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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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September 26, 1934

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are two letters post-  
marked at Kansas City, Missouri September 22d and 23,  
1934 [redacted]  
from Special Agent Fallon under the name of Jim Foster.

Very truly yours,

DAUGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*H. Bremer*

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**Division of Investigation**

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
September 22, 1934.

**PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL**  
cc-Oklahoma City-Personal and Confidential.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Raughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Cowley.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Tamm.....

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

Dear Sir:

You are advised that I received a telephone call today from Special Agent J. L. Fallon of the Philadelphia office advising that he arrived in Kansas City this morning. Agent Fallon stated that he observed the Majestic Hotel, and, upon finding it to be a small two-story building, determined it would be inadvisable to immediately check in there from the train. He, accordingly, registered at the Missouri Hotel, using the name Jim Foster and presently occupying Room 414. He plans to work into the Majestic Hotel gradually, first making inquiries concerning rates and then engaging a room. I am of the opinion that this procedure is right, inasmuch as the Majestic is such a place that suspicion might be created by a guest proceeding directly there upon arrival in the city.

Agent Fallon indicated that he expected to communicate with Special Agent in Charge Brantley at the Oklahoma City office. He has my home address and telephone number and will immediately advise me of any developments.

I have not been informed by the Division of the anticipated assignment of Agent Fallon and will, accordingly, appreciate any special instructions, which the Division may care to give concerning his assignment. Those Agents assigned to this office who are acquainted with Fallon are being advised of his presence in Kansas City on under-cover assignment, in order that there may be no possibility of his being uncovered.

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Very truly yours, &

*R. B. Nathan*  
R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Gentlemen  
Returning Photos loaned from  
your Dept some months ago.  
Thanks for your Cooperation

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Yours Resph  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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September 25, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

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This is to record the telephonic call received by ~~Mr. Quinn~~ *Mr. Quinn* from Mr. Little of the "Buffalo Times" reporting the discovery of the ransom bills at the Federal Reserve Bank and Merchants Trade Bank at Buffalo, New York bearing serial numbers,

- I 03976248A
- I 04309097A
- I 05346792A
- I 05288761A

After examining the file I found that the first three serial numbers had already been covered in an investigative report by the Buffalo Office. I therefore sent a telegram to the Buffalo Office advising that Mr. Little had furnished information with respect to the four serial numbers, and setting forth serial number I 05288761A, and advising that the other serial numbers had already been reported.

*Edw. R. Brennan*

*#Kavanaugh memo*

Respectfully,

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



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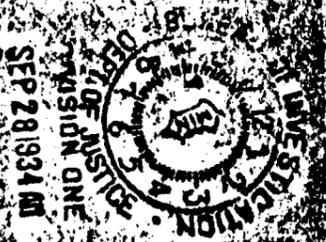
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Denver, Colo.,  
 Sept. 26, 1934  
 8:45 AM  
 JCH:JR



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

BREKID AGENT SWERSON ACCOMPANYING JAMES WILSON WILL LEAVE CHEYENNE WYOMING  
 UNITED AIRLINES PLANE EIGHT AM AND ARRIVE CHICAGO THREE THIRTY PM NEXT PLANE

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cc Division ✓

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al  
 EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
 KIDNAPING

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

September 27, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. 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 G. BREMER  
Victim - KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Chicago office dated February 5, 1934, with which was transmitted the original road chart dropped by the bandits at Holland, Michigan in February, 1932, at the time the bank was robbed at that place.

The original road chart forwarded to the Division with the letter from this office dated February 5, 1934, was obtained from Mr. C. M. STEWART, 7000 East End Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. As indicated in the final paragraph of said letter, Mr. Stewart requested that the chart be returned to him when same had served its purpose.

Mr. C. M. STEWART now resides at the Olympic Hotel, 1015 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, and recently has requested that the get-away chart referred to above be returned to him.

very truly yours,

*S. P. Crowley*  
S. P. CROWLEY  
Inspector

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October 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Inspector Cowley's letter of September 27, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. 1218, et al, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

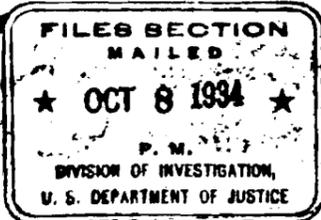
In accordance with the request contained therein there are being transmitted herewith sixteen pages purporting to be one of the original road charts lost by bandits in connection with the robbery of the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan, in February 1932.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #818016.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to Form 2

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**E P GUINANE**  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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**COLVIN**

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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September 24, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 2118,  
Detroit, Michigan.

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

There is transmitted herewith the final  
statement made by Paula Harmon, dated September  
22, 1934, which contains additional information,  
for investigation by the Detroit and Kansas City  
Division offices.

Very truly yours,

A. P. COWLEY,  
Inspector.

RIB, MD

cc-Division  
Kansas City (Enc.)

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P. O. BOX 1156,  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA,  
September 24, 1934

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

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:-

Under date of May 25, 1934, your office wrote to the  
Division in connection with the above entitled case, in reference to  
the criminal record of HARRY SANDLOVICH alias HARRY "DUTCH" SAWYER,  
alias HARRY J. PORCHEL.

It is our understanding that this is the letter which con-  
tains the criminal record and other connections, as far as is known,  
of the said Sandlovich, as secured by Special Agent J. R. Green, now  
of this office.

As the Omaha Office is requested from time to time, for  
information concerning Sandlovich, I desire that you send a copy of  
this letter to the Omaha Office for future reference.

Very truly yours,

HENNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge

JRG/TCH  
cc: Division,  
Chicago, St. Paul.  
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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.



Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 2118,  
Detroit, Michigan.

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. 7-52

Reference is made to letter from the Detroit  
Division office, dated September 21, 1934, wherein it  
is requested that you be furnished with one of the forms  
used in the confiscation of automobiles, which, accord-  
ing to your understanding, this office possesses.

The Chicago Division office has no particular  
form used for the purpose of confiscation of automobiles,  
but there is attached a copy of the petition used in the  
confiscation of a Ford V-8 coupe, motor NO. 1B-36194,  
property of Vernon C. Miller with aliases. It is believed  
that this petition will assist you in confiscation pro-  
ceedings of the Ford coupe which was abandoned by Barker,  
Karpis and Campbell at Cleveland, Ohio, and recovered by  
Agents of the Detroit Division office.

Very truly yours,

E. P. CONLEY,  
Inspector.

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Post Office Box #2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
September 25 1934

Mr. F. E. Casey  
Post Office #2118  
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Please continue the thirty day  
all first class mail addressed to 4309 North  
Toledo, Ohio; 2525 Georgetown Avenue, Toledo,  
Ohio; 124 E. W. St., Toledo, Ohio (The Casino Club at  
Shaw's Restaurant).

In submitting writings, please refer to our  
File 7-25. You may be assured that your cooperation in this  
matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

DEH:MEB  
cc - Division

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219, et al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
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P. O. Box 1876  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
September 24, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1210,  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. #1210; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Replying to your letter of September 21st with respect to Jess Howard, please be advised that inquiry by Special Agent Paul Hansen of this office discloses that Jess Howard was killed at Miami, Oklahoma. Identification was established through fingerprints and relatives of Howard.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division  
Chicago  
St. Paul

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Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
September 25, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Dallas, Texas.

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

Dear Sir:

Your attention is respectfully called to copy  
of a letter addressed by the Division to Mr. Eugene L.  
Harris, Huckins Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Septem-  
ber 8, 1934, and also to copy of a letter addressed by  
Mr. Harris to the Director dated August 25, 1934, copies  
of which were furnished your office.

Inquiries were made by Special Agent Paul Han-  
sen at the Huckins Hotel in Oklahoma City and Agent Han-  
sen was advised that Harris is still in Dennison, Texas,  
and that it is not known when he will return to Oklahoma  
City. He can be located at 1226 West Woodard Street in  
Dennison. It is requested that this man be interviewed  
for any information he has concerning any suspects in this  
case.

Very truly yours,

WRIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc Division

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**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**  
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
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SEPTEMBER 25, 1934.

Mr. Tolson	.....
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Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Cowley	.....
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Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of September 21, 1934, and my letter of September 22, 1934, concerning the presence in Kansas City, Missouri, of Special Agent J. L. Fallon on undercover assignment. Inasmuch as copies of my letter of September 22nd were not forwarded to the St. Louis and Chicago offices, copies are being attached to copy of this letter designated for those offices.

The Division is advised that Agent Fallon has moved from the Missouri Hotel to the Dixon Hotel, where he is occupying Room 720. He will communicate with this office by telephone every day but, of course, no open contact will be had with him.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*  
R. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

*John H. P. [unclear]*

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cc - Oklahoma City, Personal and Confidential  
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Mr. Cowley, Chicago, Illinois  
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Personal and Confidential

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, 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.

Dear Sir :

On the evening of September 24, 1934, Special Agent O. G. Hall received information from a confidential informant at Coffeyville, Kansas, to the effect that last Friday night, September 21, 1934, he met Doc Barker and Alvin Karpis at South Coffeyville, Kansas. This confidential informant is the one referred to as "informant No. 2" in my letter dated September 1, 1934, addressed to the Division under personal and confidential cover, in the Dillinger case. The informant stated that Doc Barker and Alvin Karpis were accompanied by Jesse Doyle, [redacted] Doyle. The informant was introduced to them through Tommy Hill [redacted] at a local drug store. Tommy Hill, it will be noted in the letter dated September 1, 1934, in the Dillinger case, covering Agent Hall's undercover inquiry at South Coffeyville, is the operator of a gambling house at that place. The informant reported that Doc Barker and Alvin Karpis were driving a Ford V-8 Sedan with yellow wire wheels, bearing a Kansas license tag the number of which begins with one, indicating that it had been issued in Wyandotte County, Kansas. These individuals indicated that they were headed either for Tulsa, Oklahoma, or Kansas City, Missouri.

Agent Hall reported that the following morning, September 22, 1934, a mail truck robbery was reported at South Coffeyville, Kansas. No information was forthcoming, however, relative to this robbery.

Shortly after receiving this information by telephone from the informant, Agent Hall was contacted at Tulsa by one McCauley, the head crap dealer at Tommy Hill's establishment. McCauley advised Agent Hall that on Saturday night, September 22, 1934, he came to Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was contacted there by Jesse Doyle, Doc Barker and Alvin Karpis. They succeeded in obtaining \$1,000.00 in new \$20.00 bills from a Mr. Arrett, or Mr. Errett, a business man at Independence, Kansas, through a confidence game. It is not known whether the correct name of the victim was obtained. The parties

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operating the confidence game are reported to have left Tulsa in a 1934 Plymouth Sedan.

Upon receipt of this information, Agent Hall was instructed to immediately cover all of his contacts in Tulsa with a view to determining whether the Barker brothers or any of the other subjects in this case are presently there. Agent Hansen was instructed to proceed to Tulsa to assist Agent Hall, and it is believed that all contacts there are receiving appropriate attention, and that this office will be advised in the event the Barker brothers return.

This information was furnished to Special Agent in Charge Nathan of the Kansas City Office by telephone for appropriate attention at Independence, Kansas, in an effort to locate the victim of the confidence game for the purpose of having him identify the photographs of subjects, and such other attention as the Kansas City Office might deem appropriate.

The information contained in a code wire from the Division, dated September 25, 1934, with reference to [redacted] was previously received from Special Agent in Charge Colvin of the El Paso Office by telephone. Upon [redacted] contacting the Oklahoma City Office, appropriate action will be taken toward placing the residence [redacted] under surveillance, in accordance with telephonic instructions received from Mr. Tamm.

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Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc St. Paul  
Chicago  
Kansas City  
Little Rock  
El Paso

Pittsburgh, Pa.  
September 28, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SPECIAL AGENTS

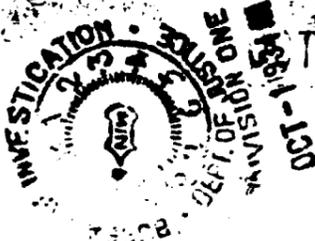
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ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

There have been received two copies of a Summary report by Agent Nicholson of the St. Paul Office in the above entitled case.

It is desired that on or before October 27, 1934 this report be carefully reviewed by each Agent assigned to this office.

J. J. WATERS  
Special Agent in Charge

JJW:IW  
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cc:Division



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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

September 27, 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.C. 1219;  
et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

With reference to Edna Murray with aliases, Special Agent H. C. Suran, has advised that while attached to the Kansas City Division office, before his transfer to Chicago, Illinois, he recalls a file in your office entitled EARL STUCKLIH with aliases - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT. Agent Suran recalls that Stuckli is either a brother or brother-in-law of Edna Murray and that this man was wanted by authorities at Hill City, Kansas in connection with a bank robbery at that point in addition to the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act charge. It is Agent Suran's impression that the bank robbery took place some time during the latter part of 1932 or the first part of 1933, and that there is much valuable information in this file relative to associations and antecedents of Edna Murray. It is also quite likely that subject Volney Davis was intimately associated with Edna Murray and may have been involved in the bank robbery at Hill City, Kansas. It is, therefore, suggested that his photograph be exhibited to persons who were present at the time of this robbery for possible identification.

It is believed that a careful review of the file entitled EARL STUCKLIH with aliases - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT will assist in securing the address of Edna Murray's parents and the present whereabouts of her son.

Very truly yours,

E. F. COWLEY,  
Inspector.

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Kansas City, Mo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>9-27-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>9-8 to 26-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>M. C. SPEAR</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1213; ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Surveillance Joplin, Missouri and vicinity of Subject Barkers' father, George E. Barker, continued without obtaining any information Subjects' whereabouts. Various rumors that Karpis was in Topeka, Kansas investigated with negative results. Informants at Kansas City indicate Tony and Frank, two alleged Italian Karpis contacts, might be in Omaha, Nebraska; other source indicating Subject Gibson possibly there. Subject Karpis' sister, brother-in-law and former associate, Topeka, Kansas, deny knowledge Karpis' whereabouts. Additional possible contact points obtained from interviews convicts State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas. One F. Roy Powell, Walworth, Wisconsin, forced at point of gun on September 19, 1934, to transport three men, identities unknown, from Chicago to Missouri. State auto registration records Kansas and Missouri failed to reflect current registration known cars used by Subjects and associates, except car of Subject Barker's father. Information Edna Murray, escape from Missouri State Penitentiary, Volney Davis' companion, obtained and set out herein. Results cover on mail John T. Glynn, Leavenworth, Kansas contact, set out.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated September 11, 1934.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>M. C. Nathan</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-2992	RECORDED AND INDEXED: SEP 29 1934
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DETAILS:

Investigation at Joplin, Missouri and vicinity is being conducted by Special Agents W. B. O'Mahoney and L. A. Beckstead, George W. Barker, the father of Subjects Barker, being kept under continual surveillance in an endeavor to obtain information of the Subjects' whereabouts. The following memoranda submitted by Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney relative to this investigation at Joplin and vicinity are being incorporated and made a part hereof.

Joplin, Mo. Sept. 15, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE S.A.G.

This memorandum will cover the period Sept. 8th to 15th.

It will be recalled that G. E. Barker was in Neosho, Missouri, on the date of September 5th, which information was set out in a previous memorandum dated 9-8-34. Jess Saxton, who has rendered valuable information in the past in connection with this case, stated that he followed Barker on the 5th and observed that he visited a residence located at Wall and Benham Streets, Neosho. That directly across the street from the house visited by Barker lives one Carlisle Keith, who has been seen with G. E. Barker on several different occasions and who is known to have driven Barker on some of the trips that he has taken out of Neosho. Keith is about 23 years of age, is 5'9" tall, weighs 135 lbs. is fair and has blond hair. On the same afternoon that Saxton followed G. E. Barker he also saw Peggy Asher, riding with a young fellow on a Model T Ford truck with a pick-up body. The Ford bore Kansas 1934 registration 10-4456.

It will also be recalled that in the last memorandum submitted G. E. Barker was last seen leaving Neosho, Missouri at about 4:10 P.M. September 7, 1934, leaving in a northerly direction on Highway #71. The next definite information concerning his whereabouts was received from Jess Saxton, who stated that he had been informed by Joe Morris, Teller of the Neosho National Bank, that the latter had seen G. E. Barker's car leaving Neosho in a northerly direction on optional highway #71, which leads to Diamond and Carthage, Missouri, at about 11:30 A.M. Sunday September 9th. At this time two strange women occupied the front seat of the car, one of them was driving; Barker was in the rear seat with a strange man. Ed Portley, Joplin, Missouri, also stated, in a conversation, that he had seen Barker driving his car in Joplin on Sunday afternoon.

Monday morning a check was made at the Tri-State Filling Station, Joplin, Missouri, but Barker's car was not observed. Further attempts were made to locate Barker at Neosho without success, but upon returning to Joplin, Missouri at 7 P.M. September 10, 1934, Barker's car was observed parked in the usual place at the Tri-State Filling Station. Observation made during the week indicated that G. E. Barker did not again leave Joplin until sometime subsequent to 10:30 A.M. on the morning of Friday, September 14th, 1934.

Further, in connection with Barker's activities, during the period covered by this memorandum, it may be noted that Peggy Asher, who was almost constantly in his company during the preceding two weeks, was not with him and there is no indication that she is presently in Joplin. Jess Saxton stated, at a later time, that he had heard a rumor that Barker and Peggy Asher had broken up, and that he had also heard that Barker was supposed to make a statement that Peggy Asher is taking care of a mine for him in Oklahoma.

In connection with the relationship existing between G. E. Barker and Peggy Asher, Loretta Palmer, of Tumble-Inn, stated that it was her information that Peggy first became acquainted with Barker when he was stricken with rheumatism several months ago, and that Barker used her to drive for him, and that shortly after the death of Peggy's son, Peggy had come up to Joplin where she had remained, and that she and Barker used to go out together most of the time. She states that from statements made by Barker she would regard Peggy as being a very dear friend of Barker's and nothing more.

On Friday, September 14, 1934, Agents were occupied on another official matter. It was necessary for the writer to proceed to Neosho, Missouri to interview Paul Lyles, Sheriff. Shortly after the writer left Joplin Agent Beckstead received a phone call from Jess Saxton at Neosho, Missouri, advising that Barker had arrived in Neosho at 2:15 P.M. and that he had with him in the car two strange women and a strange man, and that after calling at the Post Office for mail had left Neosho by South Hamilton Street going south. The writer, upon arrival at Neosho, after contacting Sheriff Lyles, was contacted by Saxton who furnished the information already given to Agent Beckstead concerning Barker's visit. Saxton states that he had a good opportunity to observe both of the girls, who were in the car with Barker, and stated they were exceptionally well dressed; that they both appeared to be Indian girls, one about 19 years old and the other about 25 years old. The girl described as being 25 wore a very large diamond ring on her finger. Saxton further stated that he tried to get a good

look at the young fellow who was riding in the rear seat, but that this party most of the time kept his face hidden with his hands. Sarton would describe him, however, as being about 27 years of age and medium build. Sarton was shown the photographs of Subjects in this case and stated that the fellow he saw in the rear seat resembled the photo of Volney Davis. Sarton stated that during the time that Barker's car was parked near the Post Office in Neosho he had attempted to locate Joe Morris with the view of ascertaining whether or not these were the same parties observed on the previous Sunday. Morris could not be found at this time.

In view of the fact that Sarton stated that the party in the rear seat resembled Davis, and that Barker's car was last seen going in the direction of Davis' parents' home, a check was made to find out whether or not the Davis home was in fact the place to which Barker had gone. In passing by the Davis home, which is about 5 miles south of Elms Spring, Missouri, a new Ford Coupe was observed parked in the yard. In making the trip to the Davis home Missouri Patrolman Walter Grammer followed Agent's car at a considerable distance. After Agent's car had passed the Davis home the Ford coupe immediately left and went in the direction from which the writer had just come. The car passed Missouri State Trooper Grammer and he noted that it was being driven by two elderly women; that it bore Oklahoma 1934 registration 576-086. He also noticed that the car turned at the intersection known as 5-points and went in a westerly direction. A check of the Oklahoma registration made upon return to Neosho revealed that Oklahoma #576-086 was issued to H. L. Hickman, Seminole, Oklahoma, for a 1929 Model A Ford 4-door Sedan, Motor #1594813. According to this information the registration was not on the proper car. The writer is also advised that the Oklahoma statutes permit the transfer of registration from one car to another when both cars are owned by the same party; but they are not interchangeable between persons. It is suggested that the Oklahoma City Office make discreet inquiry in connection with this matter. The car belonging to Barker was not again observed in the vicinity of Neosho, but as the writer was returning to Joplin at approximately 7 P.M. September 14, 1934, Barker's car was again observed parked in its usual place, at the Tri-State Filling Station, on East 7th.

At the time of submitting this memorandum Barker has remained at the Filling Station, except for one or two trips made up town in Joplin.

The following information concerning mail received by S. E. Barker was received from Post Offices at Neosho and Joplin:

Barker received letter addressed to P.O. Box 174, Neosho, Missouri

The following letters were received by E. E. Fisher, U. S. Marshal for the Eastern District of Missouri, at Joplin, Missouri, and were postmarked by the Tri-State Oil Company:

P.O. Box 724, letter postmarked Burlington, Iowa, September 10, 1934, addressed to C. E. Barker, Box 724, care of Tri-State Oil Company, Joplin, Missouri. Envelope was not made by Superintendent at Post Office, Boggs, but he advised that it was in a mailing box.

Another letter was received addressed to Mr. C. E. Barker, Box 724, Joplin, Missouri, bearing the postmark Neosho, Missouri, September 11, 1934, 2:50 P.M.; return address 501 North High Street, Neosho, Missouri. This letter, according to Boggs, was written in a feminine hand. Efforts will be made to establish the identity of the person at 501 N. High Street, Neosho, Missouri, who is corresponding with Barker.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. O'Mahoney

Sept. 13, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE S.A.C.

This will advise that E. E. Fisher, Deputy U. S. Marshal for the Eastern District of Missouri, who is now at Joplin, Missouri, stated that on the night of September 10th, while he was at a roadhouse known as the "Oriole Terrace" two men entered and he recognized them as being Alvin Karpis and John Hamilton, both of whom are sought by this Division. Fisher had no photographs of either party and when shown pictures of both Subjects stated positively that Hamilton was the one he had seen.

On the night of September 11th, the writer, together with Fisher and Agent Beckstead, visited the Oriole Terrace and another night club known as the Cotton Club. No persons resembling or answering the descriptions of either party were observed. A Deputy Sheriff named Burgardner, who is known to Fisher, was shown the picture of Hamilton

and he also identified it as being the likeness of the person observed by Fisher. Bugardner was at the Oriole Terrace on the night of September 10th. Neither Fisher nor Bugardner, however, observed that the party resembling Hamilton had two fingers missing from his right hand.

Respectfully,

Wm. E. O'Mahoney

Relative to Deputy United States Marshal E. E. Fisher mentioned in the above quoted memorandum of Agent O'Mahoney, attention is directed to the report of Special Agent H. E. Andersen, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, September 12, 1934, in the case captioned "VERNON G. MILLER, with aliases, DECEASED; RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1801; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194; ET AL - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER", wherein it is noted that Agent Andersen comments upon Fisher's indiscreetness.

Joplin, Mo., Sept. 19, 1934.

Memorandum to S.A.C.

This memorandum will cover the period Sept. 15th to Sept. 18th, 1934.

Saturday, September 15, 1934, G. E. Barker's car was parked at the Tri-State Filling Station, East 7th Street, Joplin, Missouri, practically all day. The only time that the car was absent was during the time when Barker made short trips in to town. Saturday night, after Barker had retired, a visit was made to Tumble Inn, where Miss Hazel Rice was contacted. She furnished two photographs; one of which is a view of the entire Tri-State Filling Station, which includes Tumble Inn and tourist cabins; the other photograph obtained is one of Peggy Asher standing beside the car of G. E. Barker. This photograph was taken on the northwest corner of the Cafe. These photographs are being forwarded, together with this memorandum to the Kansas City Office. [Note: Peggy Asher's photograph has been sent to the Chicago Office to have copies made thereof which will be furnished Oklahoma City, Little Rock and St. Paul Offices.]

Sunday, September 16th, 1934 - Car of G. E. Barker was parked at the Tri-State Filling Station all day. Shortly after 10 A.M. a car bearing either Oklahoma registration 439-231 or 434-231 was seen parked near Barker's car at the filling station. This same car was again seen there later in the evening. A subsequent check of the Oklahoma regis-

...ation revealed that Oklahoma 459-231 was issued at Miami, Oklahoma, to M. R. Sidwell for a 1935 Ford 4-door sedan. The Oklahoma registration 454-231 was issued to Ray W. Smith, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, and was issued for a 1935 Ford sedan. It is the recollection of the Agent that the car observed was a sedan, possibly a Ford or Chevrolet. At the time the car was observed the rear and was all that could be seen.

Monday, Sept. 17th, 1934 - G. E. Barker apparently remained in Joplin all day, as his car was parked at the filling station except for one or two trips made into Joplin, and when he visited a disreputable looking residence, or "joint", located on Minnesota Avenue, just north of East 7th Street. This place is also frequented by several other persons, including truck drivers. The nature of the activity carried on at this place has not yet been established. A trip was made to Neosho where contact was again made with D. Harnes of the First National Bank of Neosho, Missouri. He stated that G. E. Barker's last visit to the Bank was on Friday, September 14th, which has already been reported, and that the only activity on the account of G. E. Barker was a check for \$5.00 payable to Cecil McGee, Miami, Oklahoma, and another check for \$5.00 payable to the Tri State Mill Company.

and his request to receive mail at 501 N. High Street, Neosho, Missouri, is the address indicated in the memorandum. Monday advised that the information and furnished to Agents at their next visit.

Returning to Joplin, Barker's car was observed parked in the usual place at the filling station.

Tuesday, Sept. 18th, 1934 - Barker's car remained at the filling station until approximately 3 P.M., except for his usual trip to the Post Office, and a trip to the vicinity of 18th and Main Streets, where he parked the car in front of the "Red Front Barber Shop" where he remained for about a half hour.

Agent proceeded to Neosho, Missouri in connection with other official matters and while there contacted Postmaster Kenney, who stated that the persons receiving mail at 501 N. High Street, Neosho, Missouri, are: J. A. Lawrence, who operates a rooming house at that address; Chester and Frank Hammick; R. T. and Raches Brayles; W. C. Thomas and Miss Peggy Asher.

Agents were returning to Joplin, Missouri on Highway #71, and when approximately 7 miles from Joplin City Limits Barker's car passed going in the

direction of Neosho. At this time there was a girl accompanying Barker and she was driving the car. From the glimpse had of the girl it would appear that she was about 20 years of age, dark complexion and had dark hair. Agents immediately turned around and attempted to trail Barker's car. At the time Barker's car was seen the estimated speed at which he was traveling was between 30 and 35 miles per hour. In an attempt to overtake Barker's car, Agents drove 50 miles an hour and better, and went all the way to Neosho, a distance of about 15 miles, without again catching sight of the car. It is possible that shortly after the car was observed that it turned off Highway #71 on one of the numerous county roads. Agents returned to Joplin, Missouri about 5:50 P.M. Shortly after 8 P.M. Barker's car was again observed at the Tri State Filling Station, where he remained for the remainder of the night. Contact was renewed with Mr. Hammond, night clerk, Western Union, Joplin, Missouri. Hammond stated that some three or four days after Agent had first contacted him, approximately August 14, 1934, a telegram had come for G. E. Barker, addressed "Will Call Western Union". Mr. Hammond is not very definite about this information, but believes that the telegram originated at Chanute, Kansas. He stated that he had misplaced Agents' address and was unable to notify them. Agent requested Mr. Hammond to notify the writer immediately in the event any subsequent messages were received by Barker. This would be done by directing a collect message to Agent addressed to the Kansas City Office requesting that contact be made with the Western Union, Joplin for information. Mr. Hammond further stated that in the event a message does come the contents will be made known to a representative of this Division upon display of proper credentials.

Respectfully,

Wm. B. O'Mahoney

Joplin, Mo. Sept. 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE S.A.C.

This memorandum will cover the period 9-20-34 to 9-22-34.

Thursday - the car of G. E. Barker was parked at the usual place at the Tri-State Filling Station, East 7th Street, until about 10:45, at which time Barker made his usual trip to the Post Office. While uptown after the mail Barker also visited the Chili King Restaurant, 510 South Main Street, Joplin. This restaurant is run by one named P. R. Boyd, and it is in this restaurant that the dark haired girl

seen with Barker recently, works. After remaining in town for about forty-five minutes, Barker returned to the filling station. At about 8:30 P.M. Barker left the station and again went to town. He parked his car on South Main Street between 1st and 2nd Streets and waited on the sidewalk for about twenty minutes. He then suddenly entered his car and drove to a point in the next block directly in front of the Chili King and as soon as he drove up the dark haired girl and one of the attendants at the Tri-State entered the car and drove off. They drove about town for a short time and then returned to the filling station where the girl waited in the car for about forty-five minutes for Barker. After the latter had again entered his car they drove to a disreputable looking shack located near 7th Street on Minnesota Avenue where they spent the remainder of the afternoon. Barker was at the Filling Station again during dinner hour and later in the evening returned to the house on Minnesota Avenue.

Friday - 9-21-34 - Barker remained at the Tri-State until about 11:00 A.M. when he went for the mail and again stopped at the Chili King Restaurant. He also visited the address 1426 Wisconsin Avenue, which has been mentioned in previous memoranda as being the residence of one Charlie Sweet. At about 2:00 P.M. Barker left Joplin in company with the dark haired girl and went to Neosho, Missouri, where he visited the bank. As Agent did not reach Neosho until after banking hours the details of the visit were not obtained. These will be obtained on Agent's next visit to Neosho. After leaving Neosho Barker returned to Joplin where he remained at the Filling Station for the remainder of the night.

Saturday - 9-22-34 - Barker remained at the filling station until 11:30 A.M. when he visited the Post Office and again visited the Chili King restaurant, 310 S. Main Street. On his return to the Filling Station he stopped at the house on Minnesota Avenue for about half an hour. He remained at the station until about 5:00 when he picked up the girl from the Chili King and started in a southerly direction on Main Street. Due to traffic sight of the car was lost but Barker returned to the filling station about 8:30 p.m. and his car remained parked at the station for the remainder of the night.

Through E. J. Boggs it was learned that the house on Minnesota Street, which is located on the west side of the street in the six hundred block is occupied by one Young. Young, whose first name is yet unknown, is known to be a bootlegger. It is apparent, therefore, that Young is running a speakeasy at the above mentioned place. The house is frequented by several persons, as as many as six or seven cars have been observed parked in the immediate vicinity.

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Respectfully,

Wm. B. O'Mahoney

On September 21, 1934, Special Agent O'Mahoney noticed a 1934 Chevrolet Coach with 1934 Illinois license plates number 269-321, this car having a black body, red wire wheels and a spotlight, the car having been seen in the vicinity of the tourist camp where George E. Barker is employed at Joplin, Missouri. A telegram was dispatched to the St. Louis Office on that date requesting information relative to the license, which resulted in a telegraphic reply from the St. Louis Office on September 21, 1934, confirmed by letter from the St. Louis Office dated September 22, 1934. The St. Louis Office indicated that the above described license plates were issued to one Robert W. Gotshall, a reputable citizen of Springfield, Illinois, who, on the night of September 20, 1934, had stopped at the Connor Hotel in Joplin, Missouri. Accordingly, no further investigation was made relative to Mr. Gotshall.

Memoranda submitted by Special Agent A. E. Farland relative to his further investigation in the instant case are being set out herein, as follows:

Kansas City, Missouri  
September 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

IN RE: BREKID.

About 9 P.M. September 8, 1934, Brekid Informant A came to Agent's room at the Jayhawk Hotel, Topeka, Kansas, very much excited and stated that he had just come from a saloon and restaurant located between 3rd and 4th Streets on Kansas, known as "Jack's Backyard" where he had seen Alvin Karpis in that place about 8:45 P.M. That Karpis was dressed in blue bib overalls, white shirt, dark necktie and was wearing a light gray hat; that he was walking and when passing informant he gave him the nod, informant stated, however, that when he got to the side walk there were quite a number of people there and he lost track of him and was unable to locate him later.

While informant was in Agent's room Sheriff Dean Rogers, of Topeka, rapped on the door. He came in all out of breath and stated that he had just received information from a confidential informant, whom Agent knows as [redacted] to the effect that he [redacted] and a man named Carson had just seen Alvin Karpis in front of a saloon known as "John's Backyard" located between 3rd and 4th street on Kansas; that he was dressed in blue bib overalls, wore a white shirt, dark necktie and a light gray felt hat. This information was practically the same information furnished by Brekid Informant A. While Sheriff Rogers was in Agent's room informant was hidden out in the bathroom. However, he heard the conversation between Sheriff Rogers and Agent. Sheriff Rogers stated that this was important enough to take immediate action. Agent told him he would meet him in the lobby of the hotel in a few moments. After Sheriff Rogers left informant stated that someone was double-crossing him. However, he knew it was not Agent as Agent had no opportunity to leave the room after receiving this information from him. Informant was told to circulate around the haunts of the underworld. Agent, accompanied by Sheriff Rogers and several Deputy Sheriffs, kept "John's Backyard" and other known haunts of the underworld under surveillance until about 2:30 in the morning without results. b7c  
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Saturday night, September 8th, Agent called at the hotel for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not any messages were there and found a phone call waiting from the Kansas City Division Office, and calling Agent Spear Agent was informed that Brekid Informant "A" had called the Kansas City Office and stated that he believed he had been double-crossed.

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On the afternoon of Sunday, September 9, 1934, Brakid Informant "A" came to Agent's room at the Jayhawk Hotel and stated he believed he knew where Sheriff Rogers had gotten his information; that the only man he had told about seeing Karpis at "John's Backyard" was a bootlegger whom he knows as [redacted] and wanted to know whether or no [redacted] was the one that furnished Sheriff Rogers with the information. He also wanted to know whether Sheriff Rogers knew that he had furnished the information and Agent informed him Sheriff Rogers did not know he had been furnishing information to the Kansas City Office or anyone connected with it. He stated that he probably could get some valuable information later on.

Agent made further contact with Elmer "Swede" Anderson and he advised that he had no information. Agent again interviewed Brakid Informant "A" at the Jayhawk Hotel and he appeared to be very suspicious. On this occasion, after entering the room he opened the closet door, looked in the bathroom, pulled the pictures away from the wall and stated that he had not told anything yet and that he was taking no chances; that he wanted to be sure there was no machine hung up or anyone else was listening. He stated that several days ago a city detective whom he knows as John Young, and whom he has known for some time, came to his house at 234 Klein Street and made a proposition to him to contact, if possible, several men to stage a holdup; that the Topeka Free Fair was now on and that Thursday, September 13th, was Governor's Day and would be a big day there; that the receipts would be very large; that the money was usually taken from the Fair Grounds to the bank at night; that if he could make a contact with someone from Wichita or Omaha, or any place away from Topeka where the men would not be known, they might be successful in pulling off a holdup; that he would furnish them the protection and divide with them 50-50. In view of the fact that the Fair was having unusually good business Agent deemed it advisable to inform the Sheriff that a holdup might possibly occur. However, the source of this information was not furnished the Sheriff. After informant furnished this information Agent was of the opinion that something was wrong; that this man was either full of dope or had a weak mind. Informant, when leaving, stated that he would call on Agent again at the hotel in the event he had any information of any value.

At 305 Lawrence Street, Topeka, Kansas, L. E. Hummer, an ex-convict and friend of Alvin Karpis, was interviewed. He stated that he was 26 years old, single and was a printer by trade but was now employed as a press man for the Crane Company of Topeka, Kansas; that he had served time in the Kansas Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas, for stealing tires; that he was born and brought up in the neighborhood where he was living with his parents at this time and; that he had attended school and played

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in Ripley Park with Alvin Karpis; that he had not seen Karpis since he was released from the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, when he returned to Topeka and remained for a short time. He was informed that the Government would pay \$1600.00 to anyone who would furnish information which would cause the apprehension of Karpis. He stated that he would like to get the \$1000.00; that he knew someone would get it and it might as well be him. However, at this time he had no information. He stated he did not know Doc or Fred Barker.

Agent called on Wint Smith, Kansas State Highway Patrol, who has offices in the Masonic Building, Topeka, Kansas, and he stated that he has a man named Joe Anderson in his employ as an investigator; that Anderson is also employed as an investigator for the State of Oklahoma doing certain work; that Anderson informed him that Mrs. Q. P. McGee, the wife of a former attorney who is now a convict serving a sentence in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, and who was formerly stenographer for her husband, who defended bank robbers, etc., while practicing law in Oklahoma.

that Joe Anderson had sent McGee to the penitentiary. Major Smith further advised that it was the custom of the crooks to go to McGee's home to do business; that McGee was reported to have the Judge and the Sheriff at Miami, Oklahoma, under his finger and that they were with him on a number of crooked deals. That Mrs. Q. P. McGee's brother, Roy Conner, was in with the Karpis-Barker gang in Oklahoma; that he had brought in saws, etc. to aid in their escape from jail. He claims he was with Herman Barker when he met his death in Wichita, Kansas; that arrangements have been made with Roy Conner to contact Doc Barker's father, G. E. Barker, at Neosho, Joplin and other places in Missouri; that he did make a contact with old man Barker but that he was unable to accomplish anything as old man Barker was being tagged by Government Agents; that Roy Conner was doing everything he could to cause the apprehension of Karpis and Barker for the purpose of aiding his sister, Mrs. Q. P. McGee, in securing the release of her husband from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

Sheriff Dean Rogers, Topeka, Kansas, states that he has no new information but he has several informants working on this matter and in the event any information of value is obtained the Kansas City Division Office will be immediately notified.

He states that there is a small island located in the Kaw River south of Newman, Kansas, just across from the Logan farm; that there is a suspicious individual who has been living at that place for a year or more. He believes his name is Davis; that occasionally Davis has a visitor who calls on him, arriving by train, getting off at Perry, Kansas; that he usually walks from the railroad station to a point opposite the island where, when the water is low, he wades across. However, if the water is high Davis has a rowboat. Arrangements have been made to investigate this party

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sometime during the week of September 17th.

While at Topeka Agent secured the services of an informant known as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] claims that Alvin Karpis was at Topeka, Kansas about a month ago; that he heard that he had called at a feed store conducted by a man named Willetts; that Willetts was a man known to loan money on anything of value and that he would also buy and sell guns, pistols, etc.; that Alvin Karpis was supposed to have purchased a couple of .45 pistols from Willetts shortly after his release from the penitentiary at Lansing.

When leaving Topeka, Kansas, to return to Kansas City informant accompanied Agent to Kansas City and remained in and around the haunts of Alvin Karpis until Saturday night, September 15th, when he returned to Topeka after advising Agent that the parties whom he was working for were not in Kansas City and that their return was indefinite. However, he has since returned and is now making an effort to obtain some information as to whether or not Karpis is in Kansas City at this time.

At 1234 North Monroe Street, Topeka, Kansas, Agent interviewed Mrs. Amelia Grooms, sister of Alvin Karpis, who advised that she had not seen nor heard of her brother for over a year. She stated that his name was not Alvin but was "Olbin"; that he had been reared in the neighborhood and was known by quite a few people there but she was positive that he had not been in Topeka for over a year. She stated that when Agent advised her that he was a representative of the Government she thought that the visit made was to inform her that her brother had been killed by Government officers, stating that she knew it was only a matter of time before he would be taken into custody by Government officers or that he would be killed by officers.

Albert Grooms, husband of Amelia Grooms, was interviewed and stated that he was not employed at this time; that he was working for the F. E. R. A. and was getting in about 15 days a month work. He stated he was unable to furnish any information as to where his brother-in-law Alvin Karpis could be located; that he had not seen him since he had been released from the Kansas State Penitentiary; that he expected at any time to hear that he had either been taken into custody or shot by Government officers. He was informed about the rewards offered for the apprehension of Karpis and the Barkers and stated that he did not know the Barkers; that if he obtained any information as to the whereabouts of Karpis he would be glad to furnish same.

Agent interviewed Detectives Thompson and Plants of the Topeka Police Department, who advised they were making every effort to ascertain

the whereabouts of Subject Karpis; that they were working in conjunction with Sheriff Dean Rogers and any information they could obtain from their informants would be immediately furnished to Sheriff Rogers.

In view of the attitude of Detective John Young, of the Topeka Police Department, who is reported to have had opportunity to cause the apprehension of Karpis sometime ago, it was not deemed advisable to interview him at this time.

Respectfully submitted:

A. E. FARLAND  
SPECIAL AGENT

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Kansas City, Missouri  
September 24, 1934.

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Further investigation was made at Topeka, Kansas. Mrs. Amelia Grooms, 1224 Monroe Street, Topeka, Kansas, sister of Subject Karpis, was again interviewed and stated that she had no information as to the whereabouts of her brother Alvin; that her sister Emily (Mrs. Newbold), is now residing in Chicago, Illinois, and has been for some time. She states positively that Alvin has not been in or around Topeka, Kansas, as far as she knows, in the past year.

Dean Rogers, Sheriff, Shawnee County, Topeka, Kansas, was interviewed and stated he had some information which he thought he had furnished this office at one time, however he was not sure, to the effect that Alvin Karpis was part owner of a pool hall located under the Hotel Tulsa, in the 300 block on East 4th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and that possibly Karpis might go to that location.

Sheriff Rogers advised this Agent that [redacted] who had furnished information recently to the effect that Subject Karpis was seen by him in a saloon known as "John's Back Yard", Topeka, Kansas, had been taken into custody by the Sheriff at Lawrence, Kansas on a bootlegging charge and had been sentenced to serve four months in the County Jail and pay a fine.

Milford Howard, 518 Chandler Street, Topeka, Kansas, was interviewed in the office of the Sheriff, and stated that he was very well acquainted with Subject Alvin Karpis, in fact they were brought up together in the same neighborhood. Howard was interviewed on information furnished by a convict by the name of Ray Peels, now serving a sentence in the Kansas State Penitentiary for highway robbery. Convict Peels at the time of his interview stated that Alvin Karpis intended to take Milford Howard of Topeka for a "ride". In fact, he, Peels, states he kept Karpis from killing Howard the last time he was with him. Howard states that he has not seen Karpis for a long time, since shortly after Karpis was released from the Kansas State Penitentiary. That he traveled with the same crowd that Karpis did and that he was now under charges of assault with intent to kill; that he had had an argument with "Swede" Anderson and had shot him; that he was now out on bond on this charge. (The Sheriff's Office stated that this case may be dismissed against Howard on payment of costs). Howard states that he will be very glad to furnish any information to the Kansas City Division Office in the event that Subject Karpis puts in his appearance in or around Topeka, Kansas.

Howard states he has never been arrested before. His description is: Age 28; 5'11"; weight 160 pounds; hair brown; eyes blue; single; no occupation; resides with his father at 518 Chandler, Topeka, Kansas.

The records of the Sheriff of Shawnee County, Kansas, reflect that Raymond Peale was taken into custody by the Topeka, Kansas Police Department November 27, 1933 on a charge of Highway Robbery; that he is now serving a sentence of 10 to 21 years in the Kansas State Penitentiary for that offense.

On the matter of some mysterious individual, name unknown, residing on an island in the Kaw River, near Newman, Kansas, through interview with Mrs. Vandiver, Postmistress at Newman, Kansas, it was determined that the individual living on the island in the middle of the Kaw River gave the name of Dave Williams; that she thought he had been on the island about 1 1/2 years; that he comes to Newman, Kansas every two weeks for the purpose of buying food and other supplies; that he raises chickens which he sells, together with eggs; that he always has money; that he occasionally works for the Logans on their farm and that she has cashed checks for him drawn by Logan several times; that she believes Williams was from the South. She further states she never paid much attention to him and that he has never received but one postal card since she has known him to live on the island; that at the time he came to purchase supplies she told him there was some mail for him and he appeared to be very scared when she mentioned mail. She stated that Williams was 28 to 30 years of age; build very small and sandy complexion. She could furnish no further information. She states that she understood that occasionally some stranger visited Williams on the island but she could furnish no description of this party.

Charles Grammer, of Perry, Kansas, stated that a man whom he ascertained was going under the name of Dave Williams was living on a small island, which he believed was Government property, located in the Kaw River near Newman, Kansas, and that he had been there a year or year and a half, as near as he could recall. He believed this party came from somewhere in the South; that occasionally a man would visit Williams; that the last time he arrived he appeared to be well dressed. He came in either on the bus or train and got off at Newman and walked to the river bank from there. He states he never paid much attention to this individual until recently when inquiries were being made as to who this party was that was living on this island. He states he will make inquiries, through undercover sources, and will ascertain all information that he can about this individual.

Ed Quinlan, a farmer, located at Newman, Kansas, whose farm touches the Kaw River directly opposite the small island where the in-

dividual going under the name of Dave Williams has been living on the island. Mr. Quinlan says that Williams is a man about thirty years old, small, sandy complexion, freckled, and has been living on the island about 3 years, as near as he can recall. That he occasionally has a visitor, a man about 30 years old, small and of dark complexion, that Williams has worked for him on several different occasions, helping out in his farm work; that on one occasion when Quinlan asked Williams who the party was, Williams told him that this party had a sister who resided in Topeka, Kansas; that the last time this visitor called, to his knowledge, was in February of this year. That Williams was a man who talked very little. He did state he was from Georgia; that he raises chickens and sells eggs and always appears to have money. However, Quinlan states that his son caught Williams stealing potatoes on his farm; that he lives in a one room shack on the island and he told Mr. Quinlan that before coming to this island he had worked for Mr. Elie Hansford at the Riverside Camp, which is located west of Topeka, and that Mr. and Mrs. Hansford occasionally visited him.

Sheriff Rogers advised Agent against interviewing Hansford at this time as he does not bear the best reputation and that one of his deputies who knows him might possibly be able to get some information.

It was not deemed advisable to make a trip to the island in view of the fact there had been some heavy rains the last two or three days which made the road to the river impassable.

[redacted] was brought to Kansas City, Missouri from Topeka, Kansas for the purpose of getting information as to who Tony and Frank were. After remaining at the New Sterling Hotel for 24 hours informant [redacted] advised Agent that he had made a contact with Tony at midnight, September 18th at the Taylor Drug Store in North Kansas City; that Tony told him to wait, which he did, but Tony never returned. On September 19th [redacted] stated that he saw Tony at 543 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri and that he told him he would be back in a few minutes, that he wanted to see him; however, he did not return. [redacted] informed Agent that he had ascertained that Tony's name was Tony Pontalis (phonetic); that Tony had told him that they had a night club in North Kansas City but did not give him the location; that he made an effort to ascertain the location but was unable to do so. Informant [redacted] was kept in Kansas City until the night of September 22, 1934, when he returned to his home in Topeka, Kansas. Not having made any contacts in Kansas City it was not deemed advisable to hold him here any longer.

Sheriff Dean Rogers advised Agent that after ascertaining that Texas registration plates 250-262 had been issued to Lillie Davis Watson for a Chevrolet Coach, Motor #3596083, he again made a trip to the roadhouse where a car with the above license plates had been seen, and ascer-

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ained that same had left. He thought the parties driving this car were members of some carnival company and were traveling west, and he took no further action.

Respectfully submitted:

A. E. FARLAND  
SPECIAL AGENT

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With further reference to [redacted] during his last visit at Kansas City, prior to returning to Topeka as mentioned in the last memorandum set out hereinabove, he advised that on several occasions while in Kansas City Tony Pontello had avoided him, and that in view of the fact that formerly he and Tony had been quite friendly and Tony had always been glad to talk to him, he believed that possibly Tony was aware of the fact that he was acting as an informant. [redacted] mentioned, in this respect, that at the time he was arrested by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department on a charge of investigation several months ago, as reflected in early reports submitted by this office in this case, [redacted] had just left the place of Tony, Joe and Frank in Kansas City, Missouri, and while he was being held at the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department he was closely scrutinized by several Italians, whose identities are unknown to him. Accordingly, [redacted] felt that very probably Tony knew that he was in Kansas City to get information for someone and, accordingly, was avoiding him. [redacted] frankly stated that this being the case it was doubtful if he could be of further use in obtaining information at Kansas City relative to the possible whereabouts of Subject Karpis. He described Tony Pontello as follows:

AGE	26 to 28
HEIGHT	5'8"
WEIGHT	125 to 150 pounds
HAIR	Black
NATIONALITY	Italian
	Drives a 1932 Chevrolet Coupe, license number unknown to Dea.

[redacted] also advised that the former place of Joe, Tony and Frank, the L. & M. Inn, at 5th and Grand, was now closed, as was likewise the "High Hat", a night club in that same vicinity where [redacted] sometimes contacted Tony. He also advised that on some occasions he had contacted them at the "Silver Fox", a night club in that vicinity which was still running.

[redacted] also advised that Frank was described as being: Age 32, Weight 160 to 165 lbs.; height 5'9 1/2"; black hair; Italian. [redacted] could not

give a detailed description of Joe.

Special Agent A. E. Farland also submitted two memoranda under date of September 19, 1934, which are not being quoted in full herein, although the originals thereof are being made a part of the Kansas City file in this case. In these memoranda dated September 19, 1934, Agent Farland indicates that upon the basis of information submitted by Sheriff Dean Rogers and Deputy Sheriff Jack Harrison, Topeka, Kansas, Agent Farland interviewed Raymond Peele, Register Number 4520 at the State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, Peele allegedly being a former friend and associate of Karpis. Peele stated that sometime last Fall Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and another man, whose name he did not disclose, had come to Topeka, Kansas driving a Chevrolet Coupe with an Iowa State License; that these individuals remained in and around Topeka for some time, staying in a shack at a place known as Tecumseh, near Glover, Kansas, about ten miles South of Topeka; further advising that these individuals had a Cadillac Sedan, a machine gun and several other guns - rifles, shotguns, and pistols; that Peele was taken into custody on a robbery charge and was held in the County Jail, Topeka, and one afternoon between 1:30 and 8 P.M. about the month of November or December 1933, Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker visited Peele in the County Jail at Topeka. Peele also advised Agent Farland that he had served time with Alvin Karpis in the State of Florida sometime during the year 1925, both being arrested on a charge of vagrancy at Chipley, Florida, they having served 45 days on the road.

Peele also advised Agent Farland that he had been in Chicago, Illinois with Karpis and Barker; that he knew Karpis and Fred Barker were wanted at West Plains, Missouri, on a charge of murdering a Sheriff, but that he did not feel like divulging information about his friends which would lead to their apprehension. Agent Farland advised Peele of the outstanding rewards by this Division for Karpis and the two Barkers, and Peele stated he would think over the matter of giving further information which might be helpful in causing their apprehension.

Peele stated that he knew that Karpis and Fred Barker, if in Kansas City, would get in touch with Tudia Jackson, this individual being the same as Tudia Passano, alias Jackson, mentioned in previous reports originating in the Kansas City Office in this case. Peele also advised that Jackson had a man by the name of Armourdale, an employee, who was acquainted with the Barkers and Karpis, Peele stating that Armourdale took care of Jackson's business while he served a jail sentence at St. Joseph, Missouri. Peele also mentioned to Agent Farland that Karpis was supposed to have a connection at Kansas City, Missouri at a place known as "Joe's Place", located between Campbell and Harrison Streets on East 15th Street. Undoubtedly this is the place operated by Tony, Joe and Frank, mentioned in memoranda of Agent Farland hereinabove quoted and previous reports originating in this office in this case.

In a subsequent interview with Peele Agent Farland was advised that Peele had known Volney Davis and Arthur "Doc" Barker in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, Peele having been released therefrom in 1925, after having served a year. Peele, upon viewing a photograph of Harry Campbell, advised he could not definitely state whether he knew him or not.

Peele advised Agent Farland that on July 4, 1933 he had contacted Karpis and Fred Barker at a tourist camp called "Terrace Cabins" on U. S. Highway 40, this establishment being run by one Frank Grimm. On this occasion Karpis and Barker had stayed in that vicinity for several days and had then left for Coffeyville or Cherryvale, Kansas, or someplace in that vicinity. Peele also mentioned to Farland that Tom Hill, at Coffeyville, Kansas, had met Karpis through Peele. Peele indicated that if Karpis ever came back to Kansas City, Missouri, Karpis would probably try to kill Milford Howard. It will be noted in memorandum of Agent Farland, quoted hereinabove, that Howard was interviewed by Farland at Topeka. Peele mentioned that Jessie Doyle and Fred Barker were good friends.

Agent Farland asked Peele if he were to go to Kansas City where would be the best place to contact Karpis and the Barkers, and all Peele replied was that he would contact a couple of places, not giving the names or locations, and would then probably stop at the Hotel Sherman at 9th and Locust Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, this being his, Peele's, usual place of abode in Kansas City. During his conversation Peele indicated that Doc Barker at one time was ambitious of becoming a prize fighter. He further stated that Doc Barker liked his whiskey quite well and that Fred Barker used dope whenever he could get possession of some. At the conclusion of this last interview by Agent Farland with Peele on September 19, 1934, Peele indicated that he was not desirous of betraying his friends, the Barkers and Karpis, for the rewards offered. Consequently it appears probable that Peele will be of no benefit in this investigation.

With reference to information obtained from Alfred Genonia, convict at the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, set out on page 23 of report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 9-11-34, the following memorandum of Agent A. E. Farland sets out the results of a further interview with Genonia.

Kansas City, Missouri  
September 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

This Agent interviewed Alfred Genonia, a convict presently incarcerated in the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, on

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September 19, 1934, in the office of the Warden and in the presence of Deputy Warden Graham.

Genonia advised that he was born in Fondulac, Wisconsin in 1890, and that his real name is Harry Lapine, being of French Canadian extraction. He is not married. He advised that he had served a sentence in Wisconsin on a charge of robbing a jewelry store, and that the original sentence of six years had been commuted in lieu of help rendered by him to a guard in some crisis at the prison. He was then taken to Oklahoma and served 17 or 18 months of a four year sentence on a charge of box car robbery. He has five months and some days to serve at the Penitentiary at Lansing, and advises he is not wanted anywhere else.

Upon being asked what he intended to do when released from the Penitentiary, Genonia said he thought he might possibly try to join up with Fred Barker. He claims close acquaintance with the Barkers, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis and Eddie Brophy, having met the latter two and Doc Barker at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma. He met Alvin Karpis in Blue Island in Chicago, Illinois. He later heard that Karpis was in the Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas, and subsequently met him at the Penitentiary at Lansing.

Upon being questioned concerning places of possible contact with the Barker-Karpis gang, Genonia advised it was possible they had a hangout in Arkansas, although he doubted that they were around there at the present time. He stated he knew a contact of the gang at Iron River, Wisconsin, and of another place at Virginia, Minnesota. He further stated that he was positive he could get in touch with the gang if he could go in safety to the right parties, because these parties know that he knows the Barker-Karpis gang. Genonia also mentioned an individual by the name of Mandell, formerly a member of the Purple Gang in Detroit, now living and owning a home in Cleveland, this individual is known as "Pollock Andy". Genonia advised that he was acquainted with Lefty Fitzgerald and that Harvey Bailey also knew Fitzgerald, having been out to his place on a farm near Independence, Missouri. Genonia denied knowledge of anyone now in the Penitentiary at Lansing who had heard from Fitzgerald within the past year, but that a K. C. Billy had known Fitzgerald, and that through Harvey Bailey's influence K. C. Billy had gotten out of the prison at Lansing. He advised that to his knowledge Bailey, K. C. Billy and himself were the only ones knowing Fitzgerald; that K. C. Billy was a man of about 55 or 60, and had worked out on the road gang at Lansing for quite a while, being quite friendly with Bailey and that he had been released from the prison sometime last year.

Genonia was questioned concerning some letters written by Harvey Bailey while in the Penitentiary at Lansing, and which Genonia had handled as

an intermediary. Genonia advised that these letters had been addressed to Doc Stacci at Melrose Park, Chicago, and Herb Farmer at Joplin, Missouri. He stated that Harvey Bailey had given him \$510.00 in bills, telling him to hold this money for Bailey until he asked for it, and that he, Genonia, could keep \$10.00 of it for himself. Genonia advised that he had given back this money to Bailey in its entirety. He states that he knew Herb Farmer as far back as 1908, but has never served time with Farmer.

With further reference to making contact with Fred Barker, Genonia advised that he would be glad to help the Government when he was released from the Penitentiary, if he could do it with safety to himself. He stated that at this time he did not want to give information against the gang because if any of the prisoners at the Penitentiary found out about this they would undoubtedly try to put him out of the way. He stated that he is well acquainted in Oklahoma, having been a safe-breaker operating in that State. He further stated that Bailey had told him to contact Doc Stacci at Chicago, and that he would probably do this, if at all possible safely. Questioned as to the time he estimated it would take him to make contact with the Barker-Karpis gang, he stated that it might possibly be done in 60 or 70 hours.

During the course of the interview Genonia mentioned many criminals with whom he had associated at the prison at Lansing. Among them were Bailey, of course, and Ed Davis, Jim Clark, Fred Barker, Wilbur Underhill, Eddie Woodruff, Eddie Jenkins, Frank Sawyer, and Bob Brady. He stated that on his way up from the place he was working at the prison when called to the Warden's office for the interview, Lyman Ford had stopped him and talked to him, warning him not to give any information which would be harmful to the gang in question. He is decidedly afraid of various convicts now at Lansing and consequently has not divulged much information because of this fear.

Respectfully submitted:

A. E. Farland  
Special Agent

With reference to Carolee Sisler Belen, alleged associate of Alvin Karpis, referred to on Page 24, paragraph 3 of the report of Special Agent M.C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 9-11-34, it may be noted that Special Agent P. W. DeBolt, of the Kansas City Office, has submitted a further memorandum under date of September 19, 1934, indicating additional investigation to locate Mrs. Belen for further questioning. However, to date she has not been located. In connection with this woman attention is also directed to

letter from the Kansas City Office to the St. Paul Office under date of September 13, 1934. Fingerprints of this woman, together with George Bial, who was arrested with her at Kansas City, Missouri, in August 1933, were borrowed from the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and the same have been forwarded to the Chicago Office in order that photographic copies may be made thereof. Upon receipt of these photographic copies the same will be sent to the Division to ascertain whether she has a criminal record on file in the Identification Unit in an endeavor to obtain a photograph of her. A photograph of Carolee Sisler/Belen is particularly desired in order to make investigation in the East to determine if she was the individual with Karpis, as indicated in the memorandum by Special Agent W. E. Miller, dated June 8, 1934, at Kansas City, Missouri, which was attached to Agent Miller's report in the instant case, dated June 12, 1934.

In an endeavor to locate Cliff Dunford, whose wife, Leona, was supposed to have been a friend of Clyde Nimerick, Special Agent P. W. DeBolt went to 1828 Oak Street, Kansas City, Missouri, an address mentioned in the memorandum of Special Agent V. D. Carvey, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, July 18, 1934, copies of which memorandum were transmitted to the Division with Kansas City letter dated July 20, 1934, in the instant case. That address was found to be that of a parking station and Agent DeBolt inquired at the hotel office on the corner of 15th and Oak if any such person had ever lived at that hotel and received a negative answer from the clerk of the hotel.

Subsequently Agent DeBolt called at the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, and upon examining the criminal record of Cliff Dunford ascertained that on June 3, 1932, Dunford was arrested by the United States Marshal at Kansas City, Missouri, for the National Prohibition Act. Through the Alcoholic Tax Unit at Kansas City, Missouri, Agent DeBolt learned that Dunford was arrested at 1416 Cherry Street and gave his address as 1828 Holmes Street, Kansas City, Missouri. From the Post Office authorities at Kansas City, Missouri, Agent DeBolt ascertained that no one of Dunford's name was receiving mail at either of the above mentioned addresses. Upon calling at 1416 Cherry Street, Kansas City, Missouri, which is in the District where most of the houses of prostitution are located in Kansas City, Agent DeBolt found no one at home. At 1828 Holmes Street, Kansas City, Missouri, it was found this address was a junk yard.

Mrs. Emma Werner, Proprietor of Emma's Lunch, at 609 East 14th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, told Agent DeBolt that her night man had advised her at one time that Cliff Dunford had been hit over the head by a drunken prostitute during an argument with this woman, this having occurred about a year ago; however, this night man is no longer employed by Mrs. Werner.

Agent DeBolt also endeavored to locate George Forman, indicated in Agent Carvey's memorandum as a friend of Clyde Nimerick, at 9 West 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, Agent DeBolt learned Forman was no longer living

there, having moved to Centropolis. At Centropolis, Missouri, Agent located Forman at 7321 East 15th Street, this being Forman's Buffet. Forman advised Agent DeBolt he had not seen Clyde Nimerick since Nimerick had jumped his bond in Kansas City. Mr. Forman was very much concerned about Nimerick jumping this bond as he, Forman, was the one who had obtained the bond from Mr. J. B. Martin in behalf of Nimerick. Forman advised he had once worked with Nimerick on a construction gang and that was the beginning of his acquaintance with Nimerick. Agent DeBolt requested Mr. Forman to advise the Kansas City Office in the event he obtained information of Clyde Nimerick's whereabouts.

Upon receipt of information on September 15, 1934, by Special Agent in Charge E. B. Nathan from Inspector E. P. Cowley, at Chicago, Illinois, to the effect that Arthur Barker and Russell Gibson were reported to be arriving in Kansas City, investigation was made by Special Agent E. P. Shanahan, which is reported in a memorandum submitted by that Agent under date of September 22, 1934, copies of which are being incorporated and made a part of this report. Further information relative to investigation by the Kansas City Office to locate and effect the apprehension of Subject Gibson will be found in the case file captioned "RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1213 - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT"; particular attention being directed to Agent Shanahan's report dated September 24, 1934.

With reference to the information relative to Mary Atkins, believed possibly to be Clara Gibson, the wife of Russell Gibson, attention is directed to letter from the Kansas City Office to the New York Office under date of September 21, 1934, in the Bremer file. It is noted that information relative to Mary Atkins is reported by the St. Louis Office in its letter to the Kansas City Office dated September 22, 1934, and by the Indianapolis Office in the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated September 22, 1934, both of these communications being in the Bremer file. b7c  
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It may be further stated that immediately upon receipt of information from Inspector Cowley September 15, 1934, indicating that Gibson and Arthur Barker might be coming to Kansas City, contact was had with Deputy Sheriff John Kelly, Kansas City, Missouri, mention of whom will be found in report of Special Agent E. H. Simons, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, July 17, 1934, in the file captioned "RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1113 - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT".

[REDACTED] with which Russell Gibson is alleged to be associated. After this contact with Deputy Sheriff Kelly and [REDACTED] by Special Agent in Charge Nathan, advice was received from [REDACTED] that he understood Gibson had gone to Omaha from Chicago, the source of his information not being disclosed. The Omaha Division Office was telephonically advised of this information by Special Agent in Charge Nathan on September 21, 1934.

During the interviews in the Kanno case by Special Agents H. E. Andersen and W. F. Trainor with Michael James LaCapra at Kansas City, Missouri, LaCapra indicated that one Sam House, formerly of Kansas City and now in the cigar and gambling business in Omaha, would be a good contact for Gibson and members of the Karpis-Barker gang. LaCapra had advised that Sam House was with John Lazia shortly prior to his "spot" murder on the night of July 10, 1934, in Kansas City, Missouri. This additional information concerning House was transmitted to the Omaha Office by telegram September 21, 1934.

Kansas City, Missouri  
September 22, 1934

RE: K.C. File 7-57

Pursuant to a telephone call on 9-15-34 from the Chicago office to Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan to the effect that Arthur "Doc" Barker, I.O. #1219, and Russell "Rusty" Gibson, I.O. #1215, were reported to be driving to Kansas City in a 1934 black Chevrolet Sedan bearing Illinois plates, the undersigned endeavored to make a discreet investigation at 3407 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri. It will be recalled that the above address is the Old Dutch Cleaners where Mrs. Nancy Gibson, mother of Rusty Gibson, had been employed for a while during the month of July. Agent in investigating the vicinity of this address noticed that there was a black Chevrolet Sedan parked in the rear of 3407 Main Street which bore signs of hard driving. However, it was definitely ascertained later the same day that this car was not identical with the one referred to in the telephone communication from the Chicago office.

Later the same day persons present at the above address were openly contacted and it was found that a Mrs. Thelma McGuire was in charge of the shop and professed to have no knowledge whatsoever of any of the persons involved in instant case. She said she had heard of Mrs. Nancy Gibson because McKinley Gibson, her son, had been previously interested in the cleaning business. She seemed to be telling the truth and promised faithfully to forward any information that might come into her hands concerning the above Subjects.

On 9-15-34 Special Agents M. C. Spear and P. W. DeBolt learned that on 9-12-34 one Mary Atkins had registered at the Pickwick Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, and had engaged a room for a month, but had checked out on 9-14-34. From identifications later made by three employees of the Pickwick Hotel it seemed quite possible that the said Mary Atkins and Clara Fisher Gibson, wife of Subject Gibson, might be identical. Further investigation along this line disclosed that this Mary Atkin, when she left the Pickwick Hotel, went to the home of J. E. Fisher, 502 Myrtle Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and there remained until the evening of 9-20-34 when she departed on a Greyhound Bus for St. Louis, Missouri. This departure took place at 12 midnight, 9-20-34, which information was immediately communicated to the St. Louis office, who later notified this office that she had proceeded from St. Louis eastward to Newark, New Jersey. This information is being set out at this time inasmuch as it may prove useful for the purpose of apprehending Arthur "Doc" Barker and other Subjects in the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O.

#1218, Arthur R. Barker with aliases, I.O. #1219, et al, Edward George Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping, as well as Russell Gibson.

Results obtained from the telephone tap placed on Chestnut 8748, which is the Fisher residence, reveal no further information concerning the present whereabouts of Arthur "Doc" Barker. It is suggested, however, that more valuable information may be obtained through this means.

R. P. SHANAHAN,  
Special Agent.

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It is also noted that [redacted] working in Kansas City, and mentioned hereinabove, advised Special Agent M. C. Spear that he had been told by a friend of his who he had run into in Kansas City, that Tony Pontello (of Joe, Tony and Frank) was in Omaha; [redacted] also stated that he understood Frank was in Omaha, this information having been picked up by him during his various ramblings in the North End of Kansas City in an endeavor to obtain information of the whereabouts of Subjects of the instant case. In previous reports submitted in this case it will be noted that the name of Herbert Farmer, Subject in the Kanmo case, has been frequently mentioned, as it is believed that his place in the vicinity of Joplin and Neosho, Missouri, may be a contact point for some of the Subjects in the instant case. It being noted that the father of Subjects Barker lives at Joplin, Missouri and the parents of Subject Davis live at Neosho, Missouri.

Herbert Farmer, on the morning of September 14, 1934, at the Oriole Terrace, a Night Club located on South Main Street about 5 miles south of the city line of Joplin, Missouri, engaged in an encounter with one E. M. Kimbrough, Deputy Sheriff, Newton County, Missouri, at which time Kimbrough was shot and dangerously wounded, it being alleged that the shot was fired by Herbert Farmer. Both Herbert Farmer and his wife, Esther Farmer, are being sought at the present time in connection with this shooting of Kimbrough, the Farmers having departed for parts unknown immediately after the above mentioned shooting. Further information relative to efforts of Peace Officers to locate Herbert Farmer and his wife will be reported in the Kanmo case.

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On September 20, 1934, upon receipt of information by Sheriff Thomas Bash, Kansas City, Missouri, Sheriff Bash, Deputy Sheriff John Kelly, Special Agents W. E. Miller and M. C. Spear called at the suburban residence of Dr. G. R. Westgate, Martin City, Missouri. There Mr. F. Roy Powell, of Walworth, Wisconsin, his place being located on the West end of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, advised that about 5:30 A.M. September 19, 1934, he left his place in Wisconsin to go to Chicago, Illinois, to purchase some supplies, at which time he was driving a 1934 V-8 Ford Sedan, bearing motor number 705468, 1934 Wisconsin license number 586-739. Mr. Powell had done some shopping at 21st and Michigan, Chicago, Illinois at the Continental Products Company, having parked his car there during his shopping. He finished his shopping and started to reenter his car at about 9 A.M., at which time he was accosted by an individual with a revolver, this individual being described as about 20 to 30; 5'6" in height, weight 130 pounds, having medium brown hair and wearing a cap. This individual and two other individuals, one of whom was carrying a case which looked like a violin case got in the back of Powell's car, forcing Powell to get in the front and drive them away in his, Powell's car. These three men directed Powell's car, routing him out of Chicago on side streets. They made him drive out of Chicago, going Southward near Sterling, Illinois; going south on Highway 82 and across to Davenport; thence down Highway 61 to U. S. Highway 40 several miles West of St. Charles, Missouri. During the trip these individuals made Powell buy gasoline for his own car, and on several occasions got out, apparently to make telephone calls, though Powell could not state where any of these acts had occurred. Powell stated that he started to look around on one occasion at these men but was hit in the shoulder and thereafter made no further efforts to observe them. At the intersection of Highway 31 and 40, West of St. Charles, Missouri, Powell was directed to turn Eastward and drove a short distance near a small town, where he let one of the men out who was met by a waiting car, the description of which could not be given by Powell. He was then directed to turn around and proceed Westward on Highway 40, which he did, until he arrived some five or six miles East of Blue Ridge Road on U. S. Highway 40, which is on the Eastern outskirts of Kansas City, Missouri. At this point Powell was directed to turn left for a few feet where he let the other two men out of the car, these men at that time being met by another car, believed by Powell to be a new V-8 Ford Sedan with light colored license plates thereon, possibly Kansas license plates. Powell believes that two men were in the Ford car waiting to meet the two men who he let out of his car. After getting out of his car Powell's two assailants directed him to drive Eastward for a time, which he did; thereafter turning around and proceeding to Kansas City, Missouri, this being about 3 A.M. Powell states that before leaving him these men robbed him of his money, permitting him to retain a sum of less than \$1.00. Powell states that when he left his home in Wisconsin he had \$100.00 and that he spent a little over \$22.00 for supplies in Chicago and for gasoline and oil on the way from Chicago to Kansas City, Missouri with the above mentioned men, stating that the balance of the money was taken by these men from him.

Powell proceeded to Kansas City, Missouri where he slept in his car by the Union Station until the following morning, when he called Dr. Westgate, who was a friend of his, Dr. Westgate having a summer cottage on Lake Geneva. Powell could only give a description of one individual who had caused him to drive from Chicago to Kansas City, that being as stated above.

When Agents arrived at Dr. Westgate's residence where Mr. Powell was they found that Powell's car had already been washed and consequently little opportunity was had to take fingerprints therefrom. However, fingerprints were found on a handle used for the purpose of raising the left rear window of Mr. Powell's Ford Sedan, and the individual who washed the car stated he had not touched this handle. Mr. Powell also indicated that the men sitting in the back of his car had opened and lowered the window, having smoked considerable of the time during the transportation from Chicago to Kansas City, and the man who washed the car verified this by saying there was a large quantity of used matches in the back of the car when he cleaned the same out. The above mentioned window handle was taken from Mr. Powell's car with his permission by Special Agents Miller and Spear and photographs have been taken of the same in an endeavor to identify the latent prints appearing thereon. These photographs, together with the handle itself, will be sent immediately to the Division for appropriate attention in the Laboratory.

Information relative to Mr. Powell's seizure, as mentioned above, was transmitted to the Division by the Kansas City Office under date of September 20, 1934. The information is being incorporated herein as it is thought that the individuals who seized Mr. Powell may possibly be members or associates of Subjects in this case. It would appear from their method that the individuals were "hot" in Chicago and it was necessary for them to depart immediately.

It is noted in report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 19, 1934, that the confidential informant mentioned therein had contact with Arthur R. Barker and Russell Gibson on September 14, 1934, at Chicago, Illinois, and was supposed to renew her contact with them on the night of September 21, 1934. At the time this report is being dictated information has not been received from the Chicago Office to indicate whether the second contact on September 21st was made.

Referring to paragraph 3, page 4 of the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, September 11, 1934, interview was had by Special Agent A. R. Miller with Charles Welcher at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. Welcher advised he had no recollection of ever having hauled two men on several different occasions from the 11:30 P.M. Kansas City Southern Train to a point on U. S. Highway Number 71 about 7 miles from Neosho, Missouri. He advised Agent Miller that he would have no hesitancy in telling him if he did recall the incident. Welcher stated that along about that time he was intoxicated the greater portion

of the time and for that reason would probably not remember the incident. Upon examining photographs of the two Barker Brothers, Davis, Karpis and Campbell, Welcher indicated that the photograph of Fred Barker's face seemed vaguely familiar to him, although he could not recall any definite time or place where he had seen Barker.

Referring to page 24, paragraph 2 of the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, September 11, 1934, Special Agent A. R. Miller, at the office of the Secretary of State, Jefferson City, Missouri, verified the information that 1934 license plates number 575-591 was issued on an automobile to Mildred Davis, Missouri Title number 4024792. In checking this Chevrolet Coach back Agent Miller ascertained that the same was formerly owned by Freeman E. Lamb, 201 East Second Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Lamb having sold the automobile to the Duval Motor Company, 915 South Boston Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on August 25, 1933, which company in turn sold it on September 21, 1933, to Mildred Davis, 4003 South Union, Red Fork, Oklahoma. This car was registered in Missouri by Miss Davis on April 14, 1934. The method of payment for this car was by cash. The Oklahoma registration number on the car is indicated as 276-129, it not being known whether this is a 1933 or 1934 Oklahoma registration number.

This information relative to the purchase of Miss Davis' car has been obtained in order that investigation may be made relative to the purchase of same for possible leads relative to the location of Volney Davis. It is noted the car was purchased for cash. It may be possible that Volney Davis purchased this car in behalf of his sister, Mildred Davis, who is now Mrs. John Harness, Route #2, Neosho, Missouri. Accordingly, appropriate investigation is suggested for the Oklahoma City Office relative to the purchase of this car.

Referring to the Summary Report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, August 16, 1934, particularly pages 62 to 69, inclusive, on which pages descriptive data is set out relative to various cars used by members of the Karpis-Barker Gang and their associates, the records of the Secretary of State at Jefferson City, Missouri were checked by Special Agent A. R. Miller in an endeavor to ascertain if any of these cars are presently registered in the State of Missouri.

Agent Miller ascertained that 1933 Chevrolet Coach, bearing Motor Number 3509602 was registered for 1934 in the name of G. E. Barker, Box 174, Neosho, Missouri; 1934 Missouri license plates Number 259-904 having been issued to Mr. Barker thereon. This car was purchased new on April 8, 1933, according to the records of the Secretary of State and the Neosho Motors, Inc. had a lien against the car at the time the 1934 plates were taken out. The 1934 registration number is 3683984 and the 1933 registration number is 3509602.

both having been in the name of G. E. Barkar. Information relative to this car has been set out in previous memoranda of Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney from Joplin, Missouri, which have been incorporated in previous reports submitted from this office.

Special Agent A. R. Miller also ascertained from the Secretary of State's Office, Jefferson City, Missouri that Essex Terraplane Sedan, Motor Number 25571, had been purchased new April 24, 1933 from the Hudson-Brace Motor Company, 7th and Grand, Kansas City, Missouri, by A. Carter, 2854 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri, the 1933 title number being 3715627. This title was not renewed for the year 1934. The application for the purchase of the car was not signed by "A. Carter" but rather by the cashier of the motor company above named. A. Carter is a known alias of Alvin Karpis. For further information relative to this Essex Terraplane Sedan attention is directed to page 88 of Agent Nicholson's Summary Report above described.

No registration records were found on any of the other cars described in Agent Nicholson's report, the motor numbers of which cars are known. With reference to the cars with foreign license plates wherein no numbers were given, Agent Miller was informed that it would be a very difficult task to check the files of the Secretary of State's Office, Jefferson City, Missouri under the names and aliases of all the various Subjects in an attempt to locate whether any Subject, under his true name or alias, had registered such a car in Missouri. The suggestion was made that information be obtained through the respective states where the particular license was issued as to the description of the car on which the same was issued, in order that the motor number of that particular car could be checked against the records of the Secretary of State's Office, Jefferson City, Missouri, which would be a comparatively easy task. It is not known by this office whether the licenses described in Agent Nicholson's Summary Report as having been issued in Minnesota, Indiana and Florida have all been checked as suggested above.

Special Agent A. R. Miller was also advised that the information with reference to the indexes of motor numbers at the Secretary of State's Office, Jefferson City, Missouri was full and complete as their records go back as far as the time when they first started registering cars and giving Titles in Missouri.

Similar inquiries relative to these cars were made by Special Agent R. G. Reed, of the Secretary of State's Office, Topeka, Kansas, and the records for the years 1933 and 1934 were all checked for information of cars bearing the motor numbers described in Agent Nicholson's Summary Report. However, no record of any car described was found. A stop notice was placed against the various motor numbers, and in the event an attempt is made to register any car bearing the motor numbers in question the Kansas City Division

Office will be notified. Records of the registration of cars in the State of Kansas, according to the names of the registrants, are kept by Counties, as the State Licensing System in Kansas uses a County prefix number. Accordingly it would be an enormous task to check the names of all the Subjects and their known aliases in the records of the Secretary of State at Topeka, Kansas, as these records are kept separately for each of the 105 counties in Kansas. Mr. Carl Newcomer, Commissioner of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Topeka, Kansas, advised Agent Reed that to make such a check of the individual names would require about two weeks time and would cost about \$25.00 per week. As it was not believed practicable by this office to have such a check made no further attempt is being made to ascertain if any of the Subjects, or their associates, may have registered a car in the State of Kansas under their true names or known aliases. Agent Reed, however, left a list of the names and aliases of the various Subjects involved in this case, and was advised that an effort would be made to keep these names in mind by the clerks registering cars in order that in the event any Subject endeavored to register a car in Kansas this office would be notified.

Pursuant to telegram from Inspector S. P. Cowley, Chicago, Illinois, dated September 17, 1934, investigation was made by Special Agent A. R. Miller at the State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, in an endeavor to locate the record of one Edna Grace, alias "Rabbits", alleged woman companion of Volney Davis. Agent Miller has submitted a memorandum dated September 20, 1934, reflecting negative information in this search, advice of which was furnished the Chicago Office by telegram from the Kansas City Office on September 17, 1934, it being noted that this telegram to the Chicago Office inadvertently indicated the same pertained to the Jodil file instead of the Brekid file.

Subsequently on September 20, 1934, Inspector S. P. Cowley at Chicago, Illinois telephonically advised Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan that this individual, Edna Grace, alias Rabbits, according to later information received at Chicago was supposed to have escaped from the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri about three years ago, the woman reported to have been serving a sentence of 25 years. She was described as being about 35 years of age, 5'6" in height, having blonde hair and a son by the name of Preston. Special Agent A. R. Miller ascertained from the records of the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri that they never had a woman in their institution by the name of Edna Grace. However, upon checking the Escapes from that Institution it was found that one Edna Murray had escaped. Edna Murray entered the prison on December 3, 1925, from Jackson County, Missouri, to serve a 25 year sentence for first degree robbery. She escaped from Farm Number 1 on December 15, 1932, having escaped prior to that time on two other occasions. She had escaped at one time, being later picked up in Chicago, about September 10, 1931, and was returned to the State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. She claims to have a sister Doras Connell at Croft's Cafe, 12th and Troost

Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. The records further indicated that she has a son, age unknown, given name Mott, not the son of Jack Morrison. She is described as follows according to the records of the State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri:

NAME	EDNA MURRAY, alias Velma Tippetts, alias Velma Champaign, alias Edna Sullivan.
AGE	34
HEIGHT	5'11"
WEIGHT	115 lbs.
HAIR	Light Auburn
EYES	Dark Blue
COMPLEXION	Medium Fair
BUILD	Medium slender
MARKS & SCARS	Small flesh mole left upper lip near corner of mouth
REGISTER NO.	28975, State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo.
F.P.C.	<u>1 R 5</u> <u>1 A 7</u>
RELATIVES	[REDACTED]

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Copies of Edna Murray's photograph were sent direct by Agent Miller at Jefferson City, Missouri to Inspector Cowley at Chicago, Illinois, and three copies of her photograph are being retained in the Kansas City file.

The records disclose that while Edna Murray was incarcerated she had one visitor, a man, giving his name as Harry Knight, Rockford, Illinois, relation - Brother. As Special Agent A. E. Miller formerly had been in Rockford on various occasions he knew of one Knight, an attorney at Rockford, who, to the best of his recollection, had the given name Harry. This information was furnished by Agent Miller in his memorandum to Inspector Cowley at the time the photographs of Edna Murray were sent direct by Agent Miller to Inspector Cowley at Chicago. However, it appears from the letter from Inspector Cowley to the Kansas City Office dated September 25, 1934, that the Knight, lawyer in Rockford, Illinois, is not the individual who visited Edna Murray.

Immediate investigation is being made at Kansas City, predicated upon the above information obtained from the State Penitentiary, in an endeavor to locate Edna Murray, and likewise her husband, Jack Morrison, is being interviewed immediately at the State Penitentiary, Jefferson City. It is noted from Page 7 of the final statement taken from Paula Harmon, at Chicago, Illinois, under date of September 22, 1934, that she indicates Edna Murray is supposed

to have a son about 16 or 17 years of age in custody of the parents of Edna Murray, who reside somewhere in Kansas, the name of the boy being known to Paula Harmon.

With reference to the information in the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 19, 1934, indicating the presence of Subject Karpis and other Subjects at Cleveland, Ohio recently, attention is directed to letter from the Kansas City Office to the Division under date of September 15, 1934, in the case entitled "JOHN HERBERT BILLINGER, with aliases, (Deceased); JOHN HAMILTON, with alias; I.O. #1280; LESTER M. GILLIS, with aliases, I.O. #1225; MRS. HELEN GILLIS, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1230; ET AL - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT; CONSPIRACY TO HARBOR FUGITIVES; PROBATION VIOLATORS". Letters of mail received by Miss Helen Harmon, were transmitted to the Division for the attention of the Laboratory, in order to ascertain if the handwriting on the letters may possibly be identical with that of Subject Karpis.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated July 19, 1934, wherein information is set out relative to John T. Glynn, Leavenworth, Kansas, alleged contact of members of the Karpis Barker Gang.

On September 26, 1934, subsequent to the dictation of the above portion of this report, Mr. Glynn called at the Kansas City Division Office and advised that to date he had not been able to obtain any information relative to the whereabouts of any of the Subjects in this matter. He stated that in the event he obtained any information he would get in touch with this office. During this conversation of Agent Spear with Mr. Glynn, Mr. Glynn was asked if the rewards for the two Barkers and Karpis were of interest to him and he advised that they were but that he had to proceed in this matter rather cautiously.

The following resume is made of the results to date:

Tracing received Kansas City Office, relative to the address of Mrs. Lillie Dupp, 512 West Gladstone, Frederick, Oklahoma. This tracing was forwarded to the Oklahoma City Office dated July 19, 1934, relative to this tracing.

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Tracing bearing postmark "Emporia, Kansas, Missouri, July 11, 1934", no return address given.

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Information received 8-8-34 by Kansas City Office that typewritten letter received by Glynn, postmarked "Chicago, Illinois 8-6-34" bearing return address "Otto H. Mueller, 6250 Dorchester, Chicago, Illinois". See letter from Kansas City Office to Chicago Office dated August 10, 1934, and Chicago letter to Kansas City dated August 17, 1934, for investigation of this letter.

Information received of receipt of typewritten letter postmarked "New York, New York 8-6-34" from "Raytheon Product Corporation, 80 East 46th Street, New York, New York". Information received of receipt of typewritten letter postmarked 8-9-34 Lafayette Indiana, from "Lafayette Life Insurance Company, Lafayette, Indiana".

Information received of typewritten letter received postmarked "Lansing, Kansas 8-15-34" from "C. W. Wilson, Lansing, Kansas". (Wilson is the Record Clerk at the State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas).

Information received of typewritten letter received postmarked "Grandview, Wisconsin 8-17-34", no return address.

Tracing received of letter postmarked "Emporia, Kansas 8-17-34" bearing return address "Frank Clary, Deputy Sheriff, Florence, Kansas".

Information received of typewritten letter postmarked "Eggleston, Minnesota 8-22-34", no return address.

Information received of typewritten letter received from "Thomas W. Smith, 528 West Lomita Avenue, Glendale, California", postmarked "Glendale, California 8-22-34". See telegram from Kansas City Office to Los Angeles Office dated 8-24-34 and telegraphic reply thereto of same date, as well as telegram from Kansas City Office to Los Angeles, dated 8-25-34 and report of Special Agent W. M. Bott, dated at Los Angeles, California 9-20-34.

Tracing received 9-12-34 of letter bearing return address, "W.H. Mackey, 636 Washington Boulevard, Kansas City, Kansas", postmarked "Kansas City, Kansas 9-10-34".

Tracing received of letter postmarked "East Chicago, Indiana 9-13-34", bearing return card "4117 Euclid Avenue, East Chicago, Indiana."

Tracing received of letter postmarked "Yates Center, Kansas 9-22-34" bearing return card "C. H. Shaw, Yates Center, Kansas".

The originals of the tracings received as mentioned above are being sent to the St. Paul Division Office with its copies of this report, with the exception of the tracing postmarked at East Chicago, Indiana, dated 9-13-34, which tracing is being attached to the Chicago copies of this report for such action as is deemed warranted by the Chicago Office.

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
422 Midland Savings Building,  
Denver, Colorado.

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. 7-57

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated September 19, 1934, which report contains the statements of Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdett and Mrs. Gladys Sawyer. It will be noted from the statement of Mrs. Sawyer that it is her understanding that a portion of the ransom money may have gone to a man known to her as Monty Carter, a close friend of Fred Goetz alias George Zeigler, who undoubtedly played a prominent part in the kidnaping of victim. It will also be noted from the statement furnished by Paula Harmon that a "Monty" was a close contact of Fred Goetz and other members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

Investigation by this office shows that Monty Carter as Owen D. Carter has resided at Elmhurst, Oak Park and Chicago, Illinois, at various places, during the past two years, during which time he was very closely associated with Fred Goetz. Carter rented a house at 264 Ridgeland Avenue on June 9, 1933, for a period of three months. When renting this house Carter furnished the following reference: O. M. Murray, Stonewall, Colorado. Information has also been obtained from various sources that Carter and the members of his family have spent the greater portion of their summers at Stonewall, Colorado in years past, but probably did not visit this point during the summer of 1933. Carter has a daughter whose name is Vonnie Carter, who is eight or nine years of age, and a son, Monty Carter, Jr., who is ten or twelve years of age. Carter is described as being approximately thirty-eight, 145 or 150 pounds in weight, five feet, eight or nine inches in height, with black hair, black eyes, and a dark complexion, and usually wears golf clothes, being a golf enthusiast.

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It is requested that investigation be immediately made at Stonewall, Colorado, to determine if the Carters visited at that point during the past summer, and proper inquiries should be made under a suitable pretext of G. H. Murray, to determine whether or not he knows the present whereabouts of Carter. During the course of this investigation every attempt should be made to ascertain the maiden name of Mrs. Carter and names and addresses of her parents and relatives. There is no post office at Stonewall, Colorado, the nearest post office being at Weston, Colorado. The Chicago office is not in possession of a photograph of Carter.

Very truly yours,

G. P. CONLEY,  
Inspector.

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT

ST PAUL AND S P CONLEY AT CHICAGO

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REFORMATORY STCLOUD MINNESOTA SEPTEMBER 28 1923 CRIME GRAND LARCENY  
SENTENCE FIVE YEARS AND FURNISH SAME TO THE CHICAGO DIVISION OFFICE  
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TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. 1219; FRED BARKER, with aliases; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases;</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS <b>VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases; HARRY SAWYER, with alias; GEORGE ZEIGLER, with aliases (Deceased) MONTY CARTER; JAMES J. WILSON, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. 1213; OLIVER A. BERG, with aliases; WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, with aliases; PHILIP J. DELANEY, with aliases; JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, with aliases; JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, Jr., with aliases;</b>			

**EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM**

**SYNOPSIS:**

\$5.00 Federal Reserve Note of Minneapolis, Minnesota, No. 100229663A, one of the ransom notes in instant case, was presented 9-22-34 to Mrs. Ella F. Gordon, Financial Division, Los Angeles County Probation Dept., by Mrs. Tommy (Clifford) Parker in part payment of her husband's, Clifford R. Parker's alimony. Mrs. Parker obtained same either from her tenant, Mrs. Lillian Littlepage or Mrs. Iva Lehman. Mrs. Littlepage received two \$5.00 bills 9-19-34 from Beacon Market, Los Angeles. Mrs. Lehman received five \$5.00 bills from Security First National Bank, Carthay Center Branch, Los Angeles, 9-19-34. Mrs. Parker does not know from which tenant she received ransom bill in question.

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DETAILS:

Mrs. ELLA F. GORDON, 1103 Law Building, Los Angeles, telephone Mutual 9211, Station 2634, Los Angeles County Probation Office, Financial Division, Court Trustee, advised the Los Angeles Division Office on September 22, 1934, that she had just received a five-dollar bill from an unidentified woman in a \$25.00 alimony payment made for CLIFFORD R. PARKER, 2520 Westview, Los Angeles. Mrs. GORDON advised she believed the same to be on the list of ransom money in kidnaping cases furnished by the Division.

Agent contacted Mrs. GORDON and inspected the five-dollar bill in her possession, same being on the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota, No. 100229663A, which bill is listed on Page 2, Column 14 of the list prepared by the Division in instant case. She stated that CLIFFORD R. PARKER, since February 25, 1932, has been paying fifty dollars a month alimony to his divorced wife, IVA PARKER, of 2126 South Main Street, Los Angeles, in semi-monthly payments and that at ten o'clock A. M., on September 22, 1934, an unidentified woman came in and made a twenty-five dollar payment for PARKER, giving a \$20.00 bill and the \$5.00 bill above mentioned. Agent obtained possession of the \$5.00 bill in question and same has been turned over to Special Agent in Charge J. E. P. Dunn, Los Angeles, who has placed same in the Los Angeles Division Office safe.

The following investigation was performed by Special Agent James G. Findlay and the writer.

Agents located CLIFFORD R. PARKER, Los Angeles City Fireman at the Fire Station, 2616 Hobart, who advised that on the morning of September 19th, 1934, neither he nor his wife, Mrs. TOMMY PARKER, had more than two or three dollars in change; that on said date at 8:50 A. M., he cashed his pay-check for \$93.27 at the Cashier's office, Treasurer's Department, Los Angeles City Hall, and received a \$10.00 bill, four \$20.00 bills and the rest in small change; that he paid the \$10.00 bill on a debt and turned the four \$20.00 bills over to his wife; that he is positive that he did not break any of the bills and secure any \$5.00 bills.

Agents interviewed Mrs. TOMMY PARKER, wife of CLIFFORD R. PARKER, mentioned above, at 2301 West Boulevard, Los Angeles, telephone Parkway 1720; who advised that she had received the four \$20.00 bills from her husband on September 19th, as indicated above, and had not had them exchanged for any \$5.00 bills. She advised that on September 19th she had received four \$5.00 bills from her tenant residing in the same flat building, Mrs. IVA H. LEHMAN, for payment of rent; that on the same date she received two \$5.00 bills from her other tenant occupying the same building, Mrs. LILLIAN LITTLEPAGE; that she used one of the \$5.00 bills obtained as above mentioned in making the \$25.00 alimony payment to Mrs. GORDON of the Los Angeles County Probation Department, but she does not remember from which tenant she received the \$5.00 bill.

Mrs. LILLIAN LITTLEPAGE, telephone Republic 4934, 2301 West Blvd., was interviewed and stated that on September 19th she had cashed her husband's \$25.00 pay check at the Beacon Market, 4813 West Washington Boulevard, and received in change, after paying the grocery bill a \$10.00 bill and two \$5.00 bills; that she turned said \$5.00 bills over to Mrs. PARKER in payment of rent. The \$5.00 bill in question was exhibited to Mrs. LITTLEPAGE, who advised that she had not observed either of the \$5.00 bills which she obtained from the Beacon Market.

Agents interviewed GEORGE REID, manager of Beacon's Market, 4813 West Washington Boulevard, who remembered cashing a check for Mrs. LITTLEPAGE mentioned above. The photograph of the Karpis-Barker gang was exhibited to Manager Reid and all of his store employes, but none recollected having seen any of said individuals. The printed list of the ransom money in instant case, together with photograph of the Karpis-Barker gang were left with Mr. Reid, who stated that he would have each one of his men become thoroughly acquainted with said list and in the event any more money is passed he will advise the Los Angeles Division Office immediately.

Mrs. IVA LEHMAN was interviewed and stated that on September 19th she cashed her husband's pay check at the Security First-National Bank, Carthay Center Branch, and received one \$20.00 bill and five \$5.00 bills; that she had on the same date given Mrs. PARKER four of the \$5.00 bills in rent payment.

JOHN D. LUSK, Manager of the Security First National Bank, Carthay Center Branch, 6318 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, was interviewed and he stated that he had cashed the pay check for Mrs. LEHMAN as above set forth, but did not remember what bills were given to her. The photograph of the Karpis-Barker gang and the printed list of the ransom money in instant matter were left at the bank. Mr. LUSK advised that he will see that all of his employes are thoroughly familiar with the numbers of the ransom money. He further advised that he will have his employes check all the \$5.00 and \$10.00 bills in the possession of the bank, and in the event that any more of the ransom money is discovered, he will immediately notify the Los Angeles Division Office. Neither Mr. LUSK nor other bank employes could identify any of the individuals in the Karpis-Barker gang picture.

The above bank is located in a small community of stores and filling stations. The stores and filling stations in the immediate vicinity of said bank were canvassed without results.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 17, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Confirming telephone conversation this afternoon you are advised that a Thompson sub-machine gun, two .45 calibre pistols and one .32 revolver were received Friday afternoon in the Laboratory from Cleveland. I have been informed orally by Mr. Newby that they represent guns found in a Cleveland apartment in connection with the Alvin Karpis gang. The number on the Thompson machine gun was obliterated but upon restoration was disclosed as serial number 198.

Respectfully,

*E. P. Coffey*

E. P. Coffey.

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Mr. Coffey has advised  
that a Laboratory report  
has been sent to the  
field on this 9-25-34*

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MEMORANDUM TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS

St. Louis, Missouri  
September 27, 1934

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases  
I.O.#1219, et al;  
Edward George Bremer - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Division letter of September 20, 1934 reads as follows:

There are being transmitted under separate cover by registered mail, copies of the investigative summary report submitted by Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, August 14, 1934, containing the most recently developed facts with reference to the kidnaping of Victim Bremer, together with the names, aliases and descriptive data of the principal subjects and suspects, and also the names and addresses of relatives and local contacts of members of the Barker-Karpis Gang. The Division desires that each Agent attached to your office study the report of Special Agent Nicholson, in order to familiarize himself with the contacts of this gang in your district.

There is also being furnished to each Agent, a list of the outstanding subjects now being sought by the Division, in connection with this case, which list contains the description and all known aliases of these subjects.

The file is available and can be secured from the Chief Clerk. Please govern yourself accordingly.

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Laboratory Report

September 26, 1934

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

Number: 7-576-2903

Specimens: One Colt automatic number C-118915.  
Three slugs.  
Six exploded shell cases; (3 Peters 27, 1 Rem-Umc .45 ACP, 2  
Western .45 Auto.).  
Six fragmentary jackets.  
Two photographs of latent prints.

Examination requested by: Omaha Division Office

Date received: September 22, 1934

Examination requested: Ballistic and Fingerprint

Result of examination: Examination by: Wiard

Test shots from the above numbered Colt automatic pistol number C-118915 were examined as follows: This pistol did not check against any Iazia exhibits that have been submitted to the Laboratory, as the only Iazia exhibits consisted of a Thompson Sub-machine gun empty fired shell and bullet. There are none of the actual exhibits of the Kansas City Massacre in the custody of the Laboratory. The shells from the above numbered Colt automatic pistol were checked against a picture stated to be of a .45 Colt automatic pistol empty fired shell recovered at the scene of the Kansas City Massacre, but no identification was made.

None of the evidence items received from Gill at Kansas City, which consisted of exhibits marked as having been recovered at the scene of the bank robbery in Fairbury, Nebraska dated April 4, 1933, were identified against test shells fired in the Lagoon machine gun.

The Colt automatic pistol number C-118915 is being returned to the Omaha Field Office as they stated in their letter of September 18, 1934 it was temporarily borrowed from R. S. Wilfley, Cashier of the First National Bank of Fairbury, Nebraska.

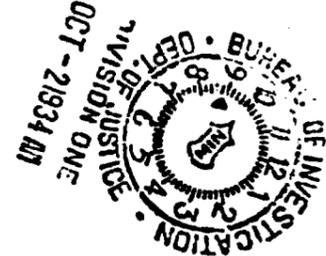
A report on the fingerprints will be submitted separately.

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September 28, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division September 22, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director

*(Signature)*

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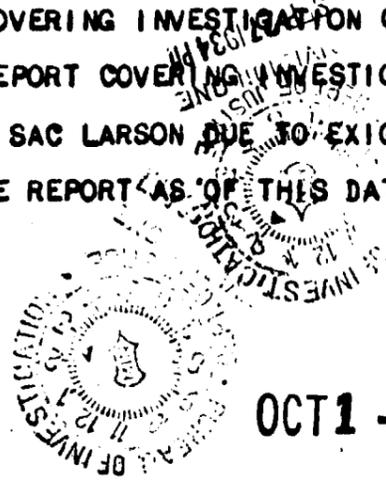
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

REPORT MADE AT: <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>9-28-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>8/1, 2, 3/34 9/14, 25/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>JOHN R. WELLES</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218 ARTHUR R. BARBER, with aliases, I.O. 1218 RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1215 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, I. O. 1252, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**



Long distance telephone calls from Cary #65 telephone of Louis Cernocky at Fox River Grove, Illinois, covering period January 1, 1934 to July 12, 1934 inclusive, listed herein. Where name and address left blank in this report no replies have been received to letters dictated. Investigation of names and addresses seemingly bearing on Dillinger and Bremer cases will be conducted.

**REFERENCES:**

Division letter July 7, 1934 and Division letter August 14, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

At the request of the Division a list of long distance telephone calls made from the booth at Louis Cernocky's tavern in Fox River Grove, Illinois, was obtained through Mr. J. R. Harmon, Superintendent, Division of Claims, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, Illinois. The number of this telephone is Cary 65. Records of the telephone company are destroyed each six months, and it was therefore impossible to obtain a list of calls made prior to January 1, 1934.

The date on which the list of calls was requested was July 15, 1934, and the list therefore includes calls made from January 1, 1934 through July 12, 1934.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>S. P. Cowley</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-2999	RECORDED AND INDEXED: OCT 1 1934
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Agents of the Chicago office assigned to the Bremer and Dillinger cases have read this list as compiled but have found no names or addresses, as yet, which seem to tie in with either of the two cases.

As the list has just been completed, due to a delay in receiving replies to letters written the telephone companies in various towns, no investigations have as yet been conducted at the addresses shown.

LIST OF TOLL CALLS FROM CARY #65 - JANUARY 1, 1934 to JULY 12, 1934 INCLUSIVE

BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS. (Cook County near Lake County line.)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
8	2-24	Sageschulte & Hager,	124 Railroad
	4-7		
9	5-2	Harry A. S. Clark	551 E. Russell
	2-18		
20	3-14	Andrew W. Sowers	542 W. Hough
21	5-12	Schauble Bros. & Collins	128 W. Cook
25	5-22	Barrington Hudson Essex Co.	505 E. Main
28	4-15	R. F. Gieske	215 E. Station
	4-16		
	5-4		
	5-5		
	5-25		
	5-28		
	6-7		
	6-15		
	6-28		
	7-2		
	7-5		
65-J	3-14	C. & N. W. Ry. Co.	Hough St.

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
72-R	4-13		
	4-1	William Orlikowaky	446 E. Main
124-W-1	2-19	Joseph Wisnuth	R.F.D. 1
127-M-2	2-19	George F. Wisnuth	R.F.D. 1
128-M-2	3-22	Barrington Hills Country Club	1735 McCormick Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
	5-24		
	6-26		
130-M-2	2-17	August Pepper	R.F.D.
144-J-2	3-16	Frank Kazimour	Barrington
233	6-13	Greengard Grill	124 E. Main
269-J	6-29	Mrs. Marie Buryanck	602 S. Prairie
271-M	6-2	Mary C. Gieske	306 S. Cook
273-J	6-5	Rieke Well Drilling Company	118 Dundee Ave.
284-J	6-7	Charles W. Sytle	417 S. Hough
406-M	7-14	Frank Sukes, Jr.	248 W. Russell
420	4-24	Barrington Hills Country Club	Barrington
424	5-25	Biltmore Country Club	Barrington
448	6-11	Mrs. Cora Purcell	311 E. Main
471	5-12	Floyd W. Sinberg, DDS	127 E. Main
543	6-26	Western Union Tel. Co.	Barrington
777	4-7	The Catlow Theatre	116 W. Main

CRYSTAL LAKE, ILLINOIS. (Lake County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
4	4-4	Crystal Lake Herald	Railroad St.
	5-1		
5	5-17	Warners Funeral Service	Williams St.
13	4-13	M. Cohn & Sons	123 N. Williams
21	4-9	Cudahy Packing Co.	Minnie St.
36-W	6-20	John J. Moran	Sect. Crafton Township
120	6-2	Snow White Laundry	13 Woodstock

No. Called	Date	Name	Address
	6-2		
165-J	3-17	Lounzo D. Lowell	Crystal Lake Ave. (Residence)
167-R	3-14	Lounzo D. Lowell	Railroad St. (Office)
	3-17		
184-J	7-4	Edward L. Williamson	189 N. Caroline
275	5-27	L. Willard Cobb	239 W. Crystal Lake
280	3-29	Public Service Co.	101 Williams
	6-12		
286-R	6-19	Dwight Goodwin	126 E. Crystal Lake
384-M	3-24	Jesse L. Davis	Crystal Lake Ave.
434-M	5-10	J. Allan	(Moved to Rockford, Ill.)
444	7-12	Harry F. Marcus	Oricle Trail
452-W	3-31	E. F. Sinkler	R.F.D. 2
	4-20		
	5-4		
485	3-10	C. J. Parker	(Moved to Chicago)
	6-6		
	6-2		
487-W	3-7	Mrs. Freida Schimpf	27 Woodstock St.
565	6-13	John T. Hannigan	Woodstock St.
564	5-30	Peter Kaldor	Virginia Ave.
	2-7		
591	3-4	Eugene L. O'Brien	Woodstock St.
	4-15		
639-M	3-20	L. B. Robbia	Sec 1 Crafton Township
644	2-18	Kl-Tovar Theatre	Williams St.
845	3-11	Ben Pingree	Sec 3 Algonquin Township
	5-28		
860	5-12	Meadowlark Lodge	Sec 20 Algonquin Township
	5-17		
865	4-18	No such number on file	
875	2-28	P. J. Lyons, (Crystal Lodge)	Sec 5 Algonquin Township
	3-7		
	4-12		
	5-9		
	5-12		
	6-2		
880	3-30	Wm. A. Herrmann	631 Virginia St.
	4-6		
892	4-22	May Schlack (Pinemoor Hotel)	630 Lake

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
894	4-6	John Haxnow (Lakeside Tavern)	Virginia St.
	2-16	Sam Salvesen	R.F.D. #2, McHenry, Ill.
	3-23	W. McHenry State Bank	Main St. West McHenry
18	4-7	Jacob C. Bickler	Riverside Drive & Pearl St.
20	5-12	Harold Miller	McHenry
23	5-16	Nettie B. Weber and Clara Schiessale	Main St.
	5-18		
	5-23		
88	5-1	Kissen's Cafe	Riverside Drive
	7-15		
89-R	8-16	George H. Weber	West McHenry
93-M	2-23	Wm. J. Burke	West McHenry
	2-23		
	3-4		
104-J	7-5	Clara K. Freund	Elm Tree Green
144	4-10	Walter G. French	Box 144
	7-12		
199	5-20	McHenry Brewing Co.	Green & Pearl
222-R	5-1	Lester R. Bacon	Grand Ave. West McHenry
333	6-23	Joe F. Friend	Riverside Drive
608-J-2	5-12	Thomas A. Bolger	R.F.D. #2
636-W-2	7-9	Mrs. Kate Halmar	R.F.D. #3

WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS. (McHenry County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
1	3-14	Vincent S. Sumley	Lumber & Benton
5	5-4	Woodstock Sentinel Co.	209 N. Benton
18	2-24	Frank Daly	202 McHenry Ave.
23	3-19	Fred B. Bennett	Benton & Van Buren
25	5-20	Floyd E. Eckert	207 Benton
30	6-29	Vincent S. Sumley	Tryon & Judd
48	3-17	Wm. M. Carroll	345 Dacy
	3-23		
63	4-29	Frank J. Green	240 Washington
98	5-22	Wm. M. Carroll	Benton
105-W	5-31	Hans Nielsen	631 Queen Ann

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
115-W	5-6	Earl T. Yates	224 S. Madison
141	5-29	McHenry Co.	
259	6-18	Sheriff's residence, Johnson St.	
442	3-28	O. E. Nelson, M.D. and Wm. H. Newton, M.D.	112 Cass St.
446-W	3-20	McHenry County Farm Bureau	138 Cass St.
570-R	3-23	Fred A. Walters	378 Tryon
646	5-21	Otto Anderson	204 Meadow Ave.
1624-J-R	6-26	Wm. H. Schmidt	W. Jackson
	6-15	Louis Morris	S.F.D. #1

ELGIN, ILLINOIS. (Aurora County). Letter dictated. (See last page)

WINNETKA, ILLINOIS. (Cook County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
85	4-29	John Stuart	990 Sheridan Rd.
821	2-26	Arthur Anderson	44 Locust Grove
	5-14		
	6-23		
2577	2-26	Samuel Baker	549 Hills Terrace

DUNDEE, ILLINOIS. (Kane County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
822-B-3	2-28	August Sandblom	Gilberts, Ill. (Sec. 7, Dundee Twp.)
	3-8		
	3-10		

HIGHLAND PARK. (Lake County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
1842	2-28	No such number	(See Highwood, Illinois)

GIGERO, ILLINOIS. (Cook County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
716	7-6	Mahoney Co. Buick Sales	5312 Cermak
1086	3-4	Novax Studio	2212 S. 56th Ave.
3652-R	7-1	James McHugh	7239 S. 58th Avenue
4260	5-27	Mrs. Anna O'Donnell	1829 S. 61st Court
4759	3-11	Vit J. Kubicka	3425 S. 61st Ave.

MUNDELEIN, ILLINOIS. (Lake County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
173	3-6 3-29	E. E. Talman	

RICHMOND, ILLINOIS. (McHenry County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
522	2-16	Henry F. Greeley	
802	2-16 3-24 4-20	Henry Vogel	

ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS. (Winnebago County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Main 656	2-19	Tri-State Beverage Co.	715 S. Main St.
Main 5000	6-5 6-30	Rockford News Tower Co.	

HIGHWOOD, ILLINOIS. (Lake County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
1842	2-21	Oak Terrace Beverage Co.	425 Waukegan Ave.

RIVER GROVE, ILLINOIS (Cook County)

<u>No.Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
2080	5-28	Called to get name and address. This is exchange number at River Grove.	

LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS (Lake County)

<u>No.Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
1612	4-5	Morrow Krums	145 E. Westminster Ave.

GLENCOE, ILLINOIS. (Cook County)

<u>No.Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
1049	4-5	Fred Klaner, Jr.	565 Palos Road
1515	7-2	J. Glenn Wray	625 Washington Ave.

MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS (Cook County)

<u>No.Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
9475	4-8	Crazy Quilt Tavern	17th Ave. & I.C.R.R.

BERWYN, ILLINOIS. (Cook County)

<u>No.Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
1747-W	5-20	Harry Sinek	2621 Harvey Ave.
5540	7-5	Albert Jindra	1958 S. Winona Ave.
5829	4-8	Lucille E. Watson	2229 S. Elmwood Ave.
5658	5-1	John Sus	2409 S. Ridgeland Ave.

WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS (Lake County)

<u>No.Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Majestic 569	5-12	Harriet Ramselle	615 James Ct. (Discont'd. 6/12/5)
" 464	5-30	C.W.A. Federal	525 Washington St. ( " 7/5/54)
" 4973	5-12	Mrs. Margaret Strang	216 Cory Avenue

RACINE, WISCONSIN.

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Jackson 1724	3-24		

MONROE, WISCONSIN. (St. Paul Territory)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
20	3-28	Monroe Hotel	

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Locust 5404-W	4-6	Paul Weida	2441 N. Humboldt
"	"	Emily Wells	2459 N. Humboldt
"	"	Edward A. Dohle	2459 N. Humboldt
"	"	Henrietta Eschthold	2529 N. Humboldt

OAK PARK, ILLINOIS. (Cook County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Euclid 2536	4-8	Grane H. Smith &	1104 Woodbarn Ave.
" 3386-R	6-30	Charles F. Scully	882 N. East
" 5209	4-8	George W. Doherty	504 S. Grove Ave.
"	4-22		
" 6075	7-1	Alfred Norman	530 N. East Ave.
Forest 4034	4-14	Moriarity Cafe	7530 Madison
" 4248	6-1	C. W. Daley	7247 Roosevelt Bld.
" 4347	6-14	Thomas W. Neal	7335 Jackson Blvd.
Village 4975	5-1	Donald A. Nash	610 S. Highland
" 5252	6-16	Edward J. Conforti	907 N. Oak Park Ave.
" 9308	4-12	J. Rowbottom	1045 N. East Ave.

RIVER FOREST, ILLINOIS. (Cook County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
2625	4-17	John O. D. Ryan	146 Keystone Ave.

DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS. (Cook County)

<u>No.Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
586-R	4-25 4-30 5-11	E. Strangle	1051 North Ave.
617-M	5-5	John Kalal	1298 Cora St.

WILMETTE, ILLINOIS. (Cook County)

<u>No.Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
428	4-25 5-14 6-23	Louis Condy	1001 Oakwood Ave.

RIVERSIDE, ILLINOIS. (Cook County)

<u>No.Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
5377	5-3	B. B. Denniston	115 S. Scottwood Rd.

WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN.

<u>No.Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
602	4-18 4-20		

HENSCHVILLE, ILLINOIS. (Du Page County)

<u>No.Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
69-R	4-21	Herman A. Beyer	Center & Woods (West side Center south of Woods)

BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS. (Cook County)

<u>No.Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
205	5-4	J. G. Abson	12602 S. Artesian Ave.

FOREST PARK, ILLINOIS. (Cook County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
4248	5-15	S. W. Daly	7847 Roosevelt Rd.

MALWORTH, WISCONSIN.

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Y-184	5-12	John Morelock	201 E. Delaware Place, Chicago, Ill. (telephone at Black River Falls, Wis.)

UNION, ILLINOIS. (McHenry County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
18-J	5-14	William Kunde	Main Street
20-J	5-14	Henry Lohring	Main Street

MADISON, WISCONSIN. St. Paul territory. (Letter dictated by Chicago Office)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Badger 1190	5-17	Hill, Beckwith & Harrington (Attys.)	119 Monona Avenue

TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA. Indianapolis territory. (Letter dictated by Chicago Office)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Crawford 2576	5-16	St. Mary-of-the Woods College	St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind.

LIBERTYVILLE, ILLINOIS. (Lake County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
630	5-22	Charles Fiore	Prairie View, Ill.
705	7-5	Chicago Wet Wash Co.	154 Lake Street

FREEPORT, ILLINOIS. (Stephenson County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Main 8338	8-28	R. B. Loveland	302 North West Ave.

BATAVIA, ILLINOIS. (Kane County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
8017	6-3		

BLUE MOUNDS, WISCONSIN. (In St. Paul territory)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Central	5-17	Apparently called exchange at this town; unable to check party called.	

VILLA PARK, ILLINOIS. (Du Page County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
855-M (Changed 8-31-34 to Elmhurst 316-W)	6-18	John L. Baldwin	255 Niagara Ave.

WHEATON, ILLINOIS. (Du Page County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
958	6-18		

AURORA, ILLINOIS. (Kane County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
5570	6-21	James Ellis (Duro Prods. Co.)	851 South Fourth

ROSELLE, ILLINOIS. (Du Page County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
166	6-1	Charles J. Rowe	R.F.D.#1

GENOA CITY, WISCONSIN.

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
91-R-4	6-3	Heetle Leopold	Twin Lakes, Wis.

DEHAVAN, WISCONSIN.

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
724	6-14		

TWIN LAKES, WISCONSIN.

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
91-J-2	6-14		

PARK RIDGE, ILLINOIS. (Cook County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
712-W	6-12	O. C. Lockwood	530 Elmore Ave.

PALATINE, ILLINOIS. (Cook County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
113	6-14 7-6	Arthur C. Haldeman	Sec. I. Pal. Twp. (Rand & Dundee Road)

LAKE ZURICH, ILLINOIS. (Lake County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
2	6-23	State Bank of Lake Zurich	Robertson Ave.

MILES CENTER, ILLINOIS. (Cook County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
2793	6-29	E. R. Jackson	9217 Irving Ave.

EVANSTON, ILLINOIS. (Cook County)

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Greenleaf 0269	3-21	W. E. Brochon	1728 Livingston St.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (Cook County)

No. Called	Date	Name	Address
<u>Armitage</u> 7558	7-8	Oscar H. Berkowitz	2647 N. Washburn
<u>Avenue</u> 3537	8-21	Arthur Pravidia	3741 N. Kedvale
<u>Berkshire</u> 4748	6-27 7-25	Charles Hecker, Jr.	3007 N. Harraganet
<u>Bittersweet</u> 8890	4-5	Madell Golinkia	535 W. Cornelia, Apt. 204
8829	5-11	Sidney L. Olson	5320 N. Clarendon, Apt. 2-2 (7/27/34 disconnected)
<u>Briargate</u> 6161	6-8	Coronado Apt. Hotel	1061 Rosemont Ave.
<u>Buckingham</u> 5951	4-29	John J. Meyers	5735 Best Ave.
8475	4-6	Edwin A. Dolan	5240 N. Lake Shore Drive, Apt. 2-2
<u>Calumet</u> 4500	5-12	Community Motors	235 E. 33rd St.
6251	5-11	U.S. Govt. Dept. of Interior	Govt. Bldg., Century of Progress
<u>Canal</u> 2680	2-12	Joseph Turner & Co.	1533 S. Ashland Ave.
5314	5-22	Bohemian Daily	1545 W. 18th St.
4883	5-28	City of Chicago, Police	2259 S. Damen Ave.
9533	2-15	Mike Bauml	1083 S. Ashland Ave.
<u>Central</u> 0770	5-20	Old Rose Distillery	222 W. Madison
-6177	5-28	Frank Posvac	139 N. Clark St.

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<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
<u>Columbus</u>			
1090	6-30	Kilbourn Inn	4501 W. Madison
4537	6-29	Chas. L. Baumayer	3530 W. Van Buren
8465	5-17	DeRoche Engineering Company	4736 W. End Ave.
<u>Crawford</u>			
4759	5-21	John Vesely	2651 S. St. Louis
4817	7-11	Calls transferred to Monroe 2452	
Monroe 2452		Rudolf Knoureck	3758 W. Cermak
5477	5-24	Jedlicka Awning Co.	2214 S. Sawyer
<u>Dearborn</u>			
7202	2-19	Frankfort Distillery, 30 N. Michigan.	
<u>Delaware</u>			
2112	7-6	Leonards Studio	47 E. Chicago
	7-6		
2249	5-8	Unlisted number, James Herne	1508 N. Astor, 22nd floor
	6-16		
<u>Diversey</u>			
6856	4-8	Mrs. Dora Sangerman	1335 N. Hudson
6930	5-27	Webster Hotel	2050 N. Lincoln Park West
<u>Drexel</u>			
6658	(5-21)	Harold L. Levi	1030 E. 48th - house
	(5-10)		
	(5-10)		
	(5-16)		
2125	5-5	Wm. B. King	4824 Dorchester Ave.
6659	5-21	Victor C. Saxon	320 E. 43rd
<u>Edgewater</u>			
5034	7-14	Mrs. Goldie Dohmstahl	5541 N. Kentworth
<u>Englewood</u>			
2942	6-17	Anton F. Johnson, Music Shop	6845 S. Green St.
<u>Fairfax</u>			
7300	5-22	Hotel Harper Ciest	534 Harper Ave.
7689	5-4	Unlisted number, Mel A. Giff	1640 E. 50th, Apt. 9A

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
<u>Franklin</u>			
2100	7-5	Hotel Sherman	112 W. Randolph
7049	7-5	Rich Dress Co.	518 W. Adams
8400	5-29	A.C. Allen & Co.	100 W. Monroe
8988	7-5	Philip Rosenthal	100 N. LaSalle
9600	7-4	Morrison Hotel	79 W. Madison
<u>Graceland</u>			
2771	5-17	Ivanhoe Restaurant	5000 N. Clark St. 1st floor
5421	6-5	Harry Newman	2021 Wellington Ave.
<u>Harvard</u>			
No exchange by this name, listing below is on HARRISON 7588. (Letter dictated to Harvard, Ill.)			
7588	5-10	Star Products Co.	530 S. Wells St.
<u>Haymarket</u>			
1342	4-17	Harrison Wholesale Co.	851 W. Washington
5674	5-11	Mick, Peagtime	617 N. Racine
	5-11		
9229	5-31	Unlisted Number, Thomas Maher	112 N. Curtis St. 1st floor
<u>Hyde Park</u>			
1772	4-5	Daniel Burkhardt Cokerage Co.	7244 S. Chicago.
<u>Kedzie</u>			
1733	5-4	James A. Hamah	210 N. Talman Ave.
9404	5-19	Milton H. Ratner	3505 W. Jackson, Apt. 2.
<u>Kenwood</u>			
4209	7-12	Woodlawn Apts.	5046 Woodlawn Ave. Apt. 1-W
<u>Keystons</u>			
7400	4-24	N. W. Jewelry Co.	3801 Lawrence
	6-11		
8435	6-8	Chas Sebesta	3501 N. Whipple
<u>Kildare</u>			
1600	5-31	Rockroad Const. Co.	5915 Rogers Ave.
	5-31		
7000	5-31	Benson Fireproof Warehouse	3919 Milwaukee Ave.

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
<u>Lake View</u>			
0534	5-14	H. H. Hultin	5176 N. Clark
4268	7-8	John Hassilyer	2127 Belmont
8502	4-8	H. L. Rosenthal	515 W. Roscoe, E-End
10212	5-2	Alfred E. Reese	1807 Waveland Ave.
<u>Lawndale</u>			
4400	5-22	Bohemian Daily	2520 S. Crawford
<u>Lincoln</u>			
8010	3-26	Atlantic Brewing Co.	2336 N. Bosworth
	4-2		
	5-1		
	6-23		
9465	6-26	Mrs. Harriett Hitch	2459 N. Burling St.
<u>Longbeach</u>			
0791	3-15	Wm. Gray	5718 Sheridan Bl.
	3-27		
	5-5		
4058	7-1	Richard Kuster	5710 N. Damen
8810	5-4	Envoy Apts.	5635 N. Kenmore
<u>Mansfield</u>			
7605	4-12	Steven Crowley	4442 W. Madison
<u>Merrimac</u>			
9006	5-17	Victoria Goode	1748 N. Eagle
	5-21		
<u>Mohawk</u>			
1520	7-12	Lincoln Park Hotel	2136 N. Lincoln Park West
2960	5-4	Patrician Apts.	411 W. Fullerton Parkway
<u>Monroe</u>			
1018	3-21	Electro Neon Sign Company	758 N. Milwaukee
	3-26		
	3-30		
2540	2-15	Richters Food Prod.	1040 W. Randolph
	3-22		

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
<u>Nevada</u>			
3062	4-16	Montgomery Motor Co.	3208 W. Jackson
<u>Normal</u>			
2124	5-9	Taylor Shirt Co.	6350 S. Halsted, 2nd floor
3444	6-23	Emma Martin	222 W. 65th
<u>Palisade</u>			
7765	7-11	Edward Evans	6023 N. Kildare Ave.
<u>Pensacola</u>			
3327	5-12	William Pothchild	5231 Melrose
<u>Randolph</u>			
3042	4-5	Barber Asphalt Co.	7 S. Dearborn
6452	6-21	Reliable Eng & Bailer Supply	1929 Clark St.
8277	6-21	Acceptance Finance	33 S. Clark
<u>Rockwell</u>			
7041	4-12	Jos. Florian	2215 S. Trumble Ave.
<u>Rogers Park</u>			
0945	7-6	North Shore Garage	6610 N. Clark
2958	6-5	Wm. F. Williamson	1551 Pratt Blvd.
<u>Sacramento</u>			
0577	5-10	Marshall Thomas Reynolds Beauty Shop	129 S. Kadzie
<u>Sheldrake</u>			
1504	7-14	Mig Taverna	1429 1/2 Morse Ave.
<u>State</u>			
3000	6-26	Boston Sotre	State & Madison
6420	5-16	Harold L. Levi	1 N. LaSalle, #1665
7122	4-19	Josephine Gabbler	190 N. State #616
<u>Stewart</u>			
0069	7-14	Edward Crowe	642 S. Morgan
3284	5-18	Edward A. Evans	7716 Emerald Ave.
<u>Sunnyside</u>			
0568	7-1	Arno Bock	2173 Leland Ave.

<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
<u>Superior</u>			
0303	6-15	J. Walter Thompson	4109 Michigan Ave.
2121	7-7	Wm. Frigley, Jr. Co.	410 W. Michigan Ave.
2390	6-14	Seneca Hotel	800 E. Chestnut
<u>Van Buren</u>			
8300	5-18	Garfield Park Hospital	5821 W. Washington Blvd.
<u>Victory</u>			
0007	7-14	Post Exchange, U.S. Army Health Exchange, Ill. Bell Tel.	
<u>Vincennes</u>			
5724	7-15	Mrs. Ellen Murphy	7957 Ellis Ave.
7271	5-15	Julian Vlasint	614 W. 73rd
8316	5-17	Frank Robinson	4147 Normal
<u>Virginia</u>			
1710	3-9	Goldblatt Bros.	3932 S. Lincoln
<u>Wabash</u>			
2646	7-12	Hotel Atlantic	316 S. Clark St.
7411	5-1	Bulletin Record Publishing Co.	533 S. Dearborn
9207	4-12	U.S. of America, Treas. Dept.	453 W. Van Buren
<u>Wellington</u>			
4761	6-5	John Steg	5730 Lake Shore Drive
<u>Whitehall</u>			
7364	6-25	Ed W. Altz	900 N. Rush St. #1121

Note: From Chicago, 5-18-54, Andover 0549, Miss Porter, Marshall Field & Co.

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POSTAL TELEGRAPH

September 29; 1934.

Denver, Colorado.

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

Russel Gibson WA 10 twelve thirteen N.M.V.A refer Kansas City letters  
twenty fifth instant Nancy Gibson mother of subject arrived Denver  
Burlington route six fifty this morning was met by son McKinley  
Gibson and departed for Los Angeles eight A.M. up train twenty one  
Los Angeles advised investigation discloses McKinley Gibson accompanied  
Ralph G. Ables salesman Ohio National Life Insurance company from  
Kansas City Missouri to Denver August twentieth last has lived with Ables  
at Roosevelt Hotel Denver continuously without contacting subject or  
associates Ables state McKinley Gibson assisted him in selling  
insurance stole money and endeavored to discredit him with company  
as a result they had falling out Wednesday states McKinley Gibson  
informed him subject in either Chicago or Aurora Illinois and that  
mother knows exact whereabouts expect to obtain exact Denver address  
McKinley Gibson by tomorrow Ables cooperating endeavoring to learn  
exact location subject through relatives in Kansas City, Chicago  
notified.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-11 CJB**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Buffalo, New York</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/24/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/12-22/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. C. Vogel</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Following \$10 Federal Reserve Bank notes passed Niagara Falls, Rochester, and Buffalo, New York since 9/12/34:  
 IO4025736A, IO5145199A, IO5560966A,  
 IO5288761A, IO4126125A, IO5561154A,  
 IO5657806A, IO5215949A, IO5971881A,  
 IO0065285A, IO4043053A.  
 Manufacturers and Traders Bank released story of ransom notes circulating in Buffalo to press.



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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R. C. Vogel, Buffalo, New York, dated 9/15/34

**DETAILS:**

The Buffalo Federal Reserve Bank advised that the following \$10 Federal Reserve Bank notes were identified at this bank as ransom bills:

**DETAILS:**

IO4025736A (p. 19a), packaged by the Lincoln-Bailey Branch of the Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company on September 7, and received at the Buffalo Federal Reserve Bank on September 18th.

IO5145199A (p. 28), packaged by the Buffalo Trust Branch of the Marine Trust Company on September 9th, and received at the Buffalo Federal Reserve Bank on September 18th.

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. P. MacFarland</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-3001	RECORDED AND INDEXED OCT 1 - 1934
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3 - Division 2 - St. Paul 1 - Chicago (information) 1 - Detroit (information) 1 - New York (information)	COPIES DESTROYED 135 MAR 19 1965	CHECKED OFF: OCT 2 1934
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I05360966A (p. 51a), packaged by the Hertel Avenue Branch of the Marine Trust Company, September 10th, and received at the Buffalo Federal Reserve Bank September 18th.

I05361154A (p. 51a), packaged by the Broadway-Mills Branch of the Manufacturers and Traders Bank on September 12th and received at the Buffalo Federal Reserve Bank on September 14th.

I04126123A (p. 20), packaged on September 10th by the First National Bank of Rochester, New York, and received at the Buffalo Federal Reserve Bank on September 14th.

I05637806A (p. 18), I05215949A (p. 29), I03971881A (p. 19a), were packaged by the Power City Trust Company, Niagara Falls, New York on September 19th and received at the Buffalo Federal Reserve Bank on September 21st.

I00065283A (p. 13a), packaged by the Hertel Avenue Branch of the Marine Trust Company on September 18, 1954 and received at the Buffalo Federal Reserve Bank on September 20th, 1954.

It is believed that these nine notes were not identified as ransom money until they reached the Federal Reserve Bank at Buffalo, New York because of inadvertence on the part of tellers employed by the above mentioned banks. Due to the fact that in the past the banks have been unable to trace notes which have already unknowingly passed through their hands, no effort will be made to trace these particular notes. However, in this connection, bank officials have again been notified by Acting Special Agent in Charge G. V. Doherty that ransom bills are passing through their banks unnoticed, and their attention again directed to the importance of identifying depositors of such ransom bills. In each instance the officials promised closer cooperation along these lines.

Mr. Peter Voelker, head teller, Buffalo Branch of the Marine Trust Company telephonically advised Acting Special Agent in Charge G. V. Doherty, that \$10 Federal Reserve note, identified as ransom money, had been deposited at his bank. He was contacted by the writer, at which time it was ascertained that this note bore the following number; I04043053A (p. 19a of list). It was also ascertained that this note was deposited by the William Hengerer Department Store, 465 Main Street, which is one of the largest stores of its kind in Buffalo. In view of the large volume of currency flowing through this store each day, it was not felt that anything worthwhile could be accomplished by interviewing the manager of this store relative to note in question, there being a cash register at each counter.

Mr. John H. Collins, Manager, Danahy-Faxon store, 127 Baynes Street, telephonically advised the Buffalo Division office that a 9th District \$10 Federal Reserve note had been deposited at his store, and that he had identified the person passing said note. From the serial number appearing on this note, it was found that this was a ransom bill. Mr. Collins was immediately contacted by the writer and he advised that the note in question, bearing number IO5288761A (p. 50a of list) was given to him by Mrs. Frank Hipple. Mr. Collins was informed that his cooperation was highly appreciated, and was requested to call the teller's attention to this bill, when depositing same, in order that it might be forwarded to the Federal Reserve Bank under personal cover.

Mrs. Frank Hipple, 145 Baynes Street, was interviewed and stated, upon reflection, that she received this particular \$10 bill from the Grant and Ferry Street Branch of the Buffalo General Electric Company; that she gave the cashier at this branch a \$20 note in payment of an electric bill, and had received a \$10 note as change; that she remembered distinctly paying this bill on the afternoon of September 18th. It was subsequently developed that Mrs. Hipple has resided at this address for 22 years, and that she enjoys a good reputation in the community.

Miss Severine Spampata, Cashier, Grant and Ferry Street Branch of the Buffalo General Electric Company, 332 W. Ferry Street was contacted. She advised, however, that on September 12, over 700 accounts were handled, and she did not have the slightest idea who could have turned in this particular \$10 bill. There is nothing on the receipts to indicate denomination of money turned in by customers paying bills. She was advised that marked money was being circulated in that vicinity, and was requested to observe individuals depositing 9th District Federal Reserve \$5 and \$10 notes. Miss Spampata stated that she and another cashier handled all of the money coming into this branch, and agreed to notify the other cashier to be observant of individuals making deposit of such notes, and that both of them would make appropriate identification marks on any 9th District Bank notes of \$5 and \$10 denominations. She stated, also, that this matter would be held in strict confidence. In the event more ransom money is observed at this branch office of the General Electric Company, the Buffalo Division office will be immediately notified. In view of the large number of customers paying bills at the Grant and Ferry Street Branch of the Buffalo General Electric Company, no effort will be made to procure a list of such customers.

On September 21st, the Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company released to the press the story concerning circulation of ransom money in Buffalo and Niagara Falls, New York. Acting Special Agent in Charge Doherty immediately communicated with Mr. E. W. Miller, Vice-President of this bank relative to the release of this story. Mr. Miller stated that newspaper reporters had come into his bank and "had caught him off his guard," by stating that they knew ransom money in the Bremer Kidnaping Case was being circulated in the city of Buffalo and vicinity, and that they knew quite a few bills had

been identified as ransom money at that bank. He admitted to the reporters that this was true and referred them to the head teller, who proceeded to describe the ransom notes which had come into the Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company. As to how the reporters got their initial information as to these ransom notes, Mr. Miller could not say. He was advised by Mr. Doherty that this release was extremely unfortunate, and informed of the untiring efforts which were made to keep this matter confidential. Mr. Miller, realizing that considerable damage had been done, offered his apologies and stated that nothing further relative to the ransom notes would be released from his bank. He agreed to notify all of his branch banks not to release anything to the press relative to ransom notes which had been identified at their particular branches.

Mr. Albert J. Winkler, Cashier, Liberty Bank of Buffalo, Mr. Percy Darby, Vice-President, Marine Trust Company of Buffalo, Mr. Lewis J. Simons, Jr., Auditor, Power City Trust Company, Niagara Falls, New York were telephonically advised by Acting Special Agent in Charge Doherty of the unfortunate release by the Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company of the story concerning circulation of ransom bills in and around Buffalo, New York, and were requested not to give out any information concerning this matter to reporters who might call at their respective banks. Each of these officers pledged his cooperation along this line, and agreed to notify immediately all of their branch banks so that they might not be caught "off guard."

On two occasions since September 12th, Acting Special Agent in Charge Doherty has contacted the Niagara Falls, New York police department, and was advised by Acting Chief Carmody that efforts are being continued to locate members of the Barker-Karpis gang, but up to that time, no one answering the description of any member of this gang has been observed.

Acting Special Agent in Charge Doherty has also visited the Hollywood Night Club on two occasions subsequent to September 12th, and on each occasion examined money in possession of this club. However, it was not found to be money in which the Division is interested. Mr. Illig and Doc. Shuman advised that they had not seen any one answering the description of the Barker-Karpis gang, also that in the event that they do see anyone, they will notify the Buffalo Division office immediately.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:**

THE BUFFALO DIVISION OFFICE will continue to make such investigation as is deemed advisable.

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September 28, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 18, 1934, submitting a photograph of a latent fingerprint, together with a Colt automatic, #C11891B, found at the scene of a robbery at Fairbury, Nebraska, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. #1216, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

As previously advised in Division letter to Kansas City office dated March 24, 1934, this latent impression, when originally submitted to the Division Laboratory, was compared with the fingerprints of Clyde Hinerick, our #77961, and Sax Terrin, our #196876, and was also searched through the Division's single fingerprint file without effecting any identification. Division letter of September 21, 1934, addressed to the Kansas City office, also reports comparison of this latent impression with the fingerprints of Jack Griffin, our #386437, Eddie Green (deceased), our #73524, Verne Miller (deceased), our #220512, Alvin Karpis, our #199217, Frank Nash (deceased), our #473943, Fred Barker, our #59163, Clyde Hinerick, our #77961, Arthur Barker, our #206428, William Weaver, our #17920, and Earl J. Christman, our #24054, with negative results. The photograph at the present time is being compared also with the fingerprints of possible suspects mentioned in the report of Special Agents Green and Smith of the Omaha office under date of September 21, 1934, and your office will be advised of the result.

The anonymous letter received by Cashier R. S. Wilfley of the First National Bank of Fairbury which was transmitted to the Division Laboratory is being returned herewith inasmuch as no definite laboratory examination appears to be desired.

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118

Detroit, Michigan

September 29,

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Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, 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

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to telegraphic instructions from the Division under date of September 26, 1934, copies of the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, 9/25/34, in the above captioned matter, have been supplied to all Division offices.

Very truly yours,

*Wm. Larson*  
Wm. Larson R. O. O.  
Special Agent in Charge

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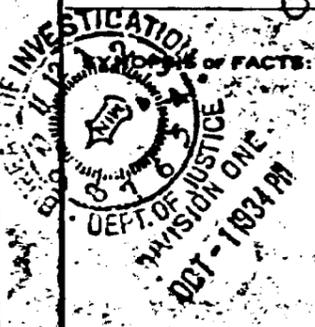
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FORM NO. 1

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

**St. Paul** FILE NO. **7-50**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Paul, Minnesota.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>9-28-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>9/8 to 22/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>B. L. Nicholson</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. # 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. # 1219; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>	
<p><b>FACTS:</b></p> <p>IVA and IDA PITT re-interviewed at the Wisconsin Industrial School for Girls, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Both girls refused to identify photographs of members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang and claimed to have never been in the company of any of these individuals. 1934 Wisconsin License No. 277-278 issued to C. W. Brown, 420 Edward Street, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, for 1927 Pontiac Sedan, and still in his possession. ELLIOTT ROSEN, a friend of HARRY SAWYER at St. Paul, Minnesota, claims not to have heard from SAWYER for several months, and has promised to notify the St. Paul Division Office should he hear of SAWYER'S whereabouts.</p>			
<p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent B. L. Nicholson, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, September 5, 1934.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>This is a joint report of the various Special Agents assigned to this case at St. Paul, Minnesota.</p> <p>IVA and IDA PITT, who have previously been interviewed in connection with this case, were re-interviewed at the Wisconsin Industrial School for Girls, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by Special Agent McIntire, who submitted the following memorandum:</p>			
<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p>		<p>7-576-3004 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION OCT 1 1934 A M DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ROUTED TO: ONE FILE</p>	
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Reference is made to your letter of September 11, 1934, in which it is requested that IVA and IDA PITT, presently confined in the Wisconsin Industrial School for Girls, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, be re-interviewed to ascertain definitely whether they were associated with members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang during January and February of 1934.

This will advise you that agent interviewed these sisters at the above school on September 12, 1934. Heretofore they have been interviewed in the presence of an officer of the school. It was thought advisable that they be interviewed this time alone, fearing that they might feel that anything they might reveal would be used against them in their work at the school. Before each interview agent explained that such information as they might be willing to offer would certainly in no way injure their standing with the officials of the school, and that in fact, the information disclosed would not be conveyed to members of the school.

Both girls were found to be [REDACTED] b7c

Particular effort was made to ascertain the identity of the men who picked them up near a filling station at Whitewater, Wisconsin, during January 1934, and the point to which these two men took the girls when passing over Cemetery Hill and going South from Whitewater.

In this respect both girls furnished practically identical information. They stated that they met two young men, neither of whom they could describe in any manner, near a filling station near the railroad tracks in Whitewater in January 1934, at about 8:00 P.M. one evening; that these men wanted to take them to a dance, but they refused, in view of the fact that the men were unknown to them; that they met the same two men about two weeks later at the same point, this time the men offering to take them for a ride. They accepted. At this point they were not able to disclose any information as to the identity of the car in which they rode. They admitted that it was a glass enclosed car, after the fashion of a sedan or coach, but could not furnish the color, the make, or the license plates number. They advised that they rode around for a few minutes and, after having several drinks of whiskey, they were driven over Cemetery Hill on a country road South of Whitewater; that they drove for a time, neither girl having any idea as to the time consumed or the nature of the road, until they came to farm house, or rather, what they

believed to be a farm house. They stated this because they could not recall seeing any city lights nor any neighboring houses.

They denied that any of the men gave them any money. They believe that they stayed in this house for about an hour, but it was apparent that they did not know how long they were there. They could not recall whether the house was cold or warm, or whether there were any other persons in the house when they arrived or departed. They could not recall the manner in which the house was heated. They recalled leaving this house, but advised that they were "pretty drunk" when they left, and have no idea as to the miles traveled or the time consumed in returning to their home.

They were again shown the pictures of the BREMER suspects but displayed not the slightest expression when looking at the pictures. They denied ever having seen any of the persons displayed. They further stated that they had never been visited by anyone wearing a chauffeur's uniform or cap, and declared that the only time anyone wearing any kind of a uniform came to see them was when the officers took them before court on the charge for which they have been committed. They denied ever having identified any person for Ethel Shaw, and stated that Ethel Shaw has tried to get them to say that they had been out with men whose pictures were displayed.

This is the fourth time the PITT sisters have been interviewed, and it has become apparent that no information of value can be secured from them. They have not been able to advise as to the names of these men or the town or part of the country from which they came.

In an effort to secure further information, Agent interviewed DORRIS KINCAID and AUDRY BARBER, both committed to the same institution and both from Whitewater, and former friends of the PITT sisters. These girls are very bright, AUDRY BARBER particularly. They both advised that they have been in mixed crowds with the PITT sisters, and know the men who occasionally kept company with the PITT sisters, but that these men were local residents of Whitewater and vicinity and all known to them. They denied ever seeing the PITT sisters with any persons fitting the description of the BREMER suspects. They denied any knowledge of a house on the South side of Cemetery Hill to which the PITT sisters were taken, and stated that this matter was never disclosed to them by the PITT sisters. Both of these girls made every effort to help agent, and tried hard to recall any incidents which would be of assistance in this investigation, but could not.

In the belief that this matter had been discussed by the PITT sisters with their mother, MRS. CHARLES PITT, agents McIntire and T. G. Melvin interviewed MRS. PITT, living about seven miles Southwest of Whitewater, Wisconsin. She informed that the girls had never discussed many of their affairs with her, and she had no knowledge of the fact that they were taken to a house on the South side of Cemetery Hill. It is apparent that she would have little information of value, since she paid little heed to the conduct of her daughters, and has another fifteen year old daughter which the County authorities are making efforts to send to the same school in Milwaukee.

Mr. E. V. Brown, District Attorney, Elkhorn, Wisconsin, informed that no information has come to him as to a house South of Cemetery Hill to which the PITT sisters may have been taken. He investigated this case as to the PITT girls, and sent them to the Girls School in Milwaukee, but informed that the investigation never did disclose this particular irregularity in their conduct, nor had any information come to him along this line.

RE: 7-59

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent G.F.Hurley, September 14, 1934:

Reference is made to memorandum submitted by Inspector Clegg, wherein it is stated that information was obtained from a confidential informant indicating that one, ELLIOTT ROSEN, was a close friend of HARRY SAWYER and might be in constant communication with SAWYER, informing him of conditions at St.Paul.

ELLIOTT ROSEN is a brother of MILTON ROSEN, who is a commissioner of the City of St.Paul. ELLIOTT ROSEN formerly operated a jewelry store located at 449 Wabasha Street. Agent requested ELLIOTT ROSEN to appear at the Division Office and on September 15, 1934, he complied with this request. MR.ROSEN states that he now resides at East Shore Park, White Bear Lake, and that he intends to make his residence there during the coming year. MR.ROSEN advised that he still retains some interest in the jewelry store at 449 Wabasha Street and, in this respect, still receives his mail at that address. MR.ROSEN advises that he is in the business of buying and selling gold and it is his intention to operate his business directly from his home. ROSEN admits knowing HARRY SAWYER for a number of years and states that MR. and MRS. SAWYER were in the habit of buying all their jewelry from him while he maintained his business on Wabasha Street. ROSEN states that the last time he saw SAWYER was the early part of last spring when he dropped into HARRY SAWYER'S saloon on Wabasha Street. The last time he saw MRS. SAWYER was some time in July, 1934, at which time MRS. SAWYER, accompanied by the child, FRANCINE, paid him a visit in his jewelry store. Since that time, ROSEN advises that at no time has he been in contact with SAWYER and has neither received information directly or indirectly from him. He advised that he was considerably surprised to hear of SAWYER'S leaving town and stated that in his estimation it looked very much to him as though SAWYER were running away from the law. ROSEN states that some time last fall SAWYER approached him and requested him, ROSEN, to make arrangements with the proper authorities here in St.Paul so that SAWYER might have his name legally changed from SANDEVICH to SAWYER. ROSEN states that he took this matter up with Judge Hanph here, in St.Paul, and that the necessary arrangements were made and the name was legally changed.

ROSEN advised that SAWYER formerly had an interest in a garage located at the foot of Selby tunnel, which was known and operated under the name of "HERB'S GARAGE". ROSEN is of the impression that SAWYER no longer maintains any interest in this garage.

ROSEN advised that MRS. SAWYER has a deep affection for the child, FRANCINE, and in this connection ROSEN advised that MRS. SAWYER would do everything in her power to retain custody of the child. At this point, ROSEN suggested that if some arrangement could be made whereby MRS. SAWYER could obtain custody of the child that she would give any information that she might have even though it might involve her husband, implying that MRS. SAWYER had a deep affection for the child than she did for her husband. ROSEN was quite emphatic in stating that his relationship with SAWYER was on a business basis and not a social basis. He did not regard himself as being friendly enough with SAWYER so that the latter would contact him to carry on any business deals that SAWYER might have. He did state that MRS. SAWYER, if she returned to St. Paul, would probably get in touch with him. ROSEN further advised that he, frankly, would not turn SAWYER in if the opportunity presented itself, but he did state that in view of the fact that there was no outstanding process of arrest for SAWYER that he would attempt to persuade MRS. SAWYER to have HARRY come in for questioning.

At the termination of the interview with ROSEN, he made the statement that if he did receive information which would reflect the present whereabouts of SAWYER he would get in touch with this office and advise the writer of this fact. MR. ROSEN stated that, in view of the fact that his brother occupied a political position in town that he desired not to have his connection with SAWYER made public, or any information given out which would, in any way, hurt his brother's reputation.

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On September 7, 1934 a telegram was received from the Kansas City Division Office requesting that the holders of Wisconsin License Numbers 277-278 and 277-277 be ascertained. A telephone call was made to the Secretary of State's Office at Madison, Wisconsin, The Motor Vehicle Division, and it was ascertained that Wisconsin License No. 277-278 was issued to C. W. BROWN, 420 Edward Street, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, for a 1927 Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. P 147,638, Serial No. 136,371, and that license number 277-277 had been issued to P. H. LEITCHON, 320 Jackson Drive, Oakbrook, Wisconsin, for 1932 Auburn Brougham, Motor No. 70702, Serial No. 4754B. A wire was immediately dispatched to the Kansas City Division Office furnishing the above information.

In connection with License No. 277-278, Special Agent McIntire conducted the following investigation:

Information was received from Special Agent in Charge Ladd of the St. Paul Office that 1934 Wisconsin License Plates No. 277-278 were issued to C. W. BROWN, 420 Edward Street, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, on a 1927 Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. P 147-638, with the request that inquiry be made to ascertain if these plates or the party mentioned could have been involved in the BREMER case. This request came from the Kansas City Office.

Agents K. E. McIntire and T. G. Malvin ascertained that 420 Edward Street, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, is the home of Mrs. Bertha Omealy, the mother of C. W. BROWN. She informed that her son is now living in Beloit, Wisconsin, address not known; that he is the owner of an old Pontiac car, but that he has not visited his mother for several months; that he has not taken any trips in said car away from Beloit; that he is very poor, being married and having three children, and further being out of employment for the most part of the past two or three years, and that he and his family have been on the county for some time. Mrs. Omealy stated that he is sometimes employed by the Fairbanks Manufacturing Company in Beloit, Wisconsin. She had never known of him to loan his car or his license plates to anyone.

At Beloit, Wisconsin, it was ascertained that C. W. BROWN is living at 1159 La Salle Street, and that he is presently employed by the Fairbanks Manufacturing Company. At the Fairbanks Company it was ascertained that BROWN bears a good reputation; that he was in the employ of the company several years ago, and that he returned to that employment in July of 1934; that he has been working steadily there since that time.

C. W. BROWN informed that he was living with his mother in Beloit, Wisconsin, at the time he secured the Wisconsin plates, that being the reason for giving such an address; that he has had the car in his possession at all times; that he has not loaned the car to anyone, nor has he ever loaned out the plates; that he has stayed in Beloit at all times except for a short one day visit to Chicago to A Century of Progress about three weeks ago, but that on this trip he remained entirely within the States of Wisconsin and Illinois, and has never had this car or these license plates outside of the two States. He advised further that the car and the plates have not been stolen from him for any period of time.

At the time of this interview the car was standing in a parking lot near the Fairbanks Company, and same was inspected by Agents McIntire and Melvin. It was found to be the car described earlier in this memorandum. Examination of the plates showed that the screws had been rusted in and it was obvious that same had not been removed since they were first placed on said car.

No further investigation being requested, it was not considered advisable to conduct a neighborhood investigation to determine if C. W. BROWN has been in association with persons of questionable character, or other investigation of a related nature.

On June 25, 1934 a letter was received at the St. Paul Division Office from C. C. Looney, Postmaster, La Crosse, Wisconsin, advising that he had in mind a house which might possibly be the house used as the BREMER hideout. In accordance with this letter, Special Agent Notesteen conducted the following investigation:

With reference to the letter to the St. Paul Division Office from the Postmaster at La Crosse, Wisconsin, dated June 25, 1934, and relative to a possible hideout in the BREMER case, the following investigation was made by this agent at La Crosse on September 10, 1934:

Agent accompanied Assistant Postmaster D. F. Paulson and carrier Joseph F. Kruetz to the vicinity of the house which Kruetz believed may have been the hideout in the BREMER case. This house was a farm building on the extension of South Avenue just outside the city limits of La Crosse on Highway No. 14. The building was located back some distance from the road so a detailed examination could not be made without going upon the property.

The following day agent, with Sheriff A. F. Riley, drove to the property in question and went to the house. No one was at home and a careful examination was made of the entire premises. The structure was a one story frame building with no basement and no cellar entrance. The rooms were all visible from the windows and there was no bath in the building. There were also no electric lights or any modern conveniences. The house is occupied by a farmer named Anderson. In view of the circumstances, no further investigation was made nor was the owner contacted. The home in no way answered the description of the hideout in either the HAMM or BREMER cases.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. OF JUSTICE  
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Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Cowley	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Schiller	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Cowley telephoned and stated that he believes Mr. Newby has a list of the charges pending against the Barkers, Karpis, Campbell, Davis and the others; that they are unable to locate such a list in Chicago and he, Cowley, would like to have Mr. Newby send them a letter outlining briefly any bank robbery and murder charges pending against these men together with the evidence obtained. I told Mr. Cowley that I would have this done. Mr. Cowley stated that if they convince these women that these men can be convicted on murder charges, they may be able to get more information on the kidnaping. I stated that we will have very little information concerning the evidence on these various charges. Mr. Cowley stated that this may be true but after he gets this information, he can get the different offices to check on it. I told Mr. Cowley that I would have this sent to him.

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I advised Mr. Cowley that I talked to Mr. Holtzoff concerning the writ and Mr. Holtzoff advised that if a writ is served on Mr. Purvis and the women are in the physical set-up of the Chicago office, Purvis would have to answer; however, if they are not in the office and are detained in an apartment or some place like that, Purvis can legally return the writ and state they are not in his custody. I informed Mr. Cowley that I explained to Mr. Holtzoff that Cowley has the title of Inspector and is handling this case and is not under Mr. Purvis. Mr. Holtzoff stated that if we can show that at any time, Purvis can state that the women are not in his custody when the writ is served. I advised Mr. Cowley that Mr. Holtzoff suggested in the event we take an apartment to hold these women, that it be taken in a fictitious name. I also told Mr. Cowley that Mr. Purvis can say that these women are not in his custody, when the writ is served, and he does not have to answer as to whether he knows where they are. With regard to serving a writ on the Director, the only place they can issue such a writ is out of the District of Columbia by the Supreme Court here and a writ of habeas corpus is only valid in the district in which it is issued. Mr. Cowley stated that he can take the women out of that court district and I stated that was not necessary as he would only have to take them out of the office. Mr. Cowley asked if this applied in the event the writ was served on him. I stated that if the writ is served on him, Cowley, and the women are in his custody, he will have to deliver them, even if they are in an apartment. Mr. Cowley asked how it would be if the women were out of that judicial district and I stated that I do not know about this specific point but if the writ is issued in Chicago and served on him, Cowley, in Chicago and the women are out of the district, I will have to find out about it although it is a rather remote possibility that they will serve the writ on Cowley. Mr. Cowley stated that it is not remote as a writ was served on them last week for somebody they did not know anything about - a man named Gentry; that this writ was served on Purvis but they also asked him, Cowley, about it. Mr. Cowley stated that it is unlikely that they would serve one on him. I stated that Mr. Purvis being the agent in charge and being so prominent in the

I T. J. J. are not in custody. S.N.

Get this point settled & let Cowley know. It might be well to get them out of the Chicago office if Cowley is served.

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papers, I thought the writ would undoubtedly be served on him. I told Mr. Cowley that the safest thing to do would be to get the women out of the office. Mr. Cowley stated he will do this but the situation is this: they took one of the women out last night and she was all enthused about looking for a place up there and this morning she would not even move; that they talked to her for about two hours and finally she said she would go if one of the other girls would go with her; that they are out now looking for the house again. I asked what happened to her during the night and Mr. Cowley stated that she slept all night and no one talked to her but she apparently just woke up on the wrong side of the bed; that she has funny periods; that some times she is fine and then all of a sudden she gets obstinate and won't say a word. Mr. Cowley stated that these men are bad actors too and they told Helen Ferguson that they were going to find these girls and "get" them. Mr. Cowley stated that they are pretty smart and once up in Cleveland they started howling and if they were placed in an apartment they might start this again, therefore, they have to get all of the information they can just as fast as they can and then if something like that happens, they can let them go. I told Mr. Cowley to take every possible precaution to keep them from springing a writ on him. Mr. Cowley stated that they are getting some pretty good information but after reading the statements he believes that Gladys Sawyer is not telling the whole truth. I told Mr. Cowley to work on them and get everything possible. Mr. Cowley stated he felt he would get a lot more and also advised that some of the statements were sent in a few minutes ago and, after reading them over, if there is anything we can point out to them, it might help. Mr. Cowley stated that she <sup>Gladys Sawyer</sup> thinks Fred Barker is in custody and believes he would be better off taking a life sentence on a kidnaping charge than being sentenced on a murder charge.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
SEPTEMBER 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219;  
RUSSELL DOBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear dated at Kansas City, Missouri, September 27, 1934, in the instant case.

Your attention is directed to page 4, paragraph 2, of that report wherein investigation is suggested for your office relative to Oklahoma license plates number 376-086.

Your attention is also directed to the last paragraph on page 6 and the first paragraph of page 7 of the above described report, and it is suggested that appropriate investigation be made of Oklahoma license number 429-231 and 424-231, together with the cars upon which these plates were issued.

Referring to page 21, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the above described report, it is suggested that your office make investigation through the Duval Motor Company at Tulsa, Oklahoma, relative to the sale of the Chevrolet Coach which was sold by that company to Miss Mildred Davis, now Mrs. John Harness, sister of Subject Volney Davis, for cash. Possible leads relative to Davis' whereabouts may be obtained through this method.

With reference to page 34 of the above described report, you are advised that a photograph of Edna Murray, Missouri State Penitentiary Number 28972, is attached hereto with the suggestion that appropriate investigation be conducted at Cardin, Oklahoma in an endeavor to locate Edna Murray, believed to be the present woman companion of Subject Volney Davis.

Very truly yours,

MCS:os  
Encl.  
cc - Division; Chicago; St. Paul

R. B. MATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
SEPTEMBER 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge  
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1215; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

In investigation by this office in the above captioned case Special Agent A. E. Farland recently interviewed Raymond Peele, Register Number 4320, State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, Peele being a former friend and associate of Karpis.

Peele advised that he had served time with Subject Alvin Karpis in the State of Florida sometime during the year 1925, both having been arrested on a charge of Vagrancy at Chipley, Florida, which resulted in them having to serve 45 days on the road.

It is suggested that your office make investigation of this arrest of Karpis, obtaining all information relative thereto which might be of possible value in bringing about his present location and apprehension.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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P. O. Box 1885

Butte, Montana, September 25, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
422 Midland Savings Building,  
Denver, Colorado.

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with requirements set out for  
the Butte Office in carbon copy of Division letter to  
the Denver Office, under date of September 10, 1934,  
I am transmitting herewith report of Special Agent in  
Charge D. H. Dickason, Butte, dated May 7, 1934,  
regarding one William E. Meade, which was not routed  
to the Denver Office, being the Salt Lake City Office  
at that time. All other reports in this matter show  
copies sent to the Denver Office.

Trusting this fulfills the requirements of  
the Division letter, I am

Very truly yours,

D. H. DICKASON  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Division  
St. Paul  
Chicago



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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

September 27, 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. CRARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219;  
et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Reference is made to letter from the St. Paul Division office, under date of September 14, 1934, a copy of which was furnished the Chicago Division office, with the request that photographs of John J. McLaughlin, Sr., and John J. McLaughlin, Jr. be furnished the Kansas City office.

There are attached hereto one photograph each of these two subjects.

Very truly yours,

S. P. CONLEY,  
Inspector.

RDB:MO

cc-Division  
St. Paul

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P. O. Box 536  
Los Angeles, California  
September 25, 1934.

Henry B. R. Briggs,  
Acting Postmaster,  
Los Angeles, California.

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ALVIN KARPIS, w. a.; et al.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:-

Re: L. A. File 7-42.

Kindly furnish this office with tracing

first class ~~admission~~ ~~with~~ ~~order~~

address 1170 South Norton Street, Los Angeles, California,

for an additional thirty-day period.

Thanking you for your assistance and cooperation  
in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

WMB:RS

cc Division

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

September 27, 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.

Reference is made to letter emanating from the  
Kansas City Division office, dated September 24, 1934,  
wherein it was requested that photostatic copies of the  
fingerprints of Carlisle Sisler Dial and George M. Dial  
be prepared and furnished. The letter also requested  
that copies of a kodak photograph of Peggy Asher standing  
beside a Chevrolet automobile of Mr. George E. Barker,  
father of subjects Barker, also be furnished.

There are attached hereto the original and five  
copies of the photograph of Peggy Asher and two copies  
each, together with the originals, of the fingerprints  
of Carlisle Sisler Dial and George M. Dial.

Very truly yours,

E. P. COWLEY,  
Inspector.

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St. Paul.

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

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
422 Midland Savings Building,  
Denver, Colorado.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);  
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR  
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, Fugitive,  
I.O. 1194, et al.  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.  
  
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218,  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219,  
et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated September 17, 1934.  
A review of the Salt Lake City Division office files disclose the following  
reports mentioned in letter of reference:- Report of Special Agent Val C.  
Zimmer, Salt Lake City, Utah, February 21, 1934, entitled "Unknown Subjects,  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping"; Report of Special Agent F.D. Swenson,  
Salt Lake City, Utah, dated March 13, 1934, entitled "Alvin Karpis with  
aliases et al., Edward George Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping".

In compliance with instructions contained in Division letter  
of reference, copies of these reports are being forwarded herewith to  
your office.

Very truly yours,

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JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc -Division  
cc -Chicago.  
cc -St. Paul

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

September 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1222;  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-50

Reference is made to your letter addressed to the  
Director, dated September 25, 1934, forwarding the statements of JAMES  
J. WILSON furnished to Special Agent J.L. MADALA.

It is requested that a copy of the statement furnished  
by WILSON, which relates to a knowledge of the fingerprint operations  
performed on the subject of this case by DR. MORAN, be forwarded to this  
office.

Very truly yours,

D.M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

(Name and address of Contributor)

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Date September 19, 1934

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the United States Bureau of Investigation:

Bureau File Number	Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
<u>141932</u>	Miami, Fla., PD #531	Albert Shaw 1-12-6	Dismissed 9/16/26



Very truly yours,

*R. A. Alt*  
R. A. Alt, Special Agent in Charge  
(Official Title)

cc St. Paul  
Jax #7-24

(For instructions see reverse side)

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This form to be submitted to the United States Bureau of Investigation to report dispositions of cases in which prints have been forwarded previously. Dispositions include such information as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, acquittals, dismissals, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

Where the Bureau file number is available it should be used.

Primary classifications, if available, should be given in reporting common names.



**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

**1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.**

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September 25, 1934.

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

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**

There are attached hereto two copies of the signed sworn statement of Paula Harmon, dated September 22, 1934. The report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated September 19, 1934, contains a previous statement made by Paula Harmon; however, the attached statement is her final statement and contains much valuable information.

There are also attached two photographs of Edna Murray alias Welma Tippetts alias Velma Champaign alias Edna Sullivan alias Edna Grace alias Doris Farrell, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, No. 28973. The larger of the two photographs was submitted to the Chicago Division office by the Kansas City Division office. The smaller photograph was obtained from the Chicago Police Department, where this woman was registered as Edna Murray alias Doris Farrell, under Chicago Police No. C-31722, showing her arrest at Chicago, Illinois, on 9/4/31 on a charge of General Principles. Two copies each of the photographs of Edna Murray will be submitted to all field offices in the near future.

There are also being transmitted to the Division three copies of the photograph of Hazel Wynn or Winn, an alleged friend of Arthur R. (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis with aliases. The negative of this photograph was furnished the Chicago Division office by the Little Rock office with their letter dated August 24, 1934. The Little Rock office has been furnished ten copies of this photograph, as per their request.

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Reference is also made to Division letter dated September 10, 1934, requesting photographs of John J. McLaughlin, Sr., John J. McLaughlin, Jr., William E. Vidler, and Philip J. Delaney. There are being transmitted herewith two photographs each of the above named individuals.

Very truly yours,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. COWLEY,  
Inspector.

RDB:MG

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Chicago, Illinois  
September 22, 1934

I, PAULA HARMON, age thirty, make the following voluntary, sworn, signed statement to E. B. Brown, whom I know to be a Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, without any threats or promises having been made to me.

I was born at Demerut, Georgia, a town of 800 population, February 11, 1904. My mother's name was Annie Ellis and my father's name, Bird Brannon. At the age of two or three, the family moved to Port Arthur, Texas. I attended Port Arthur schools until 1919, and Washington Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia, a girls' finishing school, from September to Christmas in 1920.

In 1921 I was married to Dennis Wood of Port Arthur, Texas, who was a mate on a ship. I divorced him in 1922 and obtained a position as a comptometer operator in Houston, Texas, where I worked until 1925. My employers were the Southern Pacific Railroad and the Eastern Texas Electric Company. In 1925 I married Charles Harmon, shortly after his release from the penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas, where he was incarcerated on a robbery charge. We were married in Austin, Texas, and lived together from time to time until he was killed on November 19, 1931, when he took part in the robbery of the Kraft State Bank at Menominee, Wisconsin. Charles Harmon was released from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, on January 9, 1931, and I went down to meet him. Previous to that time I had been residing in Chicago, Illinois (from 1927 to 1931).

We went to Kansas City, Missouri, and on a street in Kansas City I was introduced to a man by the name of "Jelly", whom I have since learned is Frank Nash. He appeared to be a friend of Charles Harmon. From Kansas City, Missouri, Frank Nash, Charles Harmon and myself, together with Herb and Esther Farmer, whom we also met in Kansas City, went to Joplin, Missouri, where I spent approximately two weeks at the Farmer home. Frank Nash, the Farmers, Charles Harmon and myself then proceeded to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where we rented a cottage and stayed approximately one month or six weeks. I did not meet anyone in Hot Springs on this occasion by the name of Richard (Dick) Gelatas, but I have heard of him. I may have met his wife. While taking the baths at Hot Springs, Arkansas, I met several of the wives of the confidence men who frequent Hot Springs. Charles Harmon and I had a "fuss" and I left Hot Springs by rail and proceeded to Chicago, Illinois, where I continued to operate a "call house" on the North side.

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Approximately a month later Charles Harmon came to my apartment which was located on Cambridge Avenue, and took me to St. Paul, Minnesota, where we stayed at the St. Paul Hotel, at which place we stayed approximately a month or six weeks. On this visit to St. Paul, Minnesota, I met Leon Glickman the day on the golf course and was introduced to him by Charles Harmon. I also met a man by the name of Jack Pfeiffer who operated a night club known as the Hollyhocks Inn; Harry and Gladys Sawyer, who operated a saloon where all the boys usually met at one time or another; Bernard Phillips, Thomas Holden, alias Bill McCormick, Francis Keating, alias Jimmy, Lillian Holden, Marge Keating, Lawrence DeVol, Herb Wilds, who is a garage mechanic, "Doc" and Myrtle Eaton, Tommy Damon and his wife. Special Agent R. D. Brown has shown me photographs of all these persons and I identify them as being the persons to whom I refer. Harry and Gladys Sawyer had a town house in St. Paul, Minnesota. Harry Sawyer operated a saloon and also was a big bootlegger. I believe Leon Glickman operated a garage or automobile sales agency.

I wish to state that after Charles Harmon left the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, we never seemed to be able to get along well and after remaining in St. Paul for 4 or 5 weeks on this occasion, I left him and visited at Joplin, Missouri, staying at the home of Herb and Esther Farmer. Frank Nash drove me from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Joplin, Missouri. I cannot recall the exact dates of my visit but it must have been the last part of April or the first part of May, 1931. While at the Farmer home I first met Fred Barker who called to visit the Farmers. I believe he had just been released from a State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas. It is my understanding that he at one time lived with Herbert Farmer's mother and was more or less raised by her. Fred Barker was a dinner guest at the Farmer home on this particular occasion, as was also Frank Nash.

While visiting the Farmers on this occasion, Verne Miller and his girl, Vi Mathis also visited the Farmer home and it was the first time I had ever met either of them. Vi continued her visit until about a month after my arrival, when Frank Nash, Vi and I left the Farmer home and drove direct to St. Paul, Minnesota in Frank Nash's Chevrolet coupe. I saw Fred Barker on only one occasion while at the Farmer home at this time.

Upon arrival in St. Paul, Minnesota, I again met Charles Harmon and we lived together until about 6 weeks before his death which was October 19, 1931. He was killed in a robbery of the Kraft State Bank at Menominee, Wisconsin. I have no idea as to who took part in this bank robbery. While in St. Paul, Minnesota on this oc-

occasion, previous to Charles Harmon's death, was, Charles Harmon and I kept company with Frank Nash, Verne Miller, Vi Mathis, Thomas Holden, Francis Keating, Jack Pfeiffer, Harry Sawyer and his wife and others. We spent a great deal of time at Harry Sawyer's saloon.

Immediately after Charles Harmon's death I proceeded to my home in Port Arthur, Texas, for Christmas, 1931. While enroute from St. Paul to Port Arthur I stopped at Joplin, Missouri, and visited with Herb and Esther Farmer for about 10 days. On this occasion I saw Fred Barker and William Weaver, who visited the Farmer home. Shortly after Christmas I proceeded to Lake Charles, Louisiana, where I operated a lunch stand for about 2 months, during which time I was injured in an automobile accident. After leaving the hospital at Lake Charles I proceeded to my home in Port Arthur, Texas, where I remained for 2 or 3 weeks recuperating from my accident. I then returned to Beaumont, Texas, where I remained until April 8, 1932, when I received either a telephone call or a telegram from Vi Mathis asking me to visit her.

Upon my arrival in Kansas City, Missouri, I went to the President Hotel and registered but do not recall the name I used. I called Vi Mathis and she gave me her address and I proceeded in a taxi cab to her home. I am unable to recall the street or street number where Vi Mathis was residing, but it was a cottage in the residential section of Kansas City, where Vi Mathis and Verne Miller were living together. This cottage was only one story in design but had an attic. Shortly after my arrival Fred Barker called to see me and I understand it was Fred who requested Vi to have me come to Kansas City in order that he might see me. While at the Miller home I also met Arthur R. (Doc) Barker, brother of Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, Edna Green, William Weaver, alias Bill Scott, and Earl Cristman. Special Agent Brown has shown me photographs of all of these men and I identify them as the men referred to. I understand the above mentioned men had been on a "caper". By "caper" I mean that they had been on some unlawful undertaking, a bank robbery or something of that kind. I positively have never heard the identity or location of the bank that was robbed. I saw Earl Cristman on only one occasion when he was kept in one of the bedrooms in the Miller home. He was badly wounded and I was later told, while in St. Paul, Minnesota by Helen Ferguson that Earl Cristman died while in Kansas City. I understand he was kept in Verne Miller's house one day only. I do not know where he was removed to from there, if he was still alive. After I had been at the Miller home for about 2 weeks I went by train from Kansas City to Beaumont, Texas, obtained my clothes and returned to the Miller home.

About 3 weeks after my first arrival in Kansas City Vi Mathis and I drove from Kansas City to Brainerd, Minnesota, where Vi and I visited her people for about a week. Before leaving Kansas City I understood that Fred Barker had already gone to St. Paul. After remaining about a week at Vi Mathis' Brainerd, Minnesota home we went to St. Paul, Minnesota where we again met Verne Miller, Fred Barker and other members of the mob. On this occasion I visited the home of Gladys and Harry Sawyer a few days.

After visiting Gladys and Harry Sawyer for a short time Vi Mathis and I drove to Kansas City, Missouri, together to get our clothes. We remained in Kansas City for about 2 weeks and I returned alone to St. Paul where I secured an apartment at the Capital Apartments Annex. I am unable to recall the name I used in renting this apartment, but this must have been some time during the latter part of May, 1933. I learned that Fred and "Doc" Barker were then residing with their mother who had an apartment at the Commodore Apartments. I saw Fred frequently during the next few days, during which time he informed me it would be necessary for him to have an appendicitis operation. We agreed that I should rent a house, and upon his discharge from the hospital he came to live with me at 204 Vernon Avenue, which is a small house which I had rented before his discharge. "Doc" Barker came to live with us and Kate Barker, their mother, went to Chicago, Illinois, to live.

The day before Fred Barker was taken into the hospital I met his mother, Kate Barker, who was living at the Commodore Apartments under the name of Gordon. Evidently I did not make a favorable impression as I have never seen her since to speak to. I am unable to state the name of the hospital where Fred Barker received his operation, but it is somewhere in the downtown section of St. Paul. He entered the hospital shortly before June 1, 1933, and I believe he was registered under the name of Gordon. He was released about 10 days later. I am unable to recall the approximate date I rented this house, but it must have been some time about June 1, 1933.

After moving to 204 Vernon Avenue, and while living there with Arthur and Fred Barker, I first met a man known to me as "Slim" Gray. I also met a man by the name of George Ziegler, alias Fred Goetz. I also again met William Weaver, alias Bill Scott, who I first met at the home of Vi Mathis and Verne Miller in Kansas City, Missouri, as previously stated. I also again met Volney Davis, known to me as "Curly" Davis.

I have been shown the photographs of all these individuals and I identify them as being the persons I refer to. I understand Slim Gray's correct name is Russell Gibson.

While living at 204 Vernon Avenue, the above mentioned persons often visited the Barkers.

I recall the date of the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr. at St. Paul, Minnesota, it being June 15, 1933. A day or two before June 15, 1933 "Doc" Barker and Alvin Karpis left St. Paul. Just previous to the time they left Frank and Frances Nash came to 204 Vernon Avenue and had dinner at my house. While there they received no telephone calls and Frank Nash told me, upon leaving that night, that he was going to Chicago as he wanted to take Frances Nash's baby girl to the World's Fair. I recall that Hamm was held by his kidnapers from June 15, 1933 to June 19, 1933. During this period Fred Barker was living with me at 204 Vernon Avenue but was out of the house a good deal of the time. William Weaver came by several times to see "Doc". I do not believe Fred Barker took an active part in this kidnaping due to the fact that he was in a weakened condition due to his operation. On the morning of June 19, 1933, Fred Barker left 204 Vernon Avenue and I did not see him until the following night, the night of June 21, 1933. During the day, June 20, 1933, no one visited me and I was alone at all times. About midnight Jack Pfeiffer came to my house and told me I had better leave. He assisted me in packing our belongings and he took me to a cottage on White Bear Lake located near St. Paul. I had been at this cottage before that time and I understand that it had been rented by Alvin Karpis and that he lived there. He had a Jay servant whose name I cannot now recall. I believe Karpis lived there alone as his girl friend Dolores was then residing in Chicago.

On the following morning Jack Pfeiffer and his girl, whose name is Vi, came to visit me at which time Jack Pfeiffer asked me if I had read the newspapers concerning a woman at 204 Vernon Avenue and he made some remark to the effect that they were referring to me. The article was with reference to the Hamm kidnaping case, and at that time the newspapers suspected Verne Bankey and Gordon Albert as being the kidnapers. This is the first time that I realized that there was considerable "heat" on the Barker boys and their associates. By "heat" I mean they were wanted by the law for some reason or other.

Jack Pfeiffer's girl Vi and I attended the show that afternoon and afterwards we went to the Hollyhocks Inn and had dinner. I

am unable to recall the exact date when this took place but I believe it was the day that William Hamm was released by the kidnapers. That night after dinner Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis called at the Mollybocks Inn and soon afterwards we drove direct to Chicago, Illinois in Alvin Karpis' Pontiac coupe.

Upon arrival in Chicago, Illinois, we drove to an apartment in Oak Park, Illinois where Alvin Karpis had an apartment. It was on this occasion that I first met Dolores Delaney, Karpis' girl friend. Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis were gone the remainder of that day but returned that night. We stayed in Chicago a day or two, during which time we were visited by "Doc" Barker. Arthur Barker then drove me to St. Paul where I picked up my clothes from the cottage on White Bear Lake and we immediately returned to Chicago. That night upon arrival in Chicago we drove to the Orlando Hotel where Kate Barker was residing, and I met Fred Barker out in front. He took me to an apartment house located near the Orlando Hotel and introduced me to a man "Chuck" and his wife named Belle. I have been shown by Special Agent Brown a photograph of Charles Joseph Fitzgerald and I positively identify this photograph as being the person I refer to as Chuck. Chuck is approximately 45 years of age, about 6 feet in height and weighs about 160 to 170 lbs. I had never seen Chuck before. Fred Barker stayed with me at Chuck's apartment for an hour or so and then left to spend the night with his mother. It appeared to me that Fred Barker and Chuck were friends of long standing. Nothing was ever said concerning the Hamm kidnaping while at Chuck's apartment.

The next morning Fred came to Chuck's apartment and took me to the Oak Park apartment of Alvin Karpis. At this time Fred was driving a 1932 model Buick Sedan, black in color, a trunk on the rear and fender wells in both front fenders with spare wheels and tires. Upon arriving at Alvin Karpis' apartment Fred told me we were going to a cottage on a lake.

Alvin and Dolores packed their luggage in Karpis' Graham-Paige Sedan and Fred and I drove the Buick. We followed them out Cicero Avenue past the Arlington race track and proceeded for an hour or an hour and a half in a direction which I thought to be north. I am unable to recall the name of the place where we stopped, but we passed through a little town. I have accompanied Special Agents of the Division of Investigation to Lake Geneva, Illinois, and I believe the house I am about to refer to is located on this lake, although I have been unable to find it. We stopped at a house just after we passed through this town, which we all entered. This house was a two-

story building and was well appointed, being probably valued at about \$10,000 or \$15,000. It was built on a terrace overlooking the lake and I recall that the road or street ran directly in front of the terrace. In order to reach the beach it was necessary to cross the road and go down some steps on to the lake shore. From conversation I have had with Dolores I understand Karpis paid \$600. rent for a period of two months for this house; that the same belongs to a local politician who was of Polish descent, whose wife's name is Rose. I understand that the owner and his wife lived in this house the year round, and that Rose did the cooking for Dolores while they were there. It was the original plan that Fred and I should live with Dolores and Karpis in this house, but there was some misunderstanding and after remaining in the house for about 15 minutes Fred and I returned to Chicago. I recall that Rose had a son whose name I am unable to recall, who was about 10 or 12 years of age as he was in school. Upon our return to Chicago that day I checked in a hotel located near the Orlando Hotel on the south side of Chicago. Fred went over to the Orlando Hotel to stay with his mother. The next morning Fred came to get me and told me that he had found a place on a lake up north which I could call home. We then drove to Long Lake, Illinois, which is about an hour's drive from Chicago. Upon arrival at this lake we found Velacy Davis and a girl named Edna waiting for us. I understand her correct name is Edna Murray. They were to live with us in this cottage. The cottage was rented from a Mrs. Perkins who operates a general store. The cottage was rented for \$300. for the months of July and August, 1933. This cottage was a black and white one-story cottage on the north side of Long Lake.

With reference to Edna Murray, I wish to state that during my association with Edna Murray she has told me that she escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, where she was convicted on a robbery charge and sentenced to serve 25 years. She has a son, age about 15 or 17, who is in the custody of his mother's parents who reside somewhere in Kansas; the name of the town is unknown to me. With reference to Dolores Delaney I understand her mother resides in St. Paul, Minnesota and she escaped from a small reform school located either in or near St. Paul, Minnesota.

On July 4, 1933 several persons visited us at our cottage on Long Lake, among them being Charles Joseph Fitzgerald, whom I referred to as "Chuck", a man introduced to me only as "Monty", George Kiegler and others. While at this cottage I also recall that Russell

Gibson, alias "Slim" Gray, visited us. We were also visited on several occasions by Alvin Karpis, but not Dolores. This was due to a misunderstanding between Dolores and myself which I have previously referred to in their cottage while on a lake which I believe to be Lake Geneva. Edna and I lived in this cottage from July 1, 1933 to about August 15 or 20, 1933. During this time Fred Barker and Volney Davis were away a great deal. On two different occasions I know that Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Chuck went to Reno, Nevada, but I do not know their reason for going to Reno, but I suspect that they went there with reference to the Hamm ransom money. "Doc" Barker spent a great deal of time with us at Long Lake. We never visited Alvin Karpis or Dolores at their lake home.

I wish to state that Edna's nickname is "Rabbit."

About the middle of August, 1933 Fred Barker, Volney Davis and the girl named Rabbit, who I have later found is Edna Grace ~~Mary~~ and I drove to St. Paul, Minnesota, at which time Fred Barker and I obtained a house in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the address of which I am unable to recall. Neither am I able to recall the name used in renting this house. Edna and Volney remained with us in this house for approximately a week when they moved into an apartment, the address of which I am unable to recall.

Shortly after arrival at this house Fred Barker left Minneapolis and went to Chicago, Illinois to visit his mother. He did not return until some time during the latter part of September, 1933. Two or three days before his return I became tired of being alone and moved to the President Hotel in Minneapolis. When Fred returned he located me at the President Hotel at which time he had with him a man whom I had not known previously, whose name is Harry Campbell. I have been shown a photograph of Harry Campbell and he is the person to whom I refer. He had with him a girl by the name of Wynona Burdett. Fred and I stayed in the hotel that night and the next morning or the morning after Fred Barker, Arthur Barker and I left Minneapolis, Minnesota in Fred's new 1933 model Buick sedan which he had brought from Chicago, Illinois. This car was black in color with a trunk on the rear and had fender wells. Harry Campbell and Wynona left at the same time in Fred Barker's Ford V-8 sedan. We all drove to Reno, Nevada, stopping at tourist camps enroute and arrived there on or about October 6, 1933.

We rented two apartments upon arriving in Reno at 234 West Liberty Street, one being occupied by Fred and myself and the other by Harry and Wynona. Fred Barker and I lived under the name of T. G. Blackburn and Wynona and Harry lived under the name of George L.

Martin, Alvin Karpis and Dolores had already arrived in Reno when we reached there and were residing in an apartment located near 234 West Liberty Street, the exact address of which I do not recall. Fred Barker and I resided at 234 West Liberty Street for approximately two weeks and then moved to the Belmont apartments where we remained until we left Reno. Sometime after our arrival in Reno, Volney Davis and Edna arrived and resided in an apartment 5 or 6 blocks from where we were staying.

While in Reno Harry Campbell, shortly after our arrival, accidentally shot himself at a point immediately below the groin on his right leg. Fred and I heard the shot and immediately rushed to their apartment to see what had happened. Fred Barker then went out to get a doctor whose name I do not recall and he returned shortly thereafter and dressed the wound. The doctor treated Harry Campbell about 4 times over a period of 7 days and then Karpis, Fred and Arthur Barker completed his treatments. Harry was laid up for about 10 days and after he got up he had to walk around with the help of a cane.

Shortly after this Alvin Karpis and Dolores left Reno and then shortly thereafter Fred Barker and Harry Campbell also departed. They stated they were going away on business. They were gone for about 5 days and then returned. I overheard a conversation during which Dolores stated that she had a good time. However, they did not indicate where they had been.

One day after our arrival in Reno Fred Barker pointed out to me a hotel or lodge located about 20 or 30 miles from Reno which I understand belongs to the same man who owns the "Bank Club". I do not recall ever having heard this man's name or ever having seen him, but I do know he was a power in Reno. Fred told me this was the place where he visited during the summer of 1933 when he was accompanied by Alvin Karpis and Chuck, and that they had been to see this man.

On Thanksgiving Day the entire mob went to a club outside of Reno for Thanksgiving dinner and as I recall the boys did not meet anyone they knew. We also went to the Bank Club, a gambling place in Reno. I do not know who owns or operates this club nor do I have any information concerning it.

On or about December 1, 1933 Fred Barker and Arthur Barker again left Reno and I understand they went to Mexico on business, the nature of which I do not know. During this period Wynona Burdett

came up to live with me. The boys were gone at this time for about two weeks and when they returned they had a considerable amount of money.

About four days later the entire mob left Reno, Nevada, and proceeded towards St. Paul, Minnesota. Arthur Barker, Alvin Karpis and Dolores drove together and went direct to Chicago, Illinois. Fred Barker and I returned to St. Paul, Minnesota in his new Buick sedan. Harry Campbell and Wynona returned to St. Paul in Fred Barker's Ford V-8 sedan. Volney Davis and Edna drove to St. Paul in a Ford coupe.

Immediately upon our arrival in St. Paul, we drove to Harry Sawyer's farm, which is located a short distance from St. Paul. That night we all went cabaretting and stopped at Jack Pfeiffer's Hollyhocks Inn where Fred and I spent the night. The next day Fred Barker and I rented an apartment at 628 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, located on the corner of Grand and Dale Avenues under the name of Edwin Bergstrom. Harry and Wynona obtained an apartment at the Capital Apartments and Arthur Barker went to live with Volney Davis and Edna who were also residing in St. Paul, the address of which I am unable to recall although I know it was on Lexington Avenue.

Upon our return from Reno, Nevada, we spent a great deal of time at Myrtle Eaton's apartment. William Weaver, alias Bill Scott, practically lived with Myrtle, but he also had an apartment on Avon Street, St. Paul, the number of which I cannot recall. Neither do I recall the cross street. I understand Myrtle Eaton is a shop lifter.

From January 1 to January 17, 1934, all of the members of the gang were in St. Paul, Minnesota. By members of the gang I mean the two Barkers, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Russell Gibson, William Weaver and George Ziegler.

I have been shown a photograph of Jess Doyle, who is the man I am about to refer to. I first met Doyle in Myrtle Eaton's apartment some time shortly before Christmas, 1933, in St. Paul, Minnesota. He appeared to be a very good friend of Myrtle and Bill Weaver. He was also very friendly with Eddie Green. Eddie Green was living with a woman named Helen. I do not know whether or not Jess Doyle and Eddie Green are connected in this case but I recall that members of the gang had numerous meetings in Myrtle Eaton's apartment between January 1 and January 17, 1934, at which time these meetings would be attended by both Eddie Green and Jess Doyle. The gang also had meetings in the apartment occupied by Fred Barker and myself. The women members of the gang, while the male members were having meetings, would always sit in the kitchen and not permitted to know the subject of conversation. During the period of January 1 to January 17, 1934, many such meetings took place.

On January 17, 1934, Fred Barker told me to go over and stay in Volney Davis' apartment with Edna. Soon after arriving there, Wynona also arrived to stay with Edna and me. This apartment was on Lexington Avenue, but I cannot recall the number. Soon after arriving at this apartment Volney Davis came to the apartment and asked Edna to cook a chicken for him. She did not seem anxious to do this and I volunteered to cook it for him. I cooked the chicken, which was stuffed with dressing, in my apartment, and one of the boys called for it. The next morning Fred Barker came around and asked me to go to Bill Weaver's apartment and clean it up for him. Wynona accompanied me. When we arrived at this apartment, Bill Weaver was still there and during the time we were there we were visited by Fred Barker, George Ziegler, and Bill Weaver. Upon arriving at this apartment I found a part of the chicken which I had cooked the day before. After cleaning the apartment, Fred Barker suggested to Wynona and me that we obtain our belongings from our respective apartments and bring them to Volney Davis' apartment as we would probably leave town the next day. This was the day after the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer. Wynona and I then cleaned out our apartments and returned to Edna's apartment and spent the night there. When we arrived at this apartment, which was occupied by Edna and Volney Davis, I noted that Edna had washed out Volney Davis' favorite heavy sweater, which I later saw him wear in Chicago, Illinois. That night we were visited by Fred and Volney. The next morning Volney came in and told Edna that Harry Sawyer wanted to see her.

I did not see Edna until I arrived in Chicago, Illinois, that night. Wynona and I then took a walk down Lexington Avenue where we met Fred Barker who drove us in his Ford V-8 coupe to the garage where Harry Campbell's Chevrolet was parked and Wynona and I immediately left for Chicago, Illinois upon Fred Barker's instructions. Before leaving St. Paul, Wynona had been given an address of a person named "Willie" whom she was supposed to meet in Chicago. While enroute from St. Paul, Minnesota to Chicago, Illinois, George Ziegler and Edna passed us. We arrived in Chicago late that night and upon arrival Wynona made a phone call and was instructed to go to 63rd Street and University Avenue where Edna had an apartment rented. Upon arrival at 63rd Street and University Avenue, Willie, whose last name I learned to be Harrison, saw us and took us to an apartment just off 63rd Street.

on University Avenue near the intersection, this apartment being the second building south of the grocery store immediately off 63rd Street. Willie informed us at that time that he was friendly with the manager and that he was considered a "right guy". Edna I believe was living there under the name of Davis and Synona and I were supposed to be her cousins on a visit in Chicago. That night Edna was slightly intoxicated and I recall that she made some remark that the members of the gang placed more trust and confidence in her than in us, she referring to Synona and myself. I now believe that Edna may have had some small part in connection with the kidnaping of Edward Bremer, due to the fact that she was called to Harry Sawyer's place to talk with him and the rest of us were not.

Willie came to visit us nearly every day while at this apartment, but he never mentioned where the other boys were, during this time. He was living at this place for about four days when Volney Davis and Fred Barker came to see us, but neither of them stayed over night. They spent a short while and left for parts unknown.

About two or three days later Fred Barker and George Metzger came to the apartment but did not stay over night and it seemed to me they merely came to see how we were getting along.

On the following day Arthur Barker came to see us, at which time he was alone, but he too did not stay over night. He indicated to us at this time that it would not be long before the boys would all be back.

About three or four days later Volney Davis and Harry Campbell drove to the apartment and this was the first time I had seen Harry Campbell since we had left St. Paul, Minnesota.

When Fred Barker visited me, as before stated, he was dressed and cleaned up and asked me to rent an apartment for us which I did at 67th Street and Tony Island Avenue under the name of Bradford.

I now recall that when Volney Davis called to see us at 63rd Street and University Avenue, as I have before mentioned, he was dressed with leather boots, a cap and hunting clothes.

After I had rented the apartment, as per Fred's request, at 67th Street and Tony Island Avenue, my first visitor was Fred Barker who, when he visited me, was well dressed and groomed and who spent the night with me and left the next day and told me William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton might come to live with me. Two or three days later William Weaver came to my

apartment, dressed in leather boots and rough clothes. Approximately a week later Myrtle Eaton came to the apartment and stayed with us. Fred Barker was in and out of the apartment nearly every day. Alvin Karpis came by the apartment on several occasions and one day he dropped by to see Dolores when she was living at 7137 Yates Avenue. None of the members of the gang who visited us after arriving in Chicago gave any explanation or indication as to why they were dressed in the manner in which they were or explained what they were doing.

On or about February 14, 1934, Fred Barker returned to my apartment after having been gone for several days and told me we were going to move to Toledo, Ohio. The following day Dolores and I drove a new 1934 model Ford coupe, which Fred had just purchased, to Toledo. Fred told me we were going to live at 4805 Summit Avenue in Toledo. That night Dolores and I stopped at some Toledo hotels. During the day we purchased furniture at the La Salle and Cook Furniture Company under the name of Fredford. We stopped at this hotel two nights, during which we called at the night club at Toledo known as "The Casino", operated by a man named Ted Angus. At this place we met Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdett. A day or two later Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis joined us at this address. I do not know who rented this apartment for us, but I suspect it was Willie Harrison, as he appeared to be well known in Toledo. Harry Campbell and Wynona, together with Doc Barker, were living in an apartment on Jefferson Avenue. At this particular time Bill Weaver, Myrtle Eaton, Volney Davis, and Anna were living in an apartment in Aurora, Illinois, which address I do not know. Shortly after their arrival in Toledo, Harry Campbell and Wynona moved to a house on Summit Avenue, the address of which I am unable to recall.

Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Dolores, and myself then returned to Chicago, at which time I stayed with Dolores in her apartment located at 7137 Yates Avenue. For approximately a week Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis did not visit us and I understood that they were having some sort of operation on their fingers somewhere on the north side, Chicago. Dolores and I returned to Toledo, Ohio without Fred and Alvin. Soon after our return, Fred and Alvin joined us and I recall that their hands were bandaged. Upon their return we found that Bill Weaver

and Myrtle Eaton, Volney Davis and Iana had arrived in Toledo and had taken an apartment, the address of which I am unable to furnish.

While living with Fred Barker at the apartment at 67th and Tony Island Avenue in Chicago, Alvin before referred to, Fred purchased a large black bag. I did not see this bag again until while at Dolores' apartment while Fred and Alvin were having their fingers worked on. The next time I saw this bag was in my apartment in Toledo and I believe Fred and Alvin Karpis brought this bag with them when they returned from Chicago. I noticed that it appeared to be very heavy and I remember that Fred kept it locked in a closet in my apartment. The bag had two keys, one of which was in the possession of Alvin Karpis and one which Fred kept. I have never seen the contents of this bag and do not know whether it contained ransom money.

Shortly after Fred and Alvin returned to Toledo, they brought a man named Doc Moran and a young fellow named Jimmie Wilson to my apartment. I understood that Doc Moran and Jimmie Wilson did work on the fingers of other members of the gang, which included Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, and Doc Barker. The work was not done in my apartment, however. Some time later, Jimmie Wilson, Russell Gibson, alias Slim Gray, and a man called Ollie, came to my apartment one afternoon at which time I went to the kitchen. I recall all three of them were carrying brief cases. I do not know for what purpose they were using these brief cases. I have been shown by Special Agent Brown photographs of Jimmie Wilson, Oliver A. Berg, and Russell Gibson, and these are the three persons who came to my apartment on that occasion.

A day or two later while Fred still had his hands bandaged, he asked me to divide a certain figure, which I believe to have been three or four thousand, by seven. I do not know the reason for his asking me to do that, but I recall that the result of this was five or six hundred each if divided by seven, but I did not realize at that time that this may have been in reference to ransom money.

Ollie Berg, James Wilson, and Slim Gray visited my apartment several times and I recall that Ollie Berg and Wilson had dinner at my apartment on one or two occasions. I under-

stood that Russell Gibson and his wife Clara had an apartment in Toledo, but did not live together long as they were unable to agree and I believe that after Clara left Toledo Gibson, Doc Moran and Wilson stayed in the apartment together. I do not know the address of this apartment.

*Toledo*  
While in Cleveland, Ohio I was introduced to a girl by the name of Alleyne who went around with a boy named Al. Alleyne worked in a restaurant and this is how I happened to meet her. I believe Willie Harrison, before referred to, was with Fred and Arthur Barker and myself one evening and Willie Harrison introduced us. I believe Al's last name was Bonkers. Al and Alleyne had an apartment in Toledo, the address of which I cannot remember, but I called at this apartment with Fred Barker on one occasion to see them at which time Chuck was there. I remember on one occasion when we had dinner at the restaurant where Alleyne worked that Alvin Karpis and Dolores were with us. Shortly after I saw Chuck at Alleyne's apartment he and his wife Belle came to our apartment for dinner one evening.

On May 23, 1934, Fred Parker and I moved to Cleveland, Ohio, driving there in a Ford V-8 coupe which Fred had purchased in Toledo. We secured an apartment at 10518 Parkhurst Drive. Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney had been in Cleveland approximately a week before our arrival. They resided in an apartment at 3812 East 159th Street, Cleveland.

Harry Campbell and Wynona continued to reside in Toledo due to an operation had by Wynona, but later moved to Sandusky, Ohio, where they had a house on the beach, where William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton were residing. While Harry and Wynona and Bill and Myrtle were residing on the beach at Sandusky, Ohio, Fred and I visited them frequently and while there, Bill Weaver went to Burlington, Wisconsin and brought back with him two young girls, one whose name is Winnie, age about ten or eleven, and Betty, age about nine or ten. I do not know the last names, but I understood that they were related to Doc Eaton who resides on a lake near Burlington, Wisconsin. Winnie and Betty often talked about Doc Eaton, but I believe their home is in Des Moines, Iowa. It is my impression that Doc Eaton has a house or cottage on a lake near Burlington, Wisconsin. Members of the gang have asked me if I know Doc Eaton and they apparently are frequently with him and have stopped at his place near Burlington, Wisconsin from time to time.

Shortly after arriving at Cleveland, Fred Barker asked me to take a roll of money from Cleveland to George Barker, his father, in Joplin, Missouri, which I did. I traveled from Cleveland to Joplin by rail. Upon my arrival in Joplin I stopped at the home of Herb and Esther Farmer. Herb Farmer pointed out to me a filling station where Fred Barker's father was employed and I contacted him there. After giving him the money I returned to Cleveland. I do not know how much money was in this roll as I did not look in it, but I understood that it was to be used to defray the expense of an operation for Mr. Barker.

Some time during the first part of July, 1934 while at Cleveland, Ohio, I made the trip from Cleveland to St. Louis, Missouri with Willie Harrison, where he visited his mother and father. I do not recall their first names or address. Willie's father is an invalid and has been unable to work for several years. He appears to come from fine people. Willie Harrison is about 5 feet 9 inches in height, red hair, blue eyes, and weighs about 150.

After residing at 10515 Parkhurst Drive approximately two months, we moved to 4419 West 171st Street and resided there until Wynona Burdett, Gladys Sawyer and myself were picked up by Cleveland police at the Cleveland Hotel on a disorderly conduct charge.

Some time during the latter part of June, 1934, Harry Sawyer and his wife Gladys arrived in Cleveland, Ohio and lived with Alvin Karpis and Dolores. They had a house on Flamingo Avenue, the address of which I do not know. It was near Rock River Road. Some time during the latter part of June, Gladys Sawyer went to St. Paul, Minnesota, for an operation and while she was away Harry Sawyer resided with Fred Barker and me.

While in Cleveland, Ohio, Chuck visited us on one occasion. I do not know why he came to Cleveland but he appeared to have some business with Fred Barker.

About two or three weeks before my arrest at Cleveland, Volney Davis and Bill Weaver apparently left the gang and one afternoon in my house in Cleveland, at which time were present Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Chuck and Willie Harrison.

Fred Berker asked me to divide a hundred and some odd thousand dollars into nine equal parts. I took a pencil and paper and divided this amount by nine and the result was about fifteen thousand dollars each. Fred never explained the reason for this, but apparently the Bremer ransom money, which had not yet been changed, was being divided, due to Bill Weaver and Volney Davis leaving the gang.

Special Agent Brown has shown me a criminal record sheet from the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. of one Charles Carroll, alias Charles Winterhalter. I wish to state that I have never seen this record before and that it has never been, to my knowledge, any place where I have resided. He also has shown me a photograph of this individual, but I have never seen this person before. I have also been asked if I ever used the name of Mrs. Harmon L. Osgood and if I was ever in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. I have never used that name and have never been in that town in Tennessee. I have never met Homer Van Meter, John Hamilton, John Dillinger, Patricia Young, or Baby Face Nelson.

I have also been shown a photograph of a man named ~~W. Berick~~ Berick, and I wish to state that this man appears to be familiar to me, but I am unable to recall where I saw him, or under what circumstances. However, I am certain that he is not a member nor an associate of the gang I have reference to.

Gladys Sawyer once told me that Edward George Bremer, victim in the Bremer kidnaping case, and Harry Sawyer, once had some differences over some alcohol, and, although Gladys never told me that Harry Sawyer was the finger man (the man who pointed Bremer out as the person to be kidnaped), I have my suspicions that he did.

I have been shown photographs of Gus Stone, Edna Bechett, and Pretty Boy Floyd and desire to state I have never met any of these men although I have heard of them. I have not heard them mentioned in connection with the Kansas City massacre and my only knowledge of this case is that it is common knowledge with the underworld that Verne Miller was one of the assassins. I have never met Doc Stacey, who

formerly operated the OP Inn in Melrose Park, Illinois, but I have heard Dolores speak of him and say that she had had dinner with Alvin Karpis at this place. With reference to Bernard Phillips, whom I know as "Big Phil" I have heard he was a former motorcycle policeman in Chicago. I met him in 1931 in St. Paul, Minnesota in Harry Sawyer's saloon. I have never heard him mentioned as one of the assassins in the Kansas City massacre, but know that he was friendly with Verne Miller and Frank Nash. However, I understand that Fred and Arthur Barker had no use for him for some reason, which is unknown to me.

I wish to state that I have never heard any member of the gang make any reference to either the Bremer or Hamm cases, and I have never seen any of the Bremer or Hamm ransom money, although it may have been in the large black bag, as described before, in my apartment in Toledo, Ohio.

Shortly before my arrest in Cleveland, I was told by Gladys Sawyer that Kate Barker, mother of Doc and Fred, had given up her apartment in Chicago and had gone on a vacation. I do not know whether she went to Europe, or if she went to visit relatives in California, as Fred Barker never made any mention of his mother to me. I have never been told whether or not Kate Barker had sisters residing in Chicago.

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

Paula Harmon

Witnesses:

J. L. Madala, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Chicago, Illinois

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of September, 1934.

R. D. Brown, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Chicago, Illinois

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TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219; Et Al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>No record of employment for Grady McMurtrey, at Key Construction Company, Gladewater, Texas.</b>			
REFERENCE: <b>Report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Okla. City, dated 8/28/34.</b>			
DETAILS: <b>At Gladewater, Texas</b>  <p style="text-align: center;">PENDING.</p> <p>Mr. C. K. Cunningham, Manager, Culver Oil and Refining Company, stated the Key (not Key) Construction Company went out of business, January 31, 1934. This company was in operation only from November 27, 1933 until Jan. 31, 1934. Mr. Cunningham had charge of personnel and pay roll. The records were searched thoroughly, both pay roll and cash disbursements, but Grady McMurtrey was not shown to have been employed by Key Construction Company during its entire existence. Mr. Cunningham has custody of the Key Company records. He advised the foreman known as "Tex", is Tex Riker, who was not employed after January 15, 1934, and whose present whereabouts is unknown. Agent personally examined the records, but McMurtrey's name was not found.</p>			
			
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
502 Federal Bldg.,  
Butte, Montana

Dear Sir:

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

In accordance with the instructions contained in Division letter  
dated September 10, 1934, I am forwarding herewith copies of the  
following reports in which William Elmer Woods is mentioned:

- Report of Special Agent B. P. Cruise, Denver, 7-20-34.
- Report of Special Agent B. P. Cruise, Denver, 7-28-34.
- Report of Special Agent B. P. Cruise, Denver, 8-31-34.

Very truly yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TALLM

In compliance with the request of Mr. Lowdon I am transmitting herewith ten copies of a photograph of Tommy Cannon #22190, St. Paul Police Department.

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1212  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1212  
ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Replying to your letter dated September 24, 1934,  
in the above-captioned case, there are being transmitted  
herewith two copies of a letter from this office to the Divi-  
sion under date of May 25, 1934, wherein is contained infor-  
mation relative to one Harry Sandlovich.

It is noted that a copy of this letter was previously  
furnished your office with letter emanating from this office  
under date of June 8, 1934, in this case.

Very truly yours,

S. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge

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

**St. Paul FILE NO. 9-30**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Paul, Minnesota.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>9-27-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>9/4 to 22/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>B. L. Nicholas</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. # 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. # 1219; Et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation conducted in the vicinity of Grays Lake, Round Lake, and Long Lake, Illinois, in company with MRS. GLADYS SAWYER and PAULA HARMON in an effort to locate the BREMER hideout. Investigation also conducted at Watertown, Wisconsin, and Jefferson Junction, Wisconsin, with negative results.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent B. L. Nicholas, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated September 5, 1934.			
DETAILS: This is a joint report of the various Special Agents assigned to this case who are conducting investigation in Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois in an effort to locate the BREMER hideout.  The following memorandum covers investigation made by Special Agents T. G. Melvin and R. T. Noonan during the period September 15 to 17, 1934:  On September 14, 1934 PAULA HARMON and MRS. HARRY SAWYER accompanied Special Agents R. D. Brown, K. R. McIntire, Schuss, and the writer on a tour of the lake country in the vicinity of Grays Lake, Round Lake, and Long Lake, Illinois, for the purpose of pointing out the supposed hideout of the subjects herein if possible. As a result the following investigation was made:			
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HANS IVERSON, night watchman, also deputy sheriff, residing on the East side of Long Lake, advised that he had heard the name "Pancho" mentioned, but the only information he could give was that about August 1, 1934, while standing on the bathing beach on the North side of the lake talking to some of his friends, he overheard the name "Pancho" used among a group of strangers, but did not know in what manner they used the name, whether referring to one of their members or an absent party. IVERSON stated that he did not take any particular note of these parties and could not describe them. He also advised that he could not recall having been acquainted with a Mrs. Gordon during the summer of 1935 [this is the name under which PAULA HARMON and FRED BARKER lived at Long Lake.] IVERSON accompanied agents throughout the territory on the North side of the lake over which he watches, and pointed out the houses and cottages that were in use during the winter of 1933-34. None of these places fit the description of the hideout, and MR. IVERSON knows all the people who lived in these houses personally.

FRANK STANTON, County Commissioner, and owner of considerable real estate on Long Lake, advised that he did not know anyone by the name of Pancho, but that the name sounded strangely familiar. MR. STANTON, who bears a good reputation and appeared to be reliable, advised that he would make discreet inquiry among his friends and acquaintances concerning this "Pancho" person. He also advised that he could not now recall any place on Long Lake that would fit the description of the hideout, but would have to give the matter further thought as there are some 1200 cottages and homes on this lake.

MR. and MRS. LEO PERKINS, residing on the North side of Long Lake, immediately identified the photographs of FRED BARKER and VOLNEY DAVIS as two of the persons who had occupied their cottage from July 1, 1933 until the middle of August 1933. These people on September 14, 1934 had greeted PAULA HARMON when accompanied by Agent Brown as MRS. GORDON, and inquired concerning her husband, FRED. MR. and MRS. PERKINS stated that FRED BARKER was using the name FRED GORDON, and DAVIS was known to them as "CURLY" DAVIS. They advised that others were there but they could not identify any of the other photographs shown to them. DAVIS was accompanied by a woman supposed to be his wife, whom they described as follows: Age: 30-32 years; height: 5' 5"; weight: 125 pounds; blonde. FRED BARKER at that time had a Buick dark colored sedan, late model, and they believed DAVIS was then driving a Ford V 8 Sedan. These parties spent much money at the PERKINS store, tavern, and delicatessen, and seemed to have an endless supply of five and ten dollar bills.

MR. and MRS. PERKINS stated that a few days before Labor Day, or perhaps a month ago, DAVIS came back to visit a girl who was staying in the Schutzner cottage. At that time he had with him a small white fox terrier with a black spot, the same dog that he had when he spent the time at this lake in the summer of 1933. He was driving a new Ford V 8 Coupe with an out of State license plate, the State being unknown. They only saw him once when he came in to use the telephone at this store and they believe he stayed only part of one day.

With reference to the girl friend of DAVIS, the following information was obtained through interviews with the PERKINS and MISS ROSE SCHUTZNER:

MRS. PERKINS in the summer of 1933 rented a cottage (Buckholtz cottage) to two girls from Chicago, whose names were learned during the inquiry to be Marion O'Meara and Helen Burns. During the winter of 1933-34, either in December 1933 or January 1934, while living in Chicago, MRS. PERKINS and her daughter Loraine, met DAVIS on the street (Madison Street) and he was accompanied by Helen Burns. She spoke to DAVIS and asked how his wife was, and he winked at her and nothing more was said. On May 23, 1934 Marion O'Meara rented the Schutzner cottage and remained there until this date, September 17, 1934. On two or three occasions this summer the girl known as Helen Burns came out to spend a weekend with the O'Meara girl. When DAVIS came out to this lake shortly before Labor Day 1934, and came into the store and used the telephone, MRS. PERKINS assumed that he was looking for this girl. She had never observed him with this girl in the summer of 1933. MISS ROSE SCHUTZNER advised that DAVIS, whom she identified from the photograph shown to her, about a month ago drove around in front of the cottage occupied by Marion O'Meara and an elderly woman named Delia, as if he knew right where the cottage was. He had a small white fox terrier with him, which dog had a black spot on it. Shortly after arriving he came over to the pump at the Schutzner home about 30 feet from this cottage, pumped some water for the dog to get a drink, and then got in his car and left. Later Delia told ROSE SCHUTZNER that this man was one of Helen's beaux, when MISS SCHUTZNER inquired if the man was a brother of Marion O'Meara.

MRS. PERKINS advised that a man had been visiting Marion O'Meara regularly this summer, and MISS SCHUTZNER advised that he had been out to spend about every weekend this summer at the O'Meara cottage. MRS. PERKINS thought that he bore a resemblance to HARRY CAMPBELL, but advised that he was not over thirty years of age, at least five feet seven or eight inches tall, and

rather stout build. LEO PERKINS did not think that this man bore any resemblance to CAMPBELL.

While talking to the PERKINS in their kitchen, Marion O'Meara came into the store, left some bottles, and was discovered by MRS. PERKINS just as she was leaving. Agents had an opportunity to observe her just as she was leaving, and she is described as follows: Age, about 28 years; height, 5' 6"; weight, 140 pounds; medium brown hair, bobbed; brown eyes; medium complexioned; wore glasses with strong lenses, believed to be gold rimmed. She remarked to MRS. PERKINS that she was leaving for Chicago, and as she left the store a car drove up with a man in front and an elderly lady in the rear and she immediately got in and the car drove away. The car had evidently driven up the road and turned around to wait for her. As the car started away the PERKINS advised that the driver was the man who had been calling on her this past summer. The car, a 1933 or 1934 Oldsmobile Six Tudor Sedan, grey or light green in color, there being considerable mud on the body and license plates, drove away speedily, but the license number was ascertained to be either 334-344, or 344-334, Illinois 1934. This car had a built-in trunk on the rear, with the tire mounted behind. Efforts to overtake and follow this car were unsuccessful, due to the numerous crossroads and hills in this vicinity, although State Highway 21 and U. S. Highway No. 41 to Chicago were patrolled for a considerable distance.

Later MISS SCHUTZNER advised that the photograph of CAMPBELL did not resemble this man whom she had seen many times during the summer, and whose name was given to her as JOHN MURRAY, and who she understood was employed in the City Hall in Chicago. It was also learned from MISS SCHUTZNER that Marion O'Meara left a forwarding address of 4209 Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, and that Helen Burns was a nurse in training at the Oak Park Hospital (Catholic) and that Helen Burns and Marion O'Meara were going to live together at the above Washington Boulevard address. It was further learned that Marion O'Meara was supposed to be the owner of considerable property in Chicago; that she inherited from her parents, and that her parents had property at about 5200 Washington Boulevard. It was further stated that a friend of JOHN MURRAY, who lived in the home of Marion's parents, was the one who often brought him to Long Lake for weekends.

The above information was furnished the Chicago Office by telephone.

A search of the cottage occupied by Marion O'Meara revealed that nothing had been left of an evidentiary nature with the exception of three empty liquor bottles, which were taken and are being preserved for probable future search for fingerprints.

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent E. J. Noonan on September 22, 1934:

With reference to the memorandum submitted by this agent and Agent Melvin under date of September 17, 1934, the same agents made further inquiry on September 18th, again interviewing the PERKINS family, MR. and MRS. LEO PERKINS and daughter Lorraine. MR. PERKINS advised that DAVIS came into this store on his last visit and remarked that he had come out to see a girl and that she was not here. He also remarked that he was going to telephone her. He used the telephone in this store, which telephone is in a booth, and called someone. The PERKINS could not definitely fix the date, but believed it was sometime in the month of August 1934. They also advised that when these parties were staying on the lake in the summer of 1933, July and part of August, they made many calls over this phone. The number of this phone is 47, Fox Lake, Illinois. Inquiry at the Fox Lake Telephone Exchange resulted in the information that any records of long distance calls or other calls are sent to the following address each day, and that any records of long distance calls from the above phone would have to be obtained there if there were any records kept since the summer of 1933: Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Division Auditor of Receipts, Suburban Division, 111 North Canal Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The only other information obtained from the PERKINS was that DAVIS seemed to be more of the flirting type and did more driving around the resort than FRED BARKER; that FRED BARKER (GORDON) seemed to be very quiet and did not come into the store often, and they recall that on the Fourth of July 1933 the others were all shooting firecrackers when he returned from someplace and he immediately put a stop to it by telling them that they might burn the place down. With reference to the person named "Pancho", the PERKINS advised that they did not know anyone by that name; that the only reason they had sent Agent Brown and PAULA HARMON to the Long Lake Lumber Company was because they thought that if there was such a person that company would know of him. They did advise that some man was often with BARKER, DAVIS and the woman, and that they thought he was one of the gang. They had never heard his name mentioned but thought it possible that he could be the party known as "Pancho", as he looked like an Italian or part Indian; was about 50-55 years of age; about six feet tall; medium build, weighing about 180 pounds; very dark complected; broad face, and talked with an accent. This may be the person referred to by PAULA HARMON in her statement as "Monty", whom she claims visited them at Long Lake in the summer of 1933, and whom she had not met before and does not know any more about. Perhaps further questioning of her concerning this party might prove valuable.

One E. GANSCHOW, residing about a quarter of a mile from the PERKINS store, was interviewed by Agent Melvin. He was apparently not the "Pancho" person as he has lived in this vicinity for over twenty years; has a good reputation; owns a nice lake home, and lives with his wife the year around in this home. He advised that the name "Pancho" seemed familiar but he could not recall who that person might be or where he had heard the name.

With further reference to the PERKINS above, MRS. PERKINS stated that she was mistaken in her dates when first given, and that it was in March or about the first of April 1934 that she and her daughter Lorraine met DAVIS on the street in Chicago when he was with the girl whose name was later found to be Helen Burns.

With further reference to Helen Burns, it is this agent's understanding that she has since been located and interviewed by agents of the Chicago Office, and advised that she heard from DAVIS recently.

J. M. CLEMONSON, Manager of the Long Lake Lumber Company, was interviewed but could give no information of value. He thought of one man that had a peculiar name, but investigation revealed that this man was one Patecek who had lived on Long Lake for about six or seven years doing odd jobs, and that he was about fifty years old and had a crippled hand, the fingers having been cut off.

HOWARD SCOTT, Postmaster at Fox Lake, Illinois, was interviewed, as was also Postmaster O'BOYLE of Ingleside, which latter post office covers Long Lake, and neither had ever heard of a person bearing the correct or nickname of "Pancho".

Considerable inquiry was made concerning another party whom it had been stated might be known as "Pancho". Some one made this remark to Agent Brown when he was accompanied by PAULA HARMON, and when undercover inquiry was being made. This man lived in what is known as Orvis Addition, Everett Orvis, owner of this addition on Long Lake, stated that the party referred to was Fred Batcher; that he was an Italian; that he had known him for years, and never knew him to be called "Pancho" or any other nickname. Batcher for about fifteen years, according to Orvis, has been employed by the Prima Beer Company as a painter, and still works occasionally for that company. During January 1934, Orvis volunteered the information that Batcher was travelling in the south with one Myers, a painter of Fox Lake, Illinois, and that he, Orvis, received mail from Batcher in either Louisiana or Arkansas. Batcher left for Chicago September

18th. An old address was 1416 Larrabee Street, Chicago, but Davis advised that Batcher does not now reside there as this was before he, Batcher, was separated from his wife. He also volunteered the information that Batcher had lived with a woman, widow of a policeman, who had three or four children, and that they did not get married because the woman would lose the widow's pension.

At Grays Lake, Ill.

(Subsequent investigation made by Special Agent E. T. Noonan).

Postmaster C. M. WIGHTMAN, Clerk E. W. HARRIS, and Clerk MARIE MURRIE, were interviewed but could give no information concerning the hideout. It appeared that VOLNEY DAVIS had a post office box at this town and that Agent Peterson had made considerable inquiry concerning this a few months ago. DAVIS was not personally remembered but the records show a forwarding address, October 11, 1933 to Lakeville, Minnesota, for E. V. DAVIS. At the time of the previous inquiry the suggestion was advanced that DAVIS might have been residing at Bruce's Lake. It would appear however that he had this box rented when he resided at Long Lake during the summer of 1933.

It was learned from MR. WIGHTMAN and others, and from observation, that there is no siren in Grays Lake, but the Round Lake siren can be heard there most all the time. There is a steam whistle on the Grays Lake Gelatine Factory, which whistle is blown at 7:00 A.M., 12 noon, 1:00 P.M., and 5:00 P.M., every day except Sunday. In case of fire a slide on the whistle is used which gives it a siren effect. Both the Soo Line and the Milwaukee Railroad operate through Grays Lake, there being eight passenger trains each way per day on the Milwaukee, about four on the Soo, two each way, and numerous freights; the Soo catering more to freight trade and less to passenger service than the Milwaukee. There is no church that rings bells on Saturday only, and only one church in town with a bell. The town has a population of about 1100 people, and is on State Trails 21 and 20. It appeared that previous inquiry had been made in Grays Lake and that photographs had been shown as well as samples of the wall paper. Agent learned this in contacting postal employees and wall paper hangers, A. A. McMillan, L. G. Smith, and Mrs. William Snyder. Filling stations were also contacted and photographs shown.

The houses in this town were observed personally but none answered the description of the hideout.

The houses on Bruce, Gages, and Third Lake, near Grays Lake, were observed without locating any to fit the description of the hideout. Rural mail carrier H. J. Geary, who carries mail to the houses on Bruce and part of Gages Lake, from Grays Lake, was interviewed but could give no information concerning the hideout nor could he identify any of the suspects herein.

ERNIE WEDGE, proprietor of a store on Bruce Lake, the only store there, agent having been advised that he was reliable, stated that many characters stayed around this lake whom he knew were questionable and of the hoodlum type. Upon observing the photographs he was of the opinion that he had seen ALVIN KARPIS on this lake but could recall no other facts. He stated that last October (1933) five men, looking like gangsters, approached him and inquired about a certain cottage for the winter, desiring to know if it had gas, lights, and water. These parties did not return and MR. WEDGE could not identify any of the photographs as being connected with these men. WEDGE advised that there were only about two houses on the lake that had two toilets therein, and he knew the people well in both places, one being a hotel and so operated in the summer.

JOHN MOGGS, proprietor of a store on Gages Lake, thought that a party who occasionally came to this lake with other parties, very closely resembled HARRY SAWYER. By coming with other parties he meant that SAWYER, if it was he, did not rent a cottage on the lake, and MR. MOGGS could not state who the persons were that SAWYER might be coming out with. He also thought that the photograph of ARTHUR R. BARKER resembled a person who had been at this lake. MR. MOGGS thought also that the name "Pancho" had been used in his presence concerning some party, but he could not recall any other facts about it. He advised that he did not think any of the places on this lake would answer the description of the hideout. He suggested inquiry or investigation at Johnson's Resort on Deep Lake, near Lake Villa, Illinois, as this place was stated to be a hoodlum hangout. One Captain Riddell, former business agent for the Marble Setters Union of Chicago, is said to make this his hangout. Further inquiry will be made at Lake Villa and vicinity.

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent R. T. Noonan on September 22, 1934:

At Watertown, Wis.

Inquiry was made at Watertown, Wisconsin, during the period September 10 to 12, 1934. O. C. WERTHEIMER, Postmaster, advised that the city of Watertown has a siren but that it was not sounded except in case of fire. The following factories have whistles which are blown morning, noon, and evening: L. W. Beckett Company, Booth Shoe Company, and the Brewery. Agent noted that there is a chorus of whistles at Watertown at 12 noon each day. Agent was advised that there is no church that makes it a practice of ringing the church bell on Saturday afternoon only, but that St. Bernard's Catholic Church rings its bell each day at 7:00 A.M., 12 noon, and 6:00 P.M. This ringing was observed and noted, as well as the noon and 6:00 P.M. ringing of two other Catholic churches in Watertown. MR. WERTHEIMER advised that there are at least a dozen churches in Watertown that have bells, all of which are rung several times on Sunday. The main line of the C.M.St.P. & P. Railroad passes through Watertown, and there are ten passenger trains each way per day, in addition to numerous freights. In addition the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad operates through Watertown on the Janesville to Appleton Division, and on this road gasoline propelled engines are used almost exclusively on the passenger trains. The T. M. E. R. & L. electric line, Milwaukee to Watertown, also operates through Watertown, and inquiry at the office of this company revealed that eleven trains (one or two cars) operate over this line each way every twenty four hours, between the hours of 6:10 A.M. and 12:55 P.M.

Further inquiry and observation revealed that Watertown has a population of 10,615 persons, and is located on U. S. Highway 16, and State Highways 19 and 26, all paved roads, as well as County Trunks A and B, gravel roads.

EVERETT TAFT, meter reader, who reads the meters in the entire town, advised that he was contacted about two or three months ago by Agent Gross and that he had kept this matter in mind ever since, but had not located any house that he thought would answer the description of the hideout. There are some 2700 houses in the town that TAFT reads meters in.

Chief of Police ALBERT N. QUEST was contacted during the inquiry at Watertown. He could make no identification from the photographs shown to him and advised that he did not think the kidnapers would use this town as a hideout. He claims to have established an espionage system in this town during the three years that he has been chief, and has good informants in and among the saloon keepers, who in return for a little leniency shown them, make it a point to report any outsiders or questionable parties to the chief.

The following wall paper men were interviewed with reference to the type of wall paper on the hideout house, but could not recall ever having seen or handled this type of paper: Charley David, 306 Madison Street; Charley Heisman, 404 Main Street; J. B. Murphy, 11 West Main Street; Rane and Son, 110 - 3rd Street; Julius Podolaki, 215 Warren Street; L. E. Schmutzler, 118 West Main Street; Albrechts Paint Shop, 201 - 3rd Street, and Chas. F. Larson, 311 Jefferson Street.

From the filling stations, garages, and stores visited, the following information was gathered. G. C. MORGAN, who operates a Phillips 66 station on U. S. Highway 16, in the Western part of the city, thought that the photographs of WILLIAM WEAVER and DR. MORAN resembled persons who had been in his station. With reference to SLIM GRAY, MORGAN was of the firm opinion that GRAY had been in his station only a few days preceding September 12th, the day of this inquiry; that he had a Ford V 8 Coupe identical with the one agent was then driving (which on that date was the Ford Coupe recovered from GRAY in Chicago); that he went in to the station to the toilet, and on leaving asked how far it was to Milwaukee. MORGAN described GRAY as very tall and very slender. In order to show that he was an observing type, MORGAN showed agent a license number which he had written on the wall of his station sometime in April or early in May 1934, advising that he wrote down this number because he thought DILLINGER was driving the car. Next to this number he has a newspaper clipping wherein the same number is referred to as being one of the cars driven by DILLINGER and NELSON. (No notation of the number was made but I believe it was Wisconsin 1934, # 92-652).

MR. DeFUE of the Dixie Station, located on the Western outskirts of Watertown on U. S. Highway 16, thought that FRED BARKER resembled a man who had been in this station, wearing overalls, about the first of September 1934. He could recall no other details. He also thought that HARRY SAWYER had been in his station the night of September 2, 1934, and that he was wearing no hat, looked tough, and was driving a Chrysler Coupe; was going North, and was accompanied by another man, a description of whom he could

not give as this man did not get out of the car.

MR. CLANSON of the Shell Station thought that he had seen KARPIS but could give no other details.

HARRY SPREDEMAN, an occasional employee of the Cities Service Station, located on the Eastern limits of the city, stated that he was formerly a taxi driver in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and was certain that he had seen KARPIS often in that city. He also advised that SLIM GRAY resembled very closely a man whom he had often seen at the Grant Hotel in Milwaukee, this hotel being located across from the Belmont Hotel at 4th and Wells, and being on the North side of Wells Street. This hotel, he stated, had a gambling den on the seventh floor, which place he did not think the police knew of.

All houses in the town were personally observed by agent, part of the time in company with Deputy Sheriff O'Brien, and none were found that would fit the description of the hideout.

The information given by SPREDEMAN above may be valuable. He claimed to know many gambling and bawdy houses in Milwaukee unknown to the police. He seemed very positive of having seen KARPIS and GRAY.

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent K. R. McIntire:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent K. R. McIntire, in an effort to locate the hideout in which BREMER was held, and in a further effort to secure identifications of members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang.

At Jefferson Junction, Wis.

This is a small town of about 15 people, lying one mile North and one mile East of Jefferson, Wisconsin. It is an out of the way place, however, and could have been used as a stopping place for members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang. This town is served by the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, but the only train service here is freight. This town exists

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only by virtue of the Ledish-Stoppenbach Malt Company, a factory employing from 50 to 60 men. There is only one place of business, the Maximilian Hotel. Photographs of the suspects were displayed here without results.

There is also a Post Office in this town, but Miss Minnie Heileman, clerk, informed that she could recognize none of the photographs of the suspects. She operates a lunch room in connection with the post office, but declared that none of the suspects had stopped there for lunch at any time. There are no bells, whistles or sirens in this town. Further investigation could not be made, except to examine all the houses, which was done, none however fitting the description of the hideout house in which BREMER was held.

At Johnson Creek, Wis.

This town has a population of 457. It is served by the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. The siren here is blown at 12 noon and 6:00 P.M. daily, and for fires, except on Sunday. There is no factory whistle or whistle of any kind here. The German Lutheran Church rings its bell on Saturday afternoon at sundown during the winter months, while the Catholic church rings its bell on Saturday evening at 5:00 P.M. This was the schedule during January and February 1934. The only other bell which rings is the fire bell, rung only every second Tuesday each month, being rung at 7:00 and 8:00 P.M. to sound the meeting of firemen. The fire truck has a siren which is blown also in the event of fire.

The following wall paper hangers were interviewed, samples of wall paper displayed to them, and the facts as to the hideout discussed with them with negative results: Albert Wrase, Herman Senkel, and Rose Pirkel. These parties do the major portion of the wall papering in the countryside around Johnson Creek.

Photographs of the suspects were displayed to the following places of business:

Standard Oil Filling Station  
Post Office, and rural carrier  
City Meat Market  
E. H. Mucks Garage  
Corner Tavern  
Shell Oil Station  
Johnson Creek Auto Company  
I.G.A. Grocery Store

Each house in the town was carefully inspected by this agent. Only one house bore any resemblance to the hideout, but this house was considered by this agent, together with Roy Newcomb, rural mail carrier, and John Maass, city water meter reader, both informing that the house could not possibly be the hideout, as it had been continuously occupied by a very reputable party for the past 15 years. Further discussion was had with John Maass as to the possibility of other houses fitting the description of the hideout house, but he informed that he enters all houses and none fitted the description furnished by this agent.

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1616 Federal Reserve  
Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri

September 28, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois

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

Please refer to letter from the St. Paul Office to this office under date of September 14, 1934, in the above-captioned case, wherein it is requested that this office make appropriate investigation at the Metropole Hotel at Kansas City, Missouri, in an effort to ascertain whether the McLaughlins actually were at that place and associating with members of the Barker-Karpis crowd in November, 1933.

Please furnish this office with photographs of Frank Witt, John J. McLaughlin, Senior, and John J. McLaughlin, Junior, at the earliest possible date in order that the requested investigation may be carried out.

It is noted by reference to the Directory of Kansas City, Missouri, that there is no Metropole Hotel presently listed therein; however, upon receipt of the photographs from your office, investigation will be made by this office in an endeavor to ascertain if there was such a hotel in November, 1933.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219,  
et al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to your personal and confidential letter to the Director, dated September 26, 1934, concerning information received from informants of your office indicating the presence of certain of the subjects in South Coffeyville and Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Investigation has been made at Independence, Kansas, by Special Agents M. A. Dietz and H. G. Reed in an effort to locate the individual referred to by you as Arrett or Errett. It was determined that no such person is known at Independence. However, the inquiries developed that one L. T. Etter of Independence has been reported to have had \$100.00 taken from him by a hitch-hiker whom he picked up while driving between Coffeyville and Tulsa on September 21, 1934. Etter is presently not available for interview, it being noted that he is reported to be en route to Los Angeles, California, looking for work. His wife was interviewed but had no information beyond that which the Agents had obtained through other sources. It is noted that the "Independence Daily Reporter" of September 24, 1934, carried a story to the effect that Etter picked up a man giving the name of G. P. McCulley, who accompanied him to his hotel room upon reaching Tulsa. Etter removed his coat, which contained five \$20.00 bills, in order to wash and then accompanied McCulley to dinner. After dinner McCulley excused himself and Etter subsequently discovered the loss of his money. The news article states that Etter advised that it had been erroneously reported that he lost \$1,000.00.

The inquiry which the Agents made of police officials at Coffeyville disclosed that McCulley is known to the police as a vagrant and is a dice dealer at South Coffeyville. It accordingly appears that an informant of the Oklahoma City office is probably identical with the

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person alleged to have taken the money from Etter.

It is noted that Mrs. Etter could not furnish the address through which her husband might be located at Los Angeles, but did advise that he could possibly be found through Andrew Panseuni, operator of the Savoy Garages and Parking Stations located near Olive and 5th Streets, Los Angeles. Etter formerly was employed at this place.

Very truly yours,

E. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RHN:B

cc - Division  
St. Paul  
Chicago  
Little Rock  
El Paso

JEB:CB

September 23, 1934.

WJ

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

During telephonic conversation today, Mr. Cowley asked for my opinion relative to discharging the several women informants; that while they have given some very valuable information, he believes they have told everything they know. I told him to just use his own judgment and I would abide by his decision. Mr. Cowley remarked that they had furnished the first real information that we had in connection with this case (the Bremer case).

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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September 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

I talked to Mr. Cowley at Chicago today at approximately 12:30 p.m. I inquired as to conditions at Chicago. He stated he feels they are making some progress in the Bremer case, although they have made no apprehensions as yet; that Wilson is en route to Chicago today; that their plans with the [redacted] had fished out, that is, they didn't meet her; that she called a certain man in Toledo last night after they didn't meet her, and he told her that he had seen them today and that he would let them know what her telephone number is. Mr. Cowley still feels that this informant has good prospects. I stated that I was very anxious to bring this case to a conclusion.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

*Adv. G. Bremer*

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>OMAHA, NEBRASKA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/27/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/14/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. R. GREEN</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (Hoodlums, Gangsters, Etc., Lincoln, Nebr.)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>MISCELLANEOUS - GANGSTER HIDEOUT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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W. G. Condit, Chief of Police, Lincoln, Nebraska, advises he had no definite information relative to this matter. Agent referred to confidential informant [redacted] who did not have full particulars, but will make effort to secure more complete information and will keep in touch with Captain W. D. Bowden, of the Lincoln, Nebraska, Police Department, who in turn will advise the Omaha Division Office.

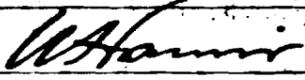
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**REFERENCE:** Letter from the Saint Paul Office, July 11, 1934.

**DETAILS:** At Lincoln, Nebraska

With the reference letter requesting that an Agent from the Omaha Office confer with the Chief of Police at Lincoln, Nebraska, was a letter dated April 25, 1934, from W. G. Condit, the Chief of Police at Lincoln, Nebr., addressed to the Chief of Police at Saint Paul, Minnesota, in which he stated a gang of men, believed to be outlaws, were frequenting a farm place, about forty miles from Lincoln, at which place they had left stolen property, consisting of loose diamonds, furs and the like; that these men have been seen in cars bearing license plates from Texas, Oklahoma and Minnesota; that the daughter of the family at this farm place is supposed to be the "drawing card"; that she, at one time was mixed up in a shooting scrape of some sort in Saint Paul or Minneapolis with a fellow, of some foreign nationality and was at that

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badly wounded. The foreigner, who was picked up with her, was supposed to have been deported, after being apprehended at the time of the shooting. Chief Condit did not know whether the shooting was in a gun battle with officers or simply a fight among gangsters. Chief Condit was interested in securing information as to who the fellows might be that are reported to be frequenting the farm place near Lincoln, who the fellow was that was deported, and whether any record as to the identity of this woman could be located at Saint Paul or Minneapolis.

Chief Condit was interviewed by this Agent at Lincoln, Nebr., at which time he stated he had no further information relative to this matter than that contained in the letter which he directed to the Saint Paul Police on April 25, 1934. He stated that this information had come to him through Captain W. D. Rowden of his department, who secured it through a confidential informant, [redacted]. Chief Condit stated he did not receive any reply to his letter from the Chief of Police at Saint Paul until the latter part of July, 1934, when Thomas E. Dahell, Chief of Police at Saint Paul, Minnesota wrote that he had made an investigation at the Ancker City Hospital in Saint Paul, the Minneapolis General Hospital, and also at the Minneapolis Police Headquarters, but that none of the officials at these places knew anything about the incident related by Chief Condit, neither did the Labor Department at Saint Paul know of the deportation of any foreigner recently, as described in Chief Condit's letter.

Chief Condit advised Agent that further information concerning this matter should be secured from Captain Rowden, through his confidential informant. Captain Rowden was then on temporary leave of absence until election, he being a candidate for Sheriff of Lancaster County.

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Captain Rowden was later interviewed and advised that [redacted]

[redacted] had furnished him some information which was rather indefinite, concerning this matter and had asked him if he knew anything about it; that the [redacted] had told him if he should secure any definite information, it might assist the Captain in apprehending these people and in securing any reward involved for their apprehension.

Accompanied by this Agent, Captain Rowden went to [redacted] Nebraska, which is approximately [redacted] of Lincoln [redacted] was interviewed. [redacted] stated that all the information he had concerning this matter, had come from [redacted] of [redacted] Nebraska, whom he had known for years [redacted] being [redacted]

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[redacted] in question, and that this woman is supposed to be [redacted] of an old Seward County farmer [redacted]

[redacted] (last name unknown to him), is a woman of good reputation, is a widow of good financial circumstances, residing [redacted] which is approximately [redacted]

[redacted] that he did not know the name of the woman involved in this complaint, but had known of her as a child and that she had not resided in that locality for approximately fifteen years; that about ten years ago, she was known as the wife of a party believed to be an Italian bootlegger, operating out of Minneapolis, Minnesota; that at that time this woman's husband was operating a fleet of cars which went through Milford and Seward County rather frequently, all the cars being Buicks, Lincolns and Packards; that these cars always moved with four or five in a fleet and that the back seat in each was always covered with canvas; that neither these cars nor the Italian bootlegger had been seen in this locality for approximately five years.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] had advised that sometime in March, [redacted] the woman in question, had come to Friend, Nebraska, with another man whom she claimed as her husband and who looked to be either of Spanish or French extraction, and they remained in Friend only from morning until night of that day; that she showed signs of having been wounded; that he had been told by the mother of this woman, that her daughter had been injured in an automobile accident; however, that he had been advised by a neighbor [redacted] that [redacted] had told the neighbor she had been "shot up" in a bootleggers battle in Minneapolis, at which time one of her breasts was shot off and she was severely wounded in her back, hips, and that her husband who was picked up by the police at that time, had been deported.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] had informed him that [redacted] had brought loose diamonds, expensive jewelry, new fur coats and other expensive clothing to her mother's home at Friend, Nebraska and left such articles there; that the cousin had made arrangements whereby one of her men friends could stop at her mother's home at night and would be furnished a meal by her mother, upon his showing her a letter from [redacted] and in order to make certain the identity of the party, he was to identify some article which she had in the house, left there by the daughter; that the last time the daughter was there, which was in March, 1934, she was driving a car with Oklahoma license plates, but he could furnish no further particulars. [redacted] stated he could furnish no definite description of this woman, other than that she is approximately thirty-five years of age, very large and red headed. He could furnish

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no particulars as to who the parties were that were coming to this home in Friend, Nebraska and did not know how frequently they came there.

[redacted] stated that he believed it was very inadvisable for Agent to make any investigation at Friend, Nebraska, concerning this matter, but that he would, in the near future, endeavor to secure more definite and accurate information from [redacted], whom he was certain would not furnish any information to an outsider, as he did not wish to be the means of causing [redacted] any trouble.

[redacted] stated he did not wish to have his name involved, but that he would make such discreet inquiry as he could and any information he obtained, he would furnish to Captain Rowden, of the Lincoln Police, who has agreed to turn it over to this office. [redacted] advised that he did not feel that the Sheriff of Beward County, or the Sheriff of Saline County, in which Friend, Nebraska is located, nor the Town Marshal at Friend, Nebr., could be depended upon to be contacted relative to this matter. Captain Rowden advised he would keep in touch with [redacted] and immediately upon securing any information he would communicate with the Omaha Division Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OMAHA DIVISION OFFICE: Will keep in touch with Captain Rowden of the Lincoln, Nebraska, Police Department relative to this matter.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-576**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Detroit, Michigan</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>9/28/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>9/17 &amp; 27/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>W. LARSON</b>
TITLE: <b>CHANGED</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
ALVIN KARPIS, aliases: A. Carter, Raymond Handley, George Haller, Alvin Korpis, A. Korpis, Earl Peel, Alvin Kapis, George Dunn, E. E. Hamilton, Ray Hunter, Ray Karpis, E. E. 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. C. Milgreth, Howard Milgreth - I.O. #1218			
ARTHUR R. BARKER, aliases: "Doc" Barker, Claude Dale, Bob Barker, E. L. Murray, 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, E. E. Davis, J. E. Blackburn, T. C. Blackburn, A. S. Hunter, J. Earl Mattarson, J. Stanley Smith, Fred E. Gordon, Bradford, Earl J. Mattarson			
HARRY CAMPBELL, aliases: Dave Campbell, T. C. Blackburn, George L. Martin, George Nelson, John Walcott, George Walcott, George Winfield, George Swanson			
VOLNEY DAVIS, aliases: "Curley" Davis, "Cotton" Davis, E. V. Davis, J. H. Lockwood, S. E. Lockwood, C. E. Moore			
WILLIAM WEAVER, aliases: P. O. Dennell, Phoenix Donald, R. A. Nelson, T. J. Nelson, P. J. Nelson, Bill Scott, W. C. Weaver, J. A. Orhood			
HARRY SAWYER alias Frank James			
GEORGE ZEIGLER, aliases: Fred Getz, Shotgun Zeigler (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: RUSSELL GIBSON, Slim Gray, R. Gray Evans - I.O. #1213			
OLIVER A. BERG, aliases: Ollie Berg, "Izzy", Mr. Jones, Oliver Bennett			
WILLIAM EDWARDS VIDLER, aliases: William E. Vidler, Williams			
PHILIP J. DELANEY, aliases: Philip Delaney, Phillip Delaney, Phil Delaney, Phillip Gelaney			
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:**

Investigation reveals that the Barker-Karpis gang resided for a period of about six weeks at Grand Forest Beach, Ohio. Investigation concerning the purchase of a new Ford V-8 Coupe secured from dealer in Cleveland. Surveillance being maintained over the Casino Club, outskirts of Toledo, Ohio, operated by Ted Angus, a known contact of the gang. Telephone surveillance also being maintained over home of Frank J. Noonan, who operates the Noonan Detective Agency at Cleveland, Ohio who, from all indications, has had some connection with the gang.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan dated 9/25/34;  
Report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois dated 9/19/34.

**DETAILS:**

Instant title being changed to add aliases as indicated.

It will be noted in report of Agent Hall that information was found upon the premises in the two houses and the apartment at Cleveland where this gang previously resided, to the effect that the Subjects in this case had evidently been residing at Grand Forest Beach, Ohio near Huron, Ohio. Grand Forest Beach is a summer resort. It will further be noted in the report of Agent Brown that the three women when questioned, furnished similar information.

Investigation at Grand Forest Beach, Ohio revealed that William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, as Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Orhood, rented a cottage from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Willgrube, who also reside at Grand Forest Beach, and whose address is Route #1, Huron, Ohio. Grand Forest Beach is about two miles from Huron near Sandusky, Ohio. They paid the sum of \$175, the rental to run from the latter part of June to September 4. Mr. and Mrs. Willgrube identified the pictures of Weaver and Eaton as Mr. and Mrs. Orhood. They stated that Weaver gave his address as 1711 12th Street, Toledo.

Following the rental of this cottage, which is located on Lake Erie, the Willgrube family noted that their new tenants were having several visitors and they identified the photographs of Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdett and Harry Campbell, partially identifying Fred Barker, "Doc" Barker, Harry Sawyer and Volney Davis. They also stated that there was one man in the crowd known as "Willie". This was evidently Willie Harrison, referred to in the statements given by the three women. Mrs. Willgrube, who had occasion to go to the cottage once or twice, stated that the three women did considerable drinking. She remembered Weaver being called "Bill" and that the Eaton woman was called "Myrt". She believes that Harry Sawyer also resembles a man whom she saw on one occasion.

About two weeks after William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton had rented the cottage, Wynona Burdett, using the alias of Mrs. George Swanson, approached Mrs. Willgrube, stating that she and her husband, Mr. George Swanson who has been identified by Mrs. Willgrube as Harry Campbell, desired to rent another cottage. There was only one other vacancy, which was the cottage located a short distance behind the residence of the Willgrube family and this cottage was rented to Wynona Burdett and Harry Campbell for the period from June 27 to September 3, 1934 at the cost of \$140. Mrs. Willgrube stated that this rent was paid, as she recalls it, in \$20 bills, which money has been disposed of by Mrs. Willgrube.

Mrs. Willgrube states that a man called "Willie", who answers the description of Willie Harrison, moved into this back cottage with Burdett and Campbell and then a Mr. and Mrs. Hanson, who from all indications were Paula Harmon and Fred Barker, occasionally appeared at both of the cottages. Mrs. Willgrube could not state definitely in which particular cottage these two people actually lived. She stated that these people plied between the two cottages. She had a faint recollection of having seen Gladys Sawyer on one occasion.

Mrs. Willgrube stated that, although she had never obtained any license numbers, she recalled that in all, perhaps five or six different cars were seen going to and coming from these two houses; that the majority of cars seemed to be new Chevrolets, but one or two were Ford V-8s. She advised that on one occasion a man whom she partially identified as Fred Barker, came into the driveway approaching the cottage, in a new delivery truck, completely covered, with swinging doors on the rear. She thought perhaps the truck might have been a Ford.

Mrs. Willgrube further advised that about July 1, 1934, Weaver and the Eaton woman left, stating that they were going to Eau Claire, Wisconsin for the purpose of bringing back their two children who were attending the Catholic school at that place. About five days later they returned with two girls, one called Betty age about ten and the other Winnie age about 14. These two girls stayed with Eaton and Weaver until they departed about the middle of August, stating that they were going to attend the Fair at Chicago and indicating that they would be back to Grand Forest Beach, either to remain until their rent was up, September 4, or to collect the balance of their rent. They, however, never returned. Mrs. Willgrube stated that Wynona Burdett, Campbell and "Willie" departed about a week later. Wynona Burdett gave her former address to Mrs. Willgrube as 2831 131st Street, Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. Willgrube advised that following the removal of these people from her cottages, she made a very careful search during the time that she was cleaning the places and turned over a bill and an owner's service policy indicating that J. A. Orhood purchased a car for \$656.72 cash from the Ed O'Dea Chevrolet Company, 623 E. Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa on March 23, 1934. The serial number of the car as indicated on the owner's service policy is 1-DA03-13359. It is also indicated that the car was purchased under the name J. A. Orhood. The salesman's initial is evidently "H" as indicated on the bill. Same is being transmitted herewith to the

Omaha office for the purpose of conducting necessary inquiries at Des Moines.

Mrs. Willgrube further advised that while she was cleaning the cottage in which Myrtle Eaton and Weaver had resided, that she found a letter, evidently written by some realty company, replying to an advertisement in a newspaper and described a house in Canada which was located forty miles from the main highway and a mile and a half from a town and that it was located on some small lake. She stated that the top of the letter, showing the name and address of the person to whom same was directed, had been removed and that only the bottom portion remained but that the name of the person replying to the alleged advertisement was on the letter. In the presence of myself and Agent Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Willgrube made a very careful search of their house but was unable to find this letter. She stated that she felt quite confident that she had preserved same but did not have any idea of its location. It was very evident that the Willgrube family desired to cooperate in every way. Mr. Willgrube, it was found, is a special Deputy Sheriff attached to the Sheriff's Office at Sandusky, Ohio. They agreed to put forth every effort to attempt to locate this letter and will forward same to this office in the event they are successful. They could not remember the name of the lake at Canada where the house was supposed to be located nor were they able to furnish any information other than that shown above. It appeared that this letter might prove of considerable significance as the house referred to in the letter, might be used as a hide-out by the gang either for a kidnaping or for themselves. It is noted in the Labatt kidnaping that the victim was kept in a cottage on Lake Muskoka, Ontario, which is about one hundred and twenty-five miles north of Toronto. The name of this lake, however, did not seem to register with Mr. and Mrs. Willgrube.

Mrs. Willgrube also turned over an application for registration of a Chow Chow dog in the American Kennel Club, 221 Fourth Avenue, New York City. This application indicates that on June 3, 1934 J. A. Orhood purchased a Chow Chow male dog, color red, from Mrs. A. H. Holder of 1105 Marlboro Street, Sandusky, Ohio. It is noted that the dog was born December 31, 1933. Also with this application for registration was a Pearson's Pedigree Form For Dogs completely filled out furnished Orhood alias Weaver by Mrs. Holder when the dog was purchased, indicating that the dog, whose name is "Skooogy", is evidently very well bred. From all indications these forms were all prepared to send to the American Kennel Club for registration of the dog in question or are probably duplicate forms. In view thereof, the above papers are being transmitted herewith to the New York City office for the purpose of having necessary inquiries made at the American Kennel Club to determine if that Club has any recent address for J. A. Orhood alias Weaver.

With regard to the various persons seen by Mr. and Mrs. Willgrube around Grand Forest Beach and in addition to the ones previously listed in this report, Mrs. Willgrube believes that she heard the name "Dolores"

mentioned by some of the people and this evidently was Dolores Delaney, who lived in Cleveland with Alvin Karpis under the name of E. G. Willgrube.

In addition to the papers mentioned above found by Mrs. Willgrube in the cottages occupied by the fugitives, a string of four small snapshots of the little girl "Betty" age about 10, were found in the Weaver home. Three of these pictures are being forwarded to the St. Paul office and it is suggested that the pictures be shown to the officials of the Catholic school at Eau Claire, Wisconsin where Weaver and Myrtle Eaton were alleged to have gone last summer, for the purpose of taking custody of this girl as well as Winnie, age 14.

Inquiries were made at 1711 12th Street, Toledo, Ohio which address was furnished by Weaver and the Eaton woman to the Willgrubes at Grand Forest Beach. It was learned that this is an apartment house and Weaver and the Eaton woman resided there for a period of about two weeks in May. The management was unable to furnish any other information except to state that Weaver had informed them that he was contemplating going to work for Ted Angus, who operates the Casino Club on Summit Street in Toledo. It will be noted that Angus has been prominently mentioned in several communications in connection with this gang. It was also learned that Wynona Burdett and Campbell had previously resided at 2831 151st Street, Toledo but the owners of that house had no other information to furnish.

It was noted in a receipt found in the apartment house on Franklin Boulevard in Cleveland, in which Wynona Burdett and Campbell had resided, that Wynona Burdett, under the name of Wynona Winfield, had furnished her address as 4209 Lockwood Avenue, Toledo while at the St. Vincent's Hospital last May. This address is the home of Ted Angus.

This office is at the present time keeping the Casino Club, which is operated by Ted Angus, under observation and from all indications it appears that the Barker-Karpis outfit periodically call at this place. It will be noted in previous reports that on the early morning of September 12 Fred Barker, Harry Campbell and Slim Gray talked to confidential informant [redacted] at the Casino Club and from recent information obtained by [redacted] through telephone conversations, it appears that some of the members of this outfit were at the Casino Club during the past week. It might here be stated that the Casino Club is located a short distance outside the City of Toledo, being situated on the open highway. b7c b7D

In order to arrange for an Agent to be in the vicinity of the Casino Club at all times, particularly during the night time, and to make it possible for an Agent to enter the Casino Club without arousing suspicion, I have made arrangements with Lieutenant F. S. Thompson, who is

relief director with the F.E.R.A. at Toledo, to appoint Special Agent Abe Dickstein as a supervisor of the night watchmen on several projects located in the vicinity of the Casino Club. One of these projects is the construction of a naval armory, which is located only a short distance from the Casino Club. This gives Agent Dickstein a very good excuse to be around the Casino Club occasionally and he will be in a position to observe all the cars and the occupants who park at the Casino Club. This roadhouse is situated in such a way that it is necessary for all the cars to park in front of the Club as there is no way for the cars to approach the rear. It is known as indicated in the report of Agent Hall, that the gang has a Ford V-8 bearing 1934 Ohio license 711496. This license was originally issued evidently by the gang under the assumed name of Charles M. Brown, 1312 Brockway Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, being a 1934 V-8 Ford Coupe, Motor No. 181057480. The gang was also believed to be driving a Pontiac and, of course, Chevrolet Sedans. Lieutenant Thompson was reached by me through Judge Lee H. Murlin, a former Assistant United States Attorney at Toledo, Ohio and who has always been extremely friendly to this individual, and has offered every possible cooperation. No information was furnished to any of the officials of the F.E.R.A. at Toledo including Lieutenant Thompson as to the particular reason for the employment of Agent Dickstein. Lieutenant Thompson, of course, knows the real identity of Agent Dickstein, but it is assumed that he is laboring under the impression that we are interested in some particular person employed on one of the OWA projects. The records in the F.E.R.A. headquarters at Toledo show Dickstein's name as Al Dixon. I have very carefully gone over all of the details of this matter with Agent Dickstein so that he is entirely familiar with his duties.

Also, we have succeeded in tapping the telephone located in the Casino Club, which number is Pontiac 2079 and is listed under the name of Samuel Shue. So far as we know, this is an alias for Ted Angus and it is over this telephone that conversations between Helen Ferguson and Ted Angus have taken place. It is therefore indicated that Angus does not hesitate to talk about confidential matters over same.

Agent J. L. Murphy of this office, who installed the tap on this telephone, is residing at 4754 296th Street, Point Place, Ohio, which is a small suburb just outside of Toledo. This house is located approximately three-fourths of a mile from the Casino Club and a telephone has been installed in this house on 296th Street over which conversations are being covered emanating from the Casino Club. In view of the considerable distance that this house is located from the terminal box, which is approximately one mile and a half, the necessary tap connections were made in the terminal box, hence the installation of a telephone to the 296th Street address was necessary. This house, which was the only vacancy in the territory which is furnished out of the terminal box, through which the Casino Club telephone is located, and as same was unfurnished, it was necessary to rent furniture and install light, heat and water. The house was rented from the Duffy Realty Company located at Summit and 122nd Street, Point Place, Ohio at the rate of \$22.50 a month from September 25 to October 26 under the name of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morgan. In order to avoid arousing any

suspicion, Mrs. Murphy is residing at this house. The furniture was obtained from the City Loan & Savings Company through its manager, Robert B. Holley, located at 225 Superior Street, Toledo. Agent [redacted] has been detailed to live with Agent Murphy at the above address in order that a twenty-four hour cover of the telephone can be maintained. Agent Guindry has been detailed to remain at his room in the Commodore Perry Hotel, Toledo, Ohio telephone Adams 2281 for the purpose of maintaining a twenty-four hour telephone contact with this office, other interested offices and with Agents Murphy and Dickstein, in order that all information can be transmitted to a central point without delay. It is not deemed necessary at this time to tap a telephone located in the house at 4209 Lockwood Avenue where Ted Angus is now residing, as from our investigation it has been observed that he is very seldom at home, it appearing that the majority of his time is spent at the Casino Club, particularly from the hours of five in the afternoon until five in the morning. It is also felt that he realizes that records of long distance calls from his home could be secured by authorities without difficulty from the telephone company, but that he is able to use the pay station at the Casino Club, which is more or less a public telephone, without the knowledge of anyone knowing who placed any particular call. Necessary weapons for an emergency have been placed at the house on 296th Street where Agent Murphy is residing.

I have determined through investigation at Toledo, that Ted Angus, who has made himself popular with some politicians, is alleged to be part owner of one or two resorts located on Middle Island, which is located about eighteen miles from Port Clinton, Ohio in Lake Erie. This island is just across the international boundary and is located in Canadian waters. One Guy Tibbels, who is alleged to be a former police sergeant in Toledo, is perhaps the person who transports individuals from the main land to this island. Tibbels resides a short distance east of Port Clinton. The Casino Club, operated by Ted Angus, is also located along a bay off of Lake Erie and it is noted that there are several yachts stored in this bay. It was presumed that perhaps Angus has a boat here which supplies his transportation directly from the bay to Middle Island, but the information which we have secured, indicates that the trips to this island are usually made by automobile to Port Clinton and by motorboat from that point on. It is presumed that this island would probably be a fine hide-out as it is alleged to cover approximately five acres. It has been deemed inadvisable to make any investigation concerning this island until we have terminated our telephone arrangements and surveillance at Toledo. It is felt that if any of the gang were visiting this island, they would occasionally call at the Casino Club.

It is noted in previous reports that while the house where Karpis and Dolores Delaney resided on 140th Street in Cleveland was being searched, several Noonan Detective Agency pay envelopes were found bearing the name H. G. Mildreth. Also, it will be noted that a Division criminal record form concerning one Charles Carroll was also found in this

house. It will be noted in report of Agent Hall that the criminal record was turned over to the Noonan Detective Agency by Frank Spahn in a suburb outside of Cleveland and from all indications was in fact transmitted to Karpis by either Frank J. Noonan or somebody employed in his office.

Inquiries were made by me concerning the reputation of the Noonan Detective Agency at Cleveland and I was informed by Jake Mintz, who has conducted a detective agency in Cleveland during the past forty years, that Noonan lives a very fast life; that he is involved with many underworld characters and that one of his closest associates is Nathan Weisenberg, who operates the entire slotmachine racket in and around Cleveland. Mr. Mintz, who has always been very cooperative with this Division and who is a high type, intelligent individual, stated that almost anything could be expected from Noonan. It was very evident that Mr. Mintz was not denouncing Noonan because he was one of his competitors, but that it was generally known that Noonan desired to be associated with characters who did not have good reputations.

In arriving at an opinion as to how and why the pay envelopes happened to be found in the house occupied by Alvin Karpis, the conclusion has been reached that evidently the gang carried these pay envelopes in their pockets so that if they were ever arrested as suspicious persons, were caught with guns in their cars or at any time were confronted by peace officers, they would immediately state that they were employed by the Noonan Detective Agency and would pull out one of the pay envelopes on which was inserted their alias. As above stated, all of the envelopes found in the Karpis house bore the name of H. G. Mildreth. It is assumed that if they were ever stopped and the above action took place, that they would then request the Noonan Detective Agency be called by the peace officers to determine if they were actually employed in that agency. This, I feel, would give them an excellent opportunity to avoid being arrested. They could always claim that they were out on some particular piece of work for the detective agency.

In view of the above, it was deemed advisable and desirable to place a tap on the telephone of Frank J. Noonan at his home, 2452 Queenston Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio. A careful examination was made of the records at the telephone company, Cleveland and it was found that during the past three months practically all long distance telephone calls emanated from his home rather than the office located at 1900 Euclid Avenue. It was learned from Mr. Mintz that Noonan spends very little time at his office and that a Mrs. Couch, whose husband formerly operated a detective agency in Cleveland, usually takes care of the office.

It was learned, upon making a survey of the territory around the Noonan home, that it would be impossible to place a tap on his wire as there was no vacant house or apartment in the vicinity or in the territory covered by the terminal box supplying the Noonan home.

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With regard to the Ford V-8 Coupe, License 711696 mentioned in this report, which license was issued under the name of Charles Bronson, 1312 Brockley Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, it will be noted in the report of Agent Hall that a Mr. Murphy lives at this address and has no knowledge of anyone by the name of Bronson nor has he any knowledge of the Barker-Karpis gang. Investigation at Cleveland disclosed this car was purchased July 20, 1934 from George A. Falk Motor Company, 17600 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, the sale being made by salesman Robert Donley. Mr. Donley stated that on the afternoon of July 19 a man giving his name as Charles Bronson appeared at the above company stating he desired to purchase a coupe with a black body and black wheels. Not having such a car in stock, Mr. Donley informed the individual that the car would be secured the following day, whereupon Bronson made a deposit of \$100, the denomination being a \$100 bill as down payment. He gave his address as 1312 Brockley Avenue and instructed Mr. Donley to secure a license for the car and to have it ready when the car was to be delivered the following day. As soon as the car was obtained Mr. Donley proceeded to 1312 Brockley Avenue and there was informed by the Murphy family that no one by the name of Bronson had ever lived at that address but he, Donley, stated that in view of the fact that Bronson made a deposit of \$100 on the car, he did not concern himself any further about the address, which he had been given, thinking perhaps that he had marked down the wrong number. It was also brought out that Bronson had given Donley a tip on a horse that won and paid fourteen to one. From this valuable information which Donley received from Bronson, he assumed that Bronson was either a book-maker or gambler of some sort. At about 4:30 p.m. on July 20 Bronson called for the car and left instructions for the company to hold the bill of sale and that he would call for it later. He paid cash for the car in bills of \$10, \$20 and \$50 denominations. Two or three days later Bronson came for the bill of sale which was given to him. Mr. Bronson, Mr. Donley recalled, originally came to the garage driving a Ford V8 Coupe which he stated belonged to his friend. (This is probably the car belonging to Harry Campbell which was confiscated by this office at Cleveland).

The photographs of all known members of the Barker-Karpis gang were displayed to Mr. Donley and Miss Ruth Winterfield, bookkeeper in the office. Miss Winfield identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis as that of the man Bronson who had made purchase of the car. Mr. Donley partially identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis but also stated that the photograph of Fred Barker looked quite familiar, stating that it was either one of those two.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**ALL DIVISION OFFICES** are furnished a copy of this report and it is requested that communications be had with the Secretary of State's office throughout the country to place a stop on a 1934 Ford Coupe, Motor No. 181087480 on which Ohio bill of sale #2057601 was issued with Ohio 1934 license #12696. It will be noted that this license was issued to Charles M. Bronson, who is either Alvin Karpis or Fred Barker.

The **ST. PAUL OFFICE** is requested to conduct the necessary investigation at Eau Claire, Wisconsin where Betty, age 10 and Winnie, age 14, who were brought to Grand Forest Beach, Ohio by Weaver and Eaton, were alleged to have been residing and going to a Catholic school there. Picture of Betty, age 10, found in the cottage occupied by Weaver and Eaton, is enclosed herewith to aid in the investigation.

The **OMAHA OFFICE** is requested to contact the Ed O'Dea Chevrolet Company, 623 E. Grand Avenue, DES MOINES, IOWA for the purpose of securing full particulars regarding the Chevrolet car purchased by J. A. Orhood, who is William Weaver. It is suggested that when all information has been secured about this automobile, that all the Division offices be requested to communicate with the Secretary of State's office of each State concerning same. Papers found in the Weaver cottage are being forwarded to the Omaha office to aid in this investigation.

The **NEW YORK OFFICE** is requested to contact the American Kennel Club, 2214 Fourth Avenue, New York City with regard to application for pedigree registration concerning a Chow Chow dog purchased by J. A. Orhood who is William Weaver, from Mrs. A. M. Holder. Papers found in the Weaver cottage at Grand Forest Beach, Ohio are being forwarded herewith to the New York City office to aid in this investigation.

PENDING

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
September 28 1934

Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, 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

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith report of Special Agent in Charge Wm. Larson dated at Detroit, Michigan September 28, 1934 covering investigation at Cleveland, Toledo and Sandusky, Ohio.

Due to the necessity of making additional runs of this report, copies are only being furnished to the offices indicated in the report as receiving more than one copy. As soon as the additional runs are completed, they will be forwarded to all field offices.

Very truly yours,

*Wm Larson*

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

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:

Under date of September 8, 1934 there was transmitted to you, in care of General Delivery, Cleveland, Ohio, a set of photographs of suspects in the above entitled case to be used in connection with the contemplated investigation at Cleveland, Ohio.

These photographs have been returned to the Division for the reason that you failed to call for them at the General Delivery window pursuant to instructions which were orally given to the Detroit office.

It appears from communications received from your office that you are already in possession of photographs of the suspects in this case and, therefore, the photographs that have been returned to the Division will not be forwarded to you.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While talking with Mr. Cowley, I asked what he thought about picking up Ted Angus and whether we could prosecute him for harboring. Mr. Cowley stated he did not think we could do this right now. I stated if we picked him up and held him, we might get some information from him. Mr. Cowley stated that they have an agent working right near his place in the guise of a P.W.A. worker, - Dickstein. I asked whether he was any good and Mr. Cowley stated that he is a comparatively new man but he believes he is very good.

Mr. Cowley advised that he noticed a letter from Oklahoma City dated September 26th concerning Barker and Karpis which fitted in with the information given to them by their informant. I stated that I recalled this letter from Brantley and Mr. Cowley stated that these men were in Kansas on September 21st and when their informant saw them a week prior to that, they said they were going to Kansas City. Mr. Cowley stated it looks as though they might have gone to Kansas City although the only thing wrong is that on September 22nd, the informant called the man in Toledo and said she had seen them on that date although she did not indicate which one and probably referred to Slim Gray, Harry Campbell and Fred Barker. Mr. Cowley stated that this letter from Oklahoma City sounded all right and seems to fit in with the information they got from their informant. Mr. Cowley stated that this lead looks good to him.

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I asked Mr. Cowley what he thought about picking up Willie Harrison and Mr. Cowley stated they have a couple of men working on Harrison right now but have not been able to spot him as yet. I stated he is supposed to be around the Casino Club all the time and Mr. Cowley stated that he is just there some of the time; that they have a pretty good lead on him and he is apparently on the lam for another reason and apparently because of trouble with Hammond. Mr. Cowley stated that when this trouble blows over, they will have him.

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I asked Mr. Cowley about Betty Tracey and he advised that they have had her in the office a number of times and questioned her; that she denies ever having had any contact. I asked if she admitted giving Jimmy Wilson \$500 recently. Mr. Cowley stated they have not talked with her since that time. Mr. Cowley stated they probably would have gotten Moran the other day except for all of the publicity which came out when the I.O.'s were released; that the newspaper publicity came out just about an hour before they thought they were going to get him. Mr. Cowley stated that the newspapers apparently watch for the issuance of I.O.'s. I asked how old Moran is and Mr. Cowley stated he is about 40. Mr. Cowley stated that

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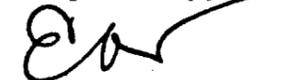
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Harrison and Dr. Moran will both be very valuable pick-ups. I stated that I felt Moran would talk when we get him and Mr. Cowley stated he does not know whether Moran knows where the hide-out is or not. I stated he probably does not but can give us a lot of information.

*related* { I asked Mr. Cowley if we were getting anything from our friend in the detention room and Mr. Cowley stated that they have not gotten much and he thinks he is terribly over-rated. Mr. Cowley stated he would send in a teletype summary on what they have got and I told Mr. Cowley to keep right after him because, if he is innocent, why did he hop out of there so fast and live under an alias and abandon that Cadillac and everything else he did do. Mr. Cowley stated that he admits making those arrangements and has admitted enough to make him an accessory. Mr. Cowley stated he would send us a teletype.

I asked Mr. Cowley whether they are getting anything from Vivian Mathis and Mr. Cowley stated that he feels that they will; that if the fellows down there don't do any good within the next day or so, he will have her brought up to Chicago and see what they can do. I stated that would be worth while as she seems to know the answers. I told Mr. Cowley that if we could get Vivian Mathis, Mrs. Frank Nash and the Galatas together and let them see each other and tell them they better talk while they have a chance, we might get something as they will not know what the others have said. I asked Mr. Cowley whether he had any pictures of Verne Miller after he was killed and stated this might be a mental stimulant. Mr. Cowley stated that he will see what they can get.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. Tamm.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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Laboratory Report

Case: **September 27, 1934**  
**John Herbert Dillinger with aliases**  
**(deceased) et al**  
**National Motor Vehicle Theft Act and Fugitive**

Number: **62-29777-3020**  
**Ref: 7-576-3020**

Specimens: **Five tissue tracings of mail envelopes from**  
**Ketchikan, Kansas City, Kansas**

Examination requested by: **Kansas City Division Office**

Date received: **September 19, 1934**

Examination requested: **Handwriting**

Result of examination: Examination by: **Pickering**

It is very difficult to make an identification from a tracing because of the fact that the inconspicuous characteristics may not be accurately reproduced. It may be said, however that there are some similarities between this writing and that of Velney Davis, and that it is quite possible that he wrote the original addresses. It is noted in the letter from the Kansas City Office dated September 15, 1934 that the statement was made that the handwriting of these tracings indicate what appears to be marked similarity with the handwriting of Alvin Karpis. The only specimens of the handwriting of Alvin Karpis which have been found in the Laboratory file are several signatures which are rather unsatisfactory for use in connection with handwriting identification. If the Kansas City Office has in its possession any specimens of the handwriting of Karpis, it is suggested that they be sent to the Laboratory for examination and record.

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
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September 28, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

RE: RAY LARSEN  
INFORMANT - MISCELLANEOUS

A file was initiated under the above caption upon receipt by this office of a letter from Ray Larsen, register #5870, United States Penitentiary Annex, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, that he desired to talk to a representative of this office.

Interview has been had with Larsen and it has been determined that he claims to have information concerning Alvin Karpis and other subjects of the Bremer kidnaping case. The results of this interview will, accordingly, be reported in that case and the instant file is being considered closed for administrative purposes.

See 26-8-24-7

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

September 27, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 2118,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir: Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219;  
et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Reference is made to letter from the Detroit  
Division office dated September 21, 1934, relative to  
the transmittal of a roll of film found in a camera  
at 3975 West 140th St., Cleveland, Ohio, which was oc-  
cupied by subject Harry Campbell with aliases and known  
as Burdett.

Only one exposure had been made on the film  
furnished the Chicago Division office. The same has been  
developed and one copy is attached to copies of this letter  
for the Detroit Division office and to the Division. One  
copy is being retained in the Chicago Division office file.

The picture appears to be that of a rocky section  
with no indication whatsoever as to the locality in which  
the picture was taken.

Very truly yours,

S. P. COWLEY,  
Inspector.

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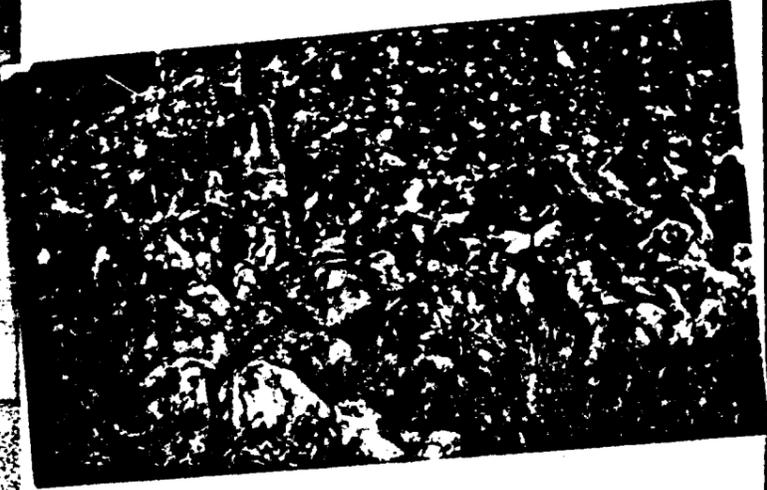
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From Laboratory and  
Single Fingerprint Unit

Date 10/9 1934.

To:  Mr. Edwards  
 Mr. Appel  
 Mr. Burling  
 Mr. Conrad  
 Mr. Donaldson  
 Mr. Hardison  
 Mr. McSwain  
 Mr. Parsons  
 Mr. Pickering  
 Mr. Renneberger  
 Mr. Schilder  
 Mr. Wiard  
 Chief, Unit  
 Chief Clerk  
 Files  
 Stenographer  
 Mr. *L. J. J.*

*It is possible that this  
is the result of a landslide  
or in the heels of construction  
work such as road work.  
Some of rocks in foreground look  
as though they had been half buried  
in ground for some time. The area  
around Rocky River, which is the western  
end of Highland sand <sup>enclosed heights</sup>  
in Highland are pretty places, but  
it can be anywhere. *BJP**

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FROM: UNIT #1

10-8-1934.

TO:  Director  
 Mr. Nathan  
 Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. Edwards  
 Mr. Tamm  
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 Mr. Richmond  
 Mr. Smith  
 Mr. Thompson

Miss Gandy  
 Mrs. Kelley  
 Washington Field Office  
 Stenographic Pool  
 Secretary  
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*Coffey*

*This may be the "hide-out" or  
where the ransom money is hidden?*

*DM*

Supervisor - Unit One

September 19, 1934

Mr. S. P. Coulay,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases I.O. 1219;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases I.O. 1222, ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Under date of September 18, 1934 you advised Mr. Newby of the Division that the statement rendered by Paula Harmon had been prepared and forwarded to the Division by Air Mail - Special Delivery and that this statement was scheduled to arrive in Washington, D. C., at six thirty p.m. on that date.

This statement did not reach the Division, however, and on September 20, 1934 when Mr. Newby made inquiry concerning the statement, you again advised that the statement had been forwarded under date of September 18, 1934. Since then the Division has received the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 19, 1934, in the above entitled case, and the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 22, 1934, in the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased) et al; both reports containing an unsigned statement rendered by Paula Harmon. The Division has also received from you a further statement rendered by Paula Harmon, dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 22, 1934.

The Division desires that you make an immediate inquiry into the disposition of the first statement taken from Paula Harmon which you reported had been forwarded to the Division under date of September 18, 1934 and which has not yet been received. Immediate and thorough attention should be given to this matter inasmuch as the statement contains highly confidential information.

Very truly yours,

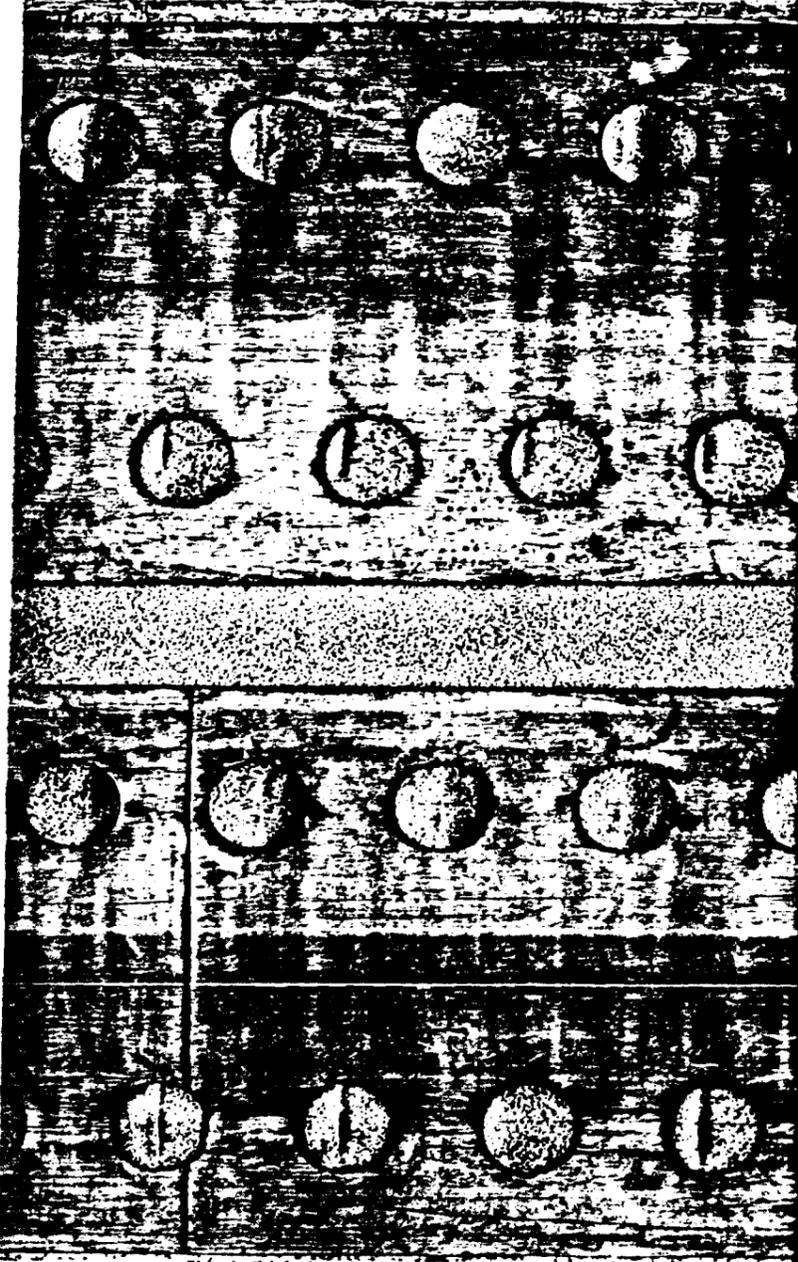
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 Mr. Wiard  
 Chief, Unit  
 Chief Clerk *File*  
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 Mr. *Tracy*

*sticks me.*

E. P. Coffey

U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

503-A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.  
Salt Lake City, Ut.  
September 27, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Please forward to this office at an early date  
twenty additional Identification Orders of Dr. Joseph P. Moran,  
with aliases, Joseph B. Moran, Joseph C. Moran, I.O. 1232, as  
the number previously received by this office was inadequate  
for the circulation of the territory covered by this Division  
Office.

Very truly yours,

*John A. Dowd*  
JOHN A. DOWD  
Special Agent in Charge

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*Edward P. Moran*

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ON SEPTEMBER 7, THE MANAGER OF THE ORLANDO HOTEL, CHICAGO, ADVISED THAT A LETTER FROM THE WOODLAWN SAFETY DEPOSIT COMPANY HAD BEEN ADDRESSED TO THE ORLANDO HOTEL TO MRS. F. E. GORDON, WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN IDENTIFIED AS BEING KATE BARKER. KATE BARKER LIVED AT THE ORLANDO HOTEL LAST SUMMER WITH HER SON SUBJECT ARTHUR BARKER.

INVESTIGATION AT THE DEPOSIT COMPANY ON SEPTEMBER 8, DISCLOSED THAT THE BOX WAS RENTED BY KATE BARKER, ALIAS MRS. F. E. GORDON, ON JULY 26, 1933, WITH ENTERING PRIVILEGES FOR ONE RAY GORDON. AN EXAMINATION OF RAY GORDON'S HANDWRITING DISCLOSED THAT IT WAS IDENTICAL WITH THAT OF SUBJECTS ARTHUR BARKER. ARTHUR BARKER AND KATE BARKER ENTERED THE SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX EIGHT TIMES DURING THE YEAR 1933, AND ON JANUARY 9, AND JULY 31, OF THIS YEAR.

BROWN DISCUSSED THE MATTER OF OBTAINING A SEARCH WARRANT ABOUT NOON ON SEPTEMBER 8, WITH FIRST ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY HASSENAUER, WHO ADVISED THAT IF THE BANK OFFICIALS COULD NOT BE INDUCED TO PERMIT ENTRANCE TO THE BOX THE MATTER OF OBTAINING A SEARCH WARRANT WOULD BE CONSIDERED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10. THE BANK OFFICIALS REFUSED TO OPEN THE BOX WITHOUT A SEARCH WARRANT. ACCORDINGLY, ON SEPTEMBER 10 SHORTLY AFTER 9 AM, SPECIAL AGENT J. R. WELLES AGAIN DISCUSSED THE MATTER OF OBTAINING A SEARCH WARRANT

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WITH FIRST ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY HASSENMAUER, WHO REFERRED HIM TO UNITED STATES ATTORNEY AUSTIN HALL. AGENT BROWN ADVISED ATTORNEY HASSENMAUER THAT THE MATTER SHOULD BE KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE IN THAT ANY PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THE ISSUANCE OF A SEARCH WARRANT WOULD INTERFERE WITH THE DIVISIONS INVESTIGATION. WELLES ADVISED ATTORNEY HALL, COMMISSIONER WALKER, WALKERS SECRETARY, AND UNITED STATES MARSHALL, WILLIAM C MCDONALD THAT THE MATTER SHOULD BE KEPT SECRET, AND THAT ANY PUBLICITY GIVEN TO SAME WOULD INTERFERE WITH CONTEMPLATED INVESTIGATION. MR. HALL WAS ENGAGED MONDAY IN PRESENTING CASES TO THE GRAND JURY AND, ACCORDINGLY, WAS UNABLE TO DEVOTE ANY TIME TO THE PREPARATION OF THE SEARCH WARRANT BEFORE NOON. THE WARRANT WAS FINALLY RECEIVED MONDAY AFTERNOON ABOUT 4.30, WHICH WAS TOO LATE TO SERVE THAT DAY. THE BOX WAS ENTERED TUESDAY AND CONTAINED \$5,506, NONE OF WHICH WAS RANSOM MONEY. ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE WITH THE BANK OFFICIALS FOR TWO SPECIAL AGENTS TO BE ASSIGNED IN THE BANK TO KEEP THE BOX UNDER SURVEILLANCE, SO THAT IN EVENT SUBJECT BARKER SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN ENTRANCE TO THE BOX, HE COULD BE APPREHENDED, OR IN THE EVENT KATE BARKER ATTEMPTED TO ENTER THE BOX, SHE COULD BE FOLLOWED TO HER RESIDENCE, OR POSSIBLY TO ONE OF THES SUBJECTS. ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 11, THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE CHICAGO AMERICAN ON PAGE THREE, UNDER THE HEADING " OPEN VAULT FOR BREMER CASH ".

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
Northern District of Illinois  
United States Court House  
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September 14, 1934.

Personal and Confidential.

Hon. Homer S. Cummings,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear General Cummings:

I have the honor, pursuant to telephonic conversation with the Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, on Wednesday, September 12, 1934, to enclose herewith a complete statement made by Austin Hall, Assistant United States Attorney, regarding an article that appeared in the Chicago Evening American of September 12th pertaining to a safety deposit box located in the Woodlawn Safety Deposit Company at 1180 East 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, used by one Arthur Barker and his mother, Catherine Barker.

I questioned Mr. Abe Swett, reported for the City News Bureau, and Mr. Clarence Dore, reporter for the Chicago Daily News, both of whom are referred to in Mr. Hall's statement, and both emphatically deny that Mr. Hall gave them any information regarding this matter, although they questioned him persistently about it after they had knowledge regarding the issuance of the search warrant. I asked them repeatedly to tell me how they found out that the search warrant had been issued and both refused to state the source of their knowledge or information, stating that they must keep confidential and protect the sources of their information. However, both stated positively that Mr. Hall was not the source of their information and that they gained none from him. Mr. Hall's statement explains how his name happened to appear in the newspaper article in that Mr. Heidenberg, reporter for the Chicago Evening American, learned that Mr. Hall had handled the matter before the Commissioner and then took the liberty to tell the re-write man at the Evening American that Mr. Hall had made a statement regarding the matter.

Please advise me if there is anything further you wish me to do in the premises.

Respectfully,

(S) DWIGHT H. GREEN,

United States Attorney.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION.

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF COOK ) SS

On this 10th day of September, A. D. 1934, in the City of Chicago, in the Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois, before Edwin K. Walker, United States Commissioner for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, comes John R. Welles, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, Department of Justice of the United States of America, and complains as follows:

Said John R. Welles, Special Agent as aforesaid, being first duly sworn, on his oath deposes and says that he is a Special Agent in the Division of Investigation, Department of Justice, United States of America;

That Arthur R. Barker, alias Dock Barker, alias Bob Barker, alias Calude Dale, alias Roy Gordon, on or about the 17th day of January, 1934, at St. Paul, Minnesota, did kidnap for ransom one Edward G. Bremer hereinafter referred to as "victim," and did thereafter confine said victim in his custody unlawfully;

That after having seized and confined the said victim in his custody at the time and place aforesaid, the said Arthur R. Barker did knowingly and unlawfully abduct, carry away and transport the said victim in interstate commerce, to wit, from the said City of St. Paul, State of Minnesota, to a place outside of the said State of Minnesota to this affiant unknown;

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That on or about February 14, 1934, at the City of St. Paul, State of Minnesota, representatives of the said victim paid to the said Arthur R. Barker, and others acting as the representatives and agents of the said Arthur R. Barker, the sum of, to wit, \$200,000.00, in good and lawful currency of the United States, the said ransom money, paid as aforesaid, consisting partly of Ten-Dollar and Five-Dollar Federal Reserve Notes bearing the serial numbers appearing on the respective sheets hereto attached and marked Exhibit "E" and by reference made a part hereof;

That on, to wit, the 4th day of May A. D. 1934, in the District Court of the United States for the District of Minnesota, Third Division, the grand jury of said court, after making a lawful inquisition and hearing evidence, returned an indictment in which the said Arthur R. Barker and others were charged with conspiracy to kidnap the said Edward G. Bremer for ransom, and that pursuant to said conspiracy so charged, the said Edward G. Bremer was kidnaped by the persons in said indictment so charged, or some of them, and the said ransom money was demanded and received as hereinabove set forth by this affiant; that warrants were issued under said indictment and that the said Arthur R. Barker has not yet been apprehended but is a fugitive, and that said cause based upon the aforesaid indictment is still pending;

That this affiant in the course of his investigation has learned that the said Arthur R. Barker has on divers occasions and at different places in the country used the alias of Roy Gordon and that the mother of the said Arthur R. Barker is Mrs. Catherine

Barker and this affiant has learned that the said Catherine Barker, mother of the said Arthur R. Barker, has on divers occasions used the alias of Mrs. F. E. Gordon, and that in the course of his investigation this affiant learned that the said Catherine Barker and the said Arthur R. Barker at one time resided at the Orlando Hotel located at 2373 E 70th St., Chicago, Illinois, in the Northern District of Illinois in the Eastern Division thereof;

That in the pursuance of the investigation by this affiant and his associate agents of the Division of Investigation, Department of Justice, United States of America, certain of the said special agents entered the room at the said Orlando Hotel occupied by the said Arthur R. Barker and the said Catherine Barker for the purpose of apprehending and arresting the said Arthur R. Barker; that at that time the said Arthur R. Barker and the said Catherine Barker were not found in the said room in the said Orlando Hotel, but that the said Special Agents of the Division of Investigation aforesaid, did find in the said room at the said Orlando Hotel, occupied by the said Arthur R. Barker as aforesaid, a contract card dated July 26, 1933, bearing the number 10951 for Safety Box number 5179 at the Woodlawn Safety Deposit Company located at 1180 East 63rd Street, Chicago, State and District aforesaid, said contract card issued to Roy Gordon and Mrs. F. E. Gordon; and that clerks and employees of the said Orlando Hotel were shown by an agent of the Division of Investigation, Department of Justice, photographs

of the said Arthur R. Barker and the said Catherine Barker, and the said employees identified the said photographs as being true likenesses of the said Roy Gordon and Mrs. F. E. Gordon, respectively; and that employees and clerks in the employ of the Woodlawn Safety Deposit Company, 1180 E. 63rd St., Chicago, Illinois, were also shown photographs of the said Arthur R. Barker and the said Catherine Barker, and that said clerks and employees identified the photographs of Arthur R. Barker and Catherine Barker as being true likenesses of persons who had rented said safety box under the name and style of Roy Gordon and Mrs. F. E. Gordon;

That during the official investigation of the said kidnap and abduction for ransom of the said Edward G. Bremer by this affiant, this affiant learned that the said Arthur R. Barker and the said Catherine Barker came into the possession of a part of the said \$200,000.00 ransom money paid as aforesaid and bearing serial numbers as aforesaid, for the purpose of holding the said ransom money for the use and benefit of themselves and their said representatives and agents, and that the said Arthur R. Barker and the said Catherine Barker now have in their possession part of the said ransom money;

That therefore this affiant has reason to believe and does believe that a part of the said ransom money paid as aforesaid is now in the possession of the said Arthur R. Barker and the said Catherine Barker, and is now located in Safety Box number 5179, now used by the said Arthur R. Barker and the said Catherine Barker as

shown by the said contract card number 10951 hereinabove described,  
which said Safety Box is a large box and is located at the Woodlawn  
Safety Deposit Company;

WHEREFORE, affiant prays that a search warrant issue  
authorizing the United States Marshal for the Northern District of  
Illinois, to search the said Safety Deposit Box number 5179 in the  
said Woodlawn Safety Deposit Company located at 1180 East 63 Street,  
Chicago, Illinois, to the end that the said ransom money or any part  
thereof unlawfully paid as aforesaid, may be discovered for use as the  
proper officers of the United States of American may hereinafter  
determine.

Special Agent.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 10th day of September, A. D. 1934

United States Commissioner.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Northern District of Illinois,  
Eastern Division.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO UNITED STATES  
MARSHAL FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, OR ANY OF HIS  
DEPUTIES, GREETING;

WHEREAS, complainant, John R. Welles, has been examined  
under oath and complaint in writing has been sworn to and filed  
before me, EDWIN K. WALKER, UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER for the  
Northern District of Illinois, by the said complainant, John R.  
Welles, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, Department of  
Justice of the United States of America, which complaint is in  
words and figures as follows, to wit;

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WHEREAS, this cause coming on for hearing on the application for search warrant supported by sworn complaint as herein stated, the undersigned Commissioner being satisfied of the existence of the grounds of said application and that there is probably cause to believe their existence;

NOW THEREFORE, you, or either of you, are hereby commanded in the name of the President of the United States, with the necessary and proper assistance, to enter the said premises hereinabove described, to wit, The Woodlawn Safety Deposit Company at 1180 East 63rd Street, Chicago, State of Illinois, and the safety deposit box, number 5179, hereinabove described and located therein, and then and there to search for any and all of the property described in said sworn complaint hereinabove set forth, to wit, good and lawful currency of the United States of America paid as ransom money as set forth in said sworn complaint, and make return thereof according to law within ten days from the date hereof. This warrant shall be executed in the daytime.

You are further commanded to make proper execution of this warrant within ten days from the date hereon and to forthwith after executing the same make return thereof to me, together with a written inventory of the articles and things seized by you under the authority herein contained, and you will also give a copy of the said warrant, together with a receipt for the property seized or taken hereunder, to the person from whom it was taken or in whose

possession the same was found, or in the absence of any person  
or agent leave a copy of this warrant and a copy of the inventory  
of the property taken or seized where the property is found.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, at Chicago, Illinois, this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of SEPTEMBER, A. D. 1934.

United States Commissioner for the  
Northern District of Illinois.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

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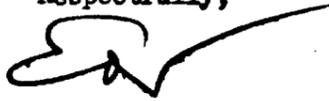
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Through Mr. Carusi, I learned this morning that United States Attorney Green had forwarded to the Attorney General under personal and confidential cover a report concerning the action of Assistant United States Attorney Hall in connection with the Bremer case. Mr. Carusi stated that as soon as he could obtain this letter from the Attorney General, he would forward it to us for appropriate attention. I will bring this letter to you as soon as we receive it from Mr. Carusi.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

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Honorable Dwight H. Green,  
United States Attorney,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Green:

I have been advised by the Attorney General of the contents of your personal and confidential communication addressed to him under date of September 14, 1934 pertaining to newspaper articles appearing in the Chicago newspapers concerning activities of Special Agents of this Division in connection with the locating of a safety deposit box held by Mrs. Kate Barker and her son, Arthur Barker, both of whom are being sought by this Division in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

I have noted in the statement of Assistant United States Attorney Austin Hall which was also forwarded by you to the Attorney General that the information concerning the renting of this safety deposit box by the Barkers was received by this Division some six months ago. I wanted you to know that this statement of Mr. Hall is incorrect and that, in fact, the information concerning this safety deposit box was not received by the Division until September 7, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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September 25, 1934

Mr. S. P. Cowley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice, **PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL**  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Cowley:

With reference to the recent publicity appearing in the Chicago newspapers concerning the entrance of Division agents into the safety deposit box rented by Mrs. Kate Berker, I am attaching, hereto, for your information a copy of a memorandum which I have today addressed to the Attorney General, together with copies of the letter of Mr. Green and the letter of United States Attorney Hall to which I referred in this memorandum.

I wish that you confidentially ascertain whether this information did in fact emanate from the office of the United States Commissioner. You should, of course, exercise considerable caution in making any inquiries about this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover,  
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P. O. Box 215,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

September 29, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

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.  
St. Paul File 7-33.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, dated September 28, 1934, which records the apprehension by the Cleveland Police Department of MRS. GLADYS SAWYER, PAULA HANCOCK, and WYNONA BORDETTE. It is noted on page 27 of Agent Hall's report that a kodak photograph of a 12-cylinder Auburn Sedan, with a lady sitting behind the steering wheel, was obtained in one of the apartments. Since it is known that DOLORES DELANEY has been associated with ALVIN KARPIS, this office has been unable to locate a recent photograph of DOLORES DELANEY, it is requested that this photograph be forwarded to the St. Paul Division office together with other unidentified photographs of women which might be in the possession of your office, having been obtained at Cleveland, Ohio, to be displayed to informants at St. Paul in an effort to identify a recent photograph of DOLORES DELANEY.

Reference is also made to page 25 of Agent Hall's report, wherein is set out that a Mickey Mouse watch wrapped in tissue paper, bearing the following printed matter "To Bobby Strutz from Dolores." For your information, Bobby Strutz is the son of ALBERT W. (alias PAT) HILKY, who was recently sentenced at St. Paul, Minnesota, for harboring JOHN DILLINGER and members of his mob. DOLORES DELANEY is the sister of HELEN (BARE) HILKY, PAT HILKY's wife.

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Very truly yours,  
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D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE:

There is submitted below a list of the names and aliases, together with descriptive data, of all those persons who are now being sought by the Division of Investigation in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 17, 1934. Each Agent of the Division should study the report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota August 16, 1934, mimeograph copies of which are being furnished to each field office so that every Agent will become familiar with all contacts of this gang in his district. Each Agent, if he has not already done so, should read the mimeograph copies of reports of Inspector W. A. Rorer and Special Agent John E. Brennan dated at St. Paul, Minnesota February 14th and 17th, 1934, respectively, as well as all other serials containing pertinent data respecting this case. All leads of a definite character concerning the whereabouts of these individuals should be immediately telephoned or wired to the interested field offices. At least one copy of all reports containing data respecting the identity or modus operandi of this gang and its associates shall be furnished all Division field offices. At least one copy of all reports recording the location, apprehension and prosecution of any person connected with this case shall also be furnished all field offices.

Adams, Charles alias of Charles P. Clouse  
Adams, J. C. alias of Charles J. Fitzgerald  
Barker, Arrie (nickname for Arizona) alias of Kate  
Barker

BARKER, ARTHUR R. with aliases: "Doc" Barker, Claude  
Dale, Bob Barker, E. L. Murrey, H. J. Harvey, A. E.  
Hunter, Claude Barker; Identification Order No. 1219.  
DESCRIPTION: Age, 34 years; height, 5' 3 3/4"; weight,  
112 pounds (1922); eyes, blue; complexion,  
medium; hair, chestnut; build, short.  
Division No. 289428.

Barker, Bob alias of Arthur R. Barker  
Barker, Claude alias of Arthur R. Barker  
Barker, "Doc" alias of Arthur R. Barker

BARKER, FRED with aliases: F. G. Ward, Ted Murphy, J. Darrows, R. E. Davis, J. E. Blackburn, T. C. Blackburn, A. S. Hunter. **RECORDED**

DESCRIPTION: Age, 32 years; height, 5' 4 1/2"; weight, 115 pounds; build, short; hair, light brown; eyes, blue; complexion, dark; scars, one inch gunshot wound inner wrist, gunshot wound base left finger, palm of hand. Division No. 59163. 17-576-3030  
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Barker, J. W. alias of William E. Meade

BARKER, KATE with aliases: "Mother" Barker, Mrs.

Arthur F. Hunter, Mrs. Arrie Barker, Mrs. Kate  
Hunter, Mrs. J. W. Dunlop.

DESCRIPTION: Age, 58 years; height, 5' 4" to 6";  
weight, unknown; build, medium; hair,  
gray; eyes, unknown.

"Big Ben" alias of Charles J. Fitzgerald

"Big Charley" alias of Charles J. Fitzgerald

"Big Fitz" alias of Charles J. Fitzgerald

"Big Homer" alias of Homer Wilson

"Big Jim" alias of Homer Wilson

"Big Moose" alias of Homer Wilson

Blackburn, J. E. alias of Fred Barker

Blackburn, T. C. alias of Fred Barker and Harry  
Campbell

Bond, Sue alias of Myrtle Eaton

Burnes (Burns), E. L. alias of Alvin Karpis

Burns, J. J. and R. L. aliases of Alvin Karpis

Campbell, Dave alias of Harry Campbell

CAMPBELL, HARRY with aliases: Dave Campbell, T. C.

Blackburn, George L. Martin.

DESCRIPTION: Age, 30 years; height, 5' 5"; weight,  
135 pounds; build, medium; hair, brown;  
eyes blue; complexion, ruddy. Division  
No. 419856.

Carson, Eddie alias of Clyde Nimerick

Carter, A. alias of Alvin Karpis

"Charlie Potatoes" alias of Homer Wilson

"Chi Slim" alias of Charles J. Fitzgerald

"Christ Kid" alias of William E. Meade

CLOUSE, CHARLES P. with aliases: Curley Clouse, Charles  
Law, C. C. Rice, Paul G. Hanford, Charles Adams, "St.  
Paul Curley".

DESCRIPTION: Age, 42 years; height, 5' 9 3/4"; weight  
174 pounds; hair blond and curly; eyes,  
blue; complexion, fair. Division No. 185726.

~~Colton, J. E. alias of Clarence De Vol~~

Dale, Claude alias of Arthur R. Barker

Darrows, J. alias of Fred Barker

Davis, E. V. alias of Volney Davis

Davis, R. E. alias of Fred Barker

DAVIS, VOLNEY with aliases: E. V. Davis, J. H. Lockwood,  
S. E. Lockwood, C. E. Moore.

DESCRIPTION: Age, 31 years; height, 5' 8 3/4"; weight,

123 pounds; build, slender; hair, light chestnut; eyes, blue; complexion, fair. Division No. 400441.

DELANEY, DELORES alias Mrs. William B. Lohman.

DESCRIPTION: Age, 21 years; height, 5' 4"; weight 120 pounds; eyes, brown; hair, dark; complexion, very dark of the Italian type. 2 3

DE VOL, ALBERT with aliases: Albert Shaw, Edgar Medford, Edgar Medford Stone.

DESCRIPTION: Age, 33 years; height, 5' 8 7/8"; weight, 181 pounds; build, muscular; hair, medium chestnut; eyes, gray; complexion, medium. Division No. 41932.

DE VOL, CLARENCE with aliases: Joe King, Clarence Duvall, James E. Dolton, J. E. Colton.

DESCRIPTION: Age, 25 years (1932); height, 5' 8 3/4"; weight, 172 pounds; build, medium; hair, medium chestnut; eyes, dark chestnut; complexion, medium. Division No. 138355.

~~Dolton, James E. alias of Clarence De Vol~~

Donald, Phoenix alias of William Weaver

DOYLE, JESSE

DESCRIPTION: Age, 34 years; height, 5' 9 1/4"; weight, 151 pounds; build, medium; hair, brown; eyes, gray; complexion, dark. Division No. 99402.

Dunlop, Mrs. J. W. alias of Kate Barker

Dunn, George alias of Alvin Karpis

~~Duvall, Clarence alias of Clarence De Vol~~

EATON, MYRTLE with aliases: Sue Bond, Alice Martin, Ruth Martin.

DESCRIPTION: Age, 35 years; height, 5' 5"; weight, 126 pounds (1930); eyes, gray; hair, black; complexion, sallow.

ENGLER, BERTHA

DESCRIPTION: Age, 32 years; height 5' 4 3/4"; weight 127 pounds; build, medium; hair, auburn; eyes, blue; complexion, medium.

Evans, R. Gray alias of Russell Gibson

Fisher, Clara alias of Clara Gibson

FITZGERALD, CHARLES J. with aliases: Charles Morgan, W. M. Funk, Charles E. Lowe, J. C. Hammond, Frank West, J. C. Adams, "Big Fitz", P. Fitzgerald, W.E. Fitzgerald, "Chi Slim", "Big Charley", "Long Charley", "Slim" Williams, Danial Mathias Logan, Charles Jordan.  
DESCRIPTION: Age, 44 years; height, 5' 10 1/2"; weight, 172 pounds; hair, black and slightly gray; eyes, light bluish slate; complexion florid. Division No. 95780.

Fitzgerald, P. and W. E. aliases of Charles J. Fitzgerald

Foster, John Henry alias of William E. Meade

Funk, W. M. alias of Charles J. Fitzgerald

Gaynor, Edward alias of William E. Meade

GIBSON, CLARA - wife of Russell Gibson. No description available.

GIBSON, RUSSELL with aliases: "Slim" Gray, R. Gray Evans, Identification Order No. 1213.

DESCRIPTION: Age, 32 years; height, 6' 1/2"; weight, 131 pounds; build, slender and slightly stooped; hair, medium brown; eyes, brown; complexion, medium; scars, pointed scar under left ear, scar on right temple. Division No. 57685.

Gray, "Slim" alias of Russell Gibson

Hadley, Raymond alias of Alvin Karpis

Haller, George alias of Alvin Karpis

Hamilton, R. E. alias of Alvin Karpis

Hammond, J. C. alias of Charles J. Fitzgerald

Hanford, Paul G. alias of Charles P. Clouse

Harris, C. E. "Dutch" alias of Clyde Nimerick

Harvey, H. J. alias of Arthur R. Barker

Hunter, A. S. alias of Arthur R. Barker or Fred Barker

Hunter, Mrs. Kate Barker alias of Kate Barker

Jordan, Charles alias of Charles J. Fitzgerald

KARPIS, ALVIN with aliases: A. Carter, Raymond Hadley, George Haller, Alvin Karpis, Earl Peel, George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton, Ray Hunter, Ray Karpis, E. L. Burnes (Burns), R. L. Burns, J. J. Burns, William B. Lohman, Identification Order No. 1218.

DESCRIPTION: Age, 24 years; height, 5' 9"; weight, 132 pounds (1930); build, slender; eyes, brown; hair, brown; complexion, light. Division No. 199217.

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KEATING, MARGARET

DESCRIPTION: Age, 28-30 years; height, 5'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; weight 128 pounds; build, medium; hair, blond; eyes, blue; complexion, medium.

~~King, Joe, alias of Clarence DeVol.~~

Korpi, Alvin, alias of Alvin Karpis.

Laird, E. E., alias of William E. Meade.

Law, Charles, alias of Charles P. Clouse.

Lockwood, J. H. and S.E., aliases of Volney Davis.

Logan, Danial Mathias, alias of Charles J. Fitzgerald.

Lohman, William B., alias of Alvin Karpis.

"Long Charley", alias of Charles J. Fitzgerald.

Lowe, Charles E., alias of Charles J. Fitzgerald.

Martin, Alice, alias of Myrtle Eaton.

Martin, George L., alias of Harry Campbell.

MEADE, WILLIAM ELMER, with aliases: John Henry Foster, J. W.

Read, E. E. Laird, Edward E. Gaynor, "Christ Kid", J. H.

Parker, J. W. Barker.

DESCRIPTION: Age 60 years, (1934); weight 160 pounds; height, 5'11"; build, slender; eyes, grey; hair, greyish brown; complexion, ruddy; Division Number 271926.

~~(Medford, Edgar, alias of Albert DeVol.)~~

Moore, C. E., alias of Volney Davis.

MORAN, DR. JOSEPH P., with aliases: Joseph B. Moran, Joseph C. Moran, Identification Order #1232.

DESCRIPTION: Age 38 years (1934); height 5'10"; weight, 155 pounds; build, medium; hair, chestnut, sandy; eyes, yellow, dark slate; complexion, light.

Morgan, Charles, alias of Charles J. Fitzgerald.

Murphy, Ted, alias of Fred Barker.

Murrey, E. L., alias of Arthur R. Barker.

Nelson, P.J., R. A. and T. J., aliases of William Weaver.

NIMMERICK, CLYDE, with aliases: C. E. "Dutch" Harris, Eddie

Carson, James Allan Woodruff.

DESCRIPTION: Age 34 years; height 5'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; weight, 170 pounds; build, medium; hair brown; eyes, blue; complexion, medium; Division No. 77961.

O'Donnell, Phoenix, alias of William Weaver.

Parker, J.W., alias of William E. Meade.

Peel, Earl, alias of Alvin Karpis.

Porche, Harry J., alias of Harry "Dutch" Sawyer.

Read, J.W., alias of William E. Meade.

Rice, C.C., alias of Charles P. Clouse

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"St. Paul Curley", alias of Charles P. Clouse.  
Sandevich, (Sandlovich, Sandovich) Harry, aliases of Harry  
"Dutch" Sawyer.

SAWYER, HARRY, "DUTCH", with aliases: Harry Sandevich, Harry  
Sandlovich, Harry Sandovich, Harry J. Porche.  
DESCRIPTION: Age 45 years; height, 5'10"; weight, 190  
pounds; hair, dark brown, curly; eyes, light  
brown; complexion, dark; scar - left forefinger  
smashed; Division No. 421335.

Scott, Bill, alias of William Weaver.

~~(Shaw, Albert, alias of Albert DeVet.)~~

"Slim" Gray, alias of Russell Gibson.

"Slim" Williams, alias of Charles J. Fitzgerald.

~~Stone, Edgar Redford, alias of Albert DeVet.~~

SNYDER, MADELINE.

DESCRIPTION: Age 30 years; height, 5'1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; weight, 97 pounds,  
(1929); build, small; hair, red; eyes, unknown;  
complexion, fair.

"Swede Billy", alias of Homer Wilson.

Ward, F. G., alias of Fred Barker.

WEAVER, WILLIAM, with aliases: Phoenix O'Donnell, Phoenix  
Donald, P.J. Nelson, R. A. Nelson, T. J. Nelson, Bill Scott.

DESCRIPTION: Age 36 years; height 5'8"; weight, 175 pounds;  
eyes, steel blue; complexion, fair; Division  
#17920.

West, Frank, alias of Charles J. Fitzgerald.

WILSON, HOMER, with aliases: "Big Homer", "Big Jim", "Swede  
Billy", "Big Moose", "Charlie Potatoes", Charlie Stone.

DESCRIPTION: Age 40-42 years; height 6'2"; weight, 220-  
240 pounds; build, large; hair, medium brown;  
eyes, light blue; complexion, medium.

Woodruff, Allan and James A., aliases of Clyde Nimerick.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 28, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Cowley	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....

While talking with Mr. Cowley, I asked whether they were getting anything from [redacted] in connection with the Bremer case. Mr. Cowley advised that the night before last they had her call Angus and she asked him if he had delivered her message. He stated that he had not delivered it but would as soon as he could. [redacted] had thought at first that they might be suspicious of her because she had been picked up but, after talking to Angus the other night, she was quite enthused as Angus was very congenial and [redacted] believes they are not suspicious any longer. Mr. Cowley stated that this is one of their best leads on this case.

With regard to the lead on Nelson out in Reno, Mr. Cowley stated that he talked to Mr. Guinane and told him to send McLaughlin over to Reno and, if the identification looks good, he, Guinane, should go over himself. I stated that the trouble was that when the Chief of Police walked in, he probably bailed out. Mr. Cowley advised that the Chief of Police there stated that if he gets anything on Nelson outside of Reno, he will advise us but if he is in Reno, he will get him himself. Mr. Cowley stated that we certainly should have agents in Reno and I told Mr. Cowley that I would call Mr. Guinane a little later this morning as it is only about eight o'clock out there now.

and With regard to Paula Harmon, Mr. Cowley advised that she went to Cleveland as out of her head; that the first day they had her, she threw fits and they called in a doctor to examine her; that now she is denying ever having been questioned by Federal agents and claims she was just staying with some friends. Mr. Cowley stated that they have dropped all three of these women completely and the Director knows about this.

I stated that Paula Harmon's statement was pretty good and Mr. Cowley stated that it contained a lot of information and gave them a background to work on; that the fact that these fellows wore hunting clothes during the kidnaping is not significant except that it puts it in the lake region, which we already know. I asked if they had anything on the hide-out and Mr. Cowley stated that there are five men up there; that they are entering every house on that lake and the territory immediately surrounding it; that they are personally observing the inside of every house. I asked whether Paula Harmon would get in touch with the Chicago office and Mr. Cowley stated that she promised that she would but he does not know whether she will. I asked what was the matter with her and Mr. Cowley stated that she was in an automobile accident about two years ago and crushed her nose, chin and brain; that she just goes out of her head periodically. I asked Mr. Cowley whether he got anything from the Sawyer woman and Mr. Cowley stated that when she returned from Cleveland, she called up and asked what she could do; that she will put them in touch with these men, if possible, but claims that although Fred Barker likes her better than anybody else, if he thought that she had talked and he found it out, he would not hesitate to kill her.

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Mr. Cowley advised that he received a letter from the Sigma Chi magazine stating that they had noticed articles in various magazines concerning his, Cowley's, work on the Dillinger case and would like to print an article in their publication; that they would not, however, want to print anything to which Mr. Cowley might object and would like to reprint some of the stuff that has already been printed. Mr. Cowley stated that the article in the American Detective magazine was very good although it was concentrated around him and it was highly commendatory with regard to the Division. Mr. Cowley stated that any story printed by the Sigma Chi magazine should originate from Washington and be approved by the Director. Mr. Cowley stated this is a fraternal magazine and does not have a very large circulation. I told Mr. Cowley to have the magazine submit an article for approval; that he should help them a little on it so that it will be authentic and genuine; that the article should be sent to the Director for approval so that there will be no criticism from the Department. Mr. Cowley stated he would do this.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

2 copies.

October 1, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 10, 1934, transmitting the notebook containing a get-away road chart found at 4419 West 171st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. #1218, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping. D

Twelve latent fingerprints were developed on the pages of the notebook and two of them have been identified with the right thumb and left thumb of Fred Barber, our file #59163. They have also been compared with the fingerprints of the following individuals with negative results:

Harry Campbell, our #419836  
Alvin Karpis, our #199217  
William Weaver, our #17920  
Geo. Zeigler, deceased  
Gladys Sawyer, our #828771

Dock Barker, our #239488  
Volney Davis, our #400441  
Harry Sawyer, our #421338  
Wynona Walcott alias Burdett, our #328772  
Paula Harmon, our #105880

Inasmuch as Lieutenant K. B. Cloeckner of the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department found the notebook, it is suggested that his fingerprints, together with those of any other persons who are known to have handled this specimen be submitted for elimination purposes.

Very truly yours,  
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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Post Office Box #2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
October 1, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

This is to advise the Division that I am presently engaged at Toledo, Ohio and vicinity conducting investigations in connection with the BREKID case.

Special Agent (A) L. A. Quindry is located in room 1525, Commodore Perry Hotel, Toledo and receives all calls. Should it be necessary to reach me, I can be located through Agent Quindry. The telephone number of the Commodore Perry Hotel is Adams 2261.

Very truly yours,

*Wm. Larson*  
Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
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SEPTEMBER 27, 1934.

Director  
Division of Investigation  
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Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1213; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Kindly refer to report of Special Agent K. C. Spear dated at Kansas City, Missouri, September 27, 1934, in the above captioned case, particularly at Page 30, paragraph 2.

There are being transmitted herewith three photographs taken by a commercial photographer in Kansas City, Missouri, of the automobile window handle mentioned at the above described point in Agent Spear's report; it being noted that a stick was placed through the center of the handle and inserted in some mud, which is the large dull substance appearing in the photograph under the handle. Under separate cover the original window handle, together with an ash tray which was removed from the right side of the rear seat of Mr. Powell's car, is being transmitted to the Division under separate cover.

As it was believed the latent fingerprint impressions on the handle would possibly deteriorate and become obscure during the transmittal of this handle to Washington, the attached photographs were taken thereof. It is respectfully requested that the latent impressions appearing in the photograph and those appearing on the handle itself and the ash tray be compared with the known fingerprints of the Subjects in the instant case, together with their associates; it likewise being suggested that in the event no identifications are made in such comparison that the latent impressions on the exhibits then be compared with the known fingerprints of Subjects in the John Dillinger case, and their associates.

After the exhibits, which are being sent under separate cover, have served their purpose to the Division Laboratory, it is

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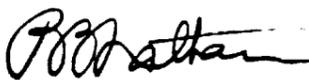
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suggested that the same be sent by mail direct to Mr. F. Roy/Powell at Walworth, Wisconsin, Mr. Powell being the owner of the car from which these exhibits were removed by Agents of this office.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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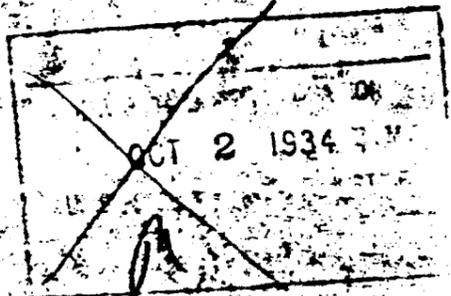
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RE YOUR LETTER SEPTEMBER TWENTY SEVENTH LATENT PRINT ON WINDOW HANDLE NOT IDENTICAL  
WITH FINGERPRINTS OF KARPIS DILLINGER GANGS

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

L. A. FILE NO. **7-42**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Los Angeles</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>10-1-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>9/25 to 27/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>C. J. Endres</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1210; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. #1210; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>Kidnaping.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p><b>M. J. MURPHY, 1617 Palmeroft Way, N. E., Phoenix, Ariz., states he was employed by the Saunders Piggly-Wiggly Grocery Company and its successor, the National Tea Company, from 1920 to May 1931, first as a store manager and then as superintendent; and that he last resided at 7521 So. Shore Dr. in Chicago, Ill. He advises that he has no business in Phoenix, Ariz. Investigation discloses he has bank account at the Phoenix National Bank, and that the South Shore State Bank was given as a reference. J. T. Murphy, real estate broker, Phoenix, has no information of value concerning M. J. Murphy. Henry Beckman, #5098, Miami, Florida, Police Department, is not identical with M. J. Murphy.</b></p>			
<p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent C. J. Endres, Los Angeles, Calif., dated August 17, 1934; &amp; Division letter dated September 5, 1934.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA.</b></p> <p><b>EDWARD BREMER, Post Office</b> [unclear] <b>is still being</b> [unclear] <b>watching</b> [unclear] <b>is a suspicion of that from which mail</b> [unclear] <b>have already been</b> [unclear].</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>OCT 8 - 1934</b>	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3 Division 2 St. Paul 2 Kansas City 2 Chicago COPIES DESTROYED 196		<p style="text-align: center;">UNITED STATES</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OCT 5 1934 A.M.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</p> <p>ROUTED TO: <b>ONE</b> FILE</p>	

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J. T. MURPHY, real estate broker, 50 East Monroe Street, advised that on September 2, 1934, he leased the premises at 1817 Palmcroft Way, N. E., to M. J. MURPHY for one year. He stated that the lease has terminated, but that Murphy plans to renew it for another year. The monthly rental is \$75.00 which M. J. Murphy pays regularly by a check on a Chicago bank, the name of which J. T. Murphy does not recall. Mr. J. T. Murphy stated that he has been to the M. J. Murphy residence on a few occasions, but has not seen any servants or guests there. He further advised that he met M. J. Murphy at the St. Mary's Church, which both attend; also, that the Murphys have a son who attends school at Murphy, a local Catholic school.

M. JOE MURPHY, City Detective, stated that he rents P. O. Box 400, and that on or about September 15, 1934, he received a letter belonging to M. J. MURPHY and addressed to P. O. Box 435. Detective Murphy stated that he opened the letter and found a check for about \$38.00 from a laundry in Chicago. Mr. Murphy can not recall the name of the laundry, but stated that it begins with "E." Detective Murphy further advised that he lives in the 500 block on West Willetta, and that M. J. Murphy formerly lived at 53 West Willetta, but that he has never seen M. J. Murphy and therefore can not give a description of him. He further advised that he banks at the Phoenix National Bank, and on one occasion was mistakenly given the monthly account of M. J. Murphy.

[REDACTED] advised agent that M. J. MURPHY

[REDACTED] has not seen M. J. Murphy.

[REDACTED] advised agent that M. J. Murphy

[REDACTED] retains a safety deposit box at the bank.

[REDACTED] advised that he has not seen Mr. M. J. Murphy.

J. J. McGRATH, Chief of Detectives, and agent called at the Murphy home, 1817 Palmcroft Way, N. E., on September 25, and 26, but Mr. Murphy was not home. On September 27, 1934, agent and Chief of Detectives McGrath again called at the Murphy home and there interviewed M. J. MURPHY. Agent interviewed him under the pretext [REDACTED]

MICHAEL J. MURPHY stated that he was employed originally as a store manager for the Saunders Piggly-Wiggly Grocery Company in Chicago, Ill., shortly after the World War, and was superintendent for that company from 1920 until 1922, when the Piggly-Wiggly Company sold out to the National Tea Company; that he continued as superintendent for the National Tea Company until May 1931, at which time he came to Phoenix, Arizona. He stated that he last resided in Chicago, Ill., at

7321 South Shore Drive. He advised that he had about four hundred employees under his jurisdiction as superintendent, and that some of these men belonged to labor unions in Chicago. Further, that he made a visit to Chicago in the summer of 1933 and some of these employees informed him that they were working 75 hours and wished him to organize a grocery clerks' union, which he refused to do. He stated that he has had no connection with labor unions or gangster activities in Chicago, Ill., but stated that he had heard rumors that his children might be kidnaped, and as a precaution always took them to and from school. He stated that he has two children--a boy twelve years of age, and a girl eight.

During the interview, MICHAEL J. MURPHY stated that he is a World War veteran and served in an army camp in the vicinity of Macon, Georgia, and later with a machine gun company at Augusta, Ga. He further advised that he was born in Wisconsin; that he has not been in business since arriving in Phoenix, Arizona, but that he has large real estate holdings in Chicago, Ill.

The following description of MICHAEL J. MURPHY was obtained by agent and Chief of Detectives McGrath through observation:-

Name	MICHAEL J. MURPHY
Age	About 40 years
Height	" 5' 11"
Weight	" 195 lbs.
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Blue
Build	Large
Complexion	Fair
Scars & tattoos	None visible.
Peculiarities	Wide mouth; large hands.
Criminal record	Claims arrested once for speeding in Chicago, Ill.

Chief of Detectives McGrath and agent do not believe that Michael J. Murphy is identical with HENRY BECKMAN, Miami, Florida, Police Department #5098.

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Washington Field Office, Rm. 5745,  
Washington, D.C.

October 5, 1934.

Mr. J. R. McCarl,  
Comptroller General,  
General Accounting Office,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Unknown Subjects,  
Roy John Frisch, Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Attention: Mr. Durst.

Dear Sir:

Concerning a conversation had on October 4,  
1934 between Mr. Durst and Special Agent A. Schroeder of  
this office relative to check number 277, symbol 89867,  
dated September 18, 1933 payable to Roy John Frisch in  
the amount of \$3,000, may I request that you furnish this  
office with two photostatic copies of this check.

As explained to you by Special Agent Schroeder  
this request is being made in connection with an official  
investigation now being conducted by this Division, for  
the purpose of locating Mr. Frisch.

In reply, may I request that you refer to our  
file number 7-74.

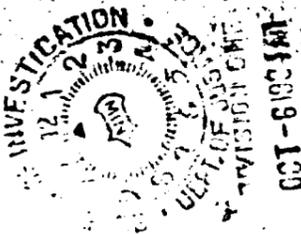
Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter,

I am

Very truly yours,

L. R. PENNINGTON, Assistant  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box #2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
October 1, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

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

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that one copy of the report of  
Special Agent S. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan dated 9/25/34 has been  
supplied to all field offices of the Division.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box #2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
October 1, 1934

Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, 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

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that one copy of the report of Special Agent in Charge Wm. Larson, Detroit, Michigan dated 9/28/34 has been supplied to all field offices of the Division on this date, with the exception of those offices indicated below as receiving copy of this letter, they having received copies of the original run of this report as indicated thereon.

Very truly yours,

*Wm. Larson*  
Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

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 J. Edgar Hoover. Oct 1  
 Chief of Bureau of Investigation.  
 Dear Sir:

You undoubtedly receive  
 many letters, pertaining to  
 information, on different cases.  
 Some are good some of no  
 value. This might be either  
 a heard or man make a  
 statement, in lobby of Hotel  
 that he was told by a Prop.  
 of a club, in Chicago, that  
 Bremer Money could be  
 purchased for 30¢ on the  
 dollar that since the  
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J. Edgar Hoover  
Chief of Bureau of Investigat.

Dear Sir:

You indoubtly receive many letters pertaining to information, on different cases. Some are good some of no value. This might be either. I heard a man make a statement, in lobby of Hotel that he was told by a Prop. of a club, in Chicago that Breaner money could be purchase for \$1 on the dollar that since the Lindburg case has taken a turn people holding the said money were froze up afraid to move. I believe the club spoken of is called the Ball of Fire

Trusting you except this information in the spirit of which it is given

(s) P. D. Van Wagoner  
Former agent  
Dept. of Justice  
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Mr. P. D. Van Wagoner,  
Hotel Clinton,  
Clinton, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 1, 1934 wherein you advise that you overheard a conversation in the lobby of the hotel indicating that it is possible to purchase Bremer ransom money for \$.30 on the dollar.

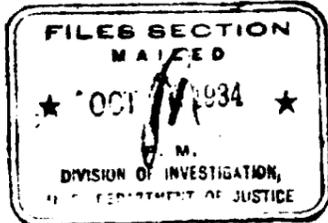
Please be advised that a copy of your letter has been referred to Mr. S. P. Cowley, Inspector, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago, Illinois, who will cause an appropriate investigation to be made respecting the "Ball of Fire Club".

Thanking you for your cooperation and interest in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Chicago (copy of Mr. Van Wagoner's letter attached hereto)  
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500 Hester Building,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
September 29, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged to your telegram of the 25th instant, regarding hi-jackers surprised in the vicinity of Gentry, Arkansas, among whom appears to be one Lawrence Springman, who, incidentally, is a subject of a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case in which the St. Louis office is the office of origin.

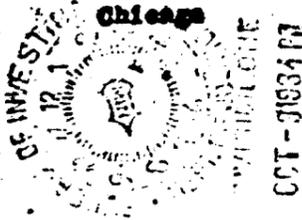
It is noted that your telegram set forth the title as Kansas. It will be assumed, unless word from your office to the contrary is received, that the caption of your telegram should have been Brakid in view of the fact that you suggested this office handle the matter in connection with El Paso information.

For your further information, this office has been conducting investigation relative to the above.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Laboratory Report

September 29, 1934

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

Number: 7-576-2891

Specimens: One B-D Yale Syringe Number 10Y syringe.  
Three hypodermic needles evidently for use in this syringe.  
Portion of a broken glass vial.  
Two boxes labeled Yale Hypodermic Needle Chromium B-D Finish, each  
containing one hypodermic needle.  
One small box containing a quantity of unknown powder.

Examination requested by: Detroit Division Office

Date received: September 21, 1934

Examination requested: Laboratory

Result of examination: Examination by: Donaldson

One B-D Yale Syringe Number 10Y with individual number 54944 was chemically cleaned and gave no reaction both to chemicals or drugs. A portion of broken glass vial contained iron rust. The two boxes labeled Yale Hypodermic Needle Chromium B-D Finish contained unused needles. The small Esterbrook Pen box contained a paper in which was a white powder composed of morphine hydrochloride and lactose. Although a quantitative examination could have been performed, it was not deemed necessary in this case.

The evidence listed above is being retained in the Laboratory.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division September 21, 1934.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
Director

Enclosure: #670076

CC-Chicago  
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September 27, 1934.

Mr. S. P. Cowley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

It has come to my attention that the routine investigative work in the Chicago district is in a very delinquent condition and that this condition is not being alleviated at the present time. While I, of course, realize the necessity for, from time to time, utilizing a comparatively large number of agents upon the Bremer and Dillinger cases, I do desire that the routine investigations receive appropriate and prompt attention.

For this reason I want you to utilize, in connection with the cases being supervised by you, no more than a sufficient number of agents to give those cases appropriate attention. In so far as is possible, you should confine to your cases a specified number of men in order that Mr. Purvis may estimate the amount of investigative personnel available for him and properly plan the work under his supervision.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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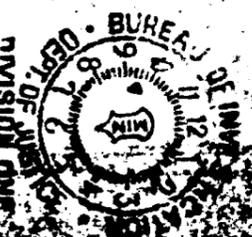
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Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

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

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that in accordance with telephonic instructions of Inspector S. P. Cowley, Chicago, Illinois on September 25, 1934, on that date there were forwarded under separate cover to the Chicago office, all of the keys found at the addresses of 4419 W. 171st Street, 3973 W. 140th Street and 7009 Franklin Boulevard, all of which addresses are located in Cleveland, Ohio. These keys are listed and described in detail in report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan dated 9/25/34.

There is being transmitted herewith one mounted photograph of a jockey upon a race horse bearing the number "2". This photograph contains the name "Arnee Mavee" which appears to be the name of the horse; also, the following: "H. Morrison" - "Owner, V. Sutro" - "Trainer, J. Corsoran" and is dated August 9, 1929. It is noted in report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan dated 9/15/34 that this photograph was recovered at 4419 W. 171st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, which was the premises occupied by Paula Harmon, Fred Barker and Harry and Gladys Sawyer.

It is also noted on page 25 of the aforementioned report of Agent Hall that there was recovered at 3973 W. 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, the premises occupied by Alvin Karpis and apparently Dolores Delaney, an envelope bearing the printed name "Ettinger & Brand, Chicago, Illinois" which contained a typewritten recommendation on the letterhead of Ettinger & Brand, 105 W. Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois recommending one Elroy H. Beaudry. This envelope and letter are also being transmitted to the Chicago Office herewith and it is requested that the Chicago Office consider the matter of conducting investigation concerning the identity of Beaudry and concerning the information set forth on the aforementioned photograph, with a view of possibly establishing further connections or contacts of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Very truly yours,  
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Laboratory Report

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Case: BREKID

Number: 7-576-2908

Specimens: One Colt automatic, C-118915.  
Three slugs.  
Six exploded shell cases; (3 Peters 27, 1 Rem-Um. .45 ACP, 2 Western .45 Auto.).  
Six fragmentary jackets.  
Two photographs of latent prints.  
Examination requested by: Omaha Div. Office.

Date received: 9-22-34

Special Instructions: Compare ballistic specimens with other specimens especially with Ks. City Massacre, Lazia, and "Lagoon" machine gun. Return revolver to Omaha.  
Examination requested: Ballistic and fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Wiard & Murphy

Previously searched, compared with subject list & advised: letter in Bremer file dated 3/24/34

Ft. comparisons to be made with Wm. Engler 481444 ~~aka~~ Abe Janbowitz 623190 Wincl Urban 51520\*

Edw. Wilhite #75884 John Sugar # 515201 Harry Campbell #419856 Volney Davis #400441

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Further reference is made to the photograph of a latent finger impression taken from a gun used by one of the participants in the robbery of the First National Bank in Fairbury, Nebraska, submitted to the Division Laboratory in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

In addition to the comparisons of which you have previously been advised, the latent impression mentioned has also been compared with the fingerprints of William Angler, #431444, Abe Jankowitz, #523190, Wincoe Urban, #815120, Edward Wilkita, #72354, John Luger, #815201, Harry Campbell, #419856, and Volney Davis, #400441, but no identification has been effected.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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October 2, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 19, 1934, transmitting nine lifts of latent fingerprints taken from articles found in two apartments in Cleveland, Ohio, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

Of the five latent fingerprints appearing on the lifts taken from articles at 7009 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio, four have been identified as having been made by Wynona Walcott alias Wynona Burdette, our file #825772. The remaining latent impression has been determined to be that of Gladys Sawyer, our file #825771.

Three latent fingerprints of value appear on the lifts taken from objects at 3973 S. 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. They have been compared with the fingerprints of Alvin Karpis, #199217, Fred Barker, #59163, Dock Barker, #289428, Harry Campbell, #419856, William Weaver, #17970, Volney Davis, #400441, Harry Sawyer, #421338, J. Geo. Leigler, deceased, Paula Harmon, #105920, Gladys Sawyer, #825771, and Wynona Walcott alias Burdette, #825772, but no identification has been effected. One of these latent impressions is susceptible of classification and has been searched through the single fingerprint file with negative results. It is now being placed in the unidentified section of this file with a view to identification at a subsequent time when additional fingerprints are absorbed therein.

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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October 1, 1934.



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

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. 1215;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, I.O. 1232; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Enclosed herewith are the fingerprints of Charles  
Grosscurth taken at the Chicago Division office on Septem-  
ber 21, 1934, when questioned in connection with the above  
captioned case.

Special Agent R. D. Brown, in his report dated  
October 1, 1934, mentioned that Grosscurth's fingerprints  
would be submitted with the Division copies of that report.  
However, these fingerprints are being submitted with this  
letter instead.

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Very truly yours,

*S P Cowley*  
S. P. COWLEY,  
Inspector.

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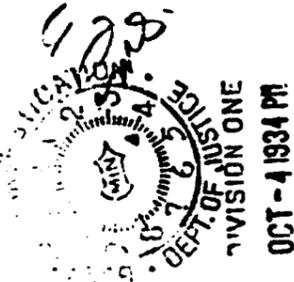
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 20, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

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I talked with Mr. Cowley concerning the statement submitted, taken from Winona Burdette, and Gladys Sawyer. I called Mr. Cowley's attention to the Willie Harrison, mentioned in the statement of Winona Burdette, and suggested the possibility of this individual being identical with the "Willie" who is mentioned in the report of Special Agent Meekin, dated at Detroit, Michigan, May 5, 1934, as the individual who purchased cars for the gang, and was introduced at the Arnold Motor Company by one C. W. Woods. I suggested to Mr. Cowley that he telephone the Detroit office and have Woods re-interviewed with a view to locating Willie Harrison who is said to have connections in Hammond, Indiana and Toledo, Ohio. Upon interview Woods previously stated that the "Willie" known by him had connections at Hammond, Indiana as did Winona Burdette in her statement.

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I also suggested the possibility that the "Speedy", mentioned in the statement of the Burdette woman, was identical with Ed "Speedy" Wilhite, presently incarcerated at the Iowa State Penitentiary, Fort Madison, Iowa, and that Agent Anderson was proceeding to that point to interview Wilhite in connection with the Kanoo case. Mr. Cowley stated that he would locate a photograph of Wilhite and exhibit it to the Burdette woman with a view to identifying this individual as "Speedy". Mr. Cowley also stated that he desired to confer with Agent Anderson concerning several matters; that if agreeable to the Division he will telephone the Kansas City office and have Anderson instructed to return to Kansas City by way of Chicago. I told Mr. Cowley that this was in accordance with the instructions of the Director that Agents be called into Chicago for conference regarding the three cases under his supervision at any time.

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I pointed out to Mr. Cowley that the statement taken from the Burdette and Sawyer women made no mention of C. D. "Dutch" Harris, better known as Clyde Nimerick, and his woman companion, who was referred to by Bessie Green as "Frances".

Mr. Cowley advised that the Agents had succeeded in placing Vivian Mathis in an apartment, but that she had not given any information; that they will continue to work on her, and he had hopes of eventually obtaining some information of value from her; that in the event nothing takes place by tonight, he will proceed to Detroit for the purpose of

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