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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
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February 10, 1935.

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

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases,  
I. O. No. 1218; Dr. Joseph  
P. Moran, I. O. No. 1232;  
et al.  
Edward George Bremer-Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Please be informed that the temporary  
wanted notices prepared and issued by the Division  
on Fred Barker have been withdrawn from the Police  
Department in this district.

Very truly yours,

*R. G. Harvey*  
R. G. Harvey,  
Special Agent in Charge.

W:APG

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February 12, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 30, 1935, transmitting an original letter and accompanying envelope addressed to Dolores Delaney, Danmor Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al, I.O. 1218; Edward G. Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

Upon examination in the Division Laboratory one latent fingerprint of value was developed on the outside of the envelope and it has been compared with the fingerprints of the following individuals without effecting an identification:

Alvin Karpis, I.O. 1218  
Harry Sawyer, our #421333  
Volney Davis, our #400441  
Clyde Simerick, our #77961  
Myrtle Eaton, our #537474  
Bertha Engler, our #82181  
Charles F. Clouse, our #183728  
Chas. J. Fitzgerald, our #93780

Harry Campbell, our #419856  
Jess Doyle, our #99402  
William Weaver, our #17920  
Mrs. Jack Snyder, our #454350  
Paula Harmon, our #105880  
Marjorie Keating, our #382111  
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, our #704777  
Mrs. Dorothy Freestor, #1953 Police  
Department, Kansas City, Mo.

Photographic copies of the letter and envelope are being transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover, INVESTIGATION  
Director.

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cc - Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
St. Paul

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:HW

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

February 8, 1935.

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

Time-2:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Bremer Case

I telephoned Mr. Connelley and advised him that I had talked to Special Agent in Charge Nathan at Kansas City, Missouri and had been informed by him that Agent Madala hadn't arrived there as yet. Mr. Connelley stated that Agent Madala should arrive there about 8:00 o'clock tonight.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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re Bremer case.

Mr. Connelley states that Agent  
Madala should arrive at Kansas Cit.  
about 8:00 o'clock.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:TAM

Division of Investigation

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

February 8, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Francis Connors of the Chicago Daily News telephoned on February 8 to inquire if there was a possibility of any statement forthcoming today relative to the escape of a Federal prisoner, enroute from Kansas City, Missouri to Chicago, Illinois. I advised Mr. Nichols that of course I could make no statement about this matter but that, as he knew, the Director was out of the city, and consequently if any statement was given out here, it would probably emanate from the Department.

E. A. Tamm

Volney Davis

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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February 11, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS - et al., aliases,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH MORAN  
with aliases, I.O. 1932 et al.;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

With reference to report of Special Agent J.L. Flood, Omaha, Nebraska, dated February 7, 1935, in the above entitled matter, and particularly page 3 thereof, indicating that ALICE CONRAD had purchased cashiers check in the amount of \$75.00, payable to the Northwestern National Bank and Trust Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota, also indicating that Miss Conrad had a pass book on this bank, and that she was sending the cashiers check to reopen her account, it is believed that a check should be made against this account to determine past and future deposits and withdrawals for the possibility of tracing some of these checks to Mrs. Sawyer, or Sawyer himself.

Very truly yours,

L. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.  
(Special Assignment)

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 7, 1935

Time - 11:55 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Jess Doyle

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schiller.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Nathan at Kansas City, he mentioned a previous conversation with me concerning the battle with the above at Pittsburg, Kansas, and stated that he was in error in reporting that the Agents who were there were Agents Bryce and O'Mahoney; that as a matter of fact, Agents Bryce and Clary were the ones who were present; that with them was Chief of Police Armstrong of Pittsburg, Kansas.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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POST OFFICE BOX 512  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

February 11, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

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

Confirming my telephone conversation with you of last night, it is believed that a determined effort should be made to locate the parties referred to in the statement of PAUL HARMON, quoted in report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated October 3, 1934, particularly page 55 of such report, wherein reference is made to the fact that Paula Harmon had been in contact with a waitress by the name of ALLEYNE, who had been running around and living with a party by the name of AL, whose last name Paula Harmon believed to be YONKERS. It was indicated that Alleyne and Yonkers apparently had an apartment in Toledo, and that Paula Harmon and Fred Barker had visited at this place, and while in this apartment had contacted CHUCK, which undoubtedly refers to CHARLES FITZGERALD. She also indicated that Karpis and Dolores Delaney had been eating in the restaurant in which this Alleyne is a waitress; that shortly after she had contacted Chuck at the apartment of Alleyne, Chuck and his wife Belle had been to dinner at the place of Paula Harmon and Fred Barker in Toledo, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.  
(Special Assignment)

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CC St. Paul

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

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DIRECTOR

SAC CHICAGO

BREKID CHIEF OF POLICE MINNEAPOLIS THURSDAY REPORTED TIP KARPIS  
SEEN IN MINNEAPOLIS DEVELOPMENTS PROVE INFORMATION CAME THROUGH  
COUNTY ATTORNEY ED GOFF, TO WHOM INFORMATION WAS REPORTED BY A  
MRS WALKER. TODAY LOCATED ORIGINAL INFORMANT EDWARD WIECHMANN,  
JANITOR CLIFMAR APARTMENTS STPAUL WHERE KARPIS BARKER MOB ONCE  
RESIDED. WIECHMANN CLAIMS SAW KARPIS WHOM HE KNOWS BY SIGHT AND  
ANOTHER PARTY SEVEN AM FEBRUARY 6. STOPPED NEW CAR BELIEVED CHEVROLET  
COACH ND ENTERED APARTMENT 3026 WEST LAKE MINNEAPOLIS LICENSE NUMBER  
UNKNOWN CAR GONE FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER IDENTIFICATION SECURED KARPIS  
CHANGING MONEY FRUIT STORE EAR THE MINNEAPOLIS ADDRESS FEBRUARY 1.  
NO ONE MOVED IN THIS APARTMENT SINCE SEPTEMBER. INVESTIGATION BEING  
CONDUCTED WITH FURTHER CONTACTS WITH INFORMANT

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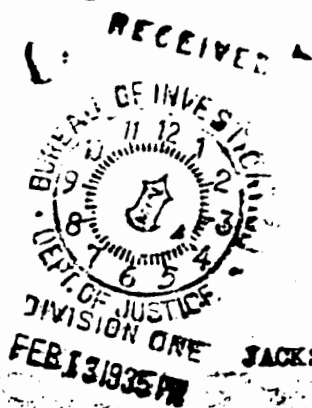
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R D BROWN  
PRESIDENTE HOTEL  
HAVANA CUBA

BREKID TELEPHONE TAMM ARRIVAL MIAMI ARRANGE FURNISH USA THERE COMPLETE  
INFORMATION INTERVIEW McDONALD THEN PROCEED JACKSONVILLE PREPARING  
REPORT

HANSON

PREPAID GOVERNMENT RATE CABLEGRAM  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 11, 1935

Time - 9:25 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case;  
Nathaniel Heller.  
Cash McDonald

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Egan.....  
Mr. Harbo.....  
Mr. Keith.....  
Mr. Lester.....  
Mr. Quinn.....  
Mr. Schilder.....  
Mr. Tamm.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
Miss Gandy.....

Mr. Hanson telephoned and stated that he has just learned from the Agents in Cuba that Heller plans to voluntarily leave Cuba either today or tomorrow; that Mrs. Heller is presently in Miami attempting to have the bond of Heller reduced to \$10,000; that the United States Attorney is of the opinion that this should be done in view of the fact that the bond of Adams is set at \$10,000, and he is no more guilty than Heller; that he, Mr. Hanson, is of the opinion that we should abide by the ruling of the United States Attorney. I mentioned that there is not much more that we can do under the circumstances.

With reference to McDonald, Mr. Hanson stated that he is informed by the Agents in Cuba that they have an iron clad case against McDonald in the exchange of that money. Mr. Hanson conveyed this information to the United States Attorney, who stated that he was going to immediately recommend that the bond of McDonald be increased to \$50,000.

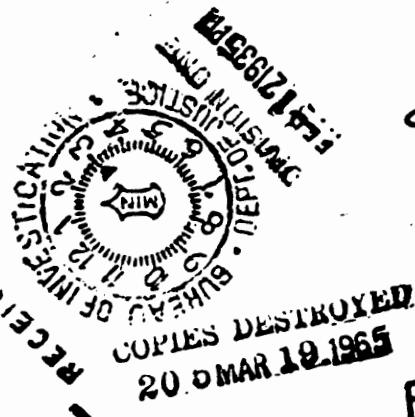
Mr. Hanson suggested that it might be well to let Brown and McKee remain in Miami upon their arrival there for the purpose of questioning McDonald; that they are undoubtedly in possession of pertinent information about his activities which is not in the possession of the other men, and it is believed that considerable time could be saved, and a more intelligent interrogation of McDonald be effected by this arrangement. I concurred in this opinion.

Mr. Hanson stated that he was forwarding a wire to Agent Brown today instructing him to telephone me relative to their return.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

REN: CJ

Time - 12:10 P. M.

February 11, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218,  
FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases,  
I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases,  
I. O. #1236; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases,  
I. O. #1237, et al; EDWARD G. BREMER -  
Victim; Kidnaping

Special Agent in Charge Larson telephoned from Detroit to advise that he had consulted Mr. Connelley relative to the discontinuance of the several telephone taps being maintained at Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio and they had agreed that this should be done. I advised Mr. Larson that, inasmuch as no information of value had been developed through these taps, it is agreeable with the Division to discontinue same.

Mr. Larson also advised that Charles Becker, a former bartender at the Casino Club, had been interviewed and admitted seeing members of the Barker-Karpis gang in the Casino Club; that he mentioned the fact that these individuals resembled kidnapers whose photographs he had seen in publications to Ted Angus; that Angus stated that Becker did not know what he was talking about.

Mr. Larson is going to confer with the United States Attorney with a view to referring harboring charges against the Angus brothers and his cousins and after the issuance of process will take them into custody.

Respectfully,

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

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DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 12, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Bremer Case.

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

SAC Nathan called and stated that Mr. Ellis, of the Burns Detective Agency, was in the office this afternoon and advised that a photographic identification of Jesse Doyle as participating in the robbery of the Bank of Drexel, Missouri, on December 13, 1934, had been made by a number of witnesses. Mr. Nathan stated that Mr. Ellis wanted to know if it would be possible for the witnesses to see Doyle, having seen in the paper that he was being held at Kansas City, Kansas.

Mr. Nathan further stated that the robbery included three men and a boy according to Mr. Ellis' information; that the bank is a State bank and not a member of the Federal Reserve System; that about \$2,500. was taken in the robbery; that Mr. Ellis has other information which he is not at liberty to tell him, but which indicated that Doyle participated in the robbery.

Mr. Nathan stated that the U. S. Marshal advised him that he is going to move Doyle Wednesday or Thursday; that he did not tell Mr. Ellis anything but advised him that he would check up on it and see what it was all about. Mr. Nathan stated that if there were three men in the robbery, there was a possibility that they were Doyle and Davis and the young boy who is Edna Murray's son.

I advised Mr. Nathan that if local officers, other than the Burns Detective Agency, are interested, we could hardly refuse to grant our consent to just viewing the prisoner. I instructed Mr. Nathan to call Agent Coulter at St. Paul and tell him to put this request up to the United States Attorney; that if the United States Attorney desires them to view the prisoner but not interview him, we will be guided by his recommendation.

Mr. Nathan stated that the Sheriff is interested and the local police have been working with the Burns Detective Agency on local angles of the case.

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Respectfully,  
E. A. Tamm.

E. A. Tamm.

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It is alright to let them  
see him.  
2/12/35 J. C. N.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

REN:GJ

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

February 9, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218 -  
FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases,  
I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases,  
I. O. #1236; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases,  
I. O. #1237, et al - EDWARD G. BREMER -  
Victim; Kidnaping

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Keith .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Schuler .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

The developments during the week have been the return of sixteen indictments at Jacksonville, Florida on February 7, 1935, charging Joseph H. Adams, Henry "Duke" Randall, Nathaniel Heller, Cassius M. McDonald, Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette with harboring and conspiracy to harbor, misprision felony, conspiracy to commit misprision felony and Adams and Randall were charged with the unlawful possession of a machine gun.

McDonald was taken into custody at West Palm Beach, Florida on February 7, 1935 and is held in default of \$25,000 bond. Joe Adams was taken into custody and released on February 9, 1935 under \$10,000 bond. Henry "Duke" Randall is being held on \$10,000 bond. Bond for Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette has been tentatively set for \$15,000 each. The bond of Heller is set at \$25,000.

Doris O'Conner, who is being sought for questioning in connection with this case, was taken into custody by the Police Department at Kansas City, Missouri on February 5, 1935 on the charge of attempting to murder another woman. Volney Davis, who is under indictment in connection with this case, was taken into custody at Kansas City, Missouri on February 6, 1935 and subsequently escaped from Agents at Yorkville, Illinois. Edna Murray, paramour of Davis, was taken into custody at Pittsburg, Kansas on February 7, 1935. A gun battle was held at that place with Jess Doyle, who fled to Girard, Kansas and surrendered to the Sheriff around noon on February 7, 1935.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby.

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W. A. Rorer  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
508 Medical Arts Building  
Nashville Tennessee

BREKID INVESTIGATION SHEPHERDSTOWN WEST VIRGINIA REVEALS KARPIS VISITED THERE IN MARCH AND DECEMBER NINETEEN THIRTYTWO WITH AUNT MRS WILLIAM RUTHERFORD STOP MRS RUTHERFORDS SISTER MRS J L McCARM TODAY REQUESTED CLERK SHEPHERDSTOWN POSTOFFICE TYPE ADDRESS ON LETTER TO KAY ENGLAND WESTMORELAND AVENUE MEMPHIS SUGGEST APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION DETERMINE IDENTITY OF ENGLAND

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cc Division  
St. Paul  
E.J. Connelley, Box 829, Chicago, Ill.

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DIRECTOR

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Washington, D. C.

EAT:TAM

February 4, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Baughman.....  
Chief Clerk.....  
Mr. Coffey.....  
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Mr. Schilder.....  
Mr. Tamm.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
Miss Gandy.....

Mr. Coulter called from St. Paul to advise that the United States Attorney had informed him that an Attorney named Jerry Hoffman had been retained to represent Byron Bolton. Coulter sent Agent Brennan over to the jail to interview Bolton and Bolton advised that while he hadn't actually retained Hoffman, he wanted to see him and accordingly Hoffman was permitted to interview Bolton.

Respectfully

E. A. Tamm

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Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
FEBRUARY 12, 1935.

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. #1236;  
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. #1237, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

In accordance with instructions of Mr. Tamm there are attached hereto copies of memoranda submitted by Special Agents W. R. Clary and D. A. Bryce concerning their activities at Pittsburg, Kansas, on the morning of February 7, 1935, in an effort to effect the apprehension of Jess Doyle. A telegraphic summary of this occurrence was forwarded to the Division on February 11, 1935.

Very truly yours,

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

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cc - Mr. Connelly, Chicago (Encls.) *29071*

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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TOLSON TAMM ONE



Fort Scott, Kan.  
Feb. 11, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE S.A.C.

RE: BREKID  
K. C. FILE #7-37

After receiving your information by telephone on the night of February 6, to the effect that JESS DOYLE, had left Kansas City, Mo. driving a Chevrolet Coupe bearing 1935 Mo. tags 193-380, and that it was possible that he was headed for Pittsburg, Kan., Agent V. R. Clary and the writer checked all streets and garages in Pittsburg, but failed to locate the above described car.

On the morning of Feb. 7, 1935, Mr. J.D. Miller called the writer at 7:00 a.m. stating that there was a Chevrolet Coupe parked behind the residence of H. C. Stanley, 206 E. Adams St. Pittsburg, Kan. Agent Clary and writer immediately drove by the Stanley home and noticed the Chevrolet, bearing tags numbered 193-380. The car was still parked behind the house as previously described by Mr. Miller. Agents immediately called Chief of Police, Ross Armstrong, Pittsburg, and Sergeant Thomas Stowers, also Pittsburg Police. They were told to meet Agents in the vicinity of the Stanley home. After the arrival of Chief Armstrong, and before the arrival of Thomas Stowers, at about 8:05 A.M., H. C. Stanley came from the back door of his home and got into his own personal automobile, a Buick, and backed out to the street, where he stopped as if waiting for someone. Jess Doyle then, after having come from the Stanley home, entered the Chevrolet Coupe and drove it to where H. C. Stanley was parked waiting. Stanley then drove two blocks south of Adams Street, where he turned west with Jess Doyle following him. Agents Clary and the writer, together with Chief Armstrong, followed the two above mentioned automobiles in a Division owned automobile, that Agents were driving.

Stanley and Doyle in their respective cars turned west after proceeding two blocks south of Adams Street and went three blocks west crossing Broadway, the first intersection crossed. After driving west three blocks they again turned south and drove in that direction on a street that had a dead end. Apparently neither Stanley nor Doyle realized that the street dead ended until reaching the end. They made the turn at the end of the street and started back facing us. Stanley was leading Doyle by about ten or fifteen yards. There was only one course open for Agents and the Chief to take Doyle, which was to block the street with the Division automobile. Agent Clary drove past Stanley and blocked the street with the Division automobile. The writer immediately stepped out of the car covered Doyle with the machine gun calling "We're coppers, Jess, put your hands up". Doyle then reached in the seat by his side with his right hand, picking up a pistol and with his left hand wheeled his car over the right curb ran along inside of the sidewalk for a distance of about 15 yards turned back into the street and started north.

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The writer fired thirteen shots at Doyle through the back of his fleeing car, firing two bursts from the machine gun. Several of the shots fired were seen to hit the car directly behind the driver and Doyle was seen to slump in the seat but continued to drive north. Chief Armstrong was also firing at the car with a high powered rifle, striking the car one time on the right side, the bullet coming out through the right glass frame. Chief Armstrong was firing from the Division automobile.

The writer then jumped back into the Division car, Agent Clary turned the car around and started in pursuit of Doyle. We failed to locate Doyle after the affray. The car was lost in the residential district of Pittsburg, Doyle having a four block lead before the Division car could be turned around.

When it was seen that Doyle had escaped, we immediately drove to the Stanley home, 206 E. Adams Street, Agent Clary went to the back of the house, Chief Armstrong watched the front, the writer went in the house through the front door, ordering everyone to put up their hands. There were three people in the house, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Edna Murray. Edna Murray had a .32 cal. Colt automatic pistol when the writer entered the house followed by Chief Armstrong. She threw the pistol on the divan. All three people were then placed under arrest and lodged in the Pittsburg city jail.

At writer's request Sergeant Tom Stowers called all outlying cities in the vicinity of Pittsburg, giving the tag number and description of the car driven by Doyle as well as description of Doyle, requesting that officers so notified block all highways within a radius of fifty miles.

At about 11:10 A.M. Sheriff Delamade of Crawford County, Kansas, called the Pittsburg Police Department stating that he had Jess Doyle in custody at the County Jail. Agent Clary, Thomas Stowers and the writer immediately proceeded to Girard, Kansas and placed a Government hold order on Jess Doyle.

Upon interview with Doyle immediately upon reaching the jail, Doyle stated to Agents that he had called the Sheriff by telephone telling him that he was wanted as a fugitive by the Government and that he wanted to get in jail for fear of his life. The Sheriff then stated to Agent that Doyle had called him out of bed by telephone stating that he was a fugitive and had had a shooting scrape in Pittsburg and wanted to get in jail before he got killed, giving the Sheriff his location at the time which was 13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> miles southwest of Girard, Kansas.

Doyle then stated that his car was stuck in the mud two miles from where the Sheriff had picked him up. The Sheriff then accompanied

Agents and Thomas Stowers to the Chevrolet car driven by Doyle. Inside the coupe directly behind and above the seat was found a gun case containing 1 Remington automatic rifle 401 caliber, 1 pump 12. gauge sawed off shotgun; 1 Remington sawed off automatic shotgun and 1 regular Remington 12 gauge automatic shotgun. All these guns were put into the Division automobile together with four suit cases also found in the back end of the coupe. All this property was taken to the County Jail at Girard, where the Sheriff picked up the new Remington 12 gauge automatic shotgun stating that he was going to keep it as a souvenir. This gun is still in the possession of the Sheriff who refuses to surrender same to Agents.

Subsequent search made in the vicinity of the neighborhood where Doyle abandoned his car was made by county officers who accompanied the wrecker to the Doyle's car, which resulted in the finding of a brief case containing several sets of license tags and a Colt .45 cal. automatic pistol. The Sheriff took this pistol also and took it to his living quarters in the jail. He has also refused to turn this pistol over to Agents. In fact requested that all guns found in Doyle's car be left in his custody for his disposition.

After the Chevrolet Coupe had been found it was evident that the gun case previously described had stopped four of the shots from the machine gun. The car when found and examined was seen to have eight machine gun bullet holes on the left side of the back directly behind the steering wheel, and one rifle bullet hole on the right side, that bullet having passed through the body of the car.

Respectfully submitted:

D. A. Bryce,  
Special Agent.

Kansas City, Mo.  
February 11, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

I am submitting herewith memorandum covering my activities at Pittsburg, Kansas, on February 6th and 7th, 1935, in connection with the Bremer case:

On Wednesday, February 6, 1935, I was instructed to assist Special Agent D. A. Bryce in the surveillance of a house located at 206 East Adams St., Pittsburg, Kansas, the home of H. C. Stanley and his wife.

During the afternoon I had Division Car No. 1 at the service station being greased. At about 4:30 PM, Special Agent Bryce called me at the service station and requested that I return to the Besse Hotel immediately. This I did, and, upon arriving at the Besse Hotel, Agent Bryce informed me that he had received a telephone call from Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan informing him that Jess Doyle had left Kansas City in a black Chevrolet coupe, 1933 model, bearing 1935 Missouri License tags 193-580, with a Sullivan Chevrolet Co. tire cover. It was thought possible that he would go to Pittsburg, Kansas.

We immediately began driving around the streets in the vicinity of 206 East Adams St. and also Broadway Street which is highway 73-E from Kansas City. We did not see this car, but continued looking for it at intervals of about thirty minutes until quite late. I am not certain of the time that we quit and put the car in storage, but believe it was nearly midnight.

At 7:10 AM on Thursday February 7th, 1935, Special Agent Bryce called me and said, "That car has shown up. Get your clothes on." I dressed and went to his room. At about 7:20 AM I went to the garage and got the car. We drove south on Locust Street, which is the street which intersects Adams Street about 100 feet west of the house known as 206 East Adams St. On crossing Adams Street we observed a black Chevrolet coupe parked north and south in back of the house at this address. We could not see the numbers on the license tags well enough to make them out, nor could we read the lettering on the tire cover. It was thought advisable to avoid attracting attention by stopping and trying to make out the numbers on the tags.

We, therefore, continued to the police station to pick up Chief of Police R. A. Armstrong. He had not arrived at the Police station and we went to his home to pick him up. Special Agent Bryce had telephoned him from the police station while I remained in the car. We went to the home of Chief Armstrong, but he had left. A few minutes later we picked him up in front of the Besse Hotel.

Chief of Police R. A. Armstrong, Special Agent D. A. Bryce and this agent

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who was driving, proceeded in Division car No. 1, to a point on Washington Street (one block north of Adams Street) where car was parked with motor running, facing east about forty feet from Adams Street.

It was decided to wait for the Chevrolet Coupe to leave, then follow the car out of town, when it was planned to overtake this car and apprehend the occupant thereof without any publicity and also without warning the remaining occupants of the Stanley house.

About five minutes after eight o'clock, H. C. Stanley was observed leaving this house. He went to the garage and backed his Buick Sedan out into the alley. This agent did not see anyone go to the Chevrolet, but in a minute or so, the Chevrolet also started moving. This agent moved the Division car up to the intersection and Stanley's Buick was seen turning south on Locust St. followed closely by the Chevrolet Coupe.

The Division car was driven to Adams Street and west on Adams Street one block to Broadway where these two cars were seen turning south on Broadway. We followed them several blocks south on Broadway when both cars again turned west and then, after driving west a block or two, again turned south. When the Division car made this last turn it was discovered that we were only about half a block behind them. To avoid being noticed, the Division car was slowed down to give the other two cars time to get farther ahead.

It was then observed that Stanley's Buick and the Chevrolet Coupe were making a "U-turn" around a flag-pole in the middle of this street about a block and half away and were coming back toward us. As we approached the intersection of Quincy and Walnut Streets, Chief Armstrong said that they had gotten into a blind street and that now was the time to get them.

In view of the fact that we were headed in the opposite direction and the Chevrolet Coupe would pass by us, it was considered that any further attempts to trail this car would prove ineffective. By this time, the Division car was on the north side of the intersection facing south, the Stanley Buick was on the south side of the intersection facing north. A car from the west crossed and a car from the east was approaching at a high rate of speed. It was necessary, therefore, for both Stanley's Buick and the Division car to wait, on opposite sides of the street, for these two cars to cross.

It was not deemed advisable to block the road in front of the Stanley Buick because this would have then given the occupant of the Chevrolet warning and have permitted him to have either attempted an escape by abandoning the car, or to get whatever firearms he might have had in readiness.

While the Division car was blocked on the north side of this intersection, the Chevrolet Coupe had come up close behind the Stanley Buick. This made it impossible to get the Division car in between these two cars. As soon

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as possible, the Division car was driven across the intersection, past the Stanley Buick, and in front of the Chevrolet Coupe. Special Agent D. A. Bryce, who was riding in the right-hand front seat jumped from the car taking with him a Thompson sub-machine gun loading with a clip of twenty.

The driver of the Chevrolet Coupe (who was later definitely identified as Jess Doyle) apparently had his car in second gear because he seemed to have a great deal of power. As the Division car approached, he suddenly jerked his car over the curb and pulled around the Division car. As Doyle's car passed this agent, I saw Doyle reach down onto the seat of his car with his right hand. Although I did not see Doyle with any firearms, it is my belief that at that time he was reaching for a pistol which was probably on the seat beside him. At this point, it is noted that Mrs. Stanley informed this agent later in the day that Doyle had two automatic pistols when he left her home that morning.

As Special Agent Bryce jumped from the Division Car he called to Doyle to stop. When it was seen that Doyle did not intend to stop and was about to effect his escape, Agent Bryce opened fire with the Thompson sub-machine gun from a point just east of the front left fender of the Division car. A number of the bullets were seen to enter the back of the Chevrolet. Chief of Police Armstrong, who was riding in the back of the Division car fired five shots with an automatic rifle. In the opinion of the writer, none of the shots fired by Chief Armstrong took effect.

As soon as it was seen that even after the firing Doyle was not going to stop, this agent began turning the Division car around. The car was at such an angle in this narrow street that it was necessary to back up twice to get turned around. Doyle's Chevrolet was then observed driving rapidly north on Walnut Street. Walnut Street jogs at a point about four blocks north of the point of firing. By the time we had arrived at the jog in Walnut Street it was impossible to determine which direction the Doyle Chevrolet had gone.

Anticipating that Doyle had possibly decided to make an attempt to return to Kansas City, the Division car was driven several miles north on highway 73-E. After satisfying ourselves that he had not gone in this direction, we returned to 206 East Adams St., Pittsburg, Kansas. Special Agent Bryce and Chief Armstrong went to the front door and this agent went to the back door. No one attempted to leave the back door, and when Special Agent Bryce called to me, I went to the front door and went in. There were two women and one man inside, in addition to Special Agent Bryce and Chief Armstrong. Someone said that one of the women was Edna Murray.

After we had searched the three persons found in this house, I took Edna Murray to the Division car and Chief Armstrong and Special Agent Bryce brought Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Stanley out to the car. As we were ready to

leave this place, Tom Stowers, Desk Sergeant, Pittsburg Police Department, drove up. Edna Murray and Mrs. H. C. Stanley were transferred to his car. The Division car then followed Stowers' car to the Pittsburg Police Station where Edna Murray and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Stanley were placed in the Pittsburg City Jail.

Immediately upon arriving at the Police Station Special Agent Bryce called Special Agent In Charge R. B. Nathan at Kansas City, Mo., and told him of the arrests and the encounter with Doyle. In the meantime, at the request of Special Agent Bryce, Tom Stowers called police officers and sheriffs' offices in the vicinity of Pittsburg, Kansas, giving them a description of the Doyle Chevrolet and requesting them to be on the lookout for it. This was done quite thoroly and we were assured that all the principal highways were being watched. It is noted that on this date it was raining quite hard which rendered travel on unimproved roads practically impossible.

After questioning the Stanleys for some time in an attempt to ascertain where Doyle was going when he left their place, Special Agent Bryce, Tom Stowers and the writer made a search of the passable roads and highways in the vicinity of Pittsburg in an effort to locate some trace of Doyle's car, but were unsuccessful.

We then returned to the Pittsburg Police Station and were questioning Edna Murray when word was received from Sheriff Delamaide at Girard, Kansas, that Jess Doyle had voluntarily surrendered himself to Sheriff Delamaide. Special Agent Bryce, Tom Stowers and the writer then proceeded in Division Car to Girard, Kansas, where Jess Doyle was found in the sheriff's office.

Respectfully submitted,

V. R. Clary  
Special Agent



February 12, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 829,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 9, 1935, transmitting a photograph of a latent fingerprint found by the Gary, Indiana, Police Department on an abandoned Plymouth sedan in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. 1218; Dr. Joseph P. Moran with aliases, I.O. 1232; Harry Campbell with aliases, I.O. 1234; Volney Davis with aliases, I.O. 1237; et al - Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

Confirming and supplementing Bureau telegram of February 10, 1935, you are advised that the latent finger impression has been compared with the fingerprints of the following persons, but no identification has been effected:

Alvin Karpis, I.O. #1218  
Harry Sawyer, our #421336  
Volney Davis, our #400441  
Clyde Rimerick, our #77961  
Myrtle Eaton, our #337474  
Bertha Engler, our #822131  
Charles P. Clouse, our #185726  
Chas. J. Fitzgerald, our #95780

Harry Campbell, our #419656  
Jess Doyle, our #99408  
William Weaver, our #17926  
Mrs. Jack Snyder, our #454380  
Paula Harmon, our #106880  
Marjorie Keating, our #822111  
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, our #794777  
Mrs. Dorothy Proctor, #1953 Police  
Department, Kansas City, Mo.

Very truly yours,

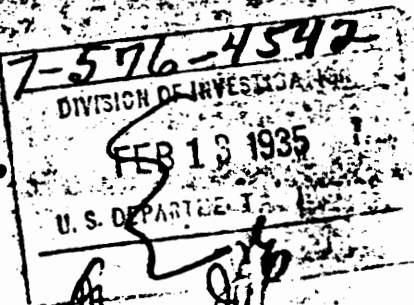
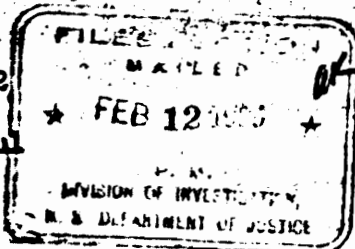
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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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February 12, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 6, 1935, transmitting the palm prints of Wynona Burdett and Dolores Delaney in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. 1218 - Fugitive, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

Five latent palmar impressions which were developed on articles found in an apartment at 9137 Yates Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, have been identified as those of Dolores Delaney. No identifications were effected with the palm prints of Wynona Burdett.

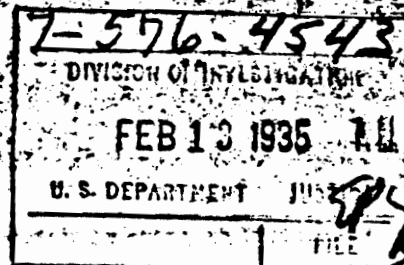
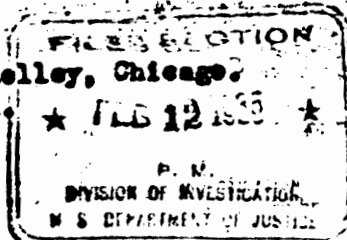
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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cc - Mr. Connelley, Chicago,  
St. Paul.



U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida

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February 2, 1935

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Director  
Division of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 30, 1935, referring to the shipment by me of Fourteen Thousand Dollars in currency, and jewelry belonging to the Barkers, which were found in the house they occupied at Oklawaha, Florida, to Saint Paul in violation of the Division's rules and regulations.

In explanation for this action on my part, I can only state that at the time I believed the arrangements to ship these articles to Saint Paul were perfectly satisfactory; however, I now clearly see your viewpoint. I exceedingly regret having taken the action I did and I feel that no one else is to blame. I realize the responsibility for doing the right thing was mine and I followed the wrong course, but I am compelled to state that this was done after serious consideration on my part as to the proper procedure to take. I erred in not seeking your advice.

The articles taken from the Barker house at Ocala, with which I am familiar, were:

\$14,312, shipped to Saint Paul on January 28, 1935,

Jewelry (value estimated by me \$1,500) shipped to Saint Paul on January 28, 1935,

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Five pieces of luggage, shipped to Chicago on January 22, 1935, containing miscellaneous articles of wearing apparel to be traced,

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Three pieces of luggage taken to Chicago by Special Agents J. C. White and C. B. Winstead on January 25, 1935,

Fred O. Barker

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To: The Director

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Miscellaneous firearms shipped to the Division on January 22, 1935, in wooden boxes, contents listed and furnished the Division on date of shipment,

One Philco radio, stored in the Jacksonville Office,

Miscellaneous men's and women's wearing apparel, boots and shoes, stored in two wooden boxes in the Jacksonville Office, lists of contents furnished the Division on January 23, 1935,

One lot of miscellaneous shotgun shells, presently stored in the Jacksonville Office, approximately 250 rounds, and

One Buick coupe, motor number 2884746, in good condition, presently stored, at my order, in a garage at Savannah, Georgia. This car was purchased at Saint Charles, Illinois, on March 10, 1934, by a man using the name of T. C. Blackburn, the name Fred Barker was using in Florida before he was killed on January 16, 1935. The same day that he was killed, this car was found in the garage near the house he and his mother occupied, and was driven to Jacksonville, Florida, by Agent J. C. White.

Mr. Tamm of the Division, by telephone, has advised that the luggage which was shipped to the Chicago Office by express and that carried to that office by Agents White and Winstead, would be returned to the Jacksonville Office, after which the luggage with the wearing apparel, boots and shoes stored in two wooden boxes in the Jacksonville Office, should be shipped to County Judge L. E. Hutch at Ocala, Florida, to be administered under the probate laws of the State of Florida. I have advised Mr. Hutch by letter today that the above articles would be shipped to him in the very near future.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

P. O. Box 515  
St. Paul, Minnesota

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Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 709  
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February 12, 1935  
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Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O.  
1218 - FUG.; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I. O. 1219; HARRY  
CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1226;  
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I. O.  
1237; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with  
aliases, I. O. 1232; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-30

During the afternoon of February 12, 1935, Detective Al Marxon of the Minneapolis Police Department called Special Agent R. C. Coulter of this office and advised him that he had some information which he desired to supply the Division. Through arrangements made, Agent Coulter met Detective Marxon at 4th Avenue South and 18th Street, a considerable distance from the Police Department; and he stated that late yesterday afternoon he was talking with an individual and the name of Harry Sawyer came up, and the individual informed him that he had talked with another party who had seen Sawyer in Portland shortly after last Christmas, and this individual informed Detective Marxon that Sawyer was playing between Portland and Seattle and "working a little". Detective Marxon stated that he did not know what his informant meant by "working a little" unless Sawyer was plying his old trade of disposing of stolen property.

Detective Marxon declined to name the individual who furnished him the information and explained that this information was not furnished to him with the thought in mind that it would be used to apprehend Sawyer; and that if the individual who furnished him the information had any idea that it would be used in such a manner, the information would not have come to him; and that this individual under no circumstances would furnish information to him or anyone else with a view to apprehending criminals; and for that reason, he did not desire to disclose the identity of his informant.

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While the reports in captioned case do not indicate Sawyer's presence on the West Coast, information came to this office on February 11, 1935, that approximately \$3,000.00 worth of bonds stolen from the Kraft State Bank, Menomonie, Wisconsin, which was robbed in July, 1932, I believe, had been disposed of in British Columbia. There were approximately \$100,000.00 worth of negotiable bonds of various amounts and issues stolen during the above mentioned robbery. It is known definitely that one Frank Zebber and Charles Harmon participated in this robbery as one of them was killed during the robbery and the other one's body was discovered a short distance from Menomonie shortly thereafter. It will be recalled, of course, that Charles Harmon was the husband of Paula Harmon, who was an associate of Fred Barker, with aliases.

In connection with the above, Detective Marzon advised me that it is his understanding that the mob responsible for the robbery of the Kraft State Bank was in Sawyer's place in St. Paul on the morning prior to the robbery; and that there is a possibility that Sawyer is on the West Coast disposing of the above referred to bonds.

He further advised that the individual who supplied him with this information stated to him that Sawyer has either a sister or a sister-in-law residing in Portland. However, he could not be definite in that connection; and as far as Agent Coulter recalls, there is nothing in the files reflecting the presence of any of Sawyer's relatives either in Portland or in Seattle.

The foregoing information is supplied you in order that appropriate investigation may be made in Portland and Seattle for the purpose of determining whether Sawyer has been in either of those localities recently. With reference to the bonds in question, a report will be submitted in the case UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property, in the very near future and copies of said report will be submitted to your office with the request that investigation be conducted.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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Cc Chicago, E.J. Connelley  
AIR MAIL

Division of Investigation

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

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February 12, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,  
I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1237; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

There are transmitted herewith copies of a statement made by Edna Murray to Special Agents J. L. Madala and R. P. Shanahan, following the questioning of this Subject at Pittsburg and Kansas City, Kansas. This statement was signed by the Subject at Kansas City, Kansas, on February 12, 1935.

This statement will be included in a report to be submitted within a short time, but is being forwarded to the Division and to the Chicago and St. Paul Offices for immediate consideration.

Very truly yours,

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

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Wyandotte County Jail,  
Kansas City, Kansas,  
February 12, 1935.

I, Edna Murray, age thirty-six (36) years, freely and voluntarily, make this signed statement to John L. Madala and Richard P. Shanahan, Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. I have been warned of my constitutional rights and know that what I say may be used against me at any time; moreover, no threats or promises have been made to me in order to obtain this statement.

My maiden name is Mary Stanley, and my place of birth is Marion, Kansas; the date being May 21, 1898.

I have known Volney Davis since I was twenty-three (23) years of age; having met him in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, where I was working at that time as a waitress and cashier at the Imperial Cafe. We became sweethearts and in February of 1923, he was sentenced to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, for life for the murder of a night-watchman in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I believe that Arthur "Doc" Barker received a life sentence on the same charge.

Shortly before Volney was confined to the penitentiary, I proceeded to Kansas City, Missouri, where I became acquainted with one "Diamond Joe" Sullivan. I began living with him, and in 1924, he was electrocuted at Little Rock, Arkansas, for the murder of two police officers in that city. Emory Connell, who was my sister's first husband was likewise convicted on this charge. However, he subsequently escaped from the Arkansas State Penitentiary, where he was awaiting the death penalty. He was killed shortly thereafter by a posse.

After "Diamond Joe" Sullivan's death, I returned to Kansas City and met Jack Murray, whose correct name, I believe, is Ely. He had previously served time in Leavenworth penitentiary for violation of the Mann Act. I began living with him, and it was at this time that I assumed the name of "Edna Murray." During this period, my sister Doris was living with Earl Stuchlick, and the four of us, that is, Doris, Earl, Jack and I, were transporting liquor from New Orleans, Louisiana, to Kansas City, Missouri.

On April 8, 1925, Jack Murray and I were arrested in Kansas City, Mo., for highway robbery, and on October 1st of that same year, both of us were sentenced to twenty-five (25) years imprisonment to be served in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri. I made

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escape from the above institution in May of 1937, but was later re-arrested in Chicago during a raid in September of 1931. At this time, I was fingerprinted, and, as a consequence, was found to be an escape, and, shortly thereafter, was removed to Jefferson City.

I attempted to escape again a few months later, but was caught about one-half mile from the prison. However, in December of 1932, I was successful in escaping while in solitary confinement and have been at liberty ever since.

In November of 1932, Volney Davis was released from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on a leave of absence, which was to be effective until July 1, 1933. I believe that "Doc" Barker was instrumental in procuring this leave for Volney.

Along about January of 1933, I received a letter from Volney Davis, through Doris, who at that time was living with Earl Stuehlick in Mill City, Kansas. This letter was delivered to me, and I subsequently managed to get a letter to Volney by giving it to Doc Barker in Kansas City. In the meantime, Doris had a "split-up" with Earl Stuehlick, and she moved then with me in Kansas City, Missouri. Doc Barker had learned through a man named "Dootch," last name unknown, where I was living, and I believe Dootch learned of my whereabouts through Doris, who at that time was very friendly with him. Sometime in March, 1933, I received another letter from Volney postmarked Chicago and shortly afterwards, Doc Barker, Jess Doyle and Volney visited Doris and me in Kansas City. Doris and Jess immediately fell in love with each other. On the next day, Volney instructed Doris and I to drive to Maywood, Ill., and stay at Jess' apartment, which was located on Fifth Avenue near Roosevelt Road in Maywood, until he and Jess arrived. At this time, I believe, the boys were contemplating on visiting Doc Barker's father at Neosho, Mo. A few days after our arrival in Maywood, Illinois, Volney and Jess arrived. The four of us lived here under the names of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Conley and Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Davis, we assuming the latter name. About three weeks later, Volney and I moved to 609 East 2nd Street in Maywood, Illinois, and also lived here under the name of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Davis. I had not know that Vera Miller and his girl friend, Vi Mathis, were living at this address, previously. Around this time, Volney and I paid frequent visits to Cernocky's (first name Louis) place in Fox River Grove, Illinois. I wish to state that I met at this place for the first time the following people: Eddie and Bessie Green; Fred Barker and Paula Harmon; Alvin Karpis, whom the boys referred to as "Slim," and his wife, whose name I later learned was Delores; Kate Barker; Frank Nash, whom I



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know only as "Jelly," and his wife, Frankie; a girl named Helen, whose full name, I later learned, was Helen Ferguson; Vi Mathies; and Doc Stacci; on these visits to Louie's, Doris and Jess would accompany me, and I recall that we also met on one occasion a young blonde fellow, whom I later learned was Lester Gillis, alias "Baby Face" Nelson. I knew him as "Jimmy."

I distinctly recall the night of the Hamm kidnaping, which I know happened on June 15, 1933. With reference to this period and to my recollection, Volney left Maywood, Illinois, on or about June 12, 1933, in his Chevrolet car, which he had recently purchased, and drove to Neosho, Missouri, for the purpose of visiting his folks, and also to make certain arrangements concerning his leave of absence, which was to expire on July 1, 1933. Volney returned to Maywood, Illinois, on the day Hamm was kidnaped in St. Paul, and two days later, when the Kansas City Massacre occurred, I remember distinctly that Volney picked me up that afternoon at the beauty shop which was located on Fifth Avenue in Maywood, Illinois. My son Preston, who had accompanied Volney from Neosho, was with him at that time. I remember that we discussed the publicity given to the Kansas City Massacre and, as I recall, Volney stated that he was glad that he could prove where he was. He made a similar statement to me after reading the accounts in the newspapers concerning the Hamm kidnaping. I am positive that Volney was home every night during the period of time that Hamm was held by his abductors.

On or about July 1, 1933, Volney and I moved from Maywood, Illinois, to the Elmer-Memor Apartments at 9180 Cyril, Parkway, Chicago, Illinois. We lived here for only a short time, and none of the boys or their girl friends paid us any visits. Prior to this time, Doris and Jess had left Maywood, Illinois, and had gone to live with my mother at Cardin, Ohio. After living at the Elmer-Memor Apartments for about two weeks, Volney, I believe, borrowed \$500.00 from Fred Barker, using this money to purchase a new Ford coupe. I wish to state that around this time, we had borrowed considerably from Fred and Doc Barker, as we were " broke " most of the time.

On or about July 15, 1933, Fred Barker and Paula rented a cottage on Long Lake, which is located in Lake County, Illinois. Fred being aware of the fact we were low on money invited us to live with them at this cottage. On numerous occasions while living on this lake, Paula and I had heated arguments in view of the fact that she was always mentioning

to me that Volney at that time was "shaving" around with another girl, whom I believe also lived on this lake. She would also always bring up the subject that we were living off of Fred's money, which I did not like, and, as a result, I often wanted to get away from them, but Volney and I could not very well afford to do that, as (as I have stated before) we were low on money at that time.

I recall that on one occasion, while living at this place, Doc Barker and an old man who walked around with the aid of a cane, paid Fred and Volney a visit; I believe the boys called this old man "Chuck." Also, on one or two occasions, they were visited by Alvin Karpis.

We left Long Lake on or about September 1, 1933, and Volney and I drove direct to Minneapolis, Minnesota. I believe Fred and Paula traveled in their car and we drove in our Ford Coupe. Our purpose for going to Minneapolis at this time was to locate Doris and Jess, who at that time were on a fishing trip on a lake in Minnesota, some distance from Minneapolis. Doris had told me previously that they could be reached through Harry Sawyer, and therefore, in view of this, when Volney and I reached St. Paul, Minnesota, we contacted Harry Sawyer for this purpose, but he denied knowing where Doris and Jess were staying, stating that he did not hear from them. This was a lie, however, as Doris and Jess subsequently told us that they did inform Sawyer where they could be located. At this time, I wish to state that around this period, some of the boys were on speaking terms with Jess Doyle for the reason that they wanted him to break away from my sister Doris, and he would not do so. They believed that Doris was far too outspoken in her manners and also that she knew too much of Jess' business, of which they likewise disapproved. I believe that it was on account of this animosity that Harry Sawyer did not tell Volney and I where Jess and Doris could be located at the time we made our inquiries of him concerning them.

Because of the fact that we could not locate Doris and Jess, Volney and I left Minneapolis immediately and proceeded to Pittsburg, Kansas, arriving there on September 9, 1933, at which time, I learned that my father had died four days previous, and that he was being buried on that date.

When we arrived in Pittsburg, I attempted to contact my brother, Harry Stanley, who at that time was living on 22nd Street in Pittsburg. However, I learned through Mr. Boice, my father-in-law, that my brother was in Oklahoma attending my father's funeral. We waited in Pittsburg until Harry returned and then stayed with him and his wife over night. At this time, Volney traveled to Neosho, Missouri, to visit his folks. Upon his return, he and I drove to Chicago, Illinois, and rented an apartment near 65th Street and Corchester Avenue. While living here,

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Volney and I had one of our many quarrels on account of his chasing around with other women and, as a result, he left me for about one week. I wish to mention that around this period, we were still living on the money that Volney had borrowed from Fred Barker at Long Lake, Illinois. On or about October 1, 1933, I traveled alone to Minneapolis, Minnesota, and lived there for a short time with Doris and Jess. Volney drove up a few days later in his Ford coupe, after which we rented an apartment on Lyndale Avenue, near Lake Street, in Minneapolis, at which place we lived for about two weeks. At this time, our money was running low, and Volney suggested that we drive to Reno, Nevada, for the purpose of borrowing some. It was apparent that Volney knew that the boys were in Reno at this time. When we arrived in that city, Volney cruised the streets, as he did not know where any of the boys were living. We met Doc Barker, and he helped us find an apartment. While in Reno, I met for the first time Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdett. I knew Harry Campbell as "George." We also met Alvin Karpis and Dolores and Fred and Paula, who had been living in Reno, prior to our arrival. I believe that Volney borrowed some money from either Fred or Doc Barker while in Reno. I recall that on one occasion, Volney took me to the Bank Club, a pretentious gambling establishment, where he showed me through the place.

Volney and I left Reno, Nevada, around the first of December of 1933 for St. Paul, Minnesota, and enroute at a point near Cheyenne, Wyoming, Volney had a wreck with his car. As a result, when we arrived in St. Paul, Minnesota, I was still badly injured. We rented an apartment in St. Paul under the name of Davis, but we were dissatisfied with this place and later took another apartment on Lexington Avenue. While in St. Paul, Minnesota, during this period, I met Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton for the first time. Doc Barker was also in the city at this time, as he paid us a few visits at our apartment, at which time he stated that he had just returned from Chicago. On Christmas Day, 1933, Harry Campbell, Wynona Burdett, Volney and I had dinner at the Hollywood Inn, and on New Year's Eve, Volney and I went to a show in Minneapolis with ~~Harry and Wynona~~.

Shortly after the holidays, Doris and Jess left St. Paul and I believe they went to Gretna, Oklahoma. I subsequently learned that they later went to Topeka, Kansas, and lived at the Senate Apartments under the names of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Conley.

During the period from January 1, 1934, to January 17, 1934, the day of the Bremer Kidnaping, I saw in St. Paul, on various occasions, Harry Campbell, Bill Weaver, Arthur "Doc" Barker, ~~Paul Harmon~~ and Paula Harmon, and Wynona Burdett and Myrtle Ecton. ~~I did not see~~ ~~Arthur Barker, but I understand, likewise, was in St. Paul during~~ ~~this period.~~ Of course, Harry Sawyer and his wife Gladys were also there, as St. Paul is their home.

On January 17, 1934, the day of the Bremer kidnaping, I recall that Volney was at home that night, altho he was away part of the day. No one else stayed at my house that evening, and on the day that the news came out concerning the Bremer kidnaping, which I had heard over the radio, around 11:00 or 12:00 o'clock in the morning, Volney came in early that afternoon and stated that we had better leave; that something had happened, and he believed they were going to check some of the apartments; further stating that we could not stand an arrest. He suggested that I go into Chicago, and when I asked him whether he were going with me, he said "No" - that he would stay and clean up the apartment and leave later. I did not want to drive to Chicago alone, as I was sick at that time and knew that the roads were slippery. In this connection, he stated that he had a friend who would drive me to Chicago, whereupon I agreed, and I packed up a few things and left the apartment. We went downstairs and put the grips in our Ford coupe and while in this act, a man whom I later learned was Fred Goetz, alias George Ziegler came to the car and Volney introduced me to "George" as "Rabbits." Volney then said that George would drive me to Chicago, and that he would help me get an apartment there. Enroute to Chicago, George told me that a man named Willie Harris would arrange for an apartment for me. At this time, he gave me Willie's telephone number and stated that Paula and Wynona had already left St. Paul for Chicago, and that we should meet them on the road, which we subsequently did somewhere in Wisconsin. When we recognized them, George stopped the car. At this time, I noticed that Paula was crying about driving to Chicago over the slippery roads. Paula was also angry with Wynona because Wynona insisted that she, Wynona, drive, and Paula did not want her to. Wynona then said that she wished she could ride to Chicago with George and me. At this time, I told Wynona and Paula that I was going to rent an apartment in Chicago, and that they could stay with me if they wanted to. George had previously suggested this arrangement to me. I gave Wynona the telephone number of Willie Harris, which George had given me and told her to call that number immediately upon her arrival in Chicago, and



that Willie would let her know where I was staying. After this conversation, George and I continued to Chicago, and that night George took me to some small rooming house in Hammond, Indiana, and instructed me to register there under the name of Mrs. E. J. Snyder, which I did. He left in Volney's Ford coupe, stating that Willie would be around the following morning to see me. On the next day at about noon, Willie Harris came to the rooming house, and I overheard him ask for Mrs. Snyder at the desk. I introduced myself to him, and he told me that George had sent him to get an apartment for me. I wish to state that this was the first time I had ever met Willie Harris, whose correct name I later learned is Willie Harrison. He drove to Chicago in a Ford coupe (not Volney's) and he took me to an apartment on University near 63rd Street, where I registered under the name of Mrs. Snyder. Willie subsequently departed.

Either on the next day or the day after, Wynona and Paula came to my apartment sometime in the evening. They told me that they had difficulty in finding me as they could not get in touch with Willie. They further stated that they were living at the Fullerton Plaza Hotel in Chicago, whereupon the three of us, that is, Wynona, Paula and myself, drove to this hotel in Dorris' Chevrolet sedan, which Paula had driven in from St. Paul, and moved their baggage to my apartment that same evening. On the following day, which was January 21, 1934, Volney came to my apartment late in the afternoon. He was alone at this time, and I noticed that he had his own car, that is the car in which George had driven me to Chicago three days previous. In view of this, it was apparent that George had seen Volney in the meantime, and had given him his automobile. I am positive that Wynona and Paula were at the apartment the day Volney arrived. As I recall, he remained there for two days and left sometime in the afternoon. I believe he left alone in his Ford Coupe. On the night of the day that Volney left, Paula and I got into an argument about Volney chasing around with other women. I told her at this time that it was none of her business, after which she brought up the subject about Volney owing Fred Barker a lot of money and living off of him. This angered me so much that I slapped her face and insisted that she move from the apartment as soon as possible, as I did not want her to live with me anymore. She left the following day. I obtained an apartment at 67th Street and Stony Island Avenue in Chicago. I believe that Volney returned to Chicago the day Paula was moving. He noticed that her face was very much bruised, and in this connection asked me what had happened. I told him about the argument we had, but Volney did not say anything about it. He remained with me for three or four days on this trip and on two occasions during his stay, he drove Wynona and me to the Loop District in Chicago, as Wynona wanted to see

the sights, as she had never been in Chicago before. When Volney left at the end of three or four days, he said that he would see me again soon. He did not indicate where he was going, nor what his business was. I believe that Doc Barker paid us a visit at the apartment around this time. He remained for only an hour. He heard about the argument between Paula and me and I think he just came up to kid me about it.

Volney returned to the apartment alone about two or three days later, and it was at this time that Wynona asked him where Buff (Harry Campbell) was. Volney answered her that he did not know where Buff was, whereupon Wynona stated "I wish he would come on home." During Volney's stay at this time, Wynona repeatedly asked Volney concerning the whereabouts of "her Buff," and this aggravated him so that he told her emphatically to shut up and not to ask him anymore, repeatedly stating that he did not know. Volney left Chicago again after two or three days and during this period, Fred Barker paid us a visit for the purpose of seeing how Wynona and I were getting along. He also asked me at this time about the argument that Paula and I previously had, and I told him that he should ask her about it. Two or three days later, Volney again returned to the apartment, remained two days and then left.

On the day that I read in the newspapers about Bremer's release, I recall that Volney was not at home. I believe he was not at home the day previous either. However, he came home the day after Bremer's release, and on either the next day or the day following, Harry Campbell came to the apartment. This was the first time Wynona and I had seen him since the time we left St. Paul, which was on the day or the day after the kidnaping. I also desire to state at this time that while we were living at the above address, Willie Harris visited us on one occasion.

I recall that about two days after Harry Campbell's arrival in Chicago, he and Wynona left for Toledo, Ohio. Volney and I continued to live at the apartment on University Street for about a week or ten days, after which we moved to Aurora, Illinois, obtaining an apartment at 415 Fox Street under the name of Hansen. We had no particular motive for moving to Aurora, Illinois, other than we wanted to live in a small town and wanted to be by ourselves. Shortly after our arrival in this city, I happened to be in the Riverside Cafe, which is owned and operated by Matt Kirsch. I had previously known a Corey Sales, having met him in Montgomery, Illinois, in 1929, and while I was at the Riverside Cafe

on this occasion, I casually asked Matt whether he knew Corey Bates. Matt stated that he knew him well and volunteered to call him up and have him come to the tavern if I so desired. I saw Corey that afternoon, and later in the day, I introduced him to Volney as Curly Hanson after which we went to Corey's home and met his girl friend, Violet Gregg. I believe Corey and Vi were living at 202 High Street in Aurora. We soon became very friendly, and after Corey and a man by the name of Matt Gleason opened their "Booky-Joint" on South Broadway in Aurora, Volney went to work for them operating a dice table. As I recall this place was located over a fruit stand on South Broadway near Main Street. I think it is now closed. Corey operated the gambling room and Matt Gleason ran the book-making end of it. There was also working at this place a fellow named Johnny, whose last name I do not know. He worked on the black-jack table. Volney was making quite a bit of money in this endeavor and was very much satisfied with his work. About three or four weeks after we arrived in Aurora, Illinois, Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton moved there, and they rented an apartment on Main and High Streets. This apartment was likewise owned by Frank Burkell, whom they met through us. I don't believe Bill was doing any work while in Aurora, and he kept very much to himself, as Volney was very busy at that time with his work. While in Aurora, we also became well acquainted with Ted Smith, who owned a tavern near the railroad tracks. Ted was living near us on Fox Street, and kept his car in the same garage in which we had ours.

On or about March 23, 1934, two days after we heard that Fred Goetz was assassinated in Chicago, Illinois, by reading it in the newspapers, Volney, Violet and I returned home that evening around eight or nine o'clock. As we drove to the front of the house, we noticed two women on the porch apparently making inquiries. Volney got out of the car and walked towards them and it appeared that he was acquainted with one of them. At any rate, he conversed with them for awhile, after which he told me to go over to Vi's place and stay there until he returned, which I did. I saw him the following day, and at this time, he told me that the two women above mentioned were Kate Barker and a girl named Irene. I could see that he was very much perturbed about something, and I asked him what had happened. He replied that he did not like the idea of Kate Barker bringing a strange woman to where he was living, as he always deemed it a good policy to let as few people as possible know of his whereabouts. The above incident aggravated him so much that he often talked about moving from Aurora on account of that. About two or three weeks later, he told me that he had to go to Ohio and suggested that I go home for awhile. However, we did not move until April 29, 1934, two days after the publicity came out concerning the arrest of Boss McLaughlin in Chicago for exchanging Bremer ransom money. At



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this time, he stated that he did not think it was safe for us to remain in Aurora, as too many people had knowledge as to where we were living. He stated he was going to Toledo, Ohio, and suggested that I live with Corey and Vi for a while and then go home. On the morning of April 27, 1934, which I know was on Sunday, Willie Harrison came to our apartment and shortly thereafter he drove away with Volney. Before they left, however, Volney gave me the telephone number of the Casino Club in Toledo, instructing me to call that number when I arrived in Toledo. I believe Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton left the day previous, which would have been April 26, 1934. As I recall, I was in their home on the morning of that day, and Myrtle stated that she was very ill. She did not indicate at this time that they were leaving. I believe Myrtle went to Des Moines, Iowa, from Aurora, and Bill went somewhere else, because when I subsequently saw Myrtle in Ohio, she indicated to me that she had been home. My reason for thinking that Bill did not accompany her to Des Moines was in view of what she told me at one time to the effect that she was being watched in Des Moines by the law for Bill Weaver. I remained with Volney and Corey several days, after which I traveled by plane to Tulsa, Oklahoma, for the purpose of seeing my son Preston. While in Oklahoma, I met Doris and Jess, and thereafter they, together with Preston, accompanied me to Aurora, Illinois. We traveled in Jess' Nash automobile. Preston and I lived with Violet and Corey for a week or ten days and Doris and Jess rented an apartment in the same building in which Bill and Myrtle previously lived. I believe that they resided there under the name of E. A. Conley. Around this time, Matt Kirsch opened the Fox Gardens in Aurora, and Corey was instrumental in getting a job for my son Preston in that place. He operated the dice table.

I forgot to mention that while we were living in Aurora, Illinois, during March and April, 1934, Volney made two or three trips to Toledo, Ohio, but to my knowledge he never remained over night. He also was acquainted with a man named named "Bunky" who worked in the "Boozy-Joint" of the Riverside Hotel, which was also owned by Matt Kirsch.

I also forgot to mention the fact that Volney sold his Ford coupe while in Aurora and subsequently purchased a second hand 1930 or 1931 model Buick Sedan. The reason for this sale and purchase was because the Ford coupe was registered under the name of Davis and inasmuch as Volney was living in Aurora by the name of Hansen, he believed that the connection of these names would arouse some suspicion. He purchased the Buick sedan under the name of G. R. Hansen.

About two weeks after Volney left for Toledo, Ohio, I proceeded to that point by bus and checked in at the Algeo Hotel. I immediately called the Casino Club and asked for "Curly" but was informed by someone that he was not there, but was expected soon. I then went to the club alone and waited there for two or three hours before Volney arrived. That night we stayed at the Algeo Hotel and on the following day, we went into an apartment we had rented in Toledo, the Jarvis Apartments. This was around May 15, 1934. While living at this place, we were visited on two occasions by Doc Barker and a man named Jimmy, whom I later learned is Jimmy Wilson. Also during this period, we made frequent visits to the Casino Club, above mentioned, and while there, we saw on various occasions Doc Barker, Fred Barker, Paula Patton, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Jimmy Wilson, Willie Harrison and Wynona Burdett. I also saw at this place "Rusty" Gibson, whom I had met ten years ago in Kansas City. Volney did not spend very much time at this club, as he did not care very much about the Angus Brothers.

While in Toledo at this time, I particularly noted that Volney had in his possession more money than he previously had had for sometime; that is, I knew that he wasn't borrowing anymore money. During this period, he purchased a new Ford sedan for cash and gave me \$250.00 for a cancer operation, which I necessarily had to have. I only remained in Toledo, Ohio, for two weeks at this time, and around the first part of June 1934, Volney drove me back to Aurora, Illinois, so that I could make the necessary arrangements for my operation. However, I did not go through with this operation, inasmuch as Dr. Freeds of the Christ Hospital wanted the record of my previous operation, and I could not furnish him with this record without revealing my true identity. After Volney brought me to Aurora, he immediately left and returned two weeks later. At this time, I particularly noticed that something was wrong with Volney's fingertips. I asked him concerning what had happened, and he advised that he had had them worked on in Toledo, Ohio; that it was not a very good job. He also pointed at two cuts which were located immediately below his ear, and he stated in this connection that some work also had been done on them, but that he later changed his mind.

At this time, Corey Bales told Volney that he had received two letters from a man named Nichols, who was in Glasgow, Montana, stating that things were humming out there. Corey indicated that he would go out there in a short time to stay and would start up a business, whereupon Volney expressed the wish that he would like to go along. Volney and I left Aurora the next day, and he drove me to a cottage at Lake Erie, near Sandusky, Ohio. I had not known that he had rented this cottage, but his reason for doing so was that he believed that I had been operated upon in Aurora, and that he wanted to take me to this place for recuperation. When we arrived at the cottage, Bill Weaver and

Volney's hands  
 surgical operation - the fingers

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and Myrtle Eaton were already living there and shortly thereafter, Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdett rented another cottage in the same close vicinity. While at this place, we were visited on numerous occasions by Doc Barker, Jimmy Wilson, Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker and Paula. Also on one occasion while at this cottage, Wynona and I drove to Toledo, Ohio, to visit Madeline Angus at her apartment, as she had just gotten out of the hospital after an operation.

About a week or ten days after our arrival at Sandusky, Ohio, Volney and I drove to Aurora, Illinois, for the purpose of learning whether Corey Bales had left for Glasgow, Montana, and Vi told us at this time that Corey had gone the week previous and at this time, she showed us two letters which she had received from Bales. In these letters, Bales stated that things looked pretty good in Glasgow and in view of this he desired to remain there and start up a business. Upon hearing this, Volney was very much enthused about going to Glasgow, and in this connection, after we returned to Sandusky, Volney proceeded to Cleveland, Ohio, and purchased a Chevrolet truck, trading in his own Buick Sedan on same. This Buick car had been driven up to Toledo from Aurora by Jimmy Wilson, and from this point drove the Buick to the cottage where we remained for a few days.

Sometime during the latter part of July, 1934, while at Sandusky, Ohio, Volney, Bill, Myrtle and I were playing horseshoes in the yard in the rear of the cottage. Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis came to the house on this occasion and joined us. I wish to state that at this time, Bill Weaver had previously brought two young girls named Winnie and Betty to the cottage. I believe that these girls were related to Myrtle in some manner. While Fred and Alvin were playing horseshoes, Volney went swimming with the two kids above mentioned. When he returned from the lake, I observed him walk to the rear of the house, as at that time I was sitting on the front porch, and I happened to go into the kitchen to get something, and while there I overheard a heated argument between Fred Barker and Volney. From their conversation, I believed they were arguing about something that Fred's mother was supposed to have said about Volney, which Volney thought was a lie. I overheard him say, "I am a man and I cover all the ground I stand on. I wouldn't bring my mother into an argument; you would be a damn liar if you didn't hold up for your mother, but I still say she is a damn liar." After Fred and Alvin left, Volney told me that he was getting tired of that old lady lying on him; that she just causes a lot of friction. I tried to console Volney by telling him to forget about



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it, but he stated that he was through with them and did not want to have anything more to do with them. He also stated at this time that we would live by ourselves hereafter and get away from everyone.

I also desire to state that the boys likewise did not like Bill Weaver, altho at times they would be very friendly to him. I believe the reason for this friction was on account of Bill and Myrtle having the two children with them at the lake, of which they did not approve.

Shortly after the above mentioned argument, Harry and Gladys Sawyer paid us a visit as did Willie Harrison. I recall that Willie at this time told me that he was out on bond on a rape charge at Hammond, Indiana. On or about August 1, 1934, Volney and I left Sandusky and drove in our Ford V-8 Sedan to Buffalo, N.Y., arriving there late in the afternoon. I was still having trouble with my feet and when we checked into the hotel in Buffalo, I lay down to rest and Volney left the hotel for a walk and returned about two or three hours later. On the next morning, we drove to Niagara Falls, from which place Volney sent a postal card to his folks in Keosau, Missouri. We remained at the falls for the greater part of that day, and that night, we returned to the cottage at Sandusky, stopping enroute at Cleveland, Ohio, to get the Chevrolet truck which Volney had purchased, previously. At this point, I desire to state that while we were in Aurora, Illinois, on our last trip there, Volney told Vi to write Corey and let him know that we were going to Glasgow and that he wanted to go into partnership with him in a business out there. When we left Sandusky, we decided to go to Glasgow, Montana, and in this connection, I drove the Ford Sedan to Aurora, Illinois, and stayed with Violet Gregg at the Fox Gardens. I believe Volney drove the Chevrolet truck to Gardin, Oklahoma, to pick up my son Preston, as we had decided to take him with us to Glasgow. I only remained in Aurora over night, at that time, after which Violet and I drove to Glasgow in the Ford sedan by way of St. Paul, Minnesota. On our way, we turned over in the car near Minot, North Dakota, on account of the icy pavement. This I judge to have been around the first week in August of 1934. As a result of our accident, Violet and I were in the hospital for two days and one night under the name of E. J. Powell. My reason for assuming this name was because of the fact that the Ford was registered under that name at that time. After our accident, I had telephoned to Corey Bales at Glasgow, Montana, advising him of our predicament. The following day, he came to Minot, North Dakota, by train and took us to Glasgow. Upon our arrival there, the three of us, that is, Vi, Corey and I registered at the Rapp Hotel, and on the following day, Volney and Preston arrived in the Chevrolet truck, after which the five of us rented a furnished home in Hinsdale, Montana, for \$10.00 a week. Volney, Corey and Preston immediately went to work in Rennick's beer tavern operating a gambling business in this

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tavern. About this time, Volney and Corey were arranging to construct a beer tavern and dance hall in Glasgow, Montana, and I heard Volney state at one time that it would cost him \$6000.00 when this place was completed. About three weeks after our arrival in Glasgow, I left with Preston for home, because Volney and I had an argument concerning Corey and my son, who weren't getting along very well, possibly due to the way the money was being split which they were making.

As I recall, Preston and I traveled by bus to Kansas City, Missouri, where I stayed with Jess and Doris at 39th Street, near Main. While at this address, I received one letter from Volney, in which he stated that he did not think that I had treated him right by running off, as he was making a sincere effort to stay in a legitimate business. I replied that I did not care to live in Montana, and that I would return to Glasgow to get the Ford sedan, which had been repaired at Minot, North Dakota, and which had since then been returned to Glasgow by Volney. I took the bus back to Minot, North Dakota, and from that point traveled by train to Glasgow, arriving on about October 1, 1934. When I arrived there, I observed that the beer tavern and the dance hall that Sales and Volney were building was practically finished.

Volney and I left Glasgow on or about October 4 or 7, 1934, and drove to ~~Chicago~~ <sup>Alton</sup>, Illinois. While in this city, Volney learned through some source that two men had been making inquiries concerning him sometime previous. Volney immediately knew that these persons were police officers, as he did not think that any of his friends would be inquiring for him in ~~Chicago~~ <sup>Alton</sup>. From ~~Chicago~~ <sup>Alton</sup>, Illinois, we drove to Kansas City, Missouri, where we sold the Ford Sedan for \$400.00. On the following day, Volney gave Doris some money and told her to go to the Noel W. Wood Motor Car Company on Mc Gee Street and buy a new Pontiac Sedan under the name of Grace R. Hansen, address Belton, Missouri. Volney had previously gone to this Pontiac agency to look over the cars and he had selected this particular sedan, which he told Doris to purchase. I believe that on the day on which Doris purchased the car, Volney had gone to Belton, Missouri, and rented a post office box in that city. The reason he did not trade in the Ford sedan on this Pontiac car was because of the fact that the Ford had been purchased under the name of E. J. Powell, and he wanted to discard that name and again use the name of Hansen.

After we purchased the Pontiac Sedan, Volney and I started for Glasgow, Montana, but stopped in Williston, North Dakota, where we had to have the car serviced. Volney told me to wait in this town until the car was ready, and that he would proceed to Glasgow to see if anyone had been looking for him at that point. He returned to Williston, North Dakota, the following day and told me that Corey had informed him that someone had been asking for him at Hennick's place in Hinsdale, Montana; that when Corey told him this, Volney advised him that he would have to leave Glasgow forever, as he had violated his parole and, consequently, he was afraid of being arrested.

From Williston, North Dakota, Volney and I drove to Kansas City, Mo., and stayed for about an hour with Jess and Doris, after which he and I proceeded to Muskogee, Oklahoma, to see my brother Harry. Volney's real reason for this was that he wanted Harry and his wife to go to Glasgow, Montana, to see if things were going on there and, generally, take care of his interests in the business. We remained in Muskogee for only a few days and then returned to Kansas City, Missouri, and lived with Doris and Jess. About four or five days later, Volney and I obtained an apartment at the Zelda Apartments, located at 3213 Broadway, Apartment 12, under the name of G. H. Hansen. During this time Volney associated with Jess most of the time, but he also was acquainted with Jack Langdon, who, I believe, is very friendly with Jess Doyle. Around the first part of November, 1934, Volney and I had another argument, and as a result, he left for two or three days, leaving the Pontiac car with me. I do not know where he went at this time, but it is entirely possible that he went to Chicago, altho I am not sure. He returned shortly before Thanksgiving, and I recall that on Thanksgiving Day we had dinner with Doris and Jess and my son Preston, who, in the meantime, had come up from Cardin, Oklahoma. Shortly thereafter, Volney and I obtained an apartment at 3213 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri. Around the middle of December, 1934, Volney told me that he was going to Chicago and asked if I wanted to go with him. He did not indicate to me why he was going to Chicago, or who he was going to see, but on this trip, I particularly noticed that as we passed through Bensenville, he passed a barbecue stand, which we had previously frequented, and stopped at a gas station a short 300 feet away. He obtained gas at this point and drove to Bensenville, Illinois, and stopped at Matt Kirsch's place. At this time, both Volney and I had been drinking rather heavily, and he was somewhat intoxicated when we arrived in Bensenville. After he came out of Matt Kirsch's place, he told me that Matt had informed him that he was "hotter than hell." From Bensenville, we returned to Bensenville, and Volney stopped at the place which we had passed that afternoon. He went in and returned



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a few minutes later, but did not say anything to me as to whom he saw, or what he had learned. From the above, it is obvious that Volney left Kansas City with the express purpose of possibly contacting someone at this barbecue stand in Bensonville, but when he drove past the stand in the afternoon, he possibly saw that the man he wanted to contact was not there and as a result he drove to Kinok, Illinois, just to "kill some time," however, when he later returned, and had successfully made his contact, we returned to Kansas City.

I also wish to state at this time that with reference to the above barbecue stand, Volney and I had visited this place on one occasion in October of 1934, at which time I was introduced to a man named Kimer. This place is, I believe, owned by a German and is situated on a four lane highway immediately outside of Bensonville.

On our way to Kansas City at this time, we had an accident near Pontiac, Illinois, on account of the slippery highways. We contacted a garage, and shortly thereafter a wrecker came to the scene and towed our car into the first small town south of Pontiac, where we had it repaired for about \$12.00. We remained in a hotel in this town over night, and on the following day we obtained our car and drove to Kansas City, Missouri.

About two days before Christmas, Volney and I drove in our Pontiac Sedan to Pittsburg, Kansas, to see the Stanleys, who were then living at 206 East Adams Street. Our reason for going to Pittsburg at this time was to learn from Harry Stanley how things were going on in Glasgow, Montana. When we arrived at 206 East Adams, we parked our car in Stanley's garage and entered the house. At this time, Mrs. Stanley's brother, sister and father were visiting them. Harry informed Volney that the place in Montana was not being run very well, and that it wasn't making any money. He also stated that a man named "Dip" was working for Ooray at Glasgow, Montana, and I recall that this same fellow had previously worked for Matt Kirsch at the Fox Gardens in ~~Chicago~~ Aurora.

We spent Christmas Day in Kansas City, Missouri, with Doris, Jess and my son Preston, who, in the meantime, had come in from McPherson, where he had been working for Earl Stuchlik. From this time, we made no subsequent trips and shortly after Christmas, Earl drove to Kansas City and took Preston with him to McPherson.



I distinctly recall the day the papers carried the story of the killing of Russell Gibson, and also the execution of Byron Bolton. Volney read about it and showed it to me, indicating at that time that he was acquainted with Byron Bolton, whose name was also carried as Monty Carter. At the time I observed the name Monty Carter in the newspapers, I mentioned to Volney that that probably was an alias of Willie Harrison, as the earlier editions carried a story that Willie Harrison was the person that was held in the raid which resulted in the death of Rusty Gibson; however, Volney curtly remarked that Monty Carter was not Willie Harrison, giving me the impression that he knew who "Monty" was.

Shortly after the foregoing, Volney personally applied for a driver's license for the Pontiac car, at which time, he used the name of G. L. Harper, and gave as his address Post Office Box 14 at Raytown, Missouri. I believe he rented this box at Raytown just prior to the time he applied for the registration. Around this time, Jess gave me a 1933 Chevrolet coupe having previously sold his Buick Coach for about \$400.00. He purchased this Chevrolet under the name of G. C. Stacey, or J. K. Stacey, after he and Doris had moved to 25 Westover Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri.

When the newspaper carried the story about the killing of Fred and Kate Barker in Florida, Volney stated to me that he guessed that Freddie had become acquainted with some people who got him away. There wasn't very much said about their deaths, as Volney felt badly about it. A few days later, when the papers published the story to the effect that Doc Barker had been arrested in Chicago, Volney likewise felt badly about this, as he and Doc were very intimate friends, altho they did have their arguments occasionally. Volney also stated at this time that should he ever get into a spot as Freddie and his mother did, he would certainly surrender, instead of attempting to shoot his way out.

On Saturday or Sunday prior to the date that Doris shot Mrs. Rich, Volney and I moved to Apartment 209 at the Belmont Apartments, which building I believe is located in the 300 block on Baltimore Street in Kansas City, Missouri. Before we left 5413 Broadway, Volney and I both read that he had been indicted in St. Paul, Minnesota, in connection with the Bremer kidnapping case. At that time, Volney said that it was a tough break for him. He also stated that the Government had no case against him, altho it did look bad for him as he was associated with the boys around that time.

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On Tuesday morning, February 5, 1935, Volney made an appointment for me at the beauty parlor located on the corner of Main and 31st Streets in Kansas City. This appointment was made at about 12:00 o'clock noon, and was for 3:30 p.m. that afternoon. Volney had placed the Pontiac car in the United Motors Service Garage, located at 27th and Mc Gee Streets, the day previous, and I believe that he was told that the car would be ready around Wednesday noon. I returned from the beauty parlor at about 2:30 or 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5th, and at that time, Volney was already at the apartment. Shortly thereafter, he left home and stated that he was going to walk over to Jess and Doris' apartment at Warner Plaza, and I believe that he and Jess subsequently drove out to Raytown, Missouri, to see if there was any mail, as he was expecting his registration card at this time. He returned at about 4:30 p.m. with Jess that afternoon and Jess left immediately in his Chevrolet coupe.

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After Volney and I/inner that night, we walked to the Crown Drug Store at 31st and Main Streets, and then came home and went to bed. Jess awakened us about 7:00 a.m. the following morning and told us that Doris was in jail for shooting a woman. He brought with him a newspaper and we read the story of the shooting therein. At about 11:20 a.m. Wednesday morning, February 6, 1935, Volney left the house to get the car. That afternoon we had intended to pick up my laundry and then drive to Raytown, Missouri, to see if the registration card on the car had ever come through from Jefferson City, Missouri. Jess returned to his apartment packed his bags and came to my place around 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. At this time, I was beginning to get worried because Volney had not as yet returned, and I took a cab to a spot close to the United Motors Service Garage and walked by the place. I looked into the garage, but could not see our car. At this time, I was pretty certain that Volney had been arrested and immediately returned to the apartment, packed two bags, after which Jess and I left in his car. We drove around Kansas City for about three or four hours and went by the apartment again to see if there was any light therein, as we still had hopes that Volney might return. We did not know what to do, but finally decided to drive to Pittsburg, Kansas, and stay at my brother's place over night. We arrived there at about 1:00 a.m. on the morning of Feb. 7, 1935, and I informed the Stanleys what had happened, that is that Doris was in jail and that Volney had probably been arrested by the police. They, naturally, felt badly about this and we sat up half the night talking about what to do. At about eight o'clock that morning, Jess read in the newspaper that he was a fugitive and I believe that the newspapers also gave a description of the car that he was supposed to be driving. This worried Jess very much and as a consequence he quickly made up his mind to leave.

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He asked me if I wanted to go with him, but I refused as I was very sick at that time. When Jess left, he did not indicate where he was going, nor when he would return. At this time, Harry stated that he was going out to get a bottle of liquor. He returned about ten minutes later and stated that someone had been shooting at Jess in the Chevrolet car. About three minutes later, I observed three men drive up to the front of the house and shortly thereafter, two men came in the front door and arrested all of us. I had a .32 calibre automatic pistol, but it was lying on the Davenport when these men arrested me.

Concerning the Travelers' checks, which were found in my possessions in the car abandoned by Jess Doyle, I desire to state that I had first seen these checks on the night of February 6, 1935, as I was packing my clothes. I saw these checks in the pocket of the cover of my overnight bag, and I hastily looked at them and threw them back into this pocket. I do not know where they came from, nor who put them there.

I have read the foregoing statement, which consists of 19 typewritten pages, and swear that the same is true to the best of my knowledge.

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Witnesses:

John L. Madala, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice.

R. P. Shenahan, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice.

Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

February 11, 1935.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218, Fug.; ARTHUR R.  
BARKER, with aliases; VOLNEY  
DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1237;  
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, I.O. 1232, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul File 7-30

Dear Sir:

Recently Mr. Harold E. Stassen, Dakota County  
Attorney of South St. Paul, Minnesota, communicated with  
this office and requested that he be furnished with the  
photograph of H. C. Stanley, recently arrested at Pittsburgh,  
Kansas. Mr. Stassen and Mr. Hall, who was formerly of the  
Division and now associated with the firm of Mr. Stassen,  
are of the opinion that there is a possibility that Stanley  
was part in the robbery and murder occurring in South  
St. Paul in August, 1933 and that they desire a photograph  
of Stanley in order that it can be exhibited to the various  
witnesses.

If available, it is therefore desired that you  
furnish this office with a photograph of Stanley in order  
that we may be able to comply with the request of Mr. Stassen.

Very truly yours,

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Cc E. J. Connelley, Cgo.  
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D. M. LADD,  
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 11, 1935

Time - 12:20 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case;  
Dolores Delaney.

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

Mr. Harvey telephoned from Philadelphia and stated that Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz, father and mother of Alvin Karpis, drove into Philadelphia this morning in an old dilapidated Ford automobile from Chicago. They went to a garage and called the hospital inquiring about the Delaney girl and the baby. The guards there immediately got in touch with him, and he dispatched five Agents to the hospital; that the old people talked to the girl in the presence of the Agents. The old people want to take the baby back to Chicago.

Mr. Harvey in this connection mentioned a letter dated February 6, 1935 which Mr. Connelley forwarded to the Division in which he indicated that he would like to see the old folks do this. The doctor has indicated that the baby won't be able to travel for about a week, and Mrs. Karpavicz says that they have only about \$25.00 at the present time. Mr. Harvey wanted to know the Division's attitude in this matter.

I told Mr. Harvey that this is a matter that we should not have anything to do with; that we should let the parents and the Delaney woman make whatever plans are compatible to them; that I concurred in the opinion of Mr. Connelley that we will have a better case against Dolores if the baby isn't with her. Mr. Harvey stated that Dolores has indicated that she wanted the old folks to take the baby.

Mr. Harvey mentioned the \$100 bill which is the property of Dolores Delaney, and which is presently in his possession. I told Mr. Harvey to make the serial number of this bill a matter of record, and then inform her that upon her written request we will do anything she desires with the money. With reference to the property of Karpis which was found in their apartment, I instructed him to get written instructions from Dolores as to what disposition should be made of this material; that we don't want to have anything to do with it, and want to dispose of it in such a manner that we will not be liable to any criticism.

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Mr. Harvey stated that he had talked to Mr. Connelley about moving Dolores, and it was suggested that possibly Division Agents should accompany the Marshal or his deputies on the trip to Florida with Dolores. He stated that while it is a rather long shot, there is a possibility of Karpis' trying to effect her escape. I told him that while the movement should be made with the utmost secrecy, further consideration will be given to the suggestion between the present and the time the hearing is held.

I further instructed Mr. Harvey to maintain surveillance of the old folks during their stay in Philadelphia, and if they put up at a hotel, to arrange for a tap on their telephone.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. TAMM

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

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

February 8, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Baughman	✓
Chief Clerk	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Edwards	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Keith	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Schilder	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Francis Connors called at my office and stated that his paper was about to run a story indicating that Alvin Karpis was the Federal Prisoner who escaped at Yorkville, Illinois. Mr. Connors stated that he would not publish this story if it would do the Director or the Bureau any harm. I advised Mr. Connors that the publication of such a story would not harm the Bureau but might prove embarrassing to him or his paper.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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A. P. BUIE  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
Holder Block  
Ocala, Florida.

Jan. 18th. 1935.

Hon. W. J. Sears,  
Member of Congress,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Joe:

Know that you have read of the splendid work done here by the Department of Justice men when they wiped out "Ma" Kate Barker and her son, Fred Barker, members of the Bremer Kidnapping Gang. Those boys certainly know their "Onions".

In connection with that I wish to call your attention to the Law as it now stands and ask that you do what you can to have it amended. As it now stands these agents are limited, in their work, to investigating bank robberies of any bank a "member of the Federal Reserve"; I believe if this were amended to read "Any member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation", robbing any bank would almost be unheard of. My understanding is that the robbing of members of the Federal Reserve is now about 10 per cent of what it was a year ago. This is because of the activities of details working as this one did here a day or so ago. Prepare and file an amendment to the law and secure its passage as quickly as you can.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes to you and yours, I am

Sincerely yours,

(S) A. P. Buie.

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CC: The Attorney General,  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY.

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter dated January 18, 1935, from A. P. Duie, Attorney-at-law, Ocala, Florida, which was referred to this Division by the Attorney General.

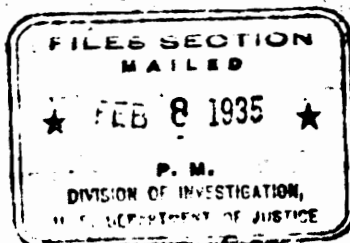
In view of the fact that Mr. Duie suggests legislation, his letter is being referred to you for appropriate attention. Receipt of the letter has not been acknowledged by this Division.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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STATE ATTORNEY  
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

A. P. BUIE  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
HOLDER BLOCK  
OCALA, FLORIDA

Jan. 18th. 1935.

Mr. Nathan	✓
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Miss Gandy	✓

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

My dear Sir:-

After having an opportunity of observing a detail of your men, in charge of Mr. E. J. Connoley, in clearing out a nest of "Rats", at Ocklawaha, this County, I want to take this means of congratulating you upon your organization, it's efficiency and personel. The manner in which they planned and carried out the assignment was excellent, and has the 100 per cent approval of the people of the State of Florida. It was and is a pleasure to work with such men as Mr. Connoley and his associates. A splendid bunch of men, courteous in manner, and of the highest in efficiency.

Trusting that each of you and your organization will always be as successful in the future as your men were in "rubbing out" Ma Kate Barker and her son Fred Barker, and with the best wishes of all of Marion County, I am

Yours very truly,

*A. P. Buie*  
A. P. Buie.

State Attorney, Fifth  
Judicial Circuit.

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CC: The Attorney General,  
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At 11:32 A. M., Mr. Hoover telephoned me in regard to the request of Mr. Stanley of the Department that he and the Attorney General be advised of the circumstances surrounding the escape of Volney Davis from Agents of this Division at Yorkville, Illinois on February 6, 1935. Mr. Hoover instructed me to forward a memorandum to the Attorney General, a copy of which should be sent to Mr. Stanley, setting forth that the Agents left Kansas City with the prisoner in a three passenger airplane; that no other facilities for travel were available at the time, and it was imperative that he be taken to Chicago as soon as possible; that he was being taken to Chicago for the reason that there were not adequate facilities in the Kansas City Office for holding him; that no other airplanes were available at the time, and for that reason, it was possible to send only the two men and the prisoner. They had to land in the corn field when they lost their way, and the farmer with whom they rode into town was reluctant to wait while the men telephoned; that they went into the combination hotel and restaurant, and while Trainor was telephoning, Davis suddenly attacked Agent Stakem, struck him in the face and jumped through the window; that the reason the irons were removed is because we wished to have no undue attention being brought to the prisoner.

E. A. TAMM

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PENNSYLVANIA AVE

AT NINTH ST NORTHWEST WASHN DC

BREKID AGENT BROWN ADVISED NATHANIEL HELLER RELEASED BY CUBAN OFFICIALS  
THREE PM TODAY GIVEN TWENTY FOUR HOURS LEAVE FOR MIAMI THAT HE WILL  
DEPART BY PLANE ONE FORTY FIVE OR TWO PM FEBRUARY TWELVE AMBASSADOR  
SUGGESTED AGENTS IN HAVANA NOT ACCOMPANY HELLER HAVE ARRANGED FOR  
AGENT NICHOLS AND DEPUTY USM MIAMI APPREHEND HELLER THERE

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J EDGAR HOOVER=

DIRECTOR DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION DEPT OF JUSTICE

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CAN YOUR DEPARTMENT MAIL WANTED CARD FOR FRED BARKER  
OUR ADVERTISING AGENTS DENHARD PFEIFFER & WELLS ON  
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February 12, 1935.

Little, Brown & Company,  
34 Beacon Street,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

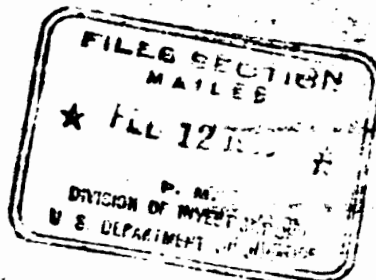
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Gentlemen:-

Replying to your telegram of yesterday, I regret  
to inform you that an Identification Order was never issued  
by this service with respect to Fred Barker and, accordingly,  
it is not possible to comply with your request that a copy  
of this wanted notice be mailed to the firm of Denhard, Pfeiffer  
& Walls of New York City.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

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DIVISION ONE



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February 12, 1935

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

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

Dear Sir:

2/16/35

Reference is made to Division letters dated  
January 3, 1935, and January 9, 1935, requesting photograph  
of Frank Osborne, No. C-25203, arrested by the Police  
Department, Chicago, Illinois, September 28, 1930.  
Enclosed are two photographs of this individual.

1 copy of photo  
detached in 17 p8  
Hulb  
2/16/35

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge  
Special Assignment

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DIRECTOR

EAT:RWT

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 10, 1935

Time-5:55 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Movement of Agents in Miami.

*(Browne Case)*

Mr. Hanson called this evening from Miami and advised that they have been unable to procure any more information on either Harrison or Sawyer; that there is nothing to be gained in staying on down there. Mr. Hanson suggested that he go up to Jacksonville and finish his report.

I advised Mr. Hanson to arrange to leave one man in town with Fitzsimmons, who is there; to let Brown know who is there and where he can be located; to let Brown know where Fitzsimmons can be reached so that if Keller comes over, he can be taken into custody.

Mr. Hanson suggested that Agent L. B. Nichols be left in Miami. He is at the Cortez Hotel and Mr. Hanson will wire Brown to that effect. Mr. Hanson advised that Nichols knows where Fitzsimmons is and knows all about this case; that there is some checking of public records to be done tomorrow which Nichols can take care of as well as anything else that turns up.

I ascertained from Mr. Hanson that the investigation to support the indictment has been completed; that he is going up to Jacksonville to finish the report and will try to leave for Birmingham tomorrow night. Letcalfe is going back to Birmingham also.

Respectfully,

*E*  
E. A. Tamm.

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Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Baughman.....  
Chief Clerk.....  
Mr. Coffey.....  
Mr. Edwards.....  
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Mr. Harbo.....  
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Mr. Schilder.....  
Mr. Tamm.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
Miss Gandy.....

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice 8:20 P.M.  
Washington, D. C.

EAT:TAM

February 6, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE  
Re: Bremer Case

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Baughman.....  
Chief Clerk.....  
Mr. Coffey.....  
Mr. Edwards.....  
Mr. Egan.....  
Mr. Harbo.....  
Mr. Keith.....  
Mr. Lester.....  
Mr. Quinn.....  
Mr. Schaefer.....  
Mr. Tamm.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
Miss Gandy.....

Mr. Connelley called from Chicago to advise that Agent Trainor had just frantically contacted him by telephone from Yorkville, Illinois and advised that their plane had made a forced landing subsequent to which Volney Davis escaped from the custody of Agents Trainor and Stakem. I asked Mr. Connelley for additional details and he stated that he did not have any additional information, since Trainor had excitedly left the telephone after furnishing this information. I instructed Mr. Connelley to dispatch a sufficient number of Agents to Yorkville to enable them to patrol all of the highways and side roads in the hope of effecting Davis' apprehension.

I called Mr. Nathan to ascertain whether he had been advised of these facts and learned that he had not been informed of Davis' escape.

Subsequently, Connelley called from Chicago and advised that he had ascertained that the plane had made a forced landing in a corn field, near Yorkville, Illinois and that Agents Trainor and Stakem had proceeded in a passing car into the town of Yorkville; that in reaching Yorkville, they decided it would be too conspicuous if leg irons and handcuffs were left on Davis, and accordingly, they removed all of the irons. They entered a small hotel, and while Trainor was in a telephone booth, calling the Chicago Division Office, Davis assaulted Stakem, dove through a window and escaped.

I instructed Connelley to personally proceed to Yorkville, immediately and properly organize a search looking to Davis' apprehension.

E. A. Tamm

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 7, 1935

Time - 10:37 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Volney Davis.

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Baughman.....  
Chief Clerk.....  
Mr. Coffey.....  
Mr. Edwards.....  
Mr. Egan.....  
Mr. Harbo.....  
Mr. Lester.....  
Mr. Quinn.....  
Mr. Schilder.....  
Mr. Tamm.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
Miss Gandy.....

The Attorney General telephoned and inquired whether or not there is any truth to the reports that two of our men with a prisoner were forced down in an airplane near Chicago last night, at which time the prisoner escaped. I told him that I heard of an incident somewhat similar to this, but the men in question have been reporting direct to the Director in New York City.

The Attorney General then stated that he was not going to give out any statement, but for his own personal knowledge, he wanted to know whether or not the above is true. I then informed him that two of our men were transporting a prisoner to Chicago in an airplane; that the plane was forced down; that there ensued a skirmish of some kind, the details of which were furnished by our Chicago Office to you in New York City. He asked if the man got away, and I told him that he did. He then asked who the man was, and I told him I did not know. I was then asked if he were a man of importance, and I again answered that I did not know.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 11, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case

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Subject to your approval, I am instructing Agents McKee and Brown to return to Miami when Nathaniel Heller leaves Cuba and after appropriate arrangements have been made for Heller's custody, to spend a day interviewing Cash McDonald in Miami. Although McDonald was interrogated for a period of approximately 48 hours by J. H. Hanson and other Agents, they were unsuccessful in obtaining any tangible admissions from him. Brown and McKee have, while in Havana, visited various banks where McDonald exchanged Bremer ransom money, and accordingly they are in possession of additional facts which may be instrumental in "breaking" McDonald.

After Brown and McKee have completed their questioning of McDonald I believe they should proceed to the Jacksonville Office and dictate a complete report upon the result of their investigation, in order that this information will be readily available to the United States Attorney in Florida. I recommend then that Brown and McKee come into Washington in order that I may discuss with them the substantive evidence available in Havana to substantiate the kidnaping charges against Karpis, Campbell and Willie Harrison, and to ascertain what if any additional investigation in Havana is necessary or desirable. I feel that if additional investigation is necessary Agent McKee should return there, since Brown should return to Chicago and to St. Paul for the purpose of participating in substantive investigation to substantiate the kidnaping charges. It appears that Agent Brown is the only Agent to whom Byron Bolton will talk freely.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Baughman.....  
Chief Clerk.....  
Mr. Coffey.....  
Mr. Edwards.....  
Mr. Egan.....  
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Mr. Tamm.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
Miss Gandy.....

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**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

Room 414  
Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

February 13, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218.  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases  
I. O. #1232.  
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases -  
I. O. #1236.  
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases -  
I. O. #1237, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPPING

Dear Sir:-

The doctor attending Dolores DeLaney at the Hahnemann Hospital informed this office that Dolores DeLaney can be discharged from this institution and travel on February 15, 1935.

For your information, please be advised that Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz have permission from Miss DeLaney, as well as the doctors, to take the baby to Chicago, Illinois. It is their wish to leave Philadelphia February 14, 1935. The Division and the Chicago Office will be informed of the time of their departure on the above date.

Miss Wynona Burdett and Dolores DeLaney signed waivers of removal on February 13, 1935.

Very truly yours,

*R. G. Harvey*  
R. G. HARVEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC-E. J. Connelley - Chicago  
Jacksonville, St. Paul

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 11, 1935

Time - 9:25 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

I talked with Mr. Alt in the Jacksonville Office, who stated that the money and the diamonds had been received from the St. Paul Office; that he has taken the serial numbers from the money as of possible future use. Mr. Alt further stated that he communicated with the coroner at Ocala, Florida, and asked if he would be available to take the money and diamonds today. The Coroner stated that he would take them, but immediately upon their receipt he was going to turn them over to the administrator. Mr. Alt stated that he was going to instruct the Agents to inform the coroner that only about \$4,000 of this money was found in the possession of Fred Barker; that the remainder was found in the possession of Kate Barker, and since she had no administrator, it could be turned over to no one. I told him that while the Agents could make this point, they should offer no comments on the same.

Mr. Alt further stated that this money has been checked and re-checked with various ransom lists, and negative results have been obtained in every instance.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Baughman.....  
Chief Clerk.....  
Mr. Coffey.....  
Mr. Edwards.....  
Mr. Egan.....  
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Mr. Keith.....  
Mr. Lester.....  
Mr. Quinn.....  
Mr. Schuler.....  
Mr. Tamm.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
Miss Gandy.....

POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Special Agent in Charge,  
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

February 11, 1935.  
RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN  
with aliases, I.O. 1232 et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING.

We are in receipt of a postal card from John J. Jackson,  
Assistant Chief of Detectives, Commanding, Auto Theft Bureau, New Orleans,  
La. acknowledging receipt of radio message received through general hook-  
up of Police radio stations, as a result of our broadcasts at Chicago,  
Illinois for persons to be on the lookout for Ford Sedan bearing Illinois  
license 104-140 for 1935.

This broadcast was in connection with efforts to apprehend  
VOLNEY DAVIS who escaped from two Agents of the Kansas City office at  
Yorkville, Illinois, who thereafter stole this Ford sedan and made his  
escape in same.

It is believed that you should advise the New Orleans Police  
that the Ford Sedan bearing Illinois license 104-140 was recovered on the  
following day, February 7, 1935, in the vicinity of Wheaton, Illinois, and  
that we have no further interest in this automobile. It is believed how-  
ever, that the fact that this car was used by Volney Davis should not be  
disclosed.

We are also in receipt of a postal card from the same source,  
indicating pickup of our radio message broadcast from Chicago for these  
persons to be on the lookout for JESSE DOYLE, traveling in Chevrolet coupe  
bearing Missouri license 193-380 for 1935, and this can also be cancelled,  
inasmuch as Jesse Doyle is in custody in the Kansas City district.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY.

Special Agent in Charge.  
(Special assignment)

ETC:JMS

CC Division

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Mr. Nathan



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Division of Investigation

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

February 9, 1935

Time - 6 am

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case;  
Nathaniel Heller.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Baughman ..  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Keith .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Schiller .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

I telephoned Mr. Hanson at Miami to ascertain if he had heard any word of Heller's leaving Cuba for the United States. He stated that he had left someone at the hotel all day for the purpose of receiving a call from Brown about this matter, but as yet no call has come through. I informed him that if no word was received at the Division or by him by in the morning, I probably would communicate with Agent Brown and inform him, Mr. Hanson, of the results of this call.

I further stated that after Heller leaves, there is no reason for Agents Brown and McKee staying in Cuba, in that all the leads for Harrison and Sawyer will have then been exhausted; that after they leave Cuba, they should proceed to Jacksonville and prepare a full report of their activities in Cuba; that they should then proceed to Washington where certain evidence will be discussed with them.

Mr. Hanson stated that he would transmit this information to Brown upon his next contact with him.

While talking with Mr. Hanson, I requested that he request the Agents in Cuba to go to a steamship supply store and get one pound of a polishing compound called Kaol. Mr. Hanson stated that the men have already been requested to get this by the Jacksonville Office, but he will again remind them of it.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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February 9, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 512,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218.  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219.  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232.  
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1215 (de-  
ceased.) et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

The report of Special Agent McIntire, dated January 25,  
1935, in the above captioned case, received in this office, is barely  
legible, and the reading of same is made most difficult.

It would be appreciated, in the future, if copies of  
these lengthy reports, transmitted to this office, be examined to  
see that this office receives a good copy, as it is expected con-  
siderable work may be necessary in this district.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

c.c. Division.

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**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**  
508 Medical Arts Building,  
Nashville, Tennessee,  
February 12, 1935.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with  
aliases, I. O. #1219; HARRY CAMPBELL,  
with aliases, I. O. #1236; VOLNEY  
DAVIS, with aliases, I. O. #1237; DR.  
JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O.  
#1232; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated February  
2, 1935, instructing the withdrawal of the temporary wanted notices  
which were placed in the local police departments in this district  
for Fred Barker.

Please be advised that the wanted notices on Fred  
Barker have now been withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Rorer*  
W. A. RORER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC - St. Paul

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**U. S. Bureau of Investigation**

Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida

RAA:HAM.

February 12, 1935

Director  
Division of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - I. O. 1218 -  
FUGITIVE; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Please be advised that pursuant to the Division's instructions, on February 11, 1935, the jewelry and currency in the total amount of \$14,312, which were obtained during the investigation of this case from the house in which Kate and Fred<sup>2</sup> Barker resided in Oklawaha, Florida, on January 16, 1935, were turned over to L. E. Futch, County Judge, Marion County, Florida. Receipts in detail were obtained. Signed copies of each of the three receipts are being forwarded to the Division herewith.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Chicago  
Saint Paul

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RECEIPT

On February 11, 1935, at Ocala, Florida the undersigned received the  
below listed articles from Special Agent R. B. Donaldson  
of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

- 1 Open face Howard Watch, Movement No. 7479, manufactured by E. Howard Watch Company, Boston, Mass., marked 21 J. in Keystone case No. 1569125.
- 1 Gentlemen's white gold ring, set with about 1 carat diamond.
- 1 White gold narrow wedding ring, set with seven (7) very small diamonds.
- 1 White gold ring, set with one, about 1/8 carat diamond, with a small diamond on each side.
- 1 White gold lady's solitaire, set with a diamond apparently weighing about four (4) carats.
- 1 small yellow gold ring, marked on inside "O.H.B. 14K".

R. E. Felt  
Signature

County, Sup. Court  
County Fla.

WITNESSES:

J. P. Lescure, Special Agent

R. B. Donaldson

Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Jacksonville, Florida

7-576-4563

# R E C E I P T

On February 11, 1935, at Ocala, Florida the undersigned received the below listed currency in the total amount of \$10,239.00 from Special Agent :

R. B. Donaldson  
J. P. Leaver of The Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

## TEN (10) \$1000.00 FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES

	<u>BANK</u>	<u>NUMBERS</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
1	Atlanta	F 00014261 A	1928
2	"	F 00022463 A	1928
3	Chicago	G 00070117 A	1928
4	Atlanta	F 00010128 A	1928
5	"	F 00019257 A	1928
6	"	F 00014906 A	1928
7	"	F 00019258 A	1928
8	"	F 00019581 A	1928
9	"	F 00022457 A	1928
10	"	F 00022464 A	1928

## FOUR (4) \$50.00 FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES

	<u>BANK</u>	<u>NUMBERS</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
1	New York	B 01861588 A	1928 A
2	New York	B 02408286 A	1928 A
3	Cleveland	D 00800129 A	1928
4	Chicago	G 02329603 A	1928 A

## ONE (1) \$20.00 FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE

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1	New York	B 25386560 A	1928 B

## ONE (1) \$10.00 FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE

	<u>BANK</u>	<u>NUMBERS</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
1	Chicago	G 44630390 A	1928 B

## NATIONAL BANK CURRENCY - OCALA, FLORIDA NATIONAL BANK

	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
1	One (1) \$5.00 Note-A 004769	1929 (9926)

## Four (4) \$1.00 Silver Certificates

	<u>NUMBERS</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
1	F 64868659 B	1928 B
2	F 10544336 B	1928 A
3	C 47627582 B	1928 B
4	F 54390482 B	1928 B

## WITNESSES:

J. P. Leaver, Special Agent  
R. B. Donaldson

R. E. Fustich  
 Signature

Carly J. J. J. J.  
Carly J. J. J.



R E C E I P T

On February 11, 1935, at Ocala, Florida the undersigned received the below listed currency in the total amount of \$4,075.00 from Special Agents

N. B. Donaldson  
J. P. Lacroix of the Division of Investigation, U. S.  
Department of Justice.

FOUR (4) \$1000.00 FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES

	<u>BANK</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
1	Atlanta	F 00004837 A	1928
2	"	F 00009887 A	1928
3	"	F 00020337 A	1928
4	"	F 00020574 A	1928

ONE (1) \$50.00 FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE

	<u>BANK</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
1	Cleveland	D 01715647 A	1928 A

ONE (1) \$10.00 FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE

	<u>BANK</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
1	Atlanta	F 09996256 A	1928 B

ONE (1) \$10.00 SILVER CERTIFICATE

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
1	A 04725095 A	1934

THREE (3) \$1.00 SILVER CERTIFICATES

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
1	D 52344621 B	1928 B
2	G 17629161 B	1928 A
3	F 36928187 B	1928 B

Signature

WITNESSES:

J. P. Lacroix, Special Agent

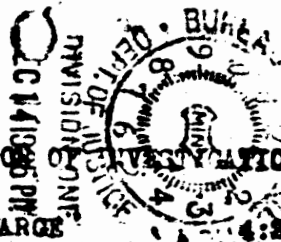
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Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Jacksonville, Florida

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FEBRUARY 15 1935

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
302 FEDERAL BUILDING  
BUTTE MONTANA

BRKID IN VIEW ESCAPE VOLNEY DAVIS YORKVILLE ILLINOIS FEBRUARY SIXTH  
WITHOUT FUNDS BELIEVE IF NOT ALREADY COVERED IMMEDIATE EFFORT SHOULD  
BE MADE TO COVER COREY BALES GLASCOCK MONTANA FOR APPREHENSION OF DAVIS  
STOP DAVIS AURORA ILLINOIS FEBRUARY SEVENTH

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APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT  
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# TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

U. S.  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
629 First Nat. Bank Bldg.,

CHARGE

OMAHA, NEBRASKA FEBRUARY 12, 1935

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

ERICK ALICE CONRAD PRESENTLY AT THREE THREE ONE WEBSTER AVENUE CHICAGO

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

CHARGE

FEBRUARY 12 1935

WERNER HANNI  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
629 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
OMAHA NEBRASKA

BREKID INVESTIGATION AT THREE THREE ONE WEBSTER AVENUE FAILS TO  
IDENTIFY ALICE CONRAD VERIFY INFORMATION AND ADVISE

CONNELLEY

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 7, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Re: Bremer case  
Volney Davis.

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

At 12:20 P.M., I telephoned Mr. Tolson and informed him that I had received numerous inquiries concerning the escape of Volney Davis from the Agents of this Division at Yorkville, Illinois, all of which inquiries had been answered with the statement that the situation was being handled by the Director personally in New York City. However, the Attorney General telephoned me and demanded to know whether or not the story as he had heard it concerning the escape of the above was true, stating that he had been informed that a man whose identity is unknown had escaped by slugging one of our Agents at Yorkville, Illinois, after the Agents and the prisoner had been forced down in an airplane. I told the General that such an incident had occurred but the men had been reporting directly to Mr. Hoover in New York City and I was not advised as to the details of the escape, the identity of the man or as to his importance. I informed Mr. Tolson that the Attorney General seemed to be rather displeased as to my answers to his questions.

Mr. Tolson then conferred with Mr. Hoover about the matter, and then Mr. Hoover took the telephone and informed me to immediately submit a brief memorandum to the Attorney General giving the facts concerning the escape, the importance and the identity of Volney Davis.

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ORDER NO. 1239  
February 12, 1935.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

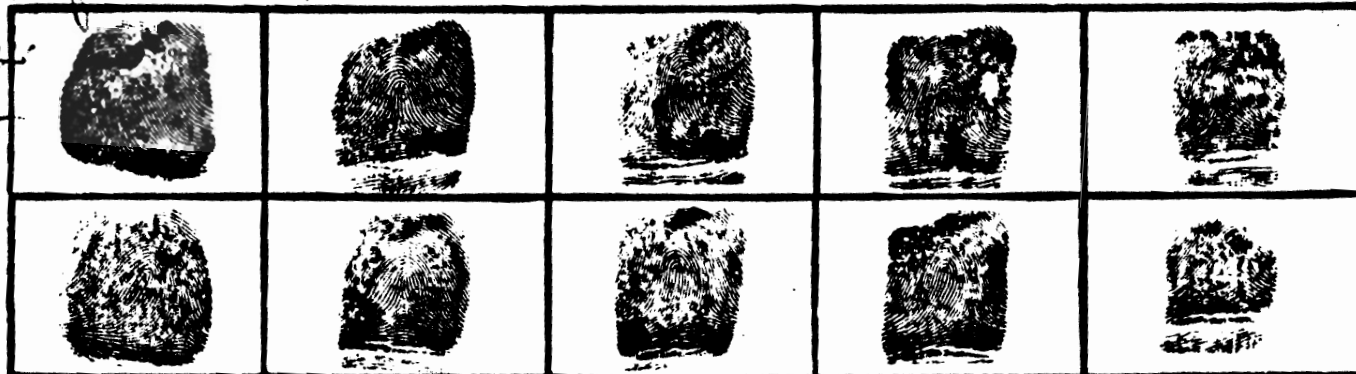
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**WANTED**

WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases:  
WILLIE HARRISON, W. J. HARRISON,  
J. B. BOLTON, W. J. RYAN.

**KIDNAPING**



Photograph taken November 16, 1933.

**DESCRIPTION**

Age, 34 years (born St. Louis, Mo., September 27, 1900); Height, 5 feet, 6 inches; Weight, 155 pounds; Build, medium; Hair, light brown; Eyes, blue; Complexion, ruddy; Occupation, golf professional.

**RELATIVES:**

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Harrison, Sr.,  
parents,  
4539 Gibson Avenue,  
St. Louis, Missouri.  
Walter Harrison and Elmer Harrison,  
brothers,  
4539 Gibson Avenue,  
St. Louis, Missouri.  
Donald Harrison, brother,  
1115 Lawn Street,  
St. Louis, Missouri.  
Ben Harrison, brother,  
6164 Crescent Street,  
St. Louis, Missouri.



**CRIMINAL RECORD**

As William Harrison, #15232, arrested Police Department, Calumet City, Ill., April 14, 1933; charge, carrying concealed weapons; dismissed April 14, 1933.  
As William J. Harrison, #1829, arrested Police Department, Hammond, Ind., Nov. 14, 1933; charge, assault and battery with intent to rape; released to State Bureau of Identification, Crown Point, Indiana.  
As William J. Harrison, #14225, received State Bureau of Identification, Crown Point, Ind., Nov. 16, 1933; charge, assault and battery with intent to rape; released on \$5000 bond; dismissed Sept. 25, 1934.

*William J. Harrison*  
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William J. Harrison is wanted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934. An indictment was returned by the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, January 22, 1935 charging William J. Harrison and others with the kidnaping.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

(over)

Issued by: JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR



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BREKID

EMPLOYEES OF NADING CAFE, YORKVILLE, ILLINOIS STATE THAT AT SEVEN PM  
FEBRUARY SIXTH AGENT STAKEM AND PRISONER WHO WAS NOT CUFFED OR  
SHACKLED ENTERED CAFE. AGENT STAKEM INQUIRED CONCERNING DESTINATION  
OF BUS PARKED IN STREET AND HE TOGETHER WITH PRISONER WALKED BAR IN  
CAFE ORDERING TWO GLASSES OF BEER. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER BEER WAS  
SERVED AGENT TRAINOR ENTERED CAFE AND PROCEEDED DIRECTLY TO TELEPHONE  
BOOTH WHERE HE PLACED A CALL. THE BOOTH IS BUILT IN NORTH WALL OF  
CAFE AT EAST END OF BAR. PRISONER WAS STANDING AT BAR ABOUT SIX FEET  
FROM EAST END OF BAR WHILE AGENT STAKEM STOOD AT BAR ABOUT TWO FEET  
WEST OF PRISONER. THREE OTHER PEOPLE SAT ON STOOLS AT BAR WEST OF  
AGENT STAKEM AND PRISONER. AFTER AGENT TRAINOR HAD BEEN IN TELEPHONE  
BOOTH ABOUT ONE MINUTE PRISONER SUDDENLY STRUCK AGENT STAKEM ON LEFT  
CHEEK WITH FIST FLOORING HIM. PRISONER WENT TO WINDOW LOCATED ON  
SOUTH WALL EIGHTEEN FEET FROM BAR AND JUMPED THROUGH. AGENT STAKEM  
GOT UP FROM FLOOR AS PRISONER WAS LEAPING THROUGH WINDOW AND TRANS-  
FERRED TO WINDOW WHERE HE FIRED TWO SHOTS AT HIM. AGENT TRAINOR RAN OUT OF  
TELEPHONE BOOTH IMMEDIATELY AFTER PRISONER HAD JUMPED THROUGH WINDOW

Edw. H. Brien in  
Valley of Davis

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AND RAN OUT FRONT DOOR OF CAFE TO CORNER THIRTY FEET DISTANT AND FIRED ONE SHOT IN A WESTWARD DIRECTION AFTER PRISONER WHO RAN THAT DIRECTION. AFTER FIRING TWO SHOTS FROM WINDOW AGENT STAKEM ALSO RAN OUT FRONT ENTRANCE AND ATTEMPTED TO PURSUE PRISONER. AGENT TRAINOR RETURNED TO CAFE ABOUT TWO MINUTES LATER INSTRUCTING PROPRIETOR OF CAFE TO CALL SHERIFF. AGENT TRAINOR THEN LEFT IMMEDIATELY IN HUNT OF PRISONER RETURNING APPROXIMATELY THIRTY MINUTES LATER TO PLACE A TELEPHONE CALL. WHILE TELEPHONING IT WAS REPORTED THAT A FORD V-8 S SEDAN OF H W BRETTHAUER HAD BEEN STOLEN AND AGENT TRAINOR WAS SO ADVISED. H W BRETTHAUER STATES HE DROVE HIS FORD TO HIS HOME OF HIS SISTER LOCATED FIVE AND ONE HALF BLOCKS SOUTH O OF CAFE AT 6-20 PM THE MOTOR WAS SHUT OFF BUT KEYS WERE LEFT IN CAR. AT 7-29 PM HE LOOKED FOR CAR AND DISCOVERED IT WAS MISSING. WILLIAM FORD WHO WAS HIRED TO TRANSPORT AGENTS AND PRISONER FROM LANDING PLACE TO HOTEL NADING CAFE NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW TODAY.

CONNELLEY

END

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago, Illinois

February 12, 1935

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with  
aliases, I.O. 1219; HARRY CAMPBELL,  
with aliases, I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS,  
with aliases, I.O. 1237; DOCTOR JOSEPH  
P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.

Dear Sir:

KIDNAPING.

There is transmitted herewith a photostatic copy of the fingerprints of Bruno Austin, Chicago Police Department No. C41940. Bruno Austin is identical with the "Whitie" named in the conspiracy indictment returned at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 22, 1935 in regard to the instant case. His correct name is Bruno Putas.

It is respectfully requested that these fingerprints be compared with the latent fingerprints on file at the Division in connection with this case, and that a copy of the complete criminal record of this individual be furnished to the St. Paul office as well as the Chicago office.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc St. Paul

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
801 TITLE GUARANTY BUILDING  
ST LOUIS MISSOURI

BREKID INFORMANT ADVISES SAW DOCTOR MORAN YESTERDAY AT PERU ILLINOIS  
DRIVING TAN CAR NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE ILLINOIS LICENSE ONE EIGHT EIGHT  
EIGHT TOWARD LASALLE ILLINOIS LICENSE ISSUED DUFFEE CLARK AND  
NICHOLSON ONE TWELVE NORTH WATER STREET DECATUR ILLINOIS ON PLYMOUTH  
CAR NOT KNOWN WHETHER INFORMANT RELIABLE ADVISE CHECK

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

February 12, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

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

With reference to my wire to you today in regard to Dr. Joseph Moran having been seen at Peru, Illinois, yesterday, the following is being furnished for your additional information. The Chicago Office is in receipt of a letter dated February 11, 1935 at Peru, Illinois, addressed to Special Agent R. D. Brown, which is quoted as follows:

Dear Sir: I am almost sure I seen Dr. Moran driving towards La Salle this afternoon around 3 o'clock. He was driving a tan car the license number was 1-888 Illinois 1935.

I also heard he was around Spring Valley most of last week. He is supposed to drive towards De Pue, Henry, and Peoria and does not stay long in one place.

This is all the information I can give you at this time.

Mrs. Brown

Through the Motor Vehicle Division of the Chicago Police Department it was ascertained that 1935 Illinois license 1-888 was issued to Durice Clark and Nicholson, 112 North Water Street, Decatur, Illinois on a Plymouth automobile bearing motor #220860.

The only previous information in the Chicago file concerning Mrs. Brown is another letter which she addressed to Special Agent Brown on September 1, 1934 giving information concerning contacts of Dr. Moran. There appears to be nothing further in the Chicago file concerning Mrs. Brown's liability. Special Agent R. D. Brown is at present out of the city and unavailable, therefore, no information could be obtained from him concerning Mrs. Brown. Since Dr. Moran is known to frequent Peru, Illinois, it is felt advisable that a check should be made of the information furnished by Mrs. Brown.

Very truly yours,

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R. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge  
Special Assignment

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PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILKINSON  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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LC=De	Chief Clerk
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at 708 14th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

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RE TELEPHONIC INSTRUCTIONS MR QUINN AGENTS TRAINOR  
STAKEHOLDERS WERE ADVISED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF DIVISION  
INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING HANDCUFFS AND LEG IRONS FOR PRISONER  
AND INSTRUCTED TAKE NO CHANCES AND DELIVER PRISONER SAFELY  
TO CHICAGO STOP PRISONER KEPT IN HANDCUFFS DURING ENTIRE  
STAY IN OFFICE AND AT ALL TIMES UNDER GUARD. AT LEAST TWO  
AGENTS STOP PRISONER ACCOMPANIED TO AIRPORT BY FIVE AGENTS  
AND IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF PLANE 1 ADVISED PILOT  
TO HOLD DEPARTURE UNTIL IRONS COULD BE FIXED STOP HANDCUFFS  
HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM PRISONER DURING TRANSPORTATION OFFICE  
TO AIRPORT STOP TRAINOR INSTRUCTED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE TO  
IMMEDIATELY ADVISE SAC CONNELLEY AND ME IN EVENT ANY MISHAP=  
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Mr. Coffey

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*W. J. E.*  
DIRECTOR

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PENNSYLVANIA  
AVE AT NINTH ST NORTHWEST WASHN DC  
BREKID BOND J H ADAMS MIAMI REDUCED TO FIVE THOUSAND BY JUDGE TODAY  
JUDGE REPORTED FAVORABLE HELLER MAKING BOND OF TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED  
ALSO REPORTED FAVORABLE REDUCING McDONALDS BOND TO FIFTEEN THOUSAND  
ALT.

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- Mr. Nathan
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.  
February 12, 1935.

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time 5:00 PM

Re: Bremer case.

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Baughman.....  
Chief Clerk.....  
Mr. Coffey.....  
Mr. Edwards.....  
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Mr. Tamm.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
Miss Gandy.....

Agent Brown telephoned from Miami and stated that he had just arrived there from Havana; that Heller has been taken into custody by the Marshal at Miami and will be arraigned tonight.

I instructed Agent Brown to interview Cassius McDonald and try to obtain a statement from him, basing their questioning upon the facts which they have developed in Havana; that however, they should be careful not to disclose too many facts which might jeopardize the prosecution. Agent Brown stated that they had some very good facts against McDonald.

I then instructed Agent Brown that he and Agent McKee should proceed to Jacksonville and get out a complete report on their investigative activities in Havana, in order that the U.S. Attorney might be fully informed as to the facts against Heller, Adams, and others. I stated that after Agent Brown had finished this report, he should proceed to Washington in order that he could go over the Bremer file with Agent Newby with a view to outlining the evidence against Karpis, Harrison and Sawyer.

Agent Brown stated that he would probably be in Miami tomorrow and would then proceed to Jacksonville, where it would probably take a day or two to dictate his report.

Respectfully,

E.A. Tamm

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Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
FEBRUARY 11, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218 - FUGITIVE;  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. #1236;  
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. #1237;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232;  
JESS DOYLE with aliases - FUGITIVE  
EDNA MURRAY with alias - FUGITIVE;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

With further reference to telephone call from Mr. Tamm on February 11, 1935 concerning the escape of Jess Doyle after a gun battle at Pittsburg, Kansas, on February 7, 1935, with Division Agents, I am transmitting herewith a photograph taken of the car in which Doyle was traveling which shows some of the bullet holes in the car.

As stated in my telegram of this date detailed memoranda of Special Agents D. A. Bryce and V. R. Clary will be submitted without further delay, they having been held up by reason of further necessary activity on the part of these Agents which prevented their preparation.

Very truly yours,

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

*RE: os  
Encl.  
cc - Mr. Connelly, Chicago*

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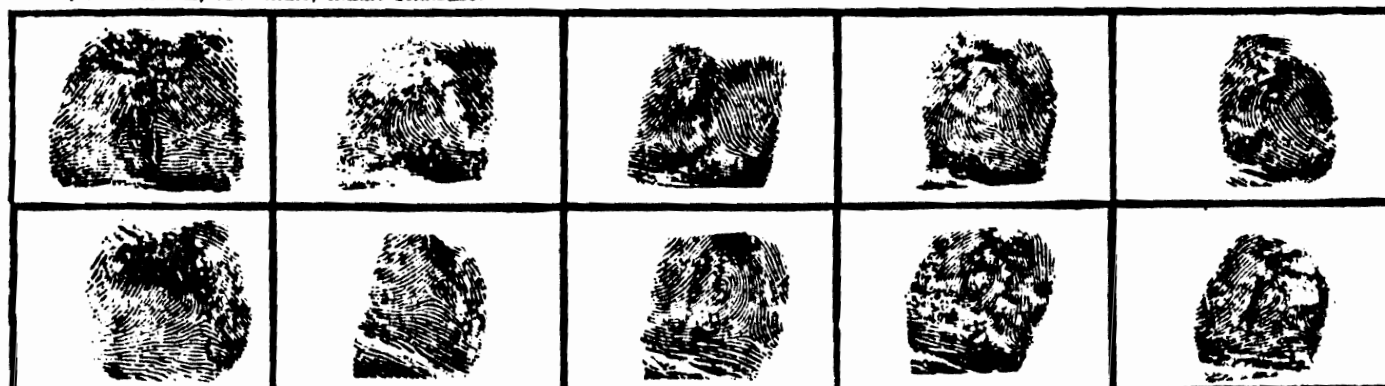
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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WANTED

HARRY SAWYER, with aliases: HARRY "DUTCH" SAWYER, HARRY SANDOVICH, HARRY J. PORCHE, HARRY SANDEVICH, HARRY SANDLOVICH, HARRY SANDLOVITCH, FRANK JAMES, JEW HARRY, HARRY STANDLEY.

KIDNAPING



Photograph taken January 2, 1928.

DESCRIPTION

Age, 44 years (born Russia, 1890); Height, 5 feet, 10 inches; Weight, 190 pounds; Build, heavy; Hair, dark brown; Eyes, light brown; Complexion, dark; Scars, left forefinger smashed.

RELATIVES:

Mrs. Harry (Gladys) Sawyer, wife, St. Paul, Minnesota.  
Albert Sandlovich, brother, 2828 Sheridan Boulevard, Lincoln, Nebraska.  
E. Ray Sandlovich, brother, 2111 Sewell Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.  
John L. and Samuel Sandlovich, brothers, 1319 R Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.  
Elizabeth Sandlovich, sister, 1319 R Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.



CRIMINAL RECORD

As Harry Sandovich alias Harry J. Porche, #16479, arrested Police Department Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 11, 1918; charge, attempted grand larceny; fined, \$100.00.  
As Harry J. Porche, #6463, arrested Police Department, Omaha, Nebraska, January 2, 1920; charge, investigation - robbery; turned over to Lincoln, Nebraska.  
As Harry Sandlovich, #241, arrested Police Department, Lincoln, Nebraska, May 16, 1920; charge, jumping bond - auto theft; forfeited \$1,000.00 bond.

Notation unsupported by fingerprints:

As Harry Sandlovitch pleaded guilty District Court, Lincoln, Nebraska, April 25, 1918; charge, burglary with explosives; paroled from bench, 3 years; dismissed from parole, September 25, 1927.

*H. Sandlovich*

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Harry Sawyer is wanted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934. An indictment was returned by the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, January 22, 1935 charging Harry Sawyer and others with the kidnaping.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

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Issued by: JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR.



Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
February 11, 1935

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,  
ET AL: EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Vi-  
tim, Kidnaping.

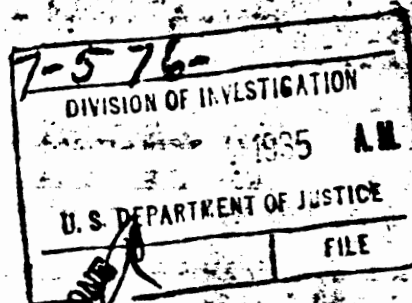
Dear Sir:

Thanking you for your splendid cooperation in this  
matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division





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February 15, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 6, 1935 transmitting a number of paper articles which were taken from an automobile now under surveillance by Agents of your office in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. 1218; Dr. Joseph P. Moran with aliases, I.O. 1232, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

Two latent fingerprints were developed on the envelope addressed "Box Holder, Raytown, Missouri" and one fragmentary latent impression appeared on the envelope addressed "Mr. George L. Harper, Box 12, Raytown, Missouri", postmarked January 15, 1935, Denver, Colorado. No latent fingerprints could be developed on the envelope addressed "Mr. C. L. Haysler", the repair slip of the D. Miller Motor Company, Joplin, Missouri, the folder issued by the Raytown, Missouri Chamber of Commerce, or the repair order of the United Motors Service, Kansas City, Missouri.

The three latent impressions have been compared with the fingerprints of the following persons, but in no instance was an identification effected:

Volney Davis, our #400441.  
Jess Doyle, our #92402.  
Mrs. Jack Snyder, our #454350.  
Russell Gibson (deceased).  
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, our #794777.  
William Weaver, our #17920.  
Charles P. Clouse, our #185728.  
Paula Harmon, our #105880.  
Marjorie Keating, our #822111

Alvin Karpis, I.O. 1218.  
Harry Sawyer, our #421538.  
Doc Barker, our #289428.  
Charles J. Fitzgerald, our #95780.  
Harry Campbell, our #419834.  
Clyde Himerick, our #77961.  
Bertha Engler, our #822131.  
Myrtle Eaton, our #337474.  
Mrs. Dorothy Proctor, #1953, Kansas City, Kansas.

Very truly yours,

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Director.

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cc-St. Paul.  
cc-Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago.

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February 13, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of January 30, 1935, in which was reported the identification of a latent fingerprint developed on a bottle found at the house occupied by Karpis in Miami as that of Wynona Burdette in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. 1218, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

It is requested that the necessary steps be taken to secure the original photographic negatives of the photographs submitted with your letter dated at Miami, Florida, January 23, 1935, from the Miami Police Department. The negatives should then be forwarded to the Bureau in order that appropriate enlarged charts can be prepared for use at the trial of this individual.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

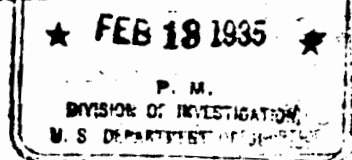
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cc - Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
St. Paul

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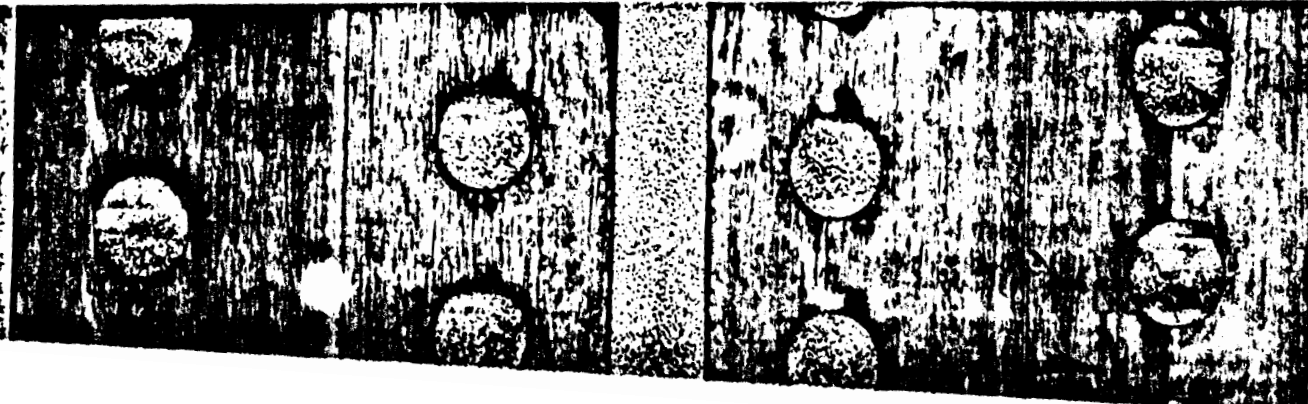
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No. 1

February 13, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Division of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning the following:

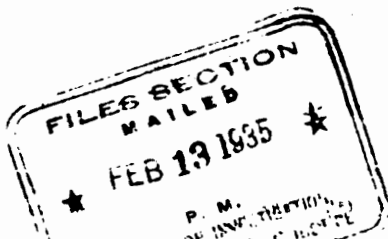
—, Nathaniel Haller

Copy to:  
Mr. E. F. Connelley,  
Fed. Bu. of Investigation,  
U.S. Dept. of Justice,  
Post Office Box 829,  
Chicago, Illinois.  
Division Office,  
St. Paul, Minn.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases: P. O. DONALD, PHOENIX O'DONALD, R. A. NELSON, T. J. NELSON, P. J. NELSON, BILL SCOTT, BILLY WEAVER, W. G. WEAVER, J. A. ORHOOD, CHARLES W. LUCAS, CHARLES E. BOLLING, P. O. SCOTT, BILL THORNTON, PHOENIX DONALD, PHOENIX O'DONNELL, FELIX DONALD.



Full face photograph taken August 3, 1932.  
Profile photograph taken April 7, 1925.

DESCRIPTION

Age, 38 years (born Little Rock, Arkansas, December 13, 1896); Height, 5 feet, 9 1/2 inches; Weight, 162 pounds; Build, medium; Hair, black; Eyes, blue; Complexion, medium; Scars and marks, I. vac. cic. upper l. arm; III. wears mustache; nose turns slightly to left; brows heavy and distant.

RELATIVES:

Mrs. Nellie Frazier, sister,  
East Mammoth Springs, Arkansas.  
Mrs. W. T. Bowling, sister,  
Salem, Arkansas.



RECORDED & INDEXED

William Weaver is wanted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934. An indictment was returned by the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, January 22, 1935 charging William Weaver and others with the kidnaping. Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. If apprehended, please notify the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

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Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 1887  
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DIVISION ONE



February 13, 1935

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;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O.  
1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
I. O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,  
I. O. 1237, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim. Kidnaping.

Please be advised that Romeo Padgett is being held by the Secret Service Division of the United States Treasury Department in this city charged with possession of counterfeit money. Some time in December 1932 Padgett was sentenced in the State Court at Asheville, North Carolina, to serve two years for the transportation of intoxicating liquor. He escaped in February 1933 and was recently apprehended in this city. He is to be returned to Asheville, North Carolina, to complete his unexpired term.

While in custody here Padgett stated that he had some information relative to the location of Alvin Karpis.

Padgett was interviewed by Special Agent W. E. Peters of this office, at which time he stated that following his escape he had been living at various addresses in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Cleveland, Ohio. He advised that he lived on East 56th Street in Cleveland just north of Euclid Avenue, and also from time to time lived in that city on East 19th Street and East 20th Street, Padgett being unable to recall definitely the exact street address. He stated that he had left Cleveland on September 2, 1934, and had gone to Cincinnati, where he read in the daily papers of the attempted apprehension of Alvin Karpis and others at Cleveland.

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Upon his return to Cleveland in the early part of October 1934 he made frequent visits to the Prospect Whist Club, the address of which he believes to be 1015 Prospect Avenue. He states that this Club is a "bookie joint", operated by one "Big Mike", whose last name is unknown to Padgett. Padgett further advised that "Big Mike" also operates a "bookie joint" on the opposite side of the street from the Prospect Whist Club, and that when one of these places is raided operations are immediately resumed on the opposite side of the street. Padgett stated that while in conversation with "Big Mike" and other members of the Cleveland underworld he was informed that Alvin Karpis was in Cleveland the latter part of November or the early part of December 1934. He stated that he had no information whatsoever as to any definite location at which Karpis might have been stopping at that time, and was only able to advise that Karpis is alleged to have made the statement that he was afraid to return to Chicago because of the "Government heat" in that city.

Padgett left Cleveland approximately December 10, 1934, and has no information relative to the location of Karpis or any other members of the gang since that time.

While residing in Cleveland Padgett adopted the alias of Frank Morrison. Attached hereto find a membership card in the Prospect Whist Club issued in the name of F. Morrison. Padgett advises that it is impossible to gain access to the Club without a membership card. Therefore this membership card in the Prospect Whist Club is being forwarded to the Division for any possible purpose it may serve in future investigations at Cleveland, Ohio.

Although I am well aware of the fact that the file on this matter reflects the location of Karpis since the dates mentioned by Romeo Padgett, the above information is being forwarded to the Division in order that the file on this matter may be complete.

Very truly yours,

*T. N. Stapleton*  
T. N. STAPLETON, *NSP*  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc/Detroit  
cc/Chicago

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Prospect Whist Club					
Members Name <u>T. Morrison</u>					
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DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 13, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Reference is made to the latent fingerprint examinations being conducted in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. 1218, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

You are advised that five of the latent fingerprints developed on articles found in the apartment at 3920 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, received from the Chicago office under date of January 22, 1935, have been identified as those of William J. Harrison, our #727007. In this connection it is noted that additional identifications with latent fingerprints on these articles have previously been effected involving Russell Gibson, deceased, Ruth Meilt, our #873419, Doc Barker, our #289428, Patricia Lonquest, our #873420, Mildred Lonquest, our #873418, and Clara Gibson, our #873417.

The above information is being forwarded to Mr. E. J. Connelley and to the St. Paul office.

Respectfully,

E. P. Connelley  
E. P. Connelley

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1935

Time - 10:02 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case;  
Volney Davis.

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Baughman.....  
Chief Clerk.....  
Mr. Coffey.....  
Mr. Edwards.....  
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Miss Gandy.....

I telephoned Mr. Nathan at Kansas City and inquired if he had the statements from Trainor and Stakem relative to the escape of Davis. Mr. Nathan stated that he has these statements.

I told him that the papers here are carrying a story to the effect that the escape of Davis was effected at a time when Agent Stakem and Davis were having a glass of beer. Mr. Nathan stated that according to the statement of Stakem, when they first entered the building there, Trainor went into the telephone booth; thereafter, Davis asked if he might have a drink, preferably a glass of beer. Stakem ordered two glasses of beer while Trainor was still in the telephone booth. Trainor then came out of the booth, after which they moved closer to the lobby of the hotel. I told him that it is the understanding here at the Division that Trainor went into the telephone booth, after which Davis asked if he might have a glass of beer. Stakem then stepped up to the bar and purchased two glasses of beer, one for himself and one for Davis, after which they started drinking the beer. Mr. Nathan then stated that Trainor came out of the telephone booth at this point and got some change for use in his telephone call. Stakem and Davis then moved out from the bar and toward the telephone booth, this being after the beer had been consumed. Trainor then reentered the telephone booth to make his call. There was no more beer consumed by Stakem or Davis.

I then told him that it was the desire of the Director to know why the leg irons and handcuffs were taken off Davis, and why Davis was not left in the car in which they rode to the city. Mr. Nathan stated that it is his recollection that the statements of these men account that the farmer with whom they rode was in somewhat of a hurry, and they could not or did not want to make him stay. I stated that they should have asked this farmer to remain, and possibly have given him a five dollar bill for his trouble.

I then inquired why Davis was taken into the hotel, when one of the men could have remained outside with him and kept him handcuffed. Mr. Nathan stated that he did not question the men on this point, but supposes that they were merely exercising their best judgment under the circumstances.

I inquired as to the attitude of these two Agents. Mr. Nathan stated that the men have indicated that if they had it to do over again, they would do it differently; that they both feel that they are in line for reprimand and are ready to take it. Of course, they feel badly about the escape of this man.

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I then inquired if Davis had any money on him at the time of this trip. Mr. Nathan stated that Davis was thoroughly searched at the time of his arrest, and all the money, his gun, and all other personal possessions taken from him. The money taken from the possession of Davis was in the custody of Stakem for the purpose of taking it to Mr. Connelley at Chicago. Mr. Nathan stated that as far as he knows, Davis had on his person a couple of sticks of chewing gum and a match. I told Mr. Nathan that when questioning these Agents, he might discreetly approach the subject of any possible attempt of Davis to bribe the Agents in any way. Mr. Nathan in this regard stated that one of the men last night mentioned that he was glad that there had been no intimidation against their character. He stated, however, that he would bring up the subject in the course of a conversation and get their reaction. I told him that it was desired that a positive statement be gotten from the Agents to the effect that no offer or overture was made to them by Davis. It was suggested that the men not be called into the office specifically for the purpose of asking them the above question. However, Mr. Nathan stated that the men still have a couple of portable typewriters in their possession, and he could call them asking that they bring the typewriters to the office, at which time they could be approached on the above. It was suggested that Davis could have made some offer or overture to Stakem while Trainor was in the telephone booth at the hotel.

I inquired why this man was taken into a saloon in the first place. Mr. Nathan stated that it has been explained that upon their arrival in the town, the telephone office had closed; that the man with whom they rode to town suggested that they might make a call from the booth in this hotel; that upon their going into the place, it turned out to be a combination lobby, hotel and barroom. Mr. Nathan stated that the reason Stakem did not make the call is that Stakem does not appear to be as experienced in making such calls as Trainor, and it was consequently made by Trainor.

Mr. Nathan stated that he forwarded one copy of the statement of each Agent, together with his own, via air mail and special delivery, while the other copies were sent regular mail special delivery.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. TAMM

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Re: Bremer Case

I telephoned Mr. Connelley at Chicago at 12:30 P.M., and stated that it was desired that he check to ascertain what kind of an investigation had been made into the escape of Volney Davis from Agents Trainor and Stakem on the night of February 6, 1935. I inquired if the inn-keeper had been questioned, and told him that particularly close attention should be given to this questioning in order to make sure that no money changed hands in regard to the above matter.

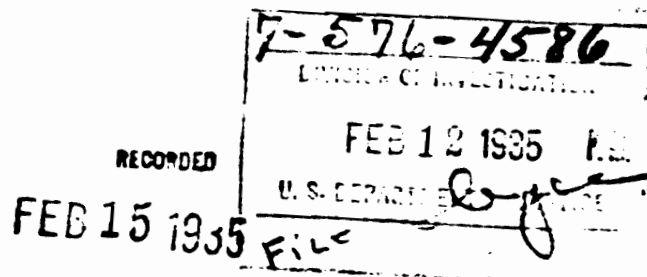
Mr. Connelley then mentioned the story being carried in the papers to the effect that the Agents were supposed to have purchased the prisoner a glass of beer. He stated that according to the Agents, nothing like that occurred; that they were just standing there at the counter when the fellow hit Agent Stakem. I then informed him that Agent Stakem admitted that he bought Davis a glass of beer, and also had a glass of beer with him. Mr. Connelley stated that Agent Stakem certainly didn't tell him that.

I inquired of the attitude of these Agents, and Mr. Connelley informed that they are both very low and apprehensive concerning their fate, fearing that they might be suspended; that they both admit that they had made mistakes in the handling of the prisoner.

Mr. Connelley assured me that he would contact everyone who might be able to furnish any information concerning the matter, and would send his report by telegram as soon as possible.

  
E. A. TAMM

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Salt Lake City, Utah  
February 10, 1935

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with alias,  
I.O. 1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, I.O.  
1232; Et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Vic.  
Kidnaping.  
S.L. File No. 7-27

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of February 2, 1935, I wish to inform you that the Police Departments to which "Temporary Wanted Notices" on Fred<sup>o</sup> Barker, with aliases, were issued, have now been notified to withdraw these notices.

Very truly yours,

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

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*noted Edward Bremer  
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WJ*

Miami, Florida,  
February 10, 1935.

Mr. W. Sanders Gramling,  
Assistant U.S. Attorney,  
U.S. Postoffice Building,  
Miami, Florida.

Dear Sir:

RE: Alvin Karpis with aliases -  
I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE et al  
GEORGE EDWARD BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Confirming our conversation of to-day, I am forwarding to you herewith the property set out below which was found in the possession of Cassius M. McDonald and which property he voluntarily gave to the writer at the time of his arrest:

1 - 12"x15" brown leather zipper portfolio containing the following articles and papers:

1. 1 package of rubber bands
2. 3 pencils
3. 1 tube Sheaffer Skrip liquid grip paste
4. 5 sheets "Statements of International Exchange" - blank
5. 1 pad of "Fenner & Beane" branch office orders - blank
6. 1 pad of "Fenner & Beane" telegram blanks
7. 1 pkg. containing Western Union & Postal Telegraph Co. blanks and envelopes - these telegraph blanks being the forms used by the telegraph companies in preparing the messages for delivery to the addressee.
8. 1 leather bill fold with four pockets containing the following:
  1. 1 red pencil
  2. 1 blank weekly statement of the "International Investment Exchange".
  3. 1 blank statement of the "International Consolidated Exchange".
  4. 2 blank customer's drafts of the "Consolidated Exchange".
  5. 1 letter head of the "International Exchange".
  6. 8 blue betting tickets, serial A-22, of the "International Exchange".
  7. 5 blank memoranda of purchase of the "International Consolidated Exchange".
  8. 4 blank memoranda of sale of the "International Consolidated Exchange".
  9. 1 blue credit slip of the "International Stocks & Bond Co."
  10. 18 blank "buy" orders of the "International Exchange".
  11. 4 purchase orders of "Logan, Pearl & Co., Brokers."

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13. 1 blank selling order of "Logan, Pearl & Co., Brokers."
14. 4 blank customer's credit order forms of the "International Exchange."
15. 4 blank customer's credit order forms of the "International Consolidated Exchange- Stock Exchange."
16. 1 blank statement of the "International Exchange."
17. 2 blank customer's credit orders of the "Consolidated Exchange."
18. Four blank customer's orders of the "International Exchange."
19. 2 betting cards of the "International Exchange."
20. 9 blank transfer checks of the "International Exchange."
21. 10 blank customer's drafts of the "International Exchange."

1 - 15"x18" black leather zipper portfolio containing the following:

1. Numerous letters written in Spanish, as well as a statement pertaining to the earnings and operations of the Hippodrome, Oriental Park, Jockey Club, Y Club House, National Casino, all gambling houses in Havana, Cuba. For your information, Mr. Jose Medina, investigator of the U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service, advised after reading over these papers that they indicate that McDonald has been carrying on correspondence with one Juan A. Jimenez, Calle 7 entre 8 y 10 "La Sierra" Mariano, Havana, Cuba. Medina has advised that Jimenez is an ex-convict, a confidence man and gambler; that McDonald thru Jimenez and one Mario Artesiano of Havana has been endeavoring to obtain an option on the gambling facilities mentioned above. Some of the papers in this portfolio pertain to the instant case, according to Mr. Medina.

2. 1 Pan American Airways System ticket, No. 30445, from Miami to Havana being an unused portion of a round trip ticket, purchased at Havana, Cuba, on 9/11/34.

3. 1 Identification Card issued by the Cuban Government issued to C.M. McDonald, dated Sept. 4, 1934, indicating that McDonald had embarked on the Peninsular & Occidental SS Co., at Key West, Fla., on Sept. 4, 1934, for Havana, Cuba.

As you will recall, I advised you that Mr. Jos. M. Adams stated that McDonald during the trips he made to Havana, Cuba, in Sept. 1934 was carrying a tan brief case. Mr. Adams who has looked at the above portfolios stated that they appear to be similar to the ones McDonald carried at that time. The Pan American Airways ticket, as well as the identification card, also bear out the trips that McDonald made in September 1934 to Havana.

Yours very truly,

JHH cc Division, Sax.  
St. Paul. E.J. Connelley

J.H. HANCOCK, Sp. Sgt. in Charge.

Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida

February 12, 1935

JHH:PAL

W. Sanders Gramling,  
Assistant United States Attorney,  
Miami, Florida.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases I.O. 1218;  
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases I.O. 1234;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases I.O. 1232;  
et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

In connection with the prosecution pending in Miami,  
pertaining to the Browning Automatic Rifle that was handled by Joseph  
H. Adams and Duke Randall, there is enclosed herewith a copy of the  
report of Special Agent E. P. Burruss, Washington, D.C., dated Feb-  
ruary 6, 1935, indicating that this gun was never registered with  
the Internal Revenue Division of the Treasury Department.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Enclosure - 1  
Jax #7-34

cc - Division  
St. Paul  
E. J. Connelley, Chicago.



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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
February 8, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 829,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, E. O. #1215;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, E. O. #1232;  
ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

I am transmitting herewith a letter forwarded by Subject Volney Davis to a matrimonial agency at Denver, Colorado, under date of January 14, 1935, together with an application blank filed in the handwriting of this Subject, and a correspondence list forwarded to the Subject by the matrimonial agency. These papers were transmitted to this office by the Denver office under date of February 3, 1935, with the request that they be returned when they have served their purpose. It is suggested that you may desire to have appropriate copies made for possible handwriting identification.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

RBN-ebc  
cc - Division - Denver - St. Paul  
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DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1935

Time - 12:06 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case;  
Volney Davis.

I telephoned Mr. Nathan at the Kansas City Office and instructed him to submit immediately a telegraphic summary of the statements made by Agents Trainor and Stakem in regard to the escape of Volney Davis at Yorkville, Illinois on February 6, 1935.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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February 13, 1935.

Honorable W. Sanders Gramling,  
Assistant United States Attorney,  
Miami, Florida.

Dear Sir:-

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

In accordance with your request made to Special Agent  
in Charge, J. H. Hanson, there is enclosed herewith the original  
of the lease executed on December 12, 1934, between Mrs. Grace  
Thomas and Mrs. S. A. Green, the latter woman being the para-  
mour of Alvin Karpis, the lease covering the rental of the house  
at 1121 N. E. 85th Street, Miami, Florida, which was occupied  
by Karpis.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Enclosure.

cc - Division  
St. Paul  
E. J. Connelley.

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**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana, February 12, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly have sent me twenty additional copies of each of the following Identification Orders:

No. 1236, Harry Campbell with aliases.  
No. 1237, Volney Davis with aliases.

There was a few short of enough to fill our list in each of these orders when received.

Yours very truly,

*D. H. Dickason*

D. H. DICKASON  
Special Agent in Charge.

*20 copies sent  
mailed 2/16/35  
HWD*

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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

JHH:MFS

February 13, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

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

During the course of the investigation conducted in connection with the above entitled case, at Miami, Florida, the following automobiles belonging to Karpis and Campbell, were recovered:

1. 1934 Ford Coupe, Motor No. 18-1037480, 8 Cyls. which was originally purchased by Alvin Karpis in Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of Chas. M. Bronson. Karpis turned the automobile over to Joseph H. Adams at Miami, Florida, and he in turn gave possession of it to Duke Randall, who had the automobile registered in his name and who had a State of Florida Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title No. 950615-A in his possession.

W. Sanders Gramling, Assistant United States Attorney, at Miami, Florida, advised that the Honorable Halsted Ritter, Judge of the United States District Court at Miami, Florida, declined to sign an order delivering this automobile to the Division of Investigation against all persons excepting the true owner, but the Assistant United States Attorney suggested that Randall execute the Certificate of Title transferring that automobile to the Division of Investigation.

This was done on 1-31-35, and this Certificate is now in possession of the Jacksonville Office.

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2. 1934 4 Door Sedan, Motor No. 18-1190702, which car was the property of Harry Campbell, who had purchased it under the name of G. F. Summers at Gainesville, Florida. Campbell's paramour Wynona Burdette delivered this automobile and the State of Florida, Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title, No. 952564 to Duke Randall, who in turn gave the car and the Title Certificate to Gregory I. Codomo for the purpose of storing the car. It was recovered from Codomo.

The Assistant United States Attorney at Miami, Florida, has advised that Judge Ritter likewise declined to execute an order delivering this automobile to the Division of Investigation as against all persons excepting the true owner, but stated that Judge Ritter advised that the Division should feel free to use the automobile.

Mr. Tamm was telephonically advised as to the above by Special Agent J. H. Hanson and Mr. Tamm stated that in view of this fact the automobiles should not be removed from Miami, Florida, where they are at present stored in the Post Office Garage, that being the contract garage for the storage of the official automobile now kept there.

It will be appreciated if the Division will advise the proper disposition to make of these automobiles.

It might also be mentioned that the Jacksonville Office has in its files a bill of sale from the Ungar Buick Company, Miami, Florida, dated December 22, 1934, to Leroy Morrison, indicating that 1935-48 Model Buick Coupe, Motor No. 42949155, Serial No. 2783525, has been fully paid for, as well as a State of Florida, Certificate of Title No. 959114, issued to Karpis under the alias of Leroy Morrison, for the above mentioned Buick automobile.

This information is being set out for the use of the Philadelphia Office, it being understood that this automobile is now being held at Atlantic City.

Very truly yours,

*R. A. Alt*  
R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - St. Paul  
E. J. Connelley  
Philadelphia

Jax # 7-24

*Ford Sedan Motor # 18-1190702*

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

WRG:ec

March 7, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: CONFISCATED AUTOMOBILES

Reference is made to the attached correspondence, particularly the communication dated March 2, 1935, addressed to the Special Agent in Charge of the Jacksonville office, advising him that he may take possession of the cars in question and use them for official business of the Bureau until the true owner appears and asserts his right to the cars. The attached correspondence, of course, relates to the confiscation of the cars belonging to the Barker-Karpis gang.

I desire again, at this time, to state that any expenditures made for the up-keep of these cars are illegal and could under no circumstances be paid in the event it was known that expenses were being incurred for confiscated automobiles. I believe considerable difficulty would be had in justifying such expenditures.

Respectfully,

*[Signature]*  
W. R. Glavin.

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March 2, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.  
#1212; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases,  
I.O. #1216; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases,  
I. C. #1237; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases,  
I.O. #1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with  
aliases, I.O. #1239; HARRY SAWYER with  
aliases, I.O. #1240; EIRILE PATON with  
aliases, I.O. #1241; et al - EDWARD G.  
BREWER, Victim - KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter, dated February 13, 1935,  
relative to certain automobiles which have been abandoned in your  
district by members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

It is noted that the Federal Judge at Miami, Florida has  
declined to execute an order delivering the automobiles in question  
into the possession of the Bureau to hold against all persons except-  
ing the true owners. You should, however, in pursuance of the in-  
structions of the Federal Judge, take possession of the cars in  
question and use them for official business of the Bureau until the  
true owner appears and asserts his right to the cars.

A copy of this letter is designated for the Philadelphia  
Bureau Office for its information and guidance in connection with  
the Buick Coupe which was abandoned by subject Karpis at Atlantic  
City, New Jersey on January 20, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-St. Paul  
Philadelphia  
Mr. Connelley at Chicago

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 829,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

February 13, 1935.

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

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.  
1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O.  
1236; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O.  
1237; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim - KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE #7-82

There are enclosed herewith to you fingerprints  
of Matthew Gleason, picked up at Aurora, Illinois, on  
February 7, 1934, he being described as, age 48, stocky  
build, height 5' 10", complexion medium, hair black and  
gray, weight 247, eyes, gray, "V" scar center forehead,  
cut scar behind right eye, little fingers both hands  
stiff in middle joint.

Please have a comparison made of these with latent  
prints involved in this case and also furnish any criminal  
record indicated as to this individual.

Very truly yours,

*E. J. Connelley*  
E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge.  
(Special Assignment)

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

February 13, 1935

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



RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, IO #1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,  
IO #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
IO #1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,  
IO #1237, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING  
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated February 9, 1935,  
in which I transmitted a photograph of a latent fingerprint  
found by Gary, Indiana, Police Department on a Plymouth Sedan  
recovered by them on February 6, 1935.

I am transmitting herewith an additional latent finger-  
print found by the same Police Department on the same car. Kindly  
have a comparison made of this print with the fingerprint records  
of all known subjects in the above-entitled case and inform me  
at once of any identifications made.

Very truly yours,

*E. J. Connelley*  
E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge  
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

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cc St. Paul

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March 5, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 829,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 13, 1935, transmitting a photograph of a latent fingerprint found by Gary, Indiana, Police Department on a Plymouth Sedan recovered by that Department on February 6, 1935, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1218; Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I.O. #1832; et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping, your file 7-82.

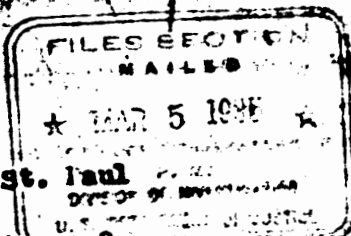
The latent finger impression appearing on the photograph has been compared with the fingerprints of the following persons, but in no instance was an identification effected:

Alvin Karpis, I.O. #1218  
Harry Sawyer, our #421338  
Volney Davis, our #400441  
Clyde Himerick, our #77981  
Myrtle Eaton, our #337474  
Bertha Engler, our #322151  
Charles P. Clouse, our #185726  
Chas. J. Fitzgerald, our #95780

Harry Campbell, our #418836  
Jess Doyle, our #99408  
William Weaver, our #17920  
Mrs. Jack Snyder, our #454380  
Paula Harmon, our #105890  
Marjorie Keating, our #322111  
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, our #794777  
Mrs. Dorothy Proctor, #1953 PD  
Kansas City, Kans.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

February 14, 1935.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218,  
Fugitive, et al  
EDWARD G. BREMER-Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephonic conversation of even date with Mr. Tamm, you are informed that Mrs. Karpavicz, mother of Subject Karpis, left Philadelphia via B & O Ry, at 5.13 P.M., this date, for her home in Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Karpavicz was accompanied by the offspring of Dolores Delaney, it being the intention of Karpis' parents to keep this child until the Delaney girl is released from Federal custody.

Mrs. Karpavicz occupied Car 94, Section 5, on this train, which will arrive in Chicago at 1.50 P.M., under date of February 15th. Mr. Karpavicz will drive back to Chicago in his personally owned automobile, probably leaving Philadelphia on the 15th instar.

I have been informed by U.S. Marshal Reing, Philadelphia, that he intends to transport Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette to Miami, leaving Philadelphia via Penna. R.R. at 12.21 P.M. on February 16th. At Washington, the car will be transferred to the Miamian and the balance of the trip to Miami will be over the Atlantic Coast Line. The party will arrive in Miami at 2.25 P.M., February 17th.

For your information waivers of removal were signed by both of the aforementioned subjects and Federal Judge Welsh on this date signed the removal order.

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Very truly yours,  
R.G. Harvey,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Chicago  
cc: St. Paul

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Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - I.O. 1218 -  
FUGITIVE; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

As of possible interest to the Division in connection with the investigation and handling of this case in the Jacksonville District, I wish to advise that on February 11, 1935, Special Agents R. B. Donaldson and J. P. Lacour called upon County Judge L. E. Futch at Ocala, Florida, in connection with the surrendering to him certain moneys and other property found in the premises occupied by the late Fred Barker and his mother, Kate Barker, at Oklawaha, Florida. While interviewing the Judge in connection with this matter, he volunteered the information that inquiry had been made of him by a local attorney regarding the money left by these persons and indicated that this local attorney was prompted to make this inquiry by reason of a request from attorneys at Saint Paul, Minnesota, who represent the Bremers in that city. Judge Futch was not in possession of any particular details as to anticipated efforts that may be made by the Bremers to acquire the available money and stated that he merely informed the inquiring attorneys that he did not possess any of the money and, therefore, could give the matter no consideration.

This is submitted for such use as the Division may care to make of it, and if I receive any additional information bearing on this angle, I will promptly so advise the Division.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC Saint Paul  
E. J. Connelley - Saint Paul

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DIRECTOR

BREKID

AGENT W F TRAINOR ADVISES LEFT KANSAS CITY THREE TWENTY WITH PLANE  
WHICH WOULD ONLY CARRY THREE PERSONS PLUS PILOT. SIX THIRTY PM PILOT BE  
BECAME LOST AND FINALLY LANDED SIX FORTY FIVE IN CORN FIELD ONE MILE  
SOUTH YORKVILLE, ILLINOIS TEN MILES SOUTH AURORA, ILLINOIS. NO TELE-  
PHONE IN VICINITY HAILED FARMER STARTED FOR TOWN TO TELEPHONE OFFICE  
THEN DECIDED RETURN AND GET PRISONER. IN ORDER PREVENT CURIOSITY AND  
DISCLOSURE IDENTITY OF PRISONER REMOVED ALL LEG IRONS AND CUFFS AND  
WALKED IN VAIDING HOTEL AND BARROOM TO TELEPHONE. TRAINER WENT IN  
TELEPHONE BOOTH AGENT T E STAKEM REMAINED STANDING AT END BAR WITH  
PRISONER. PRISONER IMMEDIATELY TRAINER IN BOOTH STRUCK STAKEM ON CHEEK  
KNOCKING HIM DOWN AND PRISONER IMMEDIATELY LEAPED HEAD FIRST THROUGH  
WINDOW AND RAN ALONG BUILDING TO REAR. STAKEM ADVISES IMMEDIATELY  
DREW HIS GUN FROM HIP HOLSTER RAN TO WINDOW FIRED TWICE AT PRISONER  
WHO DISAPPEARED IN DARK. TRAINER HEARING COMMOTION RAN OUT AND OUT-  
SIDE TRIED TO FOLLOW PRISONER NO SUCCESS. SECURED ASSISTANCE LOCAL  
PERSONS IN SEARCH AND SHERIFF. DURING SEARCH PASSED CAR WHICH WAS  
LATER STOLEN. PRISONER RAN ABOUT FIVE BLOCKS TWO TO RIGHT AND THREE  
TO LEFT WHERE STOLE FORD V-8 SEDAN FOURDOOR SILVER COLOR, 1031111935  
ILLINOIS TAGS 104140 PROPERTY HOLLAND BRETTHAUER LOCAL GROCERY FROM  
WHERE LEFT IN DRIVE WAY WITH KEYS IN SAME TEMPORARILY. DIRECTION

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Keith  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Quinn  
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Mr. Starnes  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Telford  
Mr. Winterrowd

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FOLLOWED UNKNOWN EXCEPT FIRST STARTED WEST ON GRAVEL ROAD CAR  
OBTAINED ABOUT 7-40 PM APPARENTLY HIDING IN VICINITY 7-10 TO 7-40 PM  
PRISONER WEARING DARK BLUE OVERCOAT BROWN SUIT AND HAT HAS FINGER RING  
AND GOLD WATCH ON HIM, NO MONEY IDENTITY OF PRISONER HAS NOT BEEN  
DISCLOSED HOWEVER TRAINER IDENTIFIED HIMSELF TO SHERIFF AND THAT  
ESCAPE WAS FEDERAL PRISONER. INDIANAPOLIS, OMAHA, ST LOUIS NOTIFIED  
RADIO SENT THROUGH POLICE TO PICK UP AUTOMOBILE AND OCCUPANT WITH P  
OUT DISCLOSING NAME OR REFERRING TO ESCAPE. HAVE COVERED ALL TOWNS  
AND ROADS NORTHERN ILLINOIS VICINITY AURORA WIXX WHICH IS FORMER  
HANGOUT OF PRISONER BY AGENTS CRISING LSO LATER ABOUT FIVE AM WILL E  
SEARCH PLACES AT AURORA AND JOLIET FOR SUBJECT. PLACES COVERED IN  
MEANTIME INCLUDING VARIOUS POSSIBLE CONTACTS CHICAGO PROPER. PARTY  
INDICTED JANUARY 22 ST. PAUL AS WHITIE, IDENTIFIED AS BRUNO PUTAS ALIAS  
AUSTIN AGE 26 HEIGHT 5 FEET ELEVEN WEIGHT 155 BLONDE EYES GRAY ARREST-  
ED CHICAGO JANUARY 20 CHARGE ROBBERY WITH GUN TRIAL SET FEBRUARY 20  
INTERVIEWED ADMITS IDENTITY AND KNOWN ASSOCIATION WITH DOC BARKER,  
SLIM GRAY AND MONTE CARTER STARTING SEPTEMBER LAST LITTLE KNOWN OR  
OBTAINED TO SHOW PARTICIPATION ACTUAL KIDNAPING. HAVE REQUESTED ST PAUL  
FORWARD CERTIFIED COPY WARRANT INDICTMENT SO STOP CAN BE PLACED COOK  
COUNTY JAIL.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Volney Davis was apprehended in Kansas City on February 6, 1935. Pursuant to your instructions, I talked with Mr. Connelley in Chicago, concerning the desirability of removing Davis to Chicago or St. Paul and he stated that he believed it desirable to remove Davis to Chicago, where he could be held for questioning. I accordingly instructed Mr. Nathan to make appropriate arrangements to remove Davis to Chicago and since we desired absolutely no publicity or leak in this situation, suggested that he charter a plane and have Davis transported by this means to Chicago. Mr. Nathan subsequently called me and advised that efforts had been made to obtain a plane but that the only plane available was a four-seated machine, which would accommodate three passengers. I stated that I did not know whether this would be a sufficient number of guards and inquired about weather conditions. Mr. Nathan stated that the airport officials had checked weather conditions and advised that there would be no difficulty in making the flight. I advised Mr. Nathan that I believed if Davis was properly handcuffed and shackled two guards would be sufficient, and accordingly, arrangements were made to transport Davis by plane to Chicago. I was advised by Mr. Nathan that the departure was made about 3:20 P.M. and that it was estimated three hours would be consumed in making the flight. Mr. Nathan advised after the actual departure of the plane that a safe take-off had been made and that Davis was properly shackled and handcuffed. Mr. Connelley was advised of the approximate arrival of Davis, in order that Agents could be stationed at the airport to meet the plane.

At 8:20 P.M. Mr. Connelley called me from Chicago to advise that Agent Trainor had just called the Chicago Office and stated that the plane had made a forced landing at Yorkville, Illinois and that Volney Davis had escaped from the Agents. Connelley was instructed to immediately dispatch a sufficient number of Agents to the vicinity of Yorkville to patrol all highways and make every effort to locate Davis and subsequently I instructed Mr. Connelley to personally proceed to Yorkville and take charge of the search. Mr. Connelley transmitted a teletype to the Division on the morning of February 7, 1935, in which he advised that at 6:30 P.M. the pilot of the plane transporting Agents Trainor and Stakem and Volney Davis, to Chicago, had become lost and had landed at 6:45 in a corn field, one mile south of Yorkville, Illinois. There was no telephone in the vicinity and Agent Trainor killed a passing motorist and started for the town of Yorkville, leaving Stakem with the shackled prisoner in the corn field. He decided, however, that this procedure was improper and returned to the corn field and obtained the prisoner and Agent Stakem, returning to Yorkville in the car. Trainor explains this action by stating that automobiles had been attracted to the scene because of the landing of the plane and he feared possible publicity if he left the prisoner in the plane. To prevent curiosity and publicity, Agent Trainor and

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Stakem removed the leg irons, in order to permit the prisoner to walk, but left the handcuffs on him. Upon arrival in Yorkville, it was ascertained that the telephone office was closed but the man who had driven the car bringing the Agents and Davis into town advised them that they could make a telephone call from a booth in the hotel and accordingly Agents Trainor and Stakem entered the Vailing Hotel. Prior to entering the hotel, the Agents removed the handcuffs to avoid possible publicity or curiosity in the hotel. The farmer driving the car which carried the Agents into Yorkville was reluctant to remain or to permit the Agents to use the car and accordingly it was necessary for them to take Davis into the hotel. The room which the Agents entered is a combination lobby, restaurant and barroom.

Agent Trainor entered the telephone booth and Volney Davis then asked Agent Stakem if he might have a drink, preferably a glass of beer. Stakem ordered two glasses of beer while Trainor was still in the telephone booth. Trainor came out of the booth to get some change for use in his telephone call and Stakem and Davis finished the beer which they were drinking and moved away from the bar towards the telephone booth.

While Agent Trainor was still in the telephone booth, Davis struck Stakem in the face, knocking him down, and leaped head-first through a window and ran towards the rear of the building. There were two windows in the store and one of the windows was immediately over the entrance to the basement of the building. Davis had evidently planned this move, since he chose the window away from the entrance to the basement and in leaping, landed upon a cement sidewalk. Stakem rose to his feet, drew his gun and ran to the window, firing twice at Davis. Agent Trainor heard the commotion and ran outside in an effort to follow the prisoner but was unsuccessful.

The Agents secured the assistance of local persons, including the Sheriff in conducting the search. During the search they passed a parked Ford car. Davis ran about five blocks to the right and three blocks to the left, at which point he stole a Ford V-8 sedan, silver in color, bearing Illinois tags 104140. This car was parked in the driveway with the keys in the car. This is the car which the Agents passed while pursuing Davis. It was impossible to ascertain the direction in which Davis fled after stealing this car but the car was subsequently found in West Chicago, Illinois.

Agents Trainor and Stakem state that the reason they removed the handcuffs and leg irons from Davis was to avoid curiosity and publicity.

Matt Gleason of 104 4th Street, Aurora, who is a small-time bookmaker and gambler and operator of a house of prostitution, approached G. A. Barnhart, another bookmaker, on February 7 and offered to sell him a white gold half caret ring for \$60, claiming to Barnhart that this ring was the property of the prisoner who had escaped from the Federal officers upon the previous night. Barnhart advised the Chicago Division Office of the approach by Gleason and upon my authorization,

the Chicago Division Office paid Barnhart \$60, which he used in purchasing this ring from Gleason. The ring had been identified as the ring which Volney Davis was wearing at the time of his escape. In this regard, it may be noted that at the time of his arrest in Kansas City, Volney Davis had in his possession approximately \$1100 and a .380 caliber automatic pistol which items had been taken away from him. Davis had no money at the time of his escape.

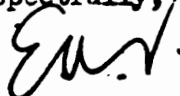
Barnhart purchased the ring from Gleason for \$60 and Division Agents shadowed Gleason who returned to his home at the above named address. He was subsequently taken into custody and it was learned that Volney Davis had visited his place on the night of February 6, leaving sometime on February 7th. Gleason is presently in the Chicago Division Office where he is being interviewed for details concerning Volney Davis' escape.

When the Ford V-8 sedan was recovered at West Chicago, Illinois, it was ascertained that there was some blood in the front, indicating that the hands or legs of the person driving the car had been injured.

In explaining why he acquiesced to Davis' request for a glass of beer, Stakem states that he did this to prevent observers from being suspicious of the prisoner.

The pilot of the plane was Joe Jacobson, who Mr. Nathan states was highly recommended to him by the Inspector of the Aeronautics Branch of the Commerce Department.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm

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