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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 the report of Special Agent R. E. Brown, dated September 19, 1934, which report contained statements with reference to the instant case made by Paula Harmon, paramour of Fred Barker, Mrs. Gladys Sawyer, wife of Subject Sawyer, and Wynona Burdett, paramour of Harry Campbell. This report contains information concerning Volney Davis and his paramour, Edna Murray, also William Weaver and his paramour, Myrtle Eaton.

Subject James J. Wilson has recently advised that either all or a large portion of the Bremer ransom money was in possession of William Weaver and Volney Davis at Aurora, Illinois during April, 1934, when a large portion of this money was exchanged in Chicago, Illinois, which resulted in the arrest of Subject McLaughlin, Sr. and Subjects Vidler and Delaney.

Investigation at Aurora, Illinois resulted in learning that Subject William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton resided at 411 Main Street from April 9 to about April 28 or 29, 1934, and that Volney Davis and Edna Murray were residing at 415 Fox Street, Aurora, Illinois during the same period. While at these addresses Weaver used the name of William Thornton and Davis used the name of J. E. "Curly" Hanson.

While at Aurora, Illinois Subjects Weaver and Davis and their paramours were very closely associated with one Corey Bales.

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an Aurora politician and "fixer". Corey Bales and Myrtle Eaton are both from Des Moines, Iowa. Investigation indicates that Myrtle Eaton, immediately upon arrival in Aurora, contacted Corey Bales. Corey Bales has been in Aurora for approximately ten years, until May, 1934. About six weeks after Corey Bales left Aurora, his paramour, Violet Gregg, also left to join him. When Bales left Aurora he is supposed to have been accompanied by one "Gyp" Dwyer, an Aurora gambler.

While Subjects Weaver and Davis were residing at Aurora, Illinois they were frequently contacted by Subject Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, who also appeared friendly with Bales.

It was learned through Mrs. L. R. Lise, Aurora, Illinois, a friend of Miss Anna Olson, a close friend of Violet Gregg, that Anna Olson received a letter from Violet Gregg about three weeks ago, which was postmarked Glasgow, Montana, and the return address was given as General Delivery, Glasgow, Montana. While in Aurora, Violet Gregg and Myrtle Eaton were very close friends. Miss Olson, upon interview, advised that she had heard from Violet Gregg about two or three weeks ago and that Violet had informed her that Corey Bales and "Gyp" Dwyer were operating a gambling joint in Glasgow; that they had met in Glasgow one "Kip" and Gladys, who originally were from Des Moines, Iowa, and who had resided in Aurora five or six weeks ago.

An informant at Aurora, Illinois advised that Volney Davis at that time contemplated opening a beer tavern in either Aurora or Geneva, Illinois, and that Corey Bales was to make the necessary arrangements with the police relative to the gambling end of the enterprise to be opened by him. However, after the appearance of the Bremer ransom money in Chicago, Illinois, Davis and Weaver immediately left Chicago and proceeded to Toledo, Ohio, where their activities are referred to in the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown of reference.

Investigation at Chicago, Illinois resulted in learning that Subject Volney Davis was keeping company with one Helen Burns, a student nurse, in addition to Edna Murray, his regular paramour. Helen Burns advised that about three weeks ago she received a letter from Davis, whom she knew as Everett Davis, postmarked from some point in North Dakota.

Due to the close association at Aurora, Illinois between Subjects Davis, Weaver, Corey Bales and Violet Gregg, and due to the friendship between Corey Bales, Violet Gregg and Myrtle Eaton, it is entirely possible that Subjects Weaver and Davis have joined Corey Bales and Violet Gregg at Glasgow, Montana.

I have been informed by Special Agent J. P. McCarthy, who was formerly attached to the Butte Office, that Special Agent George Costello, presently attached to the Butte Office, has an interest in a hotel at Glasgow, Montana and is probably well-acquainted at that point. It is also my understanding that there is a large Government project in operation at Glasgow, Montana, and that this town is "wide open", due to the swollen transient population.

It is requested that an immediate investigation be conducted at Glasgow, Montana to ascertain if Corey Bales and "Orr" Dwyer are in fact operating a gambling house at that point, and if Subjects Weaver and Volney Davis and their paramours, Myrtle Eaton and Edna Murray, with aliases, are also in Glasgow.

Photographs of William Weaver, Volney Davis and Myrtle Eaton are attached to copies of this letter. Your office is already in possession of a photograph of Edna Murray, with aliases.

Corey Bales is described as follows:

Age	About 50 years
Height	5 feet, 6 inches
Weight	180 to 190 pounds
Build	Heavy
Hair	Dark; mixed with gray
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium; Smooth-shaven.

Violet Gregg is described as follows:

Age	About 40 years
Height	5 feet, 6 inches
Weight	About 145 pounds
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Dark
Peculiarities	Nice-looking and neat dresser.

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Descriptions of Subjects Davis and Weaver, and of Myrtle Eaton, are contained in the summary report of Special Agent E. J. Nicholson of St. Paul, Minnesota, dated August 18, 1934. The description of Edna Murray, with aliases, is already in your possession. It should be noted that her hair is now reported to be bleached blonde.

It is requested that this investigation be given immediate and thorough attention.

Very truly yours,

E. F. COWLEY,  
Inspector.

RDS:EH  
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Att.  
CC: Division  
St. Paul

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/1/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/1/ to 29/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. D. BROWN</b>
TITLE <b>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</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Louis Cernocky died on 9/20/34, after [redacted] had furnished information regarding his harboring members Billinger and instant gangs. James Wilson furnished sworn statements involving subjects "Boss" McLaughlin, Dr. Moran, Gibson and Berg in handling of Bremer ransom money and Dr. Moran's changing fingerprints members Barker-Karpis gang, Willie Harrison, according to Hammond, Indiana, informant, seen at Hammond night of 9/22/34; Chicago office to be advised upon his next appearance. Paula Harmon furnishes more complete statement of this gang's activities. Paula Harmon, Gladys Sawyer and Wynona Burdett released on 9/23/34, [redacted] failed to contact members Barker-Karpis gang night of 9/21/34; her telephone number furnished Ted Angus, Casino Club, Toledo, Ohio, 9/22/34, when Angus advised her he had seen members of the gang that day and would advise them of her call. Madeline Snyder interviewed at Chicago office; failed to furnish information of value concerning subjects or instant case.

## REFERENCE:

Reports Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated 9/19/34 and 9/1/34. Report Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, St. Paul, Minn., dated 9/5/34. Division letter to Chicago office, dated 9/18/34.

## DETAILS:

All offices receiving copies of this report and the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated 9/19/34, are requested to exercise great care not to reveal the sources of the information contained in these reports. **COPIES DESTROYED**

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*S.P. Cawley*

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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The following investigation was conducted and is being reported by Special Agent John L. Madala. During the period Agent Madala made an undercover investigation at Louie's Crystal Ball Room, which is owned and operated by Louis Cernocky at Fox River Grove, Illinois, he became very friendly with [REDACTED]

Agent Madala did not reveal his official status until September 9, 1934, at which time he felt that she could be trusted and would disclose any or all information in her possession which might be of value in this case. At the time agent revealed to [REDACTED] his identity she promised faithfully that she would not divulge this information to anyone. She indicated to Agent Madala at that time that she knew plenty and in this connection would be willing to furnish all information in her possession concerning certain activities which took place at Louie's Crystal Ball Room. At this time it was deemed advisable that she appear at the Chicago Division Office for an interview and accordingly a date was set for September 18, 1934, on which date she had an off day.

On September 15, 1934, Agent Madala received a telephone call from [REDACTED] at the Chicago Division Office and she advised [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She expressed willingness at this time to talk to agent and in this connection asked if Agent Madala would come to her home that evening and see her there. Agent Madala proceeded to her home [REDACTED] on the night of September 15, 1934, and at this time she furnished him with information concerning the appearance of members of the Barker-Karpis gang and the Dillinger gang at Louie's place during the Summers of 1933 and 1934. She indicated that she would be willing to furnish a sworn, signed statement setting forth evidence of harboring charges on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Cernocky and their son, Eddie, and in this connection Agent Madala requested her to appear at the Chicago Division Office on September 17, 1934, for the purpose of making a signed statement concerning the above.

On September 17, 1934, [REDACTED] appeared at the Chicago Division Office at which time she was interviewed by Agent Madala and there is being set out hereinafter a signed statement obtained from her.

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Chicago, Illinois  
September 20, 1934

I, [REDACTED] make the following sworn statement to John L. Madala, whom I know to be a Special Agent of the Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a couple known to me as Bessie and Eddie, and whom I later learned to be Bessie and Eddie Green came to Louie's place and remained there for about two weeks. These people always had a considerable amount of money on their persons, and they spent it freely while at Louie's. After the two weeks stay there, Bessie and Eddie went on a fishing trip up in Northern Wisconsin, and returned approximately a month later, after which they remained only a short time, and then moved to an apartment on South Kedzie Avenue in Chicago, Illinois.

[REDACTED]

Around the time Bessie and Eddie Green were at Louie's place, I saw and met for the first time a girl known to me as Helen, who came there in company with an old woman, whom Helen referred to as 'Mother', and also in their company was a heavily built blond known to me as Nina. I have been shown the photographs of Helen Ferguson and Kate Barker, and I positively identify them as the Helen and 'Mother' respectively, mentioned above. Nina, to my recollection accompanied 'Mother' and Helen only on one occasion, after which Helen and Nina usually came there in company with

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a girl, whom I identify as Myrtle Eaton, photograph of her having been shown to me by Agent Madala.

While at Louie's place, Helen and Nina associated with Bessie and Eddie Green on one occasion, and I am unable to state whether the above named persons had known each other prior to the time they had met there.

The last time I saw Helen Ferguson and Kate Barker at Louie's place was on or about June 12, 1933, at which time Helen drove to Fox River Grove, Illinois in her new Buick sport coupe, and as I recall, she had this car in her possession only a few days at that time.

During June, 1933, two men, one of whom was known to me as Ray and whom I positively identify as Alvin Karpis, and the other as Volney Davis, came to Louie's place quite frequently. They never stayed over night, but merely came there for eats and drinks, and on a few occasions Ray was accompanied by a young girl known to me as Dolores. To my recollection Ray had told me at one time last summer that he was married to this girl. I have never seen Volney Davis with a woman at any time while at Louie's.

With reference to other companions of Alvin Karpis and Volney Davis, I recall that on one Sunday afternoon these two men came to Louie's place, and there met two families, whom I believe had young sons attending a military academy, as I heard them talking about it. I do not know at this time whether Alvin Karpis and Volney Davis came to Louie's place with these people, or whether they met them there, nor do I know where these people came from, or who they were.

I also met a man for the first time known to me as Freddie. I have been shown photograph of Fred Barker, Kansas State Penitentiary No. 9632, and I positively identify this person as the Freddie mentioned above. To my recollection I have only seen this man at Louie's place three times, and I wish to mention the fact that

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I also desire to state that during last summer I met for the first time a man and woman known to me as Frank and Frances Jelly. A photograph of Frank Nash appearing on Division identification order No. 1166, and a photograph of Mrs. Frank Nash, were shown to me, and I positively identify them as Frank and Frances Jelly mentioned above. Frank and Frances lived in Louie's place for a considerable length of time, and appeared to be well acquainted there. Frank, I recall, always wore a toupee, mustache and glasses. The last time I saw Frank and Frances Nash was around the time I last saw Helen Ferguson and Kate Barker, at which time Frances Nash had her young daughter with her.

I have been shown photographs of Vernon C. Miller, Vi Matthias, Arthur 'Doc' Barker, Fred Goetz, Harry Campbell and Bill Weaver, and I am unable to identify any of them as persons I had seen at Louie's place [REDACTED]

I further wish to state that during the summer of 1935, I also met for the first time [REDACTED] a couple known to me as Jimmie and Helena. Agent Madala exhibited to me photographs of Lester M. Gillis, alias George 'Baby Face' Nelson, and Mrs. Helen Gillis, and I positively identify them as Jimmie and Helen above referred to. They visited Louie's place quite frequently during the last year, and always had with them their two children, and sometimes they were accompanied by some old folks, whom I believe were either his or her parents.

[REDACTED]

A few days [REDACTED] a couple, whom I knew as Tommy and Jean, and who were accompanied by 'Baby Face' Nelson, and his wife Helen, came to Louie's place and stayed there for a short time. I have been shown photographs of Tommy Carroll and Jean Delaney, alias Jean Crompton, and I identify them as Tommy and Jean above mentioned. I wish to state this



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was the first time I had seen Jean Crompton, as well as Tommy Carroll. I did not know at this time that Carroll was a fugitive from Justice, and was not apprised of this fact until I had read about it in the newspaper.

A few days after the above four people had departed, a man walked into the kitchen at Louie's place and greeted Mrs. Cernocky as 'Ma'. Louis Cernocky walked into the kitchen with this man

and referred to him as John. After this man had said hello to Mrs. Cernocky, he asked if he could wash his hands, and further inquired if she could prepare him something to eat. Mrs. Cernocky at this time fried a steak for him.

After I had had occasion to view him more closely, that I recognized him as John Dillinger, as I had seen numerous photographs of him in the newspapers. This identity was later confirmed as Daniel Traznik, better known as 'Red', who is the bartender, had apprised me of his identity, and further that while Dillinger was there, Louie Cernocky always referred to him as John.

I further wish to state that while Dillinger was eating his meal in the kitchen Louie Cernocky observed that 'Red' was staying in the bar room during this time.

To my recollection, John Dillinger stayed overnight and slept in the basement, wherein there are located two bedrooms, one of which is occupied by Tony, last name unknown, who is the porter.

A few days later Dillinger returned, at which time he was accompanied by a man and woman named John and Pat. I have been shown photographs of John Hamilton and Pat Cherrington, and I positively identify these persons as the Pat and John mentioned above. I wish to state that this was the first time I had ever met or seen Hamilton, and the second time I had seen Pat Cherrington, as she had at one time previously frequented Louie's place with Mrs. Helen Gillis and Jean Crompton, the exact date I do not know. Later on that day, Tommy Carroll, George 'Baby' Face Nelson, Jean Crompton and Mrs. Helen Gillis arrived at Louie's place.

As stated above Dillinger was not present at this dinner, and I am of the belief that he had his meals served in the basement, as I know that Red had served someone there. I wish to state at this point that I did not see Dillinger on this occasion, but

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circumstances that evening indicated that he was there, as Dillinger is the only person that to my knowledge has ever been served in the basement while at Louis's place, as it is the most inconspicuous part of the building. It appeared that the above mentioned men were playing cards and drinking in the basement that night, as I had observed Red make frequent trips there during the evening carrying bottles of liquor. I am of the opinion that everyone stayed over night that time, and believe that on the next morning Tommy Carroll, Jean Crompton, Tommy and his wife left early, as I recall seeing Pat sitting at the bar alone later, talking with Mrs. Cernocky. I also believe that Hamilton was there at this time, but do not recall whether Dillinger was there, as I had not seen him at any time during this visit.

I am positive, however, that John Dillinger frequented Louis's place a few times thereafter, as I observed Red on these occasions make frequent trips to the basement, and as I stated above Dillinger is the only person to my knowledge who had his food and drink served there.

On or about April 16, or 17, 1934, Tommy Carroll and Jean Crompton and George Nelson and his wife, Helen, came to Louis's place together and remained there up until the morning of April 20, 1934. On the afternoon of April 19, 1934, I met and saw for the first time Homer Van Meter, whose identity I subsequently learned through photographs appearing in the newspaper, and his girl friend, Mickey. I have been shown a photograph of Marie Comforti and positively identify her as the girl known to me as Mickey. They arrived at Louis's place late in the afternoon, and I recall them having dinner with Tommy Carroll, Jean Crompton and George Nelson and his wife. Van Meter and Marie Comforti left late that night, and this was the last time I have seen either of them. I do not know whether Dillinger had visited Louis's place during this period, but it could have been possible for him to have done so without me knowing it.


On the morning of April 20, 1934, [REDACTED] I learned that the entire mob had left, but at that time did not know the destination, nor did I know where they had gone until I read in the newspapers, which also displayed their photographs, that the entire mob except the girls, Jean, Helen, and Mickey, had made their escape from Little Bohemia Lodge in Manitowish, Wisconsin, when that place was raided by Federal Agents.

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I wish to state that immediately after this incident, Louis Cernocky had attempted to conceal all newspapers for a short while thereafter



On or about April 27, 1934, after George Nelson had made his escape from the Indian Reservation at Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin, he drove directly to Louis's place, arriving there late in the evening of April 28, 1934. He was alone at this time, and as I recall had a suede jacket, which together with his trousers and shoes was splattered with mud. He appeared very nervous and remained upstairs most of the time. He stayed at Louis's place for two nights, and on the evening of the second day, a man known to me as 'Al' came to the restaurant and drove Nelson away. I have been shown the photograph of Alfred Van Deyken, Chicago Police No. C-41814, and I partially identify this photograph as that of the man known to me as 'Al'. I wish to state at this point that on the morning of the second day that Nelson was there, while I was in the bathroom, I noticed a piece of paper with writing on it lying in the water in the toilet bowl. I removed this paper, and upon examining it I discovered that same was a get-away chart from the Indian reservation, after which I disposed of it.

A few days later George Nelson again returned to Louis's place, and at this time he was accompanied by Tommy Carroll. As I recall, they were brought there by this man known to me as 'Al', and to my recollection Nelson and Carroll remained there only for a short while, and left driving north. They returned the following day, and at this time I learned that they had come to Louis's place to meet an attorney by the name of Levy, who is from Chicago, and who was to be hired to represent Jean Crompton and Helen Gillis at Madison, Wisconsin, at which place they were held in custody by the Government.

Mr. Levy did not make an appearance at Louis's place on that day, and Nelson and Carroll left, and returned a few days later, at which time they met Levy, who subsequently arrived there. I wish to state that these three men, that is Nelson, Carroll

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and Levy, made arrangements in the kitchen of Louis's place and in the presence of Louis Cernocky and his son, Edy, for Levy to represent the girls at Madison, or to make connections with some other attorney for their release. I believe that quite a sum of money had passed at that time from Nelson and Carroll to Mr. Levy as I had heard remarks among Mr. and Mrs. Cernocky and Red to this effect.

After the above arrangement had been made, Carroll and Nelson left Louis's place, being driven away by "Al", and this is the last time I have seen either of them.

During the latter part of May, 1934, Pat Cherrington and two girls, whom I am unable to identify, visited Louis's place on one occasion, and stayed there for about two hours. I did not know what occasion prompted their visit there, but I observed Pat talking with Mrs. Cernocky and afterwards they both went upstairs, and returned a few minutes later.

I wish to state that some time after the Little Bohemia episode, while returning to Fox River Grove from Chicago, on the train in company with Eddie Cernocky, he warned me that should I ever relate to anyone concerning the above mentioned persons' appearance at their place, I would be sorry for it, indicating possibly that some harm would come to me.

I have read the foregoing statement, which consists of 7 pages, and swear that same is true in every respect and detail to the best of my knowledge.

(Signed) Caroline Corder

WITNESS:

(Signed) J. L. Madala, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

On the morning of September 22, 1934, a confidential informant in the Dillinger case, who is personally acquainted with Louis Cernocky, telephoned the Chicago Division Office and advised Inspector S. P. Cowley that Eddie Cernocky had informed him that his father had died at the Mercy Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, after an operation. Upon receipt of this information Inspector Cowley immediately detailed Agent Madala to proceed to Louis's

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Crystal Ball Room and suggested that [redacted] accompany him if she were willing, for the purpose of covering the place as it was thought possible that some members of the Barker-Karpis gang and Dillinger gang might appear at Fox River Grove, Illinois to offer their condolences to the Cernocky family. Agent telephoned [redacted] advised her of Louie's death and asked if she cared to go with Agent to Louie's place for the above purpose. She stated that under the circumstances she would be more than willing to do as and accordingly Agent Madala proceeded to her home and drove her to Fox River Grove, Illinois. Upon arriving there it was discovered that the place was closed and had been so since Thursday night, September 20th, 1934, on account of the death of Mr. Cernocky. [redacted] however, gained entrance into the place and informed Eddie Cernocky, who was there alone, that she had read an account in the Chicago newspapers concerning his father's death and for this reason she traveled to Fox River Grove by train to offer any possible assistance.

One hour after [redacted] arrival at Louie's place, Agent Madala also gained entrance into his home. As heretofore stated, Agent Madala is very friendly with Eddie Cernocky but he does not know this Agent's official status. Eddie advised at this time that his father had died at the West Side Hospital in Chicago at 8:30 P. M., September 20th, 1934; that the week previous he drove his dad to Janesville, Wisconsin, to visit some friends there and upon their return Mr. Cernocky complained of having pains in his stomach; that he, Eddie, immediately telephoned Dr. Theobald at Cary, Illinois, and informed him of his father's condition. Eddie further stated that the doctor examined his father shortly thereafter, after which he became very much concerned and said that it was absolutely necessary that his father be taken to a hospital immediately for an operation.

Eddie advised that he drove his dad to the West Side Hospital on the morning of September 17th, 1934 and on that afternoon Dr. Hall, who is an associate of Dr. Theobald, performed an operation on him for a rupture; that he appeared to be doing well immediately after the operation, but on Thursday, September 20th, 1934, he became worse and upon further examination it was discovered that he had a strangulated hernia and that a second operation was necessary. According to Eddie, Louie Cernocky was again operated on, this time by Dr. Hall, under a local anesthetic and a few hours later he died.

With reference to the funeral arrangements of Louie Cernocky, Eddie informed Agent Madala that his father's body is lying in state at the Granada Undertaking Parlors, 3500 West Harrison Street,

Chicago, and that he was to be taken to the Bohemian National Cemetery for burial; that the funeral was set for 2 p.m. Monday, September 24, 1934. Eddie further informed Agent Madala that he had just matriculated at the Kent Law School in Chicago, Illinois, but in view of his father's death it will be necessary for him to drop out of school in order to carry on the business.

According to the death notice appearing in the Chicago newspapers, Louis Cernocky, Sr. is survived by his wife, Mary Cernocky, nee Srnka, and his two sons, Louis, Jr. and Edward, and also by Mrs. Frances Salvesson, sister. Mrs. Salvesson, it was learned, owns and operates a tavern in conjunction with the restaurant at Burton's Bridge, McHenry County, Illinois, at which place she is living with her husband, Sam Salvesson.

[redacted] advised Agent Madala that she was going to attend the funeral of Louis Cernocky and in this connection she was requested to be on the lookout for members of the Barker-Karpis gang and Dillinger gang, many of whom she knows personally, and should she observe any of these persons at the funeral she should immediately communicate with the Chicago Division Office.

[redacted] telephoned Agent Madala at his residence on the night of September 24, 1934, and advised that she was in constant company with Mrs. Cernocky and Eddie during the services and burial and also paid particular attention to persons viewing Louis Cernocky's body, and in this connection did not observe anyone involved in this case.

On September 25, 1934, Agent Madala had another meeting with [redacted] and at this time he suggested to her the possibility of her gaining employment at the Club Spanish Inn, which is owned and operated by Louis "Doc" Stacey. It will be noted in [redacted] statement, shown above, that she is known to "Doc" Stacey and in view of this it is thought possible that she might obtain employment there for the purpose of covering Stacey's place for members of the Barker-Karpis gang as it has been previously developed that Stacey is well acquainted with them and had heretofore harbored them. [redacted] expressed willingness to cooperate with the Division in this regard and advised that she will proceed to the Club Spanish Inn within the next few days and contact Stacey for a job. It will be stated at this time that [redacted] is at present in financial straits and has indicated that she would do anything in her power to assist the Government if she could be shown a little consideration in a financial way.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents John L. Madala and C. G. Campbell:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. B. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated September 19, 1934, wherein it is stated on Page 29 that Jimmy Wilson was released from the Chicago Division Office on the night of September 7, 1934, after making a signed statement relating his knowledge of this case. Upon his release Wilson promised that he would make every effort to aid this office in locating Dr. Joseph P. Moran, and that he expected to return to Spring Valley, Illinois to visit his parents. He further promised that he would communicate frequently with this office relative to his efforts to locate Dr. Moran. However, he has not communicated as he had promised.

In view of the information obtained from Paula Harmon and Wynona Burdett, in that Jimmy Wilson had been associated with the Barker-Karpis gang in Toledo, Ohio during the summer of 1934, and the further fact that he had assisted Dr. Moran in the operations on the fingers of members of the Barker-Karpis gang in an effort to obliterate the impressions thereon, it was deemed advisable to cause his re-apprehension.

In this connection, on September 14, 1934 Special Agents C. G. Campbell and John L. Madala proceeded to Peru, Illinois, and there contacted Paul Boland, a brother-in-law of Lucille Wilson, wife of Jimmy. Boland had been at the Chicago Division Office the day previous, at which time he took an examination for the position of Special Agent (A).

Mr. Boland advised that he had visited his mother-in-law, Mrs. Lindemeyer, the night before and learned that Lucille had departed from Peru, Illinois on the morning of September 11, 1934, after some dissension between her and the other members of the family on account of Jimmy; that it is entirely possible that Lucille had gone to live with her sister, Joan, at 33 North Laverne, Chicago, Illinois. He further stated that he had heard that Jimmy Wilson had been at Spring Valley recently but did not know at that time whether he was still in town.

Agents proceeded to Spring Valley, Illinois, and at 117 Cleveland Avenue, Agent Madala, under the pretense of [redacted] b7E  
[redacted] talked with his mother. She advised that Jimmy



left Spring Valley, Illinois on the morning of September 11, 1934 and that he was expected to return in a few days; that she does not know where he went, but that this was not unusual as he had often left her being away for a period of time without her knowing his location.

Believing that Lucille Wilson and possibly Jimmy were living at the home of Joan Mattimore, at 33 North Lavergne Street, Chicago, Illinois, around this time Agents Campbell and Madala proceeded to the above address and there talked with Lucille's sister, Joan. She stated that she has not seen Lucille since she left Chicago after resigning her position at the Madison-Keeler Food Mart; that she had received a letter from her mother in Peru, Illinois, in which her mother stated that she was very much concerned and worried about Lucille as she thought that Lucille was again reconciled with Jimmy; that she was of the opinion that Lucille had gone direct to 33 North Lavergne Street upon her departure from Peru.

Joan advised, however, as heretofore, stated that she had not seen her sister for quite sometime. She further advised that she has no idea where Lucille and Jimmy could have gone as neither of them, to her knowledge, had very much money; that it might be that Lucille went to the home of one of her girl friends who lives at Cicero, Illinois, but she was unable to furnish this girl's name and address at that time.

Agents suggested to Joan that she telephone her mother in Peru that night in an effort to learn whether Mrs. Lindemeyer had received any further information concerning Lucille's whereabouts. Joan stated that she would do so, and in this connection requested that Agents return at 8:30 P.M. that night, at which time she was to put through the call.

Agent Madala again saw Joan at Timis Tavern, at which place her husband, Thomas Mattimore, works, and in Agent's presence she telephoned Peru, Illinois and learned that her mother at that time was at the home of her other sister and that she was not expected back until late. Joan promised Agent that she would again endeavor to call her mother later in the evening and then telephone the Chicago Division Office and advise Agent the results of her conversation with her mother concerning Lucille. However, Joan did not communicate with Agent Madala that evening, and on the following morning Tommy Mattimore called and advised that he had some information which he desired to impart. In this connection, Agent Madala proceeded to the place where Mattimore works and there met Joan, who advised that she had received a telephone

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call from her mother, stating that a Mrs. Frank Brady had informed her that Jimmy Wilson and Lucille had left together with Thomas Moran, a cousin of Jimmy's, and that they drove to Tabernash, Colorado, where they were going to live with Mrs. La Chappelle, who is a sister of Dr. Joseph P. Moran. At this time Joan advised Agent Madala that Mrs. Frank Brady was very close to Jimmy Wilson, and that it might be advisable to talk to her for further information concerning him.

On September 18, 1934, Special Agent C. G. Campbell, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mattimore, proceeded to Peru, Illinois. Agent Campbell contacted Mrs. Lindemeyer and she advised that on the night of September 8, 1934 Jimmy Wilson appeared at their home and stated that he had just been released by the Government; that he at first pretended to be deaf and in this connection exhibited a letter from a doctor, stating that both his ear-drums were ruptured as a result of severe beating and mistreatment. Mrs. Lindemeyer was unable to furnish Agent Campbell the doctor's name or the source of this letter, and advised that to her knowledge Wilson did not appear to be deaf, as he showed no symptoms of being so during his conversation with members of the family.

Mrs. Lindemeyer further stated that Jimmy Wilson had repeatedly warned Lucille to remain inside the house at night and not to sit in front of any windows; that "Slim" Evans (Russell Gibson) had learned that she turned in Ollie Berg to the Government and for that reason was going to kill her, and further warned her not to return to Chicago. He also stated to Mrs. Lindemeyer that "Slim" Evans and Dr. Moran were after him for failing to return \$200.00 of the \$500.00 bill, which was given him by Betty Tracy, the fiancée of Dr. Moran. At this point Mr. Lindemeyer, Lucille's father, stated that when Jimmy appeared at their home he had in his possession approximately \$25.00; that he repeatedly insisted that Lucille should not leave home, but that she replied in this connection that she would be safer in Chicago, Illinois at the home of a girl by the name of Milly, with whom she had worked at the Madison-Keeler Food Mart.

While Agent Campbell was in Peru, Illinois, he suggested that Mrs. Lindemeyer call in person at the home of Dr. James Moran in Spring Valley, Illinois, the brother of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, subject in this case. Mrs. Lindemeyer paid this visit and subsequently advised Agent Campbell that Dr. James Moran had informed her that he had no information concerning Jimmy Wilson or Lucille other than that they accompanied his son, Tommy Moran, to Denver, Colorado to visit his sister, Mrs. La Chappelle.

In this connection, Mrs. Lindemeyer advised Agent Campbell that on the night of September 11, 1934, Tom Moran and Jimmy Wilson called at their home for Lucille and that she left with them, taking all her clothes.

Agent Campbell also suggested at this time that Mrs. Lindemeyer contact Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Brady for further information concerning the whereabouts of Jimmy Wilson and Lucille, as he had previously learned that in view of the Brady's close friendship with Wilson, it would not be advisable that an Agent of this office make a direct inquiry of them. Accordingly, Mrs. Lindemeyer contacted Mr. and Mrs. Brady and learned from Mrs. Brady that Jimmy was taking Lucille to Dr. Moran's sister at Tabernash, Colorado, and that he was contemplating leaving her there, but did not know where he would go after doing so. According to Mrs. Brady, Wilson stated that they would drive straight through and probably arrive in Denver in about three days.

Mrs. Brady further advised Mrs. Lindemeyer that during Jimmy's last visit at home in Spring Valley, he always stayed in the barn, which is located in the rear of his house, and that he only entered the house when his mother thought it was safe; further, that his mother cut all the laundry marks from his clothes. She further stated that when Lucille left Peru, she faithfully promised to write to Mrs. Brady, and in this connection Mrs. Brady stated that any communication received by her from Lucille would be given to Mrs. Lindemeyer.

For the information of the file, Frank Brady is employed by a railroad (name unknown) at Peru, Illinois, as a switchman or brakeman.

Special Agent Campbell contacted the Assistant Postmaster at Peru, Illinois, and placed a cover on all mail going to Mr. and Mrs. Brady, 511 West Street, with instructions to forward tracings direct to this office.

At the suggestion of Joan Mattimore, who advised that possibly one John Esal of Peru, Illinois might have information concerning the whereabouts of Jimmy Wilson and Lucille, Agent Campbell talked with Esal in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Mattimore, and he advised that he had seen Jimmy and Lucille recently and that they had told him that they were leaving for Denver, Colorado on Thursday, September 13, 1934. However, he was not sure of this date.

Upon receipt of the above information, Special Agent R. D. Brown telephoned the Denver Division Office and advised that it was as-

It is entirely possible that Jimmy Wilson and his wife, Lucille, were at present residing with Mrs. La Chappelle at Tabernash, Colorado, and in this connection requested that an immediate investigation be made at that point for the purpose of taking Jimmy Wilson into custody, as he is now carried as a subject in this case.

On September 23, 1934, Special Agent in Charge Jay C. Newman of the Denver Division Office telephoned Chicago and advised Inspector S. P. Cowley that Jimmy Wilson was located at Tabernash, Colorado, and that he was taken into custody by the sheriff there. Further, that Wilson had consented to accompany an Agent of the Division to Chicago, Illinois for questioning. On the same date, this information was teletyped to the Division.

This office received a telegram from the Denver Division Office on September 23, 1934, advising that Special Agent J. D. Swenson was proceeding to Chicago, Illinois in company with Jimmy Wilson, and in this connection Inspector S. P. Cowley instructed Special Agents W. C. Ryan and W. R. Lorry to meet the plane at the airport and bring Jimmy Wilson to the Chicago Division Office.

Wilson was interviewed by Special Agent John L. Madala, and at the outset of the interview Agent asked Wilson why he had not communicated with this office after his release. He stated that he was under the impression that he was to communicate with this office only in the event he had information concerning the whereabouts of Dr. Moran, and in view of the fact that he had not obtained any, he did not call. He stated that he had no intentions to again hide away from the Government, and that his reason for taking his wife, Lucille, to Tabernash, Colorado, was to protect her from "Slim" Evans, as he had learned that "Slim" had made statements to the effect that he would kill Lucille, inasmuch as she had put Ollie Berg on the spot. He further stated that when he left Spring Valley, Illinois on September 11, 1934, he told his mother where he was going and that should any Agent of the Government make any inquiries about his whereabouts she should tell them only after they displayed their credentials to her.

The following signed statement was obtained from Jimmy Wilson:

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF COOK

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

I was born in Spring Valley, Illinois on November 8, 1907. My father's name is James W. Wilson, who is by occupation, a mining engineer. He resides in Spring Valley, Illinois with my mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, and my sister, Elizabeth Wilson. I was graduated from the Spring Valley, Illinois High School in 1927 and obtained employment at the Western Clock Company, LaSalle, Illinois, in 1927, where I was employed until 1931 as a chemist. I was married to Lucille Lindemeyer of Peru, Illinois in 1930. Mrs. Wilson and I moved to Chicago, Illinois during the latter part of 1931. We first lived with her aunt, Mrs. Paschell, on the west side of Chicago. I became separated from my wife during the latter part of 1931. I then resided for approximately two months at my uncle's house, James Barrowman, 5555 Gladding Street, Chicago, Illinois. It was while residing with my uncle, James Barrowman, that I first met Dr. Joseph P. Moran in Chicago. Dr. Moran's brother married my mother's sister. I met Dr. Moran on this occasion at a party at which time I explained to him that I wished to study medicine and that I had no employment at the time. Dr. Moran suggested that I come to live with him and assist him in his office. This was either in February or March of 1932. I moved to Dr. Moran's room at the Westlake Hotel in Maywood, Illinois. Dr. Moran's office was then located in the Teamsters and Chauffeurs Union Building on Main Street, Maywood, Illinois. Dr. Moran had a very good practice and represented in his professional capacity, members of the before mentioned union.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

I do not recall what "Curly" told "Slim" at this time but immediately after this, "Curly", "Slim" and I drove away. As I recall, "Slim" and I drove in his Ford coupe and "Curly" followed us in a 1929 or 1930 model light Buick sedan, black in color, with wooden spokes in the wheels. We drove to a nearby point, the location of which I do not recall, and there observed Bill sitting in a 1935 Chevrolet coupe which I believe was black in color. Bill was alone at this time, and upon observing "Slim", "Curly" and I, he drove on ahead and "Slim" and I followed him to the place we had previously visited. "Curly" did not follow us to Bill's house at this time and I do not know where he went.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

When I arrived at the hotel, "Slim" was in the company of a girl in Room 234, which we had rented for a few days for parties. He had a few drinks and then "Slim" left and I sent this girl home in a cab, after which I went to room 218 and found Dr. Moran sitting in a chair drinking. I also observed "Slim" there at this time. However, he remained only a short while, and after he left, "Doc" Moran made the remark that this was the "blow-off", and that he was getting out. While in this room I noticed headlines appearing in the local newspapers reflecting "Boss" McLaughlin's arrest in connection with the changing of Bremer ransom money in Chicago, and I immediately formed my own opinion as to what had happened, although "Doc" Moran and I did not discuss the matter.

I helped "Doc" Moran get dressed, after which I drove him to the home of Ollie Berg, who was living at 5248 North Winthrop Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, going there at the request of Dr. Moran. Ollie was at home upon our arrival, and he helped me at this time to take care of Moran, who was still very drunk, and the next morning when Dr. Moran sobered up, the three of us, that is, Ollie Berg, Dr. Moran and myself talked about getting out of town in view of previous happenings and in this connection Dr. Moran suggested that I go to Toledo, Ohio, as I had previously mentioned to him that I had an aunt there and also that I might find refuge at the home of one "Shorty" as I had been there previously. I agreed to go to Toledo, and upon leaving, Dr. Moran indicated that he would see me there in a few days. Ollie Berg concurred in the opinion of Dr. Moran that I go to Toledo at this time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

On or about July 6, 1934, Wynona returned to the St. Vincent Hospital for another operation. While she was confined there, Harry Campbell went to a cottage on Lake Erie, the location of which I do not know, and while he was away, I lived at his house in Toledo alone.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Signed) JAMES J. WILSON

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

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

Helen Dunkel  
Notary Public.

With reference to the fingerprint operations performed on members of the Barker-Karpis gang, Jimmy Wilson furnished an additional signed statement in that connection, which is as follows:

Chicago, Illinois  
September 25, 1934.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(SIGNED) JAMES J. WILSON

WITNESS:

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

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

Helen Dunkel,  
Notary Public.

On September 25, 1934, two copies of each of the above statements were transmitted to the Division and two copies of the first statement were transmitted to the St. Paul Division Office with the request that same be taken up with the United States Attorney at St. Paul with a view to having him consider the advisability of issuing a subpoena for Jimmy Wilson immediately for his appearance before a grand jury in St. Paul, Minnesota in connection with this case for the purpose of placing his testimony on record. The original copies of these statements are being retained in the Chicago Division Office files.

After Jimmy Wilson had made the above statement, Agent Madala inquired of him why he had fabricated statements to Agent Brown at the time of the first interview by him, and he advised that he is in fear of "Slim" Evans and the Barker-Karpis gang, and for that reason did not dare to divulge any information whatsoever concerning them.

The following information was obtained by Special Agent J. V. Murphy from Jimmy Wilson:

On the night of September 26, 1934, while Agent Murphy was in conversation with Jimmy Wilson, he stated that while in Toledo, Ohio, during either April or May, 1934, "Doc" Barker often went to The Casino with a girl whose first name is Mildred, but whose last name is unknown to him; that "Doc" would pick up Mildred at her residence on Collinwood Avenue, number unknown; that he, Jimmie, drove to Mildred's residence once or twice with "Doc" Barker, and if he ever saw the house again he would recognize it. He stated "Doc" went out with Mildred about ten times. Jimmie describes Mildred as follows:

Age about 24 or 25 years,  
Height about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches,  
Weight, probably 110 or 115 lbs.,  
Slender build,  
Brown hair, believe bobbed,  
Fair complexion,  
Does not wear glasses,  
Neat dresser.

Jimmie also stated that "Doc" Barker also partied at The Casino with one Marie on one occasion; that Marie is employed as a cook at The Casino, but he does not know her residence address. Jimmie described Marie as follows:



Age about 30 to 32 years.  
Height about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches.  
Weight about 180 to 195 lbs.  
Well built.  
Hair Dark brown.  
Dark complexion.  
Does not wear glasses.  
Neat dresser.

Jimmie stated that on several occasions he accompanied "Doc" Barker to houses of prostitution located on Ontario Street, Toledo, Ohio; that "Doc" frequented one particular house, which is a two-story red brick house the second house from the corner on the right hand side of the street going towards the business district; that the house sets back a little ways from the sidewalk and has a small porch on front, with two or three steps up to the porch from the cement walk which leads in from the sidewalk of street. Jimmie stated that "Doc" did not "play" any particular girl in this house, but went with first one and then another; that the landlady at this house is about 50 years of age, medium build and had dark hair; that he did not hear her name called and did not hear the names of any of the girls who practiced their trade in this house. He stated that he does not know of any houses of prostitution or prostitutes in Chicago or Aurora, Illinois, that "Doc" Barker called on, as he did not accompany "Doc" on any of his visits in Aurora or Chicago, and Toledo is the only place he accompanied "Doc" to see any girls.

The following investigation was conducted and reported by Special Agent John L. Madala.

On September 19, 1934, Special Agent in Charge William Larson of the Detroit Division Office telephoned and advised that an investigation at Sandusky, Ohio, at which place Harry Campbell, Wynona Burdett, Bill Weaver, Myrtle Eaton, Volney Davis and Edna Murray lived during the summer of 1934, developed that two young girls, named Winnie and Betty, lived with Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton for a short time; that Bill Weaver or Myrtle Eaton was supposed to have brought these girls from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, the exact date unknown. He further advised that the persons in Sandusky, Ohio who had occasion to observe the above people in this case stated that they had seen a closed-in Ford truck frequently stop at the cottage previously occupied by Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdett. Mr. Larson stated that he had also received information to the effect that some of the mob while in Sandusky, Ohio, were negotiating for a farm located somewhere in Canada but could furnish no other information in that connection and that he had learned that a man named Noonan, who was in the employ of a private detective agency in Toledo or Cleveland, Ohio, was the person responsible for the procurement of the criminal record of Charles Carroll alias Charles Winterhalter, found in the home of Paula Harmon and Fred Barker at the time the girls were arrested in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Larson suggested that Wynona Burdett be confronted with the above and that any information she might have in her possession along these lines be obtained.

On September 19, 1934, agent Madala proceeded to the apartment on Sheridan Road where the three girls were being held in custody, and there talked with Wynona Burdett concerning the above. She advised with reference to Winnie and Betty that she had seen these two girls on numerous occasions while in Sandusky, Ohio; that they were living with Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton at that time; that the names of these girls are Betty and Winnie and both are about fourteen years of age. She advised that they always referred to Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton as "Uncle" and "Aunt", but she was unable to state on whose side these girls are related. In this connection attention is invited to the report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated August 16, 1934, which mentions that "Doc" Eaton had furnished agents of the St. Paul Division office the information that Winnie Eaton is his niece and that she was for a short time living with him at Burlington, Wisconsin; that at the time agents interviewed "Doc" Eaton in Burlington, he advised that Winnie was then living at Des Moines, Iowa, but no information was set out showing her exact location in that city.

Wynona further advised that she does not know when or from where Bill Weaver or Myrtle Eaton brought these girls to Sandusky, Ohio, and that as she recalls, both Winnie and Betty left Sandusky at the time Bill and Myrtle left for parts unknown.

With reference to the Ford truck frequently seen at the cottage occupied by Wynona Burdett and Harry Campbell, Wynona stated at first that she did not recall any person coming to their home in such a car; that the only people who visited them while in Sandusky were members of the mob whom she had heretofore mentioned in her statement, and in her opinion she does not believe that any of these people had come there in a truck. After some thought Wynona stated that she does recall that the bakery man who came there almost daily was driving a closed-in Ford truck, and it is possible that this is the car which Mr. Larson had reference to.

Relative to the farm in Canada, Wynona stated that she does not know of any negotiations between members of the mob for such a farm; that it is entirely possible, however, that someone could have been negotiating for such a farm without her knowledge.

Agent Madala asked Wynona if she were acquainted with or ever heard the name Noonan or Charles Carroll alias Charles Winterhalter mentioned among any members of the mob and in this connection she advised that she had not; that the above names are unfamiliar to her, and further that she does not recall any member of the mob having anything to do with a private detective agency either in Toledo or Cleveland, Ohio.

Agent Madala exhibited to Wynona Burdett a photograph of Edward "Speedy" Wilhite with aliases, St. Louis Police No. 19734, but she was unable to identify same as the party she referred to as "Speedy" in her statement.

Photographs of G. J. Fitzgerald with aliases, William Weisman, Lester M. Gillis alias "Baby Face" Nelson, Kate Barker, Dick Galafas, Edward Bents and Ernest R. Johnstone were likewise exhibited to Wynona Burdett. She was unable to identify any of the above photographs as of persons she had ever met during her acquaintanceship with Harry Campbell. She further advised that the names, Homer Wilson alias "Big Homer" and Gus Stone are unknown to her.

With further reference to Willie Harrison, whose name she mentioned on numerous occasions in her statement, Wynona stated that she does not know what particular connection he had with members of the

Barker-Karpis gang; that he always acted more or less in the capacity of a "flunky", and that he usually traveled in the company of Alvin Karpis or Fred Barker in Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio.

A description of Willie Harrison, as obtained from Wynona Burdett, is as follows:

Name	Willie Harrison
Age	37
Height	5'7" 47 1/2
Weight	160 lb.
Build	Heavy set
Hair	Sandy
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Florida
Beard	Smooth shaven
Nationality	Scottish

With reference to the description of automobiles in possession of members of this mob in Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio, Wynona stated that to her recollection Arthur "Doc" Barker was driving a 1934 Chevrolet Coach, either black or deep blue in color with black wire wheels; that Bill Weaver was driving a dark green 1933 or 1934 Chevrolet Coach the last time she saw him, and that Volney Davis was driving a Ford Tudor sedan, black in color; that Harry Campbell owned a 1934 Ford V-8 Coupe, which he purchased in Toledo, Ohio shortly after his arrival in that city. She advised that all of the above cars bore Ohio license plates.

Wynona advised at this time that while Ollie Berg had visited them in Toledo, Ohio, he had in his possession numerous diamond rings which he endeavored to sell to both the male and female members of this mob; that Harry had purchased from Ollie Berg a diamond ring which she now has in her possession, for \$50.00, and that as she recalls, Berg also sold diamonds to other members of the gang. She advised that she does not know where Ollie Berg had obtained possession of these diamonds and in that connection she stated she did not care.

With reference to the apartment building in the vicinity of 63d and University Avenue, where Paula Harmon, Edna Murray and herself lived during the latter part of January and early part of February of this year, Miss Burdett described same as a three-story buff brick building. In an effort to ascertain the exact location of the above mentioned apartment building, Special Agent R. G. Gillespie proceeded to the vicinity of 63d and University Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on September 12, 1934, and observed that there is an apartment building answering the description of that furnished by Wynona Burdett at 6234-36 University Avenue, the name

of which is the Biltmore Apartments, with a sign in front advertising one, two and three room furnished apartments. Agent Gillespie made no direct inquiry at the above place, due to the fact that Wynona Burdett had previously furnished the information that the manager of the building was friendly to members of the gang who had previously resided there.

At the Jackson Park Post Office substation, 6315 Langley Avenue, agent Gillespie contacted Superintendent R. P. Wenthe, who advised that the regular mail carrier who covers 6238 University Avenue was ill and not at work. However, Mr. Wenthe furnished the information that the present manager of the Biltmore Apartments is L. A. Reinert. He could furnish no other information with reference to Mr. Reinert, nor could he advise as to the ownership of the building.

The following investigation was conducted and reported by Special Agent A. A. Muzzey.

Under pretext agent Muzzey visited the Biltmore Apartments and ascertained that Mr. Reinert is acquainted with a Willie Harrison, who, according to Paula Harmon's statement, directed Edna Murray to this apartment building for an apartment, and to which apartment Paula Harmon came upon her return from St. Paul in the latter part of January, 1934. It was further learned that Willie Harrison, known to the old lady interviewed under pretext, was known to Mr. Reinert as Billie, and that he was connected with the Lexington Hotel located at 22d and Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and that Harrison was not now in the city, the party interviewed believing him to be in Canada. She further stated that he was expected back in Chicago about Sunday, September 30, 1934, or Monday, October 1, 1934. It was deemed inadvisable to further interrogate this old lady for fear of arousing suspicion inasmuch as agent Muzzey had pretended to be a friend of Willie Harrison, and the conversation between the writer and the old lady was concluded at this point.

Agent Muzzey called the Lexington Hotel by telephone and casually asked for Mr. Harrison and was informed that William Harrison was the Assistant Manager of that hotel; that he was out of town and was not expected back before the first of next month.

Further investigation as to the possibility of definitely identifying Mr. Harrison as the Willie Harrison indicated by Paula Harmon's statement is being held in abeyance pending contact with a confidential informant at Hammond, Indiana, who is making an effort to locate the Willie Harrison referred to.

The Biltmore Apartments, a buff brick building, caters almost exclusively to transients, and it was learned by agent Muzzey that rental apartments at that place can be had only on a weekly rental basis, and a parking space for automobiles in the rear of the apartment is available to tenants. It has not been definitely established that this is the apartment building to which Paula Harmon came and that it was in this building that Edna Murray, under the name of Davis, rented an apartment. The old lady interviewed, when asked whether she remembered an Edna Davis as having lived there, stated that she did not recall the name because of the fact that there were so many transient tenants having lived in this apartment building. Indications are that this is possibly the apartment building inasmuch as previous investigation of it has been made by agents of the Chicago Division office.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, dated September 19, 1934, which records an unsigned statement made by Paula Harmon.

Questioning of Paula Harmon was continued, and on Saturday, September 22, 1934, she furnished a more complete statement. On Sunday, September 23, 1934, Paula Harmon signed this statement and after doing so Gladys Sawyer signed the statement previously made by her, which is contained in the reference report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated September 19, 1934. After the signing of these statements, Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdett and Mrs. Gladys Sawyer were requested, and did sign, the following certificate:

"This is to certify that I, (each of the three) have been in the company of Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, since September 9, 1934, of my own free will and choice, in an effort to co-operate with this organization in the solution of certain crimes". The property of these women was then returned to them, after they had signed the appropriate receipts for same, which are being retained in the Chicago office files. Mrs. Sawyer had \$50.00 and Paula Harmon had \$600.00 in addition to other personal effects, which was returned to them before being released. Each of the three women stated a desire to obtain their property at Cleveland, Ohio and then return to their respective homes. They were released on Sunday, September 23, 1934 at 6:30 P.M. and were accompanied to the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, where Paula Harmon registered under the name of Silvia Gray and Wynona Burdett and Mrs. Sawyer registered under the name of Mrs. Williams and daughter.

The following signed statement was furnished by Paula Harmon:



Chicago, Illinois  
September 22, 1934

I, PAULA HARMON, age thirty, make the following voluntary, sworn, signed statement to R. D. 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 Demorest, Georgia, a town of 500 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 1918, 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) Galatas, 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.



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 one 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 Mc Cormick, Francis Keating, alias Jimmy, Lillian Holden, Marge Keating, Laurence DeVol, Herb Wilds, who is a garage mechanic, "Doc" and Myrtle Eaton, Tommy Gannon 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 very 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-

casion, previous to Charles Harmon's death. We, 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, 1932. 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 5, 1933, 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 "Doc" Barker, brother of Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, Eddie 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 for 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 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 to 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 home. 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 Jap 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 Sankey and Gordon Alcorn 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 Hollyhocks 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 180 to 190 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 Hagen kidnapping 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 around, 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 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 Volney 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 16 or 17, who is in the custody of his mother's aunts 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 reformatory 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 Ziegler and others. While at this cottage I also recall that Russell Gibson, alias "Slim" Gray, visited us. We were also visited on numerous 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 and 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 Murray, 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 approximately a week when they moved to 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 this hotel at which time he had with him a man whom I had 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 1935 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 walls. 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. C. 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 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 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 Purdy came to live with me. The boys were gone at this time for about 2 weeks and when they returned they had a considerable amount of money.

About 4 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. Fred Barker and I returned to St. Paul, Minnesota in his new Buick Sedan. Harry Campbell and Wynona returned to St. Paul in Fred'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 Hollyhock Inn where Fred and I spent the night. The next day Fred and I rented an apartment at 628 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, 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 St., 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. 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. He appeared to be a very good friend of Myrtle and Bill Weaver. He also was 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 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 woman 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 17, 1934, many such meetings took place.

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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 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 I had cooked the day before. After cleaning the apartment, Fred 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 to Chicago, 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, who believed was living there under the name of Davis and Wynona 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 Wynona and myself. I now believe that Edna may have had some small part in connection with the kidnaping of Edward George 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. We were 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 Ziegler 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 me at this time that it would not be long before the boys would all be back. About 3 or 4 days later Volney Davis and Harry Campbell drove up 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 Stony Island Avenue, under the name of Bradford. I now recall that when Volney Davis called to see us at 43rd 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 Stony 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 4905 Summit Avenue in Toledo. That night Dolores and I stopped at some Toledo hotel. During the day we purchased furniture at the LaSalle and Cook Furniture company under the name of Bradford. We stopped at this hotel for two nights, during which we called 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 Edna 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 of 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 Edna 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 Stony Island Avenue in Chicago, herein 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 using 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 at that time.

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 understood 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.

While in Toledo, 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 William Harrison, before referred to, was with Fred and Arthur Barker and myself one evening and he introduced us. I believe Al's last name was Yonkers. 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 Barker 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 10515 Parkhurst Drive. Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney had been in Cleveland approximately a week before our arrival. They resided in an apartment at 3812 West 159th Street.

Harry Campbell and Wynona continued to remain 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 in 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 pounds.

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 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 Barker 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 Kimerick, 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, Adam Recheff, 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 UP 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, who 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 the 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.

(Signed) Paula Harmon

Witnesses:

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U. S. Department of Justice,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 23rd day  
of September, 1934.

James J. Metcalfe,  
Notary Public.

Paula Harmon was closely questioned concerning Edna Murray with aliases, and she advised that this individual is now wearing blonde hair giving the appearance of being dyed. She furnished the information that Edna Murray once told her that she had escaped from the Jefferson, Missouri Penitentiary and that her home was somewhere in Kansas, the name of the town not being remembered by Paula. At another point in this report there will appear further information concerning Edna Murray. Photographs of Edna Murray have been submitted to all field offices and the Division.

Paula Harmon was then questioned concerning one Noonan or Charles Carroll, alias Charles Winterhalter, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Police Department No. 1043, whose criminal record was found in one of the houses occupied by members of this gang at Cleveland, Ohio. Paula stated she had never seen this criminal record and had never heard any of the members of the gang speak of this man.

Paula was then shown the notebook found in her residence at 4419 West 171st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, which appears to be a getaway chart from a bank robbery, but she denied ever having seen this notebook and stated the writing therein is not the writing of Fred Barker. She is unable to identify this writing.

Paula was then asked if any member of the gang possessed a portable typewriter and she readily stated that Alvin Karpis had a portable typewriter and when any of the members of the gang desired any typewriting done that he did it.

Reference is made to a letter from the Detroit Division office to the Nashville, Tennessee office dated September 11, 1934, in the case known as "JEDIL", in which it is stated that the signature of Mrs. Harmon L. Osgood had been tentatively identified at the Division Laboratory as being the handwriting of Paula Harmon, who secured two sets of 1934 Tennessee license plates at Murfreesboro, Tennessee on April 9, 1934. Paula Harmon advised that she has never been in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and that on April 9, 1934 she was residing with Fred Barker in Toledo, Ohio. She further stated that she has never seen John Dillinger, John Hamilton or Lester M. Gillis.

Paula Harmon was closely questioned concerning her knowledge of other crimes committed by members of the Barker-Karpis gang. She was especially questioned concerning the robbery of the Third Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota, the Fairbury, Nebraska bank robbery, the Cloud City bank robbery, Concordia, Kansas, the murder of Sheriff Kelley at West Plains, Missouri, and the robbery of the Post Office at South St. Paul, Minnesota. Paula denied knowing anything concerning these crimes but stated that members of the gang may have been involved in these robberies but she knew nothing concerning them.

During the two weeks questioning of Paula Harmon she, at times, appeared to be very much concerned about Fred Barker's life, and continually wanted to know if there was any doubt but what Fred Barker would be tried in connection with the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer rather than be turned over to some State for trial on a murder charge where he might be electrocuted. It is believed that the information furnished by Paula Harmon was obtained, to a large extent, due to her fear that Fred Barker, whom she apparently cares a great deal about, might be called upon to stand trial for murder at some point where he would be given a death sentence. She stated she would much prefer to have him tried in Federal Court on a kidnaping charge, which she believes carries only a maximum sentence of life rather than in connection with a murder charge in State Court.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated September 2, 1934.

Both Mrs. Sawyer and Paula Harmon were questioned concerning their knowledge of a shop lifter by the name of Helen Hall, daughter of Dr. Henry Hall, 636 Lowry Building, St. Paul, Minnesota. Neither of these women could recall ever having heard of a shop lifter by this name. Paula Harmon advised she had often had long conversations with Myrtle Eaton with reference to her shop lifting activities and girls associated with her in this racket, but stated she had never heard her mention the name of Helen Hall.

Paula Harmon was shown photographs of Tommy Carroll (deceased) and she advised she had never seen Carroll but understood he was married to a sister of Dolores Delaney. She stated Carroll has no connection whatsoever with the Bremer kidnapping gang to her knowledge.

She was also further questioned concerning "Panama", who, according to Victim Bremer, frequented the hideout house and was often referred to by the persons who held him. Paula advised that she had never heard this name before and could offer no information relative to the identity of this man.

She was also questioned at length concerning information she might have heard from members of the underworld relative to the Kansas City massacre but was unable to offer any further information other than what appears in the report of reference of this Agent dated September 19, 1934. She stated she had heard of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, but had never seen him and had never received any information indicating that he may have been associated with subjects of the Kansas City massacre case.

She was again further questioned concerning Adam Hochetti, a person known as "Big Phil" or Homer Wilson, Gus Stone, alias Stevens, and was unable to offer any information concerning them.

She was also questioned concerning the death of George Ziegler, alias Fred Goetz, and stated that she had heard members of the Barker-Karpis gang talk about this man's death but overheard no conversation which would indicate the identity of the person who killed him.

One evening while questioning Paula Harmon, it was rather cold in the Chicago Division office and she made some remark to the effect that she had intended to spend the winter in Florida but that she guessed her plans would be changed. At a later date she was questioned concerning whether or not members of the gang had contacts in Florida and she advised that she had never heard of them speak of Florida.

Paula was further questioned concerning any conversations she may have overheard between members of the gang with reference to their purchase of a farm in Canada, but stated she had never heard any conversation along this line.

She was shown a photograph of Edward "Speedy" Wilhite, with aliases, St. Louis Police No. 17734, but was unable to identify same as anyone she had ever seen before.

Paula stated that on the occasion of one of Ollie Berg's visits to her apartment in Toledo, Ohio, he had in his possession a number of diamond rings which he endeavored to sell to both the male and female members of the mob; that Fred Barker had purchased one of these rings for her, paying Berg \$50.00 for it. She knows that Wynona Burdett also purchased one of these rings. She stated she has no idea concerning how these rings came into Berg's possession.

All photographs of alleged associates and members of the Barker-Karpis gang were shown to Paula Harmon at various times and she was unable to identify them other than those which she identified as reported in the reference report of this Agent dated September 19, 1934.

On Monday afternoon, September 24, 1934, these three women left Chicago, Illinois for Cleveland, Ohio in order that they might obtain certain property belonging to them. Details concerning their visit at Cleveland, Ohio will be reported by the Detroit Division office.

As indicated in the reference report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated September 19, 1934, confidential informant [redacted] had an appointment to meet members of the Barker-Karpis gang in front of Sears, Roebuck and Company's store located at 79th and Kenwood Streets on the night of September 21, 1934 at ten P.M. She was there in accordance with the understanding but members of the gang failed to keep the appointment. When she first contacted Fred Barker at Toledo, Ohio, September 11, 1934 and the appointment made to meet her at that place on the night of September 14, 1934, he told her that if he failed to appear on that night that she should go to the same place at the same time on the following night. Accordingly, she went to the same place on the nights of Saturday and Sunday, September 22 and 23, 1934 but no one put in an appearance.

On the night of September 22, 1934, after she returned to her apartment she, at the suggestion of Agent, placed a call to the Casino Club operated by Ted Angus at Toledo, Ohio and advised him that "Doc" had told her that he would meet her Friday night in Chicago but that he had failed to keep the appointment and that she was concerned as to their welfare. She gave him her telephone number, Mohawk 1340, and requested that he give this number to members of this gang in order that they might get in touch with her. Angus, at that time, advised her that he had seen members of the gang that afternoon. He did not, however, indicate which member and the informant did not ask for names, stating that it was not customary among associates of this mob to mention their names over the telephone.

Not hearing anything further from Ted Angus, she again called him on the night of September 25, 1934, at which time he advised her that he had not seen any of the boys since he had talked with her on September 22, 1934, but would give them her telephone number as soon as he was able to do so, and that either they or he would give her a ring.

After the informant met "Doc" Barker and Slim Gray in Chicago on the night of September 14, 1934 and was questioned by "Doc" Barker as to whether she had been arrested by the Government, the informant was quite concerned as to whether they would make any further contact with her or whether they would kill her, but since talking to Ted Angus she feels relieved and believes that there will be further contacts. She stated that Ted Angus was very sociable with her over the telephone and that had members of this gang believed that she had been arrested and that she had lied to them, that they would have probably advised Ted Angus not to give her any information whatsoever and that he would have been curt with her over the telephone.

The present status of this matter, however, is just waiting, pending further developments. If the informant does not hear from Ted Angus soon she will again call him by telephone and will make some inquiries here in Chicago if deemed advisable.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents T. G. Melvin, and R. T. Noonan, of the St. Paul Division Office during the period of September 15 to 17, 1934. It will be noted from the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated 9/19/34, that on September 14, 1934 Paula Harmon and Mrs. Harry Sawyer, accompanied by Special Agents R. D. Brown, K. H. McLaughlin, A. G. Schumacher, R. T. Noonan and T. G. Melvin, made a tour of the lake region in the vicinity of Grays Lake, Round Lake and Long Lake, Illinois, for the purpose of pointing out cottages where members of the gang had previously resided.

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 advised 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 Mrs. Gordon during the summer of 1933 (this is the name under which Paula Harmon and Fred Barker lived at Long Lake). Iverson accompanied Agents Melvin and Noonan 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 that 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 "Curley" 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, 5'5", 125 lbs., blond. 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 that 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 (Buckholz 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 week end 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 phone 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 ad-



vised 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 week end 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 Noonan and Melvin had an opportunity to observe her just as she was leaving, and she is described as follows: Age, about 22, 5'6", 140 lbs., 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, gray 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 344-354, 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 Highway's State 21 and US 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 Blvd., Chicago, Ill., 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 Blvd. 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 Blvd. 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 week ends.

The above information was furnished to 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 investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. G. Schuss:

Agent Schuss proceeded to 4809 Washington Blvd., Chicago, Illinois, and found that this address is a two-story gray brick building with flats on both floors. Due to the nature of the investigation no inquiry was made at this address at this time.

Agent Schuss then proceeded to the Oak Park Hospital, located at 525 Wisconsin Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, in order to determine whether or not Helen Burns is a nurse in training at that institution. Sisters Roseline and Timothy were interviewed and stated that Helen Burns had been in training there since September 5, 1931, and would soon complete her course. They also stated that during her entire period of training Helen Burns had an excellent record both as a scholar and as to morality. They stated that Miss Burns resides continually at the hospital. The records of this hospital furnished the following information as to vacations and time off with reference to Miss Burns:

In 1932 she received a vacation period from August 11 to August 28.

In 1933 from February 25 to 27 Miss Burns was ill and was at home. From April 25 to 29 she was again ill and at home, and from July 7 to 22 she spent another vacation period and returned to the hospital to be operated on July 31 for appendicitis, remaining at the hospital until August 17 and then went home and remained until August 17 and then went home and remained until September 11, recuperating from said operation.

The last holiday in this particular year was for two days, December 2 and 3.

In 1934 she was away from the hospital April 5, 6, and 7; and again she was ill at home, May 21 to May 27.

During the time Miss Burns has been in training she has had numerous half days' off but these particular periods are not recorded in the files kept by said sister Timothy.

The sisters also advised that Miss Burns had very few personal friends and only one close friend, she being Marion O'Meara, mentioned heretofore.

Upon instructions from Inspector Cowley Agent Schuss then requested Miss Helen Burns to accompany him to the Chicago Division Office. During the travel from Oak Park to Chicago Miss Burns mentioned the fact that her gentleman friend, who was to call for her at 5 o'clock that day, would be somewhat disappointed at not finding her home. It was later determined that this gentleman friend is one Sterling Hawkins, residing at 496 Oak Park Avenue, Kimburest, Illinois.

Referring to the information submitted by Special Agents Noonan and Melvin regarding a 1933 model Oldsmobile tudor sedan, light green in color, Agent Schuss found this car parked in front of 4209 Washington Blvd, bearing Illinois license 563-754.

The following information was furnished Inspector Cowley by Miss Helen Burns when interviewed at the Chicago Division Office on September 20, 1934.

Helen Burns advised the date of her birth was September 12, 1912 at Highmore, South Dakota. Miss Burns was shown photographs of Subjects Volney Davis and Arthur R. ("Doc") Barker, and identified the latter photograph as being that of a man known to her as "Joe", and the former as being a good likeness of a man known to her as Everett Davis, whom she met on July 12, 1933 at Long Lake, Illinois, where he was living in a cottage. She stated she went for automobile and boat rides with him at Fox Lake, Illinois, located near Long Lake; that she saw him again the next evening at which time they played cards at the Long Lake cottage. She advised that she returned to Chicago on the next day, after which date she worked for approximately two weeks at the hospital, during which time she saw Davis one evening when she accompanied him, at his invitation, to the Lattice Inn on Mannheim Road. She advised that at this time he was driving a 1933 model Ford coupe. She stated that the next time she saw Davis was while she was a patient in the Oak Park Hospital, about two weeks later when he came to visit her; that a short time after leaving the hospital Davis and "Joe" called to see her at Marion O'Meara's house, 5091 Jackson Blvd., this being on a Sunday afternoon. She advised that on this occasion Davis and Joe took them to a tavern on Milwaukee Avenue near the Wisconsin State line, the name of which she was unable to recall.

Miss Burns said that on Labor Day, 1933, Davis called her and they spent the evening at the Villa Venice, a roadhouse on Milwaukee Avenue, near Wheeling, Illinois, and while driving home from

this roadhouse she and Davis parked in his car for a short time near Bellwood, Illinois; that while there Davis was arrested for parking without lights and was taken to the Bellwood Police Station. She advised that she did not go into the Bellwood Police Station, but it was necessary for Davis to pay a fine of \$25 which he was supposed to be able to collect the following day, but that he told her that he did not intend to return for it.

Miss Burns advised that later in September Davis called her again and stated he had a surprise for her and asked permission to meet her in front of the nurses' home the following day, which she did. She advised he was driving a Ford V-8 Coach on this occasion which he told her belonged to his sister. She stated Davis drove to a tavern on the south side of Chicago and then to an apartment, which he told her belonged to his sister and cousin who were in the city at that time. She stated that they then went to the 51st Street Gate of the World's Fair and picked up these two girls, at which time one of the girls was introduced to her as his sister. She stated that these two girls were driven to the Loop section where they left Davis' automobile and she and Davis then proceeded to the Lattice Inn, where they had dinner and later returned to her home.

Miss Burns advised that approximately one month later Davis again called her and took her to the Lattice Inn for dinner, at which time he gave her an address in Minnesota which she is unable to recall, where she would correspond with him, which she did on two occasions. Miss Burns attempted to refresh her memory as to the town in Minnesota to which she directed her letters to Davis, but was unable to do so. She advised that early in November she saw him again, at which time they went for a drive; that on this occasion Davis informed her he was very fond of her, but that something had happened in his life that made it impossible for him to be with her as much as he liked, but that he was going to work hard until everything was cleared up and then he could talk seriously if she cared to.

Miss Burns stated that she did not hear from him again until late in January, 1934, when she received a letter from him from some point in Nevada, at which time he informed her that he would see her soon. She advised that early in February he again called at the nurses' home, at which time he took her to the Lattice Inn for dinner. She stated that early in March, 1934, he called her several times, on which occasions he was very obliging in assisting her in doing various things for Marion O'Meara, who was preparing to go to a sanitarium for her health. She stated that on these occasions he was driving a Buick sedan. She stated that early in April she received a telegram from Davis advising that he had been to see Marion O'Meara at the Naperville

Sanitarium, where she was a patient, and that he would come to see her the next day, which he did. On this occasion she stated Davis drove her to the Naperville Sanitarium to see Marion O'Meara, after which they proceeded to the Lattice Inn for dinner. She advised that on this occasion, while at the Lattice Inn, Davis told her he was very much in love with her and asked her to marry him if everything turned out all right in July. (It should be noted at this point that Davis obtained a leave of absence from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary which was due to expire on July 1, 1934.) Miss Burns advised that she asked Davis to tell her about the difficulty he was in, but he refused to do so until the next time he saw her. She stated that about a week later Davis again called her and took her to the Lattice Inn, at which time he presented her with an engagement ring, and told her he was a victim of circumstances, but everything was going to turn out all right as he was not guilty. She advised that Davis failed to give her the details of his difficulty.

Miss Burns advised that the next time she saw him was on June 12, 1934, when she received a telegram from him advising that he was coming to Chicago. She stated that she was unable to recall the city from which this telegram emanated. She advised that upon his arrival they went for a ride and returned to the nurses' home, and the next day Davis sent her flowers for graduation from some point in Ohio, which she was unable to recall.

Miss Burns advised that in August, 1934, she again saw Davis at which time he told her that he would be forced to give her up as he was not the kind of company she should keep; that he was unable to straighten out his difficulty; that he had previously mentioned. She advised that on this occasion Davis took her to the Airdome Tavern for dinner; that when Davis took her to the nurses' home that evening he told her that he would never see her again, but that she might hear from him occasionally. She stated that at this time Davis was driving a Chevrolet truck, the license plates of which she was unable to recall.

Miss Burns advised that on September 6, 1934, she received a letter from Davis postmarked from some town in North Dakota; that in this letter he informed her that he was going away and he might be able to arrange to see her before he left.

Miss Burns advised that Davis had requested her to destroy all letters and telegrams which he had sent her, and she had, therefore, destroyed the letter she had received from North Dakota. She stated, however, that she would attempt to obtain the name of the town appearing on the postmark of this letter from her friends at the hospital, who are also student nurses and who had been permitted

to read the letter. On the following day Miss Burns informed Special Agent Schuss that she had talked with her friends who had seen the letter, but none of them were able to recall the name of the person.

Miss Burns advised Inspector Cowley that she had no idea regarding the identity of Davis, and that he always conducted himself in a gentlemanly manner, and that she was very fond of him. She advised that she had never met any of his friends other than the person referred to as "Joe" and whom she identified as being Arthur R. ("Doc") Barker; that on the occasion of their first meeting at Long Lake, Illinois, she and Miss O'Meara were playing with a large beach ball, and this ball was accidentally blown some distance out into the lake. She stated that Davis and Joe were also bathing and volunteered to get the ball for Marion and herself, and this was the manner in which they became acquainted. She advised that she would be very willing to cooperate with the Government and would immediately telephone the Chicago Division Office should she again hear from Davis.

Miss Burns has a very wholesome appearance and seems to be trustworthy and cooperative. She was requested by Inspector Cowley to call the Chicago Division Office every second day and advise whether or not she had heard from Davis. She has kept her promise to date, and Special Agent Schuss will interview her again on Monday, October 1, 1934, for the purpose of continuing her contact with the Chicago Division Office.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. G. Schuss, on September 24, 1934:

This investigation is predicated upon a letter received from Special Agent A. R. Miller, of the Kansas City Division Office, dated 9/21/34, from the Jefferson City, Missouri Penitentiary. Special Agent Miller forwarded direct to the Chicago Division Office photographs of Edna Murray, alias Welma Tippetts, alias Welma Champaign, alias Edna Sullivan, alias Doris Farrell, alias Edna Grace, Missouri State Penitentiary #28973. Special Agent Miller advised that Edna Murray was received at the Missouri State Penitentiary on 12/3/25 from Jackson County, Missouri, to serve 25 years for the crime of robbery. She escaped from that institution on December 13, 1932. Special Agent Miller in his letter of transmittal advised that correspondence records of that penitentiary showed that Edna Murray had been visited by one Harry Knight, a brother from Rockford, Illinois. Special Agent Miller advised that he recalled, from working in the Chicago Division Office, an attorney in Rockford, Illinois, by the name of Harry Knight.

Special Agent Schuss proceeded to Rockford, Illinois, and interviewed Assistant Chief of Police Homer Reed, and learned that Harry Knight had not lived in Rockford, Illinois, since about 1930; that Assistant Chief Reed obtained this information from the City Directories dating from 1927 to 1934. Mr. Reed advised, however, that there is a William D. Knight, a former State's Attorney, now practicing law in Rockford, who resides at 2015 Clinton Street with his wife and family. Mr. Reed called Bob Nash, former law partner of William Knight and an introduction was arranged for Agent Schuss.

Assistant State's Attorney Nash advised that Knight has two sisters, namely Mrs. W. F. Stevens, residing in Harvard, Illinois, and Mrs. Bayard Johnson, residing in Monroe, Michigan, and a brother Arthur Knight, who died in 1924. Mr. Nash advised Agent that he is positive these two sisters are married and are living at the location stated. He also advised that there has never been a Harry Knight who has been an attorney at Rockford. Agent was advised that William D. Knight is very highly regarded throughout that section of the country, and has lived in Rockford all of his life, and is known as a "Big Ten" conference official, and in addition to his reputation as a lawyer.

Agent Schuss then called upon William D. Knight and learned from him that to his knowledge there never has been an attorney in Rockford by the name of Harry Knight. Mr. Knight was then shown a



photograph of Edna Murray, with aliases, and he advised that he had never seen this person; that he had never had any dealings with her and that he had never visited the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri.

At the Rockford Post Office G. H. McMahon, Foreman, was interviewed and he advised that a Harry Knight had lived in Rockford, Illinois, in 1929 according to the City Directory, and was listed therein as a polisher at the Sandstrand Corporation; that Harry Knight at that time lived with Albin E. Peterson, 1417 - 12th Avenue, Rockford. He advised the Sandstrand Corporation no longer operates in Rockford, Illinois.

Albin E. Peterson was then interviewed and advised that a Harry Knight resided with him in 1929; that this Knight had lost his wife during that year and started drinking heavily. He advised that during the latter part of 1929 Knight left his residence and was seen by him only once thereafter approximately one month later. He advised that he could offer no information whatsoever as to places where Knight has resided or the names and addresses of his relatives.

Mail Carrier Percy Downing was then interviewed and he stated that he recalled that a Knight had lived at 1417 - 12th Avenue in 1929, but had resided there for only three or four months, that when he left he furnished no forwarding address. He searched the files of the Rockford City Post Office for a forwarding address without results.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R.D. Brown with reference to Willie Harrison, contact of the Barker-Karpis gang, as is disclosed in the statements of Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdett, and Mrs. Harry Sawyer.

Mr. W.G. Leazenby, 430 Highland Street, Hammond, Indiana is a cousin of Agent Brown's wife. He has resided in Hammond for the past ten years, and is an accountant for the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad. He is also connected with the Junior Republican Club of Hammond, and due to this connection is widely known at that point.

Leazenby advised Agent Brown that he has known Willie Harrison for approximately three years; that Harrison formerly operated a saloon on State Street, Hammond, Indiana during the years 1930, 1931 and 1932. He advised that Harrison is originally from St. Louis, Missouri. He stated he has not seen Harrison since January or February, 1934, when he saw him on numerous occasions at various taverns located on State Line Avenue and State Street in Hammond. Leazenby further reported that he has played golf with Willie Harrison; that Harrison is a very good golfer and a golf enthusiast. Leazenby promised to contact various bartenders and tavern keepers where he knows Willie Harrison has frequented, and advise Agent Brown.

On Sunday, September 23, 1934, Leazenby telephoned Agent Brown, and advised that he had made a contact with a tavern owner on State Line Avenue, who had promised to call him immediately should Willie Harrison appear; that on Saturday night, September 22, 1934, while he, Leazenby was away from his home this informant called him, but was unable to reach him; that the following morning he talked with the informant, at which time the informant said Willie Harrison was in his place at about 10:30 P.M. Saturday night, September 22nd; that Harrison failed to state his present address, but advised he had been in St. Louis, Missouri to visit his parents. He also stated that Harrison left his saloon, advising he was going to Chicago. Leazenby has made regular nightly visits to various taverns on State Line Avenue, Hammond, Indiana, and up until the time of writing this report, no one has seen Harrison since Saturday night, September 22nd, and the operators of the taverns have been unable to advise Leazenby as to where Harrison is at the present time, although they have advised Leazenby that Harrison has recently made known that he intends to open up another tavern in Hammond soon. Special Agent Brown on the night of September 27, 1934, accompanied Leazenby to various

taverns and saloons in Hammond, without results. It is believed that as soon as Harrison makes his appearance in Hammond again Leazenby will be immediately advised, and will in turn advise Special Agent Brown.

Leazenby has stated that Harrison formerly stayed at the Savoy Hotel at Hammond, and that while there sometime during February of this year, 1934, a girl jumped out of the window of his room; that he immediately left Hammond and has been cautious since that time in making his appearance in Hammond. However, Leazenby has advised that he has secured information to the effect that Harrison has been able to fix this case in some manner, as the girl was not permanently injured. He described Harrison as follows:

Willie Harrison  
Age: 35 or 36 years  
Height: About 5'8" or 9"  
Weight: 160 to 170 lb.  
Build: Medium heavy; broad shoulders  
Hair: Sandy red  
Eyes: Brown  
Complexion: Sandy

He advised that Harrison chews tobacco continuously, and talks out of the corner of his mouth.

Leazenby advised Special Agents McRae and Connor, when they interviewed him on September 24, 1934, that Willie Harrison is indebted to him to a small extent, and that he believes any inquiries he may make concerning Harrison will not cause Harrison to be suspicious. The taverns, which, according to Leazenby will be most likely visited by Harrison, are located at 630 State Line Avenue, 100 State Street, Calumet City, and the 300 Club located at 300 State Street, Calumet City, Illinois. The towns of Calumet City and Hammond adjoin each other at State Line Avenue.

The surveillance at the Woodlawn Safety Deposit Company vaults, 1180 East 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, where Mrs. F.E. Gordon has a safety deposit box is being continued. No results have been obtained to date. Special Agent W.C. Ryan is presently at this deposit company.

Reference is made to a letter from the Kansas City Division office dated July 20, 1934, attached to which was a memorandum submitted by Special Agent V.D. Garvey of the Kansas City office, requesting that the Chicago Division office check the alleged arrest of Clyde Nimerick in Ft. Wayne, Indiana in May, 1932.

Special Agent W.J. Devereux on September 11, 1934, interviewed Sergeant Frank Father in charge of the Identification Bureau of the Ft. Wayne Police Department. Sergeant Frank Father advised Special Agent Devereux, after searching his records that his department never had in custody a Clyde Nimerick, and knew nothing about him other than the fact that a Wanted Notice had been furnished his bureau from the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department. Sergeant Father said his records would reflect any arrest of Nimerick if he in fact had ever been arrested in Ft. Wayne. Clyde Nimerick's photograph was exhibited to various officers of the Ft. Wayne Police Department, but none of them were able to identify him as being a man ever in their custody.

It should be noted that the Ft. Wayne, Indiana Police Department has a reputation of having a very fine record system, and for many years has fingerprinted all arrests.

Special Agent C.O. Hurt conducted the following investigation on September 18, 1934 in Aurora, Illinois. In this connection, reference is made to the report of Special Agent R.D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated September 1, 1934, concerning Guy M. Walls, 359 Galena Boulevard, Aurora, Illinois.

Mrs. J.H. Nance, 365 Galena Boulevard, was interviewed by Special Agent Hurt with reference to persons residing at 359 Galena Boulevard. She said she did not know a great deal about these people, but they have a lot of company, who apparently are not permanently employed.

Mrs. Nance said that during the early part of the summer, there were numerous new automobiles observed at the Walls home, and that the occupants of these cars always seemed to have several suitcases, and that none of them ever stayed at the Walls home more than three or four days. Some of them just spent the night and went on. Recently, however, there has not been very much company at the Walls home.

Mrs. Nance remembers distinctly on one occasion during the early part of the summer she was awakened by a noise in the basement of the Walls home about 5:00 A.M., and from her bedroom window, which is located on the east side of her house next to the Walls home she could see four or five men in the basement of the Walls home. They all seemed to be stirring around quite a bit and talking rather loudly, but she was not able to understand anything said.

On the night of September 17th, Mrs. Nance said that a man about 5 ft. 10 or 11 inches tall, apparently middle-aged, wearing a grey suit and a hat of some kind, arrived at the Walls home in the early part of the evening and spent the night there, leaving the morning of the 18th. Mrs. Nance said this man was driving what she thought was a brand new sedan of some kind, dark in color, which was parked in the rear of the Walls home. Mrs. Nance said she believed that this same car has been there on several occasions. Mrs. Nance was asked to observe this car a little closer and try to obtain the kind of car and the numbers of the license plate the next time it shows up at the Walls home. She said she could do this as the car was always parked just a few feet east of her rear door and that she could get this information without causing any suspicion.

Mrs. Nance was shown photographs of all subjects and suspects in this case, but was unable to identify any of them.

Mrs. Nance remembers on several occasions that there were as many as four or five men and four or five women at the Walls home at one time, mostly in the early part of the summer.

While at Aurora, Special Agent Hurt interviewed John [redacted]

Mr. Fuller, manager of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, was also interviewed relative to telephone calls at the Walls home, and stated that there had been no long distance telephone calls in the last thirty days prior to September 10th.

Agent Hurt also talked to J.W. Reiland, captain of the police, and he said that he would detail Lieutenant Andy Anderson, who works the night shift, to keep a close watch on the Walls home, and that if anything showed up at any time he would call the Division office.

Special Agent C.O. Hurt is personally acquainted with Mildred Strove, a former wife of Doc Thompson, who was formerly a member of a gang called the Russell Gibson gang of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mrs. Strove had previously furnished Special Agent Hurt valuable information while Special Agent Hurt was a member of the Oklahoma City Police Department. It was thought that Special Agent Hurt, if he was able to contact Mildred Strove at Kansas City, Missouri might obtain further valuable information from her concerning the present whereabouts of Russell Gibson and other members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

On September 19, 1934, Special Agent Hurt proceeded to Kansas City, Missouri, but upon arrival there, found that Mildred Strove had married a man by the name of Thomas Patterson, who was a traveling salesman, and who now resides somewhere in the suburban district in Kansas City, Kansas. Special Agent Hurt was unable to locate the present address of Mildred Strove. Agent Hurt interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Harry Strove, 1609 Grand Ave., Kansas City, Missouri, and both advised that Mildred Strove travels a great deal with her husband, and probably would not return to Kansas City until Thursday night, September 27, 1934. Arrangements were made with Mr. and Mrs. Strove for them to deliver a letter in care of them for Mildred Strove Patterson.

On September 25, 1934, after Agent Hurt's return to Chicago, a telegram was received by Agent Hurt from Mrs. Mildred Strove Patterson requesting him to write her at 1609 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. Agent Hurt wrote Mrs. Patterson a letter immediately upon receipt of this telegram, requesting her to cooperate with him in securing all possible information concerning the present whereabouts of Russell Gibson with aliases, and other members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

The following investigation is reported by Special Agent John L. Madala.

Reference is made to Division letter, dated September 18, 1934, suggesting that Charles Grosscurth be again interviewed and vigorously questioned concerning his knowledge of the Barker-Karpis gang, especially his dealings with Alvin Karpis and Fred Goetz alias "Shotgun" Zeigler.

On September 21, 1934, Special Agent A. G. Schuss proceeded to Grosscurth's place of business, which is the Liquor Dealers Supply, at 2211 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, and requested that he appear at the Chicago Division office for questioning. He stated that he had expected to work until 7:00 P. M. that evening and that he would come to the office immediately thereafter.

Charles Grosscurth telephoned the Chicago Division office at 8:30 P. M., September 21, 1934, and talked to Special Agent V. W. Peterson in the absence of Inspector Cowley and agent Brown, at which time he requested, in view of the lateness of the hour, that he be allowed to come to the Chicago Division office on the following morning. However, it was deemed advisable to interview him immediately, and accordingly Special Agents John L. Madala, A. G. Schuss and W. C. Ryan proceeded to Grosscurth's residence at 6820 South Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois, and brought him to the Chicago Division office.

Grosscurth was immediately fingerprinted by Special Agent Ryan, and at this time he admitted that he has a previous criminal record, stating in this connection that he was sentenced in 1921 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to serve two years and pay a \$10,000.00 fine for violation of the National Prohibition Act. He served his sentence in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. Grosscurth's fingerprints are attached hereto to copies of this report for the Division.

Agents exhibited to Grosscurth a photograph of Fred Goetz with aliases, and he positively identified same as being identical with a man known to him as George J. Zeigler, a bootlegger. He advised that he first met Zeigler during the winter of 1931 and 1932 at Havana, Cuba, during which time he, Grosscurth, was manager of the Mill-Creek Distillery Co. located at Puentes Garndeas on the outskirts of Havana. He advised that he met Zeigler through one Henry Marks of New York, who, as he recalls, brought Zeigler to Havana, Cuba to purchase some liquor. According to Grosscurth, Zeigler at that time was engaged in liquor traffic between Havana, Cuba and various points in the United States.



Grosscurth further stated that Zeigler remained in Havana for only a few days and then went to Miami, Florida; that prior to his leaving he gave Grosscurth his telephone number in Miami and stated that he should call him as soon as he arrived in town. Grosscurth was contemplating making a trip to Miami on business in a few days at that time. He further stated that when he arrived in Miami, Florida shortly thereafter, he immediately telephoned Zeigler and he and his wife went sabareting with Zeigler and his wife that evening. He advised that the first name of Zeigler's wife is Irene but has no information concerning her. At this point Grosscurth stated that a close friendship developed between Zeigler's wife, Irene, and his wife, and after the above meeting they were in the company of each other frequently. Grosscurth further stated that his subsequent relations with Zeigler were usually business and that he frequently saw him in Havana, Miami, Florida, and on a few occasions in Chicago, Illinois.

Grosscurth advised that he sold his interest in the Mill-Creek Distillery Co. in January, 1934, and moved from Havana to the Country Club Hotel, 6830 South Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois; that this hotel is managed by Blanche McClure, who is a sister of his wife, whose maiden name is Helen McClure. He advised that while he was living at this hotel, George Zeigler and his wife, Irene, paid them frequent visits. When questioned as to how Zeigler learned of his address in Chicago, Grosscurth stated that he believed he obtained it through his wife, who had been corresponding regularly with Mrs. Zeigler about this time.

With reference to the Auburn sedan of Alvin Karpis, Grosscurth stated that on one occasion during the latter part of February or early part of March, 1934, Zeigler came to the hotel and asked whether he, Grosscurth, wanted to buy an automobile, indicating that he had one for sale. Grosscurth at that time possessed an early model Buick sedan which always was in need of repairs, and in view of this he showed some interest in the proposition. According to Grosscurth, Zeigler informed him that the car belonged to a friend of his who was desirous of selling it, and in view of the fact that he had knowledge that Grosscurth was financially able and in the market for a car, he consequently submitted this proposition to him. Grosscurth indicated that he told Zeigler that he might purchase the car and in that connection an agreement was made whereby Grosscurth was to pay Zeigler \$400.00 for the car if he were satisfied with it, and in this connection Zeigler informed Grosscurth that the car was stored at the Maxfield Garage, 6919 Stony Island Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Grosscurth stated that he went to the above garage the following day in his Buick automobile, obtained the Auburn and left his car at the garage for repairs; that thereafter he used the Auburn almost daily and always kept it in his garage which is located at 7115 Exchange Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, near the Country Club Hotel.

When questioned regarding to whom he ultimately disposed of the car, Grosscurth at first stated that about the second week in May, 1934, Mrs. Zeigler came to the Country Club Hotel and asked him for the Auburn. At this time he had knowledge of Goetz' criminal activities, having read of same in the newspapers in connection with his death at the time he was shot by gangsters in Cicero, Illinois. Grosscurth stated that in view of the above, he gladly turned the car over to Mrs. Zeigler as he did not want to be mixed up in any criminal scandal. He advised that after he gave Mrs. Zeigler the Auburn, it was the last time he saw it and as far as he knows, she still has it in her possession. He indicated at this time that that was all the information he had concerning the automobile in question.

The above mentioned agents repeatedly insisted to Grosscurth that he was not telling the truth and was withholding certain information, whereupon Grosscurth indignantly stated, "If it's the car you fellows want, I'll get it for you but I must have a week's time".

After further questioning along this line, Grosscurth finally admitted to agent Schuss that he turned the Auburn car in question over to Elmer M. Judd, a used car dealer at 4143 Cottage Grove Avenue, as a favor to Mrs. Zeigler, who made the request of him to do so, as she was desirous of getting rid of it. Judd, according to Grosscurth, is a very good friend of his, and in this connection he did not want to divulge his name at first as he did not want him to get mixed up in this matter. Grosscurth stated that he did not receive any consideration whatsoever from Judd for this car, and that as far as he knows, Judd sold same to a relative of his, the name of whom he did not know. When asked why he did not make any efforts to collect from Judd on the sale of the above car, Grosscurth stated that the car did not belong to him, and as he presumed that same belonged to Zeigler, he did not want any consideration for it as he surmised the car was "hot" in view of Zeigler's past criminal connections. At this time he emphatically denied the true identity of Zeigler as Goetz, and further stated that he was the most surprised person in the world when he read the newspapers concerning his criminal activities; that he always had thought of Zeigler as an upright man of good character.

Agents still believed that Grosscurth was not telling the truth in many respects, and in this connection Special Agents W. C. Ryan and John L. Madala proceeded to the home of Charles Grosscurth, 6820 South Shore Drive, Chicago, and there interviewed his wife. Grosscurth remained at the Chicago Division office in company with agent Schuss, who continued to question him.

Mrs. Grosscurth advised that her home is in Galion, Ohio; that she married Charles Grosscurth about five years ago; that they have a four-year old boy, who is at present living with them. These agents had occasion to observe this youngster, and noticed that he has light hair and blue eyes.

Mrs. Grosscurth furnished substantially the same information as did her husband relative to their meeting and subsequent association with the Zeiglers. She furnished the additional information that she was very close to Irene Zeigler but denied corresponding with her regularly; that George and Irene often visited them at the Country Club Hotel during the early part of 1934, and that they at no time visited them at their home; that she is of the opinion that the Zeiglers were living on Garfield Boulevard around this time.

She stated, with reference to the Auburn car, that to her knowledge Zeigler had offered to sell same to her husband for \$400.00 and that he had contemplated buying it if she gave her consent. She emphatically denied knowing William Lohman, which is an alias of Alvin Karpis, who was the original owner of the above car, and in this connection she stated that she presumed all the while that Zeigler had title to the car.

Mrs. Grosscurth further stated that while her husband had the Auburn in his possession on trial, she drove it on one occasion to Galion, Ohio, to visit her folks; that the car consumed such a large amount of gas and oil, she became thoroughly disgusted with it, and upon her return to Chicago she advised her husband that she did not think it advisable to purchase the car; that to her knowledge sometime later her husband turned the car over to Mrs. Zeigler and that was the last she saw of it. Mrs. Grosscurth stated that at that time Irene told her that she was going to Rochester, Minnesota, for treatments at the Mayo Brothers Clinic, after which she expected to proceed West, probably to San Francisco. She stated that after Mrs. Zeigler left Chicago she received a letter from her from Rochester, Minnesota, and that was the last she had heard of or seen her.

When questioned as to whether she and her husband were ever in St. Paul, Minnesota, during the past two years, Mrs. Grosscurth stated that they were in that city for a few days during August, 1935; that she and her husband had been in Canada for a few weeks and on their way to Chicago they stopped in St. Paul for two nights; that while here they visited with Leon Glickman and his wife and also saw Morris Roisman at this time. She further stated that on one occasion they went cabaretting at the Hollyhocks Inn, which is owned by Jack Pfeiffer, who is also known to her.

With reference to their acquaintanceship and association with Leon Glickman, Mrs. Grosscurth stated that Glickman, Morris Roisman, and Charles Haim of New York and her husband were in partnership in Havana, Cuba, at which place they operated the Mill-Creek Distillery, which corporation was dissolved in January of this year.

Agent Madala exhibited to Mrs. Grosscurth all photographs of the Barker-Karpis mob but she was unable to identify any of them with the exception of Fred Goetz as persons known to her.

It might be stated here that Mrs. Grosscurth is deaf in one ear but otherwise she appears very intelligent; that recently she and her husband left the Country Club Hotel and moved to the new residence, which is a large eight-room apartment located at 6820 South Shore Drive. She advised that they previously had their furniture stored in Miami, Florida and that they had expressed it to Chicago about two weeks ago, and same is now located in the above apartment.

After the interview with Mrs. Grosscurth, agents Madala and Ryan proceeded to the Chicago Division office and questioned Charles Grosscurth, particularly concerning his association with Leon Glickman and Morris Roisman, whose names have heretofore been mentioned on numerous occasions in the Keating and Holden and Kanno files. He advised that he has been acquainted with these individuals for over ten years, having met them through his liquor operations; that about four years ago Glickman, Roisman, Haim and himself incorporated in Havana, Cuba under the trade name "Mill-Creek Distillery"; that upon repeal of Prohibition in this country, they anticipated a large decrease in business, as prior to that time the majority of their liquor sales was to the states, and in view of this they thought it advisable to dissolve.

As a point of interest, Grosscurth advised that in 1925 Morris Roisman was kidnaped in Chicago, Illinois, and that he, Grosscurth, was selected as the go-between; that no ransom was paid at this time and in this connection he named Roisman's kidnapers as Solly Weisman and Abe Ginsberg.

With further reference to Alvin Karpis' Auburn automobile, Grosscurth reiterated the above information in that connection and emphatically insisted that he had told the truth and all he knew concerning it.

Attention is invited to the report of Special Agent in Charge E. P. Guinane, San Francisco, California, dated July 21, 1934, which sets out information obtained from Irene Goetz with reference to the above Auburn automobile, in that Fred Goetz had arranged for Charles Grosscurth to take over the Auburn sedan and that Grosscurth was to pay \$400.00 to Goetz for the car, which amount was to be turned over to Karpis. It will be noted that there is no information in that report which indicated any probable acquaintanceship between Charles Grosscurth and Alvin Karpis.

The following investigation was conducted and reported by Special Agent A. G. Schuss.

Agent Schuss interviewed Elmer Judd, car dealer, at his place of business, 4143 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on the morning of September 27, 1934. From him it was learned that one Charles Grosscurth had turned an Auburn 12-cylinder car over to him with the information that the car was for sale. Judd advertised the car in local papers with no results, and finally disposed of it to a cousin of his, C. A. Williams, formerly of 999 Lake Shore Drive, and the salesman of Dunbar and Gibson Co. at that time, now residing at 1215 - 5th Avenue, New York City and employed by the Hildrick Company, makers of applejack, in New York City.

From an examination of the certificate of title turned over to Judd, it is noted that the title is registered in Mrs. C. Grosscurth's name at the address, 880 South Market Street, Galion, Ohio. The certificate reads further, "Affiant further states under oath that the within described motor vehicle was acquired by purchase from W. B. Lohman, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, on May 16, 1934, as evidenced by assignment on that date to Mrs. C. Grosscurth, owner, or grantee of title issued to the said W. B. Lohman, State of Illinois, dated May 16, 1934, which original certificate and assignment is hereby exhibited to the Clerk of Courts of Crawford County when this statement was presented for filing".

The certificate is signed, "Mrs. C. Grosscurth", and is notarized by Grace Thomas, Notary Public of Crawford County, Ohio. In regard to this certificate of title, it is agent Schuss' opinion that this car was taken to Ohio for the purpose of obtaining said certificate, which can be done in that state without showing a bill of sale from a prior owner.

Further information gained from the interview brings to light the fact that the manufacturer of this car is the Auburn Motor Company, manufacturer's number 1198-A, engine or motor number EB-1527, 46.87 H. P.

Judd has known Grosscurth since 1924 or 1925 and has sold him two or three Lincoln automobiles during this period. Judd further remarked that Grosscurth, in his opinion, is very honest and straightforward and in dealings with him has found him very satisfactory. Judd telephoned Grosscurth on September 26, 1934, with reference to obtaining Mrs. Grosscurth's signature or endorsement to the certificate of title mentioned above in order that he, Judd, may transfer said title to the present owner, O. A. Williams. During his conversation with Grosscurth, the latter stated that his wife would be in on the afternoon of September 27, 1934, to make said endorsement, at which time Judd would give her a check for \$450.00, the price at which he agreed to sell the car for Grosscurth originally.

During this interview, Judd stated that his telephone conversation with Grosscurth on September 26, 1934, brought forth the information that Federal men had interviewed Grosscurth regarding the Auburn car in question.

Agent Schmitt questioned Judd as to Lohman, Goetz and other subjects of the Bremer case, and Judd disclaimed knowledge of any of these particular individuals, and also failed to identify any of the pictures shown him regarding this case.

On September 27, 1934, Madeline Snyder, formerly a friend of Paula Harmon was located through Mrs. Anna Stone, 511 Cornelia Avenue, Chicago, and Mrs. Snyder voluntarily came to the Chicago office, where she was interviewed by Special Agent J.R. Welles.

Madeline Snyder stated she met her husband Jack Snyder in Chicago in 1924, and that they were married either the 17th or 18th of November of that year in Mississippi. At that time, Jack Snyder was running liquor. After they were married they lived at the Hawthorne Hotel and the Lincoln Park Hotel in Chicago. In 1928 they moved to San Antonio, Texas where they stayed until the spring of 1929. From San Antonio they moved to Kansas City. Mrs. Snyder was sure that this was in June, 1929, as she said that it was at the time when Ben Barrett was killed in the LaSalle Hotel at Kansas City. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder stayed at Kansas City about a month, and then went to Iowa and stayed at Mr. Snyder's father's farm during the summer. During this summer a boy was born to Mrs. Snyder, whom they named Jack, Jr. Following the birth of this child they returned to Chicago. This was in the fall of 1929. From 1924 to the spring of 1930, Jack Snyder continued to run liquor. In the spring of 1930 they moved to Toronto, Canada where Snyder took up the occupation of caulker. - He was in this business for himself, which business consisted of some process of caulking between window casings and the adjoining wall. From Toronto, Canada, they moved in the fall of 1930 to Niagara Falls, where Snyder continued his occupation of caulker. In the early spring of 1931, Mr. and Mrs. Snyder and their child moved to St. Paul.

Mrs. Snyder first met Charles Harmon and Paula Harmon in Chicago at Jack Snyder's speak-easy, located at 513 North State Street. This was in 1928. The Snyders and the Harmons associated together a good deal at that time. Harmon was in Leavenworth at the time that Jack Snyder and his family moved to Toronto. The next time that Mrs. Snyder saw Charles Harmon was in 1931, when they moved to St. Paul from Niagara Falls, as stated above. Mrs. Snyder said that at this time, they moved to St. Paul so as to be near Charles Harmon and Paula, and they lived in the same apartment house on Lincoln Avenue. She said that two or three days before the Kraft State Bank robbery at Menominee, Wisconsin, in which Charles Harmon was killed, she and her husband and child returned to Chicago. They lived in Chicago a short time, and then moved to Kansas City, where they stayed until the first of the year of 1932. They then moved to Omaha, Nebraska, where they stayed until the spring of 1932. In the spring of 1932, Mrs. Snyder



took her son Jack, Jr., and went to Port Arthur, Texas to visit Paula Harmon. She said at that time Paula was living at Lake Charles, Louisiana, and no one was living with her. She stayed with Paula until June 1, 1932, and then returned to Chicago, where she met Jack Snyder. The last time Madeline Snyder saw Paula Harmon was in Beaumont, Texas, where she was staying with Paula. Paula had moved to Beaumont from Lake Charles. Madeline Snyder said that she never lived at any other address than with Paula while in Texas.

It might be noted here that at one time Madeline Snyder was supposed to be living under the name of Madeline Dunraick in Houston, Texas, telephone number 9810. She denied living at this place under that name. Madeline Snyder said she did not know any person by the name of Sue Gordon, who has been reported as a friend of Paula Harmon. Madeline Snyder says the only time she has heard from Paula Harmon since leaving her in Beaumont, Texas, was in the spring of 1933, when Paula called her long distance from Beaumont, Texas, and asked for some money. She does not recall any address given by Paula at that time, and she did not send any money.

After Madeline Snyder left Paula Harmon in June 1932, she returned to Chicago, where she met her husband Jack Snyder. They took their child and drove to Omaha. While in Omaha, Madeline Snyder was arrested on August 18, 1932, and held until August 27, 1932. She stated at this time she was questioned concerning the whereabouts of her husband. She said they were looking for him for the murder of a man named Tifton. She said she knew where he was, but did not tell the police, because at the time, he was supposed to have murdered Tifton, she was with him, and knew that he did not commit the crime. She said she knew his past record was such that if she should tell where he was, and turn him in, he would probably get a long sentence for a crime which he did not commit.

When she was released from prison in August, 1932 in Omaha, she and Jack Snyder and child returned to Chicago. They lived at 734 Bittersweet Ave. for a time, and then separated. She has seen her husband Jack Snyder occasionally since, and says that she could get in touch with him, and that she would get him to come to the Chicago office if it was the desire of this office to interview him. She stated, however, that she would not tell where he was, even though she did know.

When questioned concerning Verne Miller and Vi Matthias, Mrs. Snyder said she met them through Charles Harmon. This was in St. Paul in 1931. She saw very little of either of them, and did not know where they were living. She never saw either of them after leaving St. Paul.

While in St. Paul, Madeline Snyder said she met Harry Sawyer and his wife Gladys in Harry's saloon. She does not remember how she came to meet them, but she presumes it was through her husband Jack Snyder. She never met either of these people except in saloons, and they had no special connections. Mrs. Snyder said she met Jack Pfeiffer at the Hollyhocks Inn, but did not know anything about him. She also said that she had heard the name Frisco Dutch while in St. Paul. She was shown a picture of Robert H. Steinhardt, alias Robert Schmidt, alias Frisco Dutch, Chicago Police Department No. C-5813, but said that this was not the person whom she knew as Frisco Dutch. She did not know Frisco Dutch's last name, but said that the person she had in mind by that name ran a road house, she believed called The Plantation Inn.

Mrs. Snyder was questioned concerning the negro maid of Paula Harmon called "Callie". She did not know this negro's name, and said that the last time she saw her she was with Paula in Chicago. This was at the time that Mr. and Mrs. Snyder left Toronto. She has not seen or heard of Callie since.

It will be noted that Madeline Snyder was located through a Mrs. Anna Stone, and it was thought possible that Mrs. Stone might be the wife of Gus Stone, a suspect in the Kanmo case. Mrs. Snyder says she has known Mrs. Stone for a good many years. Her maiden name was Olsen, and she was married to a man named Eugene Monihan. She divorced Monihan, and subsequently married Harry Stone, with whom she is presently living. Harry Stone drives a truck for an overall concern in Chicago, which furnishes overalls to gasoline station attendants. Stone is Jewish, about 32 years old; 5'9" tall, weighs about 140 lb., is very thin, has very black hair, a black mustache, dark brown eyes, dark complexion, and at no time wears glasses. Mr. and Mrs. Stone have been living at 811 Cornelia Street for at least the last two winters. Mrs. Stone is very broad minded, and that is why Mrs. Snyder suggested that she be reached through her, as Mrs. Snyder says that Mr. Stone might object to her friendship if he learned in any way that Mrs. Snyder was being questioned by Division Agents. For that reason Mrs. Snyder asked that Agents refrain from calling at the Stone apartment.

Mrs. Madeline Snyder before leaving agreed to give Agent her address and telephone number, and stated she is now living at the Sinton Hotel, Chicago, telephone Long Beach 2000. Should she move from this address, Mrs. Snyder said that she would call this office and give them the new address.

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Mrs. Snyder was questioned concerning the following persons,  
and was shown the pictures of all of them where pictures were available,  
but she failed to identify any of these persons.

Alvin Karpis  
Fred Barker  
Volney Davis  
Wynona Burdett  
Jack Doyle  
Monty Parter  
Dr. Joseph Moran  
Oliver Berg  
Charles Fitzgerald  
Frank Hayes  
Red Price, alias Art Johnson

Arthur Barker  
Harry Campbell  
Mrs. Kate Barker  
Willie Weaver  
William Harrison  
George Zeigler  
Russell Gibson  
James Wilson  
Richard Calatas  
Gus Stone

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. I. Muzzey, on September 25, 1934.

Mrs. Charles Reagan, Manager of the apartment located at 7133-43 Yates Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; the apartment building in which Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney resided during December, 1933 and January to March, 1934, which apartment was rented under the name of William Lohman, advised that the furniture in the apartment formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lohman had been moved out of the apartment and was presently stored in one of the locker rooms in the front of the building at the 7141 entrance of the building, and that the apartment had been rented and that a new tenant was moving in that day; that she had had the locks on the doors changed. The key to this apartment, which had been in the possession of the Chicago Division Office, was returned to Mrs. Reagan upon advice of Special Agent R. D. Brown, inasmuch as the locks of the doors in the apartment had been changed, and the key was of no further value to this Office.

During the course of the conversation with Mrs. Reagan, she stated that on Monday, September 17, 1934, between the hours of 3:00 and 4:00 in the afternoon, she had observed Dolores Delaney walking on the east side of Yates Avenue and that her identification of Dolores Delaney, known to Mrs. Reagan as Dolores Lohman, was verified by the janitor of the building, who also knew Dolores Delaney as Dolores Lohman. Mrs. Reagan further stated that she deemed it inadvisable to follow Mrs. Lohman for fear of arousing suspicion inasmuch as Mrs. Lohman was well acquainted with her, but that she did think she saw Mrs. Lohman enter the Bellareve Apartment Hotel located at 7255 South Yates Avenue.

Mr. Reagan also stated to the writer that on the night of September 17, 1934, as he was going to work around 11:00 o'clock, he was fairly positive that he saw Alvin Karpis walking along Yates Avenue, Alvin Karpis, of course, being known to him as William Lohman. Mr. Reagan stated that inasmuch as he was going to work, he made no attempt to follow Lohman and stated that this identification of Lohman was fairly positive.

Mrs. Reagan stated that Mrs. Lohman, at the time she saw her in the afternoon, was dressed in a long, gray coat with black fur trimming, wore no hat and that her hair appeared lighter than it had when she resided on Yates Avenue, and further stated the reason she was so positive that it was Mrs. Lohman was because of her characteristic, rapid walk, during which she swings her arms.

Mr. Reagan stated that at the time he saw Mr. Lohman he was wearing a light gray topcoat, gray hat and a dark suit and appeared to be as well dressed as he had formerly been.

At the Bellerive Apartment Hotel Inspector S. E. Cowley, accompanied by Agent Muzzey, made inquiry as to whether Mrs. Lohman or any members of the Karpis-Barker mob were registered in that apartment hotel. The records of registrations for the past three weeks were shown to Inspector Cowley and Agent Muzzey by Miss M. Swardstrom and the manager, Mr. E. Johnson, and from various photographs of the mob shown to Miss Swardstrom and Mr. Johnson the photograph of William Weaver was partially identified as being one Carl E. Ramsey, giving his address at the time of registration as 137 Franklin Avenue, Athens, Ohio. Miss Swardstrom stated that a very short girl had rented the apartment, and that Mr. Ramsey had placed a deposit of \$10.00 on the apartment rented, which apartment they occupied for five days, registering on the 20th and leaving on the morning of the 25th of September, 1934.

Mr. Johnson and Miss Swardstrom were shown photographs of various women members of the mob and they were not able to identify any as being of the woman who accompanied Mr. Ramsey, suspected of being William Weaver, as per partial identification of William Weaver's photograph by her and Mr. Johnson.

Inasmuch as the Chicago Office does not have a photograph of Dolores Delaney, a word description of Dolores Delaney was given Mr. Johnson and Miss Swardstrom, but they were unable to identify her as being anyone who had contacted them with reference to an apartment nor had anyone answering her description, to their knowledge, been in the apartment building.

Mr. Johnson further stated that Mr. Ramsey had told him during his stay, that he and his wife each had an automobile and inquired of Mr. Johnson as to a garage wherein he could store these two cars, and Mr. Johnson told him that the Southgate Garage, located on Exchange Street, was a good garage, but that if Mr. Ramsey intended only to park his cars, he could do so on Yates Avenue in front of the building without any interference.

At the Southgate Garage, located at 7215 Exchange Street, Mr. David Morrison, the manager, stated that he had had no cars stored in his garage coming from the Bellerive Apartment Hotel, and upon questioning of the mechanics in his garage, he learned that no cars had been repaired, and Mr. Morrison was unable to identify a photograph of William Weaver as being of anyone who had brought a car or cars to the garage.

At Hackel's Garage, located at 7223 Exchange Street, the Special Agent Muzzey was informed that no cars had been stored by tenants of the Bellerive Apartment Hotel, and that no repairs were made on cars, nor was anyone in the garage able to identify the

photograph of William Weaver as being anyone who had brought a car to that garage.

Mr. Johnson stated that Mr. Ramsey moved out on the morning of Tuesday, September 25, 1934, and had very little luggage with him at the time he checked out, and that he did not observe Mr. Ramsey and his wife enter the two automobiles which Mr. Ramsey told Mr. Johnson he and his wife had with them.

A tracing of the registration of Carl E. Ramsey was made by Agent Muzzey and the same is being retained by the Chicago Office pending receipt of a handwriting exhibit of William Weaver from the St. Paul Office for comparison purposes. However, it will be noted that the height of Carl E. Ramsey does not tally with that of William Weaver inasmuch as William Weaver is described as being 5'9" tall and Mr. Johnson stated that Mr. Ramsey was at least 6' tall.

Miss Swardstrom further stated that on Monday, September 24, 1934, a Miss Sally Cohen rented an apartment in the building and that the rent for same was paid by a gentleman who was unknown to her, and that Miss Cohen was now living in the hotel and that at the time of registration she gave her address as Tulsa, Oklahoma. Miss Swardstrom further stated that Miss Cohen does not resemble any of the photographs of women members of the Karpis-Barker gang, and the only suspicious thing about her was the fact that her rent was paid by this gentleman.

The following day Agent Muzzey contacted Miss Swardstrom and from her ascertained that Miss Cohen had had two Jewish girls visit her the preceding evening, and that she had made four local telephone calls that same evening, the numbers called being as follows: Butterfield 1571, State 6456, Crawford 4760, Van Buren 5287.

Miss Swardstrom and Mr. Johnson promised their hearty cooperation in the event that anything suspicious as to Miss Cohen comes up and they will be on the lookout for anyone answering the descriptions of members of the Karpis-Barker mob.

Agent Muzzey visited the following furnished apartment buildings in the vicinity of 7100 Yates Avenue in an effort to discover whether Dolores Delaney, Alvin Karpis, William Weaver, Myrtle Eaton or any other member of the Karpis-Barker outfit had made inquiry or had rented apartments in any of these buildings.

At the Beatrice Apartments, located at 2358-60 East 70th Place, Mrs. Pearl M. Nell, Manager, stated that she had had no new tenants for the past three weeks but she identified the photograph of Jean Delaney as being a girl who had made inquiry there for an



apartment. However, it will be noted that Jean Delaney is now in Women's Industrial Reformatory, Alderson, West Virginia, and that she could not have been Jean Delaney who visited the apartment in question. However, inasmuch as the photograph of Jean Delaney is said to resemble the description of Dolores Delaney, there is a possibility that she may have been Dolores Delaney who made inquiry of Mrs. Nell. Mrs. Nell further stated that the young lady answering the description of the photograph of Jean Delaney stayed only a few minutes and she did not see her with anyone else and does not know her name or anything more regarding her. An effort is being made by the Chicago Office to obtain a photograph of Dolores Delaney for use in further investigative action in regard to Dolores Delaney, but at the present time the photograph of Jean Delaney is being used, as Jimmie Wilson has stated that this photograph does resemble Dolores Delaney. Mrs. Nell will be contacted again for the purpose of determining whether this photograph of Jean Delaney does in any way resemble Dolores Delaney, pending the obtaining of a photograph of Dolores Delaney.

At the Tudor Manor Apartment Hotel, 7416 Phillips Avenue, Mrs. Etta H. Hart, Manager, upon being shown photographs of the mob, was unable to identify any as being those of persons having called at this apartment building and she stated that she has had no new tenants for the past six weeks.

At the Fairhaven-Bathway Apartments, located at 7350 Phillips Avenue, Miss M. E. Walsh was unable to give any information of value in connection with the investigation being conducted.

At the Highland Apartments, 7147 Jeffery, Mrs. Emanuel, the Manager, was contacted, with negative results.

At the Luella Apartments, 7301-09 Luella Avenue, Mr. Mniak H. Bondi, Manager, could give no information of value.

At the Oglesby Arms, located at 71st and Oglesby Avenue, Miss Cuno, Manager, stated that her apartment building had been rented in its entirety for the past two months, she had no new tenants, and she could not identify photographs as being of persons connected with the Barker-Karpis outfit.

At the Cyril Court Apartment Building, located at 71st and Cyril Parkway, investigation was conducted with negative results.

At the Bedford Villa Apartment Building, located at 71st and Jeffery, investigation produced negative results.



At all of the above mentioned apartments, as has been previously stated, records of registrations were shown to Agent Mussey, and photographs of the various members of the outfit were shown to the managers of these apartment buildings, and at each place cooperation with the Chicago Division Office was promised by them in the event any of this mob appears at these apartment houses and the Chicago Office will be notified immediately.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

Copies of this report are being furnished each field office and each field office will carefully review the same and develop any and all leads which should receive attention within the respective territories.

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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. 1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, I.O. 1232; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-62

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
R. D. Brown, dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 19, 1934.  
On page thirty-four of this report, third paragraph, the  
following statement is made, "It is of particular interest  
to this investigation to note that the box was rented on  
July 26, 1933, five days after \$100,000 was paid to kid-  
napers of William Hamm, Jr., St. Paul, Minnesota, brewer."

This statement is in error in view of the fact  
that William Hamm, Jr., was kidnaped on June 15, 1933, and  
released on June 19, 1933.

Very truly yours,

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

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
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October 2, 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. 1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, I.O. 2132; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Reference is made to Division letter dated September 29, 1934, requesting that immediate inquiry be made with reference to the failure of the Division to receive the first statement made by Pauley Harmon, which was forwarded to the Division with a letter of transmittal dated September 17, 1934.

This statement, inadvertently, was not placed in the mail until September 19, 1934, at which time it was sent Air Mail, Special Delivery.

Harry Wild, Chicago Division office clerk, advised that he placed this letter in the mail on September 19, 1934. A tracing form has already been sent to the Chicago Post Office with the request that this letter be traced without delay.

Very truly yours,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. COWLEY,  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1230;  
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of an anonymous letter received in the Division October 3, 1934 in an envelope postmarked Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 1, 1934, wherein the writer makes reference to Dr. Moran as an individual who called on Donald Benayhoff, 3018 Rushdelt Avenue, North Minneapolis, Minnesota.

You are instructed to give this matter your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
503-a U. S. Court House and P. O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

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. 1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, I.O. 1232; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Reference is made to report of Special Agent A. H. Gere, Salt Lake City, Utah, dated 8/22/34, which covers investigation at Reno, Nevada, showing the various visits by members of this gang. This report further sets out information concerning William J. (Bill) Graham and J. C. McKay, who are interested in the Bank Club gambling hall at Reno, and who have a summer place called Crystal Inn at Lake Tahoe, California, which is reported to be a rendezvous for racketeers and hoodlums.

Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated September 19, 1934, which contains the statements of Paula Harmon, Gladys Sawyer and Wynona Burdett. Paula Harmon has made further statements concerning her association with Fred Barker and other members of this gang, a copy of which will be supplied to all field offices in the near future.

In her new statement, Paula Harmon advised that during the summer of 1933, while residing on Long Lake, Illinois, with Fred Barker, Volney Davis and Edna Murray, which was shortly after the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Charles J. Fitzgerald made two different trips to Reno, Nevada. Paula advised she suspects they went to Reno for the purpose of disposing of the Hamm ransom money. She also advised that members of the gang spent a great deal of time at the Bank Club in Reno. In reading the various reports in this case, there is considerable reference to a man named Graham as being a contact for the gang at Reno, Nevada.

The report of reference of Agent Brown further discloses that Fred Goetz alias George Zeigler took an active part in

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both the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings. It will be noted that Fred Goetz was killed at Chicago, Illinois, on March 20th of this year. Fred Goetz' wife, Irene Dorsey, is at present a patient at the Mercyville Sanatorium at Aurora, Illinois. However, her condition appears to be improved and she has been interviewed at length by Special Agent J. L. Madala of this office.

Irene Dorsey advised that shortly after the Bremer kidnapping, Fred Goetz told her that members of the gang wanted him to proceed to Reno, Nevada, to make arrangements for disposal of the Bremer ransom cash; that Goetz did not want to go and "Doc" Barker finally made the trip, leaving Chicago by airplane. Evidently, Doc Barker was unable to arrange for the disposal of the Bremer ransom money in Reno as large quantities of it have appeared in Chicago, Illinois and the statement of Paula Harmon indicates that a large portion of the ransom money is still in possession of the gang.

Due to the reported connection between William J. Graham and his associates at Reno, Nevada, with members of this gang, it is suggested that all Agents working in Reno or vicinity be instructed to develop informants and to make all possible arrangements in order that they will be notified in case subjects of this case appear at Reno, Nevada or Lake Tahoe, California.

Very truly yours,

S. P. COWLEY,  
Inspector.

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cc-Division  
San Francisco  
Los Angeles

1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

October 2, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. CHAZKIN with aliases, I.O. 1219;  
RUSSELL GINGER with aliases, I.O. 1215;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, I.O. 1232; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 9-82

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent N. D. Brown, dated at Chicago, Illinois, 9/19/34, which contains statements of Paula Harmon, Gladys Sawyer and Wynona Hurdett. It will be noted that these women refer to a man named "Monty", a close associate of Fred Goetz alias George Zeigler, who, according to these women, took an active part in both the instant kidnaping and the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr.

It has been ascertained that Fred Goetz was a very close friend of one Byron Bolton, who uses the alias of Monty Carter and who also goes under the name of Owen D. Carter.

Investigation at Elmhurst, Illinois, shows that Bolton under the alias of Owen D. Carter, resided at 264 Ridgeland Avenue from June 9, 1933, to August 9, 1933, and that Fred Goetz resided at 308 North Walnut Street, Elmhurst, Illinois, during this period.

Fred Goetz was killed at Chicago, Illinois, on March 23, 1934, and as a result of his death his wife, Irene Dorsey, became mentally unbalanced. She is at the present time a patient at the Haroyville Sanatorium at Aurora, Illinois, where she has recovered to a great extent and has been interviewed at length by Special Agent J. L. Madala of this office.

Bolton (Carter) has two children, a boy named Monty Carter, Jr., age thirteen, and a girl, Vonnale Carter, age ten. Investigation indicates that they formerly attended El Paso, Texas, schools before coming to Elmhurst, Illinois. While in Elmhurst they attended a Lutheran school at that point, indicating they are of Lutheran faith.

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Irene Dorsey advised that the Boltons (Carters) left Elmhurst, Illinois, on August 7, 1933, and moved to Phoenix, Arizona, due to Bolton's health; that she sent a telegraphic money order to Mrs. Bolton, using the name of Mrs. Owen D. Carter, to 3848 Northeast 19th Street, Phoenix, Arizona, on March 23, 1934, and the money was apparently delivered, as it was never returned to her. She also advised that shortly after the death of her husband, Fred Goetz, she wired Carter, asking him to come to Chicago, which he did. She also advised that she knows that Bolton (Monty Carter) was in Chicago three or four weeks previous to the Bremer kidnaping, and that she saw him shortly after Bremer was released. Irene Dorsey has positively stated that she knows that her former husband, Fred Goetz, took an active part in the Bremer kidnaping and was associated with the other subjects in this case. She also has advised that she has heard that Bolton (Monty Carter) won the State golf championship of Arizona this year. Previous investigations have indicated that Bolton is an ardent golfer.

The report of reference of Agent Brown, dated September 19, 1934, which contains the statements of the three women above referred to, indicates that Monty Carter and Fred Goetz probably arranged to obtain the hideout in this case. Monty Carter is described as being 38 years of age, height about 5 feet, eight or nine inches, weight about 145 pounds, with black hair, black eyes and a dark complexion, and is said to be a very fine looking man.

It is requested that immediate investigation be conducted at Phoenix, Arizona, to determine whether or not the Bolton family is residing there under the name of Owen D. Carter at 3848 Northeast 19th Street. It is quite probable that Bolton is not residing with his family should they be located in Phoenix, and every effort should be made to discreetly determine his present location. Should he be located at Phoenix, Arizona, he should be taken into custody and the Chicago Division office advised immediately.

Very truly yours,

G. P. COWLEY  
Inspector.

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cc-St. Paul  
Division

**U. S. Bureau of Investigation**

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

September 14, 1934.

Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1001 Vermont Ave., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find Government Bill of Lading, J-42529, which covers the shipment of the below listed firearms from Cleveland, Ohio, to the Identification Unit Laboratory.

These firearms were found in an apartment at 7009 Franklin Blv'd., Cleveland, Ohio, which had been occupied by Harry Campbell, "Doc" Barker and Winona Burdett; which persons are involved in the Bremer Kidnaping:

One Thompson Sub-machine gun; Model-1921;  
number-mutilated;  
100 round fully loaded machine gun drum;  
1 .32 Colt Automatic; number-459861, with  
extra loaded clip;  
1 .45 Colt Automatic, Government Model;  
number C151755;  
2 Extra loaded clips  
1 .45 Colt Automatic, Government Model;  
number C162757;  
2 Extra loaded clips.

Very truly yours,

*Wm. Larson*

WM. LARSON  
Special Agent in Charge, Detroit.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 1973

Laboratory Report

September 29, 1934.

Case: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al, Edward G.  
Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576-2927

Specimens: One Underwood Portable Typewriter #596064

Examination requested by: Special Agent Peters, Cleveland, Ohio.

Date received: September 27, 1934.

Examination requested: Typewriter.

Result of examination:

Examination by:

S.F. Pickering.

The cylinder of the typewriter as received was so far back from its proper position that only a few of the letters could be printed. This condition might have come about during shipment but it is also possible that it was deliberate in that a few marks of a tool appear on a part of the carriage. It was not necessary, however, to use tools in order to produce the desired effect in that the cylinder could have been bent back by hand.

The cylinder was forced into its proper position and specimens of typewriting taken. These specimens were compared with all of the extortion notes in the specimen file in the Laboratory and with all of the typewriting specimens, including tip and crank letters which have been received in connection with the Bremer Case and no identification has been made.

The typewriter is being retained in the Laboratory pending your advice as to its disposition.

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October 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Division September 27, 1934.

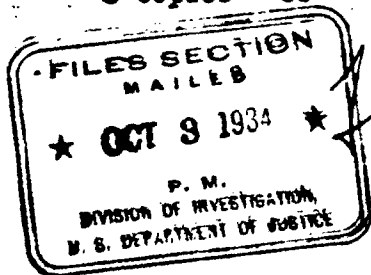
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: #798091.

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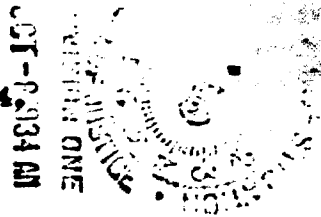


Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

October 3, 1934



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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.#1219;  
DOCTOR JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,  
I.O.#1232; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases,  
I.O.#1213; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D.L. Nicholson, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, September 27, 1934, wherein information is set out with reference to a cottage recently occupied by MARION O'MEARA and HELEN BURNS and the recovery of three empty liquor bottles from this cottage.

Special Agent J.E. Brennan has located two latent fingerprints on one of the bottles, which bottle is being forwarded under separate cover to the Division. Since these fingerprint impressions appear at the base of the bottle over the raised name of the distilling company, it is impossible to lift, or photograph, the fingerprints at this office and for this reason the bottle is being forwarded to the Division for laboratory examination.

Very truly yours,

D.M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

Dear Sir:

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DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 2, 1934, that a Thompson machine  
gun was recovered in connection with the Karpis-Barker case and  
a statement made that the serial number had been effaced. It  
was noted in one or two other reports mention was made of Thomp-  
son guns with the serial numbers effaced and in no instance has  
it been stated that [redacted] had been located.

While it is assumed that most offices know where to look  
for [redacted] Thompson machine gun, however, it is  
possible that some offices are not so advised, consequently I  
wish to state that in the 1921 model Thompson sub-machine gun  
[redacted]

Very truly yours,

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One T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Copies to [redacted]  
offices.

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**N.Y. FILE NO. 7-120**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>10/3/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>9/22 to 9/27/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>S. W. HARRY</b>
TITLE: <b>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</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Miss Mary Atkins is the party who was staying at the home of J. E. Fisher, 802 Myrtle, Kansas City. She was shadowed on September 22 until September 27th in Newark, N. J.; her connections developed, and it was found that she lived with the Fisher family for a period of 5 years prior to 1928, and that she had been in Kansas City visiting her mother, Mrs. Rose Atkins, and the Fisher family. Interview under pretext disclosed that she was told by the Fisher family that Clara Gibson is somewhere in Chicago, Ill.</p>			
<p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Letter from Kansas City office dated September 21, 1934.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>Inspector Sam Cowley of the Division telephoned the New York office from Chicago, September 23, 1934, instructing that the woman who was thought to be Clara Gray alias Mrs. Russell Gibson was expected to arrive in Newark, N. J. at 10:05 P. M., September 22, by Greyhound Bus; that she was to be shadowed for the purpose of determining her identity and connections. Accordingly, this woman, who later turned out to be Miss Mary Atkins (and not Clara Gray alias Mrs. Russell Gibson).</p>			
DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED <b>7-576-3157</b> <b>OCT 5 1934 A.M.</b>
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was followed when she arrived at the Greyhound Bus Station at Newark, N. J. on the night of September 22, 1934, by Special Agent Smith and the writer, and it was observed that she was met by a young man who later was found to be Harry Hummel of 158 Fairmount, Newark, N. J. They went to Hummel's car which was standing beside the Bus Station, and remained talking approximately an hour, after which they placed the car in the parking lot adjacent to the bus station and walked to the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark, where Harry Hummel registered for himself under his correct name and for Mrs. Mary Hummel, and they were assigned Room 827, where they spent the night, leaving the following day and going to the address, 369 Belmont Avenue, Newark, N. J., where it was developed that Miss Mary Atkins lives with a family named Samuel Roff in apartment 22. At the hotel on the night of September 22, 1934, these parties were kept under surveillance by Agents Smith and Hardy who had an adjoining room and it was developed that no phone calls were made from their room.

Photostat copies of the registration are being sent the Chicago and Kansas City offices and the Division, with copies of this report.

It had already been ascertained from the Postmaster at Newark, N. J. that the registered letter which was sent to Miss Mary Atkins at the Pickwick Hotel, Kansas City, Mo., on September 17, 1934 had been sent September 15, 1934. Investigation was made in Newark, and the records of such mail as was sent from Newark, N. J. was Mr. Harry Hummel who resided at 158 Fairmount Avenue, Newark, N. J.

Various agents of the New York City office kept Mary Atkins under surveillance from September 22nd to September 27th, 1934, and it was noted that the only contact that Mary Atkins had was with Harry Hummel; that they frequently took drives in the afternoon in his auto mobile, visiting such places as cemeteries and roads that are little traveled, where they would park and talk; that they spent the evenings in much the same manner.

Superintendent Al Burton of Harrow Manor apartment house, which is located at 369 Belmont Avenue, Newark, N. J. was contacted and advised he had been the superintendent of said apartment house for the past 28 months. Upon being shown a postal of Clara Gray alias Mrs. Russell Gibson, he stated that he did not recognize the photograph positively but that it somewhat resembled a young lady whose name he did not know, but who had lived with the Samuel Roff family in apartment 22 for the past year; that Samuel Roff has a son Harry Roff

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and both are in the tire business at 1099 Broad Street; that besides Samuel Roff and his son Harry Roff and the young lady whom he referred to, Apartment #22 is occupied by the wife of Samuel Roff and a colored maid who comes every morning and leaves every afternoon; that Mrs. Samuel Roff is not employed.

The City Directory showed that Samuel Roff and Harry Roff both reside in Apartment #22 at 369 Belmont Avenue and are salesmen for the Dave Stern Tire Company, selling automobile tires, 1099 Broad Street, Newark, N. J. The particular Mary Atkins who is involved in this matter is not listed in the City Directory. Photographs of all the parties involved in the Karpis-Barker file, as shown by the New York City file, were shown to Superintendent Al Burton of this apartment house; however, he did not recognize any of them as having been around said premises, and advised that the Roffs, who are Jewish, bore excellent reputations and had lived at this address for the past three years.

Through a request subpoena, the records of the telephone company on the Samuel Roff telephone were secured and showed long distance calls as follows:

June 7, 1934	- called Sterling 3-9090, N. Y. C.
May 10, 1934	- called Jack Saxon, Dickens 2-4974, N.Y.C.
May 17, 1934	- Georgie Hamm at District 6639, Washington, D. C.
	- called collect to Harry Roff at Newark, Bigelow - 1935.
June 1, 1934	- called Sheepshead 3-6217, Brooklyn, N. Y.

From Mrs. Mary Mulvaney, 164 Fairmount Avenue, and Mrs. R. Flynn, 154 Fairmount Avenue, Newark, N. J., neighbors of Harry Hummel, it was ascertained that the Hummel family have lived at 156 Fairmount Avenue, Newark, for the past two years; that the father, Charles J. Hummel recently died; that the mother resides there with approximately six or seven children at the present time, one of whom is Harry Hummel; that the family seemed to be employed, are of the Catholic faith, members of St. Joseph's Parish in Newark, and enjoy an excellent reputation in the community; that their home is large and quite pretentious, and that Harry Hummel does not seem to have been employed lately as he is at home a large part of the day; that he drives a 1928 Ford Roadster with N. J. license plates E-13110.

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On September 27, 1934, Special Agent E. A. Housley advised Inspector Cowley at Chicago by phone of the developments thus far at Newark, N. J., in this matter, and Inspector Cowley instructed that an interview be had with Harry Hummel and Mary Atkins under pretense. Accordingly, through Lt. Thomas Diamond of the Essex County, New Jersey Prosecutor's office, on the evening of September 27, 1934, Harry Hummel was taken to the Essex County Prosecutor's office, [REDACTED]

He admitted he was not married to Mary Atkins; that he is not employed at the present time and gave a list of his relatives, most of whom reside at 158 Fairmount Avenue, Newark, N. J., and which list is being kept in the New York City file.

Without disclosing the identity of agents or that the Division is interested in any way, he was questioned collaterally and advised that he is 23 years of age, has lived in Newark, N. J. all of his life, was employed by the Gold Seal Mfg. Co. as a shipping clerk from 1929 to September 1, 1934 in Newark, N. J.; that he has been going steadily with Miss Mary Atkins since May, 1934, having met her in 1933 at the Gold Seal Mfg. Co. at Newark, N. J. where they were both employed; that he gave her an engagement ring Saturday night, September 22, 1934 before they went to the Robert Treat Hotel to spend the night together but that there has been no date set for the wedding; that Mary Atkins had just returned from a visit to her mother in Kansas City, Mo.; that Mary Atkins lives with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Roff at 369 Belmont Avenue, is not a relative of the Roffs but pays \$5.00 per week for room and board there; that Mary Atkins' mother's name is Mrs. Rose Atkins and that she formerly lived in Newark, N. J. until November, 1933; that her father, he understands, was named John Atkins and was murdered in gang warfare resulting from illicit alcohol business in Newark, N. J. July 4, 1933; that Mary Atkins has told him she has no brothers or sisters; that she will be 21 years of age on September 28, 1934 and was born in Kansas City; that Mrs. Rose Atkins sent the money to Mary Atkins for the latter's trip to Kansas City, Mo. and Mary Atkins advises that when she arrived in Kansas City September 12, 1934, her mother met her at the bus station there, and that Mary Atkins stayed at the Pickwick Hotel, Kansas City, because there was no room at the house where her mother was staying; that Mary Atkins left Newark, N. J. for Kansas City on September 10, 1934 and returned to Newark September 22, 1934; that he sent her a registered letter at the Pickwick Hotel, but only registered it because he wanted to be sure that she got it; that there was no money in this letter; that Mary Atkins has told him that her mother is in business in

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Kansas City; however, he does not know what business she might be in. On his person at the time he was questioned, were three photos of Mary Atkins, on one of which photos Mrs. Rose Atkins also appears. Harry Hammel gave these photographs to agent and they are being sent to the Kansas City office with copies of this report. On the back of one of these photos is the writing "Miss Mary Atkins, 18 E. 7 St., Kansas City, Mo.", which address was later ascertained from Mary Atkins to be the address of her mother in Kansas City. By comparison of the photos of Mary Atkins with the photo of Clara Gray alias Mrs. Russell Gibson, it can be seen that they resemble each other but it is pointed out that they are not identical.

It is pointed out that this Mary Atkins is 21 years of age, 5 ft. 8 inches tall, weight - 145 lbs., large build, dark complexion, black bobbed hair, brown eyes.

There was also found in the possession of Harry Hammel a printed chancery notice in regards to foreclosure of a mortgage on a home in Irvington, N. J., the mortgage having been given by John R. Atkins and Mrs. Rose Atkins; also a receipt for a registered letter #830 sent September 12, 1934, at Harrison, N. J. Harry Hammel stated that he sent the registered letter for Mary Atkins to the East Orange Storage House on Harrison Street, Newark, N. J. to pay the storage charges for the furniture of Mrs. Rose Atkins, which she intends giving him and Mary Atkins when they are married; and the chancery notice regarding the foreclosure is in his possession, he says, because he intends after he marries Mary Atkins, if possible, to save the residence for them. (The chancery notice and the registered letter notice are being kept in the New York file of this case).

Lt. Thomas Diamond of the Essex County Prosecutor's office on hearing mention of the name John R. Atkins, produced his file concerning the murder of John R. Atkins, whose correct name he states originally was Jack Lipetz, the file showing that Jack Lipetz alias John Atkins alias John Adkins, age 42 in 1933, was found murdered at Livingston, N. J. July 4, 1933, part of which time his address had been 292 Isabella Avenue, Irvington, N. J. Lt. Diamond states that he conducted investigation of this murder of Jack Lipetz at which time it was developed that Lipetz, under the name of John Adkins, Kansas City, Mo. Police Department #11156 had been arrested by Kansas City Police on September 29, 1929 on the charge of narcotics, and had been turned over to the Federal Government for prosecution; that under the name of

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John Atkins, Miami, Florida Police Department #3091, Lipetz had been arrested October 27, 1925 on the charge of highway robbery and had jumped his bond; that the fingerprints taken after the death of Jack Lipetz showed that he was one and the same party as John Atkins of the Kansas City Police Department and John Atkins of Miami, Florida Police Department. Lt. Diamond had photographs from both the Kansas City and the Miami, Florida Police Departments, which appeared identical with the post-mortem photographs taken after the murder of Lipetz alias Atkins alias Adkins. Lt. Diamond states his investigation developed that just before Lipetz was murdered, he had spent considerable time in Kansas City, Mo. and on returning to Newark, N. J. was afraid apparently, to come to his home, and met his wife in New York City, then took her to Newark, N. J., stating he would need her later, and was then found murdered. His file reflects the statement of Mrs. Rose Atkins, 292 Isabella Avenue, Irvington, N. J. taken July 5, 1933, which shows just who Mary Atkins is, which in substance states that she met her second husband John Lipetz - later name changed to John Atkins - in St. Louis, Mo. about 1913 when he was a Sergeant in the United States Army in Jefferson Barracks, Mo., he later being sent overseas and returned at the end of the World War, a Captain in the United States Army; that she married Lipetz in New York City about 1919 and they returned to Kansas City, Mo. where they lived until about 1928; that before marrying John Atkins she had married another man whom she divorced -- his name not given; that she had a child (who is Mary Atkins) by her first husband, who in 1933 was 19 years of age, and lived with her at 292 Isabella Avenue, Irvington, N. J. In 1928, she, John Atkins, and Mary Atkins came to Newark, N. J. to live; that John Atkins used to buy and sell furs, rugs and whiskey; that just prior to his death, John Atkins went to Chicago to rent a concession at the World's Fair but was unsuccessful in doing so, then went to Kansas City to see his sister and returned from Kansas City about a week prior to his murder but did not come home; was staying in New York City where she met him, and that he was killed July 4, 1933, being shot in the head by parties unknown to her.

The full statement made at that time by Mrs. Rose Atkins is being sent the Kansas City office with this report.

Mary Atkins was next interviewed in the office of the County Prosecutor at Newark, N. J., and stated that she had never known her real father, whose name she understands was Karl Parnell; that the only father she ever knew was her mother's second husband named John Atkins; that his real name was John Lipetz but that he had this name changed legally by the courts; that she was born in Kansas City, Mo. September 28, 1913; that her mother's maiden name was Rose Bosco, of Italian extraction; that her mother lives in Kansas City, Mo. at 18 E. 9th St. and is in the dress business with another lady; that she does not know the name of the other lady and has never been to this address, but that her mother often sends her dresses; that her mother sent her the money on which she made the bus trip to Kansas City, leaving Newark, N. J. September 10, 1934, arriving September 12th at the bus depot near the Pickwick Hotel in Kansas City, Mo. where her mother met her and that they went to the Pickwick Hotel together; that she does not know where her mother lives in Kansas City or whom she lives with; that her mother did not stay with her at the Pickwick Hotel but did visit her during the day time while she was at the Pickwick Hotel and later while she was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fisher at 502 Myrtle Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.; that Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fisher are very dear friends of her mother and herself and that she lived with the Fisher family for three years prior to August 15, 1928, when she came to Newark, N. J.; that during the years from 1925 to 1928 when she lived in the Fisher home in Kansas City, her parents were traveling and she could not travel with them because it would interfere with her schooling and this was the reason she lived with the Fisher family.

She gave the following information regarding the Fisher family: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fisher are the parents, Mr. Joseph Fisher being employed as a mechanic in the American Canning Company in North Kansas City, Mo.; that one son, Frank Fisher, lives in Chicago, Ill. and she believes he works in Chicago for the same company (American Canning Company) which his father works for, she having secured this information from Mrs. Joseph Fisher, who advises her that Frank Fisher often writes from Chicago; that Jack Fisher, another son, also lives in Chicago and works with Frank Fisher for the same company which employs their father in Kansas City; that Jack Fisher is not married and she understands from Mrs. Joseph Fisher that Jack Fisher also writes to his parents occasionally. Another son is Joseph Fisher, who is married, his wife's name being Betty, and he lives in Chicago, Ill. and is employed as the manager of some hotel in Chicago; however, she does not know the address or name of this hotel; that he lives in the hotel where he is employed; another son,

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Griffin Fisher, had just come home to Kansas City from Chicago in September, 1934, when she was visiting the Fisher home in Kansas City, and Griffin told her he had been working as a soda dispenser for the Crown Drug Stores in Kansas City but did not state which one; that there were two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fisher, one Mrs. Mabel Fisher Guymon who lives in Chicago and is married to a man named George Guymon, but she does not know their address in Chicago; that Mrs. Guymon is in her late thirties and has no children; that the other daughter is named Mrs. Clara? (Mary Atkins did not know the married name of Clara) but was told by Mrs. Joseph Fisher that Clara is married and is in Chicago, Illinois on a visit at the present time; however, she did not say where she is in Chicago. Evidently this Clara referred to is Mrs. Clara Fisher Gibson, wife of Russell Gibson, identification I. O. #1213.

Mary Atkins states that Clara Gibson is quite a bit older than herself and that when she was living with the Fishers from 1925 to 1928, Clara had already married and left the Kansas City home of her parents, although she met Clara on numerous occasions during the period from 1925 to 1928 and knows her well.

Mary Atkins states she attended the Irvington High School (Morrell) at Irvington, N. J. for three and one half years; that the Fishers are very good friends of her and her mother; that the way she happened to go to the Fishers' home in Kansas City was that her mother phoned the Fishers and told them she was in Kansas City and the Fishers called her immediately and invited her to come to their house to live while she was visiting in Kansas City; that up until about a year ago she carried on frequent correspondence with Griffin Fisher and Mrs. Joseph Fisher, but that this correspondence was discontinued about a year ago. Mary Atkins is expecting to go to work very shortly in the office of the Paymaster of the Hl-grade Coal and Fuel Company, 340 Coyt St., Irvington, N. J. and this is why she did not spend any more time in Kansas City on her visit, as this position is one which she has held off and on for some time and usually starts about the latter part of September each year.

Mary Atkins has no idea as to the identity of this agent or the fact that this investigation is being conducted by the Division or has anything to do with the Gibsons in Kansas City. She was led to believe that it was altogether an investigation of [REDACTED] b7E



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being conducted by the Prosecutor's office of Newark. She seemed to appreciate the fact that

her home was not getting into the newspapers and that she was not getting undesirable publicity as a result thereof, and stated that she would report at the office of the Prosecutor of Newark, N. J. at any time when she was wanted and as an act of appreciation would do whatever she could for the Prosecutor's office at any time.

It is pointed out that with Mary Atkins' connections and entry into the Fisher family home at Kansas City, Mo., there is a possibility that she might be prevailed upon, if proper arrangements are made, to go into the Fisher home and perhaps be able to locate the whereabouts of Clara Fisher Gibson, who is supposed to be with her husband, Russell Gibson, I. O. #1212.

With reference to Division letters of July 20th and August 17, 1934, regarding Louis Foy, sales agent, 295 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., who thought that perhaps Karpis and Barker might be connected with the women who live at 294 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, investigation developed that the apartment which Mrs. Foy refers to at 294 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, is occupied by five women: Mrs. W. M. Jones, who is the grandmother of Mrs. S. Hayes, 7212 4th Avenue,oklyn; Mrs. J. E. Kicklighter, an aunt of Mrs. Hayes; Miss Nina Kicklighter, who is a cousin of Mrs. Hayes and who is employed in a laundry in New York City; Mrs. Jean Welsh who is an aunt of Mrs. Hayes and employed in the same laundry in New York City as Miss Nina Kicklighter; Mrs. Louise Welsh who is a cousin of Mrs. Hayes; that Mrs. Jean Welsh and Mrs. Louise Welsh came from Ellabell, Ga. to Brooklyn, N. Y. for the purpose of obtaining divorces, they having married brothers, and that a short time ago their two husbands came to Brooklyn to get their wives to return to the south with them and this resulted in the police being called in, which first brought this matter to the attention of Mr. Louis Foy who wrote to the Division.

Mrs. S. Hayes is employed in the Oppenheimer and Collins Dry Goods Co. on Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. and her brother, Charles Blackburn, who lives at 1306 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, and is employed by the Frigidaire Company as an icebox repair man, gave this information after they were interviewed for information concerning the occupants of 294 Pacific Street in Brooklyn, since their automobiles had been seen and license plates noted as having stopped at this address. There were other automobile license plates noted and upon checking

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same, it appeared that they belonged to other relatives of the Kicklighters and Welshes living at 294 Pacific Street, Brooklyn. they have no connection with Karpis and Barker.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD: KANSAS CITY.**

Determine whether it is desired that Mrs. Rose Atkins of 18 E. 7th St. Kansas City, Mo. be contacted, as it is pointed out that she is a close friend of the Joseph Fisher family of Kansas City and may not be altogether trustworthy, although if she were trustworthy, she might be able to ascertain where Russell Gibson and his wife are now located; also, to advise the New York City office if it is desired that any arrangements be made whereby Miss Mary Atkins should be contacted for the purpose of going to Kansas City and getting the information from the Fisher family as to where Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gibson are at the present time.

In the latter regard it is to be understood that no mention has as yet been made of such a procedure to Mary Atkins, and it is not certain that she would do so; however, she is under the impression that she is somewhat under obligations, due to the fact that her immoral acts have not been given publicity, and it is thought that she might be able to get the information as to where Russell Gibson and wife are, although it is not definitely known whether she would do so or whether she would not betray the fact that she had been approached with a view to getting this information, if the request were made.

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1212, et al.  
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**SPECIAL DELIVERY**

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1437,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:-

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218,  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,  
I.O. 1219, et al.;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING.  
Chicago File No. 7-22.

Confirming the telephonic conversation between Special Agent R. D. Brown of this office and yourself of even date, please refer to the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated September 19, 1934, which contains the statements made by Paula Harmon and Gladys Sawyer. It will be noted that these women refer in their statements to a man named "Monty", a close associate of Fred Goetz, alias George Zeigler, who, according to Paula Harmon and Gladys Sawyer, took an active part in the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings.

It has been ascertained that Fred Goetz was a very close friend to one Bryon Bolton, who uses the alias of Monty Carter, and also goes under the name of Owen B. Carter. Investigation by this office at Elmhurst, Illinois disclosed that Bolton, under the alias of Owen B. Carter, resided at 264 Ridgeland Avenue from June 9, 1933 to August 15, 1933; that on the latter date Bolton and his family moved to Phoenix, Arizona, where they resided at 3848 Northeast 17th Street.

For your information, Fred Goetz was killed at Chicago, Illinois on the night of March 20, 1934 by gangsters, and as a result of his violent death his wife, Irene Dorsey, became deranged. She is at present a patient at the Marcyville Sanitarium at Aurora, Illinois, and is being interviewed intermittently by Special Agent John L. Madala of this office.

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Irene Dorsey stated that the Boltens (Carters) moved to Phoenix, Arizona after leaving Elmhurst, Illinois on account of Bolton's health; that she is of the opinion that Bolton is at present suffering with tuberculosis. She further advised that after her husband's death she sent a telegraphic money order to Mrs. Bolton to 2048 North East 17th Street, Phoenix, Arizona, and that this money was apparently delivered as the wire was never returned to her.

Bryon Bolton, alias Monty Carter, has two children, a boy named Moses Carter, age 13, and a girl, Yonnie Carter, age 10. Investigation at Elmhurst, Illinois indicated that they formerly attended the public schools at El Paso, Texas.

Miss Dorsey further provided the information that Bryon Bolton's home is at Virden, Illinois and that his parents and brothers are living there at the present time. She also advised that Mrs. Bolton's maiden name was Viva Freeman and that her home is at Thayer, Illinois, which is near Springfield; that she has a father living at Thayer and, according to Irene Dorsey, Viva Freeman is very much devoted to him, and it is entirely possible that she might be communicating with him regularly.

For your further information, please be advised that Bryon Bolton enlisted in the United States Naval Service at Peoria, Illinois on June 16, 1917 and that he received an honorable discharge on August 12, 1919 at Great Lakes, Illinois. On his enlistment record he stated that he was born in Franklin, Illinois.

The report of reference of Agent Brown, dated September 19, 1934, indicated that Monty Carter and Fred Goetz probably arranged to obtain the hideout in this case, and for that reason this office is extremely desirous of causing his apprehension for questioning along this line.

Monty Carter is described as follows:

Age	34 years
Height	5 feet, 8 or 9 inches
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Dark
Characteristics	Has heavy eyebrows; is said to be a very handsome man.



It is respectfully requested that an appropriate and discreet inquiry be made at Thayer and Virden, Illinois with a view to determining the present whereabouts of Bryon Belmont, alias Monty Carter, and his wife, Viva Freeman.

Irene Dorsey further furnished the information that Dr. Boyd C. Rembe was very friendly with the late Fred Goetz; that shortly after Goetz' assassination in Chicago in March of this year, Irene visited the apartment of Kate Barker, who was living in an apartment building at 93d and Stony Island with her two sons, Freddie and "Doc"; that on this occasion Fred Barker was suffering intensely as a result of a recent operation performed on his fingers by Dr. Joseph P. Moran, subject in this case, for the purpose of obliterating the fingerprint impressions thereon; that she, Irene, in company with one Charles Crosscurth, proceeded to Dr. Rembe's office at 2232 South 50th Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, and brought him to the apartment of Kate Barker where he gave Fred Barker medical aid for his fingers.

It will also be recalled that Victim Bremer furnished information in his statement to the effect that upon arriving at the hideout some person dressed the wounds on his head which he had received at the time he was kidnaped as a result of being slugged, and that in this connection he did not believe that these treatments were administered by one of the kidnapers. In view of the foregoing and the further fact that Dr. Rembe and the late Fred Goetz were closely associated, it is entirely possible that the person who treated the wounds of Victim Bremer at the hideout was Dr. Rembe.

Investigation at 2232 South 50th Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, disclosed that Dr. Rembe had vacated his office about two months ago and that his present whereabouts are unknown. However, it was learned that his father is a physician at Lincoln, Illinois, and it is possible that the young Dr. Rembe is at present residing at Lincoln, Illinois with his parents.

Irene Dorsey advised Agent Madala that on one occasion during the period that Bremer was held, Fred Goetz and she drove to St. Louis, Missouri, and enroute they stopped at Lincoln, Illinois to visit with Dr. Rembe, but she was unable to state the purpose of this visit. Further information obtained at Cicero, Illinois indicates that Dr. Rembe caters to hoodlums for his business and that he bears a bad reputation among the medical society.

It is also requested that an appropriate investigation be conducted at Lincoln, Illinois with a view to locating Dr. Rambo for questioning in connection with this case.

It is desired that great care be exercised during the course of the investigation at Lincoln, Thayer and Virden, Illinois not to reveal the sources of the above information, and should your office be successful in locating the above-named individuals kindly advise this office immediately.

Very truly yours,

A. P. COWLEY,  
Inspector.

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St. Paul

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October 3, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter of Special Agent in Charge  
Larson dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 14, 1934, transmitting  
a number of firearms found in an apartment at 7009 Franklin Boulevard,  
Cleveland, Ohio, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis  
with aliases, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

The two pieces of tapestry in which the Thompson sub-  
machine gun and machine gun drum were wrapped are being returned  
under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

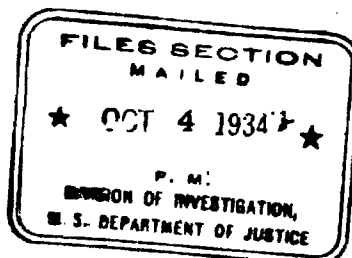
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 1, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

I called Mr. Cowley with regard to the surveillance of the Woodlawn safety deposit in the Bremer case and advised him that I discussed it with the Director and it is O.K. to discontinue that provided that arrangements are made so that we will be notified immediately if there is any attempt made by those people to get into the box.

Mr. Cowley stated he would like to recommend an increase in salary for McKee from \$3200 to \$3800. Mr. Cowley stated he feels this should be done and, if there is any question about it, it should be \$4,000. Mr. Cowley stated he is fully worth it.

Mr. Cowley stated they have one man there who is familiar with the Kansas City case and they are going to have two weeks steady questioning; that McKee can work on those people for the persuasive part but they need somebody to ask detailed technical questions. I asked if Suran knew about this and Mr. Cowley stated that Suran does know about it but they have to continue their investigation also and it will almost take one man to study the statements that are obtained and looking for discrepancies and detailed questions to be asked. Mr. Cowley stated that if Suran does this, it will tie up the reporting and also delay the questioning considerably. Mr. Cowley stated that they would like to have Newby if he is not tied up to any great extent. I asked how long they would need Newby and Mr. Cowley stated that it would depend. Mr. Cowley stated they discussed Malloy when he was in Washington and some of the boys suggested he was too high powered to be taken any place against his wishes that he did not want to go. Mr. Cowley stated he called Bruce Nathan and told him to pick him up as soon as possible and bring him to Chicago. I said it was all right but we will probably be sued for fifteen different things; however, we will try it any way. Mr. Cowley stated he is very important and they want him badly.

Mr. Cowley stated he talked to the Director last night and the Director asked about Herman and Esther Farmer and he, Cowley, said they were both available which is incorrect. I stated he shot a deputy sheriff or something and did a Houdini out there recently. Mr. Cowley stated that he and his wife have been on the lam for about two weeks and there is some indication that he is up in Arkansas; therefore, they won't be able to put their fingers on them as quickly as they thought. I stated that Anderson is supposed to know all about the case. Mr. Cowley stated he thought so too but got the impression from me that he was not so hot. I stated that he was not any good on the interviews but if that can be taken care of some other way, he might have the technical background. I asked Mr. Cowley whether he could have

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him bring Fritz Malloy up from Kansas City and Mr. Cowley stated that it will be either Anderson or Trainor and he, Cowley, understands that both are fully familiar with the case. I stated that Anderson is supposed to have been in charge of the investigation since last February and he ought to know what it is all about and if we have somebody else there to use the persuasion, Anderson will be all right. I told Mr. Cowley to have Anderson bring Malloy up and if Anderson can do the job up there in Chicago, it will be O.K.; otherwise, we will have to get Newby or somebody. I stated that I did not know Trainor and Mr. Cowley stated that either one of them are fully capable of questioning as they know the whole background and technicality of the case. Mr. Cowley stated it will probably take four men to bring Malloy up there and will use two cars for safety first. Mr. Cowley stated it will be tonight or tomorrow night; that is, as soon as they can do it under the proper conditions.

I told Mr. Cowley that the Director wants me to organize in the Chicago office a squad to handle nothing but bankruptcy work and one to clean up whatever antitrust work there is and one for general assignment; in other words, organize the office so that they will turn out some work under routine basis. I told Mr. Cowley that I would call him tomorrow and would like to have a pretty good idea of the men that are assigned to him and the men that are available for assignment to Purvis, particularly concerning resident agents and things of that kind.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

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October 4, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 27, 1934, transmitting three photographs of an automobile window handle, one automobile ash tray and the automobile window handle from which the photographs were made in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

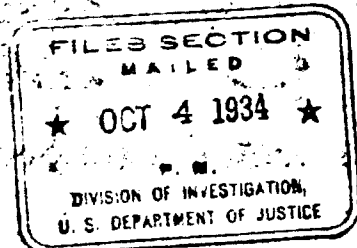
Confirming and supplementing my telegram of October 1, 1934, you are advised that the only latent fingerprint of value appeared on one of the photographs submitted by you. This latent impression has been compared with the fingerprints of the following members of the Dillinger-Karpis gang with negative results;

Alvin Karpis, our #199217  
Fred Barker, our #59163  
William Weaver, our #17920  
Volney Davis, our #400441  
Gladys Sawyer, our #828771  
John Hamilton, our #110358  
Paula Harmon, our #105880  
Marian Karr, our #782267

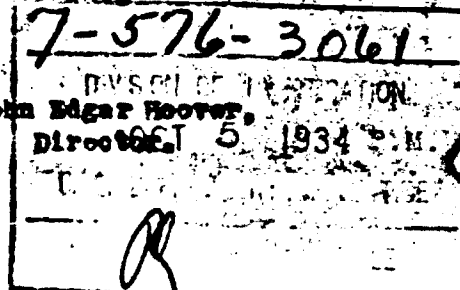
Deck Barker, our #299488  
Harry Campbell, our #419858  
Harry Sawyer, our #421338  
Lynona Walcott, our #828772  
Bernard Phillips, our #328908  
"Baby Face" Nelson, our #542712  
Clyde Minnick, our #77961  
Rose Anker, our #782228

In accordance with your request the window handle and ash tray are being returned direct to Mr. F. Roy Powell at Walworth, Wisconsin.

Very truly yours,



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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minnesota

FILE NO. 7-2

REPORT MADE AT: Little Rock, Ark.	DATE WHEN MADE: 10/2/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9/19/34 & 9/27/34	REPORT MADE BY: R. E. Lawrence
TITLE: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I. O. 1218; Arthur R. Barker, with aliases, I. O. 1219; et al. Edward George Bremer - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Report of investigation conducted at Springdale and Fort Smith, Arkansas. No information secured in Springdale regarding person by the name of Arkie. Joe Edwards, Night Chief of Police, Elwood, Indiana, reported to be friend of Fred Barker, who might harbor him. Investigative activity in Arkansas to be continued.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated September 22, 1934.

## DETAILS:

On September 19, 1934, agent proceeded to Springdale, Arkansas, and interviewed Chief of Police G. D. Lichlyter and Night Officer John Shipley with reference to the report that the Barkers were hiding out in or near that locality. Neither of these men was familiar with the Barker-Karpis gang. Agent displayed group photograph containing pictures of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker, and Harry Campbell; and both Chief Lichlyter and Officer Shipley picked out the picture of Fred Barker and seemed positive that they had seen him in the town of Springdale on Saturday night, September 15, 1934. Both of these men described the man they saw, whom they think to have been Fred Barker, as being about three inches taller than the height given in group photograph, but otherwise, their description was comparable. Officer John Shipley seemed very positive in his identification, but appeared to be cautious about making a positive statement for some time, expressing his desire to be sure. Shipley stated that he saw a man, who resembled the picture of Fred Barker, come out of the Blue Castle Cafe, East Main Street, Springdale, about 10:00 P. M., September 15, 1934, stand on the sidewalk a few minutes, and then disappear. Shipley stated that this person was bareheaded, was wearing a white shirt, without necktie, and that he appeared fairly well dressed.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-3062	RECORDED AND INDEXED: OCT 6 1934
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Officer Shipley advised interviewing Roy Gooch and H. D. Moreland, proprietors of the Blue Castle Cafe, whom he believed could likewise identify the photo of Fred Barker. Accompanied by Officer Shipley, agent interviewed Gooch and Moreland separately, in order to make a more thorough identification; and when group photograph (previously referred to) was displayed, with the previous information that one or two of the men in the group were thought to be in Springdale, Gooch and Moreland both picked out the photograph of Fred Barker as being the same as a man who was in their restaurant Saturday night, September 15, 1934. Gooch and Moreland were of the opinion, however, that the man they saw was slightly taller than the description given of Fred Barker, but otherwise, their descriptions checked fairly well.

Gooch stated that he had seen the man, who resembled the photo of Fred Barker, no less than three times during the past week, and that this person was a stranger in Springdale, Arkansas. Carl Hewitt, a partner of Gooch and Moreland in the Blue Castle restaurant, likewise identified the photograph of Fred Barker as resembling a man whom he saw in Springdale Saturday night, September 15, 1934.

Roy Gooch, who has but one arm (right), manager of the Blue Castle Cafe, #2 East Emma Street, Springdale, Arkansas, has been a Deputy Sheriff in Oklahoma for several years and appears to be an observant individual. He stated that he had the opportunity to observe the man whom he thinks resembled Fred Barker, by reason of the fact that he waited upon him at the counter of his restaurant, and that after eating, the fellow sat there for a short time and seemed interested in watching some local boys who were playing a dice machine. Gooch advised that he carried on a little conversation with the fellow, but that he does not remember what topic was discussed.

Gooch was a Deputy Sheriff (Undersheriff) in Blain County, Oklahoma, under Sheriff Henry J. Lam from 1925 to 1928, and was also Undersheriff in Taloga County, Oklahoma, from 1931 to 1932 under Sheriff J. W. Deering.

Agent was not convinced by the identifications made by any of these persons. However, they now have some knowledge of the descriptions of the subjects in this case and seemed very willing and anxious to be of service, stating that they would watch carefully for the next appearance of the man whom they saw on September 15, 1934, and that they would do all possible to effect his apprehension for further identification.

Agent contacted Gooch and Moreland at the Blue Castle Cafe during the evenings of September 20 and 22, 1934, and also saw Chief Lichlyter and Night Officer John Shipley on these dates, but these individuals had no additional information to offer. The man whom they believed resembled Fred Barker had made no further appearance in Springdale. All of these persons stated that they would continue their watch and would make every effort to notify the proper officers so that an apprehension could be effected, in case anyone resembling the subjects in this case should make an appearance.

Postmaster J. R. Joyce and Assistant Postmaster William B. Simmons of Springdale, Arkansas, could not recognize photographs displayed as being familiar, and state that they believed none of these persons in group photograph (previously referred to) had been into the Springdale Post Office under their real or assumed names to inquire for mail.

The Postmaster and Assistant Postmaster of Springdale were also questioned with regard to a person by the name of Arkie, who is reported to be an associate of the Barkers, and to have hailed from Springdale, Arkansas. They stated that they knew of no one in or near Springdale by the true or nickname of Arkie. The officers in Springdale, Arkansas, likewise knew of no one by that name. Chief of Police Lichlyter made numerous inquiries about the town of Springdale, but was unable to locate anyone who had heard of a person by the name of Arkie.

Agent made further inquiries at Fort Smith, Arkansas, on September 27, 1934, in an effort to learn the present whereabouts of the Barkers.

Warner Sartain, 609 Garrison Avenue, Fort Smith, stated that he had inquired of some of his friends among the glass blowers of Fort Smith, but had not learned anything of the present location of the Barker boys as yet.

Omar Shaw, 609 Garrison Avenue, Fort Smith, likewise had no additional information to report when interviewed September 27, 1934.

Agent interviewed former Sheriff Pink Shaw at Fort Smith on same date as above, but he stated that he likewise had made some discreet inquiries, without result.

Agent learned that Harry Clemens, one of the witnesses in the case of the People of the State of Arkansas versus Fred Barker, as in reference report, is now working as a glass blower in Glendale, California, but it is not believed that an interview with Clemens will reveal any pertinent information, as he was not reported to have been well acquainted with Fred Barker.

Agent learned that Jesse Wright was not an employee of the Joie theatre, as stated in reference report, but that he was also a glass worker. Wright was known as Jack Wright, and is now working as a tile layer in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Agent could not learn his address in Tulsa. Wright is reported to have been well acquainted with the Barkers and to have been very friendly with them.

Fred Colston, 1428 North Eleventh Street, Fort Smith, stated that he has worked at the Radiant Glass Plant, Fort Smith, Arkansas, for twenty-five years. Colston stated that he was not well acquainted with Fred Barker, and that he has not seen him since he was called to testify in Fort Smith at the trial when Fred Barker was charged with burglarizing the Joie theatre. Colston stated that Jim Dicus, Jesse or Jack Wright, Harry Clemens, and himself were called to testify, by reason of the fact that they had talked to Fred Barker on the night the Joie theatre job was pulled. Colston stated that Fred Barker came to the Radiant Glass Plant about 10:00 that night in a large Hudson Sedan, stating that he was then hauling liquor from Joplin, Missouri, and that he was taking orders for Christmas whiskey. He gave the above named men a drink of his samples and then, as they were just getting off work for the night, carried them into town. Colston stated that he and Clemens got out of the car near their homes on Eleventh Street, while Dicus and Wright went on into the center of town with Fred Barker.

Colston stated that he does not believe that the Barkers would associate with any of the blowers who are now working at the Radiant Plant, but that a lot of the older men, who are now out of work, knew the Barker boys. Colston stated that Jim Dicus, re-

puted to be one of their friends, is now working for the Bartlett-Collins Glass Company in Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

Bob Williamson, Police Department, Fort Smith, Arkansas, stated that he had also learned that Dicus was now out of town, and that he would try to get some information from another glass worker by the name of "Doggie" Farley, who is thought to have known the Barker boys, and who is now working at the Radiant Plant in Fort Smith.

W. A. Cantwell, service station owner and operator, who also has a few cabins to rent at his filling station located three miles north of Fort Smith on Highway 64-71, was interviewed at his service station on September 27, 1934. Cantwell was highly recommended as a reliable person by Jack Pace, Constable, Fort Smith.

Cantwell has a large trade among the glass workers at the Radiant Glass Plant, by reason of the fact that his service station is located near the factory. Cantwell stated that he has heard some of the blowers, who frequent his place, talk about the Barker boys from time to time, but that he has previously paid little attention to their conversation. He stated, however, that one Joe Edwards, a former pane mold blower at the Radiant Glass Plant, who lived in Fort Smith for some time, was a very good friend of Fred Barker; that his wife, "Rene" Edwards, was also friendly with Fred Barker; and that she would be more likely to harbor him than would her husband, but that her husband would do anything she requested in that regard. Cantwell stated that after quitting the glass works, Joe Edwards worked for him for about eighteen months, and that he (Joe Edwards) moved to Elwood, Indiana, about the year 1931, where he is now employed as Night Chief of Police.

Cantwell stated that Edwards is about 50 years old; gray headed; 5 ft., 5 in., tall; 140-150 lbs.; and of medium complexion. He further advised that Edwards is living at the edge of town in Elwood, Indiana, where he has two acres of ground.

Cantwell advised that Joe Edwards once harbored a safe burglar by the name of Taylor Owens, and that Owens was raised with the Barker boys in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Inasmuch as Edwards was also a good friend of Fred Barker, it is felt that he would probably harbor the Barkers at the present time if the opportunity to do so presented itself.

A copy of this report is being designated for the Indianapolis office for whatever investigative activity may be deemed advisable at Elwood, Indiana.

Cleveland Holland, attorney, Fort Smith, Arkansas, stated that he is not acquainted with Fred Barker. He merely appeared in court on one occasion at the request of Attorney Webb Covington, now deceased, in an advisory capacity, and did not see the defendant, Barker.

Chester Holland, attorney, First National Bank Building, Fort Smith, Arkansas, who was Prosecuting Attorney in Fort Smith during the time when Fred Barker was incarcerated in the Sebastian County Jail during the year 1926, advises that inasmuch as the defendant, Barker, was released on bond and did not appear for trial, he did not see him, and that he received no personal history of Barker which he remembers at this time. Mr. Holland likewise remembers no friends of Fred Barker, who may have interviewed

either the defendant or himself at that time.

Chester Holland stated that he does not remember Defense Attorney Eaton, and Mr. Cleveland Holland also advised that he does not recall this attorney. Both Chester and Cleveland Holland are of the opinion that Attorney Eaton came to Fort Smith from Oklahoma. No further information could be secured relative to this person.

Harry B. Patterson, 5900 South Sixteenth Street, Fort Smith, who was the Chief Deputy Sheriff at the time of the Barker arrest in Fort Smith, stated that he remembers Fred Barker well, and is quite sure that he would recognize him if he should see him again. Patterson stated that he had quite a lot of records of the Fred Barker case some place in his home, which he would gladly turn over to the Division for whatever value they might prove to be, but after making a search at the time of the interview, he failed to find them. He did, however, find a full length photograph of Fred Barker, which he turned over to agent.

Patterson stated that this photograph is one which he personally took at the south end of the Sebastian County Jail, Fort Smith, Arkansas, in December, 1925, about Christmas time. Patterson stated that the photo is an excellent likeness of subject Fred Barker.

Patterson further advised that he will make an additional search for the records mentioned, and that he will turn them over to agent when he locates them. Patterson stated that he had not seen Fred Barker since 1926, and that inasmuch as he has been out of touch with police matters for some time, has heard no rumors concerning him. He did, however, advise that he would be very glad to be of assistance, and that he would henceforth bear the matter in mind for whatever information he might be able to pick up.

Additional investigations will be conducted at Fort Smith, Gentry, Springdale, and other points in Arkansas in the immediate future.

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