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

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OCTOBER 9, 1934

M H PURVIS  
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1900 BANKERS' BUILDING  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

BREKID RETEL GOLD BOND THREE SIX SEVEN FIFTEEN PART LOOT ROBBERY FIRST  
NATIONAL BANK SAINT MARYS OHIO REPORTED STOLEN TREASURY OCTOBER FOUR NINETEEN  
THIRTY THREE DUPLICATE ISSUED SEPTEMBER FIRST NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR REGISTERED  
OWNER EDWARD H GERNETT ONE TWO FIVE NORTH PERRY STREET SAINT MARYS OHIO

PENNINGTON ASSISTANT

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the Identification Unit and,  
in the event such a photograph  
proof be furnished the Kansas  
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office at Shepherdstown, West Virginia, based upon information appearing in the last paragraph of page seven of the memorandum of Special Agent W. E. Miller, which was attached to copies of the report of Agent Miller dated at Kansas City, Missouri, June 12, 1934. In view of this woman's denial of any acquaintance with members of the Karpis-Barker bang, it is purposed, in the event a photograph of her is available, to have the same exhibited at Shepherdstown to see if she can be identified as having been with Subject Karpis at that point during December, 1932. If it appears that as a matter of fact she was there with him at that time, efforts are to be continued by this office to again locate her in order that she may be further vigorously questioned relative to any information about the Karpis-Barker gang and the present location of its members. *10/12/34*

In the event a photograph of this woman is not available, it is suggested that a wanted notice be placed against her attached prints in order that in the event of her subsequent arrest she may then be further questioned along the lines suggested above.

Pursuant to Division letter of October 3, 1934, there is also transmitted herewith a photograph of Peggy Asher standing beside the Chevrolet Sedan of George E. Barker, Subjects Barker's father.

Very truly yours,

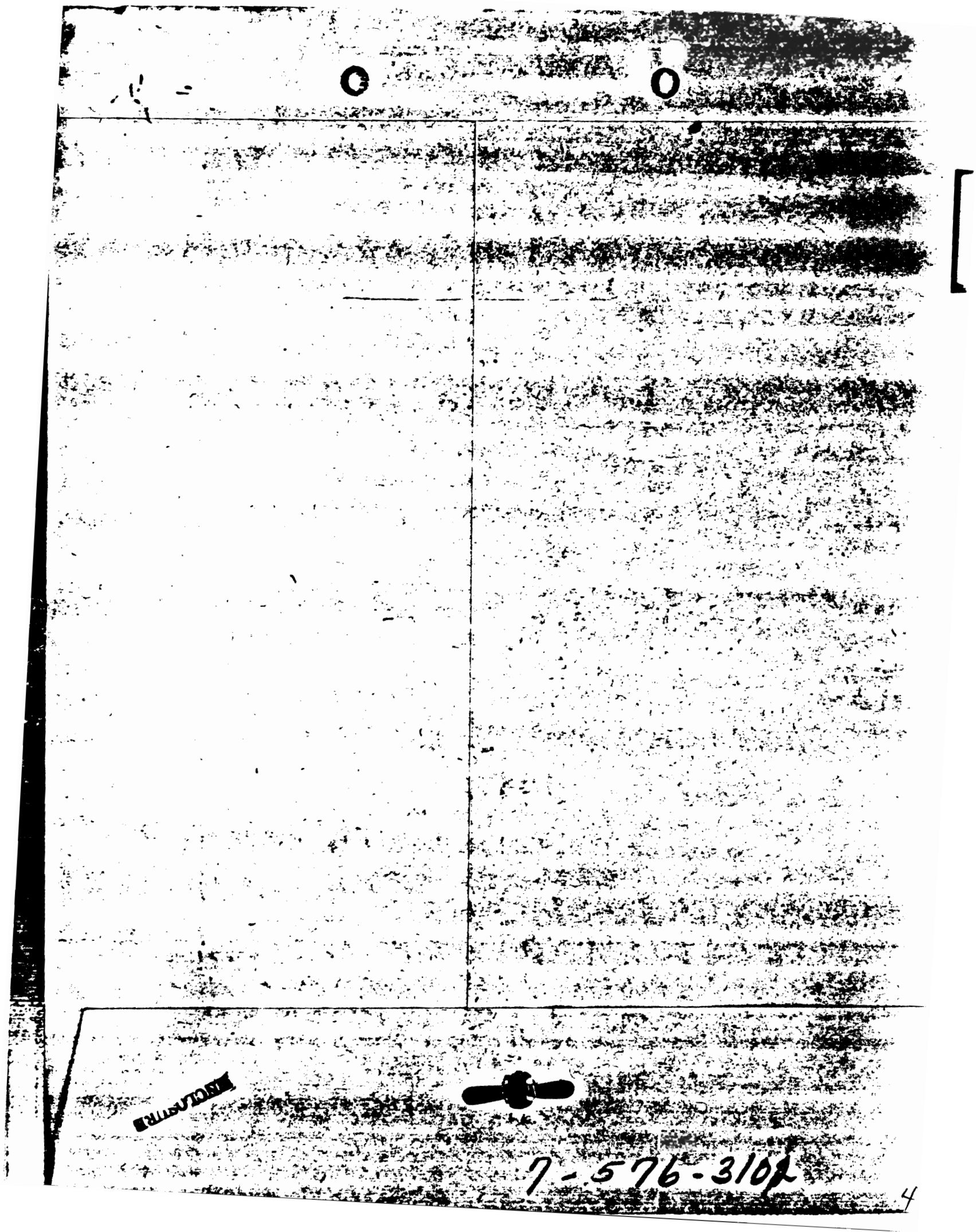


R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Peggy Asher

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Photograph of Peggy Asher - and car of George E. Barker  
taken at Tri State Oil Co. filling station and tourist  
camp on East 7th St. Joplin, Mo.

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October 19, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1212,  
et al;

Dear Sir:

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim - Kidnaping.

In reply to your letter of October 8, 1934, relative to the above entitled case, please be informed that a search of the identification files fails to reveal any previous record concerning Carlee Sisler Dial and George H. Dial.

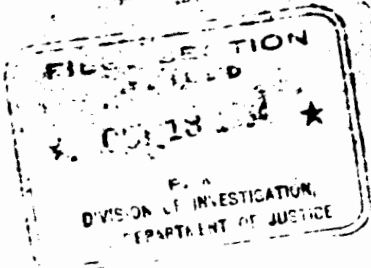
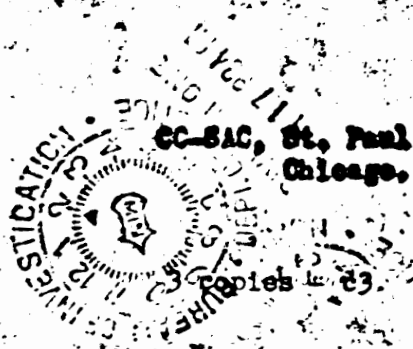
As requested in your letter cited, a notation has been placed in the file to the effect that Carlee Sisler Dial is wanted by your office for questioning in connection with the above case.

Copies of this letter are being transmitted to the Chicago and St. Paul offices.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC-SAC, St. Paul  
Chicago.



*Log for*

*[Handwritten signature]*



DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

From IDENTIFICATION UNIT

10/17 1934.

To: ☐ Director  
☐ Mr. Nathan  
☐ Mr. Tolson  
☐ Mr. Clegg  
☐ Miss Gandy  
☐ Chief, Unit  
☐ Chief Clerk  
☐ Printing Section  
☐ Files  
☒ Mr. *Newby*

*Any other  
action here?*

*Yes*

L. C. Schilder.

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October 29, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. #1215;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232,  
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim -  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated October 8,  
1934 in the above entitled case with which was transmitted a  
photograph of Peggy Asher, standing beside the Chevrolet Sedan of  
George E. Barker, father of subject Barker.

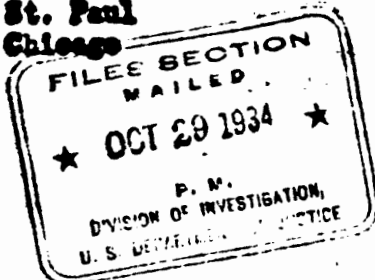
The Division has produced enlargements taken from  
this snapshot which are transmitted herewith and to each of the  
offices indicated below.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Inclosure #818729

cc - Oklahoma City  
St. Louis  
St. Paul  
Chicago



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16 Federal Reserve  
Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri

September 22, 1934

Post Office Inspector in Charge  
St. Louis  
Missouri

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

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 18, 1934, written by Acting Inspector in Charge St. Louis, Missouri, to the cover being maintained in behalf of the family of John Barnes and family, at Stella, Missouri, and the Davis and family, at Neosho, Missouri, this being in response to letter dated August 8, 1934, to you.

It is appreciated that your cooperation in this matter is appreciated and the covers being maintained have been of value to us in our investigation. However, our investigation is not yet completed, and accordingly it is respectfully requested that the mail covers at Neosho and Stella be continued for an additional three days.

In addition to the three mentioned mail covers, it will be appreciated if you will have the postmaster at Neosho, Missouri, maintain mail received by Mr. George E. Barker, Box No. 174, Neosho, Missouri, Box No. 734, Joplin, Missouri, or care of the Peoples Gas Company, 1201 East Seventh Street, Joplin, Missouri. It is noted that the three addresses mentioned lastly are all those of Mr. George E. Barker.

It will be appreciated if you will instruct the postmaster to consider the above-mentioned mail covers in a confidential manner.

Again thanking you for your splendid cooperation, and assuring you that the same has been of benefit to us in the instant investigation,

Very truly yours,  
Division  
Chicago  
St. Paul

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge

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

September 29, 1934.

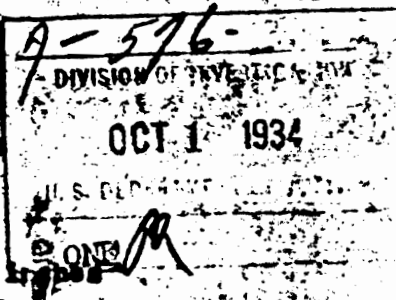
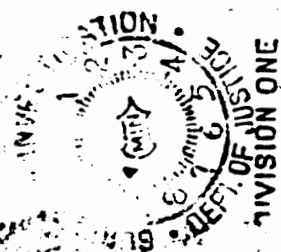
Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I. O. #1219;  
MR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with  
aliases, I. O. #1232; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File 7-30.

In connection with the get-away chart which  
was found in the apartment occupied by MRS. SAWYER at  
Cleveland, Ohio, and which has been ascertained by this  
office to begin at the Stockyards National Bank, South  
St. Paul, Minnesota, and which probably relates to the  
the holdup of messengers of that bank in October, 1933,  
the following descriptions were obtained from the Chief  
of Police at South St. Paul, of persons alleged to have  
been involved in this holdup.

Number 1.	Age	30 years
	Height	5 feet, 8 inches
	Weight	170 to 180 pounds
Number 2.	Age	27 years to 30 years
	Height	5 feet, 6 or 7 inches
	Weight	130 pounds
	Complexion	Light
Number 3.	Age	30 years
	Height	6 feet
	Weight	180 pounds
	Complexion	Medium
Number 4.	Age	25 years
	Height	5 feet, 8 inches
	Weight	160 pounds
	Build	Medium
	Complexion	Light



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Number 5. Age 39 years  
Height 5 feet, 6 or 7 inches  
Weight 160 pounds  
Complexion Medium light

Number 6. Age 30 years  
Peculiarity Moon Face  
(No other description available)

At the time of this holdup, the bandits took Police Positive Revolver # 584355, and .38 calibre Police Positive Special # 581660, both being the property of the South St. Paul Police Department. The bandits also took a Thompson Sub-machine gun # 7679.

Chief of Police McAlpine of the South St. Paul Police Department advised that photographs of suspects in the BREMER and DILLINGER cases had previously been shown to witnesses of this holdup, but no identifications having been made.

Further investigation with reference to the termination of the get-away chart at Davenport, Iowa, in an effort to locate the exact spot at which this chart terminates, will be conducted within the next few days and your office advised of the result.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LEB,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cc Chicago

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P. O. Box 1870  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
October 6, 1934

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Mr. E. F. Conley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

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

I am transmitting herewith a fingerprint record of Edna Murray, with aliases, the woman companion of subject Volney Davis. This fingerprint record was obtained from Mr. M. B. Sellers of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, taken by him when he was connected with the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway. He is now a Constable at Sapulpa and has informed me that he knows this woman well and believes that he can ascertain some of her connections and probably some relatives. He is being contacted frequently.

It will be noted that this card bears the autographic signature of this woman. Please have it photographed and return it to this office, furnishing me two copies of the photographs of both sides thereof.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division  
Kansas City  
St. Paul

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

October 4, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.#1219;  
DOCTOR JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,  
I.O.#1232; HENRI GIBSON, with aliases,  
I.O.#1215; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-50

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D.L. Nicholson, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated August 16, 1934, in the above entitled case. In the report of Nicholson, an interview is set out with CLARENCE "DOC" EATON, who is presently residing at 346 Jefferson Street, Burlington, Wisconsin, under the name of CLARENCE HUBBARD.

In view of the recent statement of PAULA HADSON that WINNIE EATON and a girl known as "BETTY" visited BILL WEAVER and MYRTLE EATON, near Sandusky, Ohio, and that BILL WEAVER travelled to Burlington, Wisconsin, and returned with these girls, it is requested that "DOC" EATON be re-interviewed at Burlington, Wisconsin, in an effort to identify BETTY, the girl friend of WINNIE EATON. Also, to ascertain whether or not BILL WEAVER drove these girls from Burlington, Wisconsin, to Sandusky, Ohio.

This office will make appropriate investigation at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, in an effort to locate the school which these girls are thought to have attended.

Very truly yours,

D.J. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Division  
Detroit

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
October 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Ave., Room 1405,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

RE: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I. O. #1218;  
Arthur P. Barker, with aliases, I. O. #1219;  
Russell Gibson, with aliases, I. O. #1215;  
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I. O. #1232,  
ET AL; Edward George Bremer - Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
S. W. Hardy, dated at New York City, October 3, 1934, in the above  
captioned case.

The suggestions in the leads set out in that report  
for the Kansas City office were discussed with Inspector S. P. Cowley  
while he was at Kansas City and Inspector Cowley advised that the  
New York office should endeavor to ascertain if Miss Mary Atkins  
could possibly be used as an informant in behalf of this Division;  
that is, if she could be prevailed upon to endeavor to obtain informa-  
tion from the Fisher family at Kansas City, with whom she is well ac-  
quainted, as to the present whereabouts of Clara Fisher Gibson, or her  
husband, Subject Russell Gibson. Inspector Cowley instructed that the  
Kansas City office was to make no attempts to interview Mrs. Rose At-  
kins at Kansas City, Missouri, until the New York office has ascer-  
tained whether Miss Mary Atkins would really act as an informant in  
behalf of this Division in an endeavor to bring about the location  
and apprehension of Subject Gibson.

Accordingly, it is requested that your office take  
appropriate action to ascertain if Miss Mary Atkins will work with  
this Division as an informant in an endeavor to obtain information.



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through the Fisher family at Kansas City as to Subject Gibson's whereabouts. In the event she will agree to do so, the details as to whether she should proceed to Kansas City, etc., should then be further discussed with the Division and Inspector Conley at Chicago.

Very truly yours,

H. B. MATTHEW  
Special Agent in Charge.

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returned *H. C.*

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BREKID REFER TO DIVISION TELETYPE OCTOBER 1 CONCERNING OWEN  
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CARTER WITH FINGERPRINTS BRYAN/BOLTON, BELIEVED TO BE SUBJECT CARTER,  
WHO ENLISTED IN NAVY AS APPRENTICE SEAMAN AT PEORIA, ILLINOIS, JUNE  
14, 1917 AND DISCHARGED AUGUST 14, 1919, AT GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS,

WHOSE VETERAN ADMINISTRATION CLAIM NUMBER IS 617302.

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Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Baughman.....  
Chief Clerk.....  
Mr. Coffey.....  
Mr. Cowley.....  
Mr. Edwards.....  
Mr. Egan.....  
Mr. Harbo.....  
Mr. Keith.....  
Mr. Lester.....  
Mr. Quinn.....  
Mr. Tamm.....  
Mr. Tracy.....



1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

September 25, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.  
1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -  
Victim. KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed, herewith, is the sworn, signed statement of  
James J. Wilson, furnished to Special Agent J. L. Madala, dated  
September 25, 1934, with reference to fingerprint operations  
performed on subjects of this case by Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

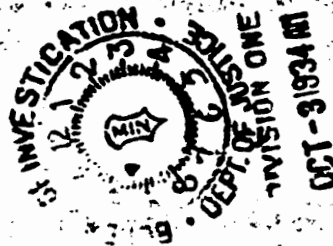
Very truly yours,

S. P. COWLEY,  
Inspector.

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R. H. Colvin,  
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U.S. Department of Justice,  
1331 First National Bank Building,  
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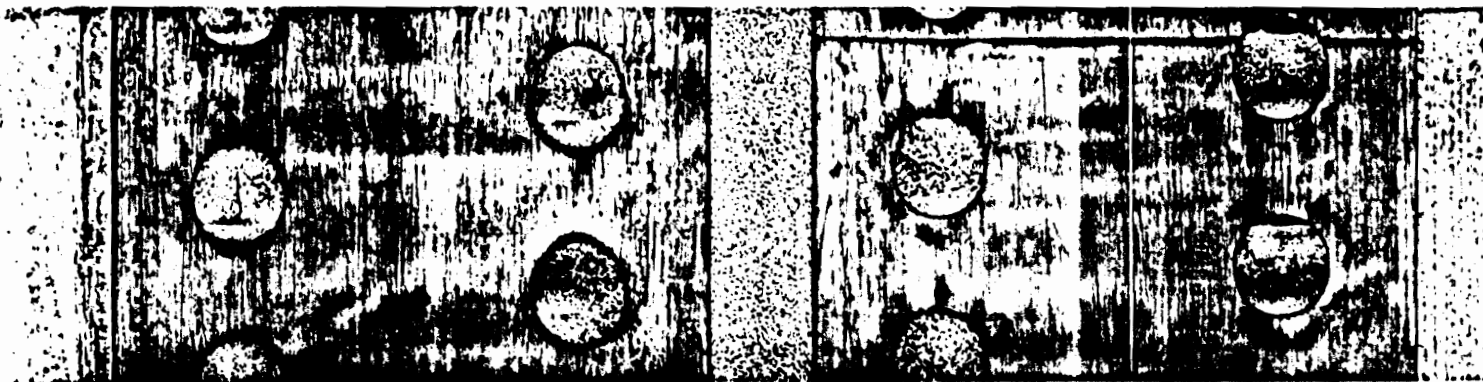
MOTOR SIX EIGHT SEVEN NAUGHT FOUR THREE SIX

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CHARGE-Gov. Rate,  
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U.S. Dept. of Justice,  
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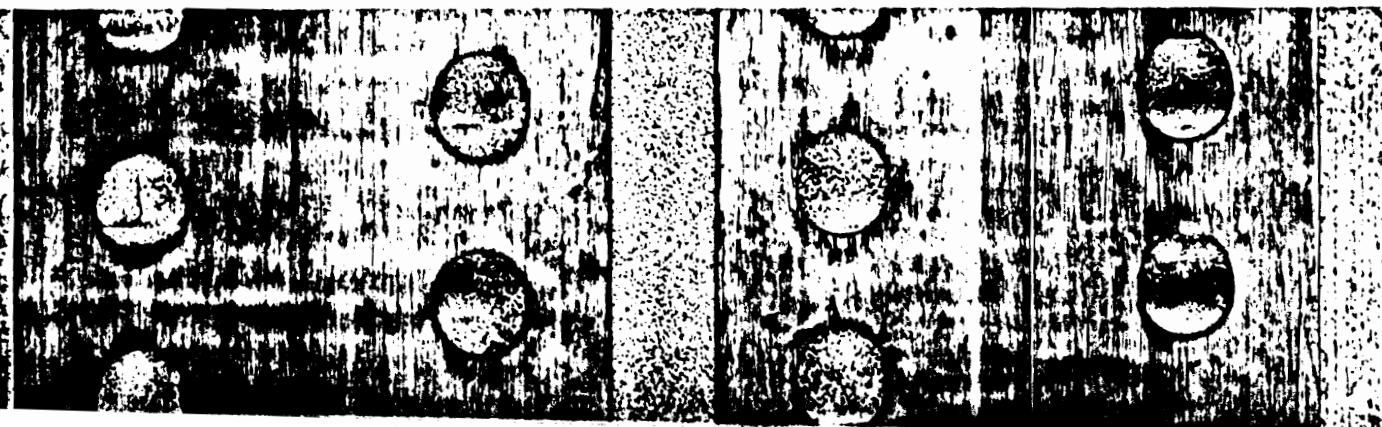
BRICK FIRST NATIONAL BANK GLENFALLS NEW YORK ADVISES RECEIVED BANKNOTE FIVE  
NAUGHT FOUR FOUR TWO SIX ONE SIX FIVE A IN DEPOSIT LANE GEORGE GARAGE OWNED  
BY W VANDUREN HANDLE

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M H PURVIS DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPT OF JUSTICE 1900 BANKERS BLDG CHICAGO ILL

BREKID REFERENCE YOUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION YESTERDAY OWEN D CARTER NOT RECEIVING  
MAIL HERE CHILDREN NOT REGISTERED IN ANY SCHOOL UNDER NAMES GIVEN STOP IF ANY  
INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS TO MAKE AND LICENSE OF AUTOMOBILES USED PLEASE FURNISH

COLVIN

ON GOVT PAID  
CHG DIV INVEST  
EL PASO TEXAS.

cc Div. ✓



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October 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Cowley telephoned and advised that they are planning on sending the latest report in the Kansas City Massacre case to all offices, including these statements, indicating that the information is confidential; that he noticed a letter from the Kansas City office to the effect that we should hold confidential the fact that Richetti is implicated in this case. I stated that was O.K. as we talked before about the desirability of issuing an Identification Order on Richetti indicating that he was wanted in this case and that is what it was referring to. I advised Mr. Cowley that a writ was served on Vetterli and the Attorney General with regard to Binaggio; that, of course, the writ is only operative in the district in which it is served and consequently it is served on Vetterli. I told Mr. Cowley that there will be a hearing on Tuesday and Vetterli will be reply that he is not in his custody and, as a matter of fact, Vetterli does not know where he is.

I had Mr. Cowley confirm the fact that Anderson, Jones, Hurt, Vetterli and himself picked up Binaggio in the station at St. Louis, Mo.; that he was in the company of other Italians to whom they identified themselves as Division agents in order to pick him up. I asked if there was anything else of interest in this connection and Mr. Cowley advised that Shivers also was there. Mr. Cowley stated that was a mistake but it was done without thinking and, if they have to do anything like this over again, they would not notify the St. Louis office or even let them know that they are in town as that would have been more desirable.

I asked Mr. Cowley if he was getting anything from Binaggio and he stated they were not as yet but they will as it takes a little time. Mr. Cowley stated that if they get by with the writ on Tuesday, they will be sitting pretty; that we should do this as it will be a victory for us and let them know that we can't be monkeyed with.

With regard to the apartment house where Mrs. Barker lived, Mr. Cowley advised that publicity was given out on the 18th and on the same day she wrote the people and said she was vacating her apartment and she moved two or three days later.

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Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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October 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Connors of the Chicago News telephoned and asked whether the Director had told me about letting him have access to the record on the Nelson and Brainer cases; that is, he wants to get a few dates straight and have the background ready when the cases break. I stated that I would be glad to do this although the Director had not told me about it. Mr. Connors stated that the Director told him he would make a note and I stated, in that event, there was probably something about it on my desk this morning. Mr. Connors stated he will come in on Monday and I told him we would give him this information at any time.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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October 9, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated at Chicago, Illinois, on September 14, 1934, transmitting a Thompson sub-machine gun, Model 1921, a 100-round fully loaded machine gun drum, a .32 calibre Colt automatic revolver with extra loaded clip, and two .45 calibre Colt automatic revolvers with four extra loaded clips, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

Numerous very fragmentary latent fingerprints were developed on the above guns and bullets. However, the only latent fingerprints of value appeared on two of the cartridge clips for the .45 calibre revolver. These two latent impressions have 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  
Volney Davis, our #400441  
Harry Sawyer, our #421335  
Bernard Phillips, our #328905  
George Nelson, our #542742  
Marian Marr, our #782267  
Myrtle Eaton, our #337474

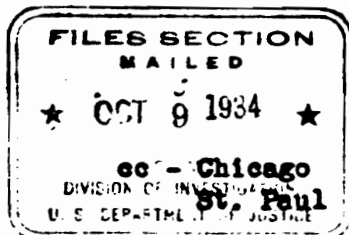
Arthur Barker, our #289428  
Harry Campbell, our #419856  
William Weaver, our #17920  
Clyde Himerick, our #77961  
John Hamilton, our #110358  
Rose Ancker, our #782225  
Paula Harmon, our #105880

In addition, one of the latent fingerprints has been searched through the single fingerprint file, but no identification was effected. It is now being placed in the unidentified section of this file with a view to identification at a subsequent time as additional fingerprints are absorbed therein.

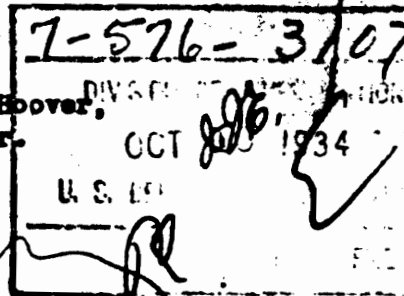
Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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U. S. Department of Justice

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

October 6, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I.O.#1219;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,  
I.O.#1232; ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

There is transmitted herewith a confidential memorandum, two copies, submitted by Special Agent J. E. Brennan under date of September 25, 1934, covering an interview had by Agent Brennan with Victim Edward George Bremer. Copies of this confidential memorandum are also being furnished to the Chicago Division office with their copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
September 25, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE D. M. LADD:

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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

EDWARD G. BREMER, victim in this case, requested an interview with the undersigned on this date, and stated that he had received information from a confidential source to the effect that HARRY SAWYER is somewhere in Northern Wisconsin. In the course of the conversation with BREMER, upon being assured that the source of his information would not be made known to other persons, he stated that his friend HARRY MILLER, who operates a recreation parlor in the Hamm Building in St. Paul, had informed him that he, MILLER, had received a long distance telephone call from HARRY SAWYER on the evening of September 23, 1934, wherein SAWYER requested MILLER to ask BREMER to use his political influence to secure the release of GLADYS SAWYER, wife of HARRY SAWYER; that in this telephone conversation MILLER asked SAWYER where he was calling from, and SAWYER stated that he was in Northern Wisconsin. BREMER stated that MILLER did not believe this, and he, BREMER, did not wish to press MILLER for further information as to where the call was received, etc., as he did not wish MILLER to conclude that he was particularly interested in the whereabouts of SAWYER.

BREMER has, since the time he was released by the kidnapers, expressed great confidence in HARRY MILLER, and stated that MILLER suspected HARRY SAWYER of being in some manner involved in the kidnaping from the time BREMER was kidnaped, and he appeared to desire to have it understood that MILLER was in no way involved, although MILLER has, by reason of his associations with persons frequenting his recreation parlor, apparently procured the confidence of a number of thieves, and would not furnish any information to any law enforcement authorities for fear of revenge on the part of associates of those concerning whom he might be able to furnish information. BREMER stated that he is going on a hunting trip over the weekend with MILLER and others, and any further information he may procure relative to SAWYER he will furnish the undersigned, with the understanding that should SAWYER or his associates be located that MILLER'S name will not be mentioned.

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BREMER furnished a list of delinquent safe deposit box holders in the Commercial State Bank, of which he is President, and on which were found the names of MRS. HARRY SAWYER, whose box rent has been delinquent since May 20, 1934; THOMAS E. GANNON, a defendant in the DILLINGER case, whose box rent has been delinquent since May 26, 1934, and CLARENCE VON SIEN, whose box rent has been delinquent since January 10, 1934. VON SIEN is the husband of the woman who is now living with ANDY ROTHMEYER, ROTHMEYER having formerly lived with MYRTLE KATON. BREMER stated that he would instigate legal proceedings to open these boxes and would notify the St. Paul Office when the boxes are to be opened.

BREMER stated that his information was to the effect that it appeared to be more desirable to have SAWYER in custody than MRS. SAWYER, as it is believed that when she gets drunk she talks too much and might divulge information detrimental to SAWYER and his associates, and after some verbal fencing he stated that the information that SAWYER sought was as to whether or not some deal might be made whereby MRS. SAWYER would be released.

In the course of the conversation, as it appeared possible that BREMER himself was of the opinion that MRS. SAWYER has or might furnish the location of the place where he was held, it was left to his conclusion that the hideout has been, or shortly would be, found, and the remark was made that he might be surprised to find that the place was somewhat different than as he had imagined it to be or had described it. He still insisted, however, that the sounds previously described, such as the siren, church bells, etc., were exactly as he had always said they were; that the only thing he was not sure of was the distance the house was from the railroad.

Very truly yours,

JOHN E. BRENNAN,  
Special Agent.

JEB:ACF

October 9, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.



Dear Sir:

It has been brought to my attention, in connection with the Bremer and Kansas City Massacre cases, that undeveloped leads are being set out by various offices for the obtaining of evidence which is already contained in the file of the office requesting such investigation. Obviously such requests can only emanate from a field office when the Special Agent in Charge of that field office is not familiar with the contents of the investigative file contained in his office. This situation is a serious reflection not only upon the administrative ability of the Special Agents in Charge of the various field offices but also upon their interest in the Division's welfare and the successful conclusion of these cases.

The Division can not minutely supervise the development of each and every lead in each field office throughout the country but must depend in a large measure upon the discretion and intelligence of its Special Agents in Charge. The Bremer and Kansas City Massacre cases are among the most important cases now pending in the Division and I have previously indicated my desire that these cases should receive very close attention and supervision in all Division offices.

I desire that you immediately review the files on these cases in your office and arrange hereafter to personally supervise all investigative activity on these cases.

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Very truly yours

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October 9, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,

Attention: Mr. Glavin

Dear Sir:

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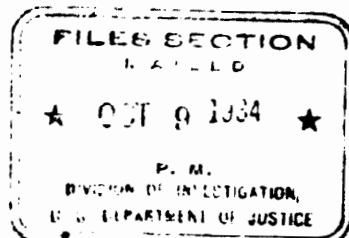
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Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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October 9, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,

Attention: Mr. Edwards.

Dear Sir:

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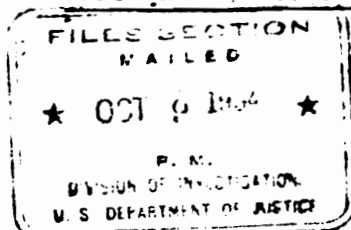
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Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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October 9, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,

Attention: Mr. Egan.

Dear Sir:

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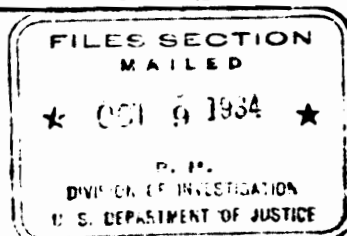
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Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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October 9, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,

Attention: Mr. Tamm.

Dear Sir:

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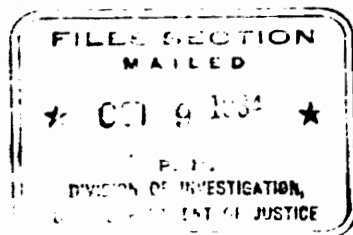
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Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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October 9, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,

Attention: Mr. Quinn.

Dear Sir:

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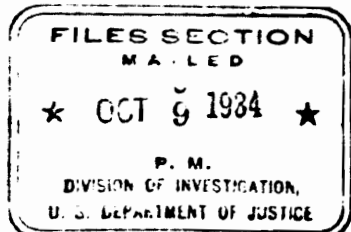
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Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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FLM:ON

October 9, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith two photostatic  
copies of the fingerprints of each of the following  
individuals:

Phoenix Demald alias William Weaver  
Jess Doyle  
F. G. Hard alias Fred Barker  
Harry Campbell  
Volney Davis.

Similar copies are being forwarded to the St. Paul  
Office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

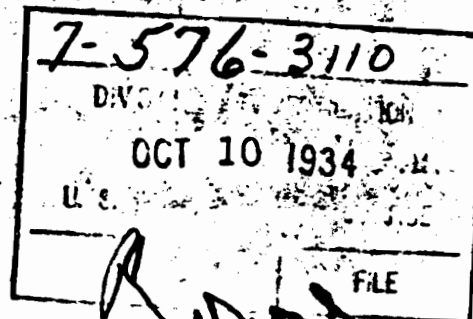
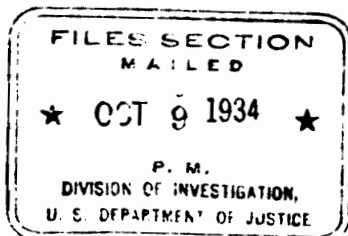
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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ROOM 5747  
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*David H. Brennan*  
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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

September 28, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219;  
et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-52

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the photograph of Edna Murray alias Velma Tippetts, alias Velma Champaign alias Edna Sullivan alias Doris Farrell alias Edna Grace, Missouri State Penitentiary No. 28973, with descriptive data appearing on the reverse side. Edna Murray is the paramour of subject Volney Davis and has been residing with him, as disclosed in the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated September 19, 1934, a copy of which report is in possession of each field office.

Edna Murray was received at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on December 3, 1925, from Jackson County, Missouri, to serve twenty-five years for the crime of robbery. She escaped from that institution on December 13, 1932. Very little is known at the present time concerning her place of birth and names and addresses of her relatives. However, same will be obtained by the Kansas City office from the records of the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, and should appear in an early report.

Very truly yours,

E. P. COWLEY,  
Inspector.

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All field offices (Enc)

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

September 25, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

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

It is requested that this office be furnished  
with a tracing or copy of the handwriting of William  
Weaver alias Phoenix Donald alias Bill Scott.

It will be noted a photograph of Weaver taken  
by the St. Paul Police Department, their number 23452,  
dated August 3, 1932, indicates that if a specimen of  
Weaver's handwriting is not in the possession of your of-  
fice, the same can be obtained from the St. Paul Police  
Department. It is requested that this be forwarded to  
the Chicago Division office at the earliest possible  
date.

Very truly yours,

S. P. COWLEY,  
Inspector.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington Field Office, Room 5745  
Washington, D. C.

October 10, 1934.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. No. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. No. 1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I. O. No. 1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, I. O. No. 1232; ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Under date of October 9, 1934, the fingerprints of one Bryan Bolton, age 36, who enlisted in the United States Navy as an apprentice seaman, June 14, 1917, at Peoria, Illinois, and received an honorable discharge on August 14, 1919, at Great Lakes, Illinois, were obtained from the Navy Department and placed with the Identification Unit of the Division.

Kindly place a "wanted notice" against this individual, and in the event any record is received of Bryan Bolton, notify the Chicago and St. Paul Offices, which desire the location of Bolton in connection with the above captioned case.

Very truly yours,

L. R. Pennington  
L. R. PENNINGTON, Assistant  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Chicago  
cc-St. Paul  
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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TO: Director  
Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Tamm  
Unit Two

Unit Four

Files Section  
Personnel Files  
Equipment Section  
Chief Clerk's Office

Unit Five

Identification Unit  
Statistical Section  
Technical Laboratory

SUPERVISORS

Mr. Deaderick  
Mr. Joseph  
Mr. Listerman  
Mr. Lowdon  
Mr. McKee

Mr. Newby  
Mr. Richmond  
Mr. Smith  
Mr. Thompson

Miss Gandy  
Mrs. Kelley  
Washington Field Office  
Stenographic Pool  
Secretary  
Correct  
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Re-date  
See me  
Send file

The name on this print should have  
been Byron Bolton. I suggest a  
cross reference card.

Supervisor - Unit One

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-63**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Washington, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/10/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/9/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>H. E. ROBERTS</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. No. 1215; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. No. 1219; RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I. O. No. 1215; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, I. O. No. 1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>The fingerprints of Owen Carter alias Leo Wilson, State Reformatory No. 6035, St. Cloud, Minnesota, are not identical with fingerprints of Bryan Bolton, who enlisted in the United States Naval Service at Peoria, Illinois, June 14, 1917, and was honorably discharged August 14, 1919, at Great Lakes, Illinois. No record found in the Identification Unit of the Division on Bryan Bolton. A photostatic copy of his Navy fingerprints is now in the Division's files and a "hold notice" has been requested.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>DETAILS: <b>AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</b></p> <p>The instant investigation was requested by Mr. Newby of the Division, relative to ascertaining if the fingerprints of Owen Carter alias Leo Wilson, No. 6035 Minnesota State Reformatory, St. Cloud, Minnesota, taken September 28, 1923, are the same as those of Bryan Bolton, who enlisted in the Navy as an apprentice seaman at Peoria, Illinois, June 14, 1917, and was honorably discharged August 14, 1919, at Great Lakes, Illinois.</p> <p>Upon receipt of the fingerprints of Owen Carter, in the Division, and comparing them with the prints of Bryan Bolton, they were found not to be the same.</p> <p>Two photostatic copies were obtained of Bryan Bolton's fingerprints from the Navy Department, and one was placed with the Identification Unit of the Division, with notice that Bryan Bolton was wanted by the Chicago and St. Paul Offices in connection with instant case.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. R. Pennington</i> Assistant Special Agent in Charge		RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>OCT 11 1934</b>	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3 Division 3 St. Paul 3 Chicago 1 Detroit 2 Washington Field		<div style="text-align: center;"> <b>7-576-3112</b>  <b>OCT 11 1934 A.M.</b>              BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION              ROUTED TO: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">ONE</span> FILE           </div>	

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A search at the Identification Unit did not disclose a previous criminal record on Bryan Bolton.

The additional photostatic copy of Bolton's fingerprints is being retained in the Washington Field Office file in the instant case, as well as a photostatic copy of the fingerprints of Owen Carter, No. 6035, taken at the Minnesota State Reformatory, as mentioned herein before.

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October 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219; REGINALD GIBSON with aliases, I. O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. #1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim Kidnaping

Dear Sirs:

There are transmitted herewith and to each of the offices indicated below photostatic copies of the fingerprints of BRYAN BOLTON, who enlisted in the United States Naval Service at Peoria, Illinois June 14, 1917 and who may possibly be identical with Owen Carter alias "Monty" Carter, a former associate of Fred Goetz alias George Isigler, deceased.

The fingerprints of Bolton should be submitted to the Identification Bureau at Chicago, Illinois, St. Paul, Minnesota, St. Louis, Missouri, Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri, for the purpose of obtaining further information respecting this individual.

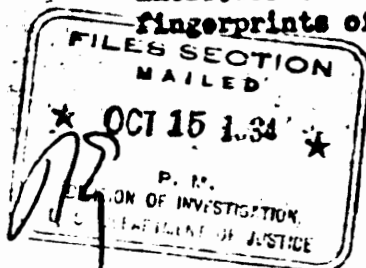
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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St. Louis  
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Encls. for these offices - photostatic copies of fingerprints of Bryan Bolton.



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NEW ORLEANS,  
October 9,  
1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SPECIAL AGENTS:

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

The Division, by letter September 20, 1934, transmitted to this office copies of the investigative summary report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated August 16, 1934, which contains the names and descriptions of associates of the subjects, and recent developments of investigations with reference to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, Victim.

Agent Nicholson's report, as well as the following enumerated reports should be read by you that you may familiarize yourself with the description, identity, and contacts with subjects of this case. It is noted in these reports that the names of the confidential informants, as well as the subject matter of their information, is to be kept strictly confidential.

Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, 9-19-34, and 10-1-34.  
Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, 9-25-34.  
Special Agent in Charge Wm. Larson, Detroit, Michigan, 9-28-34.



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*R. Whitley*  
R. Whitley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P.O. BOX 1276  
Oklahoma City Oklahoma  
October 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

RE: VERNON C MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);  
RICHARD TALIMAN GILATAS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY  
BOY" FLOYD, with aliases. FUGITIVE, I.O. # 1194;  
ET AL; CONSPIRACY TO DISCOVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

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

Dear Sir :

The receipt is acknowledged of your communication of October  
5, 1934, in which you mentioned the receipt of a postcard from one  
Arthur Crawford of Healdton, Oklahoma.

Please be advised that this individual is and has been for  
a considerable period a prolific correspondent with the Division, this  
office, and various other law enforcement agencies throughout the  
country in respect to badly wanted outlaws. Crawford is a World War veteran,  
is mentally deficient, and imagines that he is the world's most efficient  
detective. For the reasons stated, Mr Crawford will not be interviewed,  
and you may, therefore, disregard any further communications received  
from him. It is possible that he may correspond with you in the future  
under a different name but you should at least be able to recognize the  
handwriting.

The postcard received by you from Crawford is returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

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Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Kansas City  
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SEPTEMBER 25, 1934.

OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D.C.

BREKID INFORMANT [REDACTED] MENTIONED MY LETTER SEPTEMBER FIRST JODIL CASE ADVISED  
AGENT HALL LAST NIGHT HE MET DOC BARKER AND ALVIN KARPIS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TOMMY HILL DRIVING FORD V EIGHT SEDAN YELLOW WIRE WHEELS KANSAS TAGS  
ISSUED WYANDOTTE COUNTY REPORTED HEADING EITHER TULSA OR KANSASCITY MAIL THROU  
ROBBERY REPORTED SOUTH COFFEYVILLE SATURDAY MORNING AGENT HALL SIMULTANEOUSLY  
ADVISED BY MCCAULEY HEAD CRAP DEALER FOR TOMMY HILL THAT JESSE DOYLE DOC AND  
ALVIN CAME TO TULSA SATURDAY NIGHT OBTAINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN NEW TWENTY  
DOLLAR BILLS FROM MR ERRETT OR ARRETT INDEPENDENCE KANSAS BUSINESS MAN IN  
CONFIDENCE GAME LEAVING IN THIRTYFOUR PLYMOUTH SEDAN KANSAS/ ADVISED BY TELEPHONE  
CONTACTS BEING CLOSELY COVERED TULSA

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Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
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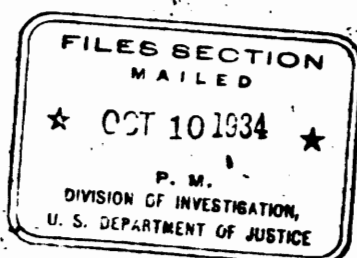
Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

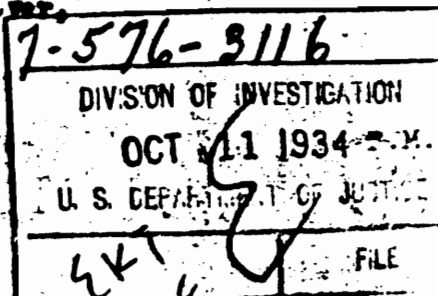
Reference is made to your letter of September 10, 1934, with which was transmitted a notebook containing a getaway chart found at 4419 West 171st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

Confirming the Division telegram of October 6, 1934, you are advised that three of the latent fingerprints developed on the notebook have been identified as those of Charles J. Fitzgerald, our file #35780. It will be noted that this is the same getaway chart on which two additional latent finger impressions were identified with the right and left thumbs of Fred Barker, our file #59163, as reported in the Division letter of October 1, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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cc - St. Paul  
Detroit  
Kansas City

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
October 4, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of October 2, 1934, please be advised that with reference to the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall dated at Detroit, Michigan September 25, 1934, the delay between the end of the period covered by the investigation reported therein, September 14, 1934 and the date of submission, September 25, 1934 was incurred due to the fact that Special Agent W. E. Peters, who conducted a very considerable portion of the investigation reported therein, was delayed in the preparation of his memorandum covering said investigation at the end of the period of investigation in said report due to the fact that emergency matters were arising in connection with this case at Cleveland, Ohio which required immediate attention and, in view of the familiarity of this Agent with these angles, it was deemed advisable that he handle the same personally. He therefore was unable to submit his memorandum covering that portion of the investigation conducted by him immediately and accordingly, the delay was incurred.

It should also be noted that it is set forth in letter to the Division dated September 29, 1934, that on that date all offices of the Division which had not already received copies of this report were furnished with same.

With reference to the second paragraph of your letter, please be advised that the roll of undeveloped films obtained from the premises at 3973 W. 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio was forwarded to the Chicago office for development. Under date of September 27, 1934 the Chicago Office advised this office by letter that there had been only one exposure on said film which was developed, being a picture of a rocky section with no indication whatsoever of the locality. It is noted in the letter of transmittal from the Chicago office that a copy of said photograph was transmitted with the Division copy of said letter to the Division.

With reference to the third paragraph of your letter wherein it is noted that on page 27 of the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall of this

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office dated 9/25/34 that photograph had been found of a 12-cylinder Auburn Sedan with a lady sitting behind the steering wheel, please be advised that this photograph was forwarded under date of October 3, 1934 to the St. Paul office. The face of the woman appearing in the picture is obscured by her arm so that it will possibly be impossible to obtain a good likeness of her face. However, the ST. PAUL OFFICE is being requested herewith to transmit the same to the Division.

With reference to page 22 of the report of Agent Hall dated 9/25/34 wherein it is noted that Underwood Portable Typewriter #596064 was forwarded directly to the Division under date of September 10, 1934 for examination, it is hereby requested that said typewriter be examined to determine whether the same was used in the preparation of any extortion notes either in the instant case or in connection with the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr. at St. Paul, Minnesota on June 15, 1933.

Please be advised that with reference to the manner in which this typewriter was submitted to the Division, I am forcefully calling the attention of the various Agents assigned to this office to the fact that Division instructions must be followed in submitting evidence to the Division for examination in the Scientific Laboratory in order that there will be no recurrence of an instance similar to that which just happened in connection with instant typewriter.

Very truly yours,

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

DEH:MEB

cc - St. Paul  
Chicago

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
1616 Federal Reserve  
Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri

October 9, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

The following information is being submitted  
in accordance with your personal and confidential letter  
dated July 20, 1934, concerning telephone taps.

In connection with the case entitled [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A tap was maintained on the  
telephone of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] from September  
17, 1934, to September 26, 1934.

The tap was instituted on telephonic authority  
given by Mr. Tamm on September 17, 1934, for a period  
of five days, and was continued until September 26 on  
authority of Division telegram dated September 22, 1934.

Very truly yours,

*R. E. Nathan*

R. E. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT  
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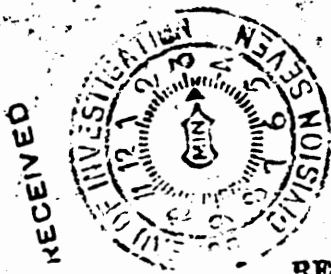
RE: CJ OCTOBER 10 1934

REKID YOUR LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER SEVENTEENTH NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR  
TRANSMITTING STATEMENT OF PAUL HARMON DATED SEPTEMBER FIFTEENTH  
NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR HAS BEEN LOCATED DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO TRACE  
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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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I called Mr. Cowley and advised him that I sent a memorandum to the Director on our talk about Bonasio which contained my comments about the raid that Nathan was going to make on his house out there for the last month; that the Director asks, in a notation, that I find out from Mr. Cowley whether the place should be raided. I asked Mr. Cowley what he thought of raiding the place and stated my first thought would be that we do not have very much to substantiate Needles' statements; that while we have Bonasio in custody, we can pretty well determine whether we should or should not raid it. Mr. Cowley stated that he talked to Mr. Nathan a short while ago and told him to go up there with Bash and Bash had previously received the same information that Nathan got and had requested that he be allowed to go along; that he, Cowley, told Nathan to make the raid last night but Bash was out of town; therefore, in view of this, it will be conducted when Bash gets back and Bash will be back this afternoon. Mr. Cowley stated that this will not be a raid but just a search and they will search the place thoroughly today. I stated it should be done as soon as possible because if there is anything there that these people are hiding, they will probably remove it after he is picked up. Mr. Cowley stated that they will do it today and he told them not to wait until tonight as he could see no point in doing it at night and it would probably attract less attention if it was done at day. I asked Mr. Cowley whether he was getting anything from Bonasio and he stated that they were getting nothing; that he, however, states frankly that he has been paying Lexia as he runs a gambling joint very openly down there; that they gave him a good vigorous talking to last night and they will hold him for a couple of days.

I told Mr. Cowley that I was anxious to get the squads in Chicago organized and when he got a chance, he should make up a list of the personnel that he is using and the men that are available for general assignment; in other words, a regular list. Mr. Cowley stated that he had a list and I asked him to give me the names of the men that he is using. Mr. Cowley advised that the Bremer squad consists of Campbell, Hurt, Jones, Madalla, McIntyre, Muszey, Ryan, Schuss. Mr. Cowley stated that he understands Schuss has submitted his resignation since he left town. The Dillinger squad consists of Barber, Chaffets, Gillespie, Hollis, (Hollis working with two informants - one on the Dillinger case and one on the Bremer case - right now he is in Toledo on the Bremer case but works on both cases) LaFrance, McKee, McCalfe, Peterson, Woltz. The Kansas City Massacre squad consists of Connor, McDade, McRay, Murphy, Sullivan, Suran, Welles and Winstead. Mr. Cowley stated that he was talking to Mr. Purvis the other day and Murphy has been traded

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for one of the newer men although he does not know which one it is as yet. In the Kansas City case, Mr. Cowley advised that four of the men are tied up doing guard duty. Mr. Cowley stated that they have the Lindbergh case but there is nothing much on that. I stated there were just a few spasmodic interviews. I asked Mr. Cowley if he has a list of Mr. Purvis' personnel and he stated that he did. I asked who Mr. Purvis had assigned today and Mr. Cowley advised that he has Abbaticchio, Beardman, Devereaux, (Devereaux is resident agent at South Bend). Mr. Cowley stated that Mr. Purvis claims Devereaux is his best man and he, Cowley, feels that if Devereaux is such a good man, Purvis can probably utilize another man in South Bend. Mr. Purvis also has Dickerson, Glynn, (Glynn is in Fort Wayne today examining judicial offices), Mirsh, Jenkins, Lestage, Lorry, McCarthy, McKeegan, Mullin, Myers, Rhodes (in Milwaukee - probably resident agent), Scott, Van Wagoner (who is in Washington), Williams, White (Doc White), Zinner. Mr. Cowley asked if I was interested in the accountants and I stated that I was not concerned about them because they are all on accounting work. Mr. Cowley stated that they have two men indicated as coming to Chicago, namely, Oglesby and Mahan. I told Mr. Cowley that Oglesby is dead. Mr. Cowley stated that Mahan will go to Purvis. Mr. Cowley stated that there are two men in San Francisco and I stated they were per se common combatants at the present time, as far as he, Cowley, was concerned. I stated that some of the leads they had out in San Francisco on Nelson looked very good and I did not know what the trouble is. Mr. Cowley stated that there are undoubtedly a lot of people out there who know Nelson and they certainly should be worked on as Nelson has contacts there just the same as he has in Chicago and these contacts should be worked on. Mr. Cowley asked if the Reno angle fixated entirely and I stated that it died of its own volition.

Mr. Cowley asked if it would be all right for Mr. Newby to arrive in Washington on Monday morning and I stated this would be O.K. I told Mr. Cowley that all of the supervisors would be out on subpoenas next week from Vermont to Tennessee and I would like to have somebody here. Mr. Cowley stated he would leave Sunday afternoon on the Capital Limited. I told Mr. Cowley that I did not want to be arbitrary about it and he stated that they will be able to get along O.K. I asked how Suran was going and Mr. Cowley stated that he is doing fine; also Brown. I asked Mr. Cowley whether he was breaking Brown in to take his place for a day or two at the time and Mr. Cowley stated that he can do this. I told Mr. Cowley to keep this in mind all the time because if this thing spreads out, he, Cowley, will be out of there more and more and with this California thing in the offing, it would be a good idea to have a number one man that can be depended upon. Mr. Cowley stated that Peterson can handle anything that comes up on the Dillinger case; Brown on the Bremer case and Suran on the Kansas City case; that during the last couple of days, when he was away, they handled matters satisfactorily except when it came to a matter of Division policy which they are not so familiar with as they have not had the benefits he, Cowley, has had.

Memo for the Director

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October 5, 1934.

Mr. Cowley asked if the California matter would be this week or next and I stated that it will probably be several days before it comes down. I stated that this was Friday and it could not very well be this week any more.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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1900 B. W. B. BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

October 10, 1934.

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

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. 1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1223;  
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Reference is made to your letter dated October 8,  
1934, with which you submitted a copy of the fingerprint  
card of Edna Murray with aliases, on the back of which  
appears this individual's signature.

The original and one copy of this fingerprint card  
are being returned to your office. All offices, including  
the Division, receiving copies of this letter are also  
being furnished one photostatic copy of this individual's  
fingerprint card.

Very truly yours,

S. P. COWLEY,  
Inspector.

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U. S. Department of Justice

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

October 10, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.# 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.# 1219;  
ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Pursuant to the request contained in the report of Special Agent J. R. Green, dated at Omaha, Nebraska, September 24, 1934, in the above entitled case, there is transmitted, herewith, a photographic copy of the fingerprint impressions of JOHN G. FINN, alias J. E. Hall, alias "CURLY" FINN, alias "CURLY" FINN, alias JOHN GILBERT, which was furnished to this office by the Minneapolis Police Department.

The description of JOHN FINN, as it appears in the records of the Minneapolis Police Department, is as follows:

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Very truly yours,

  
D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Department of Justice  
Division of Investigation  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

CHARGE

October 6, 1934

3:50 P.M.

D. H. DICKSON,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
802 Federal Building,  
Butte, Montana

BREKID AGENT R. L. JONES ARRIVING GLASGOW FOUR A.M. TOMORROW

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

October 9, 1934.

Mr. E. J. Keenan,  
Postmaster,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it will be appreciated if you will have a search made on all mail received at persons residing at 6714 State Street, Chicago, Illinois, forwarding tracings thereof to this office marked for the attention of File No. 7-82.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

MC

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In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
OCT 11 1934
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Post Office Box 4807,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

RAA:HFB

October 9, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
232 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. 1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, I.O. 1232; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

With reference to the Undeveloped Lead in the report of  
Special Agent William Larson, of the Detroit Division Office,  
dated September 28, 1934, please be advised that the Motor Vehicle  
Commissioner for Florida, at Tallahassee, has informed the Jackson-  
ville Office that his records do not show that application for  
title or tag has ever been made to his office for 1934 Ford V-8  
coupe, motor #18-1037480.

A "skip" card has been placed against this car and the  
Jacksonville Office will be advised if application is made to  
register same.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC 2 - St. Paul  
2 - Chicago  
1 - Detroit  
3 - Division ✓

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October 9, 1934

Mr. E. B. Maddux  
Consulting Criminologist  
Tulsa Police Department  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 8, 1934, with reference to the progress being made by this office with [redacted] an informant recently brought to Kansas City in connection with an investigation.

You are advised that when contact was last had with [redacted] by representatives of this Division, it was understood that he would subsequently communicate with this office. However, no such communication has been received from him, and I am consequently unable to advise you as to his present situation. Should I obtain any further information concerning him, I will be pleased to advise you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

R. B. MATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge

RMH:ba

cc - Division  
Oklahoma City  
Chicago

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218  
ARTHUR R. PARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219  
ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
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Mr. E. P. Cowley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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OCT 12 1934  
7-516-1-223  
Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1216;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219;  
ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to my letter of October 5, 1934, in the above captioned case in which mention was made of the fact that Special Agent O. G. Hall has contacted Wynona Burdette.

Agent Hall has again contacted Wynona Burdette and she has written him a short note, dated October 5 at Hominy, Oklahoma, in which she stated that she has heard nothing further from any of the "boys", and that when she does, she will refer the same to Agent Hall. She promised to report to him in any event.

With reference to Kate Barker, Wynona told Agent Hall that she thinks she is somewhere in Chicago and doubts very seriously that she has ever left the country. She would not or could not elaborate on this belief.

Several days ago, Wynona spent the night at Turley, Oklahoma, with her sister, Mrs. Mark Whinnery, and a cream colored car is supposed to have appeared in the vicinity and some man therein asked for Wynona. No further description of the car or of the man was obtained. Nothing further has been seen or heard of this man.

Agent Hall discussed with Wynona the matter of her furnishing information that might lead to the apprehension of this gang. She stated, of course, that she does not want Harry caught, but that if she could do anything concerning the others, it will not be for the money but to save her own neck, as she put it.

She stated that she expects to go to Ponca City, Oklahoma, shortly to visit her sisters who are radio entertainers. She said that she is almost broke and that she wants to get a job as a waitress. She stated that the



2. S. P. Cowley, 10/9/34

only money she has is some she got from Gladys Sawyer in St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division  
St. Paul  
Kansas City

1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

October 13, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 536,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. 1215;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

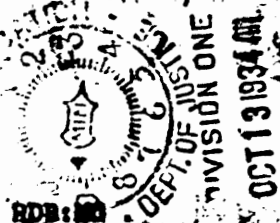
There is attached hereto a copy of the signature of Byron Bolton alias Monty Carter alias Owen D. Carter, for the use of your office in investigation now being conducted at Phoenix, Arizona.

A copy of Bolton's signature is also being furnished the Division and all offices receiving copies of this letter.

Very truly yours,

S. P. OWLEY,  
Inspector.

cc-Division (Enc.)  
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Yours very truly  
B Bolton  
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Copy of the signature of Subject Byron Bolton,  
alias "Monty" Carter, alias Owen D. Carter.  
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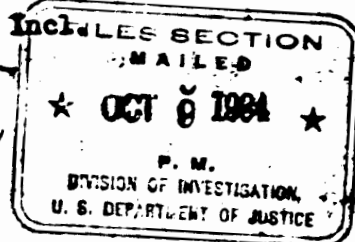
October 9, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Do I understand from the attached telegram Mr. Cowley that the fingerprints of the Barker gang have not been supplied to the Chicago Office and our other field offices? If this is a fact, there has been a very serious oversight upon the part of supervision of this case at Washington headquarters. Please advise me at once as to whether it is a fact that the fingerprints of members of this gang have not been sent to the field offices. Please see also that Chicago is at once supplied with fingerprints as requested.

Very truly yours,

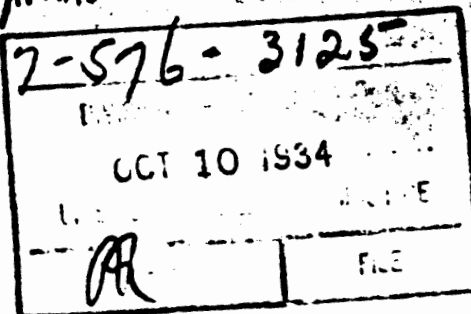
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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*Fingerprints have never been furnished all field offices heretofore. A set of fingerprints of suspects in the Kanno case was furnished the KC. office during the early stages of the investigation of that case and in that instance the supervisor was criticized for sending the prints to the field MR*

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

FILE NO. **7-63**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>CINCINNATI, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>10/11/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>10/8-10/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>CHAPMAN PLATONER</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I. O. #1213; MR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. #1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>OCT 13 1934 AM</b>              DIVISION ONE           </div>
<p><b>Synopsis of Facts:</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;">  </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>Stop placed with Bureau of Motor Vehicles, State Highway Department, Columbus, Ohio, against 1934 Ford V-8 Coupe, motor 18-1037490, Thomas Shirt Co., Columbus, Ohio, 7/6/34, shipped E. Bronson 32 shirts C.O.D. express, 3111 Harvard Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. Order sold by G. S. Frembes, Sr., at Cleveland, 5/19/34. Shirts made for Bronson and three other parties known to Frembes as gamblers whom he met at Harvard Club in Cleveland.</p> </div> </div>			
<p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Mich., dated 9/25/34, also report of Special Agent in Charge Wm. Larson, Detroit, Mich., dated 9/28/34.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p><u><b>AT COLUMBUS, OHIO</b></u></p> <p>W. L. McGee, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, State Highway Department, Columbus, Ohio, after a search of his records advised Agent that title to Ford V-8 Coach, motor #18-1037490, still stood in the name of Charles M. Bronson. Agent arranged with Mr. McGee to place a notation in the file pertaining to this car, that in the event of either transfer of the license</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. J. Connelley</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		7-576-3126 <b>OCT 12 1934 P.M.</b> DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ROUTED TO: <i>ONE</i> FILE	
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or the car itself that the Cincinnati Office be immediately notified by long distance telephone, which Mr. McGee agreed to do.

Agent was advised by Lieutenant Thomas Scully, Assistant United States Attorney Ray J. O'Donnell, and others at Columbus, Ohio, that the Thomas Shirt Company, 240 North High Street, had been in business at Columbus for many years and was considered a reputable firm.

Efforts were made to interview G. S. Frambes, Sr., President of the Thomas Shirt Company, but information was obtained that he was out of the city and the date of his return was unknown. Agent therefore interviewed his son, G. S. Frambes, Jr., Manager of the Thomas Shirt Company. Mr. Frambes advised that his father at present is traveling in the interests of the company and that his territory usually covers West Virginia and Ohio, in which states his father is at present traveling, but he could not say as to his exact location. He advised that his father was expected to return to Columbus the present week-end, at which time an effort will be made to interview him, but his son is quite positive that no further information can be obtained from his father.

Mr. G. S. Frambes, Jr. advised that he recalled very clearly the circumstances of an order for shirts secured by his father at Cleveland, Ohio, May 19, 1934, as it was a rather large order and his father had told him the order had been taken from some gamblers at the Harvard Club in Cleveland at which place his father had met these parties. He says his father received a down payment on the shirts which were shipped July 6, 1934 to E. Bronson, 3111 Harvard Avenue, Express C.O.D. for the balance due. He thinks this address is the Harvard Club. The balance due was \$127.00. The books show this shipment of shirts consisted of the following shirts: 12 for E. Bronson, 8 for "a friend of E. Bronson", 6 for Geo. T. West, and 6 for D. J. Harris. Frambes says he recalls at the time of this order his father told him the men were gamblers and that the names given were not the true names of the men, the true names being unknown to his father. Mr. Frambes says the reason for this discussion was that he thought it strange that the initials of the men in all instances were not to be put in the shirts as was their regular custom. He thinks his father said that these men were introduced to him by Heberbrand, the manager of the Harvard Club in Cleveland, which is located on Harvard Avenue. He says his father is well known around the Harvard Club in Cleveland and sells many orders of shirts to gamblers he meets there.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CINCINNATI OFFICE: At Columbus, Ohio, will make further effort to locate and interview G. S. Frambes, Sr., 240 N. High St. (Thomas Shirt Co.), securing from him any information he may have regarding the subjects of this case.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

AIR MAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY

September 17, 1934

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

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O.  
1219; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
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There are transmitted herewith two copies  
of the statement obtained from Paula Harmon, in the  
above captioned matter. Upon reading the statement  
on Saturday, September 15, 1934, Paula Harmon de-  
clined to sign the same unless her release immediately  
after signing were guaranteed.

It will be noted from the statement that  
much of the information furnished by her has been  
corroborated by previous investigation, and it should  
also be noted that she must have more, and more speci-  
fic, information to offer with reference to both the  
Hamm and Bremer kidnappings. Questioning of Paula  
Harmon will continue.

Very truly yours,

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

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Mr. Tracy.....

Chicago, Illinois  
September 18, 1934

I, PAUL HARMON, age thirty, make the following voluntary, sworn, signed statement to N. 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 800 population, February 11, 1904. My mother's name was Annie Ellis and my father's name, Wirt Brannon. At the age of two or three, the family moved to Port Arthur, Texas. I attended Port Arthur schools until graduation in 1919, and Washington Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia, a girls' finishing school, for eight months in 1920.

In 1921 I was married to Lennis 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.

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 Farmer, 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) Calatas, but I have heard of him. I may have met his wife. While taking the baths at Hot Springs, Arkansas, I met several of the wives of the confidence men who frequent Hot Springs. Charles Harmon and I had a "fuss" and I left Hot Springs by rail and proceeded to Chicago, Illinois, where I continued to operate a "call house" on the North side.

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Approximately a month later Charles Harmon came to a place 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. During this visit to St. Paul, Minnesota, I met Leon Glickman, Jack Pfeiffer, Harry and Gladys Sawyer, through Charles Harmon. Harry and Gladys Sawyer had a town house in St. Paul and Harry Sawyer operated saloons and was a big bootlegger. Jack Pfeiffer operated the Hollyhocks Night Club. Leon Glickman operated a garage.

I wish to state that when Charles Harmon left the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, we never seemed to be able to get along and after remaining in St. Paul, Minnesota, for three or four weeks on this occasion, I left him and visited at Joplin, Missouri, staying at the home of Herb and Katherine Farmer. This must have been during the latter 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 been released from the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, only a short time. It is my understanding that he at one time lived with Herbert Farmer's mother, and was more or less raised by her. On this occasion Frank Nash also visited the Farmers.

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

Upon arrival in St. Paul, Minnesota, I again met Charles Harmon and we lived together until six weeks before his death, which was October 19, 1931. I learned about his death through the newspapers. I was informed that he took part in the robbery of the Kraft State Bank at Kenosha, Wisconsin. Previous to Charles Harmon's death, I spent the greater part of my time in St. Paul, Minnesota. Frank Nash, Verne Miller, Vi Matthews (Miller) and many others ran around together and visited the night clubs, including Jack Pfeiffer's place. We also spent a great deal of time at Harry Sawyer's saloon on Webasha Avenue.

Immediately after Charles Harmon's death, I proceeded to my home in Fort Arthur, Texas, for Christmas. Shortly after



Christmas, 1931, I proceeded to Lake Charles, Louisiana, where I operated a lunch stand for approximately two months, until I was injured in an automobile accident which occasioned my being incapacitated for approximately two months, after which I returned to Beaumont, Texas. I continued to live in Beaumont, Texas, until April 5, 1933, when I received either a telephone call or a telegram from Vivian Matthews (Vi Miller) from Kansas City, asking me to visit her.

Upon my arrival at Kansas City, Missouri, I proceeded to the bungalow, address not known, where Verne Miller and Vi were residing, and met Fred Barker. During my visit of two weeks with Verne and Vi I saw Fred on several occasions. I also met Arthur R. (Doc) Barker, brother of Fred Barker, who had just been released from some penitentiary. While visiting at Miller's I learned that Fred Barker had already gone to St. Paul. Vi Matthews and I then drove from Kansas City to Brainerd, Minnesota, where Vi Matthews and I visited Vi's people at Brainerd, Minnesota for two or three weeks. We then returned to St. Paul, Minnesota, where we met Verne Miller and Fred Barker. I visited at the home of Gladys and Harry Sawyer at this time.

In this connection, I wish to state that the only connection between Fred Barker and Verne Miller was the friendship between myself and Vi Matthews. Verne Miller and Frank Nash belonged to an entirely different gang than did Fred Barker. However, they were friendly toward each other.

After visiting Gladys and Harry Sawyer for a day or two, Vi Matthews and I drove to Kansas City, Missouri. We remained in Kansas City for approximately two weeks and returned to St. Paul, Minnesota, where I obtained an apartment at the Capital Apartments Annex. I am unable to recall the name I used in renting this apartment. This was some time during the latter part of May, 1933. For the next few days I often saw Fred Barker and it was during this time that he informed me it was necessary for him to go to the hospital to have his appendix removed. He also agreed that I should rent a house and that he and Arthur R. Barker were to come and live with me as soon as Fred Barker was released from the hospital. The day Fred Barker was taken to the hospital I met his mother, who was living at the Commodore Apartments in St. Paul, under the name of Mrs. Gordon. Evidently, I did not make a favorable impression upon

her, as I have never seen her since. Fred Barker must have entered the hospital some time about June 1, 1933. He was released from the hospital in approximately ten days and during the period of his confinement I visited him on two occasions, and had rented a house at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul. He moved into this house with Arthur R. Barker and myself upon his release. I am unable to recall the exact date I rented this house, but I remember that as soon as he was released Fred Barker and Arthur R. Barker moved into the house with me.

I am unable to recall when I first met Alvin Karpis, but it was either at the home of Herb and Esther Farmer or at Harry Sawyer's saloon in St. Paul, Minnesota. I believe I first met Volney Davis, who was called "Curly" at the home of W. Matthews (Miller) in Kansas City, Missouri. I often met Arthur R. Barker and Alvin Karpis at Sawyer's saloon in St. Paul, previous to going to 204 Vernon Avenue.

After moving to 204 Vernon Avenue, and while living with Arthur and Fred Barker, I first met a man known to me as "Slim" Gray. Special Agent Brown has shown me a photograph of Russell Gibson, and this person is identical with the man known as "Slim" Gray. I also met for the first time George Zeigler, whom I have also identified from a photograph shown to me. At this house I also met again Volney Davis. I also met for the first time William Weaver.

I remember reading the papers on June 15, 1933, concerning the kidnaping of William Hamm, a St. Paul brewer. At this time I did not suspect that any of the "boys" were responsible for this kidnaping. However, I noticed that Arthur R. (Doc) Barker was missing from 204 Vernon Avenue on the day of the kidnaping. We did not return at any time while I was living at 204 Vernon Avenue. Neither did Alvin Karpis call at 204 Vernon Avenue during the period from June 15th until I moved out of the house. However, Fred Barker remained with me up until the morning of June 19, 1933, when he left the house in the morning. That night about midnight, Jack Pfeiffer called at the house and told me I had better move. Jack Pfeiffer and I moved my belongings out of 204 Vernon Avenue, and he took me to a cottage on White Bear Lake, where I spent the night alone.

On the following morning Jack Pfeiffer and his wife Vi came by to visit me, and it was suggested that I attend a show with

Mrs. Pfeiffer. Before leaving this cottage on White Bear Lake, the address of which I am unable to give, Jack Pfeiffer made some comment to the effect that the newspapers had carried an article describing a woman who had moved out of 204 Vernon Avenue, and that I should not stay in the cottage at White Bear Lake any longer. This is positively the first time that I surmised that the Barker boys, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis and others might have been responsible for the Hamm kidnaping, because Jack Pfeiffer was referring to the newspaper article regarding the Hamm kidnaping.

After going to a show with Mrs. Pfeiffer, we went to the Hollyhocks Inn operated by Jack Pfeiffer and had dinner. I am unable to recall the exact date of this happening, but I believe it was the day Hamm was released. Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis called at the Hollyhocks Inn shortly after dinner that evening and we drove directly to Chicago, Illinois, in Alvin Karpis' Pontiac coupe.

Upon arriving in Chicago, Illinois, we drove to an apartment in Oak Park, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, where Alvin Karpis had an apartment. It was on this occasion that I first met Alvin Karpis' girl friend named Dolores. Her correct name is Dolores Delaney. Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis were gone the following day, but returned that night. We stayed in Chicago a day or two, during which time Fred Barker, Arthur R. (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis visited Dolores and me. Arthur R. (Doc) Barker then drove me to St. Paul, Minnesota, where I secured my clothes from the cottage on White Bear Lake, and we returned to Chicago. That night I stayed in an apartment with a man named "Chuck" and his wife. I do not know his correct name. This apartment was on the South side of Chicago. Chuck is about forty-five years of age, about six feet in height and weighs about 160 pounds. I had never seen Chuck before.

The next morning Fred Barker came by Chuck's apartment and we drove to the Oak Park apartment of Alvin Karpis. Fred Barker was driving a 1932 model Buick sedan, which he had while living at 204 Vernon Avenue. Upon arriving at Alvin Karpis' apartment, I was informed that we were to take a cottage on the lakes.

Alvin Karpis and Dolores packed their things into Karpis' Graham-Paige sedan, and we drove to some lake about sixty or seventy miles from Chicago, the name of which I am unable to recall, where Alvin Karpis had rented a fine two story house, which I understand belonged to a Chicago politician who is of Polish descent. The house

was located on a terrace and directly overlooked this lake. I entered the house at Dolores' invitation and stayed approximately fifteen minutes, when Fred Barker and I left and drove to Long Lake, Illinois, where a cottage had already been rented for us. I do not know who rented this cottage for us, but I believe Fred Barker had previously rented it. It was a black and white one story cottage on the North side of Long Lake, and was rented from a Mrs. Perkins who operates a general store on Long Lake.

Upon arrival at this cottage we found Volney Davis and a girl by the name of "Rabbit". I later learned her name was Edna Grace. This is the first time I had met Edna. The apartment was rented at the rate of \$300 for the months of July and August. Edna and I remained at this cottage until about the middle of August. During this time Fred Barker and Volney Davis spent considerable time with us, as they were on a vacation. While at this cottage I met a man by the name of Monty, who visited us. His last name is not known to me. George Zeigler, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker and the Chuck whom I have previously referred to and Slim Gray also visited at this cottage. I never visited Alvin Karpis and Dolores at their lake home which was some distance from Long Lake.

About the middle of August, 1933, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Edna and myself drove to St. Paul, Minnesota, at which time Fred Barker and I obtained a house in Minneapolis, the address of which I am unable to recall. I do not know the name under which this house was rented. Edna and Volney Davis remained with us for approximately a week, when they moved into an apartment, the address of which I am unable to recall.

Shortly after arrival at this house, Fred Barker left Minneapolis and went to Chicago, Illinois, to visit his mother. He did not return until some time during the latter part of September. Two or three days before his return I had moved into the Presidents Hotel in Minneapolis. Upon Fred's return to Minneapolis, he had with him a man by the name of Harry Campbell and a girl who I accompanied Campbell by the name of Lynona Burdett. Fred and I stayed in the hotel that night, and the next morning or the morning after Fred Barker, Arthur R. (Doc) Barker and I left Minneapolis, Minnesota, in Fred Barker's new 1933 model Buick sedan, which he had purchased shortly before coming to Minneapolis. It was a black car with



a trunk on the rear and had fender wells. Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdett left at the same time in Fred Barker's Ford V-8 sedan and drove to Reno, Nevada, arriving there on October 3, 1933.

We rented two apartments at 234 West Liberty Street, Reno, one being occupied by Fred and myself and the other by Harry Campbell and Wynona. Fred Barker and I lived under the name of J. E. Blackburn and Wynona and Harry Campbell 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, when we moved to the Belmont Apartments, where we remained until we left Reno. Some time after our arrival in Reno, Volney Davis and Edna arrived in Reno and resided in an apartment five or six blocks from where we were residing.

While in Reno, Nevada, Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Arthur W. (Doc) Barker, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis and Dolores all made a trip to California, but I do not know the purpose of this trip. All the men in the party often went fishing and hunting. On one occasion they were gone a week or ten days and when they returned said something about having been in Mexico. Some time during our visit in Reno, Nevada, I recall that Harry Campbell accidentally shot himself with his .45 automatic revolver and was laid up in bed for approximately ten days. Alvin Karpis treated him the greater part of the time, although a doctor was called on two or three occasions. While in Reno, Nevada, Alvin Karpis purchased a new twelve cylinder Auburn sedan, blue in color, with a tan top.

On December 2, 1933, we all left Reno, Nevada and drove to St. Paul, Minnesota. Arthur W. Barker, Alvin Karpis and Dolores drove from Reno to Chicago, Illinois. Fred Barker and I returned to St. Paul, Minnesota, in his new Buick sedan and Harry Campbell and Wynona returned to St. Paul in Fred Barker's Ford V-8 sedan. Volney Davis and Edna drove to St. Paul in a Ford coupe. We stopped at tourist camps enroute.

Immediately upon arriving in St. Paul, Minnesota, we drove to Harry Sawyer's farm, which is located a short distance from St. Paul. That night we all went cabaretting at Jack Pfeiffer's Hollyhocks Inn, and we all stayed at Jack Pfeiffer's place that night. The next day Fred Barker and I rented an apartment on the corner of Dale



and Grand Avenues, just off Summit Avenue. I do not recall the name used in renting this apartment. Harry Campbell and Wynona obtained an apartment at the Capital Apartments and Arthur Barker went to live with Volney Davis and Edna.

Shortly after our arrival in St. Paul Fred Barker went to visit his mother in Chicago, Illinois. He returned approximately a week before Christmas with Arthur Barker, and they again returned to Chicago to spend Christmas with their mother. Alvin Karpis, who had been in St. Paul previous to Christmas on a visit, also returned to Chicago to spend Christmas with Dolores. After Christmas, 1933, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, and Arthur R. Barker returned to St. Paul. We had New Year's dinner at my house and Wynona and Harry Campbell were our guests.

From January 1 to January 15, 1934, all of the members of the gang were in St. Paul, including George Zeigler. Several times previous to January 15, 1934, the gang would have meetings in my apartment, at which time Wynona would often be visiting me, and we would sit in the kitchen and drink beer while the members of the gang talked. By "members of the gang", I mean George Zeigler, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, William Weaver, Fred Barker and Arthur R. Barker. We did not know what they were talking about, as the door would always be closed. Wynona and I did not know what plans were being made.

On January 12 or 13, 1934, Fred Barker told me to go over to stay in Volney Davis' apartment with Edna. Wynona Burdett also moved into Volney Davis' apartment. They were then residing on Lexington Avenue. I packed all our belongings in Harry Campbell's Chevrolet sedan and parked it in Volney Davis' garage with my belongings in it.

The next day Volney Davis came to the apartment and told Edna that Harry Sawyer wanted to see her. I did not see Edna again until I returned to Chicago, Illinois. Wynona and I then walked down Lexington Avenue, where we met Fred Barker and Fred Barker drove us in a Ford coupe to the garage where Harry Campbell's Chevrolet was parked, and Wynona and I immediately left for Chicago, Illinois. Before leaving St. Paul, Wynona had an address of a party named "Willie", whom she was supposed to meet in Chicago. I do not recall the address. We arrived in Chicago late that night. Upon arrival in Chicago, Wynona made a phone call and was instructed to go to 63rd Street and University Avenue, Chicago, where Edna, Volney Davis' girl friend, had an apartment already rented. Edna was driven from St. Paul, Minnesota to Chicago, Illinois, by George Zeigler.

I stayed in this apartment approximately a week, or three days after my arrival in this apartment. Fred Barker arrived at this apartment, dressed and cleaned up, and showed me to my apartment for us, which I did at 87th Street and Stony Island Avenue under the name of Bradford.

While residing at the apartment at 87th and Stony Island, Volney Davis called to see Miss, dressed in leather boots, a cap, and hunting clothes. Fred Barker also called, but he was well dressed.

The first I learned of the Bremer kidnaping was in the Chicago newspapers the day we arrived in Chicago. This was the first time that I suspected the members of this gang had participated in this kidnaping. However, I wish to say that no member of the gang has ever definitely told me that they took part in the kidnaping. I base my suspicions only on the activities which took place at St. Paul and our hurried departure from St. Paul to Chicago.

A week after my arrival in Chicago, I moved into the apartment at 87th Street and Stony Island Avenue. My first visitor was Fred Barker, who was well dressed and groomed. He spent the night with me, but left the next day. He told me at this time that William Weaver might come to stay with me. Two or three days later William Weaver, who was dressed in leather boots and rough clothes, wearing a cap, came to stay with me. Approximately a week later Myrtle Eaton came to my apartment and stayed with William Weaver and myself. Fred Barker was in and out of the apartment nearly every day. Alvin Karpis came by the apartment on several occasions. 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 being gone for several days, and told me that we had moved to Toledo, Ohio. The following day Dolores Delaney and I drove the new 1934 model Ford coupe, which Fred had just purchased, to Toledo, Ohio. Fred told me we were going to live at 4905 Summit Avenue. That night Dolores and I stopped at some hotel, the name of which I cannot recall. That day we purchased furniture at the LaSalle and Cook Furniture Store, under the name of Bradford. We stayed at this hotel two nights and then moved to the apartment at 4905 Summit Avenue.

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 that possibly Willie Harrison, a person well known around Toledo, rented it for us.

Harry Campbell and Wynona and also Arthur W. (Doc) Barker were already in Toledo at the time of our arrival, and Harry Campbell and Wynona were residing in an apartment on Jefferson Avenue. At this time William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, also Edna and Volney Davis were residing in apartments in Aurora, Illinois, the address of which I do not know. Shortly after my arrival in Toledo, Ohio, Harry Campbell and Wynona moved out of their apartment and took a house on Summit Avenue, the address of which I cannot recall. William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton then arrived in Toledo and took an apartment and also Volney Davis and Edna. I am unable to state the address of the apartments in which they lived, as I never visited them.

While in Toledo, Ohio, we all frequented a place known as "The Casino", operated by Ted Angus. We also visited his place on an island located out in Lake Erie.

Some time in April, 1934, Alvin Karpis brought a young man by the name of James Wilson up to my apartment. A man called "Ollie", and also Slim Gray came up with him. I have been shown photographs of James Wilson, Oliver A. Berg and Russell Gibson, and these are the three persons who came up to my apartment on that occasion. All three had brief cases with them. I then went into the kitchen and did not hear the conversation which took place between these three individuals, Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis.

When Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis first visited the apartment, Dolores Karpis had moved into 4905 Summit Avenue, they brought with them a large black suitcase, which was so heavy that I was unable to lift it. It was kept locked at all times and the only persons who had keys to it were Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis.

After the conversation between Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Ollie Berg, Jimmie Wilson and Slim Gray had finished, Slim Gray, Ollie Berg and Jimmie Wilson left the apartment with these brief cases in their hands. All three of these individuals made several visits to my apartment while in Toledo.



Some time during the first part of May, 1934, I first met an individual known to the gang as "Doc". I have been shown a photograph of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, and this is the person referred to as "Doc". I first met him at Ted Angus' place. He had dinner with us at our apartment on one occasion.

Some time before my first meeting with Doc Moran at Toledo, Ohio, I saw Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis with their hands bandaged. Some time later on I heard Alvin Karpis or Fred Barker complaining about what a poor job Dr. Moran had done on them. Some time later Wynona Burdett told me that Harry Campbell had had some work done on his fingers. I do not know whether other members of the gang had their fingerprints changed or not.

I understand that Slim Gray and his wife took an apartment in Toledo, but were unable to agree, and after that Slim Gray, Dr. Moran and James Wilson stayed in an apartment together. I do not know the address of this apartment.

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. He 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, Cleveland.

Harry Campbell and Wynona continued to remain in Cleveland 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.

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

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

with Fred Barker and me.

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 Sawyer has 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 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.

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

WITNESSES:

PAULA HARMON.

R. C. Suran, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 11th day of September,  
1934.

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

Notary Public.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 30, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

On Monday, August 27, 1934, at the conference of Special Agents in Charge Ladd, Vetterli, Hanni, Brantley, Bruce Nathan and Mr. Cowley all leads outstanding at the present time in the various districts together with leads looking to the apprehension of some 23 individuals being sought in connection with this case. Various suggestions for additional investigation were offered and appropriate memoranda prepared so that the Division may follow up the various offices in connection with these investigations.

In the event the Barkers, Karpis or Volney Davis are apprehended, it is suggested that Mr. Newby of the Division, Mr. D. L. Nicholson of St. Paul and Mr. R.D. Brown of Chicago be dispatched to the point of apprehension immediately in order to question these individuals.

Some apprehension was expressed over possible inability of the Division to obtain telephone taps because the N.R.A. code prohibits such taps. No specific difficulty has as yet been encountered in this regard and accordingly no action will be taken toward taking the matter up with the N.R.A. code authorities until a situation actually arises where we are unable to place a tap.

A suggestion was offered that the Division prepare for issuance to all Special Agents in the service a bulletin listing the names, descriptions, criminal records and other identifying data of all individuals being sought in connection with the Bremer case. I believe this is a meritorious idea and a proposed bulletin will be prepared and submitted to you for your approval.

The Special Agent in Charge of the St. Paul Office advises that Dr. Hall of St. Paul is a known contact for hoodlums in that vicinity; that the doctor's daughter recently disappeared and is reported to be operating with a gang of shoplifters some place outside of St. Paul; that Dr. Hall is very anxious to ascertain the location of his daughter and in the event this Division can ascertain her location, Dr. Hall will upon his own initiative and at his own expense undertake, through his underworld contacts, to ascertain the location of the Barkers, Karpis, Volney Davis, et al. Mr. Ladd was instructed to initiate immediate inquiries looking toward the location of Dr. Hall's daughter.

It was suggested that copies of all investigative reports and of all letters containing important information be submitted to all of those offices who were represented at the conference. Appropriate instructions in this regard will be issued.

Specific inquiries were made of each Special Agent in Charge as to the contacts that he had in the various principal cities in his district and, while no

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record is being made of these contacts, it may be noted that Special Agent in Charge Hanni advised that he had no personal contacts but that Special Agent Dewey had one reliable informant in Des Moines, Iowa. All Special Agents in Charge were emphatically informed that additional contacts must be made, particularly in underworld circles. Mr. Vetterli indicated that he had received some fair leads while he was assigned to San Francisco through a Secret Service operative named [redacted] in Salt Lake City. Appropriate instructions will be issued to the Special Agent in Charge of the Salt Lake City Office to contact [redacted] and attempt to obtain from him information or sources of information which may be of assistance in this case.

3) [redacted] upon returning to Chicago from Louis Carnocky's place, will be sent to contact the father of the Barker boys at Joplin, Missouri. In the event she does not obtain any information of value, Special Agent in Charge Nathan of the Kansas City Office will attempt to arrange for the employment of a Special Agent in an under cover capacity by the Tri-City Oil Company of Joplin, Missouri. This agent will be assigned to the same gasoline station and tourist camp as is the father of the Barker boys in an effort to establish information concerning the point at which old man Barker is contacting his sons.

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Special Agent O. C. Dewey is presently engaged upon an examination of the office of the United States Marshal, Clerk of Court, et al, it being noted that he is the only agent in the Omaha district qualified in this work. Because of Dewey's connections at Des Moines, I believe it would be desirable to have him suspend his examination of the court records about twice a month for a period of 24 to 36 hours to enable him to contact his informant in Des Moines for information concerning the location of Myrtle Eaton. If you approve of this suggestion, appropriate instructions will be issued.

A suggestion was made and was considered practical and desirable by all of the Special Agents in Charge that an under cover agent be placed in Kansas City to live at the Majestic Hotel for a period of several weeks for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Barkers, Karpis, Pretty Boy Floyd or other Division fugitives ever come to that place. This is a "hot spot" frequented by gangsters, racketeers and criminals of all types and calibre. The under cover agent who takes this assignment should be able to gamble, particularly to play black jack and shoot craps as well as play poker. The individual assigned to this place should not be conspicuous in appearance, build or otherwise and, of course, could not be any agent who has ever worked in the Kansas City, Oklahoma City or St. Louis districts. I am endeavoring to locate some agent who appears desirable for this assignment and will recommend his dispatch to Kansas City as soon as a satisfactory man can be found. Consideration is being given among others to the following agents named by the Special Agents in Charge who were present:-

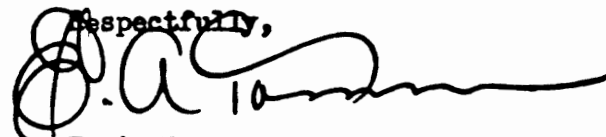
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C. A. Whitten  
C. B. Winstead  
J. F. Fallon  
R. L. Shivers

Specific instructions were issued by me to the various Special Agents in Charge on the approaches to be made to various alleged informants in their districts, which instructions are not being set out in this memorandum.

Respectfully,  
  
E. A. Tamm.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al  
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FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minn.

FILE NO. 7-56

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 10-9-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9-17 - 10-6-34	REPORT MADE BY: Paul Hansen
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1213, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>No definite information obtained in Okla. City district that any of the members of this mob have been in Oklahoma. Several rumors, however, indicate there is a possibility that they have been, or may come to Oklahoma. Numerous contacts made, who have promised to advise in the event they appear in Oklahoma. Howard Kilmer, Oklahoma escaped convict, is alleged to be in communication with Doc Barker and the Division will be promptly advised in the event he makes a direct contact. [REDACTED] and other informants agree to endeavor to obtain information regarding the location of members of this mob. Wynona Burdette now living near Hominy, Oklahoma and promises to advise Agents of her whereabouts. Disposition sheets submitted as to Clarence Duvall, Lawrence Duvall and Albert Shaw, alias Albert Devel.</p>			
REFERENCE: Letter from Kansas City office, 9-19-34; report of Agent Paul Hansen, Okla. City, Okla., 9-28-34; Division telegram, 9-25-34; and report of SAC Wm. Larson, Detroit, Michigan, 9-28-34.			
DETAILS: <p>The office of the Stolen Car Department of the Oklahoma State Highway Commission at Oklahoma City was requested to make further search and check in an effort to determine if any of the automobiles known to have recently been in the possession of these suspects had been registered in Oklahoma and further to have a stop order placed for each of these automobiles. Mr. R. A. Hopper, in charge of this Department, and the writer made this check. None of the automobiles</p>			
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which are thought to have been in the possession of any of these suspects, none of which has recently been in their possession, have been registered in Oklahoma during 1934. In spite of a previous check of this kind stop orders were not placed in these files as to four of these automobiles, but these stops were made by Mr. Hopper.

In accordance with the undeveloped lead in the report of Special Agent in Charge William Larson, Detroit, Michigan, September 28, 1934, a letter was directed to the Stolen Car Department of the Oklahoma State Highway Commission, for the attention of Mr. E. A. Hopper, by the Oklahoma City office, October 5, 1934, asking that this office be furnished with any record which might be in file regarding 1934 Ford V-8 Coupe, Motor No. 18-1037480. Mr. Hopper was further requested to place the usual notation in his records and to notify the Oklahoma City office should an automobile of this description be registered in Oklahoma.

With reference to the letter from the Kansas City office dated July 19, 1934, Sheriff Dee Watters, Miami, Oklahoma, advised the writer that Jess Howard was killed June 11, 1934 near Miami. Watters said that Howard had been positively identified by his fingerprints and also positively identified by his uncle and aunt who live at Enid, Oklahoma, but whose names he did not obtain. This uncle also made this identification by identifying a suit of clothes worn by Howard and which the uncle said he purchased for his nephew. Jess Howard, LeRoy Dennison and a Policeman were killed June 11, 1934 and a criminal by the name of Frank Shinn was taken prisoner. Shinn has refused to talk but has indicated to Sheriff Watters that Jess Howard was one of the persons killed when he was arrested. There seems therefore to be no doubt but what Jess Howard was in fact killed on June 11, 1934.

A further check along this line will be made at Frederick, Oklahoma in accordance with the suggestion made in the letter from the Kansas City office.

With further reference to the letter from the Los Angeles office dated June 5, 1934 and subsequent correspondence on this angle, Deputy Sheriff Grover Bishop, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, advised that he has kept a close watch on the home of Pike but has been unable to obtain any information of any criminals frequenting his place during the last several months. Bishop arrested Charlie Dotson and Trixie Dotson and is extremely anxious to obtain some information against Trixie which would send her to the Penitentiary. He said that he has no definite information, however, that Trixie and her deceased husband, Charlie, had ever associated with members of the Barker-Karpis mob.

Sheriff Jim Sanders, Tahlequah, has recently resigned and it is believed that Grover Bishop, who is presently running for Sheriff at Tahlequah, is the most reliable contact there.

Former Deputy U. S. Marshal Austin Park of Muskogee, Oklahoma, accompanied by the writer and Agent Franklin, called at the home of Robert Looney near Broken, Oklahoma, in the famous Cookson hills. Looney is the father of Trixie Dotson and is a second cousin to Austin Park. Looney said that his daughter, Trixie, is presently residing with one of his sisters and is bedfast with tuberculosis. She is waiting for an opening to go to the Oklahoma Tubercular Sanitarium at Talihina, Oklahoma. Looney said that he had never heard of the suspects in the instant case. He said that he is satisfied that if Fred Barker or any of the other subjects in this case had associated with his son-in-law, Charlie Dotson, now deceased, that he would have surely known something of it; that if he had some information about these people, he would be perfectly willing to impart it to his relative and good friend, Austin Park. Looney said that he could not say whether his daughter Trixie knows any of the subjects of this case, but he is of the opinion that she does not.

Park is of the opinion that Looney is telling the truth and that he would tell him anything he knows, especially in view of the fact that it would not affect him or his daughter in this particular case. Park is of the opinion that information furnished by Trixie would not be entirely reliable and as it is apparent that the alleged information furnished by Ed Davis through [redacted] is unreliable, it is not thought necessary to make any further inquiries along this line in the Cookson Hills area.

[redacted] who has been in Hot Springs, Arkansas for treatments during the past few months, reported at the Oklahoma City office and offered her services. [redacted] said that she would go any limit to assist this Division in apprehending any of the subjects in this case. She has no money and of course would have to have her expenses advanced. She is presently residing at [redacted]

[redacted] was advised that all indications appear to point to the fact that the Barker brothers are positive that she was the "finger man" when they were arrested the last time in Tulsa, Oklahoma and that they have both made several threats since then that they would kill her if they ever saw her again. [redacted] said that as she only has one life to live, she is not particularly afraid of being killed, but that if this is a fact, her services would be of little value to this Division. In view of the fact, however, that she knows possibly of the good contacts of this mob in Oklahoma, she has promised to keep the Oklahoma City office advised of any information she might receive which would be of value in locating any of the members of this gang. [redacted] had read in the papers about the three women alleged associates of this mob being arrested at Cleveland and agreed to go to Cleveland and be thrown in jail with them, and she said that she would do this or any other undercover mission that the Oklahoma City office might suggest. [redacted] says that she is doing this to prove that she is through with gangster methods and is one-hundred per cent for law and order.

With reference to letter to the Division dated September 26, 1934, letter to the Kansas City office dated October 3, 1934 and Division telegram dated September 25, 1934, the following memorandum dated September 27, 1934 has been submitted by Special Agent O. G. Hall:

On September 24, 1934 I received a 'phone call from Coffeyville, Kansas from an informant to the effect that on Friday, September 21, 1934, he had seen Jess Doyle in South Coffeyville, Okla.

"Jess Doyle is a bank robber and brother of Earl Doyle who is now in Jackson, Mich., as a result of being caught in the Grand Haven, Mich., bank job. Hazel Doyle, reputed contact for the remnants of the Dillinger mob, is his wife. She has a joint in South Coffeyville, temporarily closed. The DoYLES robbed banks with the Barkers and Karpis, as well as with Keating and Holden, Frisco Dutch and the Phieffers of St. Paul. Hazel and Earl lived in St. Paul in 1931, as I recall, with Geo. Kelly and Bailey and that outfit at the Admiral Hotel (Minneapolis) and an apartment house at Grand Ave. I believe in St. Paul. At any rate they ran together with Barkers and the Nash outfit. At the present time we have some information that \$10,000.00 is going to come out of St. Paul to get Earl Doyle out of Jackson and there is a letter in the file regarding this.

"The informant knows Jess Doyle well, having been raised with him at some town near Coffeyville. He states positively that it was Jess Doyle he saw. Saturday night a mail truck was robbed at South Coffeyville but the loot was negligible as far as I can learn. No one seems to know who pulled that job, as far as I have heard.

Monday Sept. 24th, the informant [redacted] was told by Tommy Hill that Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis had been with Jess Doyle in So. Coffeyville Friday and Saturday and had left after midnight Saturday, stating they were going to Tulsa but Tommy Hill had stated that he thought they were actually going to Kansas City, Mo., as they had more reason to go there and had a Ford V8 Sedan or Coach, Black, with Kansas Wyandotte County tags.

"The only reason that I can think of for Tommy Hill telling the informant is either to mislead him as to the true identity of the mail truck robbers or because he is mad at Fred Barker. I have heard that several years ago Freddie Barker sold Tommy Hill a quantity of stolen cigarettes, Tommy to sell them to someone else, which he did, the buyer opening the carton and finding excelsior and bricks but no cigarettes. Tommy had to make this good. This came to me from some source a long time ago and I can't now remember who told me.

"A few minutes later I got a telephone call from Felix Altaffer, Tulsa Det. Sgt. that a man had been robbed, probably by a con game, of \$1000.00 in Tulsa Saturday night by a man identified as Jess Doyle. There were two men with him, no good descriptions. This seems way out of line with what Jess Doyle would do.

"At any rate that evening I and George Stewart drove to Clarence Smith's place, Sand Springs (reputed harbinger of Barkers) and woke them up. At first Clarence and his wife denied they had ever kept the Barkers. Finally

Mrs. Smith stated they had some months ago taken care of Fred Barker and that Fred Barker and his mother Kate had stayed there at different times in the past couple of years and that 'they treated us right and I'll treat them right.' Smith then said all that happened before the Barkers got 'hot'. We may have convinced him that if they ever make another appearance the proper persons should be notified, although I doubt if Smith and his wife will do anything, according to all I hear, for money.

"We then went to the Old Hickory, another joint patronized by hoodlums, and saw nothing of importance.

"We then drove by the Blue Jay camp where it has been rumored the Barkers have stopped. Nothing was seen there resembling the car in question. The place was dark.

"We then went by Louie Jacobs joint and there saw nothing. Karpis is supposed to have been in a fight out there about last June.

"We then went to the Buckhorn, another joint operated by the Newtons, ex-bank robbers. Nothing was seen there.

"Early in the day I asked Altaffer, Field Sgt. for necessary Police assistance and he later told me nothing had come of the information.

"My personal opinion is that Tommy Hill was trying to throw the informant off as to the true identity of the mail truck robbers. Hill would probably know the job was going to be pulled."

Post Office Inspector George Hill, Tulsa, Oklahoma, who made the investigation of the mail truck robbery at Coffeyville, Kansas and South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, said that he had displayed photographs of Fred and Doc Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis and Jess Doyle to the driver of the mail truck and he had been unable to identify any of these persons as the participants in this robbery; in fact, Mr. Hill says that this Postal employee is positive that none of these suspects is implicated in that robbery, which conclusion he reached after viewing the photographs shown him. Mr. Hill was given some more recent photographs of members of this mob and he will exhibit them to this witness and return them to the writer, together with what information he has obtained. It was suggested to Mr. Hill that the No. 3 man mentioned in the letter from the Kansas City office dated October 2, 1934 fairly well fitted the description of "Baby Face" Nelson, who is probably out of money and may resort to a small robbery job as that pulled in Coffeyville. Mr. Hill was given a photograph of Nelson and will display this to the driver of this mail truck and then return it to the writer with what information he is able to obtain in doing so. Mr. Hill said that



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he is quite sure that none of the members of the Barker gang was implicated in this robbery, although he had heard from three different sources in the vicinity of Coffeyville that Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and another man had been in Coffeyville and were the ones who had performed this robbery. This information he says was obtained from "tips" and he does not think the information is reliable, although he says there is a mere possibility that it is the right information.

George Hill said that he had received confidential information from at least two different sources that an orchestra leader, name unknown, who is presently staying at the St. Francis Hotel in St. Joseph, Missouri, and who was formerly connected in some way with Johnnie Lania, deceased gangster at Kansas City, Missouri, is a friend of several of the members of the Barker mob and has several dancers and entertainers who entertain some of the members of this mob upon different occasions. It is suggested that the Kansas City office make some inquiries along this line.

On September 27, 1934 George Coker, a brother of Sam Coker, a bank robber, told George Stewart, former Captain of Detectives at Tulsa, Oklahoma, that he knew a man who had a contact with Fred Barker and that Alvin Karpis was in Tulsa at that time. He agreed to tell George Stewart any information he obtained regarding the location of Karpis or his associates.

W. J. Pottorff, 232 East 14th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, told Agent Birch that [redacted] an informant previously mentioned in this case at Tulsa, Oklahoma, had told him that Alvin Karpis was in Tulsa and that he was trying to get Q. P. McGhee, [redacted] paroled from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. [redacted] represented to Pottorff that he was a contact for Karpis and he asked Pottorff what he could do to get McGhee paroled. Pottorff advised that the reason [redacted] had contacted him is because he, Pottorff, secured a parole for Lewis Gannley, who is an acquaintance of the Barker mob. Pottorff agreed, according to his story, to assist [redacted] to obtain McGhee's parole for Karpis. This information furnished by Pottorff is not thought to be reliable. He has endeavored to furnish information before to the writer and to Special Agent in Charge Colvin, while he was at the Oklahoma City office, but has never given any information of value. This story told by Pottorff also does not seem consistent with the opinion expressed by Q. P. McGhee to the writer wherein he said that he is satisfied that he could be paroled for \$500.00 and that he is sure that he could obtain this \$500.00 from either of the Barker brothers or from Tom Hill of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma for the mere asking, but that as he is through with representing criminals and does not wish to have any more contact with them, he does not want to become obligated to them and therefore will not ask for their money to secure his parole and, in fact, will not take it. Pottorff, however, has agreed to supply any information that he receives along this line to George Stewart at the Mincks Hotel in Tulsa, to Agent Birch or to the writer.

On September 26, 1934 Special Agent O. G. Hall submitted the following memorandum:



"With reference to your request that I interview Jim Patton, ex-police officer, Tulsa, presently employed as guard at the Nat'l. Bank of Tulsa, please be advised that on 9-24-34 I talked to him and he stated that his friend, Ed Ervin, Bailiff in District Court, Tulsa, and also an ex-police officer of Tulsa, had some information concerning this case, particularly as to the location of Fred Barker. He gave me a note to Ervin."

"On 9-26-34 Agent Hansen and I interviewed Ervin. He stated that when a Police officer he shot and apprehended Fred Barker; that he knows Doc Barker; does not know Alvin Karpis for sure; knows Volney Davis. That after shooting Fred Barker in the hand he chased him, catching him in a rooming house under a bed. Barker has since, according to Ervin, sent word to him a few times that he was going to kill him, etc. Sometime ago he did a favor for a woman and about two weeks ago she came to him and stated that Fred Barker had been in town, Tulsa, to see his girl; that this girl lived in an apartment house, location not given. The reason this woman came to him with this story is that Fred Barker had made some threat to kill Ervin. The name of the woman was not disclosed. Ervin got the impression that Fred had been in Tulsa on the 14th of September. This as I remember is in conflict with the information from Chicago. Ervin will attempt to arrange an interview with the woman and will let me know. He has my 'phone number and address. At the present stage this looks like an attempt on the part of Ervin's informant to get the friendship of Ervin by being concerned about his welfare. I will let you know of any further developments."

On October 1, 1934 Special Agent D. B. Hall received information to the effect that a day or so previous G. E. Campbell, the father of Harry Campbell, purchased a ticket by bus for Electra, Texas. It will be recalled that Harry Campbell has previously been reported to have resided there with Wynona Burdette at R.F.D. 4, Box 136. In view of this information, having in mind the possibility that G. E. Campbell may have proceeded to Electra to contact his son, the Dallas office was advised by telephone and requested to cover that point in an effort to apprehend Harry Campbell.

Inasmuch as the inquiry was requested of the Dallas office by telephone, no further leads are being set out for that office in this report and only one copy of same is being furnished the Dallas office.

G. E. Campbell is described as:

Age	55
Height	5' 7"
Hair	Thin, partly gray
Teeth	False, very noticeable
	Thin features
	Hatchet-faced

With reference to Division telegram dated September 25, 1934, the description of the automobiles furnished in this wire was immediately given to some of the reliable Tulsa Police Officers and contacts in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with a request that a close lookout be kept for these automobiles, and several of the old contacts and hangouts of this mob were visited and checked but no information was obtained indicating that these persons came through Oklahoma, as they were supposed to according to informant [redacted].

On the night of September 28, 1934 Mack Story, a scandal sheet writer at Tulsa, Oklahoma, called George Stewart, previously mentioned in this case as a close contact between the Oklahoma City office and contacts that have been made in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and advised that Harry Campbell and a woman companion were at that time sitting in a booth in the Midway Cafe, a joint in Tulsa. This place was immediately covered and Harry Campbell was not there. Story claims that he is personally acquainted with Harry Campbell and that he left before the attempt was made to cause his arrest. The manager of this cafe was asked if Mack Story had been in there to determine if Story had some reason for having this joint raided and the manager said he did not know Mack Story and also said that there had been no trouble at his place that day. Mack Story has agreed to furnish any other information he might receive about Campbell or his associates to George Stewart, who will in turn advise the writer.

As there seemed to be a possibility that Harry Campbell was in Tulsa, several of the night clubs in Tulsa were visited several times by the writer, George Stewart, Bill Wood, Burns representative in Tulsa, and Agents G. G. Hall and Tyler Birch, but no further information was obtained and Harry Campbell or any of his associates were not observed. The following places were contacted: The Midway Cafe; Bushhorn Inn, which is operated by two notorious brothers, Willis and Tom Newton, former bank robbers; a filling station and bootlegging joint operated by Bob Parker on East 11th Street, about four miles east of Tulsa; the Old Hickory, operated by Sid Young, which is frequented by gangsters more than any other night club in Tulsa; and the Osage Country Club, located in Osage County near Tulsa.

With further reference to the letter from the Oklahoma City office to Inspector S. P. Cowley at Chicago, dated October 5, 1934, it might be stated that several days ago Mark Whinnery called George Stewart, former Captain of Detectives at Tulsa, and said that he had some information which might lead to the apprehension of Harry Campbell and asked about the reward for him. He also inquired if one of the girls who were arrested at Cleveland, Ohio and reported in the press as associates of the Barker gang was Wynona Burdette, his sister-in-law. George Stewart communicated this information to the Oklahoma City office and Mr. Brantley advised him that he had no information as to the identity of the persons arrested in Cleveland, but to obtain all information possible from Whinnery. Stewart later advised the writer that he had done this and that Whinnery had been unable to furnish him any information of value. He has promised, however, to give any information he receives to Stewart, who will in turn communicate it to the writer or to the Oklahoma City Division office.

The letter from the Oklahoma City office to Inspector Hoover dated October 5th sets out the fact that Wynona Burdette is presently residing with her sister, Mrs. Richard Wilson near Hominy, Oklahoma; that she has given Agent Hall some information in connection with this case and has promised to divulge further facts at a future interview.

Mr. J. J. Reynolds, stepfather of Kate Barker, was again interviewed but said he had been unable to obtain any information concerning any members of this mob since his last interview with the writer. He will continue to keep a sharp lookout for anything of value and will report it to the writer or the Oklahoma City Division office.

It is noted in letter from the Division to the Chicago office dated September 18, 1934 that it is stated that it does not appear that any attempt is being made to develop information regarding the relatives of Kate Barker. The attention of the Division is respectfully called to the report of Special Agent Paul Hansen dated at Oklahoma City August 6, 1934. The fourth paragraph on page twelve of this report sets out an interview with J. J. Reynolds mentioned above, who is married to Kate Barker's mother. As set out in that report Reynolds said that Kate Barker has one sister, Mrs. Elmer E. Hayes, who resides at 726 North Wheeling Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma. A further effort, however, will be made to obtain all of the immediate and distant relatives of Kate Barker at Tulsa, Oklahoma by an open interview with her mother, Mrs. J. J. Reynolds.

Chief of Police James Edwards and Officer Claude Johnson, Sapulpa, Oklahoma, were interviewed regarding Edna Murray, alleged woman companion of Volney Davis, but they could furnish no information along this line.

Mr. M. B. Sellers, Constable at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, advised that he arrested Volney Davis the last time he was arrested in Oklahoma, when he was sent to the State Penitentiary. He said that he is personally acquainted with the woman who usually lives with Davis and who is known as Edna Murray and Edna Stanley. He advised that she has a sister by the name of Doris who lives near Wichita, Kansas and is alleged to be married to some respectable farmer. She has one brother, Gloyd Stanley, in Sapulpa and one brother in Miami, Oklahoma. He will obtain the name of the second brother and furnish it to an Agent of the Division. Sellers later appeared at the Oklahoma City Division office and furnished a fingerprint card which had been made by Hi Thompson, present Chief of the Identification Division of the Oklahoma City Police Department, when he was Special Officer for the Frisco Railway Company at Sapulpa, Oklahoma. This card describes this woman, who gives her name as Edna Price, alias Edna Stanley, as being:

Age:	21 years (but apparently 25) - in 1928
Height:	5' 4"
Weight:	115 lbs.
Eyes:	Blue-gray
Hair:	Light chestnut

Complexion: Light  
Build: Slender  
Teeth: Good  
Occupation: Waitress  
Nativity: Kansas  
Arrested 10-6-33 by Officers Sellers  
and Hildreth  
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This is apparently the same person who escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary under the name of Edna Murray, their number 28978. A photostatic copy of this fingerprint card is being made for the future use of the Division, especially in view of the fact that it contains a specimen of this woman's handwriting as Edna Price.

With reference to the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated September 27, 1934, Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley instructed Agent G. H. Phinney to proceed to Cardin, Oklahoma and make an investigation with respect to the parents of Edna Murray. On October 5th Agent Phinney called the Oklahoma City office and advised that Edna Murray's mother is Inella Stanley and that she resides at Cardin, Oklahoma.

This information was obtained by Agent Phinney from C. E. [redacted], a Justice of the Peace at Cardin. No information was obtained regarding the whereabouts of Edna Murray and Agent Phinney was instructed to [redacted] will cover [redacted] make arrangements with the telegraph office and with his contact in Cardin that the Oklahoma City office be notified immediately should any information be obtained regarding the location of this woman. This information was transmitted to the Kansas City office on that same date. A further and more detailed inquiry will be made at Cardin and Sapulpa, Oklahoma regarding Edna Murray and her relatives in an effort to locate her and Volney Davis.

Felix Al'taffer, Police Sergeant at Tulsa, Oklahoma, who was furnished with the information contained in wire from the Division dated September 25, 1934, advised that the Chief of Police at Nowata, Oklahoma had furnished the Tulsa Police Department with the information that "Blackie" Thompson, a notorious Oklahoma outlaw, was living with Ophelia Anderson, wife of Charlie Staleup, a bank robber, in a house near Sapulpa, Oklahoma. Al'taffer thought that there might be a possible connection with this information and that furnished by [redacted] from El Paso by the woman companion of Thompson using the name of Anderson and the fact that she, the Anderson woman, and Charlie Staleup were at one time alleged to have been connected with this Barker mob. Inquiries were made at Sapulpa and Chief James Edwards and Police Officer Claude Johnson advised that this information had reached them and that they with the Sheriff of Creek County, Oklahoma had checked a house north and east of Sapulpa about two miles but had obtained no information regarding the fact that "Blackie" Thompson or any other outlaws had been staying there. This same matter was discussed with Constable



M. B. Sellers and he talked a little freer about this information and said that in his estimation it was very possible that some outlaws had been staying in this house, which is owned by some bootlegger whose name could not be recalled by Sellers. A close watch will be made by Sellers of this alleged hideout and any information he receives he will communicate it to the writer or the Oklahoma City office.

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[redacted] who has been previously mentioned as an informant in this case, was interviewed by the writer and advised that he had received no further definite information regarding the operations of this mob. One bit of information, however, which he thinks may be worth something is the escape of Howard Kilmer, No. 23062, from the sub-prison on August 30, 1934. Kilmer, he said, has never been implicated with any gang but has been in jail practically all of his life, being now 23 years old. While Arthur R. Barker was in the Oklahoma State Prison he and Kilmer became very friendly and this is especially due to the fact [redacted] says that Kilmer had a reputation of being "absolutely solid" and would give no officer any information whatsoever. He gained this reputation by having been tortured by prison officials upon two or three occasions in order to obtain some information, but he would never talk. Kilmer told [redacted] according to the latter, that Doc Barker had communicated with him and told Kilmer to meet him in a certain town in Minnesota, the name of which [redacted] could not remember. Kilmer was advised against escaping but when [redacted] observed that he was determined to leave, he advised him of the fact that he is extremely anxious to get in touch with one of the Barker gang and Kilmer told him he would communicate with [redacted] after he had made some contact with Barker. Two weeks after his escape he said that he had heard nothing from Kilmer but says that in the event he does, he will immediately communicate it to the writer. [redacted] said that he had written down the name of the town in Minnesota where Kilmer was supposed to meet Doc Barker, but that this was in the office and he did not choose to go back to the office as several convicts had observed him talking to the writer, but he agreed to send the name of this town to the Oklahoma City Division office. It has been several days since this interview and [redacted] has not yet sent in the name of the town, but he will be interviewed again in the near future.

Two photographs and a wanted notice on Kilmer were obtained at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, and are being placed in the Oklahoma City file in this case for future reference. He is described as follows:

Age:	19 (1931)
Height:	5' 10 1/2"
Weight:	157 lbs.
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Light brown
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Fair
Teeth:	Good
Residence:	Blanchard, Okla.
Occupation:	Laborer



Marks and Scars: All fingers and thumb on right hand have been amputated with exception little finger.

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[redacted] has been previously mentioned as an informant in this case, has addressed several letters to the writer offering her services, but having no particular plan whereby she could hope to obtain any information except to wait for the developments of the contacts she has made which have been previously reported in this file. She said that her recent trip to Kansas City, Missouri was unproductive of any direct and positive information regarding the location of any of the members of this mob except that some of them are supposed to have been in Kansas City about two and one-half months ago. She says she feels that if they appear in Kansas City, she will receive the information and, if so, will immediately impart it to the writer. [redacted] will again be interviewed in this matter.

With reference to letters from the Kansas City Office dated May 15, 1934 and August 24, 1934 regarding information submitted by Sheriff Dean Rogers of Topeka, Kansas that Alvin Karpis is alleged to be part owner of a pool hall in Oklahoma City, this matter has been discussed with Detectives D. A. Bryce, Mickey Ryan, Bob Worthy and several other Police officers in Oklahoma City, but they have no information whatever regarding Karpis ever having any contacts in Oklahoma City.

Disposition sheets are being furnished the Division regarding the criminal history of Clarence Duvall, Division number 138355, Lawrence Duvall, Division number 40771, and Albert Shaw, alias Albert Devol, Division number 41932, in accordance with the record set out in Division letter dated August 30, 1934.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY OFFICE at St. Joseph, Missouri will make inquiries regarding the orchestra leader staying at the St. Francis Hotel, who is alleged to be an associate of members of this mob and to furnish them dancers and entertainers.

OKLAHOMA-CITY OFFICE at Tulsa, Sapulpa and Cardin, Oklahoma will continue the investigation in this case in line with the facts set out in this report.

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October 22, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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 with aliases, I.O. #1212,  
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Paul Hanson dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October 9, 1934 in the above entitled case, wherein on page 9 mention is made of the letter from the Division to the Chicago Office dated September 18, 1934 containing the comment that it does not appear that any attempt is being made to develop information regarding the relatives of Kate Barker. The report of reference directs the attention of the Division to the report of Special Agent Hanson dated at Oklahoma City August 6, 1934 and points out that an interview with J. J. Reynolds disclosed that Kate Barker has one sister, Mrs. Elmer S. Hayes who resides at 726 North Wheeling Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma. It is noted in the report of reference that a further effort will be made to obtain all of the immediate and distant relatives of Kate Barker through an open interview with her mother, Mrs. J. J. Reynolds.

You should refer to the letter of the Los Angeles Office addressed to the St. Paul Office under date of May 3, 1934, reflecting the result of an interview had with Mel Vosburg on May 1, 1934, at which time it was ascertained that Kate Barker has four full sisters and one half sister, as well as one half brother, all living in Oklahoma with the exception of Mrs. Vosburg who lives at Long Beach, California. It would appear that considerable time has elapsed since this information was first received by the Division; therefore the Division directed a letter to the Chicago Office under date of September 18, 1934, indicating a copy for your office, requesting that the information regarding the relatives of Kate Barker be further developed.

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The identity of the relatives of Kate Barker is very important at this time in view of the fact that she has recently given up her apartment in Chicago and placed her furniture in storage. Therefore, the Division desires that the investigation requested in its letter be conducted without further delay.

A copy of the report of Special Agent Paul Hansen dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October 9, 1934 is transmitted herewith, with a copy of this letter to the Los Angeles Office for its information.

It is also noted on page 9 of the report of reference that Mr. M. B. Sellers, Constable at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, has advised that the sister of Edna Murray named Doris O'Connor, now lives near Wichita, Kansas and is believed to be married to a respectable farmer. Copies of a photograph and fingerprints of Doris O'Connor, #6993 taken by the Police Department, New Orleans, Louisiana, August 3, 1933 are transmitted herewith and to each of the offices indicated below to be searched through the identification bureaus of local police departments. The photograph should also be exhibited to persons acquainted with Doris, sister of Edna Murray, in order to establish her true identity.

There is some indication in the files that Doris O'Connor is now traveling with Jess Doyle, a known associate of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING - S.L. File 7-37.

Dear Sir:

A.M. Clark, Secretary of State of the State of Wyoming has advised the Salt Lake City office that as a result of a stop card filed by the Salt Lake City Division office, that his department has located a record of one "Harry Campbell" who registered a 1928 Ford tudor automobile, Engine No. A127440, 1934 license No. 5-2437 which was issued to Harry Campbell and T.B. Inman, Laramie, Wyoming.

Immediately upon receipt of this communication the Denver office was asked telegraphically to ascertain if Harry Campbell was identical with the subject of this investigation having the same name.

It is requested that the Denver office advise the Secretary of State of the State of Wyoming of the re-allocation of the State of Wyoming, in order that any subsequent information which may be obtained at the Secretary of State's Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming, relative to the registration of such automobiles, will be submitted direct to the Denver office.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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AGENTS WINSTEAD AND RYAN PROCEEDING TO GLASGOW, MONTANA ON IMPORTANT  
LEAD LOOKING TOWARDS APPREHENSION OF VOLNEY DAVIS. COREY BALES A  
KNOWN ASSOCIATE OF DAVIS IS LOCATED AT GLASGOW AND IS OPENING A GAMBLING  
PLACE. DAVIS HAS BEEN THERE AND IS EXPECTED TO RETURN. KINDLY FOR-  
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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to your memorandum of October 9, 1934, pertaining to the teletype message from Mr. Cowley concerning the furnishing of fingerprints of the Barker-Karpis gang to the Chicago office, you are advised that the fingerprints of members of this gang have not been sent to the field offices. An appropriate number of the fingerprints of all members of this gang will be sent to all Division field offices today.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*

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Mr. Cowley telephoned and advised that he had just talked to Mr. Guinane and Mr. Guinane advised him that the woman they have out there will protect Chase in any way possible but she does not feel this way about Nelson; that Guinane believes she might be utilized to some advantage by letting her go and see if she will put Nelson on the spot, which she says she will do. Mr. Cowley stated that he told Mr. Guinane to proceed with this plan. I stated that I thought this was all right. I asked if they had heard anything from Butte on the Helens lead and Mr. Cowley stated that Dickason apparently, as soon as he got this information, called the Sheriff's office up there and the Sheriff's office advised him that Chase left there on Sunday; that Dickason is en route to Helena but he, Cowley, told Guinane to send another man there from San Francisco. Mr. Cowley stated that if this was a good lead, Mr. Dickason gave it to the sheriff's office. I told Mr. Cowley that, if possible, we would like to establish the fact that he left there and if a man goes up from San Francisco, it will take a couple of days and the lead will be cold. Mr. Cowley stated that the reports are that he is going back and will be back within a week and in addition to that, it was not known yesterday whether he had received that package but if he left Sunday, the chances are that he probably has not received it. I stated that it was mailed on Saturday and would take several days.

I told Mr. Cowley that although this woman might be willing to put the finger on Nelson for us, it is not likely that Chase would do this. Mr. Cowley stated that she swears that Chase would never do that. I stated that if we grab Chase and hold him for a few days and then turn him loose, he will probably be more antagonistic towards us although this would not affect any information she might get. Mr. Cowley stated that this woman stated she would not dare confide in Chase but she feels it would be to Chase's interests to have Gillis out of the way. Mr. Cowley stated that he felt we might do some good by letting her go and nothing would be gained by holding her. I told Mr. Cowley that I felt he was right about this. Mr. Cowley stated that he told Mr. Guinane to turn her loose and Mr. Guinane seemed quite enthused about her sincerity and felt that she would cooperate.

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Mr. Cowley advised that he is leaving at 4:00 o'clock this afternoon for Los Angeles. I told Mr. Cowley that I was there when the Director talked to him last night and the Director was quite interested in the Montana angle. Mr. Cowley stated that when he gets to Los Angeles, if this looks good, he will go up to Glasgow and then to San Francisco; otherwise he will go to San Francisco first and then to Glasgow. Mr. Cowley stated that they know that this contact is there and he has indicated that he would be there for

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the opening date of the gambling house which is the 15th. Mr. Cowley stated that the crowd is evidently up there. Mr. Cowley stated that if they can get Volney Davis, this will be very good as he will talk and he, Cowley, is banking on his pointing out the hideout.

Mr. Cowley asked about Vivian Mathis and stated that she has given us all she has. I told Mr. Cowley to remove her if we have everything we can get from her; that they should file on her.

Mr. Cowley asked if the release had been made and I told him that it was made at 12:00 o'clock and is on the front pages of the paper here and was given out at New Orleans at 12:10.

*Edw. D. Bremer*  
*John J. McLaughlin*  
I told Mr. Cowley that I saw a letter from Mr. Ladd to the effect that the United States Attorney at St. Paul is going to nolle pross the McLaughlin indictment and Mr. Ladd suggests that they be indicted in Chicago. Mr. Cowley stated that he has not taken this up but if they can get a continuation on it and we can locate the hideout, it will be very encouraging and will bolster up the case as a whole and if we can get a bunch of the subjects by then, they will probably be able to convict the whole bunch together. I told Mr. Cowley that we did not have a prayer to get into Court on in this case. Mr. Cowley stated that if we can find the hideout or get one or two of the subjects, we will have. I stated that a continuance would not make much difference; that we will get these things eventually and then we can go ahead and indict them. Mr. Cowley stated that he did not think they could be indicted in Chicago and I stated that I did not think the continuation or keeping alive this indictment is particularly important now as we have a couple of years before the statute runs and they can always be reindicted.

Mr. Cowley stated that he will leave at 4:00 unless he advises to the contrary and he is sending in a teletype message to this effect.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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P. O. Box #766  
Cincinnati, Ohio

DIVISION ONE

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October 11, 1934

MEMORANDUM TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS:

With reference to Division Bulletin #41, Fiscal Year 1935, First Series dated September 29, 1934, in which reference is made to investigation conducted in connection with the kidnaping of EDWARD G. BREMER at St. Paul, Minn., on January 17, 1934, and particularly to the report of Agent D. L. Nicholson, St. Paul, dated August 16, 1934, mimeographed copies of which have been furnished to this office, you should comply with the suggestion contained therein and in this connection immediately you have completed an examination of the report in question, you should indicate on the fly leaf thereof your initials and the date, to show that you have done this.

See File #7-43.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Room 1403,  
870 Lexington Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

October 12, 1934.

Inspector A. P. Cowley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1212;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1212;  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1212;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1212;  
ET AL; Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Under date of October 8, 1934, the Kansas City Office advised it had discussed with Inspector Cowley the possibility of whether Miss Mary Atkins could be used as an informant in behalf of this Division to endeavor to obtain information from the Fisher family at Kansas City, with whom she is well acquainted, the present whereabouts of Clara Fisher Gibson or her husband, subject Russell Gibson, I.O. 1212. The New York Office was requested to ascertain whether Miss Mary Atkins would be willing to undertake the trip to Kansas City to ascertain this information for the Division.

On October 12, 1934, Miss Mary Atkins was interviewed by Special Agent in Charge F. X. Fay of the New York City Office at which time this matter was discussed with her and she stated that she would be willing to go to Kansas City and do her best to obtain the desired information from the Fisher family. She states that when she was in the Fisher home at Kansas City about the middle of September, 1934, Mrs. Fisher, the mother of Clara Fisher Gibson, stated that she had not heard from Clara Fisher Gibson for three years, but that she had heard indirectly that she had visited in Chicago. Miss Atkins could give no further information at this time with regard to Clara Fisher Gibson.

In the Kansas City letter mentioned, it was stated that after the New York City Office had contacted Miss Mary Atkins to ascertain whether she will agree to act as an informant of this Division, the details as to whether she should proceed to Kansas City, etc., should then be further discussed with the Division and Inspector Cowley of Chicago. In accordance with that understanding the New York City Office will await instructions from the Division and Inspector Cowley as to whether it is desired to have Miss Atkins proceed to Kansas City.

Very truly yours,

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F. X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division .  
cc-Kansas City.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
FROM: UNIT #1

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☐ Mr. Edwards  
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In my opinion this informant will not be able to produce the desired results — the location of Russell Gibson. Latest information is that Russell and Clara have separated. Denver office recently made a good contact with brother of Russell. *AM* Supervisor - Unit One

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
FROM: UNIT #1 & UNIT #3

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TO: Director  
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October 20, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

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 with aliases, I.O. #1232,  
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

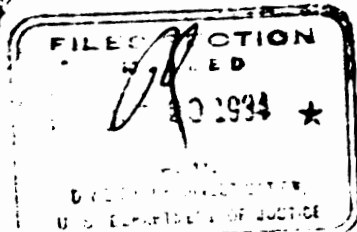
Reference is made to your letter dated October 12, 1934 addressed to Inspector S. P. Conley at the Chicago Office, with reference to the possibility of obtaining information from the family of Clara Fisher Gibson through Miss Mary Atkins whose services are available as an informant.

The Division desires that arrangements to use the services of Miss Atkins be held in abeyance until other leads relative to the whereabouts of subject Gibson have been exhausted.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Chicago  
St. Paul  
Kansas City



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1231 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,  
El Paso, Texas,  
October 10, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1212;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.#1210;  
ET AL - EDWARD GEO. BREMER, Victim;  
Kidnaping. E.P. file #7-5.

Today Agent was called to the El Paso Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank and there interviewed Ralph J. Caskey, a guard, who had just received a letter from his mother at Trinidad, Colorado, in which she stated that Agent Cere of the Denver office had been to interview her concerning the Bremer and Hamm kidnaping cases and, particularly, with respect to one O. B. Carter and two companions who were alleged to have been with him in El Paso, Texas, in April or May, 1933. It appears that O. B. Carter is well known to the Caskey family. The letter stated that Agent Cere was particularly anxious to learn the identity of the persons who were with Carter at that time.

Agent checked the hotels at El Paso, Texas, with the following results at the Hussmann Hotel: On May 16, 1933 at 3:16 P.M., O.B. Carter of 40 Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill., R. Shellenberger of Chicago and J.S. Zeigler of 2141 Gunderson, Oak Park, Ill., checked into Room 439 at the Hussmann Hotel, their registration cards being Nos. 8316B, 8316B and 8317B. They checked out on May 17.

O. B. Carter and R. Shellenberger again registered into Room 830 at the Hussmann at 2:59 P.M., May 18, their registration cards being 8363 and 8364B, respectively. They checked out on the morning of the 19th at 6:20. There were no long distance calls charged to their rooms. Clerks at the hotel of course had no recollection of the individuals who had registered there on the above occasions more than sixteen months ago.

Mr. Caskey also informed the writer that he believed the persons who were with Carter at that time to have been one William Weaver and George Zeigler, although he did not see them and he was vague as to why he thought those were the parties. He remarked that Agent Cere had told Caskey's mother they had the case all sewed up with the exception of William Weaver and George Zeigler.

*Division - Look for a full explanation of this*  
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For your information, the handwriting of Carter, Shellenberger and Zeigler is to be found on the registration cards of the Hussmann Hotel under the numbers above given, should they be desired for comparative or other purposes.

I do not know the object of Agent Gore's inquiry, but am forwarding you the information at once in the event it is urgent, inasmuch as Cackey's mother had requested him to get the information and forward it to her so that she might in turn transmit it to Agent Gore.

I understand that these three individuals were traveling in a private airplane when they were here and should the Denver office desire, further investigation will be made at the airport with a view to ascertain the facts and circumstances surrounding their arrival and departure, description and registration number of the plane, pilot, etc. In the meantime this additional investigation will not be undertaken except by request.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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October 17, 1934

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. J. C. Newman,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
422 Midland Savings Building,  
Denver, Colorado.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1213;  
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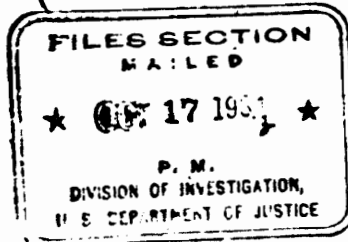
Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to the letter of the El Paso Office, addressed to your office, dated October 10, 1934 in the above entitled case, wherein it is noted that Special Agent in Charge R. E. Colvin was advised by Ralph J. Caskay, a guard at the El Paso Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank that Special Agent Gere had told Mr. Caskay's mother at Trinidad, Colorado that the Division "had the case all covered up with the exception of William Weaver and George Zeigler".

You are instructed to immediately obtain from Special Agent Gere a detailed explanation of the circumstances under which he disclosed extremely confidential information respecting the status of this investigation to Mrs. Caskay.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 2070

Laboratory Report

October 11, 1934.

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

Number: 7-576-3087

Specimens: One original typewritten letter addressed to J. L. Hess  
& Co., dated September 18, 1934, and signed Mrs. F. E.  
Anderson. Parts of a newspaper dated Tuesday, September  
25, 1934.

Examination requested by: Chicago Office.

Date received: October 10, 1934.

Examination requested: Typewriting and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by:

S.F. Pickering.

The handwriting of the signature on the typewritten letter addressed to J. L. Hess & Company is identical with that of the letter addressed to the Warden, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and dated August 8, 1929, and signed Mrs. G. E. Barker. This letter contains the statement that the writer is "Freddie's mother".

The letter was written with an Underwood typewriter equipped with Pica type, the letters being spaced ten to the inch. Machines were equipped with this type as far back as 1922. This typing has been compared with that of all of the typewritten letters in the Bremer Case and with the extortion letters in the Hamm Kidnaping Case and with that of the Underwood Portable typewriter No. 596064 which was found in Cleveland, Ohio, at an address which is thought to have been occupied by Alvin Karpis, but no identification has been made. In this connection attention is called to the fact that the extortion notes in both the Bremer and Hamm Cases were written with a Corona typewriter.

In the letter to the Warden signed by Mrs. G. E. Barker the word "writing" was spelled "riting" in two instances, whereas, in the typewritten letter to J. L. Hess & Company this word is spelled correctly. This suggests the possibility that the letter to the J. L. Hess & Company was typed for Mrs. Barker by some other person.

A report on the fingerprints will be submitted separately.

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October 12, 1934.

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7-576-3135  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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 October 10, 1934.

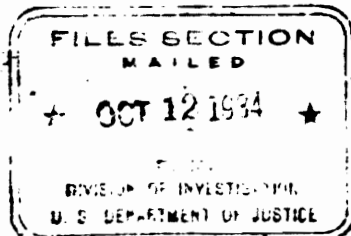
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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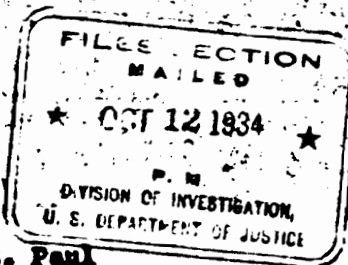
Reference is made to your letter of October 6, 1934, transmitting one original typewritten letter addressed to F. L. Hess & Company dated September 18, 1934, and signed by Mrs. F. E. Anderson together with a torn page of a newspaper dated Tuesday, September 25, 1934, for examination in the Division Laboratory in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al; Edward G. Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

The newspaper page has been examined for latent fingerprints, but no such impressions could be developed thereon.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-65**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Washington, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>9/15/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>9/13-14/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>H. E. Roberts</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>Kidnaping</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Harry L. Hall is a well known Legionnaire, is Nat'l. Committeeman for that organization and attends their National conventions. During past winter he has been employed by Veterans Administration as alternate member of a special board of review until January 8, 1934 when he received another appointment as Control Officer until May 7, 1934. While connected with Veterans Administration, Hall left several bills owing in Puerto Rico. Hall now residing at Medinah Athletic Club in Chicago, and believed to have several concessions at the World Fair. He is considered affable, a good mixer and is a leading politician.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Division letter dated September 6, 1934 and report of Special Agent Roger L. Main, Jacksonville, Florida, 8/27/34.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</u></p> <p>DETAILS: Inquiry at 1608 "K" Street, N. W., elicited the information that this address is the headquarters for the National Rehabilitation Committee of the American Legion. Interview there was had with Mr. Tolson, Assistant to the Chairman of this committee, who stated that Harry L. Hall is personally known to him; that Hall is an outstanding Legionnaire; that he is Department Commander of the Legion at Puerto Rico, and sort of runs that branch of the Legion when he is not in the United States; that Hall has been an alternate member of the National Executive Committee of the</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>L. R. Cunningham</i> Assistant Special Agent in Charge		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>           COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:            3 Division            2 St. Paul            1 St. Louis            2 Chicago            1 Jacksonville         </div> <div>           2 Washington Field            10-12-34            COPIES DESTROYED            135 MAR 19 1965         </div> </div>	
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American Legion for the past 10 years; that he is a member of this committee at the present time, having been elected to same last year; that he has officially represented the National Department for several years; however, he has never received any salary in connection therewith; that Hall was in Washington, D. C., about two or three weeks ago and stated at that time that he had two or three concessions at the World Fair in Chicago; however, Mr. Tolson did not learn the nature of these concessions.

Mr. Tolson further advised that Hall has attended the conventions for the past several years wherein he has assisted in the election of the National Commander of the American Legion; that he has a forceful personality and is a very good mixer; that he is considered a politician of no mean ability; that Hall has many potent contacts in political circles and has the ability to gain an audience with most anyone he desires at any time; that he is in line for a political appointment in Puerto Rico; that he is at the present time stopping at the Medinah Athletic Club in Chicago, Illinois; that Hall also has a local address of 518 Bond Building, which is the National Headquarters of the American Legion.

Mr. Tolson stated that he believes that Hall can be trusted in connection with a confidential contact in the event the information desired from him would not involve himself in any respect.

Agent contacted the Veterans Administration, Personnel Division, and there reviewed the file on Harry L. Hall. Hall was recommended by Department Commander Mumoy of the Puerto Rico American Legion and the Governor of Puerto Rico for a position as member of a special board of review in cases outside of the continental United States.

In an interview had with Veterans Administration officials, Hall gave his age as 33 years in July of 1933. He stated that he graduated from Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana; that

he is a railroad executive, real estate operator and a member of Congress Post #12, American Legion, Puerto Rico, and gave his address at that time as Landover (Cheverly), Maryland. Hall was also recommended by Lewis Johnson, National Commander of the American Legion.

On August 24, 1933, Hall was given an appointment as alternate member of a special board review at a salary of \$15.00 per diem while in active duty, and \$5.00 additional per diem while in travel status. He was discharged November 22, 1933 without prejudice and on January 8, 1934 was appointed as Control Officer and Junior Investigator in Grade Caf 11 at a salary of \$2800 per annum for a period not to exceed 180 days. In connection with this application, Hall advised that he finished high school at Walcottville, Indiana in 1912; that he attended the Valparaiso University from 1912 to 1915 taking a general business course; that in 1915 he began as a telegraph operator and agent for the Alto Railroad, and later chief dispatcher with the Seaborn Airline Railway until 1923, with the exception of the year 1918 when he was a Sergeant Major with the 211th Field Signal Battalion during the World War; that he entered the real estate and building business in 1923 and during 1924 and 1925 was engaged in that business at Puerto Rico; that he has been married 18 years with no children.

Hall further stated that he was Chairman of the American Legion and had been in their caucus for the past six or eight years; that he has special knowledge of insular and foreign departments, and has made a complete study of the American Legion in connection with foreign matters. Hall was given an appointment on January 8, 1934 as Control Officer and sent to Puerto Rico for a survey and investigation of the conditions there for a period of two months for the Veterans Administration and was given a discharge without prejudice May 7, 1934.

In May or June of 1934, William Stern of the American Legion Headquarters at Indianapolis, Indiana wired General Hines requesting that Hall be given a new appointment with the Veterans Administration as Control Officer. Mr. Stern was advised, however, that there was no opening.



In June of 1934, Senator David A. Reed of Pennsylvania forwarded a letter to the General urging the reappointment of Hall as Control Officer. He was likewise advised that there was no opening.

On August 28, 1934 Representative James J. Lanzetta of New York City wrote in behalf of Hall for reappointment as Control Officer. He was also advised that there was no opening.

On July 12, 1934 while Hall was stopping at the Hotel Morrison, Edward Borof, supervisor of collections for that hotel wrote the Veterans Administration desiring information as to whether Hall was still connected with the Veterans Administration or if he was on leave of absence at that time; that Hall had made several statements to him to the effect that he was expecting a check each month from the Veterans Administration.

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On July 9, 1934, Raymond N. Cuevas, Box 5496, Santurce, Puerto Rico addressed a letter to the Veterans Administration advising that Hall hired a car from him while Control Officer for the Administration on January 30, 1934 for a period of three weeks at \$25.00 per week, and that he had failed to pay the bill.

On August 15, 1934, the West-Indian Oil Company, San Juan, Puerto Rico, billed the Veterans Administration for gasoline and oil used by Hall in February of 1934 in the sum of \$29.63.

It is being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin as to what action should be taken in view of the above.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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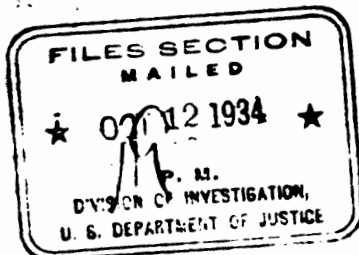
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