigation is continuing with reference to the matter of mail addressed to the 34 Hyde St. address and also with a view to determining if there might be any connection between John Moyle or Louis Tambini and suspects in this matter.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE, at San Francisco, Calif., will continue investigation in connection with this matter, completing all leads suggested in the body of this report.

At Sacramento, Calif., will at the office of the California State Board of Equalization, secure all information both at that office and at the office of the Secretary of State with reference to an alleged Northern Wine Co. and as regards the names William B. Lohman or I. H. Lohman.

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
June 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
629 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.



Dear Sir:

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

Due to the recent re-allocation of territory, so that the States of Iowa and Nebraska are now covered by your office, there are being transmitted at this time appropriate serials, exhibits and photographs in the above captioned case, in order that appropriate investigation may be made by your office in your District, and appropriate information may be on file there for reference purposes.

One copy each of the reports and communications as described herein after are being furnished you with this letter, the serial number of the particular communication or report in the Kansas City file being placed herein as a matter of convenience to the Kansas City office.

In any case wherein a lead is presently outstanding for the attention of your office, the same has been indicated in capital letters immediately after the description of the particular report wherein the lead is contained and the capital letters are underscored.

The reports and communications are described as follows:

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Serial 14 - Copy St. Paul letter to Chicago, dated 1-28-34.

Serial 22 - Report Special Agent C. B. Winstead, Dallas, 1-31-34.

Serial 46 - Memorandum of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, 2-13-34.

Serial 52 - " " " " J. R. Calhoun, " " " "

Serial 91 - Copy St. Paul letter to Kansas City dated 2-16-34.

Serial 169B - Multigraphed copy report S.A.C. W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, 2-14-34.

Serial 106 - Report of Special Agent H. T. Arterberry, Dallas, dated 2-17-34.

Serial 109 - " " " " R. B. Nathan, New York, " 2-18-34.

Serial 169A- Multigraphed copy of report Special Agent
John T. Brennan, St. Paul, 2-17-34.

Serial #118-Report S.A.C. W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, 2-16-34.

Serial #150- " Agent E. C. Jamison, Chicago, 2-22-34.

Serial #164- " " E. N. Notestein, St. Paul, 2-20-34.

Serial #169- Multigraphed copy Memorandum for the Director dated 2-21-34,
dictated by Agent R. E. Newby.

Serial #174- Copy St. Paul letter to Kansas City 2-22-34.

Serial #176- " St. Louis " " " 2-24-34.

Serial #185- " Letter from Agent O. C. Dewey, Des Moines, Iowa, 2-15-34
to Kansas City office.

Serial #222- Copy San Antonio letter to Dallas 2-27-34.

Serial #233- Report Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, 3-1-34.

Serial #238- Copy Chicago letter to Kansas City 2-28-34.

Serial #286- Report Agent J. V. Murphy, San Antonio, 3-1-34.

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Serial #336- Report Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, 3-9-34.

- #344- " " " J. J. Metcalf, Chicago, 3-9-34.
- #345- " " " K. R. McIntire, Chicago, 3-9-34.
- #352- " " " J. L. Madala, Chicago, 3-10-34.
- #363- " " " J. R. Welles, Chicago, 3-10-34.
- #364- " " " J. L. Madala, Chicago, 3-13-34.
- #376- " " " W. E. Listerman, Philadelphia, 3-13-34.
- #377- " " " T. E. Billings, Chicago, 3-13-34.
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- #384- " " " C. E. Weeks, New York, 3-15-34.
- #433- St. Paul letter to Salt Lake 3-23-34.
- #425- Report Special Agent J. V. Murphy, San Antonio, 3-23-34.
- #419- " " " J. R. Green, Kansas City, 3-24-34.
- #441- Kansas City letter to Jacksonville, 3-27-34.
- #462- Report of Special Agent W. C. Ryan, Chicago, 3-29-34.
- #464- " " " F. F. Yearaley, St. Louis, 3-28-34.
- #466- " " " R. C. Gillespie, Chicago, 3-29-34.
- #494- " " " R. C. Suran, Kansas City, 4-5-34.
(LEADS IN IOWA AND NEBRASKA)
- #499- San Antonio letter to St. Paul, 4-7-34.
- #506- Report S.A.C. Vetterli, Salt Lake City, 4-7-34.
- #536- Letter from Agent O. C. Dewey to Inspector Clegg dated
Des Moines, 4-19-34.

Serial #537-Letter from Agent O. C. Dewey to Inspector Clegg, dated
Des Moines, 4-18-34

- #545-Report Agent E. J. Wynn, Cincinnati, 4-20-34.
(LEAD AT SHERBORN, IOWA)
- #547-Criminal record- of Mrs. C. P. Harmon, alias Paula Harmon,
received from Division with its letter dated 4-21-34.
- #550-Report Special Agent J. M. Baker, St. Louis, 4-24-34.
- #563A- " " " E. C. Mc Rae, Jr., Jacksonville, 4-29-34.
(LEAD AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA)
- #590- " " " M. C. Spear, Kansas City, 5-8-34.
- #592-Criminal record- of Edward Rudick, received with Division letter,
dated 5-7-34.
- #608-Report Agent R. L. Main, Jacksonville, 5-15-34.
- #635-Letter from Inspector Glegg, St. Paul, dated 5-25-34 to Division.
- #638- " " " " " " " 5-25-34 to Kansas City office
(ATTENTION OMAHA OFFICE)
- #646-Kansas City letter to Division 5-25-34.

Under separate cover the following exhibits and photographs relative to this case are being transmitted to your office, the number in parenthesis appearing after each name or item indicating the number of copies of that photograph or exhibit which is being furnished to your office:

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EXHIBITS:

PHOTOGRAPHS:

Mrs. Geo. Anderson, alias Mrs. Arrie Barker,
mother of Subjects Barker(3).

Arthur R. (Doc) Barker, I.O. #1219(50).

Ed Bentz(3).

Ted Bentz(3).

Mrs. Ed Bentz(3).

Tommy Carroll(3).

Curly Clause(3).

Paula Harmon(3).

Charles LeRoy Kelso(2).

Alvin Karpis:

K.C.Mo. P.D. #17902 - Full length-(1).

" " " " - Half " -(2).

Kansas State Penitentiary #1539(1).

I.O. #1218 (50).

Group photograph of Volney Davis; Fred Barker; Alvin Karpis;
Arthur R. Barker and Harry Campbell(6).

George Nelson(4).

Clyde Wimerick, alias James A. Woodruff(1).

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6.

Madeline Synder, alias Madelyn Snyder:

Omaha PD #17073(2).
San Antonio PD #5130(1).

William Weisman(1).

William Weaver(1).

Samples wall paper used in Bremer house of captivity
during kidnaping:

Wall border(5)
Side walls-photostatic copies-(5).
Photostatic copy sketch of side walls(1).

Photostatic copies "Hideout" of E. G. Bremer(3).

Photographs of clothing given to Victim Bremer by kidnapers:

Composite photograph of underwear, socks and shirt(4).
Enlarged photo front top of underwear(1).
" " " half " " (1).
" " socks(1).
" " shirt(1).
" " inside shirt(1).

Photographs of flash lights and lanterns(3)

Photostatic copies of maps of various states showing towns using
electric sirens for fires and general alarms:

Nebraska(2)
Iowa(2)

List of Bremer ransom notes(15).

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC: DIVISION-CHICAGO-ST. PAUL-ST. LOUIS-DALLAS-
NEW YORK-SAN ANTONIO-SALT LAKE.

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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
DIVISION ONE
JUN 12 1934 AM

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219;
JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, with aliases - FUG.;
JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., with aliases -
FUGITIVE; PHILIP J. DELANEY - FUGITIVE;
WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, with alias - FUGITIVE,
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
Kidnaping. St. Paul file No. 7-20.

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I have talked by telephone with Mr. Roberts of the Bell Telephone Company in Milwaukee, as well as with Mr. Davis, Manager of the same affiliated company in Madison, and they have advised that telephone calls might be made to their operators or chief operators for the purpose of obtaining answers to the questions similar to those in the attached list. It is therefore requested that you have a Special Agent initiate telephone calls from Milwaukee for that portion of the State of Wisconsin covered by the Chicago office. In view of the condition of roads, in view of the infrequency of trains, and in view of the fact that the territory north of Green Bay, Wisconsin, now covered with snow, it is believed to be unnecessary at this time to have telephone calls directed to towns north of Green Bay, Wisconsin. It is suggested that calls to the suspected area and northern Illinois may be made from either your Chicago office or from the telephone company's office at Milwaukee.

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The manager of the telephone company at Madison has agreed to aid us in compiling a list of towns where there are telephone exchanges, and from Madison, the area in southern Wisconsin will be covered and an office is being made available in the building occupied by the telephone company at Madison.

A difficulty which would be encountered is that there are many independent telephone companies in this area; for instance, at Madison, Wisconsin, there are only twenty-three exchanges controlled by the affiliate organization of the Bell Telephone System, all other towns are covered by independent lines. However, it is believed that you will be able to persuade the telephone operators to answer these questions when they are informed that you are talking from the telephone company's offices.

Special Agents working on special assignment in the St. Paul office have completed the examination and investigation in towns offering four or more possibilities for the Bremer hideout and are now engaged in examination and investigation in towns offering three possibilities. One of the Special Agents working in Dane County, Wisconsin, in which Madison is located, in addition to making the telephone calls, will likewise make an examination of the description charts of houses in southern Wisconsin which are available at Madison, in accordance with the letter recently addressed to this office by Mr. Newby from Chicago. It is understood that similar records may be available for the Wisconsin territory covered by your office at Milwaukee.

Since the master file of card indexes is being maintained in the St. Paul office, it will be appreciated if you will transmit to this office information obtained by you by telephone in your calls initiated at Milwaukee, Rockford, and Chicago. In this connection, we plan to use the list of questions and to use a 5x8-inch sheet of scratch paper to record the answers and the name of the town called, thereby eliminating having to repeat the questions in the record compiled. It is believed that if you can find it convenient to use a piece of 5x8-inch carbon paper, it will be possible for you to record in duplicate the answers received from the various towns and send one sheet of these answers to the St. Paul office for aid in maintaining the records here.

Enclosed you will find a list of the questions which have been compiled for the purpose of making inquiry of the telephone operators, and, of course, when circumstances and experiment show that the phraseology

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might be changed in order to make the questions more understandable, there is no reason why the phraseology should not be changed appropriately. Several test calls made at the St. Paul office have reflected that even under adverse circumstances, these questions might be asked and answers obtained, when available, during the maximum period of three minutes. In the event any of the telephone operators do not have available the information at the time called, it is suggested as being entirely proper to request such telephone company employees to call the agent collect at the place from which he is calling.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,
Inspector.

HEC:WVS
Cc Division ✓
Cc Omaha

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Questions to be asked of telephone operators by telephone
from Madison, Wisconsin; Rockford, Illinois; Milwaukee, Wisconsin;
and Chicago, Illinois:

1. Does a siren and a whistle blow at the same time in the morning or at noon in your town? _____
2. Was this true last January or February? _____
3. At what time did or do they sound at the same time? _____
4. At what other time does a siren sound during the day or night? _____
5. At what other regular time does a whistle blow during the day or night? _____
6. Do church bells ring Saturday afternoons as well as Sunday mornings in your town? _____
7. Is there a switch engine there on the railroad? _____
8. Does your town have electric power and light? _____
9. Do you know of any other towns where a whistle and a siren blow at or before noon each week day? _____

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

June 7, 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;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O.
1219; JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN alias "BOGE"
McLAUGHLIN alias J. J. McLAUGHLIN -
FUGITIVE; JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR.,
with aliases - FUGITIVE; PHILIP J.
DELANEY - FUGITIVE; WILLIAM EDWARD
VIDLER with alias - FUGITIVE, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREYER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-20.

During the course of an interview with WILLIAM
EDWARD VIDLER, subject in the above entitled case, he
stated that if any money taken from his custody or
possession might be returned, it would be perfectly proper
for it to be delivered to his wife or to his lawyer, Mr.
Biban. He stated also that he had a fountain pen, two
photographs of his wife and children, a billfold, and keys
to an automobile and his house which were in his possession
when he was arrested and which he would like to have
returned to his wife.

Very truly yours,

E. E. GLENN,
Inspector.

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Cc Division

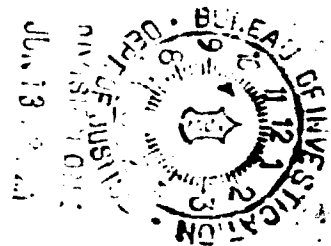
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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,

Kansas City, Missouri.

June 8, 1934.



Title not appearing on original:

Mr. Fred G. Zerkat, Warden,
U. S. Penitentiary,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, we are very desirous of obtaining a descriptive photograph and personal history data relative to one Izzy Smith, who is alleged to have served a term of imprisonment at your institution in about 1915. No descriptive data or further information relative to Smith's sentence is available at this time.

Will you kindly cause a search to be made of the records of your institution to ascertain if an individual as above named may have served time there, and, if so, furnish several copies of appropriate descriptive photograph and personal history information relative to this individual.

In replying, please refer to our file

No. 7-37-640.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
May 23, 1934.

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

DIVISION ONE
MAY 28 1934

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREMER

Reference is made to your letter of May 15, 1934, in which you request copies of the report of Special Agent Gillespie, dated at Chicago, Illinois, March 29, 1934, and of reports submitted in this matter by this office, subsequent to March 29th, with the exception of the report of Agent Billings, dated April 18, 1934.

Please be advised that an examination has been made of our files in this matter, which reflects only one report written by Agent Gillespie on March 29, and this shows investigation through the Post Office Inspector at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with regard to one Dave Berman. Two copies of this report were furnished the New York Office.

The report of Special Agent T. E. Billings, dated at Chicago, April 18, 1934, in the above captioned case, pertains to investigation at Chicago, Illinois with regard to William Graham of Reno, Nevada, and copies of this report were also furnished the New York Office.

It is not known whether you desire copies of all reports submitted in the Bremer case subsequent to March 29, 1934, or copies of reports submitted in this case with regard to Graham only. For your information, this office has submitted only two reports relative to the investigation of Graham, and copies of both were furnished your office.

In view of the fact all information in the Bremer case is segregated according to subject matter, it is desired that any request for copies of reports in the future, indicate the nature of the information contained in the desired reports.

Very truly yours,

RM:TMH
CC:DIVISION, St. Paul
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R. E. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

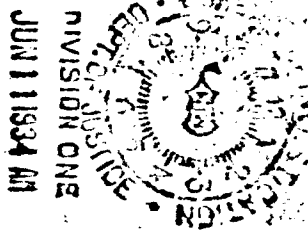
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Room 1403,
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City, N.Y.

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June 8, 1934

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



RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218,
et al.
Edward George Bremer - Victim.
KIDNAPING

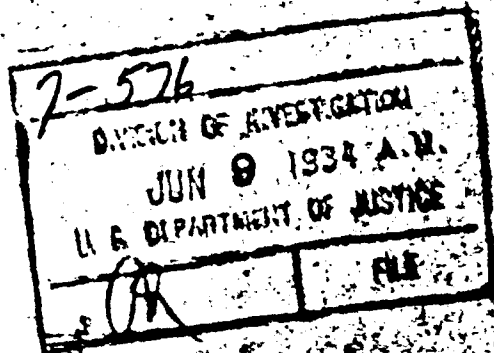
Dear Sir:

Please refer to my letter of April 28, 1934
in connection with the above entitled investigation, and
advise as soon as possible as to the result of the inter-
view your office had with Winnie Williams.

Very truly yours,

P.X. RAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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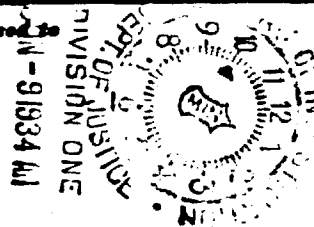


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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

June 6, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
First National Bank Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1212;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
I. O. 1219; JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN
alias "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, alias
J. J. McLAUGHLIN - FUGITIVE;
JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., with
aliases - FUGITIVE; PHILIP J.
DELANEY - FUGITIVE; WILLIAM
EDWARD VIDLER, with alias -
FUGITIVE, et al. EDWARD GEORGE
BREMER - Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file No. 9-50.

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter
addressed to Governor F. B. Olson, St. Paul, Minnesota, by
Ivar Brandt, 115 West Maple Street, Katherville, Iowa, in
which he advises that he has information relative to a hide-
out for criminals and possibly the hideout used in the
Bremer kidnaping case.

It is suggested that your office interview Mr.
Brandt at an early date and obtain all possible information
from him concerning this alleged hideout.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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629 First National Bank Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

June 6, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

With reference to your wire of June 3rd, enclosed herewith please find photographs obtained from the Council Bluffs, Iowa, Police Department, of Phillip Delaney, alias Gelaney, and Lillian Thompson.

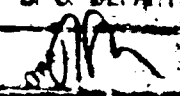
Delaney was arrested in Council Bluffs on November 17, 1927, driving a Packard automobile containing ninety gallons of alcohol. He was accompanied by Lillian Thompson. The case against Lillian Thompson was dismissed on November 19th, while Delaney was put under \$800.00 bond, which he furnished. On January 23, 1928, he entered a plea of guilty in State Court at Council Bluffs, Iowa, charged with illegal transportation of alcohol, and paid a fine of \$786.50. At the time of his arrest he gave his address as 3011 Chicago Street, Omaha.

The Council Bluffs Police Records also show that Lillian Thompson, as Lillian Ellen Child, #23625, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Police Department, was arrested October 5, 1932, charged with a violation of the Narcotic Laws; disposition, pending.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Building
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June 11, 1934.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
I. O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER
with aliases, I. O. 1219;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

This will advise you that Special Agent K. R. McIntire at Rockford, Illinois on June 8 and 9, 1934, called the Chief Operator in all of the towns located in the following counties in Northern Illinois, in order to secure information with regard to bells, sirens, whistles, etc. in said towns.

Jo Daviess
Stephenson
Boone
McHenry
Winnebago

Carroll
De Kalb
Kane
Ogle

No town was found to possess such sounds as were described by Bremer.

A chart is now being prepared by this office disclosing the sounds found in each of the towns investigated by agents of this office, and also the sounds disclosed by telephonic communications with chief operators. This chart will be ready at an early date.

You are advised further that the remaining telephone calls will be made from Chicago and Milwaukee within the near future.

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Very truly yours, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

VAL C. ZIEPKE
Acting Special Agent in Charge of JUSTICE

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Werner Hanni,
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U. S. Department of Justice,
First National Bank Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

St. Paul, Minnesota
June 11, 1934.

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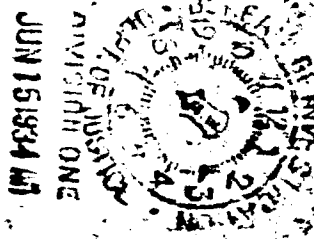
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Bank Building
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June 12, 1934

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE,
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
629 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING,
OMAHA, NEBRASKA



DEAR SIR:

RE: Alvin Karpis, FUGITIVE, Et al
Edward G. Bremer, Victim
Kidnaping

Confirming my telephone call of June 9, 1934,
I am transmitting herewith copy of a letter dated
June 5, 1934, from the Los Angeles Office to Inspector
Clegg, in the above case. You will note that infor-
mation contained on page 3 of this letter requires
attention at Lincoln, Nebraska, which is now in the
Omaha district. A telegram was received from the
Director on June 9, 1934, instructing that this
investigation have expeditious attention, and that
the Division be advised of the results.

Very truly yours

M. C. SPEAR,
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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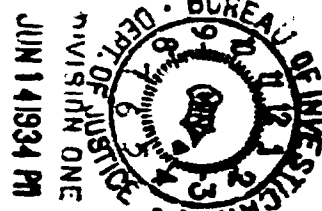
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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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224 FEDERAL BUILDING
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA
JUNE 12, 1934



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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

June 12, 1934

Mr. H. H. Clegg, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
232 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219; et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-62

A review of our files with regard to efforts to locate the hideout discloses certain significant facts. Please refer to the report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, 4/7/34, which discloses an investigation made at Woodstock, Illinois.

A review of the hideout investigation has not been completed, but Woodstock is the only town which has been noted thus far which has most of the elements which were heard by Mr. Bremer during his confinement. Please observe that Bremer passed through a town having street cars approximately two hours before arriving at the hideout house. This town having street cars could have been Madison, Wisconsin. The town of Woodstock is perhaps from an hour and a half to two hours drive from Madison. Please note that a fire siren and a whistle blow from the power plant at Woodstock at 6:00 o'clock A.M. daily and that there are numerous factory whistles in said town, any one of which could have been heard by Mr. Bremer. Numerous trains are noted to have passed through Woodstock at almost every hour during the day. It is also observed that a mail plane to Madison, Wisconsin, flies over Woodstock at approximately 6:00 P.M. daily and it may have been this plane which Mr. Bremer heard on or about January 28th. It is observed that there was no fire in Woodstock on January 28th, but it is believed that more thorough investigation should be conducted to ascertain whether the siren was blown for any other purpose. It is also observed that there is no bell which rings on Saturday afternoon, but it is believed that a particularly thorough investigation should be conducted with regard to all bells that ring at Woodstock. It is suggested that there may be a township house or a school house which may have rung its bell on Saturday afternoon.

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As soon as possible this office will undertake a more thorough and complete investigation at Woodstock.

Very truly yours,

WAL C. ZIMMER, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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

June 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S.Department of Justice,
P.O.Box 815,
Kansas City,Missouri.

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.7-30

Reference is made to report of Special Agent W.M.Bott, dated 6-7-34, at Los Angeles, California, with reference to investigations for the purpose of locating MRS. ELL GIBSON, with aliases. You will observe on page 2 of the report in question that there is an indication that MRS. ANNE GIBSON is visiting her daughter, at the present time, at an unknown address in Kansas City. However, the daughter is referred to as a MRS. WALLER.

It is suggested that appropriate inquiries be made for the purpose of developing any leads which may be available from the above referred to information.

Very truly yours,

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H.E. CLARK, INSPECTOR.

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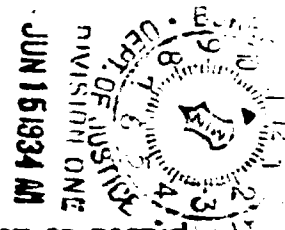
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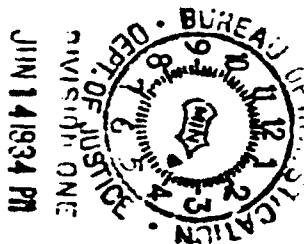
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St. Paul, Minnesota,
June 12, 1934.



D. Brantley,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

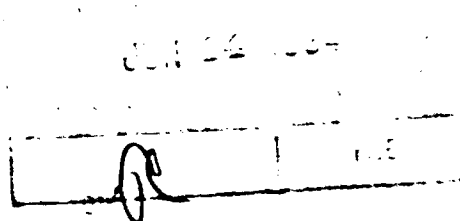
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OF HARRY CAMPBELL QUOTE M ONE EIGHT SIX DASH ONE NAUGHT X U TULSA OKLAHOMA
SIX NINE THIRTY FOUR SIX THIRTY SEVEN PM WORRELL HOSPITAL TWO FIFTEEN THIRD
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SINCE OPERATION ANSWER COLLECT LOUIE JACOBS UNQUOTE SUGGEST INVESTIGATION
DETERMINE IF SENDER OF THIS WIRE IS SUBJECT

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

June 13, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O.
1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases,
I. O. 1219; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 4-52

Special Agent E. R. McIntire has ascertained that the following towns in the following counties do not have telephone operators and for that reason no calls were made to these towns in an effort to ascertain whether the sounds heard by Mr. Bremer were in said towns. It is observed that each of these towns is covered by an operator located in a distant town.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY

Council Bluffs
Harover

Mora
Pocahontas

STEPHENSON COUNTY

Bolton
Bears Vista
Cedarville
Elroy
Florence Station

Kent
Ridgely
Rock City
Soloto Mills
Wedgans Grove

BOONE COUNTY

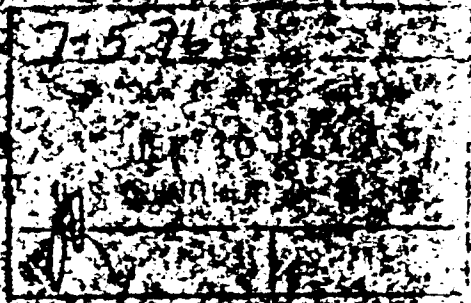
Coopersburg
Garden Prairie
Hartsville

Irma
Poplar Grove
Ridgely

MONROE COUNTY

Alden
Big Foot Prairie
Channing
Crystal Lake
Fox River Grove
Hortland

Ridgely
Ridgely
Soloto Mills
Spring Grove
West Chicago



WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Argyle
City Hall
Darend

Roscoe
Chirland

DEKALE COUNTY

Charter Grove
Clare
Cortland

Fairdale
Kingston

KANE COUNTY

Batavia
Burlington
Carpentersville
Dundee
Gilberts
La Fox
Lily Lake
Montgomery

Mooseheart
North Aurora
Pingree Grove
Richardson
St. Charles
South Elgin
Virgil
Waukegan

OGLE COUNTY

Adeline
Baileyville
Channahon
Davis Junction
Egan
Haldane
Hazelhurst

Holcomb
Kings
Maryland
Monroe Center
Myrtle
Pocahontas

COOK COUNTY

Elk Grove
Kenilworth
Morton Grove

Mount Prospect
Niles
Toscoville

DUFAGE COUNTY

Addison
Belmont Road
Bloomingdale
Clarendon Hills
Cloverdale
Kola
Ingallton
Isla

Medinah
Ontarioville
Villa Park
Wayne
Westmont
Westmore
Winfield

LAKE COUNTY

Barrington
Edison Square
Everett
Great Lakes
Hawthorn Farm
Highwood
Inglewood
Lake Bluff
Mundelein

North Chicago
Prairie View
Ravina
Rondout
Russell
Wadsworth
Wilson
Winthrop Harbor

Very truly yours,

VAL O. ZILMER, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

June 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1216;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O.
1219, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
W. M. Bott, Los Angeles, 6/7/34, in the Bremer case, in which
it is noted that a photograph taken from the apartment of
Roy Gray alias Slim, with other aliases, has been identified by
the Los Angeles office as being one Mrs. Anne Gibson alias Mrs.
Nancy Gibson, who is now believed to be living with her daughter,
Mrs. Walls, in Kansas City, Missouri. The said photograph is
being forwarded herewith to you with the request that appropriate
steps be taken to locate Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Walls, who are be-
lieved to be the mother and the sister of Roy Gray. Proper
investigation should then be made to try to locate Roy Gray
through these parties. This photograph should be returned to
this office when it has served its purpose.

In this connection, your attention is directed to the
report of Special Agent F. S. Smith, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
11/14/33, in the case entitled HUSKILL GIBSON - FUGITIVE,
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, who is subject of Identification
Order No. 1213. It is observed that previous information has
been furnished you along this line in the above entitled matter,
under letter dated May 22, 1934. For your additional assistance,
I am herewith enclosing a specimen of the handwriting of Dr.
Joseph Moran.

Very truly yours,

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St. Paul
Los Angeles
Oklahoma City

VAL C. ZIMMER, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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

June 13, 1934.

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

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. 7-30

There is enclosed herewith a mail tracing received at
this office from Rochester, Minnesota, relative to mail ad-
dress of ~~WILLIAM CAMPBELL~~, sister of HARRY CAMPBELL, in
the above entitled case.

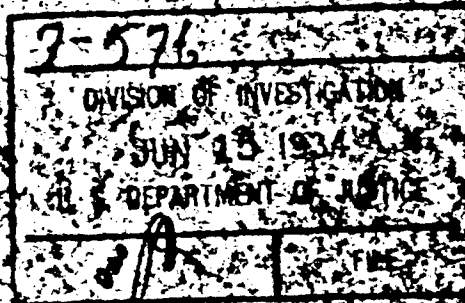
Very truly yours,

H. M. GLENN, INSPECTOR.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

June 12, 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. 7-30.

Concerning the efforts being made to locate the hideout in the BREMER kidnaping case, you are advised that an analysis was made of the replies received to circular letters forwarded from the St. Paul Office and the various sounds such as those described by Mr. BREMER as existing at, or near, the scene of the hideout were recorded.

As previously advised, the towns where such sounds prevailed were organized and divided into lists comprising four or more, three, two, one, and no possibilities of sound, such as those described by Mr. Bremer.

It appears that the circularization has not, in many instances, had the effect of producing desired results. An examination of many of the letters discloses this. There are instances where priests and ministers seem to have gained the inference that there is being an objection made to the fact that their bells are being rung and they expound at length that the ringing of church bells is an ancient and honorable custom. Inquiries come from civil officials as to whether the blowing of sirens in the morning, noon, or night, constitutes a violation of some new Federal law which has been passed; or whether there is any restriction on the blowing of a factory whistle. And although a vast majority of the replies give short negative answers to the inquiries made, I am of the opinion that the answers received do not constitute an exhaustive analysis of the conditions of sound which are being sought in the suspected area.

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In the St. Paul Office territory, all the towns offering four or more possibilities have been examined in considerable detail, by Special Agents, with negative results and Agents are now engaged in an examination and investigation in towns offering three possibilities of sound.

Recent conferences with Mr. BREMER, prior to his departure from St. Paul on vacation, indicated that he is firm in his conviction that there was a morning siren which sounded coincidentally with the blowing of a whistle. The whistle would blow a long continuous blast and, after it had started, the siren would sound with crescendo fashion and, after the siren had concluded, the whistle blast would continue for a brief interval. Predicated upon that specific claim of the victim, and upon the further discoveries of the fact in many localities in Wisconsin, where there are sirens, that they are tested or sounded each day at or before noon by telephone operators, a list of questions has been prepared and, at the present time, the Chicago and St. Paul Offices are making inquiries of telephone operators in accordance with the list of questions, a copy of which is attached hereto. The first experiment of this type is being carried on in the area wherein there appears the greater number of reasons to believe the hideout is located, namely, in Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois.

The Chicago Office, from Chicago and Rockford, Illinois, and from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is making telephonic inquiries of telephone operators located in the Chicago area of this suspected territory, while at Madison, Wisconsin, this point is being used as a base for such inquiries in that portion of Southern Wisconsin covered by the St. Paul Office. Upon receipt of the information desired, the answers will be studied and an organized effort made to locate the hideout house in the towns offering the greater number of possibilities prepared upon these conversations with telephone operators. Arrangements thus made were perfected through officials of the telephone company at Madison, Wisconsin, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who offered the use of their lines at the usual charge without any additional cost for the time of the operators in answering the calls.

In order that plans for future activity may be made in the event this research is not affirmatively productive, it is believed that such a plan should be extended into other areas as rapidly as the number of personnel will permit. The next area to be treated would appear to be the State of Iowa, and Southern Minnesota. However, it may be that, where sufficient personnel is available in each of the offices, that this continued inquiry might profitably be made in all areas which are suspected at the same time.

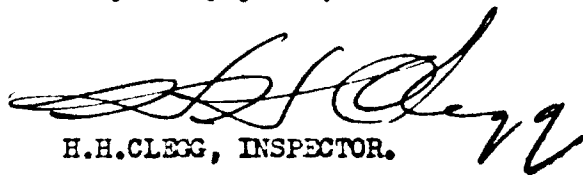
With this in mind, there is attached hereto a list of towns in the various states, which appear to be within a distance from St. Paul to bring it within the suspected area from which telephone calls might, likewise, be made for the purpose of acquiring the desired information. In this connection, it may be pointed out that the selection of the towns may not offer the best possibilities, as resources of telephone companies in some of the towns listed may not be adequate and some other town nearby may be found to be more desirable. In order that the organized search for the hideout might not be interrupted, however, this suggestion is being transmitted to the Division for consideration so that any time when a search in further sections appears proper, it may be made with Division authorization without interruption.

The suggestion is offered that when the telephone calls are made, the answers may be recorded on a 5x8 piece of scratch paper on which the name of the town called, the numbers of the questions asked, and the answers, may be written by the Special Agent making the telephone calls. If all offices will use carbon paper in order that the answer may be thus prepared in duplicate and a copy of these answers forwarded to the St. Paul Office, the master file of towns offering possibilities can be maintained up to date in order to avoid duplication of effort in order to record the areas covered and in order to effect a proper organization and coordination of the work accomplished.

In order that the above described plan may be available at each field office wherein action may become necessary and in order that the list of questions may, likewise, be available as well as the suggestions as to the towns from which the telephone calls are to be made, copies of this letter are being forwarded to the Chicago, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City, and Omaha Offices. The suggested action, of

course, is not to be taken except upon specific request and authorization.

Very truly yours,



H.H.CLEGG, INSPECTOR.

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Indianapolis (Enc.)
St. Louis (Enc.)
Kansas City (Enc.)
Omaha (Enc.)

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Missouri

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St. Joseph
Chillicothe

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Questions to be asked of telephone operators by telephone
from Madison, Wisconsin; Rockford, Illinois; Milwaukee, Wisconsin;
and Chicago, Illinois:

1. Does a siren and a whistle blow at the same time in the morning or at noon in your town? _____
2. Was this true last January or February? _____
3. At what time did or do they sound at the same time? _____
4. At what other time does a siren sound during the day or night? _____
5. At what other regular time does a whistle blow during the day or night? _____
6. Do church bells ring Saturday afternoons as well as Sunday mornings in your town? _____
7. Is there a switch engine there on the railroad? _____
8. Does your town have electric power and light? _____
9. Do you know of any other towns where a whistle and a siren blow at or before noon each week day? _____

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THE NATIONAL BOARD

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FIRE UNDERWRITERS

88 John St.

New York

May 22, 1934.

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

~~Personal~~

Dear Hoover:

Herewith for your personal and confidential information is a copy of a letter from our Agent in South Carolina, giving what purports to be information concerning some gangsters in whom you probably have an interest.

You understand, of course, that all we can vouch for is the integrity of our Agent.

If we can be of any help to you in this matter, we will be glad to give it a try.

Very truly yours,

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Sumter, S. C.

May 18, 1934.

Mr. A. Bruce Bielaski,
National Board of Fire Underwriters,
New York, New York.

PERSONAL

Dear Mr. Bielaski:

Referring to your Agent's letters, marked "Personal" relative to the crowd of gangsters passing through South Carolina, among others being "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and noting your letter under date of March 28, 1934, instructing the writer to give all the help possible, in the event any representative of the Department of Justice should call on him, please be advised that on April 2, 1934, Special Agent Brent, of Charlotte, N. C., Office of Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, conferred with your Agent at Sumter, S. C., and was given all the information at that time available, in regard to this subject.

Since the interview with Mr. Brent, your Agent learned that the gangster, known to his informer as "Smittie," went to Oklahoma, then to Indianapolis, and returned through South Carolina on his way to the lay-out of this gang, near Savannah, Georgia, having been seriously shot in the left thigh, but is now reported to be recuperating at the lay-out -

Your Agent is further informed that the leader of this gang, Bert Kelley, alias Bert Burla, alias Al Kelley, born and reared on the East River water front of Brooklyn, N. Y., visited my informer [redacted] gave my informer a general description of the location of their lay-out, near Savannah, Georgia, and stated that he was on his way to New York; admitted that he was connected, at one time, with the contemplated kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer, and that he was now on a mission to investigate Andrew Mellon, which investigation would probably take from two to three months - intimating that his part of the "racket" was to get the low-down on the subject contemplated to be kidnapped, and intimating that he was to investigate, not only Andrew Mellon, but any other members of his immediate family, who would be a subject for kidnapping; this decision, of course, to be made after a thorough investigation.

This man gave an address in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he

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could be reached; requested my informer to join him there - offered to give them a checking account, which offer was refused at the time and produced for their observance a copy of the Sunday News, New York Pictorial newspaper, dated Sunday, April 29, 1934, and showed them an article on pages 6 and 7, captioned "Mellon Family Always Had Its Tax Problem," which article contained photographs of Andrew Mellon, as Secretary of the Treasury, as Ambassador to the Court of St. James, also photograph of a show place known as Barton Lodge, at Hot Springs, Virginia; and another photograph of the Mellon Summer residence, estate at Southampton, L. I.

Your Agent being of the opinion that Special Agent Brent of the Charlotte Office, Department of Justice, was not interested and did not appreciate this information, has conferred with State Detective E. Fred Newman, and Charles H. Gerald, Secretary of the Governor of South Carolina, two of your Agent's personal friends, and it was their opinion that this information should be taken direct to J. Edgar Hoover, at Washington, and the Governor's Secretary instructed State Detective Newman to proceed to Washington for a personal interview with Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, which trip is contemplated in the next few days.

Your Agent thoroughly appreciates the fact that he is Special Agent for the National Board of Fire Underwriters, whose primary duty is to investigate fires, and that the above subject matter is not of primary importance to the arson division of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, and for that reason has not jeopardized the Board's interest in any way, in receiving this information. However, being thoroughly cognizant of the reliability of the informer, your Agent thinks it advisable to call this matter to your attention.

Yours very truly,

Special Agent.

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Mr. A. Bruce Bielaski,
The National Board of Fire Underwriters,
85 John Street,
New York, New York

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Dear Mr. Bielaski:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your personal letter dated May 22, 1934, transmitting a report of one of your Agents, dated at Sumter, South Carolina, May 18, 1934, wherein information obtained from an informant is set forth relative to the operation of certain members of the underworld.

The reference which the informant makes to the operation of an alleged kidnaping gang is of considerable interest to this Division, and this matter has been referred to the field offices of the Division to be given immediate investigative attention.

Your continued cooperation and interest in the work of this Division is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1206 First National Bank Building,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

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

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter dated May 22, 1934, addressed to the Division by Mr. A. Bruce Bielaski, of The National Board of Fire Underwriters, 85 John Street, New York City, New York, together with copies of a letter dated at Sumter, South Carolina, May 18, 1934, addressed to Mr. Bielaski by one of his agents, wherein information is set forth concerning the operations of an alleged gang of kidnapers.

It is noted from the contents of this letter that some of this information has already been furnished to Special Agent D. K. Brent and the Division desires that this information be thoroughly investigated. It is also noted that reference is made to certain contacts of the gang at Savannah, Georgia. It has been known for some time that Willie Haar, and associates, have been contacted from time to time by members of the St. Paul underworld, and it is possible that members of the Barker-Karpis gang have been in the vicinity of Savannah, Georgia. This matter should receive the attention of the Jacksonville Office.

Any other leads that are suggested in the enclosed correspondence should be carefully covered.

Very truly yours,

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Laboratory Report

June 6, 1934.

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

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

Examination requested by: Chicago Office.

Date received: May 24, 1934.

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel.

June 4. The writing of this typewriter was compared with that in cases in which to date the writing has been identified as that of a Remington typewriter with pica type. This includes the Urschel, Bremer and related cases. A Corona typewriter was used in the Bremer and Hamm cases. No identification has been effected. Specimens of this typewriter will be retained for future comparison.

A report on the fingerprints will be submitted separately.

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June 13, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division May 24, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

Enclosure: #551727

CC Mr. E. E. Clegg (St. Paul)

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DATE: 10-27-65

