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Washington, D. C.

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September 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

RE: BREMER CASE

Mr. Doherty called from Buffalo to advise that the newspaper dispatches concerning the passing of some of the Bremer money in Buffalo, New York, refer to bills which had been previously checked and run down by Division Agents some weeks ago without results. Mr. Doherty stated that the publicity in this appeared to have emanated from employees of the Federal Reserve Bank.

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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
500 RECTOR BUILDING
LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS

SAC COLVIN ADVISES THAT BREKID [REDACTED] REPORTED NOON SEPTEMBER TWENTYFOUR
HAD ACCOMPANIED BARKER BROTHERS AND LEONA ANDERSON FROM SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA TO RENO
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September 24, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Omaha, Nebraska.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated
September 5, 1934 wherein you were requested to obtain and
forward to the Division photostatic copies of the finger-
prints of Johnny Finn and Mike Finn, Omaha, Nebraska Police
Department numbers 3712 and 3713, respectively.

You are instructed to promptly comply with the
request of the Division.

Very truly yours,

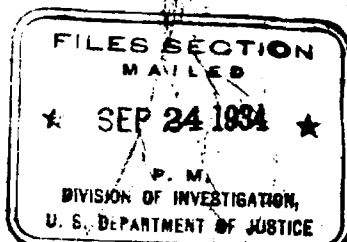
John Edgar Hoover,
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JIMMIE WILSON LOCATED IN TABERNASH, COLORADO TODAY. HAS CONSENTED TO ACCOMPANY AN AGENT TO CHICAGO. WILL ARRIVE HERE ABOUT 4 PM, SEPT. 23 VIA PLANE. SUGGEST ALL OFFICES BE ADVISED BY DIVISION BY WIRE THAT THE SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN STATEMENTS OF [REDACTED] PAULA HARMON, GLADYS SAWYER AND WYONAN BURDETT BE NOT DISCLOSED. MEMBERS OF BARKER GANG FAILED TO KEEP APPOINTMENT WITH CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT TONIGHT. AFTER THEY FAILED TO PUT IN APPEARANCE THE INFORMANT CALLED TED ANGUS AT TOLEDO, OHIO AND TOLD HIM OF THEIR FAILURE TO KEEP THE APPOINTMENT AND REQUESTED HIM TO GIVE THEM HER TELEPHONE NUMBER. ANGUS ADVISED THAT HE WOULD DO SO AND VOLUNTEERED THE INFORMATION THAT HE HAD SEEN THEM TODAY.

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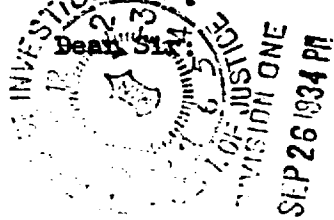
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U. S. Department of Justice

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

September 24, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,
Washington, D.C.



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

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Reference is made to Division letter dated September 10, 1934, requesting information as to ALBERT De VOL, CLARENCE De VOL, and LAWRENCE De VOL, who are members of the St. Paul Underworld and are known to be St. Paul Police characters.

Please be advised that LAWRENCE De VOL is presently confined in the State Penitentiary, Stillwater, Minnesota, serving a life sentence for murder and robbery in connection with the robbery of the Third Northwestern Bank at Minneapolis, Minnesota, which occurred early in December, 1933. LAWRENCE De VOL is a known associate of the BARKER-KARPIS crowd and has been interviewed at Stillwater Penitentiary on several occasions but has refused to give helpful information with reference to these individuals.

CLARENCE De VOL, who is generally known at St. Paul, Minnesota, as CLARENCE COLTON, is presently not confined to any penal institution and spends considerable time in the Twin Cities, although he is presently reported to be traveling with a carnival, exact location unknown. CLARENCE De VOL, the youngest of the three brothers, although known to be a minor hoodlum and police character at St. Paul, has never been known to associate with members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang. He was arrested by the St. Paul Police Department on December 18, 1932, in connection with the robbery of the Third Northwestern Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and was tried for this robbery but found not guilty by a jury and released on May 3, 1933.

ALBERT De VOL, also known as a petty hoodlum and police character at St. Paul, Minnesota, has never been known to associate with

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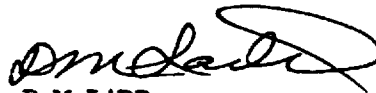
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members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang. ALBERT is a known gambler and travels extensively throughout the North and Southwest, his present whereabouts being unknown, although he is known to return to the Twin Cities at various intervals. ALBERT De VOL was arrested by the St. Paul Police Department on May 17, 1934, and turned over to the Minneapolis Police Department as a possible suspect in the robbery of the Third Northwestern Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was not identified in this robbery and was subsequently released by the Minneapolis Police Department on May 20, 1933.

Disposition sheets showing the disposition of the arrest of these individuals in the territory covered by the St. Paul Division Office, which have not previously been shown in the Division records, are being forwarded herewith to the Division.

Very truly yours,



D.M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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September 22, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

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Mr. Cowley telephoned from the Chicago Office to advise that the contemplated contact between [redacted] and members of the Barker-Karpis gang in Chicago, Illinois last night did not materialize, but in view of previous arrangements made between [redacted] and this gang she will again go to the designated place in an effort to re-contact them. Mr. Cowley stated that the Willie Harrison referred to in my memorandum of September 20, 1934 is identical with the Willie who purchased cars for this gang at Toledo, Ohio; that Agent Brown had ascertained through a confidential source that Willie Harrison proceeded to St. Louis, Missouri on Tuesday and was expected to return yesterday; that the indications are that Willie Harrison is accompanying members of the Barker-Karpis gang and inasmuch as he did not return as expected yesterday accounts for the failure of [redacted] to make her contact with this gang.

Mr. Cowley stated that information had been received from the Kansas City Office to the effect that Clara Gibson, wife of Russell Gibson, Identification Order 1213, had departed from Kansas City yesterday by bus for Newark, New Jersey where she is due to arrive this evening at 10:05 P.M.; that she was checked through Indianapolis, Indiana last night and Mr. Cowley has already telephoned the New York Office to cover the Gibson woman in the event she contacts Gibson or Dr. Moran, or other members of the gang.

With respect to developments at Detroit, Mr. Cowley said that Agents Hollis and Jones are in the Bolton Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio under the names of E. H. Hughes and R. L. Jackson, respectively; that they will continue their observations for a day or two; that the rear entrance to the hotel is being covered and in the event any developments occur he will immediately telephone the Division.

I asked Mr. Cowley what he thought of the possibility that Kate Barker had left this country and he stated that all indications are that she has left the country and has gone to Europe, and the reason he did not request the Washington Field Office to check the passport records was that he was expecting to develop this information more definitely through interviews with Paula Harmon. It appears, however, that Paula Harmon does not care for Kate Barker and apparently does not know her whereabouts and that Kate bitterly dislikes any girls who associate with her sons, and for this reason Mr. Cowley does not believe that the women they now have in custody know the whereabouts of the Barker woman. However, I have already instructed

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the Washington Field Office to check the State Department records under the aliases of Kate Barker to see whether a passport was issued to her during July, August, or September of this year at Chicago, Illinois and referred the Field Office to the summary report of Agent Nicholson which sets forth her complete description.

Mr. Cowley suggested the advisability of sending out from the Division a letter to all Field Offices cautioning them to use every precaution so as not to disclose the source of information being obtained from [redacted] and the three women recently arrested in Cleveland. He stated that in his opinion a letter from the Division would have a more wholesome effect than a letter sent out from the Chicago Office. Mr. Cowley advised that the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown dated at Chicago, Illinois September 19, 1934 containing the statements made by the three women arrested at Chicago has been furnished to all Field Offices. He also made further inquiry relative to the statement of Paula Harmon forwarded air mail, special delivery to the Division last Tuesday and I advised him that the statement had not yet reached the Division; that I had a stop in the file room to notify me immediately upon its arrival.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
R. E. Newby.

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REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon.	DATE WHEN MADE: 9-22-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9-15-34	REPORT MADE BY: W. K. Bowling
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

FACTS: Mrs. Nina Dyer, 420 North M. Street, Tacoma, Washington, advises that her son Merritt D. Dyer, is now residing at the Barlum Hotel, Detroit, Michigan.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F. A. Grimsdall dated at Portland, Oregon, 9/6/34.

DETAILS:

— At Tacoma, Washington —

Mrs. Nina Dyer, 420 North M. Street, Tacoma, Washington, upon interview advised that her son, Merritt D. Dyer, who was formerly a student at the Hemphill School of Engineering at Seattle, Washington, was now residing at the Barlum Hotel, Detroit, Michigan.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

DETROIT DIVISION OFFICE: At the Barlum Hotel, Detroit, Michigan, will interview Merritt D. Dyer, who was a former student of the Hemphill School of Engineering at Seattle, Washington, and ascertain from him what disposition he made of a pair of goggles he purchased while attending above school. A copy of the reference report is being referred to the Detroit Office for information.

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

FILE NO. **7-2**

REPORT MADE AT Little Rock, Ark.	DATE WHEN MADE 9-22-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/18 to 9/18/34	REPORT MADE BY E. E. CONROY
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:

File reviewed for all matters pertinent to the State of Arkansas. Reporting also, all investigations to date. All automobiles checked at State Capitol, Little Rock, Ark., without results. Charges against Fred Barker at Ft. Smith, Ark. apparently still outstanding. Investigation being conducted with reference to relatives of Phoenix Donald in Arkansas. Report that Barkers were with Hazel Wynn, North Little Rock, Ark., apparently without foundation.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent in Charge W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minn. dated 2/14/34.
Letter from St. Paul Office to Division, dated 7/10/34.
Division letter to Little Rock Office, dated 7/12/34.
Letter from Little Rock Office to St. Paul Office, dated 8/20/34.
Letter from Oklahoma City Office to Little Rock Office, dated 8/25/34.
Report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 9/11/34.

DETAILS:

A thorough and detailed review of the entire file at the Little Rock Office of the Division has been made to determine what pertinent investigations might be made in the State of Arkansas. Every mention of any matter of any significance which has to do with the State of Arkansas has been brought forward in this report in order that same might be consolidated for ready reference. In addition, the report sets forth all investigations which have been conducted to date and which have been set forth heretofore in memorandum form in the Little Rock File.

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Special Agent R. E. Lawrance, through Mr. William A. Moore, of the Automobile License Bureau, State Revenue Department, State Capitol Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, made a check of the automobile records at the State Capitol to determine whether any automobiles mentioned in reports on this case had been licensed in the State of Arkansas; either under correct or fictitious motor numbers. The check made was without results. No Stop Cards or Flash Cards are placed in the Arkansas Automobile records and accordingly, in lieu thereof, a list of all motor numbers was furnished the State Highway Department for further reference. In addition, it may be noted that all of the automobiles in question have been listed on index cards at the Little Rock Office, showing all motor numbers both correct and fictitious on each automobile. As a matter of record it may be noted that the automobiles given consideration are as follows:

LIST OF ALL AUTOMOBILES MENTIONED IN THE LITTLE ROCK FILE

Letter dated June 21, 1934 from Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy to the Special Agent in Charge, Chicago, Ill., which letter is Serial #2 of the Little Rock File and letter dated June 21, 1934 from Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley of the Oklahoma City Field Office directed to the Little Rock Field Office, which letter is described as Serial #5, both relate to the following described automobile:

Cadillac Sedan, Motor #1001172, Body #365, Steering Gear #10-1223, Transmission #10-1040, Chassis #10-1241, Generator #882, Front Axle #10-1298, Rear Axle #10-1344, Secret #31152, Tool Key #XC394, Radiator Ornament #1098123.

Report of Special Agent L. B. Reed, St. Paul, Minn. dated July 2, 1934 which report is designated as Serial #11, sets forth the description of the following automobile:

Buick Sedan, Correct Motor #2271639, Fictitious Motor #2177639 and Serial #2177062.

Photostatic copy of a chart prepared at the Division, which chart was transmitted to the Little Rock Field Office under date of July 12, 1934, which chart and letter are designated as serials #14 and #15 respectively, sets forth the following list of automobiles:

Auburn Sedan, Motor #BB-1527, purchased 10-9-33.

Buick Sedan, Motor #2797868, Serial #2647365, purchased 1-11-33.

Buick Sedan, Motor #2858090, Serial #2703063, purchased 9-27-33.

Ford V-8 Sedan, Motor #18493080, purchased 9-15-33.

Pontiac Sedan, Motor #885160, Serial #770178, purchased 1-9-33.

Ford V-8 Coupe, Motor #328420, (De Luxe Model), purchased 6-27-33.

Chevrolet Sedan, Motor #3554674, Serial #1-CAD23077, purchased 4-15-33.

Ford V-8 Coupe, Motor #18-304794, (De Luxe Model)

Graham Paige, Motor #1024021, Chassis #10181956, purchased 2-8-33

Ford Tudor Sedan, Motor #3809716.

It is noted that cars #8 and #11, as designated on the Chart, were turned in on cars #10 and #1 respectively, as designated on the chart. Cars #8 and #11 are therefore not included in this list.

It is noted in memorandum prepared at the St. Paul Office, which was attached to letter from the St. Paul Office to the Division, dated July 10th, 1934, which referred particularly to Phoenix Donald, that that individual was born and raised near Mammoth Springs, Arkansas. As Phoenix Donald, #14993, he was received at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma on April 7th, 1925, from Bristow, Oklahoma; charge: murder; sentenced to life. While incarcerated in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary he communicated with the following persons; who were then living in the State of Arkansas:

RILEY THORNTON, nephew, Mammoth Springs, Arkansas
MRS. W. T. BOWLING, sister, Salem, Arkansas
MRS. W. S. DONALD, mother, Mammoth Springs, Arkansas
LUBY BOWLING, niece, Mammoth Springs, Arkansas
W. T. BOWLING, brother-in-law, Salem, Arkansas
AMERICAN LEGION POST, business, Mammoth Springs, Arkansas

Phoenix Donald, on June 20, 1931, was paroled from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary to his brother-in-law, W. T. BOWLING, at Salem, Arkansas. The persons signing his parole were as follows:

HARVEY PARNELL, Governor of Arkansas
C. C. PRESSLY, President, Citizens Bank, Mammoth Springs, Arkansas
SENATOR WILLIAM WAHLQUIST, Mammoth Springs, Arkansas
O. C. WEATHERS, Clerk of Court, Fulton, Arkansas
HAL L. NORWOOD, Attorney General of Arkansas

It is noted that the St. Paul letter of reference set forth that all offices receiving copies of the memorandum need not cover the leads indicated, but that should information be received same should be transmitted to the St. Paul Division Office immediately. Notwithstanding that comment contained in the letter of reference, it is deemed advisable for the Little Rock Office to conduct further inquiries.

Special Agent R. E. Lawrence and Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, at different times have attempted to interview Ex-Governor Harvey Parnell and Attorney General Hal L. Norwood, who are both in Little Rock, Arkansas. At the times that Agents called these gentlemen were either out of the city or in conference. Accordingly, in the near future arrangements will be made with both gentlemen for a personal conference with the Agent in Charge of this office.

Special Agent R. E. Lawrance interviewed Mr. Grady McCall, the Governor's Secretary, State Capitol Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, with regard to the details connected with the filing of the petition of parole of Phoenix Donald by ex-Governor Parnell. Secretary McCall searched the records of the Governor's office and stated that he could find no record of the ex-Governor ever having signed the petition for parole. Mr. McCall further stated, in his opinion, the signature referred to was, as in most cases, secured by some friend or relative known to the Governor, but that it would be very doubtful if the ex-Governor would remember the incident, after this long period of time.

Miss Effie Combs, Clerk in the Attorney General's Office, State Capitol Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, was interviewed by Special Agent R. E. Lawrance in the absence of Attorney General Hal L. Norwood. Miss Combs searched the records of their office and advised that she had no record of Mr. Norwood having signed the petition for parole and stated that she doubted very much whether Mr. Norwood would remember the incident.

The criminal records of all the Subjects named in this file were searched but with the exception of Fred Barker, no record was found where an arrest had been made in the State of Arkansas. It was deemed advisable to check the criminal records of these subjects for possible arrests in the State of Arkansas in order that in cases where arrests had been made it would be possible to secure the arresting officers' names in order that they might be interviewed for additional information and that they might be available for future identification.

It is noted in memorandum dated February 21st, 1934, which was attached to reference report of Agent Rorer, that Fred Barker had the following criminal record in part:

"As J. Darrows, #293, arrested Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, December 19, 1925; charge investigation - bank robbery."

With reference to the above arrest of Fred Barker in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, the Oklahoma City Office advised in letter of August 25th, 1934, that Fred Barker was: "turned over to Fort Smith, Arkansas authorities for burglary". The Oklahoma City Office requested the Little Rock Office to ascertain the disposition of the case at Ft. Smith and advise the Division in order that the record of Fred Barker might be completed in this respect.

In connection with the above, Special Agent R. E. Lawrance was instructed to make appropriate inquiries at Ft. Smith, Arkansas with reference to Fred Barker and his associates, not limiting his inquiries to a determination of the disposition of the case against Fred Barker. He was instructed to ascertain the identity of any persons who might be acquainted with Fred Barker or his associates and who might be able to identify him and further to secure any information which might tend to bring about the arrest of Fred Barker or his associates.

There is being quoted herewith memorandum of Special Agent R. E. Lawrance at Little Rock, Arkansas, dated September 13th, 1934, regarding the above, as follows:

Marie Brown, Secretary to Sheriff John E. Williams, Sebastian County, Fort Smith, Arkansas advises that there are no records in the Sheriff's Office which would show either an arrest or incarceration in the Sebastian County Jail prior to 1929. Miss Brown stated that the former Sheriff, Pink Shaw probably took the Jail records as well as all other records when he left office in 1929.

D. H. Bassett, Deputy Circuit Clerk, in the absence of the Circuit Clerk, produced Court Records which show that an indictment was returned on March 5, 1926 charging Fred Barker with Burglary and Grand Larceny. Copy of indictment attached hereto. This record was secured in Record Book "L", page #217, the indictment is number 1364 and the Docket number 9010.

Additional records in the office of the Circuit Clerk reveal that on March 20, 1926 an order was entered by the Court reducing the bail in this case to \$1500.00. This is on page #29 of Court Docket.

On page #37 of the Docket under date of March 24, 1926, Doctors Jess Little and Cons P. Wilson were directed to examine Attorney Eaton and pass and report on the condition of his health. Later on the same day the physicians reported that he was unable to attend Court and they were allowed fees of \$10.00 each to be taxed at costs.

On page #60 of the Docket an entry indicates that, "By consent, it is ordered that the cause be continued to April 3, 1926".

On page #71 of the Docket an order was entered reducing the bail to \$1,000.00.

On page #93 of the Docket an entry indicates that the defendant filed a motion for continuance which was granted.

On page #154 of the Docket, under date of March 14, 1927, a petition was presented to the Court to have the bond discharged and bondsman released. This entry indicates that CHESTER HOLLAND was the Prosecuting Attorney and that the Defendant's Attorneys were WEBB COVINGTON, BENTLEY HUNT and CLEVELAND HOLLAND.

The petition for discharge of the bond and release of the bondsman indicates that, while out on bond, Fred Barker was arrested for 2nd degree burglary in Kansas and was sentenced by the District Court of Conley County, Kansas on the 3rd day of March 1927 to serve from five to ten years in the Kansas State Penitentiary. It being definitely determined that this was the same Fred Barker the Judge ordered that A. N. SICARD (the bondsman) be released from liability.

On page #165 of the Docket an entry indicates that an ALIAS WARRANT was issued by the Clerk of Court.

This last record is the final entry in the records of the Circuit Clerk's Office and D. H. Bassett, Deputy Clerk advises that the case against Fred Barker has not been tried. The disposition of this case will therefore remain the same in the records of the Division.

The following list of witnesses are listed on the indictment in this case:

Warner Sartain, Pink Shaw, H. B. Patterson, J. P. Reed, Harry Clemens, Jim Dicus, Jesse Wright, Miss Grace Dodd and Fred Colston.

Agent interviewed Warner Sartain at "The Stag", 609 Garrison Avenue, Ft. Smith, and learned that Sartain was Chief of Police at Fort Smith at the time of the indictment.

Sartain stated that he knew Fred Barker well and readily identified photograph which Agent displayed as the Fred Barker named in the attached indictment. Sartain states that he and Pink Shaw, Sheriff at that time went to Muskogee, Oklahoma and returned Fred Barker to the Sebastian County Jail at Ft. Smith. Sartain states that Barker was arrested in Okmulgee, Oklahoma sometime before Christmas in 1925, he thought the date might have been the 19th, and that he was released to Agents from the Department of Justice on a car theft charge. He states that Subject was transferred to Muskogee by order of Federal Agents and that in as much as the car theft case could not be proven that Subject was then released to the Sebastian County (Arkansas) authorities.

Sartain further advised that Fred Barker was a Glass Blower and that he knew most of the time Glass Blowers who worked at the "RADIANT" Glass Plant in Fort Smith and that he was acquainted with many blowers and glass workers in Muncie, Indiana. Sartain further advised that the Glass Blowers around Fort Smith would do anything for the Barker boys and that a number of them would probably harbor them. He stated that one of these blowers, by the name of Ralph Hale, who resides in Fort Smith at the present time, told him just a few weeks ago that the Barkers were very generous and that every time they came through Fort Smith they would give financial assistance to glass workers who were out of funds. He also advised that many of the Fort Smith Blowers were now working in Muncie, Indiana and that probably any of them there would harbor either of the Barker boys or their friends.

Sartain states that the Barker gang which operated in and about Fort Smith on Burglary and Safe Jobs in 1924 and 1925 and up until the time of the Job on which he was indicted as indicated above, were RAY TERRELL (spelling not certain); a man by the name of INMAN (probably Elmer Inman) and the two Barker boys.

OMAR SHAW, 609 Garrison Avenue, Ft. Smith, who works with Sartain, also identified photograph Agent displayed of Fred Barker as being the one named in the above mentioned indictment. Shaw stated that he was Jailer at the Sebastian County Jail at the time of Barker's incarceration and that he knew him well. Shaw had no additional information to offer excepting to advise that his brother "Pink Shaw" who was Sheriff at that time is now employed at the O'Shea-Hinch, Hardware Company, 924 Garrison, Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

Agent interviewed Pink Shaw and in addition to the information received from Sartain, 174 learned that a criminal by the name of BEN EDWARDS was a great friend and associate of t

Barkers. Shaw stated that Edwards served time in the Arkansas State Penitentiary in about 1927 for the Washington Bank Job, Hempstead County, and that after being released on parole he pulled another job and was returned to the Arkansas State Penitentiary. Shaw does not know the present whereabouts of Red Edwards, but states that Mrs. Edwards has been living in Fort Smith, and that although he has not seen her for about five or six months he believes that she is still residing there. Shaw states that Edwards would bear watching as he would gladly harbor either of the Barkers.

Pink Shaw, Omar Shaw and Warner Sartain all stated that they had not seen the Barker boys since 1925, but all stated that they had heard some rumors in the past few years that they had been in Fort Smith, but that they had heard nothing to indicate that they had been there for the past two or three years. All, also stated that they thought they would recognize the Barkers if they saw them again and that they would gladly notify the Little Rock Field Office or the nearest Officer if they should see them again.

Agent failed to note that Warner Sartain also remarked that he thought he would be able to learn something about the present whereabouts of the Barkers through an old Glass Glower whom he knows well and whom he states is one of the few that can be trusted. Sartain stated that he would make an effort, in a quiet way, to secure information and stated that if an Agent should interview him within a week or ten days from date that he felt sure he would have some information.

In the absence of the Manager, Agent interviewed H. A. Brownlee, Assistant Manager of the JOIE Theatre, Fort Smith, Arkansas. Brownlee stated that he was not at Fort Smith during the burglary in this case, but that he was acquainted with J. P. Read, who was manager during the burglary and informed Agent that Read is now working at the Grand Theatre in Minneapolis, Minn. as Manager. Brownlee also advised Agent that Miss Grace Dodd, one of the witnesses named in the indictment is at present employed at the Southwest American Newspaper Office, also called the Southwest Times.

Miss Grace Dodd states that she was only called as a witness to identify money wrappers on which she had written and which were recovered and were to be entered as exhibits. She did not see the defendant and could not identify him.

A. N. Sicard, First National Bank, Fort Smith, who signed the bond in the amount of \$1,000.00, upon which Fred Barker was released, stated that he did not know Barker and would not recognize him, that Attorney Webb Covington, who is now dead, brought somebody into the bank who deposited \$1,000.00 in cash, and that with this cash as security Sicard signed the bond. Sicard stated that he had no record to indicate what became of this cash bond, but that he was under the impression that it was either released to Covington or one of the other Attorneys in the case.

H. B. Patterson is thought to be residing in Fort Smith at the present time, although Agent did not have time to locate him, at this time.

Harry Clemens, another witness is thought to have been a glass blower who may have been called as a defense witness. Agent did not endeavor to locate Clemens at this time.

Jim Dicus is known to be a glass worker and lives in Fort Smith at this time, but Agent was advised that Dicus would be likely to harbor Barker and it was deemed inadvisable to search for him.

Jesse Wright is thought to have been an employee of the Joie Theatre at the time of the burglary.

Fred Colston is now living at 1428 N. 11th Street, Fort Smith, but Agent was unable to locate him today by reason of the fact that he was not at home.

Bob Williamson, Chief of Detectives of the Fort Smith Police Department, who had been previously recommended by Agent Frank S. Smith of the Oklahoma City Field Office stated that he has been a Police Officer for twenty years at Fort Smith and that he remembers the case mentioned in which Barker was arrested. Williamson states that he knows Fred Barker well, and that he believes he can secure some information from Jim Dicus within the next few days and would have some information probably within the next week.

None of the persons interviewed who were officers at the time of the burglary for which Fred Barker was indicted on March 5, 1926 were sure about the exact nature of the job. Some were of the opinion that it was a knob knocking job while others were of the opinion that the safe was carried away.

Pink Shaw, who was Sheriff at the time, stated that the Barker Gang pulled several safe jobs about that time and that they pulled one in a clothing store at which time they also took several fur coats. Shaw stated that he had positive proof that on one of the store jobs in which fur coats were taken that Fred Barker occupied himself in dressing the window on the main street in Fort Smith, in plain view of any pedestrians, while his companions were working on the safe. Shaw stated that he believed a man by the name of Inman, from Oklahoma was the brains of the Gang at that time and that he engineered most of their first jobs.

It is quite probable that much additional information can be secured relative to the Barkers, by a more thorough investigation in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

It was further noted in the memorandum dated February 21st, 1934, mentioned above that Fred Barker had, in part, criminal record as follows:

"As Fred Barker, #3575, arrested Police Department, Little Rock, Arkansas, date not given; fingerprinted May 28, 1926; charge fugitive from justice."

Special Agent L. M. Chipman advised that he recalled having checked the above record at the Little Rock Police Department for the Oklahoma City Office sometime past. However, in as much as that criminal record, which appeared to be pertinent to the operations of this office, which was never on file at the Little Rock Office in detail, it was deemed advisable to check same further. Special Agent L. M. Chipman, in memorandum dated September 18th, 1934, stated as follows:

The records of the Little Rock Police Department disclose that Fred Barker was arrested May 28, 1926, under Little Rock Police Department #3575, under the alias of F. B. Lang.

His residence is set forth as 401 North Cincinnati Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma. The record also states that the arrest was made on information furnished by Inspector Griffin of the Memphis Police Department that Barker was wanted at McAlester, Oklahoma, for a jewel robbery. The Oklahoma officers did not come for Barker, and he was turned over to the Fort Smith officers, who wanted him for a safe robbery. Detective H. H. Cousins, who arrested Barker with Detective J. N. Traweck, stated that Barker was arrested at the Marion Hotel, and that at the time of the arrest, he was alone and apparently had just come in from Memphis, Tennessee; that their investigation indicated that Barker had no known connection at Little Rock, and he was turned over to the Fort Smith officers for a safe robbery.

The only available picture of Fred Barker was obtained from the Little Rock Police Department several months ago and forwarded to the Oklahoma City office with his description and fingerprint classification. The Little Rock Police Department's description of Barker is as follows:

Age	24 (1926)
Height	5 Ft., 3 7/8 in.
Weight	120 lbs.
Build	Slender
Hair	Light red
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Fingerprint	
Classification	(18) 29 I 21 20 0 24

Special Agent L. M. Chipman was advised by Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers of the Hot Springs, Arkansas Police Department, that he had received information from the underworld at Hot Springs that one Hazel Wynn (or Winn), who is a girl friend of Arthur "Doc" Barker, had been residing at 307 1/2 West 3rd Street, N. Little Rock, Ark., and that she had been visited by "Doc" Barker within the past few weeks. Chief Akers stated that Chief of Detectives, J. A. Pitcock of the Little Rock, Arkansas Police Department was in receipt of a letter from the Chief of Police at Nowata, Oklahoma, regarding the above address with reference to the Barkers. Chief Akers turned over to Agent Chipman a negative of Hazel Wynn, which he had kept in his personal records. It will be noted that the negative in question was developed by the Chicago Office and apparently retained the negative and copies of the photograph and furnished the Division with copies of the photograph. Two copies of the photograph of Hazel Wynn are being transmitted herewith to the Oklahoma City and St. Paul offices with copies of this report.

Mr. Bill Graham, representative of the Burns Detective Agency, also informed Agent Chipman to the effect that Hazel Wynn was stopping in N. Little Rock, Ark. The address he furnished was 307 or 309 East 3rd Street, N. Little Rock, Ark. It appears

however, that Mr. Graham probably got his information from Chief of Detectives Akers, of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Special Agent R. E. Lawrence, who conducted inquiries at N. Little Rock, Arkansas, with Special Agent L. M. Chipman, submitted a memorandum, which is quoted as follows:

Special Agent L. M. Chipman and author interviewed Chief of Detectives J. A. Pitcock on August 13th, 1934 who stated that he had received a letter from J. C. Payne, Chief of Police, Nowata, Oklahoma regarding the identity of Mrs. Georgia Christenson and Earl Hicks of 301½ East 3rd Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas. The letter from Chief Payne states that he requests this information and investigation because of the fact that Mrs. Jimmie Creighton, wife of a convict now serving a life sentence in the Missouri State Penitentiary had gone to the above address. The letter further states that she has been mixed up with Barker and Several other outlaws.

Chief Pitcock turned over the correspondence in this case, three letters in all, which are attached hereto.

Chief Pitcock stated that in as much as the address given above was not within the City of Little Rock, and therefore not within his jurisdiction that he had turned the matter over to the North Little Rock Police Department, but that he had sent two of his men over to North Little Rock to accompany men from the North Little Rock Department when they raided the place.

The Chief advised further that when the raid was conducted that they found three women at the house, that these women were taken in for questioning, but were not booked or printed and were later released. He also stated that he understood that three men who had been in the place were gamblers who were operating at the Motor Inn, a Tourist Camp just outside of the City of North Little Rock. Chief Pitcock stated that there was no evidence to indicate that the Barkers had been in the house at 301½ East 3rd Street, North Little Rock. He understood however, that one of the men there was Clyde Chuculate, a friend of "Pretty Boy" Floyd's and a relative of one of the women who was found in the house. The Chief advised us to interview Police Officer John E. Charles of the North Little Rock Police Department.

John E. Charles interviewed at his home advised that he was not in on the raid but that the house in question is on his beat. Charles stated that Earl Hicks, a sign painter, who works at the Rialto Theatre, North Little Rock, and who has a shop next to the Elks Club saw all of the occupants of the house, but he questioned whether Hicks would give much information. Agent Chipman and author looked for Earl Hicks but were unable to locate him on that day. We did not have the photograph of Hazel Wynn and it was deemed advisable to have prints made of the negative and to later interview witnesses for the purpose of identifying the Wynn woman.

Charles stated that he had kept this house under close observation and that about midnight of August 11th, 1934 (Saturday) he saw a 1931 Chevrolet Coach bearing a Kansas license

parked in front of the house. When he returned an hour or two later this car was gone.

Charles further advised that Detectives Handricks and Thompson were officers in the raid and that they could probably identify the photograph of the Wynn woman. It was also deemed advisable to have prints made of the negative of the Wynn woman before interviewing these men.

Charles described the women in this case as follows, from information he had received from Hicks:

1. The wife of Creighton, who is also thought to be a cousin of Clyde Chuculate, as being between 25 and 26 years of age.
2. A woman using the name of Dorothy as being 27-28 years of age.
3. Unknown.

Charles had no personal details of their descriptions in addition to the above.

Charles stated that he understood that the Christenson woman and Hicks had moved from 301½ East 3rd Street to the Prelude Apartments, also in North Little Rock.

In connection with the above there is being quoted herewith the correspondence between Chief of Police Payne of Nowata, Oklahoma and Chief of Detectives J. A. Pitcock, Little Rock, Arkansas:

Letter from Chief of Police Payne, Nowata, Okla. to Chief of Police, Little Rock, Ark., dated 6/29/34:

"I would like to know what kind of a place 301½ East 3rd North Little Rock and what kind of People Mrs Georgia Christenson Of North Little Rock and Earl Hicks of same address. The reason I ask these questions there was a lady left here and went to the above address and is writing to the names above she is Jimmie Creighton, a wife now serving a life sentence in the Missouri Penitentiary and they have been mixed up with Barker and several other outlaws she has a broad correspondence from Michigan to the Mexican Border. Now these people and the place may be all right but I have been checking up on this party and have got some good dope on a bunch of robbers, thinking this might give you a lead to watch,

Respectfully"

Letter from Chief of Detectives J. A. Pitcock, Little Rock, Ark. to Chief of Police J. C. Payne, Nowata, Okla., dated 7/2/34:

"Your letter of June 29th received and turned over to two detectives to make the investigation.

This place is in North Little Rock and out of our jurisdiction, but the two officers contacted officers of North Little Rock and found that Miss Georgia Christenson runs this rooming house and Earl Hicks is a roomer there. As far as the Officers know it is a very nice place.

Jimmie Creighton's wife is rooming at this place with a man about 24 years of age whom she claims is her brother who they call Bellie.

There is an Indian and his wife living in the same apartment. Thought this information might be of some service to you and maybe you could give us a lead on who Bellie and the indian are.

We have this place under surveillance and we are ready to knock it off at anytime.

Please give us any information you can in regard to these people, if they are wanted, etc.

Advise if wanted, I am

Yours truly,"

Letter from Chief of Police J. C. Payne, Nowata, Okla., to Mr. J. A. Pitcock, Chief of Detectives, Little Rock, Ark., dated 7/9/34:

"In answer to your letter of July 2 34 in regard to the North Little Rock Rooming House, and the parties staying there, Mrs Jimmie Creighton has no Brother, only a boy about 17 years old and he has been here all the time, I cannot tell just who this man Beellie could be but must be a crook from some place get the discription of Beellie and the Indian and wife, The indian could be a bank robber by the name of Word I believe if you watch that place you can make a good catch, If I get any more Information I will let you know at once,

Yours Truly
J. C. PAYNE
Chief of Police

P. S. Mrs Jimmie Creightons Maiden Name was Meek you may recall a Bank

Robber by the name of Porter Meek was Killed
in Wichita Kans a few years ago was her uncle

J C P.*

Special Agent L. M. Chipman conducted further inquiries in N. Little Rock, Arkansas and submitted a memorandum, which is quoted as follows:

Officer Harold Hunter of the North Little Rock Police Department stated that he accompanied Officers H. H. Cousins and John Smith of the Little Rock Police Department and raided the apartment of Mrs. Jimmie Creighton, located at 301½ East Third Street, North Little Rock, which raid took place some time in the latter part of June of this year; that three women were arrested and turned over to the Little Rock Police Department for questioning, and no record of their arrests were made by the North Little Rock Police Department. Officer Hunter stated that the women were not questioned by the North Little Rock police, and their names were not obtained; that as he understands, their husbands were gamblers and were away from home at the time of the arrest. Agent presented to Officer Hunter the picture of Hazel Wynn, and he stated she was not one of the women arrested at the above address.

Earl Hicks, 306 West Seventh Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas, stated that he lived at 301½ East Third Street at the time the above mentioned raid was made; that one of the women is supposed to have come from Oklahoma to get a divorce. This woman had two children, and her husband is supposed to be serving a life sentence in some penitentiary, name not known, for murder. Hicks stated that this woman was followed by two other women, one of whom was supposed to be the wife of an Indian gambler by the name of Chuculate. He stated he did not know the identity of the women, but that the three men, who were in the apartment with these women, were supposed to be gamblers. Hicks was presented the picture of Hazel Wynn and the pictures of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker, Harry Campbell, Phoenix Donald, Russell Gibson and Myrtle Eaton, he advising that he has never seen any of these persons, to his knowledge. He stated that the woman, above mentioned, from Oklahoma, who was accompanied by two children, has returned to her home there, name of town not known; that she came to North Little Rock to obtain a divorce from her husband. He added that the rest of the people, who were stopping at 301½ East Third Street, North Little Rock, moved from there shortly after the apartment was raided by the officers, which raid took place about three months ago.

Fred Prioleau, who owns the Prioleau Apartments at 301½ East Third Street, North Little Rock, stated that the apartment, above mentioned, which was raided by the officers, was rented by Harold Killingsworth on May 21, 1934, and was occupied for thirty-five days; that shortly after Killingsworth rented the apartment, Mrs. Jimmie Creighton of Nowata, Oklahoma, moved into the apartment with her two children. Shortly thereafter, the apartment was also occupied by Clyde Chuculate, his wife, Harry Baster and wife, and a Mr. and Mrs. Christensen; that in this group was also a man called "Don" and a large blonde woman, whose name he never learned. Mr. Prioleau stated that the men in this group were all gamblers, and that Christensen and Chuculate are now stopping at the Main Hotel at

Fort Smith, Arkansas; that Mrs. Creighton has returned to her home in Nowata, Oklahoma, and he does not know where Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baxter and the person referred to as "Don" went to, but that all of them left his apartment shortly after the raid conducted by the police. Pictures of Hazel Wynn and the other individuals, above outlined, were exhibited to Fred Prioleau, Herbert Prioleau, and Mrs. Charles Wells, who lives directly across the hall from the apartment occupied by the above persons. These people stated that Hazel Wynn was not in the group, and they could not identify any of the persons, whose pictures were exhibited, as having been seen in the apartment. Mr. Fred Prioleau stated that he has seen pictures of the Barkers and Karpis before in newspapers, and he is positive that these parties did not visit the Creighton party, at least during the daytime. He further stated that the people, who lived at his apartment house, were all gamblers and he doubts if they had any connection with bank robbers while stopping there.

Agent interviewed H. H. Cousins and John Smith, detectives of the Little Rock, Arkansas, Police Department, who advised that they aided in raiding 301½ East Third Street, North Little Rock, upon information furnished by the Chief of Police at Nowata, Oklahoma, that Mrs. Jimmie Creighton resided there and is known to be friendly with the Barkers and other notorious outlaws; that at the time of the raid, three women were arrested and brought to the Little Rock Police Department, and were questioned by Chief of Detectives J. A. Pitcock; that Pitcock ascertained that three men had been stopping at the apartment, who were gamblers and who were away at the time of the raid, but no information was obtained indicating that the Barkers or any other wanted criminals had been stopping at this apartment house, so these women were released. These officers stated that the women were not fingerprinted, and no record was made of their arrest, and they do not remember their names. The picture of Hazel Wynn was exhibited to Officers Cousins and Smith, who stated that she was not one of the women arrested by them.

Hazel Wynn's picture was also exhibited to Lieutenant J. Earl Scroggin, in charge of the Bureau of Identification, Little Rock Police Department, who stated that she was not one of the women arrested by the officers at the time of the above outlined raid. It would appear from the above investigation that Hazel Wynn was not one of the regular tenants of the apartment at 301½ East Third Street, North Little Rock, and that if she was there, it was only on a temporary visit. No information could be obtained indicating that the Barkers or any of the subjects of instant file have visited the persons who occupied the apartment in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

With particular reference to Clyde Chuculate, it may be noted that separate investigation with reference to that individual is being covered in connection with the investigation of the case of VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Dec'd) et al; CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER. The Oklahoma City Office has an informant who is in touch with Chuculate and has requested the Little Rock Office to hold in abeyance any direct investigation in so far as he is concerned. Accordingly no attempt has been made to interview him.

With reference to the information that the Barkers were with Hazel Wynn in North Little Rock, Arkansas, it will be noted that inquiries indicate that

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there was never any basis for the allegations, which apparently all grew out of the correspondence from Chief of Police J. C. Payne of Nowata, Oklahoma, who stated that the Wynn woman was a friend of the Barkers. In view of these circumstances, however, it might be advisable for the Oklahoma City Office to conduct appropriate inquiries regarding her.

Special Agent R. E. Lawrence on August 16th, 1934, submitted a memorandum with reference to information furnished by [REDACTED]

Copy of the memorandum in question was furnished the Oklahoma City Office for its information. However, it is deemed advisable to quote the memorandum for the information of other interested offices. It is quoted as follows:

Had an interesting conversation with [REDACTED] which I shall relate in detail for whatever value it may be.

In the interview with [REDACTED] regarding Floyd and his possible hideout near Mountainburg, Arkansas, Agent noted that [REDACTED] was a little hesitant about supplying the information at first. [REDACTED] finally admitted that he felt somewhat hostile toward the Division on account of the way he had been treated in the past. He stated that sometime ago he sold a small farm to Glen Roy Wright and Gene Johnson, at which time Harry Campbell (Brekid Subject) was along. That immediately after the Brekid case he overheard Mrs. Gene Johnson remark that "Poor Harry" was mixed up in that as well as "Doc" Barker and "Eddie" Barker. That after hearing this conversation he wrote a letter to the Division and that after some time an Agent from the Oklahoma City Field Office called upon him. That he gave this Agent the information regarding Harry Campbell and the Barkers and that Agent promised to return for additional information. [REDACTED] stated that later the papers carried the information that Harry Campbell was in on the Brekid case and later the papers also tied in the Barkers, but that Agent from Oklahoma City did not return for additional information, although Gene Johnson and wife and Glen Roy Wright and wife were still living on the farm. [REDACTED] could probably have secured much more information. [REDACTED] stated that he never heard from Agent or the Division until this date when this Agent called upon him with regard to the Floyd case.

Agent talked with [REDACTED] at some length and finally secured the information that [REDACTED] was still on friendly relations with Mrs. Gene Johnson (Gene Johnson was killed here by a Posse including Chief Bob LaFollette). After the death of Gene Johnson, [REDACTED] sold the small ranch for Mrs. Gene Johnson and Mrs. Glen Roy Wright, and as the place was sold on a time payment plan [REDACTED] collects the payments and contacts Mrs. Gene Johnson every month either at Gentry, Ark. or at Tulsa, Oklahoma and pays her \$25.00 or \$50.00 which amounts he receives from the purchaser. By making these contacts he has become quite friendly with Mrs. Gene Johnson and has often heard her drop remarks regarding the Barkers and Karpis.

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Three weeks ago Sunday Night (last) [redacted] stated that he went to Mrs. Gene Johnson's home, 144 N. Union, Tulsa, Oklahoma to turn over some money to her and that she invited him in to dinner. He stated that he does not remember that she received a telephone call while he was there, but that suddenly she asked him if she might borrow his car for a little while and requested him to go along with her.

[redacted] stated that Mrs. Gene Johnson drove very rapidly to Sand Springs, Oklahoma and stopped at an Auto Camp, Filling Station and Eating House just the other side of a bridge out of Sand Springs. Here she requested [redacted] to have a beer with her. They entered the Eating House and she had two beers. [redacted] did not drink so returned to the car to wait for her. While in the car [redacted] stated that he saw a Sheriff and Deputy about to enter the eating house and that he then heard a shrill whistle, after which Mrs. Gene Johnson hurried out of the place, got in the car and drove back to Tulsa at a rapid rate of speed. While driving toward Tulsa Mrs. Gene Johnson asked if he heard the whistle and when he replied that he had, she remarked that that was just an old signal which the gang had used. He asked no questions and she made no further remarks until they were just about at her home when she remarked, "I'll tell you something, the Barkers and Karpis may have heard that whistle".

[redacted] doesn't know what to make of it, and stated that he would fear for his life if it ever became known that he gave the Division this information. He stated that Mrs. Gene Johnson has always trusted him and that so far he has kept her confidence by keeping absolutely quiet about little statement that she has made, that he feels that she trusts him implicitly, but that this may have been a trick of hers to see if he would supply any information to the Federal authorities.

The whole thing sounds impossible, but it might tie in with other information in the hands of the Oklahoma City Field Office.

[redacted] supplied the information with the understanding that his name be kept absolutely confidential and that nothing be done which could implicate him in any way. He also offered it as a sort of challenge to the Division to prove that he could secure authentic information (as he had in the Brekid Case with relation to Campbell).

[redacted] appears to be an eccentric sort of individual, but he does have a contact thru Mrs. Gene Johnson, and it is just possible that the information supplied may be authentic and that the Barker-Karpis Gang may have been in this camp at that time.

The appearance of the Officers may have warned them not to meet her there as possibly prearranged.

[redacted] stated that they arrived at [redacted] about 6:00 P. M. and that the first thing Mrs. Gene Johnson said when she returned to the car was "Did you see those two Laws?".

It will be noted in letter from Oklahoma City Office to Little Rock Office, dated September 12th, 1934, that the Oklahoma City Office is giving attention to the matter in so far as [redacted] is concerned. It will further be noted that the Little Rock Office will continue to contact [redacted]

Reference report of Agent Rorer set forth that on June 28th, 1933, Special Agents H. E. Anderson and B. R. Allen, while conducting investigation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in connection with the case of VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Dec'd), et al - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER, exhibited photographs of Alvin Karpis and others as suspects in that case to Sam Watt, who identified Karpis as being a frequenter with Harvey Bailey at the Belvedere Club. In this connection it is deemed advisable to make further inquiries of Sam Watt at Hot Springs, Arkansas, regarding Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis and others. Also further intensive investigation should be conducted at Hot Springs, Arkansas to determine the possibility of these individuals being in that city at the present time or having any connections there.

Reference is made to letter from the Little Rock Office to the St. Paul Office, dated August 20th, 1934, which refers to a telephone call to Harry H. Hoops, Hot Springs, Arkansas, telephone #2095. It appears there may be some possibility that Hoops is a friend of Phoenix Donald, Karpis or the Barkers. This matter will be given further consideration. However, in the meanwhile an effort will be made to secure the basic information regarding the telephone call from the file on VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, et al - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

In connection with the above former Chief of Police William Brandenburg and Jim Poulas, Prop, of the Lee Hotel, both of Hot Springs, Arkansas, advised Special Agent in Charge Conroy that Harry H. Hoops is a barber in Hot Springs, Arkansas, who apparently has never been involved with any gangsters or intimately associated with the administration at Hot Springs, Arkansas. They stated, however, that one of Hoops' daughters married "Popeye" Humphreys of Hot Springs, Arkansas, well-known character in that city, who was murdered. This daughter is now reputed to be married to some gangster. Brandenburg and Poulas are making further inquiries regarding Hoops, his daughter and her husband.

With reference to report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Mo., dated September 11th, 1934, it is noted on page #4, that George E. Barker, father of Fred and Arthur Barker, was reputed to have been seen at Decatur, Arkansas early in August 1934 in a Ford V-8 or Chevrolet with Oklahoma license. Further notations on page #12 set forth that the exact date of the above can be secured from Agent Kline of the United States Secret Service, who apparently is assigned to the Kansas City Office of that Division. It further seems that Agent Kline can furnish information regarding George E. Barker having been seen between Siloam and Decatur, Arkansas. There is apparently nothing further that can be done on this matter, pending suggestions or requests from the Kansas City Office, if any. It appears, however, that it might be advisable for the Kansas City Office to interview Agent Kline with reference thereto.

It further appears on page #18, of Agent Spear's report, that one Clarence Eno advised Kansas City Informant K that Karpis and the Barkers have a hideout at Bisbee, Arkansas, just out of town, where they have relatives in the hills. For the information of the Kansas City Office and other interested offices, there appears to be no city or town in the State of Arkansas by the name of Bisbee. The only towns of

that name in the United States being located in Arizona and North Dakota.

It is further noted in Agent Spear's Report on page 18, that information was received through Informant X, from Clarence Eno, that Karpis and the Barkers had an associate, a boy named Arkie, who hails from Springdale, Arkansas, near Rogers, Arkansas. Investigation relative to Arkie is being conducted by Special Agent R. E. Lawrance of this office at the present time.

Mr. Tamm of the Division on September 16th, 1934 by long distance telephone advised substantially as follows: b7c b7d

Special Agent in Charge J. E. P. Dunn of the Los Angeles Office had been in touch at Santa Barbara with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had advised that if he was furnished a little money he could deliver the Barkers. He stated the Barkers are planning a kidnaping in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was to meet them in El Paso, Texas on September 17th, 1934. If he missed them there he was to make contact with them the following day in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Their hideout and the place from which they were to operate was to be at Dales Springs or Springdale, Arkansas.

It was obviously Springdale, Arkansas, where the alleged hideout is supposed to be located, in as much as that place is readily available to Tulsa, Okla. There is no such place as Dales Springs listed in the Postal Guide or Rand-McNally Index.

Special Agent R. E. Lawrance was immediately instructed to proceed to the vicinity of Springdale, Arkansas and he is giving the matter attention at that place at the present time.

In addition to the inquiries indicated above it is felt advisable to carefully peruse the file on VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, et al - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER, at the Little Rock Office, which is comparatively complete. This will be done in order to determine any leads which might be advisable in the State of Arkansas, with reference to any of the suspects in this case. It being noted that Karpis, the Barkers, Campbell and Davis were early suspects in the VERNON C. MILLER case prior to the kidnaping of Edward Bremer.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

With reference to Phoenix Donald, interviews or investigations with reference to persons listed below will be conducted:

MAMMOTH SPRINGS, ARK.

RILEY THORNTON, nephew, Mammoth Springs, Arkansas
MRS. W. S. DONALD, mother, Mammoth Springs, Arkansas
RUBY BOWLING, niece, Mammoth Springs, Arkansas
AMERICAN LEGION POST (possibly war record), Mammoth Springs, Ark.

(MAMMOTH SPRINGS, ARK. - CON'T)

O. C. PRESSLY, President, Citizens Bank, Mammoth Springs, Ark.
WILLIAM WAHLQUIST, State Senator, Mammoth Springs, Ark.

SALEM, ARKANSAS

MRS. W. T. BOWLING, sister, Salem, Arkansas
W. T. BOWLING, brother-in-law, Salem, Arkansas (To whom Donald was parolled)

FULTON, ARKANSAS

O. C. WEATHERS, Clerk of Court, Fulton, Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

HAL L. NORWOOD, Attorney General of Arkansas
HARVEY PARNELL, Ex-Governor of Arkansas

With reference to Fred Barker, the following inquiries will be made at,

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS

WARNER SARTAIN, Former Chief of Police - Additional Information
OMAR SHAW, Former Jailer - Additional Information
PINK SHAW, Former Sheriff (brother of Omar Shaw) - Additional Information
H. B. PATTERSON - Will locate and interview
HARRY CLEMENS - Will locate and interview
JESSE WRIGHT - Will locate and interview
FRED COLSTON - Will locate and interview
BOB WILLIAMSON - Chief of Detectives - Will be interviewed regarding information he may have secured from Jim Dicus, Ft. Smith
CHESTER HOLLAND - Former Prosecuting Attorney
WEBB COVINGTON - Defense Attorney
CLEVELAND HOLLAND - Defense Attorney (Eaton-Defense Attorney)

In addition to the above, inquiries will be made at Ft. Smith, Arkansas for any glass blowers from that city who may now be located in Muncie, Indiana.

Will also make inquiries as to how Fred Barker happened to be removed from Little Rock, Arkansas, to Ft. Smith, Arkansas, which apparently was not covered by the inquiries conducted by Agent Lawrence heretofore.

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AT GENTRY, ARKANSAS, further contact will be maintained with [REDACTED]

AT HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, further contact will be maintained with William Brandenburg and Jim Poulas, to determine what information they may have secured regarding Harry Hoops and his daughter. Also Sam Watt and others will be interviewed generally regarding suspects in this case.

AT SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS, inquiries are being conducted at the present time regarding Arkie and the alleged hideout for the proposed Tulsa Kidnaping.

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.
September 24, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1216;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. #1219;
ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
KIDNAPING

There are being transmitted herewith the fingerprints
of Carlisle Giesler Dial and George M. Dial, both of which were loaned by the
Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department to this office.

Please have two photographic copies of these prints
made, returning the photographic copies and the original prints to this office
at the earliest possible date, as it is desired to return the original prints
to the Police Department as soon as possible.

There is also transmitted herewith a kodak photograph
of Peggy Fisher, standing beside the Chevrolet car of Mr. George A. Barker,
father of Subjects Arthur and Fred Barker. Please make six copies of this
photograph, retaining one copy for your file and returning the other copies
to this office, together with the original copy.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim. Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

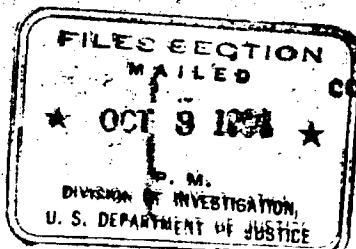
Reference is made to the letter of the Kansas City Office addressed to the Chicago Office in the above entitled case, dated September 24, 1934, with which were transmitted the fingerprints of Carlisle Eisler Dial and George H. Dial, which fingerprints had been borrowed from the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department.

The Division desires to have copies of these fingerprints forwarded to the Identification Unit for the purpose of establishing the true identity of these individuals.

The Division would also like to have a copy of the kodak photograph of Peggy Asher, referred to in the letter of reference, in order to complete its file.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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September 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Larson called and stated that, with reference to the developments of leads in the Bremer case, he considered it advisable and necessary to place a telephone tap upon both the listed and unlisted telephones of Noonan of the Noonan Detective Agency. I authorized Mr. Larson to place these telephone taps [REDACTED]

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
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September 25, 1934.

Mr. W. H. Purvis,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. Purvis:

In confirmation of the request made by Mr. Tamm of the Division in connection with his recent conference with you, I wish you would attempt cautiously to ascertain from newspaper contacts at Chicago the source of the newspaper article which appeared in the Chicago American on September 11, 1934 pertaining to the entrance of Division Agents into the safety deposit box rented by Kate Barker in Chicago.

You should advise me promptly if you receive any information concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation at Omaha, Nebraska disclosed that party reported as Omaha PD #3713, is MIKE FINN, not TIM, as formerly reported, and his brother is JOHN G. FINN, Omaha PD #3712. These parties arrested at Omaha on suspicion in 1914 before fingerprints were being taken by that Department. Bertillon measurements set out herein. Omaha Police records disclose Mike Finn arrested St. Louis, Mo. #11143 (believed PD), Febr. 1, 1918.

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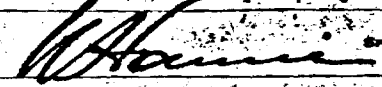

REFERENCE:

Division letter, 9/5/34; letter from Kansas City Office to the Division, 5/25/34.

DETAILS:

At Omaha, Nebraska

The reference letter from the Division stated it was desirous of establishing the identity of JOHN FINN and MIKE TIM, Omaha PD Nos. 3712 and 3713, respectively, who had apparently received the protection of the Saint Paul, Minnesota authorities and it having been impossible to locate any record of these individuals in the files of the Identification Unit of the Division from the aforesaid arrest numbers. Said letter requested that the Omaha Office obtain copies of the fingerprints of said John Finn and Mike Tim.

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It should be noted that mention was made of these two parties in the reference letter from the Kansas City Office to the Division, a copy of that letter, it is believed, also having been furnished the Saint Paul and Chicago Offices.

Lieutenant John Dennison, in charge of the Identification Bureau of the Omaha Police Department, advised that their bureau had no fingerprint record of JOHN FINN or MIKE FINN, (not TIM), brothers, these parties not having been in their custody since 1914, at which time their Bertillon measurements and descriptions were taken but fingerprints had not started by their Department until 1915. Lieutenant Dennison said that when JOHN G. FINN and his brother, MIKE FINN were wanted by their Department in connection with the robbery of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, of Benson, Nebraska, on January 2, 1920, in connection with which HARRY "DUTCH" SAWYER, as HARRY J. PORCHE, was also under suspicion, it was impossible for their department to secure the release of the two Finn brothers from the Police Department at Saint Paul, Minnesota and to secure their extradition to the State of Nebraska for prosecution in connection with the aforesaid robbery, although positive identification of the two Finn brothers, as participants in this robbery, had been made by over twenty people who were witnesses to the robbery; that it had been absolutely impossible to get them out of Saint Paul due to the protection apparently given them by the Saint Paul Police Department. Mr. Dennison stated it was his understanding that the two Finn brothers are now in Saint Paul, probably in some sort of respectable business, having made sufficient money from their criminal activities to cease the latter; that these two men are also brothers of Tom Finn, Omaha PD #5481, who on February 1, 1918 was sentenced in District Court at Omaha, Nebraska to a term of eleven years in the State Penitentiary at Lincoln, Nebraska, on a murder charge, and that they had no criminal record on Thomas Finn since his release from the State Penitentiary in 1928.

The Omaha Police records show the following in connection with John and Mike Finn:-

JOHN G. FINN - Omaha Police Department No. 3712,

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Ht.	72	9	Age: 28 years
Eng. Ht.	5	8	Weight: 153 pounds
O.A.	81	0	Laborer
J.F.	91	0	Complexion: Medium
H.L.	19	7	Hair: Lt. chestnut, curly
H.W.	16	4	Teeth: 2 lower l. and r. side out.
Ch. W.	14	6	Build: Medium
R. Ear	6	5	Dis. 10-13-14
L.M.T.	11	5	Nativity, Minnesota

(John G. Finn - continued)

L.L.F. 8 6
L.F.A. 47 6
Forehead: Inc. Intern
Ht. Lot
Width: M.

Nose: Ridge Rect. Sur.
Base Hor.
Root M
Lgth. M
Proj. M
Breadth M

L. Ear Circle Slate
Pen. Z Blue

Scars: I. Felson scar, end of index finger.
III Obl. scar, lc right jaw bone

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MIKE FINN: Omaha PD 371

Ht.	71	8	Age: 29 years
Eng. Ht.	5	7 5/8	Weight: 136 pounds
O.A.	80	0	Occupation: Freight auditor
Ty.	89	2	Chin: Regular
H.L.	19	5	Nativity: Minnesota
H.W.	15	7	Complexion: Medium
Ch. W.	14	1	Hair: M.L. Chestnut
R. Ear:	6	6	Teeth: 4 lower rt. rear, 4 upper rt. gold bridged.
L.F. T.	25	4	Build: Medium
L.M.F.	11	5	Discharged: 10/13/14
L.L.F.	8	9	
L.F.A.	46	6	
Forehead:	Incl. Rec.		
	Ht. Low		
	Width. M. Bd.		
L. Eye	Circle Slate		
	Pen. Z D. blue		

MIKE FINN (Continued)

Bertillon measurements:

Nose:	Ridge	Rect.
	Base,	El slight
	Root,	Shal.
	Lgth.,	Long
	Proj.	Prom.
	Breadth,	M. broad

I ver. scar 2 1/2, 2nd phl. thumb, in.; circular scar 1c,
2nd joint of thumb out. 17c
II hor. scar 1 1/2 x 1 1/2, 3 below wrist, front and in.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Lieutenant Dennison stated that fingerprint records were not taken by the Omaha Police Department until 1916 but that it was his understanding the Saint Louis Police Department was one of the very first departments to institute the taking of fingerprint records, which practice was started by them in 1905.

Investigation at Lincoln, Nebraska disclosed no record for either John G. or Mike Finn at the State Identification Bureau or the Police Department in Lincoln.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

SAINT LOUIS OFFICE: At the Saint Louis, Missouri Police Department, is requested to ascertain if the fingerprint record of Mike Finn, arrested as George Gordon by the St. Louis Police, their number 11143, is available, and if so, to secure a copy of the same and forward it to the Identification Unit of the Division.

SAINT PAUL OFFICE: At Saint Paul, Minnesota, is requested to ascertain if the fingerprint records of John G. and Mike Finn are available at the Police Department or Sheriff's Office, and if so, same should be forwarded to the Division, if records have not already been furnish the Division.

At Minneapolis, Minnesota, conduct the same investigation as requested above, for Saint Paul, Minnesota.

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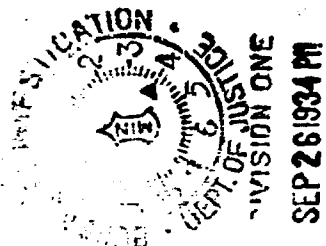
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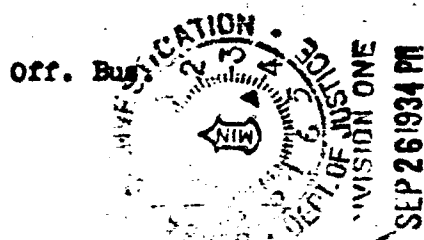
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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

Little Rock, Arkansas
September 22, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to report of Special Agent
in Charge E. E. Conroy of even date, Little Rock, Arkansas,
regarding the entitled case.

It is noted that Fred Barker and his
associates probably have friends in Muncie, Indiana, who are
glass blowers, who have moved from Ft. Smith, Arkansas. Further
inquiries are being made at Ft. Smith, Arkansas to determine
the identity of some particular glass blowers who may have moved
from Ft. Smith, Arkansas. However, in the meanwhile it is
suggested that your office make appropriate inquiries at
Muncie, Indiana to determine the identity of any glass blowers
who may have come from Arkansas and who may possibly be
friends of the Barkers and who may shelter them in that place.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent
in Charge E. E. Conroy at Little Rock, Arkansas, of even
date, regarding the entitled case.

Your attention is specifically directed to
the inquiries conducted by this office in North Little
Rock, Arkansas, with reference to Hazel Lynn, who
apparently comes from Nowata, Oklahoma and who is
alleged to be a friend of the Barkers. It is suggested
that an Agent of your Office interview Chief of Police
Payne of Nowata, Oklahoma to determine what their
connection may be and if possible develop pertinent
information having a tendency to bring about the
apprehension of the Barkers.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge

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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
KEARNY, N. J.

Date Sept. 25. 1934.....

Sir: I beg to acknowledge receipt of your Ident. Order # 1232...
of 9-14-34 relative to Dr. Jos. P. Moran.....
and to inform you that inquiries are being made for Said person.....

Should any trace be obtained you will be communicated with at once.

Respectfully yours,

PHILIP T. BELL,
Chief of Police

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1331 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,
El Paso, Texas,
September 24, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1010,
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1210,
et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim,
Kidnaping.

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On Saturday, September 22, one Ted Welfitt, a carnival follower and itinerant song sheet vendor appeared at the El Paso Division office and stated that he had been hitch hiking from Los Angeles to Houston, Tex.; that about Wednesday, Sept. 19 at Casa Grande, Ariz., he had approached a car on which repairs were being made to a flat tire and discovered that the man who was repairing the tire was an old acquaintance of his. [redacted] that [redacted] had two men and a woman with him and that [redacted] requested him to call on the writer upon arrival at El Paso and to advise the writer that he had seen [redacted] had told him to tell me that he would communicate with me as soon as possible; that he was with some people and was unable to write a note but that he was en route to Gallup, N.M. In a discreet manner agent inquired as to the identity of the persons traveling with [redacted] and Welfitt advised that the two men looked like brothers and were well dressed. He could not give any description of the women but advised they were traveling in a Chevrolet automobile.

At noon on Monday, Sept. 24, [redacted] appeared at the El Paso Division office and stated that he had just arrived on a freight train from Tucumcari, N.M. He related the following series of events, part of which have been heretofore briefly touched upon by the Los Angeles office. It will be recalled that while Ed Davis was in the county jail at Los Angeles awaiting transfer to Folsom prison that the Los Angeles office arranged to have [redacted] incarcerated in the same cell with Davis for about a week in the hope of procuring information relative to the Bremer case and the Kansas City case, among other things.

[redacted] relates that he had not seen nor heard from Ed Davis since the latter was taken to Folsom until shortly prior to Sept. 6, when Ed Davis's wife came to [redacted] accompanied by a man who gave the name of Doyle Anderson and whom he had never before seen; that Mrs. Davis introduced Anderson and left him with [redacted] Anderson appeared to be an emissary of the Barker brothers and brought [redacted] word that they were willing to cut him in on a job whereby they could make some money, and wanted to know if [redacted] was willing to join up with the mob. [redacted] signified his willingness to join up with the mob, and Anderson departed. About three days later Fred Barker contacted

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and discussed the matter with him further. He would not go into detail but stated that they were lining up a job near Tulsa, Okla., and offered to take in on it. Barker then left and at this time, on Sept. 6, [redacted] wired the writer for \$15.00, stating also that he would be in El Paso the next night. [redacted] states that from the conversation with Barker at that time he thought they would be leaving Los Angeles the next day. However, Doyle Anderson came next to [redacted] and took him to Santa Barbara, Calif., where for the first time he met Doc Barker at the apartment heretofore mentioned by the Los Angeles office in their letter to the Division. They stayed there a day or two, or until about Friday, Sept. 14, according to the best of [redacted] recollection, when he, Doc Barker and Fred Barker left and drove to Reno, Nev., and to a house in the country about 50 miles west of Reno on the main highway; that at this time Doyle Anderson loaded a lot of Barkers' equipment into a Ford V 8 black coach, bearing California license, said equipment including a sawed-off shot gun with the stock also sawed off and what, according to [redacted] description, must have been a .351 automatic rifle with a 20-cartridge clip and a foregrip similar to those used on Thompson submachine guns. He stated that he learned that Doyle went around Arizona by going up through Colorado and evidently was conveying the armament to some rendezvous, probably in Oklahoma or Arkansas; that the reason the Barkers did not take the armament with them was because of the fact that they were coming through Arizona where all vehicles and their contents are inspected by agents of the Bureau of Horticulture.

[redacted] states that they arrived at their destination late at night, having driven without stopping from Santa Barbara and having passed through Reno without stopping; that they arrived at what he calls "the spot" during the night and found it to be a very nice stone house, situated approximately 50 miles west of Reno and three or four hundred yards off the main highway; that the house has about five rooms, including two bed rooms downstairs and two bed rooms upstairs, which constitute the entire upper portion of the house which he called a story and a half house. This house was occupied by a man called Jasper and his wife, called Georgie. Upon [redacted] arrival there they also met a girl called Leona Anderson who is a sister of Doyle Anderson and who is now said to be Doc Barker's girl. According to [redacted] Jasper, his wife and the Anderson girl were all well acquainted with the two Barker brothers and did not seem surprised to see them. [redacted] thinks the house is probably a country place belonging to some big shot in Reno, it appearing to be used solely as a residence, there being no agriculture or stock raising or any other kind of activity connected with the place.

They stayed there until Monday morning, Sept. 17, according to [redacted] best recollection, when he, the two Barkers and Leona Anderson proceeded to Redlands, Calif., arriving there Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 18 and remaining overnight in a tourist camp somewhere on the outskirts of Redlands. During this time the Barkers had told [redacted] they had to go by Gallup, N.M., to see a man and he finally agreed to accompany them. They left Redlands on the morning of Sept. 19 and that evening was when they encountered Ted Welfit, heretofore mentioned, at Casa Grande. [redacted] states that after repairing the tire they picked up Welfit and gave him a ride as far as Lordsburg, N.M., where they let him out and [redacted] confirmed the story as to the message he had sent me by Welfit. They came on to Tucson, Ariz., where they ate and drove continuously, coming to Lordsburg, thence to Deming and evidently across to Hot Springs, N.M., thence to Santa Fe, Las Vegas and Tucumcari. [redacted] states he never did know where he was going until at

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Tucumcari they told him they were going to a place about 25 miles farther on on the road to Dalhart, Tex., which would be highway 68. He states they did proceed on some 25 miles, according to his estimation, and turned on a dirt road to the left, proceeding about four miles when they stopped at a ranch owned by an old man named Jernigan who had some fifteen or twenty head of cattle and a very small, poor ranch. They arrived there before daylight on Sept. 21 and remained until Saturday afternoon, the 22nd. [redacted] states that the Barkers received some kind of a message at this place and intended going on to Oklahoma, or possibly Springdale, Ark.; that they informed him they were trying to get some money to finance themselves before undertaking the next job, which according to what they told him, was to kidnap some wealthy fellow at or near Tulsa and that he is to play some minor part in the job, his ideas not being very clear as to just what he is to do. The Barkers suggested that he go on with them but he told them that inasmuch as they were not yet ready for him he did not like to take chances by riding around the country with them any more than was necessary and that he had a [redacted], whom he had not seen for several years and he would just wait there for them; that they then on Saturday afternoon, about 4 o'clock, the 22nd, brought him back [redacted]

[redacted] and that upon departing they told him that if they raised the money they would send for him about the middle of this week, or that in any event he would hear from them by the last of the week, Sept. 29.

Informant states that the Barker Brothers are very cagey and that they are always on the alert and do little talking; that during the entire time he was with them they never mentioned the Bremer kidnaping case or any of their other jobs; that he was, of course, anxious to find out all he could, but owing to the precarious position in which he was, he dared not ask them any questions; that he did make casual inquiry as to Volney Davis and how he is getting along, whereupon they remarked that "oh he is all right" and dropped the subject.

[redacted] was under the impression that since every body concerned in the Bremer case has become so hot that they have split up and that the Barkers are working alone at this time. He also gathered the information that Graham and McKay, of Reno, Nevada, and who have recently been on trial in New York in connection with a race track swindle, are the men who handled at least a part of the Bremer kidnaping money and informant believes from what he was able to pick up that they got a cut of forty or fifty cents on the dollar. He understands that George Wingo, well known Nevada capitalist and mining man, is back of Graham and McKay. He gathered that at the present time the Barker Brothers are low on ready cash and are attempting to form a contact somewhere in order to get hold of some money on which to operate while handling the proposed new job.

[redacted] states that, as is customary among the big shots, they do not take

their confidants into their full confidence at any time and will not inform very much in advance as to their plans; that frequently they would start out allegedly for one destination but without explanation go somewhere else. He believes they take these precautions in order to prevent any advance information as to their movements becoming known through a possible betrayal of confidence.

The informant did learn from Jasper and Doc Barker that they have a hideaway near Springdale, Ark., and he believes that is where they are going to now and he feels sure that if the proposed kidnaping job goes through that this hideaway will be the place where the victim will be held. The informant is personally acquainted with the hideaway, having used it himself on occasions. He advises that it is on the farm of one Clawson about five or six miles from Springdale, Ark.; that one reaches this farm by proceeding on the highway north from Springdale towards Rogers, Ark., until about three quarters of a mile out of the City limits of Springdale, where one takes a right hand turn on to a dirt road, proceeding about three miles to the foot of a mountain which overlooks Springdale, then circling the mountain about three quarters of the way around to the end of the dirt road, at which Clawson's farm is located, just at the foot of the mountain and overlooking a large valley. Clawson has a very fine fruit orchard and large barn and good house. The house procures water from a large spring which bubbles out below the house and forms a good size creek and water is conveyed from the spring to the house by means of a windlass and bucket travelling on a cable down the hillside to the spring. A plat as roughly outlined by the informant as to the location of this farm is attached hereto.

The informant advises that he has never known or heard of Doyle Anderson prior to the occasion on which he contacted him first in Los Angeles; but that Anderson comes from Tahlequah, Okla., and was an intimate friend of Charles Dotson, notorious Cookson' Hills outlaw; that Anderson is described as:

Age	About 30
Height	5' 8"
Weight	150 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Round Face.	Wears a good quality leather or suede jacket, blue serge trousers and cap.

The car which he is driving is a Ford V8, Tudor Coach, 1933 model, color black. When last seen by informant was carrying California license, number unknown.

Anderson has a little bit the appearance of being part Cherokee Indian.

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Leona Anderson, Doyle Anderson's sister, presently travelling with Doc Barker, is described as:

Age 37
Height 5' 4"
Weight 120 lbs.
Build Plump
Hair Black

Has dark brown eyes; but fair skin and is very pretty.

She is wearing a black Spanish type dress with long tight sleeves, with V shape opening at bosom. She wears steel gray suede shoes, pump style, with French heels.

According to [redacted] both Fred and Doc Barker still look very much like the pictures now in possession of the Division, except that they appear somewhat older and their faces are rather drawn as from being under strain or worry; that they dressed at the present time as follows:

Fred Barker, wearing brown mixture suit, very hard finish, good quality. Hat is very light fedora; new shoes, tan, well cut. He wears a wrist watch on his right wrist, the band of which is made of round disks of silver.

Doc Barker is wearing a medium gray mixed suit, apparently not of quite so good quality as that of Fred Barker's suit. He wears long last Edwin Clapp or Stacy Adams shoes (high), black color. His hat is also light gray fedora very much like Fred's, according to informant. Informant stated that the only arms personally carried by Fred and Doc Barker are that each carries a .45 Colts automatic under his left shoulder.

The automobile driven by the Barkers at the present time is a dark maroon or wine colored 1934 model Chevrolet Coach, when last seen carrying California plates 5 V 1036, although they told informant that they had other plates from States in the middle West.

Informant describes the persons at the Reno hideout as follows:

"Jasper:"

Age About 38 or 39
Height 5' 11"
Weight 165 lbs.
Hair Light Brown, parted on left side.
Complexion Rather Ruddy.
Somewhat Swedish appearance but does not talk that way.

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Jasper's wife, called "Georgie" is described as:

Age	About 30
Height	5' 6"
Weight	130 lbs.
Hair	Dark Brown

Informant stated that these people appeared, and he judged so from their conversation, to have known the Barkers for many years.

As to Jernigan, the man on whose ranch they stopped near Tucumcari, N. M., informant believes this man has known the Barkers for sometime and that he originated in Oklahoma. He found out that Jernigan was under some great obligation to Ed Davis and from what he gathered, Davis had probably assisted Jernigan financially in time of stress.

Informant states that he knows that whatever message the Barkers went to Jernigan's ranch for was received, although no one came there to his knowledge while they were there.

Informant stated that on the night that they stayed at Redlands, Calif., in the Tourist Camp, he sought every opportunity to get out of the camp to notify the Los Angeles Office; but was positively unable to get away for a moment even to telephone. He states that while the Barkers did not forcibly detain him; that he knew them better than to try to make any foolish moves as his life, he knew, would be forfeited if he did. Informant also complained of the fact that Agent C.D. White, of the Los Angeles Office, had driven directly to informant's house to contact him and that this was a very dangerous procedure and in view of the contacts he was making with the Barkers and Doyle Anderson might have put him on the spot. He stated that Agent White was a fine fellow but apparently did not realize the risks he was putting informant to by openly contacting him at his home.

[redacted] upon being questioned as to why the Barkers contacted him and solicited his partnership, stated that he believed Ed Davis was the cause of the contact; that he gathered that Ed Davis was trying to enlist the Barkers in a scheme to spring him from Folsom Prison; but that he knew the Barkers could not do it and would not try it; that he thought that Davis had instructed his wife to put the Barkers in contact with [redacted] and had perhaps recommended him to them.

Informant stated that he confidently expects to hear from the Barkers again during the present week, possibly by the middle of the week and that they had told him that they would contact him at least by the last of the present week,--September 24 to 30; that if they got themselves financed, they would send him money to join them, or if the deal blew up they would likewise advise him. He states that he knows that they will not just drop him because such is not their habit, such a practice being considered equal to a double cross.

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[redacted] states that he hopes to proceed far enough with them to put them both definitely on some spot where we can get them both; that if one only is got and the other remains at liberty, his life will not be worth a damn.

He was questioned closely as to the advisability of attempting a raid on the Springdale, Ark., hideaway, he suggested that it will probably be better to await definite information that they were to be found there as if a false move were made they might become alarmed and spoil later plans.

Informant is returning tonight by freight train [redacted] and will there await further contact with the Barkers and has promised to advise this Office immediately by phone of any new movements. He stated, however, that owing to the way the Barkers work, they might simply drop in there at any moment in their car and say: "Come on," and if they did so, he would have to go with them immediately and probably not be able to communicate with this Office directly, but would endeavor to slip some word to his sister so that she might contact us.

Agent had previously become somewhat sceptical of [redacted] latest story in view of his failure to report at El Paso as he indicated he would, but in explanation he stated that when Doyle Anderson came to his house and got him that he had no opportunity to do other than go with him immediately, and he states that they always operate on this plan; that when they decide to do anything, they do it right now, and consequently he had no opportunity to get away from them without arousing suspicion.

[redacted] advises that the Barkers want to be on the go all the time; that they do not like to stay more than two or three days in a place; that they usually travel in daylight and openly; that if they are to take a trip of considerable distance, they will start very early as they always try to be off the road by midnight; that they do not seem to relish travelling between midnight and daylight, although they did so on this latter trip, having driven from Redlands, Calif., to Tucumcari, N.M., with no overnight stops although they did stop some place along the road and slept a few hours in the car.

Informant is apparently not using dope at the present time as he looks much better than Agent has ever seen him before. His eyes are clear, as is his complexion, and he appears in perfectly normal condition. Agent interviewed him for more than two hours and is convinced that his story as related to Agent is approximately true.

[redacted] states that this is a case which he cannot afford to rush as he

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knows perfectly well that if he makes a single break the Barkers will kill him; and that, as he has his own life to look out for, he is going to be extremely cautious. He states that he dares not question the Barkers directly as to their plans, but has to sit and listen to what they decide him to know; that once he begins to be curious, they will begin to be suspicious.

Informant stated that when they crossed the bridge of the Colorado River into Arizona at Yuma, Ariz., they were stopped for inspection by the horticulture inspectors and had to open up all their baggage; that they were also required to show papers on their car and that Doc Barker produced a certificate of registration for the car which they are now driving, and the inspector compared it with the license number on the car. [redacted] did not have opportunity to inspect this certificate.

Informant states that the two Barker Brothers will not talk about any of the other members of the gang and never mentioned Alvin Karpis or Volney Davis except as heretofore referred to.

He states that Fred Barker apparently has no girl now at all.

The substance of the important parts of this memorandum were on this date conveyed to the Division by telegram.

R.H. Colvin

R.H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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October 12, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232;
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, victim -
Kidnaping.

Dear Sirs:

Special Agent in Charge R. E. Colvin of the El Paso
Office has furnished the Division with copies of a memorandum
for the file dated El Paso, Texas, September 24, 1934, setting
forth information obtained from [redacted]
respecting the activities of the Barker brothers and their
associates.

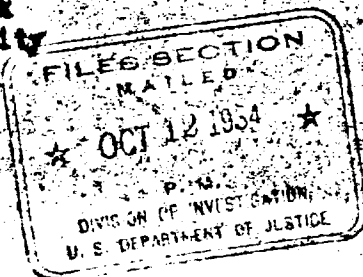
A copy of the memorandum referred to is inclosed
herewith and to each of the offices indicated below, except the
El Paso Office, so that the information will be available in the
event leads are received respecting this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure 50-777

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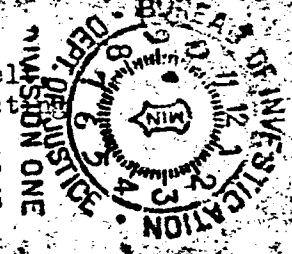
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINN.

FILE NO. 7-5

REPORT MADE AT: Denver, Colo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 9-21-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8/31/34 9/11-19/34	REPORT MADE BY: J. D. SWENSON
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:

No record at Pueblo, Colo., post office of Subject Volney Davis or any other Subjects in this case. Harry Campbell alleged to have visited at Casper and Evansville, Wyo., on 9-7 and 8-34 and to have contacted Oscar Felt, Police Officers, Casper, Wyo., give conflicting statements regarding Campbell's being seen there. Mail covers placed on mail of Oscar Felt, A. C. Stecher, and Wilbert Campbell. Reliable contacts established at Casper and vicinity who will advise Denver Office if Campbell is seen or information regarding him is secured. Confidential informant, Casper, states does not know whereabouts of J. Elmer Meade and declines to obtain information regarding Meade unless several thousand dollars reward is paid.



REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent B. P. Cruise, Denver, 8-31-34.

DETAILS: AT PUEBLO, COLO.

From H. E. Work, Superintendent of Mail, it was ascertained by Special Agent A. R. Gere that the Pueblo Post Office has no record of Subject Volney Davis, or of any of the other Subjects in this case. The photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker, and Harry Campbell were shown to Mr. Work and other employees, none of whom were able to identify any of the photographs as likenesses of persons seen by them.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay S. Jewman</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-2972	RECORDED AND INDEXED SEP 26 1934
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Mr. Work informed that between 18,000 and 38,000 letters are mailed daily at the Pueblo Post Office and that it would be quite impossible for any of the employees handling same to remember a letter containing a hard round object, about one-half inch thick and quite heavy.

AT CASPER, WYO.
On September 11, 1934, Special Agent B. P. Cruise interviewed Police Officer Joseph P. Jonen. Mr. Jonen stated that through a reliable informant he learned that Harry Campbell was in Evansville, Wyoming, on Friday and Saturday, September 7th and 8th, staying probably at the residence of Oscar Felt, who lives in Evansville, Wyoming, and that Campbell was probably still in Evansville on Monday, September 10th, when Mr. Jonen talked with his informant. Mr. Jonen preferred to keep the name of the informant confidential since he had promised to do so, but added the information came from [REDACTED] b7d

The informant, according to Mr. Jonen, is quite frightened, and divulged the information merely because her husband insisted that she do so. Informant had [REDACTED]

Mr. Jonen further advised that according to his informant, the latter had seen Campbell at Lee Hill's place (a beer joint) in North Casper, Wyoming, about two months ago. On that occasion Campbell came to the back door of Lee Hill's and informant recognized him. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] left and was not known to have been in this community [REDACTED] on September 7th and 8th as related above.

Captain and Deputy Chief of Police W. C. Miller advised that he also has an informant, whose name he declined to disclose, who saw Harry Campbell on the streets of Casper a week ago last Friday, which would be August 31, 1934, and also about three months ago. This information was given to Mr. Miller the morning of September 11, 1934; that on the August 31st occasion Campbell was alone in a 1929 Chevrolet with Wyoming license plates, but that informant could give no further description concerning the car. Mr. Miller added that he personally is spending much time in an effort to catch Campbell in Casper. Mr. Miller recently spent two days on a hill overlooking Evansville, Wyoming, observing the town and Oscar Felt's home with a telescope, hoping to catch a glimpse of Campbell and note his movements. Since Campbell continues to come in and out of Casper or Evansville periodically, Mr. Miller does not wish to spoil chances of catching him by making a raid unless it is certain that Campbell is at the spot raided.

According to Mr. Miller, Campbell may be expected to contact Oscar Felt, Evansville, Wyoming, whenever he appears at Casper, and might go to Alcova, Wyoming where the new dam project is underway. Mr. Miller suggested that Detective Robert Owens of the Casper police department accompany Agent in Agent's car to Alcova, Wyoming; that Owens pretend to show Agent as a visiting friend about the town, the dam construction, the gambling houses,

etc., with the hope of running across Campbell, but cautioned against any specific inquiries concerning Campbell. Agent and Detective Owens carried out the proposal as suggested but with no success.

Agent together with Special Agent B. P. Grusa interviewed Police Officer Joseph P. Jonen on September 12, 1934, who advised that an informant by the name of [REDACTED] had advised him on September 10, 1934, that he had seen Harry Campbell driving an automobile on the streets of Casper on September 7th and 8th, and that Campbell was hanging out at Evansville, Wyoming, with Oscar Felt, also, [REDACTED] had also seen Campbell driving a car in Casper on those dates. He stated that [REDACTED] had also seen Campbell at a beer joint in North Casper about two months ago, but that Campbell was only there a minute and left hurriedly. He stated also that Mrs. Sullivan, the Postmaster at Evansville, Wyoming, had also seen Campbell at Evansville very recently.

Officer Jonen stated that after he received this information he immediately notified Deputy Chief of Police W. C. Miller of Casper, who after some argument drove to Evansville and returned shortly thereafter and advised that Campbell was not there and he did not believe that Campbell had been there recently.

Deputy Chief of Police W. C. Miller advised that on September 4, 1934, an informant of his, whose name he refused to reveal, had seen Campbell in Casper; that Campbell was driving a 1929 Chevrolet coach with Wyoming license plates; that he was alone in the car and the informant only had a quick glance at him and was unable to obtain the license number of the car. He stated that after receiving this information and the information supplied by Jonen, he drove out to Evansville and observed the home of Oscar Felt, the former mayor of Evansville and a friend of Campbell's, who had previously been mentioned in connection with this case; that he was satisfied that Campbell was not in Casper or Evansville at the present time.

Agents drove to Evansville, Wyoming, which is only four miles from Casper and observed the home of Oscar Felt. A 1930 blue Chevrolet coach, bearing Wyoming license #1-2801 was parked in the yard, but no one was observed about the premises. On returning to Casper, it was found that this license was issued to Harry E. Kauble, 520 S. Kimball St., Casper. The 1932 City Directory lists Kauble's name as being an employee of the Texas Oil Co. at Evansville, Wyoming. Deputy Chief Miller advised that Kauble had recently separated from his wife in Casper and was living at the home of Oscar Felt. This information was verified through Mrs. Dan Sullivan, Postmaster of Evansville, who is reported to be a very reputable woman, and Postmaster V. W. Mokler of Casper. Deputy Chief Miller was requested to have his informant view the Kauble car and see if it was the car he claims he saw Campbell driving. Miller stated he could not ask his informant to do this and stated he would question his informant further

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regarding a description of the car Campbell was driving. Agent asked Mr. Miller if [redacted] was his informant and he replied that [redacted] was not; that his informant was a [redacted] but that [redacted] was the one who let the information out. Later, Mr. Miller was reinterviewed and stated that his informant had advised him that the car he had seen Campbell driving was a red 1929 Ford with wire wheels with Wyoming license, number unknown. From the different stories told to Agent Cruise and the writer, it is felt that Mr. Miller did not get any information from an informant but rather only had the information at hand as supplied to him by [redacted] whom he ridiculed to great extent in his conversation with Agents. There is great strife among the Casper police and each keeps his information from the others and strives not to be outdone in any matter by his fellow officers.

AT EVANSVILLE, WYO.

Mrs. Dan Sullivan, Postmaster, who has previously been contacted and who bears a very good reputation advised that she has not seen Harry Campbell for at least six or eight years. She stated she had heard through Police Officer W. C. Miller that Campbell was in Casper about a year ago, but that was the only information she had heard regarding him since she last saw him. She stated that Oscar Felt had returned from Detroit about four months ago and had a new Plymouth coupe bearing 1934 Michigan license plates. She stated that one A. C. Stecher, who had embezzled money at Evansville while Treasurer, was a very good friend of Oscar Felt's and a likely contact for Campbell. She advised that she had not seen any strangers around Felt's home in Evansville and that Harry Kauble was a good sort of fellow, but a close friend of Oscar Felt's and was living with him at present, having separated from his wife recently. She stated that she would know Campbell if she should see him again and would advise the Denver Office immediately if she should see him or should she secure any information regarding his whereabouts. She stated that if any strangers should appear at the home of Oscar Felt, she would notify Officer Miller in order for him to check up on them.

Mrs. Sullivan advised that she did not tell any Casper police officers or any other person that she had seen Campbell recently or heard that he had been in Casper or Evansville, Wyoming.

Mrs. Sullivan was requested to place a mail cover on the mail of Oscar Felt and to submit tracings to the Denver Office which she agreed to do.

Agents observed the home of Oscar Felt on the night of September 12, 1934. A 1934 Plymouth coupe was parked in the street in front of the house. This car bore 1934 Michigan plates #X-19823 and fits the description of the car of Oscar Felt as described by Mrs. Sullivan. No other cars were about the premises and there did not appear to be anything suspicious about the home.

AT MIDWEST, WYO.

In an effort to establish reliable contacts who would advise the Division should Campbell be seen in Casper or vicinity, Agents interviewed Mr. E. H. Bessie, Field Manager of the E. T. Williams Oil Co. Mr. Bessie prior to 1930 was in contact with Campbell and had direct supervision over Campbell's work when he worked for the Williams Co. from 1925 to 1930, and knows Campbell very well. He advised that he had not seen or heard from Campbell since 1930 when he was discharged by the Company. He advised that he would gladly advise the Denver Office of the Division should he see or hear anything of Campbell. Mr. Bessie travels to Casper frequently and is a very reputable man.

Mr. J. R. Healy, Office Manager of the E. T. Williams Oil Co. with offices in Casper, was also interviewed at Midwest, where he was visiting. He also knows Campbell well by sight and promised to keep a lookout for him or information regarding him, and stated he would immediately notify the Denver Division Office if he secures any information of value regarding Campbell.

AT EDGERTON, WYO.

Mr. George W. Pierson, Box 285, an employee of the Continental Oil Co., and former fellow worker with Campbell at the E. T. Williams oil camp, stated he had not seen or heard from Campbell since he, Campbell, was fired by the Williams Co. He stated he knew Campbell well at that time and would know him anywhere if he saw him again. He advised he would be on the lookout for Campbell and information regarding him, and would advise the Casper police department or the Denver Office should he secure any information regarding Campbell.

AT ALCOVA, WYO.

Agents interviewed Martin Larson, Deputy Sheriff in Charge of Law Enforcement at the Alcova Dam Project. He advised he knew Harry Campbell by sight and promised to apprehend Campbell if he appeared at Alcova, and to furnish this Office any information he may be able to secure regarding Campbell. Larson advised he was formerly a member of the Casper police department and was fired by Captain W. C. Miller and would not cooperate with Miller on any matter whatever.

AT CASPER, WYO.

[REDACTED] stated to Agents that he had only seen Harry Campbell once in his life and then only a brief glimpse of him. This occurred about a year ago when he and his wife were in Lee Hill's beer joint in North Casper with a party of friends and while there someone said, "Hello, Harry Campbell," to a man coming in the door, and he having heard of the trouble Campbell was into at that time, turned and saw Campbell turn and leave the place immediately without saying a word.

He stated that he had told Police Officer Jonen on September 10, 1934, that he heard Campbell was in town but that he did not tell Jonen or anyone

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else that he or his wife had seen Campbell in Casper recently. He did tell Officer Jonea that he saw Campbell at Lee Hill's beer joint about a year ago. [redacted] advised that on Saturday night, September 8th, he was at the Rialto Pool Hall and overheard someone remark that Campbell had been in town or was in town, and heard Oscar Felt's name mentioned and that this is the information he gave to police Officer Jonea in confidence and which he learned had been passed on to Deputy Chief Miller. He stated that he did not tell Officer Jonea or any other party that he or his wife had seen Campbell driving a car in Casper on any occasion. He stated he did not hear anything said about where Campbell was supposed to be staying and is unable to advise the identity of the party who made the remark about Campbell at the Rialto Pool Hall. He stated positively that neither he nor his wife had seen Campbell in Casper recently.

Agents interviewed Sheriff G. O. Housley who advised that although he personally did not know Campbell even by sight that he believed he might be able to locate Campbell or apprehend him if he appears at Casper; that this belief is based on whether he is able to get information through Slick Dubois, an underworld character now on parole from the Wyoming State Penitentiary and who is a good friend of Oscar Felt of Evansville, Wyoming. He stated that he had signed the parole papers for Slick Dubois and Dubois was therefore under obligation to him and had turned in some fellows for him a short time ago. He promised to contact Dubois and make an attempt to have Dubois inform him regarding Campbell's whereabouts or to advise him if Campbell is seen by him. He stated he would offer Dubois a small sum of money in consideration for any information of material value, which Agent advised Sheriff Housley was proper to do in this case. Sheriff Housley will notify the Denver Division Office in the event he is successful in obtaining any information of value.

Agents interviewed Fred Souczek, 457 Divine Avenue, Souczek being the father-in-law of Clell Campbell, brother of Subject Harry Campbell. Souczek has been employed by the Standard Oil Co. for the past thirty-two years and bears a splendid reputation in the community. He stated he had not seen Harry Campbell for ten or twelve years and that his daughter, Henrietta, and her husband had gone to Compton, California, from Casper in 1930; that Clell Campbell had lost his home in Casper through drinking and had caused him, Mr. Souczek, to pay several thousand dollars in supporting his family; that he only hears occasionally from his daughter and she never mentions the names of her husband, Clell Campbell, or Harry Campbell.

Mrs. Layta Campbell, daughter of Fred Souczek, who was married to an older brother of Harry Campbell who died twelve years ago, was also interviewed by Agents. It was learned that Mrs. Campbell is much interested in civic affairs in Casper and bears a very good reputation. She stated that since her husband died twelve years ago, she has lived with her father, Fred Souczek and has not seen Harry Campbell for at least eight or ten years; that she does not know his present whereabouts

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and did not know he was wanted for any crime. She advised that Clell Campbell, an older brother of Harry Campbell, had married her sister, Henrietta Souczek at Grove City, Pennsylvania in 1904; that they had lived in Casper for several years with their family while Clell worked at the oil fields at Midwest, Wyoming; that in 1930 Clell and his wife lost their home in Casper and moved to California where Henrietta Campbell is now living at 535 Compton Blvd., Compton, California. She stated that her sister never mentions Clell's name and she believes they are separated. In her correspondence with her sister the name of Harry Campbell has never been mentioned because it is felt by them that Harry was the one who started Clell to drinking and which caused him to lose his home in Casper. She advised that Campbell's family lived in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where relatives are probably still living; that a brother of Harry Campbell, by the name of Clarence, lives somewhere in Texas, address unknown. She stated that sometime ago Clell Campbell was working in Trona, California, and was suffering from cancer of the throat. She stated also that a month ago she and her father paid the railroad fare of Wilbert Campbell, age 21, and Loretta Jean Campbell, age 15, the children of Henrietta Campbell, from Compton, California, to Casper, where they were to attend school inasmuch as her sister Henrietta was unable to support them. She stated that Loretta Jean was attending Natrona County High School at Casper and Wilbert was working at various odd jobs around Casper. She advised that she had been unable to secure any information from either Loretta Jean or Wilbert regarding their father, Clell Campbell, as neither would say anything about him whatever; that Wilbert had recently left their home over a dispute about staying out late and was living at the Curtis Hotel, Casper. She advised she would attempt to secure from them any information regarding the whereabouts of their father, Clell Campbell, and also question them in a round-about manner as to whether they had heard anything regarding their uncle, Harry Campbell. Mrs. Campbell and her father, Fred Souczek, promised to cooperate with this office and advise if they secure any information regarding Harry Campbell.

Agent interviewed Mr. Verne W. Mokler, Postmaster. He advised that he knew of Harry Kauble and believed him to be a fairly decent fellow, although he drank considerable and had separated from his wife and was living at Evansville, Wyoming, with Oscar Felt at the present time. He was requested to place a mail cover on the mail of Wilbert Campbell, Curtis Hotel, Casper, and A. C. Stecher, Box 426, Casper, which he agreed to do.

The confidential informant of Police Officer Jonen mentioned in previous reports was interviewed by Agents Cruise and the writer. He advised that he did not yet know the whereabouts of W. Elmer Meade and would not undertake to locate him or turn him in unless several thousand dollars reward was paid for the information by the government. He later advised that he might furnish the information to this Office when he obtains same just to show that his information is reliable. He advised that he did not know Harry Campbell and had not heard that Campbell had been to Casper recently. This informant is an underworld character and seems only in-

terested in obtaining large rewards. He is not interested in any small rewards less than a thousand dollars. b7c b7d

Police Officer Joseph P. Jonen was reinterviewed and promised to give all assistance possible to locating Harry Campbell. He maintained that [redacted] had said that he had seen Harry Campbell in Casper on September 7th and 8th and could not understand why he [redacted] went back on his statement.

On the night of September 14, 1934, [redacted] the confidential informant of Officer Jonen, contacted Agent B. P. Cruise at his hotel room in Casper and advised that he had just had a talk with Dorothy Flournoy, a well known prostitute at Casper [redacted] and Dorothy Flournoy told him that Oscar Felt had been to see her earlier in the day and informed her that Police Captain Miller of Casper had personally contacted him, Felt, to tell him that Federal agents were in the city watching him and looking for Harry Campbell. [redacted] also advised that he had learned that Captain Miller is a personal friend of Harry Campbell's. [redacted] also advised that he is going to make it his personal business to learn when Campbell returns to Casper and he promised to immediately notify the Denver Office. He also advised that W. Elmer Meade was in Kansas City in August, 1934, but was traveling at the present time.

Under date of September 19, 1934, a letter was received from Police Officer Jonen in which he advises that [redacted] had talked to two parties who saw Campbell in Casper a week before Jonen got the tip. He also advised that Oscar Felt has his wife's people living somewhere in Montana which might be a good hideout for Campbell; also, that Oscar Felt's friend, A.C. Stecher has one of Captain Miller's friends rooming with him, and it was rumored that the tip off to Campbell came through him. He also advises that Special Agent George Stine of the C. B. & Q. Railroad thinks he can take Henry Cowd, a relative of Campbell's, inform him when Campbell returns to Casper. He, Jonen, promised to keep the Denver Office advised immediately of all developments regarding Harry Campbell.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DENVER OFFICE: At Casper, Wyoming, will keep in touch with informants there and vicinity relative to securing information of Campbell's whereabouts. Will interview George Stine, C. B. & Q. Railroad Special Agent, for information regarding Campbell. Will contact Police Officer Joseph P. Jonen and his informants.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE: At Compton, California, will make suitable investigation at 535 Compton Blvd., the home of Henrietta Campbell, wife of Clell Campbell, the brother of Subject Harry Campbell, relative to securing information regarding their whereabouts of Subject Campbell.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE: At Tulsa, Oklahoma, if the same has not already been done, will make appropriate investigation relative to ascertaining the location of relatives of Harry Campbell reported to be living there for the purpose of locating Harry Campbell.

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

(Name and address of Contributor)

Date September 24, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which
fingerprints have been mailed to the Bureau of Investiga-
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Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
[REDACTED]	LAWRENCE De VOL, with aliases: LAWRENCE DUVALL, RAY CLAYTON, LAURENCE DeVOL, CLYDE JOHNSON, HARRY JOHNSON, RAY CLAYTON, LEONARD BARTON, LAWRENCE DeVOL, LAWRENCE DeVOL, LARRY O'KEEFE, LARRY O'KEEFE, W. E. HARRISS, JAMES B. HENDERSON, LEONARD E. CARSON, LAURENCE DAVALT, LEONARD CARSON, LAWRENCE DeVALT, L. BARTON, LEONARD BARTON, L. M. BARTON, LAWRENCE M. BARTON, LAWRENCE BAKER.	[REDACTED]
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Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge.
(Official Title)

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Laboratory Report

September 21, 1934

Case: Alvin Karpis with aliases et al
Edward G. Bremer - Victim, Kidnapping

Number:

Specimens: One Thompson Sub-machine gun, Model 1921, number mutilated.
100 round fully loaded machine gun drum.
One .32 Colt Automatic, number 459861 with extra loaded clip.
One .45 Colt Automatic, Government Model, number C151733.
Two extra loaded clips.
One .45 Colt Automatic, Government Model, number C162757.
Two extra loaded clips.

Examination requested by: Detroit Division Office

Date received: September 20, 1934

Examination requested: Ballistic and Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Wiard

The Thompson Sub-machine gun, Model 1921 involved in this case was found to possess the serial number 198.

The other arms possessed their proper serial numbers. Test shots were fired through them, and they are being retained in the Laboratory.

All of the above arms are also being retained in the Laboratory until further instructions.

A report on the fingerprints will be submitted separately.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases et al
Edward G. Bremer - Victim, Kidnapping

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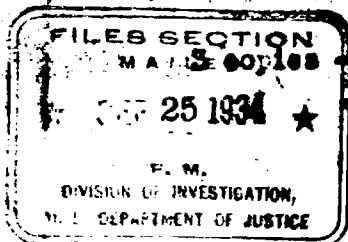
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division September 20, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Kansas City Division office
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Date 9-25-34

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



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R. B. Nathan
Special Agent in Charge
(Official Title)

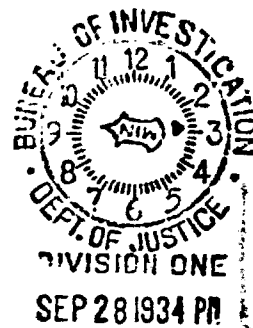
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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box #1156,
Omaha, Nebraska.
September 25, 1934.



Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.,
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. Omaha File #7-4

With reference to the above matter, please be advised that all Agents of the Omaha Office have been fully instructed relative to this case, to make inquiry in whatever locality they may operate relative to the various Subjects involved in this case, as well as to keep in mind the locality described by the Victim wherein he had been held captive. Photographs of the various Subjects are being carried by each Agent of the office and they are instructed to make inquiry and show such photographs wherever there is a possibility of obtaining leads.

In connection with this matter, while at Sioux City, Iowa, recently I had a talk with one Lowell, a Special Agent for the Illinois Central Railway, with headquarters at Dubuque, Iowa. Mr. Lowell is in charge of the Illinois Central Lines from Dubuque west, including Sioux City, Iowa, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota. I learned from Lowell that he was a very close friend of Bob Kennedy, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and that Bob Kennedy will disclose any and all information in his possession to him. Lowell stated that it was Kennedy who was responsible for the bringing of Verne Miller's body to South Dakota for burial and Kennedy is very much interested in learning the identity of the person, or persons, responsible for the killing of Verne Miller. This information he, Kennedy, undoubtedly desires for the purpose of putting those responsible for the killing of Miller on the spot. Lowell also informs me that Kennedy desires very much to have a talk with Vivian Mathews before she is released.

It is my opinion that through the assistance of Lowell, more complete information as to the Karpis-Barker Gang can be obtained, and Lowell has offered to intercede in my behalf in talking with Kennedy. While Kennedy has, in the past, talked freely to me, if believed advisable by the Division, some arrangement could be made whereby Lowell could be at Sioux Falls some time in the near future, at a time when I may be permitted to proceed there for the purpose of talking with Kennedy.

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With reference to the interview desired by Kennedy with Vivian Mathews, I believe such an interview would be advisable. However, I leave this matter up to the Division to decide. If it is granted, some arrangement should be made whereby the conversation between the two could be fully recorded.

Very truly yours,



WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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October 3, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Omaha, Nebraska.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.
#1232, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim, KIDNAPING.

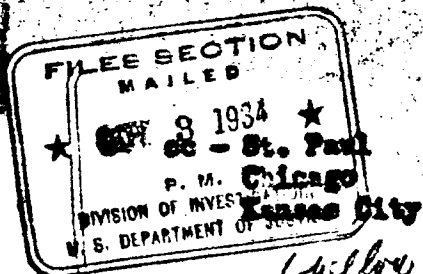
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 25, 1934, in the above entitled case, wherein you suggest the possibility of obtaining information from one Bob Kennedy of Sioux Falls, South Dakota through an arrangement to be made with one Lowell, a Special Agent for the Illinois Central Railroad with headquarters at Dubuque, Iowa.

You are authorized to proceed to Sioux Falls, South Dakota for the purpose of conducting the interview with Kennedy in accordance with your suggestion, with a view to learning the identity of the person or persons responsible for the killing of subject Vernon C. Miller, and any other information of value to this Division. It will not be possible, however, to arrange for an interview between Kennedy and Vivian Mathews inasmuch as the latter has already been released from the Federal Jail at Milan, Michigan.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



P. O. Box 818,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

September 24, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 1156,
Omaha, Nebraska.

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.

In accordance with the request contained in
your letter dated September 22, 1934, there are forwarded, herewith,
three photographs of HARRY "DUTCH" SANZEN for your use in conducting
investigations in the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

September 25, 1934.

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Ave., at 9th St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I. O. # 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, I. O. #1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. # 1213, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;
KIDNAPING

There is being attached hereto two copies of a signed sworn statement made to Special Agent J. L. Madala by James J. Wilson in connection with the above entitled case.

There is also being enclosed herewith two copies of a sworn statement also made by James J. Wilson to Special Agent J. L. Madala which relates to his knowledge of the fingerprint operations performed on the Subjects of this case by Dr. Joseph P. Moran, during the early part of 1934.

There is also being attached hereto two copies of the first statement of James J. Wilson with copies of this letter to the St. Paul Division Office and it is respectfully suggested that that Office consider the advisability of issuing a subpoena immediately for James J. Wilson for his appearance before a Grand Jury in St. Paul in connection with this case for the purpose of placing his testimony on record.

Very truly yours,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. COWLEY
Inspector

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I, JAMES J. WILSON, make the following sworn, signed statement to John L. Madala whom I know to be a Special Agent of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. I am making this statement of my own free will and accord and desire to state that I have not been intimidated or offered any promises whatsoever for making same.

I was born in Spring Valley, Illinois on November 8, 1907. My father's name is James M. Wilson, who is by occupation, a mining engineer. He resides in Spring Valley, Illinois with my mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, and my sister, Elizabeth Wilson. I was graduated from the Spring Valley, Illinois High School in 1927 and obtained employment at the Western Clock Company, LaSalle, Illinois, in 1927, where I was employed until 1931 as a chemist. I was married to Lucille Lindemeyer of Peru, Illinois in 1930. Mrs. Wilson and I moved to Chicago, Illinois during the latter part of 1931. We first lived with her aunt, Mrs. Paschell, on the west side of Chicago. I became separated from my wife during the latter part of 1931. I then resided for approximately two months at my uncle's house, James Barrowman, 5655 Cidding Street, Chicago, Illinois. It was while residing with my uncle, James Barrowman, that I first met Dr. Joseph P. Moran in Chicago. Dr. Moran's brother married my mother's sister. I met Dr. Moran on this occasion at a party at which time I explained to him that I wished to study medicine and that I had no employment at the time. Dr. Moran suggested that I come to live with him and assist him in his office. This was either in February or March of 1932. I moved to Dr. Moran's room at the Westlake Hotel in Maywood, Illinois. Dr. Moran's office was then located in the Teamsters and Chauffeurs Union Building on Main Street, Maywood, Illinois. Dr. Moran had a very good practice and represented in his professional capacity, members of the before mentioned union.

Mr. James Farmer was secretary of the union at that time and Thomas (Father Tom) McFadden was business agent for this union. Miss Elizabeth Tracey was Dr. Moran's fiancée and is a niece of McFadden.

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I resided with Dr. Moran in Maywood, Illinois and assisted him in his office until July, 1933, when through some disagreement with Farmer, Dr. Moran left Maywood. I noted while at Maywood that several well-known Chicago hoodlums frequented the Teamsters and Chauffeurs Union Building and Dr. Moran's office.

On or about July, 1933, Dr. Moran left Maywood, Illinois and opened an office at 4861 Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois and we obtained a room at the Irving Hotel, 4849 Irving Park Boulevard, which is adjacent to the building in which Dr. Moran's office is located.

I have been shown photographs of Russell Gibson, alias Slim Gray and Oliver A. Berg, and I positively identify these two men as being individuals known to me as Slim Evans and "Ollie" Berg. I first met these two men during the early part of 1933 in the office of Dr. Moran when he was in Maywood, Illinois. I was not introduced to these individuals by Dr. Moran at this time and, therefore, did not know their last names but I often heard Dr. Moran refer to them as Slim and Ollie. The purpose of their visits to Moran's office in Maywood, Illinois was merely friendly as neither Slim nor Ollie, to my recollection, received any treatments from Dr. Moran at that time.

I wish to state at this point that it is my opinion that Ollie brought Slim to Dr. Moran's office the first time as Oliver Berg and Dr. Moran had previously known each other while they both were incarcerated in the penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois.

After Dr. Moran moved his office to 4861 Irving Park Boulevard, Slim and Ollie continued to visit him. On one of the occasions at this time I was introduced to them as Slim Evans and Ollie Berg. I also heard Slim referred to as Ray Gray on one occasion, but to my recollection I never heard Oliver Berg referred to as "Izzy" or by any other name.

In the latter part of February or the early part of March, 1934, Dr. Moran began treating Slim Evans for syphilis and continued such treatments up until April 27, 1934, at which time Dr. Moran closed his office.

I recall reading the publicity concerning the Bremer kidnaping during the latter part of January and early part of February and I desire to state that to the best of my recollection Slim frequented Dr. Moran's office during this period on several occasions and was usually always accompanied by Ollie Berg. I did not know where Slim Evans was living in Chicago at that time until he began taking treatments for syphilis, during which time he was living at 626 Waveland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

I have been shown a photograph of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin and I identify same as the likeness of a man known to me as "Boss" and whom I positively know is identical with "Boss" McLaughlin, whose name will be frequently hereinafter stated. He first came to Dr. Moran's office during the fall of 1933 for treatments for diabetes in his leg, and I believe that he was referred to Dr. Moran by Eddie McFadden or possibly some other member of the Touhy gang, although I have no definite information along this line. I do not believe that "Boss" McLaughlin was acquainted with "Slim" Evans or Ollie Berg around this time, and to the best of my recollection McLaughlin was first introduced to these persons by Dr. Moran around the middle of April, 1934.

To the best of my knowledge the first time I ever saw "Boss" McLaughlin in company with "Slim" Evans and Ollie Berg was on or about April 10, 1934, at which time around 9:30 P. M. I went to Room 210 at the Irving Hotel, and upon entering same, I observed "Boss" McLaughlin, "Slim" Evans and Ollie Berg sitting in the room, waiting for Dr. Moran, who was shaving in the bathroom. I do not recall any conversations which were had at that time nor do I know what occasion prompted their visit there. However, it appeared that they had been there for some time, as Dr. Moran had not been in his office all that evening and further I observed when entering the room several beer bottles lying about.

A few days later, that is, on or about April 14, 1934, I telephoned the Irving Hotel from Dr. Moran's office but received no answer from Room 210. I wish to state at this point that around this time Dr. Moran had been on a continued drunken "apree", and when I received no response from his room, I naturally thought that he was in bed in a drunken condition, and in this connection I proceeded to the hotel and asked the bellboy where I could find the doctor. He informed me that Dr. Moran was in Room 211, as he had just taken some beer up there. I went to Room 211 and knocked on the door, whereupon Dr. Moran inquired from within who it was and I told him. He then opened the door a few inches and I stood in the doorway and delivered to him a message from the Martha Washington Hospital, with reference to one of his patients. I observed that Dr. Moran had a bottle of beer in his hand and was partially intoxicated. From the open door I could see into the room and noticed "Boss" McLaughlin, Ollie Berg and "Slim" Evans bending over the bed on which was spread a large quantity of money. I had never seen so much money at one time and I do not know the amount, but it must have been several thousands of dollars. As I recall, "Boss" McLaughlin was in the center and "Slim" Evans and Ollie Berg were on either side of him.

When Dr. Moran opened the door, "Boss" McLaughlin shouted out from within, "Close that door, close that door". Naturally this further attracted my attention and upon looking into the room I noticed on the dresser a regular sized brief case, on top of which was a newspaper which appeared to be in such condition that it possibly could have been used as a wrapper. I had not seen a brief case in this room previous to this time. I noticed that "Boss" McLaughlin was counting this money which I saw on the bed and that Ollie Berg and "Slim" Evans were watching him. I also heard Ollie Berg make the remark to "Boss" McLaughlin, "How much more do you want".

With reference to the telephone call I had received, as above mentioned, Dr. Moran advised me to take care of it and with that statement he closed the door abruptly, whereupon I returned to the office.

Either the next day or the day following I asked Dr. Moran what was going on, as my suspicions were aroused at this time, after seeing all that money on the bed in Dr. Moran's room two days previous. I wish to state that Dr. Moran was drunk at this time and answered my query by saying, "Never mind, don't ask any questions, I have a deal on and I'm going to see that you go to school". I did not question him any further at this time.

A few days later, that is, on or about April 20, 1934, Dr. Moran left his office at approximately 8:00 P. M. and went to the hotel to change clothes. At about 9:15 P. M. I received a telephone call from Ollie Berg, who stated that he was at the Irving Hotel and asked at this time if I would come over to have some beer. He called twice in this connection, and about 9:45 P. M. I closed Dr. Moran's office and went to his room in the hotel, and upon entering I observed Ollie Berg in the room alone. I presumed that Dr. Moran was out at this time as I did not see him about. Ollie and I had a few bottles of beer and about 10:00 P. M. "Boss" McLaughlin came into the room unaccompanied. After an exchange of greetings, I noticed Ollie hand "Boss" McLaughlin a package wrapped in newspaper and heard him remark, "Don't bother about counting it, it's all there". This package, to my recollection, was approximately 12 inches long, about 4 or 5 inches wide and about 4 inches high. After "Boss" McLaughlin received this package, Ollie walked to the door with him, but in view of the distance between them and me, I could not hear any conversation that was had between them. When McLaughlin left, I did not question Ollie as to what business he had with "Boss", as Dr. Moran had previously told me not to

ask any questions in this connection. However, at that time I formed my own convictions as to what was going on and suspected that "hot" money was being exchanged or sold, as I had knowledge of "Boss" McLaughlin's previous criminal activities along this line. I also wish to state that I had no intimation that the above referred to money was Bremer ransom money until I read about it in the newspapers at the time "Boss" McLaughlin was taken into custody by the Government.

During the week of April 22, 1934, "Boss" McLaughlin called Dr. Moran's office daily and asked for him. When Dr. Moran was not in, I informed him that he was undoubtedly at the hotel, and I recall that several times I furnished "Boss" McLaughlin with the telephone number of the Irving Hotel, as he apparently never made any record of it. I do not know why McLaughlin called Moran on these occasions.

On or about April 22, 1934, "Slim" came to Doc Moran's office and asked if I wanted to take a ride with him. I informed him that I had only an hour for lunch but he stated in this connection that we would be back soon. I agreed to go and he and I drove to Aurora, Illinois in his Ford coupe. "Slim" Evans did not tell me at this time why he was going to Aurora or whom he was going to contact or see there, and I presumed he wanted to see his sister and mother as I knew previously that they were living there at that time.

Upon arriving in Aurora, Illinois, we proceeded to a home which is described as a two-story frame house, white in color, the address of which I do not know, and upon entering this house, I met a man by the name of "Bill". I was not introduced to him at this time but I heard "Slim" refer to him by that name. I have been shown a photograph of William Weaver and I positively identify it as a likeness of the man above referred to as "Bill".

"Slim" Evans and I had a few drinks of wine with Bill, after which I observed Bill and "Slim" go into a room off the living room and remain there for about ten minutes behind closed doors. During this time I remained in the living room alone, and although I did not see any other person there, I heard someone moving about in the kitchen, apparently washing dishes.

After "Slim" returned to the living room, he said, "Let's go", and we both left. I did not observe at this time any package or brief case in "Slim's" possession, either prior to or after we were at Bill's house.

About two or three days later, which I judge to be on or about April 25, 1934, "Slim" Evans and I again drove to Aurora, Illinois, and stopped at the house we had previously visited two days before. "Slim" endeavored to enter the house but no one appeared to be at home as he received no response to his knocks on the door.

He then drove to another place, which appeared to be a rooming house, the address of which I do not know, and there "Slim" made inquiry in my presence of a man known to me as "Curly" concerning whether anyone was at home at the other apartment which we had just left.

I have been shown a photograph of Volney Davis, and I positively identify same as the man known to me as "Curly".

I do not recall what "Curly" told "Slim" at this time but immediately after this, "Curly", "Slim" and I drove away. As I recall, "Slim" and I drove in his Ford coupe and "Curly" followed us in a 1929 or 1930 model light buick sedan, black in color, with wooden spokes in the wheels. We drove to a nearby point, the location of which I do not recall, and there observed Bill sitting in a 1933 Chevrolet coupe which I believe was black in color. Bill was alone at this time, and upon observing "Slim", "Curly" and I, he drove on ahead and "Slim" and I followed him to the place we had previously visited. "Curly" did not follow us to Bill's house at this time and I do not know where he went.

Upon arriving at the above mentioned place, we entered the house and at this time I observed two men in the rooms, to whom I was subsequently introduced as Morley and George. I have been shown by Agent Madala photographs of Arthur R. Barker, alias "Doc" Barker, and Harry Campbell, and I identify them as the two men known to me as Morley and George, respectively.

While at Bill's house, Bill poured out a few drinks for us, after which he and "Slim" went into a separate room and closed the door, leaving me alone in the living room. "Doc" Barker and Harry Campbell went into a room adjoining the one which "Slim" and Bill entered, and I do not know whether these rooms were connected in any way, nor do I know positively whether the above mentioned four men were together in either of these rooms.

Bill and "Slim" remained in this closed room for about fifteen minutes, after which time I observed "Slim" come out of same carrying a package wrapped in newspaper, which was approximately the same size as the one I have previously described. As we were leaving the house, after "Slim" had transacted his business, Arthur Barker and Harry Campbell came out of the room which they had previously entered, and to my recollection no word was exchanged between them and "Slim" at that time.

I desire to state that while at Bill's home, I had occasion to go into the kitchen of his apartment and observed a woman there, who was introduced to me by Bill as his wife. I have been shown a photograph of Myrtle Eaton and identify same as of the woman above referred to.

When we, that is, "Slim" and I, entered "Slim's" Ford coupe, I observed him put the package above mentioned into a small compartment on the right side of the dashboard of the car. "Slim" made no remark concerning this package, and I did not question him about it.

Upon arriving in Chicago, "Slim" drove directly to the Irving Hotel, at which place I alighted from the car to go into the restaurant which is located in the same building as the hotel. As I left the car, I observed "Boss" McLaughlin standing beside an automobile which was parked at the curb a few cars back of "Slim's" car. I also observed at this time another man, sitting at the driver's seat of this car, but I am unable to identify him for the reason that I did not get a good look at him at that time. I exchanged greetings with McLaughlin and entered the restaurant, and at this time I heard "Slim" blowing his horn, presumably to attract the attention of McLaughlin, although I am not positive as I did not look around. In view of this, I cannot state whether McLaughlin and "Slim" had a meeting there at this time. I came out of the restaurant a few minutes later and both "Slim" and McLaughlin were gone, and this was the last time I saw McLaughlin or heard anything about him until I read of his arrest in the newspaper.

On April 27, 1934, when the first accounts came out in the newspapers concerning McLaughlin's arrest, "Slim" came to the office of Dr. Moran at about 4:00 P. M. and asked for him. Dr. Moran was at the hotel at that time in a very drunken condition. I informed "Slim" that he probably could find Moran at the hotel, and I suppose he went over there, as a few minutes later "Slim" telephoned me from the hotel and told me to come over there and have a few beers with him, which I did.

When I arrived at the hotel, "Slim" was in the company of a girl in Room 234, which we had rented for a few days for parties. We had a few drinks and then "Slim" left and I sent this girl home in a cab, after which I went to room 210 and found Dr. Moran sitting in a chair drinking. I also observed "Slim" there at this time. However, he remained only a short while, and after he left, "Doc" Moran made the remark that this was the "blow-off", and that he was getting out. While in this room I noticed headlines appearing in the local newspapers reflecting "Boss" McLaughlin's arrest in connection with the changing of Bremer ransom money in Chicago, and I immediately formed my own opinion as to what had happened, although "Doc" Moran and I did not discuss the matter.

I helped "Doc" Moran get dressed, after which I drove him to the home of Ollie Berg, who was living at 5249 North Winthrop Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, going there at the request of Dr. Moran. Ollie was at home upon our arrival, and he helped me at this time to take care of Moran, who was still very drunk, and the next morning when Dr. Moran sobered up, the three of us, that is, Ollie Berg, Dr. Moran and myself talked about getting out of town in view of previous happenings and in this connection Dr. Moran suggested that I go to Toledo, Ohio, as I had previously mentioned to him that I had an aunt there and also that I might find refuge at the home of one "Shorty" as I had been there previously. I agreed to go to Toledo, and upon leaving, Dr. Moran indicated that he would see me there in a few days. Ollie Berg concurred in the opinion of Dr. Moran that I go to Toledo at this time.

I left Chicago, Illinois on the afternoon of April 28, 1934, by bus and upon leaving, Dr. Moran gave me approximately \$30.00.

I arrived in Toledo, Ohio late that night, and went immediately to the Casino Club, which is owned and operated by Ted Angus, whom I had previously met through "Shorty". I contacted Ted Angus and asked him where I could locate "Shorty", and he told me that he was in town but he would not state where he was living at that time. Due to the lateness of my arrival in Toledo, I remained at the Casino Club over night, sleeping in a small room located in the rear of the place, and on the following morning I walked to "Shorty's" house on Point Place outside of Toledo, Ohio, and there met Shorty and his wife, Paula, whom I had previously met also.

I have been shown photographs of Fred Barker and Paula Harmon and I positively identify them as the persons above referred to as "Shorty" and Paula. I also wish to state that I had learned the true identity of "Shorty" as Fred Barker, during the time photographs of various public enemies appeared in the Toledo, Ohio newspapers during the middle of June, 1934.

I wish to state at this point that I first met Fred Barker, who was then introduced to me as "Shorty" sometime during March, 1934, at which time he and a man known to me as "Slim", subsequently recognized as being identical with Alvin Karpis, whose photograph also appeared in a Toledo newspaper at the time I observed Fred Barker's photograph, had their fingers operated on for the purpose of obliterating the impressions thereon. These operations took place in Room 234 of the Irving Hotel by Dr. Moran. On one occasion after such operations, Dr. Moran requested me to drive Fred Barker to Toledo, Ohio, as Fred's fingers were incapacitated as a result of which he could not drive.

I drove Fred to Toledo in his Buick coupe, and upon arriving there, he directed me to the Casino Club, where we had something to eat, after which he directed me to his home at Point Place, the address of which I do not know, but it is located approximately six or eight blocks from the Casino Club. It was at this time I first met his wife, Paula, whom I had previously identified as Paula Harmon.

I lived with "Slim" and Paula for one week or ten days, and during this time I met a girl named Dolores, whom I was told was Alvin Karpis' wife. I also met at this place for the first time George and Morley, whom I have previously identified as Harry Campbell and Arthur "Doc" Barker. While in Toledo, during this period, I frequently went to the Casino Club with "Doc" and Fred Barker, as it was only a short distance from Freddie's home.

Referring to my arrival in Toledo on April 28, 1934, I remarked to Freddie when I saw him at that time that "Boss" McLaughlin had been arrested by the Government in connection with changing of Bremer ransom money in Chicago, and that "Doc" Moran had moved out of the hotel and was expected to be in Toledo in the next few days. Fred Barker appeared to be in a nervous state but to my recollection he made no comment in this connection.

I stayed at Fred Barker's house over night that night and then moved to Harry Campbell's home, which was nearby. It was at this time that I first met his wife, Wynona, who also is known to me as Mrs. George Winfield.

About three or four days after my arrival in Toledo, and while I was staying at George's house, Dr. Moran and "Slim" Evans visited there, and at this time Dr. Moran stated he had just arrived from Chicago. I believe this was the first time that Dr. Moran had met Harry Campbell and his wife, Wynona, although I am not positive.

They remained there for only a short while, after which Dr. Moran, "Slim" Evans and I went to the Ft. Meig's Hotel in Toledo, and Moran registered there for me under the name of James Harrowman, and I believe he registered under the name of James Hammond. I do not know what name was used by "Slim" Evans at this time. We lived at this hotel for about a week or ten days, and to my recollection no one visited us there. However, we made frequent trips to the Casino Club as well as to Harry Campbell's home during this period. Several days after we had checked into the Ft. Meig's Hotel, Ollie Berg came to Toledo alone, and he also registered at this hotel under a name I do not recall. He nearly always accompanied us to the Casino Club and to the home of Harry Campbell during the period above mentioned.

I wish to state that while we were living at the Ft. Meig's Hotel, Dr. Moran and "Slim" Evans made frequent trips to Chicago, Illinois for the purpose, I believe, of Dr. Moran seeing his fiancée, Betty Tracey, who was living on the Northwest side of Chicago at that time.

About the middle of May, 1934, all of us checked out of the Ft. Meig's Hotel, and I believe Dr. Moran, Ollie Berg, "Slim" Evans and his wife, Clara, obtained an apartment at 1765 or 1825 Collingwood Avenue under a name I am unable to recall. At this time I went to live at the home of Harry Campbell at Harry's invitation. I lived there approximately six weeks, during which time Harry's wife, Wynona, had to be operated upon for female trouble, and in this connection was confined to the St. Vincent Hospital in Toledo for about five or six days.

About a week after Wynona was released from the St. Vincent Hospital, I rented an apartment at the Jarvis Apartments at the suggestion of Arthur "Doc" Barker, who also gave me the money for the rental. I registered at this place under the name of Ed Orley, which was the alias

of "Doc" Barker, and the apartment was merely for the purpose of taking girls there. No clothes or any other thing was moved into the apartment and I stayed over night there on only a few occasions. Dr. Moran also lived there on one or two occasions, and as I recall, when he departed, he left a suit coat behind, which as far as I know, is still there. "Doc" Barker never stayed at this place over night, but he frequently came there in company with a girl. He had this apartment for only two weeks and then gave it up. I still had all of my clothes at the home of Harry Campbell at this time.

On or about July 8, 1934, Wynona returned to the St. Vincent Hospital for another operation. While she was confined there, Harry Campbell went to a cottage on Lake Erie, the location of which I do not know, and while he was away, I lived at his house in Toledo alone.

On or about July 20, 1934, Harry Campbell, "Doc" Barker and I drove to the St. Vincent Hospital to get Wynona, who was to be discharged from that institution on that day.

After we left the hospital, the four of us went to the Casino Club and had some beer. We remained there for a short while, and upon leaving, Harry Campbell, Wynona and "Doc" Barker drove to the cottage on the lake heretofore mentioned, and this was the last time I saw Harry and Wynona. I continued to live at their place, however, for a few days afterwards, and then I moved in with a man known to me as Charley Becker, who was employed as a bartender by Ted Angus at the Casino Club. He lived immediately next door to the club. During the period from the time Harry and Wynona left for the lake and the time I moved in with Charley Becker, I frequently saw "Doc" Barker at the Casino Club, at which place I visited almost constantly.

I wish to state at this time that while Ollie Berg, Dr. Moran and "Slim" Evans had their apartment on Collingwood Avenue, which I judge was around the middle of June, 1934, I distinctly recall that Ollie and I helped move certain things from the home of Harry Campbell to the apartment at the Jarvis Apartments, which at that time was occupied by Alvin Karpis and his wife, Dolores. Among other articles, we moved three suitcases which I had previously observed in a closet at the home of Harry Campbell. In this connection I wish to state that at the time I had occasion to see these suitcases in the above mentioned closet, I also saw a machine gun which was lying horizontally on one of the shelves therein.

My observation of these articles was merely accidental, as I happened to glance into the closet during the time some of the boys were in there. In view of the fact that I had observed this machine gun, I naturally surmised that these bags contained other firearms or ammunition, and at that time gained the impression that same belonged to "Doc" Barker and Volney Davis, as we were moving the effects of these two men to the Jarvis Apartments at that time. This impression was confirmed by the fact that they were always kept under lock and key in the closet of the home of Harry Campbell. In moving this equipment, I believe Ollie Berg carried the suitcases in question from the home of Harry Campbell to the car, as I heard him complain on one occasion during the process of moving that he had to do all the work. At this time neither "Doc" Barker nor Volney Davis was able to do any carrying whatsoever, due to the effects of the operations on their fingers.

I also wish to state that while in Toledo, Ohio, I saw on several occasions at the Casino Club a girl known to me as "Rabbits", whose correct name, I believe, is Edna Murray. This woman lived with Volney Davis, and as I recall, I met Edna for the first time in Aurora, Illinois, during the week of April 22, 1934, when "Glim" Evans and I stopped at the home of Volney Davis for a brief call, at which time I was introduced to her by Volney Davis as his wife. I have been shown a photograph of Edna Murray, and I positively identify her as the woman I have referred to. On one occasion I took her for a ride in "Doc" Barker's Chevrolet sedan, and proceeded to Detroit, Michigan, at which place she mailed a letter, the name of the addressee and its destination I do not know. During this trip she told me confidentially that she was an escape from some penal institution, the name of which she did not state. She also indicated to me at this time that she had a child but did not state its whereabouts. I have seen Edna Murray on several occasions while living in Toledo, usually at the Casino Club, but at no time visited her or Volney at their home while in Toledo.

I also met in Toledo, Ohio a man named Willie Harrison, who was more or less a clown among the gang. I do not know what connection he had with this outfit nor do I know where he was from or anything else concerning him except that he is of Scotch ancestry.

On or about August 1, 1934, while I was at the Casino Club, "Doc" Barker came in and told me that he had been in Detroit, Michigan, and there saw Dr. Moran at a cabaret; that he, Barker, asked Moran how he was getting along and Moran answered, "Fine", whereupon he asked Barker how I was getting along. According to "Doc" Barker, he informed Dr. Moran

that I was broke at that time. Upon hearing this, "Doc" Moran told Barker to inform me to go to Chicago, Illinois, see Betty Tracey and get from her \$300.00. Betty Tracey, as I have heretofore stated, is the fiancée of Dr. Moran. In this connection I wish to state that Dr. Moran always turned over to Miss Tracey all of the money he was able to save while he was practicing medicine in order that she might keep it as they had contemplated getting married at some later date.

With further reference to this meeting between Dr. Moran and Arthur Barker, Barker advised me on this occasion that when he saw Moran at the cabaret he, Barker, was accompanied by two Italians; that when Moran saw them he made the remark, "Who are these two 'guins' (Italians) - it's bad enough to have one side looking for you besides two". At this remark "Doc" Barker told Moran that these fellows could do him more good than harm. According to "Doc" Barker, Moran also indicated to him at that time that the girl who was with him then had two railway tickets in her purse and made the remark, "Don't think I'm going to tell you where I'm going".

After this conversation I indicated to "Doc" Barker that I would go to Chicago, Illinois to get this money from Betty Tracey, and in this connection "Doc" Barker advised that he was driving to Chicago on the next day to see his father, who needed medical attention, and that if I so desired, I could ride with him. I agreed to do so, and on the following day he picked me up at the Casino Club in Toledo, and we drove to Chicago, Illinois. On this trip Barker described the girl whom he had seen in company with Dr. Moran in Detroit two days previously, and I at first was of the belief that this girl was possibly Betty Tracey, as Barker described certain jewelry and other effects in possession of this girl which I knew Betty also possessed.

Upon arriving in Chicago, Illinois, "Doc" Barker drove me direct to 5248 North Winthrop Avenue, the home of Ollie Berg. Upon entering this house, we met Ollie, who had a room on the first floor. After an exchange of greetings, Ollie called in his sister, Mrs. Kuhn, who was manager of the building, and he told her to prepare a room for me, indicating that I was staying for a few days. Mrs. Kuhn then directed me to the third floor and showed me to my room. I remained here for only a few minutes, unpacking my bags, and when I returned to Ollie's room, I observed that "Doc" Barker had gone. At this time I inquired of Ollie where "Doc" was, and he stated that he drove away and probably would be back in two or three days. However, "Doc" never returned and this was the last time I saw him.

About four or five days later after I had arrived at 5248 North Winthrop, "Slim" Evans came there alone and visited with Ollie. I observed him in Ollie's room when I came down from mine, and upon seeing him, I inquired how he was getting along. He stated that he was trying to make a "buck", and that he was then traveling by street car and the Elevated and he mentioned that he had lost his car. In this connection I wish to state that Ollie had previously told me that the Government had confiscated his Ford automobile. "Slim" remained at 5248 North Winthrop Avenue for only about fifteen minutes and then left, indicating that he was going to downtown Chicago and this was the last time I have ever seen him.

About two or three days later I left 5248 North Winthrop Avenue and went to live with my wife, Lucille, at 33 North LaVergne Avenue, where she was living with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mattimore. Shortly after I arrived at this address, my wife told me that two Government agents had inquired of her as to my whereabouts, and at this time she pleaded with me to turn myself in and get this matter cleared up. I told her that I would do so in a short time but preferred that Dr. Moran be apprehended before I surrendered myself, as I believed that he would probably give the correct details as to the transactions relative to the Bremer ransom money which took place at the Irving Hotel during April, 1934.

I remained at 33 North LaVergne for approximately a week or ten days, and then proceeded to Spring Valley, Illinois, where I visited my mother, Mrs. James Wilson, 117 West Cleveland Street. I remained in Spring Valley for only a short time and then proceeded to Denver, Colorado, arriving there on or about August 15, 1934, and after living there for about two weeks, I called up the office of the Division of Investigation at Denver and turned myself in to Mr. Jay G. Newman, Special Agent in Charge.

I wish to state at this point that prior to my leaving Chicago, Illinois for Denver, I called on Miss Betty Tracey, Dr. Moran's fiancée, and told her at that time that I was badly in need of money, and that Dr. Moran had sent word to me through a mutual friend that she was to turn over to me \$300.00. Betty Tracey asked me whether I knew where "Doc" Moran could be located, and I informed her that the last word I had heard concerning him was that he was in Detroit, Michigan, and that at that time he had in his possession a railway ticket, was leaving there and would not tell anyone where he was going. Betty Tracey gave me a \$500.00 bill and I was supposed to return \$200.00 of this money to her, which I have not done.

I wish to state that the day previous to my visit to Betty Tracey's home I called on Ollie Berg at 5248 North Winthrop Avenue and told him that I had contacted Betty Tracey by telephone as per Dr. Moran's request, and that I was to have a meet with her the following day. I also told him at this time that Dr. Moran had sent word to me that I was to get \$300.00 from her for living purposes. I positively did not endeavor to borrow money from Ollie Berg at this time, nor did he offer me any. On the day I obtained the above mentioned money from Betty Tracey, I again proceeded to Ollie Berg's home and at that time showed him the bill which I had obtained from Miss Tracey. At this time I asked him whether he could have this \$500.00 bill exchanged into smaller denominations, and in this connection he and I proceeded to the Edgewater Smoke Shop located around the corner of 5248 North Winthrop, and through Ollie the manager of this smoke shop changed this bill for me. At this time I gave Ollie Berg \$25.00 as he was broke and I also turned over to Mrs. Kuhn \$20.00 or \$25.00 for room and board for the time I had previously lived at her home.

I desire to state that during my acquaintanceship with Ollie Berg, "Slim" Evans, "Doc" Moran and the Barker-Karpis gang, I never heard them mention at any time the Bremer kidnaping case, and I did not know that these persons were involved in that case until I formed my own convictions concerning that after reading the newspapers concerning the Bremer kidnaping.

I have read the foregoing statement, which consists of fifteen typewritten pages, and I swear that same is true in every detail and respect to the best of my knowledge.

Witness:

JAMES J. WILSON

J. L. Madala, Special Agent
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building, Chicago, Ill.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
25th day of September, 1934.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Chicago, Illinois,
September 25, 1934.

I, JAMES J. WILSON, age 26, make the following sworn, signed statement to John L. Madala, whom I know to be a Special Agent of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice. This statement covers my knowledge of the fingerprint operations which were performed on the fingers of Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Arthur "Doc" Barker, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis by Dr. Joseph P. Moran in Chicago and Toledo during the early part of 1934.

Sometime during the early part of March, 1934, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, who had his office at 4861 Irving Park Boulevard at that time, received a telephone call in his office from an unknown individual, and after he talked with this person a short while he hurriedly left the office, stating to me that he had an appointment somewhere in downtown Chicago. He did not state whom he was going to meet, nor in what connection this meeting was to be had.

Several hours later Dr. Moran returned to the Irving Hotel where he and I were living and he called me from there informing me that he was at home and that he would not be at the office that evening as he had an appointment with someone at the hotel.

On the next morning Dr. Moran advised me in connection with the above that two men were coming up to the hotel in the next few days to have some surgical work done but he did not indicate to me at this time the exact nature of the work. He also discussed with me at this time the advisability of employing one William Doney, or Downey, (phonetic spelling) to more or less take care of these men. William Doney at that time was loafing about the office of Dr. Moran as he had just been released from the penitentiary at Joliet, and in view of his previous acquaintanceship with Dr. Moran, which undoubtedly began while they were both in the above-mentioned institution, he naturally came to Dr. Moran for assistance. With further reference to William Doney, I understand that he acted in the capacity of a nurse for Dr. Moran in the hospital ward at Joliet Penitentiary during their period of confinement there.

Dr. Moran decided to employ Willie Doney in the above-mentioned connection, and, as I recall it, Dr. Moran introduced him to these two men, recommending him to them, and suggested at that

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time that they employ him during their period of incapacitation to care for them and aid them in any way possible. They apparently agreed to this as I know that Doney subsequently worked for them for the two weeks they were at the Irving Hotel.

About two days later these two men came to the Irving Hotel and met Dr. Moran there by appointment. At this time Tillie Doney came to the office and asked for Dr. Moran's instruments, indicating that Moran had sent him after them. I gathered them up, taking some from the case and others from a sterilizer, and placed them in his kit and gave same to Doney.

Later that afternoon when Dr. Moran did not put in his appearance at the office I proceeded to the Irving Hotel, and when I found that he was not in Room 210 I proceeded to Room 234, as I knew that Dr. Moran had previously rented this room for these two friends of his. I entered Room 234 and observed Dr. Moran sitting in a chair drinking and also noticed at this time two men lying in bed. Dr. Moran casually introduced them to me as "Shorty" and "Slim".

Later that day when Dr. Moran and I were alone in our room, which was No. 210, he told me that he had operated on these persons' fingers for the purpose of obliterating their fingerprint impressions, and in this connection made the further remark that he wondered who they were, as they appeared to have a lot of money on their persons. He also told me at this time, with reference to the operations, that he lacerated the flesh on the bulbs of their fingers and this process, I was made to understand, obliterated the impressions, leaving a scar.

"Slim" and "Shorty" remained in Room 234 of the Irving Hotel for about two weeks and to my knowledge they had no visitors during this period except Dr. Moran, "Slim" Evans, Ollie Berg and myself.

I have been shown photographs of Russell Gibson, with aliases, and Oliver A. Berg, and I identify them as the likenesses of the two persons above-mentioned as "Slim" Evans and Ollie Berg. I do not know whether "Slim" Evans or Oliver Berg had previously known "Slim" and "Shorty".

On one occasion around this time a man came to the office and asked for Dr. Moran and I told him that he was not in but that he might find him at the hotel. I do not know whether this man went to the Irving Hotel, as I did not see him around there later when I went home.

I have been shown a photograph of Volney Davis, and I identify same as the above-mentioned person.

After "Slim" and "Shorty" had remained at the hotel for two weeks, Dr. Moran suggested that I drive "Shorty" to Toledo, Ohio, as his fingers were still useless at that time due to the operation, and in this connection Moran gave me \$10.00 or \$15.00 for expenses. I believe that Dr. Moran at this time drove "Slim" away from the hotel but do not know where, as "Slim" was at that time unable to drive on account of the uselessness of his fingers.

About the middle of May, 1934, during the time Dr. Moran and "Slim" Evans were making frequent trips between Chicago and Toledo, I observed that on one of these trips Dr. Moran brought his surgical equipment to Toledo with him.

I recall that one evening around this time there were present in the home of George Winfield the following persons: H. Morley, Mr. and Mrs. George Winfield, "Curly" Hansen, "Slim" Evans, Dr. Moran and myself. I have been shown various photographs of the Barker-Karpis mob, and I identify Arthur "Doc" Barker as H. Morley, Volney Davis as "Curly" Hansen, and Harry Campbell as George Winfield.

On this evening Dr. Moran operated on the fingers of "Doc" Barker, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis in the presence of "Slim" Evans and myself. The same type of operation was performed on these individuals as that performed on Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis. After the operations "Slim" Evans and I helped Dr. Moran bandage these persons' fingers, and to my recollection "Doc" Barker, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis lived at the home of Harry Campbell for about ten days afterwards. During this period Dr. Moran occasionally visited them to see how their fingers were healing and on several of these occasions he renewed their bandages.

With reference to the amount of money paid to Dr. Moran for the above-mentioned operations, I wish to state that on the night

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this work was performed, I met Dr. Moran in the kitchen of Winfield's home and he informed me at that time that he received as compensation for his work in the above connection \$300.00 from each person. He counted the money in his possession at that time in my presence and I believe that the amount was approximately \$1,000.00, after which he asked if I was "broke" and if I needed any money, to which I replied that I did. He then gave me \$100.00.

I wish to advise that I have never known Dr. Moran to have performed similar operations before this time, although he might have done so without my knowledge.

I have read the foregoing statement, which consists of four pages, and swear the same is true in every detail and respect to the best of my knowledge.

WITNES:

JOHN L. MADALA, Special Agent,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
at _____ this _____
day of _____, 19____

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

FILE NO. **7-63**

REPORT MADE AT: Washington, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE: 9/26/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9/24/34	REPORT MADE BY: A. Schroeder
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: Records of Passport Division of Department of State fail to reflect any passport having been issued to Mrs. Kate Barker under the names of Mrs. Arrie Barker or Mrs. Kate Hunter. Records of Passport Division indexed only under Christian maiden names of married women.			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p>This investigation was predicated on a telephonic request received from Newby of the Division on September 21, 1934, in which he stated that information had been received to the effect that Kate Barker had gone to Europe in July or August of 1934.</p> <p>Mr. T. B. Reid, Passport Division, Department of State, advised that the records of that Division are indexed as to married women only under their Christian maiden names and not according to their full married names. Consequently, it was only possible to check the names of Mrs. Kate Hunter and Mrs. Arrie Barker. There was no record found at the Passport Division of Mrs. Barker having obtained a passport under either of these two names.</p> <p>In the event that the office of origin can furnish the Christian maiden name of Mrs. Barker used in her various aliases, further investigation will be conducted at the Passport Division of the Department of State.</p>			
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

FILE NO. 7-516-2978

REPORT MADE AT: DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE: 9/25/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8/29 to 9/14/34	REPORT MADE BY: D. E. HALL
TITLE (Changed) ALVIN KARPIS: aliases: A. CARTER, RAYMOND HANDLEY, GEORGE HALLER, ALVIN KARPIS, A. KARPIS, EARL PEEL, ALVIN KARPIS, GEORGE DUNN, R. E. HAMILTON, RAY HUNTER.		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: HAY KARPIS, E. L. BURNS, R. L. BURNS, J. J. BURNS, WILLIAM LOHMAN, WILLIAM B. LOHMAN, E. L. BURNS, ALVIN KARPAVICZ, R. E. NELSON, EARL LYMAN BURNS, MERION BRADFORD, H. J. MILGRETH, H. G. MILGRETH, HOWARD MILGRETH - I.O. #1218 ARTHUR R. BARKER: aliases: "DOC" BARKER, CLAUDE DALE, BOB BARKER, E. L. MURREY, J. H. HARVEY, A. S. HUNTER, DOCK BARKER, CLAUDE BARKER, ARTHUR BARKER, F. E. GORDON - I.O. #1219 FRED BARKER: aliases: F. G. WARD, TED MURPHY, J. DARROWS, R. E. DAVIS, J. E. BLACKBURN, T. C. BLACKBURN, A. S. HUNTER, J. EARL MATTERSON, J. STANLEY SMITH, FRED E. GORDON, BRADFORD, EARL J. MATTERSON HARRY CAMPBELL: aliases: DAVE CAMPBELL, T. C. BLACKBURN, GEORGE L. MARTIN, GEORGE NELSON, JOHN WALCOTT, GEORGE WALCOTT, GEORGE WINFIELD VOLNEY DAVIS: aliases: "CURLEY" DAVIS, "COTTON" DAVIS, E. V. DAVIS, J. H. LOCKWOOD, S. E. LOCKWOOD, C. E. MOORE WILLIAM WEAVER: aliases: P. O'DONNELL, PHOENIX DONALD, R. A. NELSON, T. J. NELSON, P. J. NELSON, BILL SCOTT, W. C. WEAVER HARRY SAWYER, alias FRANK JAMES GEORGE ZEIGLER: aliases: FRED GETZ, SHOTGUN ZIEGLER (Deceased) MONTY CARTER JAMES J. WILSON: aliases: JIMMIE WILSON, JAMES JACKSON, JAMES RYAN DOCTOR JOSEPH P. MORAN: aliases: JOSEPH B. MORAN, JOSEPH C. MORAN - I.O. #1232 RUSSELL GIBSON: aliases: RUSTY GIBSON, SLIM GRAY, R. GRAY EVANS - I.O. #1213 OLIVER A. BERG: aliases: OLLIE BERG, "TZZY", MR. JONES, OLIVER BENNET WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER: aliases: WILLIAM E. VIDLER, WILLIAMS DETAILS: PHILIP J. DELANEY: aliases: PHILIP DELANEY, PHILLIP DELANEY, PHIL DELANEY, PHILLIP DELANEY JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN: aliases: J. J. McLAUGHLIN, "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR.: aliases: JACK McLAUGHLIN, JIMMY McLAUGHLIN EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: On 9/5/34 Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdette and Gladys Sawyer, arrested by Police Department, Cleveland, released to Division Agents 9/7/34. On 9/9/34 voluntarily accompanied Agents to Chicago Division Office. Investigation at Cleveland developed that Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker, Harry Campbell and Harry Sawyer have resided there. Evidence found at Cleveland indicating connection between Alvin Karpis and Frank J. Noonan Detective Agency, that city. Definite connection shown between Theodore, Angus, Toledo, Ohio, and Karpis-Barker gang. Fred and Arthur R. Barker and Harry Campbell known to have been at Casino Club, Toledo. Confidential Informant contacted Fred Barker at Casino Club, where he was in company with Harry Campbell and individual not definitely established, morning of 9/12/34; made arrangements to meet him Chicago, Illinois, 9/14, 15/34. James Wilson reported to have visited in Toledo and left there over month ago. -P-

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, 8/22/34;
letter from Chicago office dated 8/21/34;
telegram from Kansas City Office dated 8/29/34.

DETAILS:

The title of this case is being changed in order to show additional aliases for Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, as revealed by the investigation covered by this report, also additional aliases of Dr. Joseph P. Moran as shown on Identification Order #1232.

This is a joint report covering investigation conducted by Special Agent in Charge William Larson, Special Agents D. E. Hall, W. E. Peters, A. Dickstein, W. E. Hopton, E. D. Socey, J. L. Murphy, J. K. Collins, R. B. Donaldson, and Special Agents (A) R. G. McCallum, R. E. Laughlin and T. M. Mulherin.

Reference is made to the telegram from the Kansas City Office dated 8/29/34, advising that George E. Barker, father of the Barker Subjects, deposited during June of 1934 four \$20 bills, all issued by the Central United National Bank of Cleveland, Ohio, having the following numbers:

A 014900
A 014893
A 014877
A 014872,

requesting any information that it may be possible to develop through the Central United National Bank of Cleveland, Ohio.

Special Agent W. E. Peters, under date of August 30, 1934, interviewed C. H. Martin, Assistant Vice-President of the Central United National Bank, who advised that the bills set forth in the aforementioned telegram were received by this bank from the Treasurer of the United States on May 21, 1934. At that time there were received \$30,000 in \$20 bills, being numbered consecutively from A 014353 to A 015852, which include the bills aforementioned as being deposited by George E. Barker. In this shipment received by the Central United National Bank there were also \$28,900 in \$5 bills, being numbered from 106285 to 112064. Mr. Martin related that when a shipment of money is received at the bank, the amount is proved

Agent Peters ascertained that there was no record of the Subjects in this case under their correct names or known aliases at this bank, nor did they have a safety deposit box here. Photographs of Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis and Harry Campbell were exhibited to all employees of the bank who might have occasion to come in contact with strangers calling at the bank but all the persons interviewed stated they had no recollection of ever having seen any of these Subjects.

The Chicago office
dated 8/21/36, advised that a receipt of a mail cover of
James Wilson, 117 West Cleveland Street,
Chicago, Illinois, dated 8/19/36, was received by Mrs.
Wilson at her home, 1000 North
Larkin Park, Toledo, Ohio. The letter
also stated that James Wilson apparently has
a wife residing in Toledo whose name is believed to be Mrs.

Reference is also made to the undeveloped lead contained in report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, dated 8/22/34, for investigation at Toledo, Ohio. Investigation concerning the two aforementioned leads at Toledo, Ohio, was conducted by the writer at Toledo under dates of August 30, 31 and September 1, 1934.

Detective R. L. Peters was interviewed at his residence, 1801 Monroe Street, Toledo. He advised that he had contacted [REDACTED] his informant, mentioned in reference report, and he discreetly questioned [REDACTED] to determine whether any of the Subjects in this case were in Toledo. [REDACTED] advised him that he was not acquainted with any Subjects in this case, [REDACTED] however told him that Theodore Angus was a notorious hoodlum and was one who would not hesitate to harbor anyone for sufficient remuneration. He further advised that Ted Angus, during the operation of the club on Middle Island in Canadian Waters in Lake Erie, had the same actually managed by his brother, Bert Angus, who is at present residing in Toledo, street address unknown. [REDACTED] further supplied information to the effect that this club and the island on which it was located were supposed to be owned jointly by one Joe Roscoe and Ted Angus. Concerning Joe Roscoe, this individual is a notorious gambler and underworld character around Toledo, and is reported to hang out at the present time at the

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42nd Street Cafe on Broadway in Toledo. [redacted] further advised that he had recently heard that Ted Angus had purchased the house in Toledo thought to be on Washington Street in a cheap neighborhood. However, [redacted] was not in possession of the exact address, and Detective Peters was endeavoring to have [redacted] secure this for him. [redacted] further informed Peters that during the prohibition era Ted Angus was the Toledo agent of the Capone gang or syndicate, and had the franchise to sell liquor for that gang or syndicate. Further, that Ted Angus has a third brother whose name is not known, who is in Chicago at the present time. This brother is a member of the Capone gang, still believed to be connected with the remains of that gang and residing in Chicago.

Further valuable information supplied by [redacted] was that about a month prior to being interviewed by Peters he was in a hand book shop operated by one Nick Cousens at 428 1/2 Superior Street, at which time Cousens was taking bets over the phone. When [redacted] inquired as to why he was taking "sucker bets," Cousens informed him that these bets were from friends of Ted Angus who were here from Chicago cooling off.

Detective Peters advised that he did not believe much further information could be obtained from [redacted] stating that he did not believe [redacted] was actually in possession of any further information.

Captain Charles Hennessey of the Toledo Police Department, at his home at 4109 Kingsbury Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, was again interviewed. He could supply no further information concerning Ted Angus or other people in connection with this case, but did advise that he had heard rumors and had ascertained from confidential sources that Captain George Timmeney was almost a nightly visitor at the Casino Club operated by Ted Angus, and is supposed to have an interest therein; that they were inseparable friends. It should be noted here that Detective Peters, when interviewed, advised that he did not endeavor to ascertain a record of the cars calling at the Casino Club or the residence of Elwood S. Yonkers at 2525 Georgetown Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, as he stated he would as set forth in reference report, due to the fact that the first evening he passed the Casino Club, a car left there and followed him all the way into town. He therefore deemed it inadvisable to do so.

An examination of current city and telephone directories failed to reveal any such street in Toledo as Yardon Park. However, it was ascertained that there is a 4209 Garden Park Drive, and the occupant is listed in the name of Morris J. Foreman. The writer called at the North Toledo Postal Station located at Martha and Sylvania Avenues, where Carrier W. A. Eller, who covers 4209 Garden Park Drive, was interviewed. He advised that the Foremans had resided at this address for the past five or six years, and that he has known no one else to reside or receive mail there. He stated that there is considerable correspondence received by Morris J. Foreman from the Woodmen of America, for which lodge he is an

organizer, but that he did not recall of any mail ever having been delivered there for James Wilson. Photograph of James Wilson was exhibited to Mr. Eller and he was unable to identify the same as anyone he had ever seen. Discreet inquiry in the vicinity of 4209 Garden Park Drive developed that James Wilson was evidently unknown to neighbors and that the only persons they knew of to be residing at this address were Mr. and Mrs. Morris J. Foreman; that Mr. Foreman is a Jew, about 50 years of age, and is an organizer for the Woodmen of America, while Mrs. Foreman is a Gentile. It further developed that they were not very friendly with neighbors and had little to do with them.

Inquiry of Assistant Prosecutor Arnold Bunge of Toledo developed that a Miss L. Eichner resides at 4205 Garden Park Drive, which is directly adjacent to the address 4209; that this young woman was a very reliable and respectable woman and could be interviewed and her full cooperation enlisted without fear of any information concerning said interview going any further.

She was accordingly interviewed. She advised that she had resided at 4205 Garden Park Drive for the past six or seven years. She further advised that she had a speaking acquaintance with Mr. and Mrs. Morris J. Foreman. She stated that up until about a year ago the Foremans kept roomers but had not for the past year. She further advised that she did not know anyone by the name of James Wilson ever having visited the Foremans nor had she ever seen anyone resembling James Wilson when the photograph of that individual was exhibited to her. The address and phone number of the Detroit office were given to her and she was requested to immediately phone the Detroit office in the event James Wilson should appear at 4209 Garden Park Drive, which she stated she would do.

To determine if possible whether James Wilson had been at 4209 Garden Park Drive, the writer communicated with Mrs. Morris J. Foreman by phone, inquiring there for Jimmie Wilson. During this conversation Mrs. Foreman advised that Jimmie Wilson had been there some time before, but that he had been gone from Toledo for about a month. The writer posed as a friend of Wilson and requested his address, at which time she stated that Wilson had left Toledo; that he had left for the east, and she knew of no way in which he could be reached. She appeared very suspicious as to who the writer was, and the writer informed her that he was a friend of Wilson from Chicago and had been informed by Wilson that he could be reached in care of Mrs. Foreman in Toledo. This failed to bring forth any further information. The writer's identity was not revealed to Mrs. Foreman.

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As a result of the investigation set forth above in this report and in previous reports covering investigation at Toledo, Ohio, it was deemed inadvisable to attempt any direct contact with either Elwood S. Yonkers or Ted Angus, and it was thought by the writer that the most advisable means of securing information from either of them as to the whereabouts of any of the Subjects or suspects in this case would be by confidential informant, in a very well planned and devised pretext.

On the evening of September 4, 1934, Special Agent in Charge William Larson, from the Detroit office, phoned Ted Angus at the Casino Club, Toledo, phone Pontiac 2079, under the pretext that [redacted], for the purpose of determining if Angus had information concerning the whereabouts of the Karpis-Barker gang. SAC Larson [redacted] When the above referred to telephone call was made to Angus it was made in such a manner as to appear to Angus that it was coming from Chicago. It was also assumed that Angus did not know [redacted] Mr. Larson's conversation with Angus was in such a way that he would understand that [redacted] was connected with the mob.

Mr. Larson asked Angus to tell him where Doc was located, it being deemed advisable not to mention the last names, and that from Doc, Angus would take it to mean either Doc Moran or Doc Barker. From this it was felt that in the event he showed any indications of being familiar with the name of Doc, it would evidently be in connection with the Karpis-Barker gang. Angus replied: "You know, Doc is a pretty hard man to get in touch with." In reply Mr. Larson advised that he realized this, but it was necessary for him to see Doc at once in view of certain things that were developing in Chicago, and that he, [redacted] was evidently being sought by the Government. Angus then inquired: "Where can I call you in Chicago tomorrow?" Mr. Larson informed him at the time that he was living in an apartment and that it would be inadvisable for him to call as the phone went through a switchboard, also informing him that the instant call had been placed from a pay station.

At this time the Detroit office was not in possession of information as to where [redacted] was living in Chicago. Angus requested Mr. Larson to call him back the following night about the same time. It was apparent to Mr. Larson from Angus' reactions that he knew definitely what Mr. Larson was talking about; that he definitely had connections with the Karpis-Barker gang. In view of this Mr. Larson communicated telephonically with the Chicago office. In the absence of Inspector S. P. Cowley, he talked to Special Agent V. W. Peterson, and requested that [redacted] be immediately dispatched to Detroit for the purpose of making personal contact at the Casino Club with Ted Angus in Toledo. Agent Peterson advised that [redacted]

[redacted] would undoubtedly be available and would consent to do so. Mr. Larson requested that this information be supplied to Mr. Cowley as soon as possible. b7C b7D

Under date of September 5, Mr. S. P. Cowley of the Chicago Office, communicated with the writer, at which time SAC Larson was at Milan, Michigan, on other matters. The Toledo angle, wherein [redacted] was desired, was discussed with Mr. Cowley, and he advised at that time that [redacted] was on another mission out of the Chicago Office and would not be available for a day or two. Upon SAC Larson's return from Milan he communicated with Mr. Cowley and on the morning of September 7, 1934, [redacted] arrived at the Detroit office for her contact with Ted Angus at the Casino Club in Toledo, Ohio.

Agent Peters at Cleveland, Ohio, at 9 A.M., 9/7/34, phoned SAC Larson, advising him that three women had been arrested by the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department under date of September 5, 1934, giving the names of Ethel Matterson, Gladys Sawyer and Wynona Walcott, and supplied further information which will be set forth later in this report, indicating their connections with the Karpis-Barker gang. b7C b7D

[redacted] was taken to Toledo on the 7th instant by SAC Larson and Special Agent J. L. Murphy, where she registered at the Algeo Hotel, Agent Murphy registering at the Fort Meigs Hotel.

At approximately 8 P.M. September 7, 1934, [redacted] went to the Casino Club operated by Ted Angus and spent the evening at the Casino Club. She contacted Agent Murphy at Toledo about 5 A.M. on the morning of September 8. [redacted] advised that upon her arrival at the Casino Club she had met Ted Angus and after advising who she was and what her connections were, had a long talk with him, advising that she was anxious to get in touch with Doc Barker. Angus told her at that time he did not know where either of the Barkers were but that the previous night both Doc and Fred Barker had been at the Casino Club. Angus explained that when the Barkers were in his place the previous night he told them about the girl who was trying to get in touch with them, but was unable to recall her name, stating that he advised the Barkers that it was Fitzpatrick or some similar sounding name; that since the previous night he had not seen them nor had he heard what their plans were. b7C b7D

[redacted] further advised that she was preparing to leave the Casino Club about midnight and Angus asked her to stay for the floor show. Some time after the floor show and at about 1:30 A.M. she advised that she got up from the booth where she and Angus were sitting and went out to the rest room. When she returned Angus was standing outside the Casino Club talking to some man. She was unable to see

who this man was and stated that after about 20 minutes Angus came back to their booth and told her that he had just been talking to a man who came in from Cleveland and this man told him that the gang, not stating which particular members, had left Cleveland that afternoon for Chicago, Illinois. He further advised that this man had also related about the women being arrested at Cleveland, stating that the man had just returned from there, that one of the women arrested was Paula Harmon. This unknown man also advised Angus that after the women were arrested in Cleveland, and as soon as police learned their identity, someone from the police department went to one of the addresses which they had been given by these women and warned the men to get out of town; that they got out of the house just about five or ten minutes ahead of squad cars. b7c b7D

During the course of the evening [redacted] further advised that Angus told her that he expected a pinch any day; that she asked what he meant, and he advised that one of the women arrested at Cleveland had given an address at Point Place, Ohio, which is a small suburb located about a quarter of a mile north of the Casino Club. Angus also advised [redacted] that the hotel at which she was stopping was not a fit place for a woman and suggested that she go to another hotel; that he recommended either the Waldorf or the Fort Meigs, stating that he believed the Fort Meigs would be better in view of the fact that Federal Agents when in town always stopped at the Waldorf. [redacted] advised him that she was moving on the following day and would supply Angus with her room number at the Fort Meigs. Angus advised that he would undoubtedly hear something in a few days, as the men would have to do something about the women in jail in Cleveland, and he would arrange a contact for [redacted]

On September 8 [redacted] moved to the Fort Meigs Hotel and Agent Murphy moved to the Commodore Perry Hotel. b7c b7D

On September 8, 9 and 10 [redacted] kept in touch with Angus, going there on one occasion and calling on the telephone on two or three different occasions. Angus however advised her that he had not as yet received any information and that as soon as he did he would let her know and give her a call. b7c b7D

Agent Murphy was instructed to return to Detroit, Michigan, on the afternoon of September 10, 1934. [redacted] was instructed to remain at the Fort Meigs Hotel and keep in contact with Angus.

On September 12, 1934, [redacted]

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[redacted] communicated with the writer at Detroit by phone and advised that she had important information which she wished to impart but did not desire to do so over the phone. The writer accordingly communicated with SAC Larson at Cleveland by phone and he advised that he would immediately proceed to Toledo to contact [redacted]. Upon arrival at Toledo this informant was contacted. She advised that about 5 A.M. on the morning of September 12 she had contacted Fred Barker and two unknown individuals, one of whose photographs was later identified as Harry Campbell, and the third was thought to be Slim Gray, and made a date to meet them at a certain designated address in Chicago, Illinois, the night of September 14, and if Fred Barker did not appear at the same place, the night of September 15, 1934. Under date of September 13, 1934, SAC Larson accompanied [redacted] to Chicago for the arranged contact.

On the afternoon of September 6, 1934, Captain Frank Story of the Detective Headquarters, Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department, communicated with Resident Agent W. E. Peters by phone, at which time he advised that the police at Cleveland were holding three women, Ethel Matterson, Gladys Sawyer and Wynona Walcott, and a child by the name of Francine Sawyer. He stated that these women had been arrested in the cocktail bar of the Cleveland Hotel about 5:30 P.M. September 5, 1934, and were being held on a charge of investigation. He stated that at the time of her arrest Ethel Matterson had in her pocketbook \$600 and Gladys Sawyer had stated that she lived in St. Paul, Minnesota, and it was the theory of Captain Story that perhaps the money in possession of Mrs. Matterson might possibly have been some of that which had been passed in kidnaping cases around St. Paul.

Agent Peters personally interviewed Captain Story, at which time he stated that on the morning of September 5, 1934, an unknown individual had come to detective headquarters, stating that he wanted to see a picture of Baby Face Nelson as he was of the opinion that he knew where Baby Face Nelson was living. He was then taken to the Bureau of Identification of the Police Department, and upon viewing a picture of Baby Face Nelson, stated that this was not the individual he had in mind. He stated that he was positive that some law enforcement agency had out a wanted notice for the individual he had referred to but he had neglected to note the name of the individual. He requested that additional wanted notices be displayed to him, but was advised that a complete file of all the wanted notices issued by all law enforcement agencies was not maintained and thereupon stated he was positive the man to which he referred was wanted and was living at 4419 West 172nd Street in Cleveland. The name and address of the individual giving the information was not secured. He left Police Headquarters.

Captain Story further related that at about 5 P.M. September 5, a telephone call was received from the Cleveland Hotel at which time the Police Department was advised that there were three women in the cocktail bar of the hotel, all of whom were very drunk and were raising considerable disturbance. Miss Wilcox, policewoman, immediately went to the hotel to investigate and upon her arrival at the hotel she discovered a drunken brawl in progress. She attempted to quietly take the three women into custody but was fought off and was compelled to ask the assistance of a traffic officer before the women could be subdued. Ethel Matterson attempted to throw away the contents of her purse but most of these papers were recovered, including a bank book disclosing an account in the Cleveland Trust Company in the name of Mrs. Earl J. Matterson, 4419 West 171st Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Francine Sawyer, the child, was interrogated by officers. She told them that they had all come to the Cleveland Hotel in a Ford automobile; that this was on a parking lot near the hotel. The officers succeeded in locating the car referred to by Francine, which was found to be a Ford sedan, motor number 875-599, Ohio 1934 license plates 711B45. The bill of sale was found in the car disclosing that it was registered in the name of M. L. Bradford, 321 Jefferson Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, and the car was purchased from R. E. Voackler Inc., 17601 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, on July 24, 1934. At the time this car was purchased from R. E. Voackler Inc., a Ford coupe, motor number 615739, was traded in on it, which had been registered in the name of Alfred G. Bradford, 321 Jefferson Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, the same being register number 21274 in the state of Ohio.

Captain Story stated that these women had been held at the Women's Bureau of the Police Department until about 8 P.M., when they were registered at the Police Department. Ethel Matterson gave the address of 4419 West 171st Street; Gladys Sawyer gave the address of 1878 Jefferson Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Wynona Walcott gave the address of 2831 East 131st Street, Toledo, Ohio. The \$600 found in the possession of Ethel Matterson was found to be six \$100 bills, as follows:

- 1 Bank of America, San Francisco, California, F-000779A
- 1 Federal Reserve Note, G-01658554A
- 1 " " " " G-00439600A
- 1 " " " " G-01473499A
- 1 " " " " G-02366099A
- 1 First National Bank of Denver, Colorado, D-000109A

Captain Story further advised that after being held at the Women's Bureau for three hours the women were turned over to the Detective Bureau for interrogation, and after some questioning it was learned that Ethel Matterson gave an address similar to the address reported by the unknown individual earlier in the day as being the address at which Baby Face Nelson was living. A check was made in the Detective Headquarters and it was learned that the address of 4419 West 172nd Street had been given to a cruiser to look over and the cruiser had reported that there were no houses in the 4400 block on West 172nd Street. Upon securing this information it gradually dawned upon Detective Headquarters that there was a possibility that the unknown individual, whose name they had not bothered to secure, might perhaps have been referring to 4419 West 171st Street, when he informed him that the address was 4419 West 172nd Street; that about 4 A.M. on the morning of September 6, 1934, a squad car under the direction of Lieutenant Kirk Gloeckner, raided the house at 4419 West 171st Street, but no one was found at home. A search of the premises disclosed that at least two men and two women had occupied this house under the names of Ethel Matterson, Karl J. Matterson, Gladys Sawyer and an unknown man.

Of particular interest among the effects recovered was a set of fingerprints and a notebook containing route information. This set of fingerprints was discovered by Lieutenant Gloeckner in the upper right hand corner of a chest of drawers in the front bedroom of the house, and it was rolled into a tight compact roll. Upon examination it was found to be part of a wanted notice issued by some law enforcement agency. The place and crime for which this individual was wanted and the picture had been clipped off and the only parts remaining were the fingerprints and the fingerprint classification, which is 29 I. All the fingerprints in the 29 group on

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file in the Bureau of Identification of the Cleveland Police Department were pulled. There were found to be only two, one of them being a notation that Fred Barker, who has the above fingerprint classification, was wanted in Missouri on a murder charge. The card did not have fingerprints on it, and due to the fact that the card found in the house was so indistinct that the fingerprints could not be classified, the card found in the house at 4419 West 171st Street was forwarded by the Cleveland Police Department to the Division for comparison with original fingerprints of Fred Barker.

The notebook which was also found in the upper right hand corner drawer in the chest of drawers in the front bedroom contained innumerable notations in pencil, and is evidently a routebook between two locations. These notations begin with a zero and continue by intervals of tenths of a mile to 376 miles, the notation being made at this point: "376 miles - X Building." Agent Peters made a thorough examination of this route and by reference to various state maps it was possible to trace the route laid out. It appears that it was a route from Minneapolis, Minnesota,

to St. Paul, Minnesota, back to Minneapolis, Minnesota, then directly south-east, following back roads, until reaching Plainfield, Iowa; thence to Davenport, Iowa, at which city it terminates. The original notebook was marked for identification by Lieutenant Gloeckner and said notebook and map on which the route was tentatively located, were turned over by Agent Peters to Mr. S. P. Cowley at Cleveland upon his arrival from Chicago. A summary of the above information was transmitted by phone by Agent Peters to SAC Larson, at 9 A.M., September 6, 1934.

Agent Peters interviewed Wynona Walcott, whose identity was established later as Wynona Burdette, in the City Jail, at which time she stated that she was 22 years old, having been born at Charleston, South Carolina, the daughter of James Jackson. She stated that on January 9, 1931, she was married to John Walcott at Charleston, South Carolina, and that after that she and her husband continued to reside at Charleston, South Carolina, her husband making her living gambling. She stated that about January 1, 1934, she and her husband had moved to Toledo, Ohio, where they had been living at 2831 East 131st Street, until about a month ago when they separated, her husband leaving home, but she continued to live at that address. She stated that she had been in Cleveland only a few days, having come to that city on a visit as it was too lonesome for her at home. She admitted that she had come to Cleveland with a man who was supposed to be a friend of her husband and admitted that she had stayed with this friend for several days. She refused to divulge the identity of her companion or where she had been staying with him.

She stated that she had met Ethel Matterson about a month ago in Toledo, Ohio, in a speakeasy, the name of which she refused to disclose, and stated that at the time Ethel Matterson had furnished her with her Cleveland address and requested that Wynona visit her in Cleveland. It was in response to this invitation that Wynona came on this visit. She stated that she had never met Mrs. Sawyer prior to the time she came to Cleveland and stated that they had been introduced at the Cleveland Hotel. She denied ever having seen the husbands of either Mrs. Matterson or Mrs. Sawyer. Considerable additional erroneous information was obtained from Wynona Walcott and, as the same is believed to be of little value in this report, the same is being eliminated due to subsequent developments and disclosures. However, it should be stated that the fingerprints of Wynona Walcott were forwarded to the Division under Cleveland Police Department #43237, and there was also forwarded to the Division a full length group picture of the three women. It should also be noted that the photographs of Fred Barker, Arthur Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis and Harry Campbell all were displayed to Miss Walcott at which time she denied ever having seen any of these individuals.

Agent Peters interviewed Gladys Sawyer in the City Jail, at which time she resided at 1878 Jefferson Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, and that her husband, Harry John Sawyer, had formerly operated a speakeasy at 541 Wabash Avenue in that city. She also stated that she and her husband owned a farm about 9 or 10 miles from St. Paul at a small town known as Dayton Bluff Station, located on Hodgson Road, and that they had bought this farm about a year and one-half ago. She stated that at the present time it is being tenanted by one William Gray.

She further stated that her husband was a former resident of Omaha, Nebraska, and that they had been married at Lincoln, Nebraska, eleven years ago. She admitted that she and her husband had come to Cleveland, Ohio, about June 16, 1934, and had stopped at the Cleveland Hotel until June 19, 1934. She stated that she and her husband had had some marital difficulties and that, after leaving Cleveland, she returned to St. Paul where she had an operation performed. After her operation, she came to Cleveland to recuperate and admitted that she had been living with Mr. and Mrs. Matterson at 4419 West 171st Street for about three weeks. She stated that she did not know the reason why her husband had left St. Paul because she had not seen him since they had stayed at the Cleveland Hotel in June. However, she presumed that, inasmuch as he had discontinued his connections in the liquor business in St. Paul, he had come to Cleveland to look around for a place to resume operations.

Relative to Francine Sawyer, she stated that this was not her child but was the child of a friend of hers by the name of Saugman. She advised that she and her husband had had the child for over a year and were in the process of adopting it but that the final adoption papers had not been approved by the court. She admitted knowing Earl Matterson and stated that he was a gambler employed at 722 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. She gave Agent a description of Earl Matterson which in no way tallies with that of any of the suspects and is not being incorporated in this report. All of the photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang were displayed to her at which time she denied that she had ever seen any of them. She admitted that her husband owns a Packard Sedan and a Plymouth Coach, 1934 model, color dark blue or black.

In the Cleveland City Jail, Agent Peters interviewed Ethel Matterson, whose identity was later established as Paula Harmon, who stated that she was a native of Washington, D. C., although she had spent a great part of her time in Cleveland. She declined to state at what address she had lived previous to moving to 4419 West 171st Street. She stated

that her name before she was married was Davis and that she and Earl Matterson had been married at Washington, D. C., sometime between 1922 and 1924, she could not recall exactly when. She stated that her husband was a gambler and that he was employed at the Argonne Club, 722 Superior Avenue, which information was investigated by the Cleveland Police and the owner of this club denied any knowledge of such an individual. Although Mrs. Matterson was exhaustively interviewed by Agent, no information of any value could be obtained and, because of the meager information at hand relative to these women, it was impossible to interrogate them further at this time. However, they were later reinterviewed and the results of these interviews will be set forth in subsequent paragraphs of this report.

In the Cuyahoga County Detention Home, Agent Peters interviewed Francine Sawyer, age 5 years. When the photographs of Ethel Matterson, Wynona Walcott and Gladys Sawyer were displayed to her, she stated that she did not know the name of Miss Walcott, as she had only seen her a few times. She stated that the given name of Ethel Matterson was "Paula" and that her husband's name was Fred. The photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang were displayed to her at which time she thought that the photograph of Fred Barker was the photograph of Paula's husband. She stated that she went to bed so early and got up so early that she did not see any of the other men in the photographs. She stated that her daddy had lived at the house on West 171st Street from time to time but that he had gone away on the train. To the best of her recollection, he left Cleveland on Labor Day. She described her father as being very fat and very tall with dark hair slightly thin on top, and when asked the business of her father, she replied that he "ran a joint." She stated that she lived many miles from Cleveland but that she had been in Cleveland before at which time she stayed with her mother and father at the Cleveland Hotel. The importance of this interview with Francine Sawyer is of particular significance in that the description supplied by her of her father corresponds with the description supplied by various neighbors of the man who was occasionally seen at the Matterson home. It is also significant in that it establishes the identity of Ethel Matterson as Paula Harmon.

Upon receipt of the aforementioned information Agent Peters advised the Cleveland Police Department that the three aforementioned women were to be released under no circumstances, as they had up until that time been held on a charge of intoxication. Photographs of Wynona Walcott alias Wynona Burdette, Cleveland PD #43237, Paula Harmon alias Ethel Matterson, Cleveland PD #43238, and Gladys Sawyer, Cleveland PD #43239, were forwarded by Agent Peters direct to the Division and to the St. Paul Office, together with a group photograph. Descriptions of these three women, whose identities were later established, are as follows:

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Number	Wynona Walcott, alias Wynona Burdette
Height	Cleveland PD #43237
Weight	5 feet 6 1/2 inches
Age	102 pounds
Hair	22 years
Eyes	Black
Build	Medium Blue
Complexion	Slender
Marks	Dark
Descent	Dimple in chin
Photograph	Claims to be part Indian
	In Detroit file

Number	Ethel Matterson, alias Paula Harmon
Age	Cleveland PD #43238
Height	30 years
Weight	5 feet 2 1/2 inches
Build	103 pounds
Hair	Slender
Eyes	Medium Chestnut
Complexion	Medium Blue
Marks	Light
Photograph	Nose broken and scarred
	In Detroit file

Number	Gladys Sawyer, wife of Harry Sawyer
Age	Cleveland PD #43239
Height	38 years
Weight	5 feet 3 1/2 inches
Build	140 pounds
Complexion	Stout
Hair	Ruddy
Eyes	Dark chestnut
Photograph	Light blue
	In Detroit file

It should be noted that all investigation conducted by Agents after the receipt of the information of the developments at Cleveland by SAC Larson was made by the Agents at Cleveland under telephonic instructions from Mr. Larson.

During the course of this investigation and prior to the arrival of SAC Larson at Cleveland, Agent Peters held numerous conferences with Inspector C. W. Cody, Captains Frank Story and Emmet Potts of the Cleveland Police Department. While one of these conferences was in progress a man appeared at detective headquarters making inquiries if the tip he had given the police on the West 172nd Street address had been of any value.

This individual was identified by the officers as the man who had been in the headquarters the previous morning. He identified himself as L. Allen, 10615 Florian Avenue, Cleveland, and he stated that he is employed in the Credit Department of the May Company of that city. He was shown the two photographs of the individuals in the 2# group on file in the Bureau of Identification of the Cleveland Police Department, at which time he immediately identified the photograph of Fred Barker as being the individual known to him as Earl Matterson. Agent then displayed to him several miscellaneous photographs, among which was the photograph of Alvin Karpis, and Mr. Allen immediately identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis as the individual who had been introduced to him by Mrs. Matterson as her brother, Merion Bradford, who, she said, was from Toledo. He was unable to identify the photographs of any of the other known members of the Karpis-Barker gang, but upon being shown the photographs of Gladys Sawyer and Wynona Walcott alias Wynona Burdette, he stated that he had never seen Gladys Sawyer, but that he had seen Wynona Burdette several times in a Chevrolet sedan in company with Alvin Karpis.

The following additional information was also obtained from Mr. Allen. He stated that in connection with his work for the May Company, he has charge of the renting of the apartments located at 10615 Florian Avenue, Cleveland. He stated that about June 1, 1934, Ethel Matterson had inquired about renting an apartment at 10615 Parkhurst Avenue, Cleveland. He stated that the two addresses 10615 Florian and 10615 Parkhurst are in the same building, the Florian Avenue address facing north and the Parkhurst Avenue address facing west. Ethel Matterson rented the apartment and she and her husband took up occupancy there at 10615 Parkhurst, remaining until about August 18, 1934. During this time, they had numerous visitors and these visitors had numerous cars. He recalls them having two Ford V8 dark blue or black coaches, one dark blue or black Ford V8 coupe and a dark blue or black Chevrolet Coach. He advised that his suspicions were first aroused when they gave him notice that they were moving. He asked them for an address to which they could forward mail, and that the address given by the Mattersons did not exist. The laundry man asked Mr. Allen where they had moved, because they had been such good customers, and the laundry man located the driver of the moving van that had moved them and secured the address to which they had moved. This laundry man then gave it to Mr. Allen, and apparently the error was made by the laundry man in repeating the address to Mr. Allen that the confusion arose between the West 172nd and West 171st Street addresses. Mr. Allen stated that it was the photograph of Fred Barker that he referred to when he requested permission to see the photograph of Baby Face Nelson.

The following persons were interviewed by police officers with the following results:

Carrie Pohlman, 4411 West 171st Street

Also saw Alvin Karpis bring Wynona Walcott to the 4419 address in a Chevrolet Coach. Identified the photograph of Doc Barker as living there.

Mrs. William Klinger, 4415 West 171st Street

Identified the photos of Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker. Also saw man about 40-45 years old, 220 to 235 pounds, dark hair, partly bald. (This may be Harry Sawyer).

Mrs. T. W. Pierce, who lives in Newark, New Jersey, and who was visiting with Mrs. Klinger - identifies the photograph of Arthur Barker.

Mrs. Olive Rowe, 4418 West 171st Street

Saw Alvin Karpis bring Wynona to the 4419 address with Francine Sawyer. No other identifications.

Mrs. G. F. Manley, 10515 Parkhurst

Identifies Arthur Barker and Fred Barker, also a large stout heavy-set man, partially bald.

Mrs. A. L. Allen, 10615 Florian Avenue

Identifies the photograph of Fred Barker as being that of Earl Matterson.

It having been previously developed that some of the persons being held by the police had resided at 4419 West 171st Street, inquiry was conducted next door at 4423 West 171st Street by Special Agents R. B. Donaldson and A. Dickstein on September 7, 1934. Mr. George Willard and wife reside here and have been here for some five months past. Mr. Willard is out of work and is around his home most of the time. He stated that some five weeks or so ago some persons entirely unknown to him rented the house next door (4419) from the William J. Mitchell Realtors Organization located at 13029 Lorain Avenue. He is not fully informed as to who rented the place but thinks it was a woman or possibly two women as he understands that the man who runs a filling station at the end of this block, a Mr. Snyder, let them take the key to look at the house.

Informant states he was home and observed these people when they moved in. This consisted of driving up in several autos and unloading an unusually large number of grips and satchels. Three of these satchels were unusual in appearance, states Mr. Willard, and when asked to describe them exactly he gave dimensions, et cetera, which indicate undoubtedly that these were machine gun cases. From newspaper photos appearing on this date of the women in custody Mr. Willard stated that he could positively identify Gladys Sawyer and Paula Harmon as being the two women who lived here and also the little girl which Mrs. Sawyer has with her. A strip of photos of the Barkers, et al., was shown to Mr. Willard and he

immediately stated that he had seen all of these men here, that is, Fred Barker, Arthur H. Barker, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, with the exception of Volney Davis. He claims he saw Harry Campbell here only once that he can recall and this was the last day the women were here before being arrested. He states that Arthur Barker drove a new black Chevrolet Coupe and the others had two black Ford V8 coupes. All cars had Ohio licenses. All of these men were small of stature according to Mr. Willard. On the last day when Harry Campbell came two other strange men were with him and also on this same day a big sedan drove up to the place and a man described as average height, heavy set and otherwise answering the description of Harry Sawyer went in. Mrs. Willard witnessed this but was not available for interview at this time. All the time these people lived here their actions were out of the ordinary in that they seemed to have no particular occupation and were continuously coming and going and the house could be seen lighted up, with the shades down, most all hours of the night.

After the women had been arrested and about 4 A.M. several men drove up to the place, went hurriedly in, put on the lights and in a short time thereafter came out with some half dozen suit cases (several of which answered the description of machine gun cases), put them in the cars and made a hasty departure. While here these people also had a red chow puppy which was not seen since the men left. Mr. Willard also recalled that a woman identified definitely as Wynona Burdette was an occupant of the big sedan which came here.

Agent Peters was advised by Captain Story that a Mrs. O. W. Blackman, 3969 West 140th Street, who has a brother-in-law on the Cleveland Police Department, had informed her brother-in-law that she had strong reason to believe that the individuals who were living at 3973 West 140th Street might be linked in some illegitimate enterprises. She was interviewed by the police officers, at which time she positively identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being that of the individual who lived with his wife at 3973 West 140th Street as Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Milgreth.

On the night of September 5, 1934, a raid was staged by the Cleveland police on this address, but without finding any persons there at the time of the raid. An examination of this house was later made by Agent Peters and Special Agent L. D. Socoy in an attempt to locate latent fingerprints, and the results of this search have been forwarded to the Division under separate cover. An inventory of the clothes and furnishings found at this address was taken by Special Agent J. K. Collins, which inventory is being retained in the Detroit Office. Certain items which may be of value in tracing the Subjects are being set forth herewith:

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Front BedroomList of Clothing

- 1 Hat, light tan, brand Fairmont, size 6 7/8 - E. Dannenbaum & Co., Callio, California, style snap brim - Found on bed.
- 1 Straw hat, brand Stetson, size 6 7/8 - Dan D. Dresser, Geiger's, Lorain at Rocky River Drive, Cleveland, Ohio - Found on floor.
- 1 Light felt hat (man's), brand Stetson, Kettle-Edge, size 6 7/8 - especially designed by Maurice L. Rothschild - Found on floor - Style snap brim.

Closet

- 1 Stetson hat, light felt (man's) Homberg style, size 7 - Park Men's Shop, 6718 Stony Island Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
- 1 Man's suit, 2 trousers, color reddish brown, striped - Brand Sherman's Clothes (IME-23849)
- 1 Man's suit, color dark grey, Richman Bros. (Code authority ME-388435, Coat) (Vest, IME 438245)
- 1 Man's suit, color dark blue, pin stripe - Sherman's Clothes. Code authority number, Coat, IME-18074, United Garment Workers of America number 4187418.
- 1 Man's suit, color black, white pin stripe - Maurice L. Rothschild, no numbers.
- 1 Man's suit, color reddish brown, weave - Richman Brothers. No numbers

Back Bedroom

- 1 Trunk, wardrobe, black, manufactured by Herbert & Meisel Co., St. Louis.

On the Floor

- Dirty clothes: 7 shirts all bearing size 15 1/2 collar; two of these shirts were purchased at Thomas Shirt Company, Columbus, Ohio, and bear initials D. J. H.
- 6 Handkerchiefs; 4 pairs sox; 3 underwear shirts; 1 pair shorts; 1 pair dark blue woolen pyjamas, purchased at the Higbee Company, Cleveland.
- 2 Leather zipper traveling bags, empty with exception of two laundry bags of Reno Laundry, Reno, Nevada, Phone 5471, Laundry number 18-326.

Closet

- 1 Silk shirt - George Wing & Co., 627 Jackson Street, San Francisco, California.

On Chest of Drawers

- 1 Man's light grey felt hat, snap brim - Dobbs Cross Country, size 7 1/2, block 5131, Depth 5 1/2, Dup. #35789 - B. R. Baker Company, Cleveland, Ohio.

Bureau

- 1 Woman's white hat - J. E. Bill - Manufactured under Code 22, No. BE103501

Trunk

- 1 Brown vest, NRA Mfg. Code #FFO-056365
- 1 Shaving set - J. A. Henckels, Germany

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None of the articles listed in this inventory were taken in custody by Agents, but were allowed to remain at this address.

Although the premises at 4419 West 171st Street were in the hands of the police for several days prior to the arrival of the Agents, it was believed advisable to take an inventory of the clothing and furnishings remaining. The same was taken by Special Agent W. E. Hopton and is being retained in the Detroit office. Certain items which may be of value in tracing Subjects are being set forth herewith:

Clothing

- 1 Suit of brown clothes, stamped Maurice L. Rothschild.
- 1 Summer suit, tailored by Goodal, Palm Beach.
- 1 White shirt (man), size 14 $\frac{1}{2}$, from B. R. Baker Company, Toledo, Laundry mark J3.
- 1 Shirt from Thomas Shirt Co., Columbus, Ohio
- 1 Shirt (man), initials F.E.G.
- 1 Brown shirt (man), initials F.E.G.
- 1 Gray shirt (man), Thomas Shirt Company, Columbus, Ohio
- 1 pair B. & W. Sport shoes, size 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ C, #N58632 (500), from Maurice L. Rothschild, Chicago.
- 1 pair B. & W. Shoes, size 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - Booth, Milwaukee, #3363 - 411.
- 1 pair Men's house slippers, size 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, from the B. R. Baker Co., Toledo, #33614T5 X 1437.
- 1 pair ladies' shoes, new, size 4B, stamped LaFay (Fashions) 4608 1641
- 1 pair ladies' house slippers, stamped Chisholms - Quality Shoes, numbers 36 12 3991 3417
- 1 Woman's hat, black, from the Halle Bros. Co.
- 1 Rothmoor Coat (Ladies') from Maurice L. Rothschild
- 1 Pair Ladies' shoes, rather new, stamped I. Miller, Beautiful Shoes, size 5A, #1516 600051
- 1 Pair Ladies' shoes, stamped, LaFay, Footwear Fashions, size 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ A, 2766 34350.
- 1 Green dress, Ladies', stamped Eisenberg & Sons, designed by Irma Kirley.
- 1 Pair brand new men's khaki Trousers, still bearing tags - Sears Roebuck & Co, Lot 775, W-30, L-29
Sears Roebuck & Co. Retail Store, By 41 30-29 \$1.98
- 1 Khaki Shirt (man), laundry initials FEC
- 1 Blue Shirt (man), laundry initials FEC, stamped Washington Shirt Co.
- 1 White Shirt, written in ink "Marion", size 13 $\frac{1}{2}$, Washington Shirt Co.
- 2 Shirts, stamped Thomas Shirt Co., Columbus, Ohio
- 1 suit clothes - Richman Bros.
- 1 suit clothes - Maurice L. Rothschild (Wall St. Clothes)
- 1 Bathrobe (man) - stamped The Dayton Co., Minneapolis

- 1 Man's panama hat, size 7, Wm. R. Davis & Son, Toledo, #18064X
- 1 Man's panama hat, size 6 7/8, Madison-Men's Shop, Toledo, Ohio
- 1 Gray wash shirt, bearing label Henry's Shoppe, Sacramento, California, 1005 5th Street
- Handkerchiefs, bearing initial H.

In Wardrobe Trunk

- 1 Suit of clothes for a large man, label Maurice L. Rothschild, customized by Hickey-Freeman
- 1 Suit of clothes for a large man, label Halle Bros. Co.
- Shirts with initials GTW, size 17, Thomas Shirt Co., Columbus, Ohio
- Shirts with laundry initials HTS, label Maurice L. Rothschild
- Shirts laundered by:
The Domestic Laundry, 7955 Lorain, Melrose 5322
The Troy Laundry of Cleveland
- 2 pair shoes, size 9 1/4, labeled Maurice L. Rothschild & Co., Palace Clothing House
- 1 pair brand new shoes, size 9 1/2 C, The Halle Bros. Co., #P2114 and 300
- New Bottle opener from Juster's, Wines - Liquors, 504 Henn. Ave. - At. 2882, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 1 pair brand new men's brown shoes, size 5 1/2 C, T994, stamped (Made exclusively for The Halle Bros Co. by Johnston & Murphy)
- 1 man's felt hat, Dobbs, 5th Avenue, N. Y., Baskin, No. S13133, size 6 7/8
- 1 man's felt hat, Stetson. The Hub, Henry C. Lytton & Sons, Chicago, #E166422, size 6 7/8.
- 1 man's sailor straw - Stetson, E. J. Ryan, 807 E. 79th Street, S51969, size 6 7/8.

As was previously stated the premises at 4419 West 171st Street had been occupied by police for some time prior to the arrival of Agents, and it was believed that it would be of no avail to conduct a search for latent fingerprints as practically all the objects therein had been handled by numerous individuals. Inventories were also taken at the time the keys to the houses at 4419 West 171st Street and 3973 West 140th Street were turned over by the police to Agent Peters and these inventories are being retained in the Detroit office file. None of this was taken in custody by Agents.

Upon a search of the premises at 3973 West 140th Street by Special Agents J. K. Collins, W. E. Peters, W. E. Hopton and L. D. Socey, a kodak was found containing a roll of films. It was noted that one photograph had already been taken. In view thereof the film was taken from the kodak and will be forwarded to the Chicago office for development.

In a built-in china closet in the dining room Agent Peters located an Underwood portable typewriter, number 596064, which typewriter was forwarded directly to the Division on September 10, 1934, for

examination.

Agent Peters also found a package of approximately 12 pay envelopes, upon which was printed the name of Noonan Detective Agency, 1900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Upon these pay envelopes was written the name H. G. Milgreth. Comparison of the handwriting on these envelopes with the photographic specimen of the handwriting of Alvin Karpis clearly indicates that they are identical.

A copy of the criminal record on file at the Division for one Charles Carroll, same being Division Jacket No. 30222, was also found by Agent Peters at this address. It was turned over to Mr. S. P. Cowley of the Chicago office by Agent Peters.

The following other miscellaneous papers and so forth which were believed to contain information which might be of value in the apprehension of Subjects in this case were found and were taken into custody by Agents and are being retained in the Detroit office file:

Letterhead of A. W. Heberbrand Organization, Incorporated, 971 Dennison Avenue, Cleveland, telephone Woodbine 9355, which contained the following writing: "Received from H. G. Milgreth \$37.00 for one month's rent for five-room bungalow located at 3773 W. 140th Street, starting July 6, subject Owner's approval. The A. W. Heberbrand Organization, per E. P. Slade."

Blank deposit slip for the Cleveland Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio, bearing a notation which appears to be #7733 Dercum, off Jones Road." It is assumed that the word "Dercum" refers to a street in view of the manner in which it is written. However, it is possible that the word "Dercum" may be the name of some person.

Paper containing the following names and addresses: "Philip Amersbach, 7124 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Edward Summers, Charles Ward, Jessie Donovan (or Donovan)."

Paper containing the address 5205 M. Broadway.

Receipt dated August 7, 1934, in amount \$12.00, to Mr. Milgreth, signed J. B. Considine, per G. O. B.

Bill from Division of Water and Heat, Cleveland, Ohio, addressed to "Party at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland," showing amount due \$11.19. This bill reflects on its face that the occupants at this address had resided there from May 1 to August 1, 1934.

Automobile parking stub No. 18500 for the Syndicate Parking Inc.,
(no address given).

Calling card for the Thomas Shirt Company, 240 North High Street,
Columbus, Ohio, G. S. Frambes, President. The reverse side of
this card bears the pencilled notation "Cleveland, Ohio, 9/19/34."

Received E. Bronson, \$50.00 deposit on three orders shirts.
(Signed) Thomas Shirt Company, per (initials which appear to be)
G. S. F.

Receipts from Vacuum Oil Company, Inc., No. 15492, reflecting
the servicing of Ford V-8 automobile for customer by the name of
Bronson, bearing license #711696, speedometer reading 01978, dated
8/15/34. Certified to and inspected by A. T. Barkman. Amount
75¢.

Blank account form bearing printed name "Stanley R. Rayman, DDS,
17104 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio." The reverse side of this
form bears the pencilled notation "Dr. Rayman, 17104 Detroit
Avenue, corner Bonnie View Avenue."

Business card of Park View Riding Academy, Spencer Road (220th)
corner Brook Park Road, "Located on Metropolitan Park Bridal
Trails, phone Clearwater 2676" and bearing the printed name of
H. C. Hansen.

Business card of Novelty Dress Trimming Company, 406 Euclid Avenue,
corner E. 4th, Cleveland, Ohio, Room 209, bearing the printed name
of Ida J. Borth.

Two loaded clips for .380 caliber automatic pistol.

One Electro Silver Cleaning plate made by the Nu-Dell Manufactur-
ing Company, Chicago, Illinois.

Two metal tags which bear the following "The Kentucky, Louisville."
One of these tags bears the number 1408 and the other bears the
number 1116. There is also engraved on these tags the following:
"Please drop in any mail box, return postage guaranteed." Note:
It would appear that these tags belonged to hotel keys and that
the numbers on these tags represent the rooms that were occupied.

Two broken keys. Note: These keys appear to be hotel keys and may
belong to the two tags referred to above.

One key bearing the engraved name "Shorty", also the name of the
manufacturer, P & F Corbin, New Britain CT.

Two keys manufactured by Briggs & Stratton Corporation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, both bearing the number 3132-A. Trade mark Vasco.

Six .22 long cartridges.

Two bars soap from Hotel Sal Sagev, Los Vegas, Nevada.

One Mickey Mouse watch in box wrapped in tissue paper bearing the following printed matter "To Bobby Strutz from Dolores."

Envelope dated at Cleveland, Ohio, 8/1/34, addressed to Mr. Kraz, 3973 West 140th Street, City, bearing a blue pencilled notation "Not here"; also on flap of this envelope there is contained the engraved name of William C. Greenwald, M. D., Cleveland, Ohio, and the address written in ink, 3116 West 14. Within this envelope was found monthly statement dated August 1, 1934, addressed to Mr. Kraz, 3973 West 140th Street, from W. C. Greenwald, M. D., Physician and Surgeon, 3118 West 14th Street, showing a balance due of \$9.00.

Paper containing the pencilled notation: "Goletman, 3115 Lorain."

Calling card of L. E. Bigley, The Royal Furniture Company, East 9th and Prospect, Cleveland, Ohio, Cherry 5535, bearing pencilled notation on reverse side "42-0-1307 Beauty Rest Mattress, 4/6 - 4 \$39.50."

One receipt, No. 4820, from the D. O. Summers Company, Cleaners & Dyers, 6220 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 8/22/34, in the name of Matterson, 4419 West 171st Street. This receipt lists one rug.

One envelope containing X-ray film of teeth which is attached to a pasteboard card containing the printed name of E. R. Parker System, Radiograph, with the insignia "Parker System."

Envelope bearing printed name "Ettinger & Brand, Chicago" which has typewritten phrase "To Whom It May Concern" and containing a letterhead of Ettinger & Brand, 105 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois, on which was written a recommendation dated September 25, 1933, which read as follows: "To Whom It May Concern: It gives me great pleasure indeed to recommend Elray N. Beaudry, a business associate of mine of several years standing. He is a young man of sterling quality, is financially responsible, and has been scrupulously honest in all of his dealings. Unfortunately, his illness at this time prevents his active association with our office but we hope sincerely that he shall be able to resume his position with

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us as quickly as his health permits. To any of Mr. Beaudry's new acquaintances, I wish to state that we are still proud to look upon him as a representative of Ettinger & Brand. Should Mr. Beaudry see fit to call upon us at any time during his travels, we shall be most happy to grant him any favor in our power. Very truly yours, C. W. Brand."

Statement from the Sterling & Welch Company, 1225 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, to Mrs. W. Mraz, 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, dated July 18, 1934, showing cash received in amount \$8.00 with balance due of \$33.40.

Advertisement from Nelson Doubleday Company, Garden City, New Jersey, addressed to Walter Mraz, 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. There is no postmark on this envelope.

Business form post card dated Cleveland, Ohio, September 10, 1934, from the Cleveland Electrical Illuminating Company, 75 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio, addressed to Howard Milgreth, 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, in amount \$3.40.

Business post card from the East Ohio Gas Company, 1405 East 6th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, addressed to J. Earl Matterson, 10515 Parkhurst, S. W., Cleveland, Ohio, showing an amount due \$.60.

Receipt from the William Bauer Company, 600 Bolivar Road, Cleveland, dated 8/25 (year not given) for one case bear in the amount of \$2.95.

One receipt from Ohio Farmers Cooperative Milk Association in name of Madson dated 8/25/34 reflecting the payment of \$1.58 and the notation "Paid \$1.58, 8/25/34."

One receipt from the Frankelite Company, 5016 Woodland Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 8/20/34 in the name of E. J. Matterson, 4419 West 171st Street, Cleveland.

One receipt from the East Ohio Gas Company No. A-207724 dated 8/17/34 in the name of J. Earl Matterson.

Receipt No. 419850 from the East Ohio Gas Company dated 8/17/34 Cleveland, Ohio, showing receipt of \$5.00 from J. Earl Matterson, 4419 West 171st Street.

Paper containing the writing in lead pencil of the names Ray - Dolores.

Paper containing outline of woman's face made by typewriter with name Mrs. H. G. Milgreth typed thereon.

Customer's delivery record from D. O. Summers Company, Cleaners & Dyers, Cleveland, Ohio, No. 183360, in the name of Matterson, 4419 West 171st Street, Cleveland, in amount \$1.03 for cleaning of rug.

Bill from the Cleveland Electrical Illuminating Company, Cleveland, Ohio, to Howard Milgreth, 3973 West 140th Street, dated 8/7/34, in amount of \$3.60.

Receipt from the Royal Furniture Company (City not given or specified) in amount of \$53.40, showing purchase of Royal Rest Mattress, sheets and coil bed springs. This receipt is dated 8/17/34. Salesman Bigley. It is charged to Mrs. E. J. Matterson, 4419 West 171st Street, Cleveland.

Paper containing typewritten schedule for cleaning. This evidently refers to the cleaning of the premises at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, and was possibly prepared by one of the occupants thereof. The dates of the cleaning schedule run from September 3, 1934, to September 16, 1934, inclusive.

Kodak photograph of desert scene.

Kodak photograph of 12 cylinder Auburn Sedan with lady sitting behind the steering wheel.

Paper containing the following pencilled names: Anna T. Nillson, Anna Mae Wong, Barbara Barondess, Bette Davis, Betty Compson, Barbara Kent.

Three other papers containing grocery lists. These papers are being retained, together with other evidence, as the handwriting thereon may be of some importance at a later time.

Two blank statements of ownership, forms for Lucas County, Ohio, for motor vehicles.

One bound cash book containing an extended list of house furnishings and the value thereof, together with the names of numerous moving picture stars.

Three blank 1934 Ohio State applications for 1934 registration of motor vehicles.

Agent Peters interviewed Mrs. O. W. Blackman, 3969 140th Street West, at which time she stated that she was very much interested in the premises located at 3973 due to the fact that her sister had been looking for a house to rent and this house suited her exactly. However, she tried to locate the landlord to rent the premises but was referred from one individual to another until she decided that the premises were owned or at least rented by the Klarreich Realty Company, 2717 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland. It had previously been in the hands of the West Side Savings and Loan. Her sister had about succeeded in executing a lease for the house when the Realty Company apparently lost interest in leasing to her. She then tried to buy, but they would not sell to her. This occurred the latter part of June, 1934.

About June 28 or 29, an unknown man came to the home of Mrs. Blackman and asked her if the former tenants had left the key to the premises with her. Upon being informed that they had not, this man informed her that he would then get it from the landlord. Mrs. Blackman left the city and did not return until July 9, 1934, at which time she found this man and his alleged wife occupying the premises at 3973 West 140th Street. She stated that they were very seldom out in the yard and very rarely ever spoke to her. As soon as they arrived in their car, they went directly into the house. However, she saw them on many occasions, either in the yard or through the windows of their house, and she is positive that the man who inquired about the key and the man who later was in occupancy was Alvin Karpis. She stated that her son, Sonny Blackman, although only ten years of age, immediately recognized the photograph of Alvin Karpis as the man who lived next door when the picture appeared in the Cleveland paper.

She further stated that she very carefully examined the photographs of the three women, Ethel Matterson, Wynona Walcott and Gladys Sawyer, when they appeared in the paper, and she is positive that none of these women are the women who were living at the 3973 address. She stated that the woman living there was a little shorter than Wynona Walcott, had medium chestnut hair, long bob, and a rather swarthy complexion. When the original of this photograph was shown her, Mrs. Blackman repeated her previous assertion. She stated that Alvin Karpis and this woman lived at 3973 as Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Milgreth. She further stated that they had been living there for quite some time before they had any company whatsoever. They saw a rather tall heavy set man about 40 or 45 years of age begin to visit them and later this man appeared to take up a residence there. She would see him every day for several days and then would not see him for a period of several days, but he had a key to the house and apparently came and went as he pleased. He was much more pleasant than either Mr. or Mrs. Milgreth and he often passed the time of day with Mrs. Blackman.

Mrs. Blackman stated that during the time that the Milgreths lived there, there were two cars about the premises almost all of the time. One car, a dark blue or black late model Pontiac Coach, was kept in the garage almost all the time. As soon as this car was driven into the driveway, they never permitted it to stand in the driveway any longer than was necessary to open the garage doors, at which time it was driven into the garage and the doors locked. The other car was a dark blue or black, red trimmed, Ford V8 Coach, bearing 1934 Ohio license 711-696, the same being issued to Charles M. Bronson, 1312 Brockley Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland, on a 1934 Ford Coupe, Motor 18-103748U, Ohio Bill of Sale #2057601. She stated that this car was permitted to stand in the driveway quite often and as a consequence she had a good opportunity to observe it.

She further stated that at about midnight, September 5, 1934, or 1:00 A.M., September 6, 1934, a car drove up in the driveway of this residence, four men got out, went into the house, pulled down all the shades and then turned on the lights. They remained about half an hour, during which time they made several trips from the house to the cars, and they then made a hurried departure. She has not seen anyone around the premises since. When they left, they were driving the car in which they arrived, the Ford Coach registered in the name of Bronson, and the Pontiac which was stored in the garage.

William Siflett, Individual Laundry Company, 1309 Phelps Avenue, upon interview by Agent Peters, stated that he had met the Milgreths when he called for their laundry when they lived at 18109 Flamingo Street, and that he had continued to do their laundry until the present. The Individual Laundry is at present holding considerable laundry and dry cleaning of the Milgreths. He stated that he had never seen the men who lived at this address but that there were apparently two of them. He has seen and can identify Mrs. Milgreth and the description given of her corresponds to the description supplied by Mrs. Blackman.

Investigation in the neighborhood of 1312 Brockley disclosed that this address is occupied by James Murphy, and neighborhood investigation disclosed that Mr. Murphy and his family have resided at this address for approximately 16 years. He has a good reputation in the neighborhood and is employed at the Midwest Forge Company of Cleveland, Ohio, and is employed in the machine shop there. Mr. Murphy and his family were interviewed, at which time they denied any knowledge of any person by the name of Charles M. Bronson. They stated that they have no knowledge of the Ford V8 coach described by Mrs. Blackman, nor license 711696. The license on the car belonging to James Murphy was examined and bore no similarity to the license number mentioned; neither did the car owned by the Murphys bear any resemblance to the car described by Mrs. Blackman. The

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neighborhood investigation also disclosed that there was no person in that neighborhood known by the name of Charles Bronson nor did any of the neighbors know of any person ever having lived there by that name. Therefore it is assumed that the license on the car driven by the Karpis-Barker gang and issued to Bronson was issued to a fictitious address.

Reference is made to the telegram received 8/29/34 from the Kansas City Office, stating that \$100 in twenty dollars of Central United National Bank bills had been deposited in the account of the father of Arthur and Fred Barker. Although the officials of the Central United National Bank had previously been interviewed, it was believed advisable, in view of more recent developments, to have them reinterviewed for the purpose of attempting to locate accounts or safety deposit boxes. The photographs of all known suspects and associates together with the known aliases of all suspects and associates, were checked through the Central United National Bank by Agent Hopton, with negative results. Similar procedure was followed by Agent Hopton at the Cleveland Trust Company with negative results.

Immediately upon the arrival of SAC Larson at Cleveland on September 7, the three women who were found to be Paula Harmon, Wynona Walcott and Gladys Sawyer, were released by the Cleveland Police to the Division, as it was felt that these women should be interrogated to better advantage away from Cleveland police headquarters. They were immediately taken to the Municipal Building in Lakewood in several rear rooms which could be used for interrogating these women and where Agents would not be interfered with by newspaper reporters or anyone else. The Cleveland Police Department was not furnished information as to where these women were taken.

The three women were interrogated from midnight, September 7, to the afternoon of September 8, by SAC Larson, and during this interrogation Ethel Matterson admitted that she was Paula Harmon; Wynona Walcott admitted that she was Wynona Burdette. Wynona Walcott further admitted living with Harry Campbell at Toledo and Cleveland, but declined to supply any street address. Gladys Sawyer admitted living at 4419 171st Street in Cleveland with her 5 year old adopted child, her husband Harry Sawyer, Paula Harmon and Fred Barker, and stated that Paula Harmon and Fred Barker were living there as man and wife. Up to this time, although having been interrogated for two days prior thereto by Police and Agent Peters, the women had not admitted knowing any of the Karpis-Barker gang.

On Sunday, September 9, 1934, the three women agreed to voluntarily proceed to Chicago in the custody of Agents of the Division for further interrogation. They were removed from the Lakewood Police Department to the Riverside Hotel where they were held under surveillance until necessary preparations could be made for their departure, and on Sunday, September 9, 1934, they were taken in an airplane from Cleveland to Chicago, being accompanied by Special Agent J. K. Collins of the Detroit office, SAC Larson and Inspector Cowley of the Chicago Office.

On September 10, 1934, a telephone call was received by Agent Peters from Mrs. J. Cullen, 7916 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, at which time she requested that an agent call on her. She was interviewed at which time she stated that when the photograph of these three women appeared in the newspaper on Thursday, September 6, Mrs. Cullen and her husband recognized the photograph of Wynona Burdette as that of Mrs. George Walcott. She stated that on August 21 or 22, Wynona had called at the Cullen residence with reference to renting an apartment in the building which the Cullens owned at 7009 Franklin Boulevard. Wynona was accompanied by two other women in a dark Ford V8 coach or sedan, but these women were not seen by either Mr. or Mrs. Cullen.

Mr. Cullen took Wynona to the building at 7009 Franklin Boulevard where they inspected the apartment on the first floor, east, and it was rented to Wynona unfurnished for \$45.00 per month. Wynona gave them a \$20.00 bill as a deposit. She informed them that she was married, had been living in Toledo, that her husband was employed by the Lake Erie Dredge Company, and that her brother was to live in the apartment with them. The next day, three men in a dark Ford V8 coach or sedan came to the Cullen residence, all of the men wearing white naval caps. One of the men came into the Cullen home and gave Mrs. Cullen one \$20 and one \$10 bill, and Mrs. Cullen gave them a \$5.00 bill and a receipt for the \$45.00 rent to September 21. She stated that she did not see the other men in the car so as to observe their features, and she saw the one man for such a short time that she was unable to identify any of the photographs displayed to her as being the individual to whom she talked. She stated that the following day, Mr. Cullen had accompanied Mrs. Walcott (Wynona Burdette) to the gas company and the Electric Light Company, where he identified her as Mrs. Walcott and arranged for the turning on of the lights and gas in the apartment.

She further stated that the Walcotts had a dark blue or black Ford V8 coupe, and that this car was not in the garage Saturday night or all day Sunday, but that it had come in some time Sunday night and was in the garage Monday morning. She further stated that on Saturday and Sunday, the window shades were up and that on Monday morning, they were down. Mr. Cullen stated that he had been working in the basement of the apartment Saturday morning and that he had heard a man's footsteps overhead.

The apartment was immediately placed under surveillance by Special Agents W. E. Peters, A. Dickstein and W. E. Hopton, and the above information was transmitted telephonically to SAC Larson, who had returned from Chicago on the morning of the 10th. SAC Larson immediately proceeded to Cleveland. Upon his arrival, the surveillance on this residence was continued by SAC Larson, Special Agents J. K. Collins, J. E. Murphy, W. E. Hopton, A. Dickstein, L. D. Socey, and Special Agents (A) R. H. Laughlin, T. M. Mulherin, R. G. McCallum, until approximately 6:30 A.M., September 11, 1934. As no one had called at or left the address since the surveillance had been taken up, it was raided. No one was found there at this time. An inventory of the clothes and furnishings in the apartment was taken by Agent Laughlin. The same is being retained in the Detroit office file and only the items that might be of value in tracing Subjects shown in this inventory are being set forth herewith. This does not contain miscellaneous papers and the like, and none of the articles listed herein were removed by Agents:

Back Bedroom

- 1 Blue suit, Wall Street, Maurice L. Rothschild
- 1 Brown Suit, Baskins, Chicago
- 1 Light blue, gray stripe suit (2 pants), Maurice L. Rothschild
- 1 Gray suit, Browning King & Co.
- 1 Taupe silk shirt - George Wing & Company, 627 Jackson Street, San Francisco, California
- 2 Gabardine shirts, Wm. Young & Co., 204 North Center Street, Reno, Nevada
- 2 Pairs pyjamas, size 15, Marshall Field & Co.
- 1 Dark red bathing suit, Mfg. Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Middle Bedroom

- 2 pair ladies' bedroom slippers, B. R. Baker Co., Toledo
- 1 Gabardine topcoat, Richman Bros.
- 1 Necktie, M. R. Herb Co., Sandusky, Ohio

Dining Room

- 1 Camel's Hair tan overcoat, Baer Bros. & Prodie, Chicago
- Almanac from Dewendack's Dependable Drug Store, Summit at 124th Street, Toledo, Ohio

In the closet of the middle bedroom at this address there was found by Agent Dickstein the following described property:

- 1 Thompson sub-machine gun with vertical foregrip, model #1921, number destroy
- 1 100-round machine gun drum loaded with .45 calibre ammunition;
- 1 .32 Colt automatic pistol #459861, with which was an extra clip fully loaded;
- 1 .45 Colt automatic Government model pistol, #C151733, with two extra loaded clips;
- 1 .45 Colt automatic Government model pistol, #C162757, with two extra loaded clips; also
- 500 rounds of .45 calibre ammunition in addition to the ammunition in the guns and clips.

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The machine gun and pistols aforementioned, together with the 100 rounds machine gun drum were forwarded direct by express to the Division for examination there.

An examination of the apartment was made under the direction of Special Agent L. D. Socoy for fingerprints and the results of said search were submitted to the Division. An inventory of miscellaneous papers et cetera found in the apartment at 7009 Franklin Boulevard, taken into custody by Agent McCallum and brought to the Detroit office, is set forth herewith:

Papers, et cetera, found in Apartment at 7009
Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio, September 11, 1934

1. Carbon copy dated March 21, 1934, of Retail Buyers Order for purchase of Ford coupe, from Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company by "Geo. Winfield." Salesman "Reed" or "Rud." Buyer's order marked "Paid 3/21/34 F. D. R." Total cost of auto \$713.28.
2. Bill of sale for Ford Deluxe Coupe, motor #683450 from Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company, 3519 Detroit Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, to George Winfield, 631 St. Clair Street, dated March 21, 1934.
- 2-A. Registration card for Ford coupe, motor #683450, issued by State of Ohio to Geo. Winfield, 631 St. Clair, Toledo, Ohio, March 21, 1934.
3. Repair bill of Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Co., dated 6/1/34, for Deluxe Coupe, motor #683450, license #C19563, speedometer reading 2,494. Owner Geo. Winfield, 33 1/2 Summit.
4. Oil and grease bill, L. D. Sherod, Huron, Ohio, for coupe automobile, speedometer reading 3954, dated June 28, 1934.
5. Owner's Service Policy issued to H. J. Morley, 33 1/2 Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio, by Robison Chevrolet, Inc., Toledo, Ohio, 8/3/34, for Chevrolet automobile, #1DA07, 49267.
6. Bill of S. B. Andrews, M. D., 421 Michigan Street, Toledo, Ohio, addressed to Mrs. George Winfield, 4209 Lockwood, Toledo, Ohio, for "Anaesthetic 5/27/34," \$20.00. (4209 N. Lockwood Street is residence of Ted Angus.)
7. Receipt signed by Dr. S. B. Andrews dated June 9, 1934, evidencing receipt in full of \$20.00 from Mrs. Geo. Winfield, 4209 Lockwood. (4209 N. Lockwood Street is the residence of Ted Angus)

8. Receipt of St. Vincent's Hospital dated July 19, 1934, evidencing receipt of \$56.00 from "Mr. George Winfield for Mrs." Board \$35.00. Operating Room and Dressing \$16.00. Medicine \$1.00. Laboratory \$4.00.
9. Receipt of St. Vincent's Hospital dated July 29, 1934, evidencing receipt of \$55.50 from Mr. George Winfield for Mrs. Wynona, being payment in full.
10. Tissue paper on which is written "Inez Rode, 333 Hiett Ave."
11. Card of "N. F. Sheldon, Florist, opposite St. Vincent's Hospital, 2218 Cherry Street," signed "Love, Buff."
12. Greeting card "A week of wishes to speed your recovery" containing a greeting card for each day of the week.
13. Receipt issued by West Toledo Furniture Co., July 15, 1934, to Geo. Winfield for \$100. Balance due \$204.84.
14. Bill of West Toledo Furniture Co., dated August 17, 1934, for account of Geo. Winfield, 2831 Edgewater Dr., showing purchases of furniture between March 27, 1934, and May 3, 1934, amounting to \$939.84, less payments on account between March 28, 1934, and July 16, 1934, of \$735.00, leaving a balance of \$204.84.
15. Receipt of West Toledo Furniture Co., dated August 18, 1934, showing \$204.84 received from George Winfield in full payment of account.
16. Receipt issued by Joe Cullen August 20, 1934, to Mr. Walcott for rent, 7009 Franklin, \$45.00.
17. Receipt issued by Master Movers, Inc., 7810 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, on 8/21/34, to Mr. Geo. Winfield for \$15.00 to pay storage due on goods in City Van & Storage Co.
18. Receipt issued by The Cotter City View Storage Co., August 22, 1934, to Master Movers for \$6.75 in payment of storage and handling - Geo. Winfield account.
19. Receipt issued by The East Ohio Gas Co., Cleveland, Ohio, August 22, 1934, to George Walcott, 7009 Franklin, for turning on gas, \$1.00.
20. Receipt issued by The East Ohio Gas Co., Cleveland, Ohio, August 22, 1934, to George Walcott for \$10.00 being deposit as security for payment of gas consumed at 7009 Franklin.

21. Receipt issued by Department of Public Utilities, Division of Light and Power, August 27, 1934, to George Walcott, 7009 Franklin, for \$2.00, being deposit as security for payment of amount due.
22. Undated receipt issued by Mrs. Fred Willgret, Grand Forest Beach, Huron, Ohio, showing receipt from Mrs. George Swanson of \$140 in full for Colonial Cottage from June 27 to September 3.
23. Tag of Cotter City View Storage Company, Akron, Ohio.
24. C. O. D. ticket of the Isalle & Koch Company, Toledo, Ohio, addressed to Mrs. A. G. Bradford, 4905 Summit Street.
25. Business card of The Casino Club, Summit Street, opposite Bay View Park, Toledo, Ohio.
26. Collection Report (probably slot machine), Casino Club, dated 8-1. "Merchant's Signature - Ted."
27. Easter Greeting Card signed "May."
28. Bulletin of Edgewater Market, 5202 Summit Street, showing household utilities and groceries as of April 27 and 28.
29. Business card, The Higbee Company (O. Coughenour, Carpets, Linoleum and Rugs.)
30. Two tickets to Three Act Comedy "Let's Get Married" held at High School Auditorium, May 16, Point Place, P. T. A.
31. Address book containing no addresses.
32. Letter and envelope addressed to Mr. Guy E. Wales, 2831 131st Street, Toledo, Ohio, from Household Finance Corporation, July 24, 1934.
33. Price list of Rawleigh Products Company, 2719 West 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, addressed to H. A. Tulloch, 1307 West 74th.
34. Envelope containing quinine purchased from Duvendack's, Summit at 124th Street, Toledo, Ohio.
35. Picture torn from newspaper showing three Hollywood chorus girls on which had been written with a pen respectively, "Eunice, Jimmie, Ruth."
36. Piece torn from envelope on which was written "110 N" "1035".

37. Paper containing white powder (forwarded to Division)
38. One leather card holder.
39. One key case containing three keys:
 P. & F. Corbin, New Britain, Ct., #CR2019028
 Yale #2A584
 P. & F. Corbin, New Britain, Ct., #CR2003073
40. One key case containing one key, manufacturer, Briggs & Stratton, Milwaukee, no number.
41. One key case containing seven keys:
 Segal #A45030
 Independent Lock Co., Litchberg, Massachusetts, No number
 Libm #EL696
 Yale #B40
 Neumann #L570
 Small key apparently for grip
42. One key case containing two keys:
 Corbin #CR2019028
 Yale #2A584
43. One key case containing five keys:
 Keil #168B
 Corbin #CR2019028
 " #CR2003073
 Yale #5A136
 Yale #2A584
44. Three keys on ring:
 Black Knight Padlock (Independent Lock Co., Litchberg, Massachusetts, #PK763)
 Briggs & Stratton Corp., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, #11
45. Two Ford Auto keys on ring:
 Hurd #FC153 and FT138
46. Keil key, #168B
47. Three door keys
48. One small black ladies' change purse containing part of a gold tooth inlay.

A Ford V8 was found in the garage at this address bearing 1934 Ohio license plates C19563, issued to George Winfield, 631 St. Clair Street, Toledo, Ohio, the motor number of said car being 683450. In the pocket of said car were found the following:

1 repair order #4543 of R. E. Voelker Inc., 17601 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, which is signed George Winfield, Toledo, Ohio, for washing and waxing, tightening car in general and taking out squeaks and rattles, for Ford coupe, license C19563, dated September 5, 1934.

1 Sinclair Refining Company statement, number 776726, for the repair of one tire on Ford, license #19563, dated 8/1/34. The location of the station where this repair work was done is not shown. It also indicates that the crank case was drained and filled and that one light bulb was purchased.

1 receipt of the Standard Oil Company, station 2291, Huron and Madison Streets, Sandusky, Ohio, dated 8/18/34, to George Swanson, Rye Beach, Ohio, for Ford, license C19563, for motor oil and gasoline, and is receipted paid by E. R. Wilkins.

This car bears the motor number set forth above and license plates set forth above. This car is 1934 model Deluxe coupe Ford, painted black with cream body striping. It is equipped with five wire wheels which are cream colored, and on these wire wheels are mounted five Firestone heavy duty tires. There is a Majestic Dash Radio on the car, the type especially manufactured for Ford automobiles. As is set forth in another place in this report, bill of sale was found on the premises of 7009 Franklin Boulevard, showing that said car had been purchased from the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales, 3519 Detroit Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, by George Winfield, 631 St. Clair Street, on March 21, 1934. It is signed "Jess J. Ellis" and "George Winfield" and the signatures were witnessed by Ann Marie Leskey and Thomas Carder, Deputy Clerk. The same is also sworn to by Jess J. Ellis on March 21, 1934, before Thomas Carder, Deputy Clerk. A copy of this was filed in the Lucas County Common Pleas Court on March 21, 1934. The approximate speedometer reading on this car was 8,000 miles. Upon finding this car it was taken in custody by SAC Larson and under Division instructions he was authorized to retain possession of same and remove it to Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Cullen were reinterviewed at which time they admitted that their previous information relative to the car not being in the garage and the window shades being pulled had been obtained by them from their ten year old grandson who could not have seen the car in the garage if it was there due to the high windows, and that it was Mr. Cullen who had actually seen the car in the garage and had secured the license number of it.

Mr. Cullen admitted that, at the time he was working in the basement, he had not particularly noticed from what apartment the footstep came and it was entirely possible that they had been from the other first floor apartment.

It should be noted that afore in this report it is set forth that an inventory of clothing and furnishings at 4419 West 171st Street was taken by Agent Hopton, and there are certain items set forth therein, none of which were taken into custody.

However, at the time Agent Hopton took his inventory Agents McCallum and Socey also made a search of the premises and found there the following articles, which were taken into custody:

(The hypodermic syringe and needles set forth in the following list have been submitted to the Division for examination in the Scientific Laboratory. The other articles are in the Detroit Division office file.)

One mounted photograph of a jockey mounted upon a race horse bearing No. 5. This photograph contained the name "Armed Naves," which appears to be the name of the horse. Also the following: "H. Morrison - Hawthorne - Owner, J. Sutro - Trainer J. Corcoran", and is dated August 9, 1929.

Clothes line, insulated copper wire, plain copper wire and other miscellaneous equipment necessary for installation of radio in which may be capable of being used in tapping wires.

One hand drill and three drills bearing price tag in amount 49¢, also #CYS and #9K5590, manufactured by Sears Roebuck & Company.

Twelve steel Tungsten hack saw blades containing original wrapper bearing #5017. These blades are capable of cutting iron, brass, et cetera.

One hypodermic syringe in box containing three hypodermic syringe needles. The box in which this hypodermic syringe was found contains the following printed matter: B-D Yale Syringe #10-Y 10 cc Becton Dickinson & Company, Rutherford, New Jersey.

Two boxes containing one hypodermic syringe needle each.

One key case containing eleven keys:

- 1 - Independent Lock Company, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, #999
- 1 - Neumann, #1570
- 2 - #N87
- 1 - #5
- 1 - #K63
- 1 - National Cash Register Company, #5
- 4 - with no numbers

Receipt from Halle Brothers Company, no address specified, showing purchase of 18 yards (name of material not distinguishable) at 95¢, total \$17.10. This receipt reflects that a \$50.00 bill was used in making this purchase.

Receipt dated at Cleveland, Ohio, August 16, 1934, in name of John E. Maddorson in amount of \$40.00 for rent of premises at 4419 West 171st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, paying up to September 20, 1934, signed by C. N. Mitchell.

Under date of September 14, 1934, Mr. R. E. Newby of the Division phoned the Detroit office advising that under date of August 9, Mr. Fred Spohn, fingerprint expert of the Sheriff's Office at Chardon, Ohio, had written to the Division, as follows:

H. O. HILL
Sheriff of Geauga County
Chardon, Ohio

8/9-34

Mr. Hoover

Dear Sir:

We would like to locate a man by the name of Charles Carroll alias Charles Winterhalter. Maybe this man is locked up in some jail or prison and if that maybe that you have some recent information on him that we would like very much to get.

With Thanking you in advance

I remain yours

Fred C. Spohn, F.P.E.
Sheriff's Office
Chardon, O.

F.P. Class 32 W10 0
31 W11 1

Ref 24
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Note - served 2 terms in Oklahoma Pen
10505 & 11-873

Also at Lansing, Kansas - 1049
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Further, that under date of August 17, 1934, an abstract of the criminal record of Charles Carroll alias Charles Winterhalter, Division jacket #30222, was forwarded to the Sheriff at Chardon, Ohio, for the attention of Mr. Fred Spohn, Identification Expert. Mr. Newby further advised that the Division had supplied no abstract of the criminal record to any agency other than the Sheriff's Office at Chardon, Ohio, on this individual, since approximately May 26, 1934, which record was forwarded to the Police Department at Muscatine, Iowa; that it was possible that the abstract of criminal record found at 3973 West 140th Street was that which had been supplied the Sheriff's Office at Chardon.

Special Agent W. E. Peters discreetly interviewed Sheriff H. O. Hill at Chardon, Ohio, relative to Mr. Spohn, and was informed that Spohn was not a regular deputy in the Sheriff's office, being a special officer to take fingerprints for the sheriff and assist in the maintenance of the sheriff's records. Sheriff Hill stated that considerable pressure had been brought to bear upon him to have Spohn appointed a regular deputy but due to Spohn's habit of over-indulgence in intoxicating liquor, he was too unreliable and therefore Mr. Hill believed it inadvisable to make the appointment. He stated that he believed Spohn to be entirely trustworthy and honest, although he was not over-burdened with intelligence. Mr. Hill stated that with reference to the criminal record of Charles Carroll, Division jacket number 30222, he had noticed it when it arrived at the Sheriff's Office, but could not see the connection it had with any case pending in Geauga County. He had never heard of anyone by the name of Charles Carroll, and too there was no one in custody there by that name. However, as Spohn handled all the correspondence of this nature he merely passed on the criminal record of Carroll to Spohn without making comment or without wondering further the reason for Spohn's inquiry to the Division.

Agent Peters interviewed Fred Spohn under the pretext

after considerable conversation Agent Peters informed Spohn that inasmuch as Charles Carroll was never known to have operated in that section of the country, he was very interested in the reason for his inquiry for Carroll's criminal record. Spohn then stated that for some little time he had done work for the Frank J. Noonan Detective Agency located at 1900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, and that he was employed part time as a watchman at a dog track in Geauga County, which the Frank J. Noonan Detective Agency had the contract to protect. He advised that the first knowledge he had of the Carroll matter was probably some time in July 1934 at which time Frank J. Noonan of the Frank J. Noonan Detective Agency got in touch with him and requested him to communicate with the Kansas State Penitentiary to see if he could get a line on Carroll. Spohn complied with Noonan's request and under date of July 26, 1934, received a letter from the Kansas State Penitentiary, which letter was supplied to Agent Peters and is being used in further investigation being conducted at this time at Cleveland.

The description set forth on this photograph of Carroll is as follows:

Age	30 years
Height	5 feet 6 inches
Weight	140 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Build	Medium
Marks	Tattoos on arms, dagger piercing heart, head, cross, sailor and flag

At the request of Noonan, Spohn, on the stationery of H. O. Hill, the Sheriff, wrote to the St. Paul Police Department and also to the Division, and upon receipt of Carroll's record from the Division Spohn turned it over to Noonan.

[REDACTED]

Max Weissman was then the slot machine boss and Hill ordered him to get the machines out of the county. Weissman paid him a visit, inquired what the difficulty was, and what the prosecuting attorney was getting out of it. When informed by Hill that he was not getting anything, Weissman said, "Why, that dirty --- of a --- Noonan told me that he had to give him \$100 a week."

It should be noted here, as set forth afore in this report, that 12 pay envelopes of the Frank J. Noonan Detective Agency, 19 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, upon which was written the name of H. G. Milgreth, which handwriting is identical with that of Alvin Karpis, were also found at 3973 140th Street where the abstract of criminal record of Charles Carroll, Division jacket #30222, was located. Further investigation is being conducted at the time this report is being written under the direction of SAC Larson at Cleveland, Ohio, concerning the Frank J. Noonan Detective Agency and Charles Carroll, and what their connections or relations are with the Karpis-Barker gang.

Regarding Francine Sawyer, Special Agent W. E. Peters was advised by Judge Harry L. Eastman, Juvenile Court, Cuyahoga County, Cleveland, Ohio, that he had been advised by the Ramsey County authorities at St. Paul, Minnesota, that Francine Sawyer was still a ward of the Ramsey County Court, and the authorities had requested the return of this child to the jurisdiction of that court. Judge Eastman informed Agent Peters there were no funds available to Cuyahoga County authorities by which the child could be transferred to St. Paul, and apparently the same situation existed with Ramsey County, Minnesota, authorities. He stated that if the Division desired he would turn Francine Sawyer over to Agents of the Division for the return to St. Paul authorities. He requested that she be taken from the Juvenile Home as expeditiously as possible as there was very little protection for her there if anyone wished to kidnap her and the night watchman at the Juvenile Home had reported several cars cruising in the neighborhood.

Agent Peters on instructions of SAC Larson, conferred with Mr. S. P. Cowley at Chicago, Illinois, by phone, who advised that Francine Sawyer could be taken in custody by Agents for her removal to St. Paul, but that her departure from the Detention Home and from Cleveland should be closely guarded. This procedure was followed and on September 11, 1934, Francine Sawyer was transferred by plane from Cleveland to Chicago in the custody of Agent Peters, where she was delivered to the Chicago office until such time as she could be taken to St. Paul.

Investigation is at present being pursued at Cleveland and Toledo based on the information contained in this report and in the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, 9/19/34.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: All offices receiving copies of this report will carefully review the same and develop any and all leads which should receive attention in their respective field office territories.

P E N D I N G

September 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the fingerprint examinations being conducted in connection with the case designated as BREKID.

In addition to identifications previously reported, one of the latent prints developed on the beer bottles submitted under cover of your letter of May 19, 1934, has been identified with the right index finger of J. Geo. Zeigler, deceased.

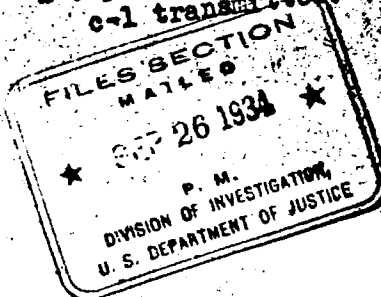
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Patrons should check class of service desired, otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof:

M. R. Purvis,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

BREKID JAMES WILSON'S WIFE AND TOM MORAN LEFT DENVER BEFORE NOON TODAY DRIVING FORD COUPE DARK GREEN BODY BLACK FENDERS ILLINOIS LICENSE ONE MAJEST FIVE EIGHT EIGHT FOUR TWO MORAN EXPECTS ARRIVE SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS TUESDAY MRS WILSON GOING CHICAGO OR PERU ILLINOIS WILSON'S PERSONAL EFFECTS IN POSSESSION WIFE NOT EXAMINED

cc Division

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ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al - Victim
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Send the following message, subject to the terms of back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

St. Paul, Minnesota, (12:10 PM)
April 6, 1935.

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E. J. CONNELLEY,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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September 25, 1934.

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

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. 7-82

On September 23, 1934, a letter was received by the Chicago Division office addressed to Mr. E. P. Cowley, from Special Agent A. R. Miller of your office, enclosing four photographs of Edna Murray alias Helma Tippetts, alias Velma Champaign alias Edna Sullivan, which were obtained by Special Agent Miller from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. These photographs were submitted to the Chicago Division office as per the request of Mr. Cowley on September 21, 1934.

Special Agent Miller in his letter of transmittal of these photographs advised that that penitentiary's records showed that one person who claimed to be a brother and gave his name as Harry Knight, Rockford, Illinois, visited Edna Grace. Special Agent Miller further stated that it is his personal recollection that a Harry Knight is a prominent lawyer of Rockford, Illinois and a former States Attorney. Special Agent A. G. Schuss learned at Rockford, Illinois, that a William D. Knight is a prominent attorney at Rockford, Illinois, and former states attorney. However, Edna Murray was not known to attorney Knight. Agent Schuss also learned that a Harry Knight resided in Rockford, Illinois, in 1929, and was a furniture polisher by trade, but that he left Rockford during that year and has not been heard of since.

The Kansas City office is requested to conduct a thorough investigation at the Missouri State Penitentiary to attempt to learn more concerning the family history of Edna Murray. It will be noted from one of the photographs submitted by Special Agent Miller that notations on the rear of this photograph show that Edna Murray's husband, Jack Morrison, is now incarcerated in that institution. It is believed that Morrison should be interviewed and all possible information concerning Edna Murray obtained from him.

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Paula Harmon, who was recently interviewed by Chicago Division office agents, has advised that she believed Edna Murray comes from some point in Kansas and has a son about fifteen years of age who resides with his mother's people at some point in Kansas. Paula Harmon has further advised that Edna Murray is very fond of her son, and probably corresponds with her mother in order to be advised of his welfare or assist in supporting him. Every effort should, therefore, be made to learn the identity and present whereabouts of the family of Edna Murray.

Very truly yours,

G. P. COWLEY,
Inspector.

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