

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
AND  
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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 7, 1935

Time - 9:55 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Jess Doyle and Edna Murray

(Bremer Case)

Mr. R. B. Nathan telephoned and stated that he had just received a call from the Agents at Pittsburg, Kansas stating that the two above named persons had come to the home of one Stanley down there; that Agents Bryce and O'Mahoney, who were stationed there, had a gun battle with Doyle, at which time Agent Bryce claims to have shot Doyle pretty badly. Mr. Nathan stated that he does not know whether the police at Pittsburg participated in this battle or not, but stated that Doyle got away; however, the Agents are now making efforts to find him. Mr. Nathan stated that they succeeded in apprehending Edna Murray and she is now in custody at Pittsburg, and Mr. Nathan has instructed the Agents to give out no publicity about this affair at all. I instructed Mr. Nathan to send a couple more Agents to Pittsburg to assist in the situation down there.

Mr. Nathan stated that he has informed the Oklahoma City Office of the above so that they might be advised.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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I want to get facts as to why we didn't succeed in catching him in this first contact.

J. E. N.

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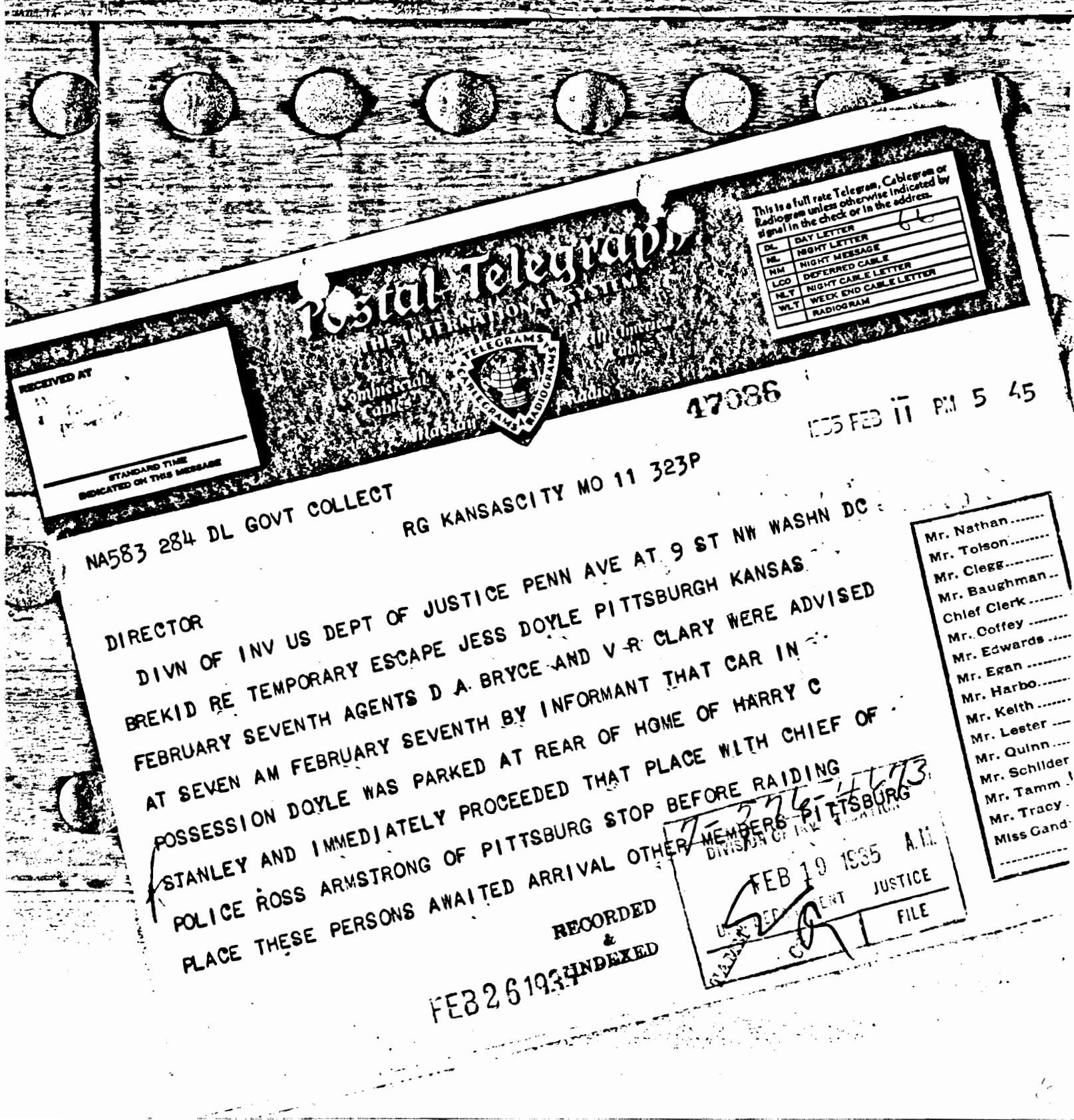
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DIVN OF INV US DEPT OF JUSTICE PENN AVE AT 9 ST NW WASHN DC  
BREKID RE TEMPORARY ESCAPE JESS DOYLE PITTSBURGH KANSAS  
FEBRUARY SEVENTH AGENTS D A BRYCE AND V R CLARY WERE ADVISED  
AT SEVEN AM FEBRUARY SEVENTH BY INFORMANT THAT CAR IN  
POSSESSION DOYLE WAS PARKED AT REAR OF HOME OF HARRY C  
STANLEY AND IMMEDIATELY PROCEEDED THAT PLACE WITH CHIEF OF  
POLICE ROSS ARMSTRONG OF PITTSBURG STOP BEFORE RAIDING  
PLACE THESE PERSONS AWAITED ARRIVAL OTHER

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POLICE DEPARTMENT STOP AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT TEN AM STANLEY

LEFT HOME DRIVING BUICK CAR AND DOYLE FOLLOWED IN CHEVROLET

BEING TRAILED BY AGENTS AND ARMSTRONG UNTIL THEY DROVE INTO A

BLIND STREET AND TURNED AROUND STOP AGENTS PERMITTED

STANLEY TO PASS AND THEN BLOCKED STREET WITH DIVISION HUDSON

AGENT BRYCE LEAVING CAR WITH MACHINE GUN STOP DOYLE DROVE

OVER CURB INTO A LAWN TO CIRCLE THE HUDSON REACHING FOR A

GUN ON THE SEAT STOP AFTER ORDERING HIM TO STOP BRYCE

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OPENED FIRE WITH MACHINE GUN FIRING FOURTEEN SHOTS NINE OF  
WHICH ENTERED CAR FOUR LODGING IN A GUN CASE CONTAINING  
SEVERAL GUNS IMMEDIATELY BEHIND DOYLES HEAD STOP DOYLE  
APPARENTLY FELL OVER INTO SEAT BUT RIGHTED HIMSELF AND  
CONTINUED DISAPPEARING FROM SIGHT BEFORE HUDSON COULD BE-  
BACKED AROUND STOP ARMSTRONG ALSO FIRED FIVE SHOTS AT  
DOYLES CAR WITH A RIFLE ONE TAKING EFFECT IN CAR CLARK WAS  
DRIVING CAR AND UNABLE PARTICIPATE IN SHOOTING STOP FOLLOWING

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SHOOTING AGENTS AND POLICE RETURNED TO STANLEYS HOME WHERE  
STANLEYS AND EDNA MURRAY TAKEN INTO CUSTODY DOYLE SURRENDERED  
BY TELEPHONING SHERIFF AT GIRARD AFTER HIS CAR STUCK IN MUD  
AND HE OBSERVED BULLET HOLES IN CAR STATING HE THEN LOST HIS  
NERVE STOP DETAILED MEMORANDA OF AGENTS DELAYED ACCOUNT  
NECESSARY INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY AWAY FROM HEADQUARTERS BUT  
WILL BE FORWARDED BY TOMORROW

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NATHAN.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

REM:CDW:RD

February 13, 1935

17384

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - Kidnaping.

On the morning of February 7, 1935, Special Agents D. A. Bryce and V. R. Clary, who were conducting investigation at Pittsburg, Kansas, looking to the location and apprehension of Jess Doyle and Edna Murray, were advised that the car reported to be in the possession of Doyle was parked in the rear of the home of Harry C. Stanley, brother of Edna Murray. The Agents, together with Chief of Police Ross Armstrong of Pittsburg, Kansas, proceeded to this address, and while awaiting the arrival of other members of the Pittsburg Police Department, observed the Buick automobile belonging to Stanley leave the premises. A Chevrolet occupied by Doyle followed. The Agents, accompanied by Chief Armstrong, trailed both of these cars until they drove into a blind street. Both cars turned around and the Buick belonging to Stanley was permitted to pass. The blind street was then blocked with the Bureau Hudson, and Special Agent Bryce left the car with a machine gun. Subject Doyle drove over the curb on to the lawn and circled around the Hudson, at the same time reaching for a gun on the seat. After ordering him to stop, Agent Bryce opened fire with the machine gun, firing 14 shots, nine of which were later found to have struck the car, four of these lodging in a gun case containing several guns located immediately behind Doyle's head. Doyle apparently fell over at the time of the shooting, but righted himself and continued in flight, disappearing from sight before the Bureau Hudson could be turned around. Chief Armstrong also fired five shots at Doyle's car with a rifle, one shot taking effect in the car. Agent Clary was driving the Bureau Hudson and was unable to participate in the shooting.

Following this shooting, the Agents and members of the local police department returned to the home of Stanley where Edna Murray was taken into custody. Later, Doyle surrendered by telephoning the Sheriff at Girard, Kansas. The car in which he had fled from Pittsburg, Kansas became mired, and when he observed the bullet holes in the car, advised that he lost his nerve and decided to surrender.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby  
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Mr. D. M. Ladd,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to my desire to ascertain the source of information obtained by Chicago papers, concerning official Bureau activities, prior to the time that any notice is given to the press, your attention is invited to the following facts which have been brought to my attention by Assistant Director Nathan.

Mr. Nathan recalls that on the morning following the apprehension of Doc Barker, a newspaper reporter appeared at the Chicago Bureau Office, and asked Mr. Nathan whether it was not a fact that Alvin Karpis was in custody. You will recall that it was the belief of the Bureau, following the apprehension of Doc Barker, that the person who had been apprehended was Alvin Karpis, and accordingly, several long distance telephone calls were made between the Bureau and the Chicago Office, pertaining to the apprehension of Karpis. While it is possible that the newspaper reporter who contacted Mr. Nathan may have been merely guessing, these facts may have some significance in indicating that a telephone tap is or was being maintained upon telephones of the Chicago Bureau Office. Please give this matter appropriate consideration, in connection with our efforts to ascertain the source of the information reaching the newspapers.

A similar letter is being addressed to Mr. E. J. Connelley.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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February 13, 1935

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

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**John Edgar Hoover,  
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

FILE NO. 7-39

REPORT MADE AT: <b>PITTSBURGH, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2-18-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2-18-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>F. M. AMES</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218; DOCTOR JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. #1232; et al.; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p><b>FEB 20 1935 AM</b></p> </div> <div style="width: 70%;"> <p>KARPIS allegedly visited relatives at Shepherdstown, W. Va. in 1932. Temporary Wanted Notices withdrawn from Wheeling, W. Va. and Pittsburgh, Pa. Police Departments.</p> </div> </div>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge MacFarland, Buffalo, N. Y., 2-11-35.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: AT SHEPHERDSTOWN, W. VA.</p> <p>Under date of January 24, 1935 Albert T. Moler of Shepherdstown, communicated with the Bureau indicating that he had information relative to the whereabouts of ALVIN KARPIS.</p> <p>This Agent interviewed Albert T. Moler, who advised that he had read an article in the Independent, a local newspaper published by Clifford Musser, reflecting that in 1932 ALVIN KARPIS had visited relatives in Shepherdstown. Mr. Moler advised that he had no information in addition to the above, stating that he had been unsuccessful in attempting to procure any further details from Clifford Musser.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>William Musser, son of Clifford Musser, a clerk at the Post Office, was interviewed and he advised that Albert T. Moler has a reputation of meddling with other people's affairs and that he was rather unpopular among people at Shepherdstown.</p> <p>Clifford Musser, publisher of the Independent, was interviewed, and he stated that subsequent to the escape of KARPIS from Atlantic City, he</p>			
DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. Waters</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-4676 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FEB 19 1935 P.M. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE		RECORDED AND INDEXED FEB 20 1935 CHECKED OFF: FEB 20 1935 JACKETED:
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published an item in his paper to the effect that KARPIS, in December of 1932 had been at Shepherdstown and while there visited with his aunt, Mrs. William Rutherford. The matter was reported at that time to the wife of Sheriff Kelly at West Plains, Missouri, who forwarded a telegram to Mr. Musser, advising him that KARPIS was wanted for the murder of her husband and requested that he be taken into custody. This information was transmitted to the West Virginia State Police and they proceeded to Shepherdstown on December 31, 1932 but KARPIS, accompanied by a young woman, had left Shepherdstown.

Mr. Musser further informed the Agent that Mrs. William Rutherford had a sister residing in Shepherdstown by the name of Mrs. J. L. McCahn, and it was learned through William Musser, clerk at the Shepherdstown Post Office, that on February 11, 1935 between one and two o'clock in the afternoon Mrs. McCahn called at the Post Office and requested Musser, the clerk, to address an envelope for her on the typewriter, the addressee being Mrs. E. A. England, Westmoreland Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

After the envelope had been addressed by Musser he returned it to Mrs. McCahn who volunteered the information that the address was supposed to be that of KARPIS. Mr. Musser does not believe this information to be reliable but thought there may be some possibility of KARPIS' having connections at the Memphis address.

Musser advised that he would watch the mail of Mrs. Rutherford, as well as that of Mrs. McCahn, and inform the Pittsburgh Office of any developments.

It was also developed that KARPIS has a relative by the name of George Sissler, operating a gasoline station at Massillon, Ohio. Clifford Musser positively identified the photograph of KARPIS as being the individual who visited Shepherdstown in 1932.

On February 15, 1935 a tracing was received from the Postmaster at Erie, Pa., from an envelope addressed at Philadelphia to Arthur Burdette, 709 French St., Erie, Pa. It is possible that Winona Burdette is corresponding with him but this tracing is forwarded to the Philadelphia Office with copies of this report for such action as in its discretion may be deemed appropriate.

On February 12, 1935 the Kansas City, Detroit, and Nashville Offices were telegraphically advised of the information developed as set forth above.

The temporary wanted notices on FRED BARKER were removed from the files of the Pittsburgh Police Department by Special Agent J. C. Rider and Agent H. A. Bangert at Wheeling, W. Va. removed the temporary wanted notices which had been placed in the files of the Police Department at that point.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DETROIT DIVISION OFFICE at MASSILLON, OHIO will locate George Sissler, brother of Mrs. William Rutherford, for any information which he may have indicating that any of the Subjects in this case contacted him.

THE NASHVILLE OFFICE at MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE will endeavor to locate Mrs. E. A. England, Westmoreland Avenue, and conduct an investigation to determine whether KARPIS has contacted her.

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE at WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI; - It is presumed that this office has obtained any information in the possession of Mrs. Kelly, wife of the former Sheriff, but if she has not been interviewed it is suggested that this be done so that if there is any information of assistance in her possession it may be obtained.

THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE at PHILADELPHIA: - In connection with the tracing which was forwarded to this office it is suggested that appropriate inquiry be made to determine whether Winona Burdette is corresponding with her brother, Arthur Burdette. If so, the Pittsburgh Office will reinterview him for any information which she may have divulged to him.

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REN:LL

February 18, 1935

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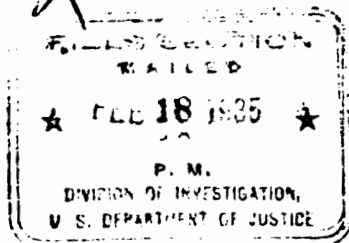
MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FIVE,  
IDENTIFICATION UNIT.

This is to request that the wanted notice placed in the file of EDNA MURRAY, your No. 9397, be canceled, inasmuch as this individual was taken into custody at Pittsburg, Kansas, on February 7, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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DIRECTOR DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION US DEPT OF JUSTICE

PENNA AVE AT 9TH ST NW WASHINGTON DC.

IN ACCORDANCE TELEPHONIC INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOWING SUMMARY STATEMENTS REGARDING ESCAPE VOLNEY DAVIS SUBMITTED STOP AGENTS TRAINER AND STAKEM INSTRUCTED BY ME BETWEEN TWO AND THREE PM FEBRUARY SIXTH ACCOMPANY PRISONER TO CHICAGO VIA CHARTERED PLANE STOP PRISONER PLACED IN PLANE KANSASCITY AIRPORT AND PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF PLANE WAS HANDCUFFED AND HAD LEG IRONS AFFIXED STAKEM OCCUPYING SEAT NEXT TO PILOT AND TRAINER AND PRISONER OCCUPYING REAR SEATS TRAINER SEATED NEXT TO CABIN DOOR STOP DEPARTURE TOOK PLACE AT APPROXIMATELY THREE TWENTY PM STOP SHORTLY BEFORE SIX PM IT BECAME DARK AND PILOT AFTER FOLLOWING BLINKER LIGHTS FOR A TIME APPEARED TO BE IN DISTRESS AND TO HAVE LOST HIS WAY CIRCLING VARIOUS FIELDS AND APPARENTLY LOOKING FOR PLACE TO LAND AND FINALLY LANDING IN A FIELD NEAR YORKVILLE ILLINOIS STOP AGENTS STATE IT WAS APPARENT PERSONS IN VICINITY WERE AWARE OF IMPENDING FORCED LANDING AND CARS APPROACHED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LANDING STOP WHEN FIRST CAR ARRIVED TRAINER LEFT PRISONER SHACKLED IN PLANE AND INQUIRED FROM FARMER DRIVING THE CAR THE NAME OF THE NEAREST TOWN AND DISTANCE FROM CHICAGO TRAINER STATES FIRST INTENDED LEAVING PRISONER IN PLANE AND PROCEEDING TO YORKVILLE TO TELEPHONE CHICAGO BUT ABANDONED THIS PLAN BECAUSE OF NUMBER OF CARS APPROACHING THE PLANE AND DANGER OF RESULTING PUBLICITY

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STOP DETERMINED TO TAKE PRISONER WITH AGENTS IN THE CAR AND REMOVED HIM FROM THE PLANE TAKING OFF LEG IRONS IN ORDER TO PERMIT HIM TO WALK BUT LEAVING HANDCUFFS STOP THROUGH INQUIRIES OF FARMER ENROUTE TO YORKVILLE TRAINER DETERMINED THAT THERE WAS NO TAXI COMPANY AND THAT NEAREST TOWN OF ANY SIZE WAS AURORA WHERE PRISONER HAD KNOWN CONTACTS STOP ON ARRIVAL YORKVILLE INQUIRIES SHOWED TELEPHONE OFFICE CLOSED AND AGENTS DETERMINED THAT A TELEPHONE BOOTH WAS AVAILABLE IN HOTEL ADJOINING TELEPHONE OFFICE STOP BEFORE TAKING PRISONER FROM CAR AGENTS DECIDED TO REMOVE HANDCUFFS TO AVOID POSSIBLE PUBLICITY THROUGH TRACING THE PLANE TO KANSASCITY WHERE POLICE WERE HOLDING DORIS O'CONNOR AND IN POSSESSION OTHER INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT REVEAL IDENTITY OF PRISONER STOP BEFORE ENTERING HOTEL RESTAURANT THE AGENTS OBSERVED TELEPHONE BOOTH AT FRONT OF PLACE AND NO EXIT EXCEPT THROUGH FRONT DOOR STOP STAKEM AND PRISONER STOOD NEAR COUNTER AND TRAINER ENTERED BOOTH LEAVING DOOR PARTIALLY OPEN AND RETURNING TO RESTAURANT AFTER FIRST ENTERING BOOTH TO OBSERVE SITUATION AND OBTAIN CHANGE STOP STAKEM ADVISES PRISONER REQUESTED GLASS OF BEER WHILE TRAINER FIRST IN BOOTH AND STAKEM PURCHASED TWO GLASSES WHICH WERE CONSUMED BY HIM AND PRISONER AFTER WHICH THEY MOVED FROM COUNTER TO CENTER OF RESTAURANT ABOUT SIX FEET FROM BOOTH STOP STAKEM EXPLAINS ACTION TAKEN TO PREVENT OBSERVERS FROM BEING SUSPICIOUS REGARDING PRISONER STOP ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER RETURN OF TRAINER TO TELEPHONE BOOTH PRISONER SWUNG AT STAKEM

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STRIKING HIM ON FACE AND CAUSING HIM TO LOSE BALANCE THEN TAKING TWO STEPS TO WINDOW AND DIVING THROUGH GLASS HEAD FIRST STOP STAKEM FOLLOWED TO WINDOW AND FIRED TWICE WITH REVOLVER AT PRISONER BEFORE DISAPPEARANCE OVER REAR FENCE STOP TRAINER IMMEDIATELY JOINED STAKEM AND PURSUED PRISONER CAREFULLY SEARCHED VICINITY SENDING AN INDIVIDUAL IN VICINITY FOR THE SHERIFF WHO WAS ADVISED ON ARRIVAL THAT AGENTS WERE OFFICERS AND A PRISONER HAD ESCAPED STOP PERSONS ASSISTING IN SEARCH WERE NOT ADVISED IDENTITY OF PRISONER BUT WERE REQUESTED TO SEARCH FOR THE PRISONER STOP AFTER FAILING TO LOCATE PRISONER THROUGH FIRST EFFORTS CHICAGO OFFICE WAS NOTIFIED BY TELEPHONE BY STAKEM STOP UPON RETURNING TO RESTAURANT AFTER SEARCH TRAINER RECEIVED CALL FROM SAC CONNELLY AT CHICAGO AND DURING CONVERSATION WAS ADVISED OF THEFT OF A CAR IN YORKVILLE THIS INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED CONNELLY AND POLICE OF NEARBY TOWNS BY TELEPHONE STOP AGENTS STATE ESCAPE OCCURRED APPROXIMATELY SEVEN FIFTEEN PM STOP ABOVE SUMMARIZES STATEMENTS BOTH AGENTS PILOT OF PLANE WAS JOE JACOBSEN WHO WAS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY INSPECTOR AERONAUTICS BRANCH COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 PENNSYLVANIA AVE AT NINTH ST NORTHWEST WASHN DC  
*Relay* BREKID *Myson* DELANEY AND BURDETTE ARRIVED MIAMI THREE FORTY FIVE PM  
 CUSTODY USM PHILADELPHIA NOW CONFIEND DADE COUNTY JAIL

*after 9:00 PM*

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

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
February 18, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

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 George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

There are being forwarded to the Bureau by Railway Express the following weapons obtained from Jess Doyle, Volney Davis and Edna Murray. The first three weapons listed were recovered by Special Agents V. R. Clary and D. A. Bryce from the automobile abandoned by Doyle. The pistol recovered from Edna Murray was thrown by her on a couch in the home of Harry C. Stanley at Pittsburg, Kansas, when Agents entered the house, and the pistol recovered from Davis was taken from his person by Agents at the time of his apprehension here.

12 gauge Remington automatic shotgun, #367197, with sawed off barrel and stock.

12 gauge Winchester pumpgun, #799868, with sawed off barrel and stock.

.401 caliber Winchester automatic rifle, 1910 Model, #12304.

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.32 caliber Colt automatic pistol, #404724 (Edna Murray)

.32 caliber Colt automatic pistol, #433263, and 1935 clip (Volney Davis).

In connection with the guns recovered from Doyle, you are advised

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that in addition to those being forwarded he had in his car a .45 caliber automatic pistol and another 12 gauge automatic shotgun, which property was taken by Sheriff Delamaid at Girard, Kansas, who refused to turn it over to Agents of this office. The serial numbers of these weapons were obtained and will be included in a report to be submitted shortly.

The Government bill of lading under which these weapons are being forwarded is attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN, *wean*  
Special Agent in Charge.

REN:B

cc - E.J.Connelley

Bill to ~~Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice~~  
(Department of Transportation and Bureau of Service)

(Appropriation chargeable)

~~Kansas City, Missouri~~  
(Place of origin)

GOVERNMENT BILL ~~R. B. Nathan, Special Agent in Charge~~ February 16, 1935  
OF LADING  
(Name and title of issuing officer)

MEMORANDUM COPY Received from ~~R. B. Nathan, Kansas City, Missouri~~  
(Consignor)

by the ~~Railway Express Agency, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri~~ the public property hereinafter described  
(Name of transportation company)  
in apparent good order and condition (contents and value unknown), to be forwarded subject to conditions stated on the reverse hereof,

from ~~Kansas City, Missouri~~ to ~~Washington, D. C.~~  
(Shipping point) (Destination)

by the said company and connecting lines, there to be delivered in like good order and condition to ~~Director, Federal~~  
~~Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Pennsylvania~~  
~~Avenue at 9th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.~~

via \_\_\_\_\_  
(Route journey only when some substantial interest of the Government is subserved thereby)

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(To be filled in by general office rendering account)

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~~Railway Express Agency, Inc.~~

~~Feb. 16, 1935~~ Per ~~Laurel~~  
(Date) (Agent)

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(Issuing officer)

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 15, 1935

Time - 3:52 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Backus .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
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Mr. Keith .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Smith .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....  
*OR*

Mr. Coulter telephoned from the St. Paul Office with reference to the plant which was established in the apartment of the Conrad woman in Minneapolis on the 12th, stating that he has received a wire from the Chicago Office to the effect that they had located the Conrad woman there. He stated that the only occupants of the place in Minneapolis are an old man and an old woman, and since they have to use six men on this plant, which almost paralyzes the office, he wanted to know if it might be advisable to take the men off after midnight. He stated that they have tried to make arrangements to watch the apartment from a room close by, but since there are no vacancies around there, this has been impossible.

I informed Mr. Coulter that under the circumstances, he could discontinue a continual surveillance of the place; that, however, frequent checks should be made of the place to see if they are there. Mr. Coulter stated that since he has men in Minneapolis all the time, this latter suggestion could be carried out very easily.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
E. A. TAMM

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REN:LL

February 18, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FIVE,  
IDENTIFICATION UNIT.

This is to advise that the wanted notice placed in the file of JESS<sup>O</sup> DOYLE, your No. 98402, may now be canceled, inasmuch as this individual was taken into custody at Girard, Kansas, on February 7, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 15, 1935

Time - 10:25 A.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case;  
Jess Doyle;  
Edna Murray.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Backus .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
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Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Smith .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

I telephoned Mr. Nathan at the Kansas City Office asking if the two above named persons had as yet been removed. He said that they have not. I then informed him that you had decided to authorize the taking of still photographs of the above by any press representatives who might request the same; that, however, no moving pictures are to be taken and no interviews are to be conducted.

Mr. Nathan further stated that the prisoners are at the present time in Kansas City, Kansas, the delay of their removal being due to the absence from the city of the judge; that he has no way of knowing the exact date of their removal.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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FEDERAL Bureau of Investigation

P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

February 15, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau 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, I. O. 1232, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Reference is made to your letter of February 2, 1935, in the above entitled case, instructing this office to withdraw from local police departments temporary wanted notices for Fred Barker.

Please be advised that on this date letters have gone forward to the chiefs of police at Tacoma, Seattle, Spokane, Washington and Portland, Oregon, requesting withdrawal of the wanted notices.

Very truly yours,

*C. C. Spears*  
C. C. SPEARS, *NAH*

Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 14, 1935

Time - 6:10 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

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

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Connelley at Chicago, I informed him that Agents Brown and McKee are back in Miami, Florida from Havana, Cuba, from which former place they will probably proceed at once to Jacksonville, Florida for the purpose of submitting a report covering their activities in Cuba.

Mr. Connelley stated that he would like to have the return of Agent Brown to Chicago expedited as much as possible for the reason that he has to proceed to Washington on Sunday afternoon, and it is believed by him that Agent Brown is about the only one who is sufficiently acquainted with the situation out there to conduct a raid if one is necessary. I told him that Brown ought to be in Washington Saturday morning for the purpose of my going over the Havana situation with him. I told him that after this conference, Brown could fly to Chicago if necessary in order to be there in due time.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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Mr. Nathan.....  
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Miss Gandy.....

FEB 20 1935



Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.



February 14, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri

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

Enclosed please find (1) one certificate of title, State of Missouri, 1935, issued to George L. Harper, Box 12, Raytown, Jackson County, Missouri, No. 4210181, for 1934 Pontiac Sedan, engine No. 1058715; also (2) motor vehicle driver's license No. 119030 issued to the same party, and (3) a motor vehicle license receipt for Missouri; also (4) a letter to Subject dated at Kansas City, Missouri, January 31, 1935, and written by Esther Williams, 119 North Topping, Kansas City, Missouri. This letter was among the personal effects of Volney Davis and was written by Miss Williams in reply to a letter apparently written by Davis under the alias of Harper after he became a member of "The Get Acquainted Correspondence Club". Also (5) there is enclosed one business card of the Newman-Fox Company, Kansas City, Missouri.

These articles were turned over to me on February 6, 1935, by Special Agent W. E. Staken and are part of the personal effects of Volney Davis.

These are returned to you for your file and such future action as is necessary.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge  
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

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PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

BY DIRECT WIRE FROM

**WESTERN  
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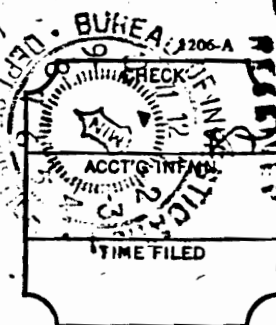
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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT



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

Kansas City, Missouri, February 16, 1935

D. M. Ladd  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
232 Post Office Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota

BREKID MARSHAL REMOVING TWO SUBJECTS HELD THIS DISTRICT TO ST PAUL TONIGHT

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DIVISION ONE

February 15, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir;

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE  
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

Reference is made to your letter of February 11, 1935,  
in which you request that a photograph of H. C. Stanley be forwarded  
to your office. You are advised that it is expected that these  
photographs will be available within the next few days, at which time  
one will be forwarded to your office.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Bureau  
E. J. Connelley

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Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois



February 13, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Denver, Colorado

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.

Enclosed you will find certain papers that were trans-  
mitted by your office to the Kansas City Office under date of  
February 6, 1935. These papers consist of the correspondence  
of Subject Volney Davis with "The Get Acquainted Club", a  
matrimonial agency in Denver, Colorado.

Photostatic copies of the same have been made for  
identification and investigative purposes and have been trans-  
mitted to all Field Offices of the Division.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge  
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT.

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1616 Federal Reserve  
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February 14, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

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

With reference to the date of the removal from this district of Jess Doyle and Edna Murray, you are advised that the United States Marshal now informs me that this removal will be delayed possibly for several days, due to the absence from the District of Kansas of a Federal judge who can sign the removal order.

With reference to my telephone conversation with your office and the Bureau on February 12, 1935, concerning the possible identification of Doyle in the robbery of the Bank of Drexel, Missouri, on December 13, 1934, you are advised that the witnesses who were to view Doyle failed to appear at Kansas City, Kansas, on February 13, but may be there on February 14.

The original signed statement of Edna Murray will be forwarded to your office by registered mail after the removal of this Subject from this district.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

RBN:BN  
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cc - Bureau  
E. J. Connelley

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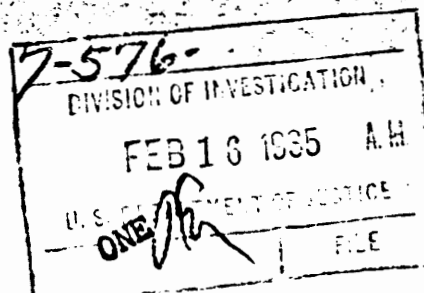
BREKID WHEN MRS HOMER WILSON INTERVIEWED DECEMBER LAST STATED  
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ACCORDING TO BOLTON IS IMPORTANT CONTACT OF GANG

CONNELLEY

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St. Paul

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

February 18, 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; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I.O. 1236; VOLNEY  
DAVIS with aliases, I.O. 1237, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING.

There are forwarded herewith three pictures of JAMES DOYLE  
in various poses as forwarded previously by the Kansas City office for  
your information and for use in possible identifications at Toledo and  
Cleveland in further inquiry about this matter, it being particularly  
desirable to associate this party with the other members of the gang,  
insofar as possible at any time since the kidnaping occurred.

The negatives of these pictures are retained at the Chicago  
office, and prints can be prepared and forwarded to any office which  
has any use for same.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
(Special assignment)

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Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

February 18, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 629,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of February 15, 1935, I am  
attaching hereto a certified copy of an indictment against VOLNEY  
DAVIS, and others, which was filed in the District Court, District  
of Minnesota, Third Division, on January 22, 1935, together with  
bench warrant for VOLNEY DAVIS and the Marshal's non est return  
thereon.

Very truly yours,

D. H. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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WESTERN UNION

CHARGE

CHICAGO ILLINOIS  
FEBRUARY 17, 1935.

W. HANNI  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
629 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG.  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

BREKID INFORMATION RECEIVED CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE KARPIS  
MAY BE HIDING DES MOINES IOWA WHERE HE MAY BE CONTACTING  
GAMBLER FIRST NAME RICH TWO TWO FIVE MAIN STREET GAMBLER  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 14, 1935

Time - 11:35 A.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

I telephoned Mr. Nathan at the Kansas City Office with reference to his telegram received this morning at the Bureau regarding the finding in the ice box in the apartment of Jess Doyle of the bonds stolen from the bank at Drexel, Missouri. I advised him that it was the desire of the Director to be advised as to why the ice box was not searched by the Bureau representatives. Mr. Nathan said, "Well, I haven't any explanation, Mr. Tamm, it just wasn't done." He stated that the place was thoroughly searched with the exception of the food compartments.

Mr. Nathan stated that the following Agents participated in the first search of this place: Mr. Nathan, Trainor, Shanahan, Dietz and Parry. After a somewhat hurried search, Mr. Nathan left the last three named Agents at the place with instructions that they were to make a thorough search. Later in the afternoon, Agent Miller was sent out there, and Agents Miller, Trainor and Dietz remained in the apartment for the remainder of the night. They could conduct no search, however, for the reason that they were instructed to remain in the apartment with the lights out anticipating the return of Jess Doyle. I informed Mr. Nathan that in any event it was the responsibility of the Special Agent in Charge to see that a thorough search in instances of this kind is conducted. Mr. Nathan stated that he is aware of this responsibility.

I instructed Mr. Nathan to prepare at once a complete memorandum covering the above matter in which the full details concerning the names of the Agents participating, under whose supervision, and the procedure, etc., were to be set forth. I further instructed him to send this by special delivery to the Bureau after a telegraphic summary had first been submitted.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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Mr. Keith.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

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February 19, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. 1218, et al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

I am furnishing you herewith with the contents of a memorandum submitted under date of January 22, 1935, by a New York City Postal Inspector to his Inspector in Charge:

"1. I beg to submit the following data for the information of the Attorney General in connection with his investigation of kidnapping and ransom cases.

"2. About \$100,000 in U.S. currency, in \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 denominations was exchanged at Havana, Cuba, in September 1934 for gold and the latter immediately sold at a lesser price to obtain American currency of large denominations, and there was a loss on every transaction.

"3. This operation was conducted by Cassius M. McDonald, who gave 711 Hammond Bldg., Detroit, Michigan, as his address. During the winter season 1933-34 he is said to have stopped at the Roney Plaza Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. He is a well-known "fixer" of Detroit, where he is said to enjoy the favor of police and other officials. He has long been reputed to have an interest in confidence pay-off swindles at Detroit, Michigan, and Hollywood, Florida, and he has frequently acted as bondsman for underworld characters of Detroit. At Havana he reported he was 48 years old and weighed 184 pounds, and was born in Chicago, Illinois.

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4. McDonald was accompanied by a man of gangster type, who called himself W. J. Harrison and who gave a St. Louis address. This man was about 33 years old, 5'5" tall, weighed 145 pounds, a blond, wore clothing of poor appearance, and always stayed in the background as if he might be acting as a bodyguard for McDonald.

5. They were also accompanied by a Cuban named Rene Bolivar, who at one time was considered a man of means but more recently is said to have indulged in questionable enterprises.

6. McDonald was introduced on September 7, 1934 to Conrad Elsner, Assistant Manager, Exchange Department, National City Bank, at Havana, by one Fernando Rodriguez, of La Duhosa, said to be a dealer in gold and Government lottery tickets, and who reported to the bank that he had given gold to McDonald in exchange for a large number of \$10 bills of American currency, and that McDonald wished to sell the gold and obtain American currency for it. Elsner reported this to Mr. S. C. Pena, U. S. Treasury Agent in Havana.

7. McDonald left Havana on September 8th on the Pan-American Airways at 3 p.m., returned on September 9th, and again left on September 11th, it is reported.

8. Knowing that McDonald has long been connected with the passing of stolen securities and money obtained in confidence deals, I believe that in this instance the low denominations of the bills, the method of exchange and the use of a far base for the operation all signify the disposition of proceeds of a kidnapping case and not of a confidence 'score'.

9. It is believed that the results of my investigation of this matter should be furnished the U.S. Internal Revenue Bureau for consideration in connection with the income tax returns of this racketeer at Detroit, Michigan,

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examination of which seems to indicate that he may be reporting only a small part of his reputed income.

The above is for your use in the investigation at Havana, Cuba.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

2 cc St. Paul  
1 cc Chicago  
1 cc Connelley, Chicago  
1 cc Bureau  
1 cc Kansas City



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 6, 1935.

TDQ:CEK

MEMORANDUM

Time 9:35 PM

Re: 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. Scully	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Mr. Quinn telephoned Mr. Hoover at New York and advised him of the escape of Volney Davis from the custody of Agents Trainor and Stakem; that these two agents were occupied in bringing Davis into Chicago from Kansas City by plane; that the plane had been forced to make a landing about forty miles from Chicago near Yorkville, Illinois, and that Davis had escaped at this point. Mr. Quinn stated that the details are not very clear as yet but it appears that the Agents removed the leg irons and handcuffs from Davis in order that he would not be conspicuous and that he managed to escape in an automobile. Mr. Hoover stated that it was outrageous to let this man escape; that in the first place it was extremely unwise and inadvisable to only have two agents accompany a man of Davis' character and that, of course, the removing of the leg irons and handcuffs could not be excused. Mr. Hoover stated that Agents Trainor and Stakem should be ordered suspended without pay pending an investigation into the matter; that they should be ordered to return to Kansas City immediately and upon their arrival there they should submit a full and detailed explanation for their actions and a detailed report of the whole matter. Mr. Hoover further instructed Mr. Quinn to obtain all of the facts possible from Mr. Nathan at Kansas City concerning the orders he gave concerning the transportation of this man.

Mr. Quinn further advised Mr. Hoover that Mr. Connelley is on his way to the place where the escape took place and is taking with him a large squad of men in the hope of being able to round Davis up. Mr. Hoover stated that all men available should be furnished to Mr. Connelley if he needs them.

Mr. Hoover then talked to Mr. Tamm and instructed him also to see that Mr. Connelley was given sufficient men to take care of the situation; and not to contact the local officers. Mr. Tamm advised Mr. Hoover that Agent Trainor had already contacted the Sheriff and advised him that a dangerous criminal had escaped and the information was subsequently broadcasted to nearby officers. Mr. Hoover instructed Mr. Tamm to have Mr. Connelley, when the latter contacts the Division, secure a full statement from Agents Trainor and Stakem before they return to Kansas City and transmit it along with other facts concerning the break to the Division by telephone; that definite orders should be issued to Agents Trainor and Stakem to return to Kansas City after this statement is secured. Mr. Tamm stated that the plane secured was the only one available. Mr. Hoover stated that this was no excuse; that there were no orders issued to go by plane; that in his opinion, two men were insufficient to serve as a guard for such a dangerous criminal as in all other instances

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when such dangerous men as Barker, Chase, Alcorn and others were transferred to other points a guard of at least four or five agents went along. Mr. Tamm stated that he had communicated with Mr. Nathan at Kansas City regarding the transportation of Davis and had approved the use of the plane and two agents as guards, as, in Mr. Tamm's opinion, two men would be sufficient guards if the prisoner were shackled with leg irons and handcuffed securely, as the weather was reported clear and it was only about three hours flying time. Mr. Hoover stated that regardless, this was, in his opinion, an error in judgment and could not be excused. Mr. Tamm advised Mr. Hoover of a few further details in regard to the escape, stating that when the plane was forced down it landed in a corn field near a small town in Illinois; that the Agents took off the leg irons and handcuffs from Davis in order that he would not be conspicuous; that they then proceeded to a small restaurant or hotel where Agent Trainor went into a telephone booth, leaving Davis with Agent Stakem and hearing a scuffle, looked around in time to see Davis hit Stakem and dive through a window, where he took an automobile and escaped. Mr. Tamm stated that they should, of course, handcuff Davis to themselves as handcuffs are not conspicuous.

Mr. Hoover stated that Mr. Tamm should advise Mr. Connelley as soon as the latter calls in that Mr. Connelley should advise Agents Trainor and Stakem that they are suspended without pay and to obtain a full and detailed from them as to what happened and then these two agents are to return to Headquarters. Mr. Hoover stated that he would get in touch with Mr. Nathan and express to him also his displeasure at the manner in which the matter was handled. Mr. Hoover stated that he desired to be informed if anything turned up on the case; that if the press makes any inquiries about the matter, and they probably will learn of it because of the fact that it has been broadcast, they should be informed that he, Mr. Hoover, was handling the matter, and he was in New York.

Time 10:00 PM

Mr. Quinn telephoned Mr. Ladd at Chicago and instructed him to advise Mr. Connelley as soon as possible to have Agents Trainor and Stakem submit to him a verbal statement regarding the escape of Davis and that these two agents should then be instructed to return to Kansas City immediately; that he, Mr. Ladd, should provide sufficient agents for Mr. Connelley to conduct an intensive investigation to try to apprehend Davis. Mr. Ladd stated that he is calling men in and organizing them in squads for this purpose.

Time 10:15 PM

Mr. Quinn telephoned Mr. Nathan at Kansas City and advised him that Agents Trainor and Stakem are being instructed to return to Kansas City and are being suspended without pay; that he should secure their property.

Mr. Nathan advised that Mr. Hoover had already telephoned him from New York and advised him of this. Mr. Quinn instructed Mr. Nathan to secure a full and detailed statement from each of these two agents and forward it to the Division; that he, Mr. Nathan, should prepare a night letter tonight and forward it to the Division giving in detail the instructions issued to these two agents in regard to guarding Davis.

REPORT MADE AT: <b>PITTSBURGH, Pa.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2-19-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2-18-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>D. DILLIO</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O.# 1218; DOCTOR JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.# 1232, ETAL., EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Miss Katherine M. Kermish, [redacted] Pitts- burgh, a member of "The Get Acquainted Correspondence Club" of Denver, Colorado, has not corresponded with VOLNEY DAVIS under the alias of GEORGE LAWRENCE HARPER. DAVIS not known by Miss Kermish's sister, Marie, has not visited Katherine [redacted]			
REFERENCE: Letter of SAC E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, 2-14-35.			
DETAILS: AT PITTSBURGH, PA. To the letter of reference there was attached photostatic copy of a list of names representing women members of "The Get Acquainted Correspond- ence Club" of Denver, Colorado, and indicating that amongst others Miss Kath- erine M. Kermish of 3251 East St., Pittsburgh, Pa., might have corresponded with VOLNEY DAVIS, who, under the alias of GEORGE LAWRENCE HARPER, is also a member of "The Get Acquainted Correspondence Club", herein referred to. At 3251 East St., Pittsburgh, the writer ascertained from Mrs. Hannah Glucksmann, the owner, that Miss Katherine M. Kermish, though receiving mail there has not resided at the address given since May of 1934 [redacted] [redacted] Mrs. Glucksmann stated, [redacted] that Marie Kermish, the sister of Katherine, employed as a waitress at the Valley Tavern, 3550 East St., Pittsburgh, telephone number Cedar 8988, is a resident of 3251 East St., and receives mail for Katherine, delivering same to her [redacted] NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <b>7-576-4691</b>		
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: Bureau 3 St. Paul 2 E.J. Connelley, Chi. 2 Denver 2 Los Angeles 1 Dallas 1 Nashville 1 Omaha 1 Okla. City 1 Kansas City 1 Butte 1 Boston 1 Birmingham 1 New Orleans 1 San Francisco 1 Indianapolis 1 Washington 1 Pittsburgh 2		RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>FEB 20 1935</b> CHECKED OFF: <b>FEB 21 1935</b> JACKETED:	

Under the pretext that the writer was a member of "The Get Acquainted Correspondence Club" and that he desired to have an interview with her sister, Katherine, he, the writer, had a conversation with Marie Kermish at the Valley Tavern where she stated that her sister, Katherine, a graduate nurse, single.

[REDACTED]

Marie Kermish, in reply to discreet inquiries, stated that her sister, Katherine, has been corresponding with a number of young men located in various parts of the country; that the letters addressed to Katherine are received by her, Marie, at 3251 East St., Pittsburgh, and that she, Marie, took the said letters to her sister

[REDACTED]

When asked whether she had noticed any mail going to her sister written by GEORGE LAWRENCE HARPER, Marie Kermish stated that she was certain that she did not notice the said name on either incoming or outgoing mail, nor was the person answering to the said name discussed by her sister with her.

It seemed to the writer that Marie Kermish replied truthfully to the inquiries made and she was, therefore, exhibited a photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS with the request that she inform if he had at any time called at 3251 or 3550 East St. for the purpose of ascertaining the whereabouts of Katherine. Marie replied in the negative and upon being informed of the true identity of the writer and of the purpose of the inquiry she volunteered that she would immediately communicate with the Pittsburgh Office should DAVIS, as HARPER, either directly or indirectly attempt to contact her sister, Katherine.

[REDACTED]

She stated that during December of 1934 while reading a magazine, the name of which she could not remember, she noticed therein the advertisement of "The Get Acquainted Correspondence Club" of Denver, Colorado; that the advertisement briefly described the purpose of the club and that she, craving corresponding [REDACTED] On December 24, 1934, decided to become a member thereof. She stated that she filed the required

application and forwarded to R. E. Simpson, the President of the Club, the required \$2.00, she being furnished with a list of names of male persons with whom she could correspond if she so desired.

Miss Kermish stated that she did not write to any of the men appearing on the list but that shortly after she became a member of the club she received a letter from Thomas Logan, a 32 year old man, residing on West 12th St., N. Y. C., New York, the number not being readily remembered; that thereafter she received a communication from Wallace Peterson, R.F.D., Shisheo, Minnesota, one from Richard Griffith, of Plains, Virginia, and one from Milton Morris of 1034 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., all of whom had read her name, so they stated, in a list of girls furnished them by "The Get Acquainted Correspondence Club", they, the said men, being members of the said club.

Katherine Kermish stated that she replied to the letters of the aforementioned individuals and as a matter of fact she has been since steadily corresponding with Thomas Logan of New York City; that she received a second letter from Wallace Peterson but did not receive replies from either Griffith or Morris.

Miss Kermish stated that Thomas Logan of New York City, who, according to his letter to her, was at one time a resident of Pittsburgh, furnished her his photograph which she has in her possession now.

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In reply to questions Katherine Kermish stated that she never received any communication from GEORGE LAWRENCE HARPER nor did she receive any communication from anyone residing in Raytown, Missouri. She stated that HARPER never communicated with her by telephone and that HARPER at no time visited her [REDACTED]

Upon being exhibited the photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS she stated that she never saw the man and that the said photograph is not a likeness of Thomas Logan of New York City.

Katherine Kermish, [REDACTED] realizing the seriousness of the matter, has volunteered the information that should she receive any communication from HARPER she would immediately communicate with the Pittsburgh Office, the address of which was furnished her.

Miss McKui, hereinreferred to, was exhibited the photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS. She stated that she at no time saw a man resembling the one portrayed on the photograph [REDACTED]



During the course of the conversation with Miss McKui the latter suggested that the one used by the criminals of the type of VOLNEY DAVIS is a novel idea, she stating that in all possibility the said criminals, by becoming members of correspondence clubs, such as the one referred to in the matter, become acquainted with girls throughout the country to whom they may go to be harbored, subsequent to becoming fugitives. She suggested that the acquaintanceship with a nurse might be particularly significant inasmuch as they, the criminals, may go to the known nurse after a possible gun fight to have the wounds dressed.

Milton Morris of 1034 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., has not been interviewed, nor have interviews been requested with Wallace Peterson of Shisheo, Minnesota, Thomas Logan of New York City, or Richard Griffith of Plains, Virginia. Should that action be desired by the office of origin or Mr. Connelley at Chicago, arrangements will be made to comply.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DENVER, COLORADO OFFICE: It is suggested, if it has not already been done, that the list of male correspondents of "The Get Acquainted Correspondence Club" be procured from R. E. Simpson, the President thereof, P. O. Box #1251, Denver, Colorado, on the possibility that other Subjects involved in this case might be members thereof.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 6, 1935

Time - 1:55 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Volney Davis

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

I telephoned Mr. Connelley at Chicago and advised him of the apprehension of the above, stating that it was your desire to get his comments upon the desirability of removing him to either Chicago or St. Paul. Mr. Connelley stated that he believed it better to have him in Chicago. I further informed Mr. Connelley of the apprehension of Doris O'Connor by the Kansas City Police.

I told Mr. Connelley that assuming that Davis signs a waiver of removal, we could charter an airplane, take him to Chicago for questioning after which he can be taken to St. Paul. I told him that I would contact Mr. Nathan, and, if there has been no leak or publicity, instruct him to take the above steps; further instructing him to contact Mr. Connelley advising Connelley of the expected time of arrival so that the necessary steps might be taken by Mr. Connelley.

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 6, 1935

Time - 4:40 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Volney Davis

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Laughman.....  
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. R. B. Nathan telephoned from Kansas City and advised that Agents Trainor and Stakem had departed with Davis by airplane at approximately 3:20 P.M., Central Standard Time, and would arrive in Chicago at approximately 6:20 Central Standard Time; that he was well taken care of, being shackled and handcuffed.

Mr. Nathan stated that he had advised Mr. Connelley of this.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 16, 1935

Time - 10:40 A.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

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

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Harvey at the Philadelphia Office, he stated that arrangements for the removal of Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette have been completed, and that they are leaving at 12:25 today, which will put them at their destination sometime tomorrow afternoon.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

10:00 P.M.

February 18, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR *Duly*

Re: Bremer Case - Matthew Gleason

*Edgar A. Tamm*  
Mr. Zimmer called and stated that since his previous call to me, he had ascertained that Gleason had been released. Mr. Zimmer contacted Gleason to see if he would willingly furnish us with a photograph, and he stated that he would be very glad to come to the Chicago Office in order that a photograph might be taken of him. He stated, however, that he could not come before tomorrow.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm

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Division of Investigation

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

February 13, 1935

Time - 11:13 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case;  
Harry Sawyer.

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. Coulter telephoned me with reference to the information which I had furnished him last evening in regard to the above matter. He stated that they kept that building under surveillance last evening and ascertained that it is the residence of Alice Conrad, who is a contact for Sawyer. In this connection, Mr. Coulter stated that on January 3rd, Sawyer left his car in a garage in Omaha, Nebraska, and about the 20th of January, Alice Conrad telephoned from some town in Iowa about the car. She was informed at that time that she would have to have the check before she could get the car. She advised that she would get the check from Mrs. Sawyer as she did not have it at that time. On January 23rd, a man from a little town in Iowa came and got the car. Mr. Coulter stated that this information has been furnished the Bureau in report form.

Mr. Coulter stated that Alice Conrad at the present time is in Peoria, Illinois, and is getting her mail care of general delivery; that he is confident that she is in contact with these people and can furnish the desired information.

I instructed Mr. Coulter to telephone Mr. Connelley and give him the above information as well as the information which I furnished him last evening, and suggest to Mr. Connelley the advisability of interviewing this woman.

In the meantime, Mr. Coulter will maintain a 24-hour watch on the above mentioned place.

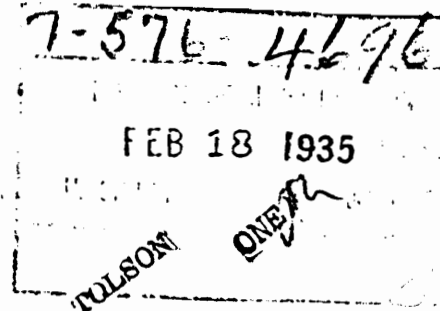
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 15, 1935

EAT:CDW

Time - 3:28 P.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

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

Mr. Alt telephoned from the Jacksonville Office stating that Agent Nichols had concluded his work in Miami, and will proceed to Jacksonville where he will dictate a report covering his activities in Miami, after which he will proceed back to Birmingham.

Mr. Alt further stated that Agent Fitzsimmons telephoned him yesterday stating that the property which was taken from the house formerly occupied by the Barkers, including the \$1,000 bill taken from the possession of Joe Adams, had been furnished to the United States Attorney; that the United States Attorney yesterday asked Fitzsimmons to take the money and property back, which Fitzsimmons refused to do. Fitzsimmons informed the United States Attorney that since this material is evidence, if it is turned over to anyone, that person should be the United States Marshal; that the Bureau will have nothing to do with it.

Mr. Alt further informed that Agents Brown and McKee will leave for Washington this evening, bringing with them the Kaol Polish which they got in Cuba.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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DIRECTOR

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 16, 1935

Time - 11:50 A.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

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

Mr. Nathan telephoned from the Kansas City Office in regard to Jess Doyle and Edna Murray and advised that the judge has returned to the district, signed the order of removal, and the United States Marshal plans to leave with the prisoners for St. Paul this afternoon.

With reference to the robbery of the bank at Drexel, Missouri, Mr. Nathan stated that while witnesses from Drexel have failed to make a positive identification of Doyle as participating in this robbery, Doyle himself admits that he was a participant; that in this connection, what action should be taken relative to this phase of the matter. I instructed Mr. Nathan to have these people removed to St. Paul to answer the charges preferred against them by the Government, after which the local police at Drexel might interview him with a view to getting a signed statement from him relative to the above named robbery.

Mr. Nathan further stated that Doyle denies being involved in the robbery of the banks at Okemah, Oklahoma, and also denies being involved in the Bremer Case. Doyle also admits being in the robbery of the bank in South St. Paul, Minnesota as well as some other robberies.

Mr. Nathan assured me that the Marshal is fully informed of the dangerous character of this man and is further informed that the Bureau is going to have nothing to do with the removal of these people.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM

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DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 17, 1935

Time - 3:10 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR *File - E*

Re: Matthew Gleason.

I telephoned Mr. Zimmer at the Chicago Office with reference to the alleged mistreatment of Gleason, who was interviewed at the Chicago Office on February 8, 1935 by Agents McDade, Nichols and Metcalfe. I told him that the press is carrying various articles about it, also carrying a statement evidently emanating from Gleason to the effect that he was struck by Bureau Agents during interview.

I told him that it was desired that the Bureau be furnished with complete statements from Agents McDade, Metcalfe and Nichols, in addition to a statement from Agent McIntyre, who arrested Gleason, and any other Agents who might have had contact with this man at any time while he was in our custody. If the above men are available, the statements should be written up today and forwarded to the Bureau via air mail and special delivery as soon as possible. I further instructed that he should forward a telegraphic summary of these statements.

Mr. Zimmer assured me that he would take care of this as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

*E. A. TAMM*  
E. A. TAMM

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DIRECTOR  
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February 18, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FIVE,  
IDENTIFICATION UNIT.

This is to request that the wanted notice placed in the files of the Identification Unit on DORIS O'CONNOR, No. 6993 Police Department, New Orleans, Louisiana, be removed, inasmuch as this individual was taken into custody at Kansas City, Missouri, on February 5, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

February 19, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the development of latent fingerprints at Oklawaha, Florida, 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.

It would appear the photographs which were subsequently light struck while being transmitted from the Jacksonville Office to the Chicago Office were prepared by Agents McDade and Donaghue. It would appear that these agents should have better protected this material to the extent of packing the same in light proof containers. In such cases use is generally made of the wrappings and boxes in which new unexposed films are packed. In other words, when new films are placed in the cut film holders those which have been exposed are most safely wrapped in the same container from which the new ones are taken.

It is desired this be brought to the attention of Agents McDade and Donaghue and an explanation submitted by them as to their reasons for believing that safe transmittal could be effected in sealed envelopes.

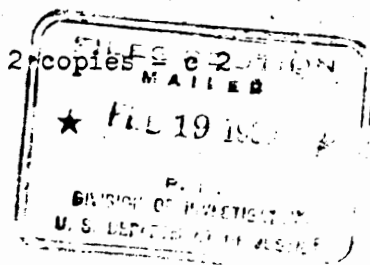
Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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L. J. [signature]

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
February 6, 1935

Time - 1:42 P.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. Keith.....  
Mr. Lester.....  
Mr. Quinn.....  
Mr. Schilder.....  
Mr. Tamm.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
Miss Gandy.....

I telephoned the Kansas City Office and there talked with Agent Miller in regard to the above. I inquired of him if the fact of Davis' apprehension is public knowledge as yet. Mr. Miller stated that while he is not fully advised of the circumstances, he believes that only the garage people know it. I told him to take immediate steps to make the necessary arrangements to see that this information is kept quiet and not given out to newspaper men.

I also instructed Mr. Miller to attempt to get Davis to sign a waiver of removal so that we might have it in case we decide to remove him from Kansas City.

I instructed Mr. Miller to have Mr. Nathan telephone me upon his return to the Kansas City Office.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida

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February 19, 1935

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

I am transmitting herewith copies of a memorandum submitted to me by Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Resident Agent at Miami, relative to conditions at the Dade County Jail. This is to confirm telephone conversation which I had yesterday with Mr. Behrends, in Mr. Tamm's office, in which I suggested that the matter be referred to the Attorney General and to Mr. Sanford Bates of the Bureau of Prisons, in order to properly safe-guard these important prisoners. It is believed that if authority is given to the United States Marshal in Jacksonville, to employ guards to serve during the visiting hours when tourists and sight-seers go through the corridors on the twenty-fourth floor, that they will be able to prevent communication with these women.

It might be possible for Mr. Bates to communicate with the Dade County Commissioners and Sheriff at Miami, relative to closing this gallery on the twenty-fourth floor to visitors for a certain period; however, this is the tourist season at Miami and this gallery or balcony is as popular in Miami as the observation tower of the Empire State Building in New York City and I am sure that the Dade County authorities will not wish to close it to visitors.

Another possible alternative as to these prisoners might be the removing of them to the County Jail at Orlando, Florida, or to the Duval County Jail at Jacksonville, where I understand facilities can be provided for their separation and remove all possibility of their communication with persons on the outside.

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To: The Director

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Supplementing Agent Fitzsimons' memorandum, I wish to add the information which he conveyed to me by telephone to the effect that there is no other portion of the Dade County Jail, except the womens quarters, suitable for the confinement of these prisoners; that the only other portion of the jail where they might be kept would be the juvenile section, which is entirely unprotected from communication from the outside.

The newspaper article mentioned in Agent Fitzsimons' memorandum is also enclosed to the Division.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Enclosure: Memorandum and newspaper clipping.

CC Saint Paul - with enclosure of memorandum.  
E. J. Connelley - Chicago - with enclosure of memorandum.

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U. S. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MIAMI, FLORIDA  
FEBRUARY 18, 1935.

BFF  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID.

In confirmation of my telephone conversation with Acting Special Agent in Charge L. E. Kingman on this date, concerning the above-entitled matter, please be advised that the Deputy United States Marshal, Miami, Florida, informed Assistant United States Attorney W. Sanders Gramling this morning that Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette were not separated at the Dade County Jail; that, because of existing conditions, it was impossible to separate them and that in their present location they are in a position to communicate with, and receive communications from outsiders.

Upon receipt of the above information I contacted Sheriff Coleman at the Dade County Jail and he stated that conditions at the jail, especially for the accommodations of women prisoners, are inadequate. Women prisoners are assigned to the twenty-fifth floor of the Dade County Building. The twenty-fourth floor, next below, is given to sightseers who are permitted to wander about, without guards, and may very easily communicate with prisoners on the twenty-fifth floor. Sheriff Coleman stated that insofar as the safe-keeping of prisoners on the twenty-fifth floor is concerned there might as well be no bars, for, if outsiders desire to communicate with prisoners on that floor they may easily do so by going to the twenty-fourth floor under the guise of sightseers. An iron grill has been erected for the purpose of thwarting communication between prisoners and outsiders on the balcony on the twenty-fourth floor. However, it is of no value and any one desirous of passing notes or prohibited articles to prisoners on the twenty-fifth floor could easily do so. Sheriff Coleman stated that he has repeatedly requested that the County Commissioners close the sight-seeing balcony to outsiders, inasmuch as it invites communication between prisoners and outsiders.

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However, the County Commissioners have refused to act on his plea. Sheriff Coleman suggested that agent make such request of the Commissioners, and the matter was then referred to Assistant United States Attorney Gramling who stated that he would have to take the matter up with United States Attorney Holland at Jacksonville before making a decision concerning request upon County Commissioners for assistance.

Mr. Gramling was advised by Mr. Holland that he desired to discuss the matter with representatives of the United States Marshal's Office at Jacksonville and that he would then inform Mr. Gramling as to what action should be taken. Mr. Holland subsequently advised Mr. Gramling that the matter was being referred to Washington for action.

For your information it may be stated that the present situation is most inadequate and dangerous. Any one knowing the location of the prisoners could very easily communicate with them and receive messages from them for transmittal to confederates; they could also pass prohibited articles to them without detection. From the attached newspaper photograph and account it will be noted that publicity has been given to the arrival of the prisoners. I am not informed as to the leak in this instance, but believe it was furnished to the press either through the Office of the United States Marshal or the Clerk of the Court. I am positive that neither Special Agent Nichols or myself had any communication with any one concerning the arrival of the prisoners. We merely appeared at the railway station on the arrival of the train for the purpose of observing and assisting the marshal. Arrangements for the Marshal's presence had been previously made through the office of the United States Attorney at Miami.

Very truly yours,

/s/ B. F. Fitzsimons,  
Special Agent.

cc 3 - Bureau  
1 - St. Paul  
1 - E. J. Connelley



## 'PUBLIC ENEMY' GIRLS RETURNED TO FACE COURT

**Dolores Delaney and Winona Burdette Put  
in Dade Jail**

Each held under \$15,000 bond, Dolores Delaney and Winona Burdette, companions of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, fugitive Bremer kidnaping suspects, are in Dade county jail today following their secret removal from Philadelphia over the week-end. They face charges of harboring the pair in Miami on indictments returned by a federal grand jury at Jacksonville, Feb. 7.

Unless they seek a hearing to have their bond reduced, the girls will remain in jail until April, when they will face trial together with Joe Adams, manager of El Comodore hotel; Henry "Duke" Randall, employe of Adams; Nathan Heller, manager of the Park View hotel, Havana, and E. G. McDonald, West Palm Beach, promoter.

The girls stepped from a Florida East Coast train here shortly after 3:30 p. m. yesterday. They were met by Frank Edwards, deputy U.

**KARPIS' FEMALE COMPANIONS JAILED IN MIAMI**



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

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TO: ☒ Director  
☐ Mr. Nathan  
☐ Mr. Tolson  
☐ Mr. Edwards  
☐ Mr. Quinn  
☐ Unit Two

Unit Four

Files Section  
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 Mr. Tamm  
 Mr. Tracy

Unit Three

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 Mr. Joseph  
 Mr. Baughman  
 Mr. Berens  
 Chief Clerk  
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 Mr. Clegg  
 Mr. Weeks  
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 Mr. Quinn  
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*You may not want to be  
 a party to this - If prisoners  
 transferred and then they escape  
 the responsibility will be  
 passed to us. E. A. Tamm - Room 5107.*

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

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February 19, 1935

Director,  
Federal Bureau 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

Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Resident Agent at  
Miami, Florida, advised the Jacksonville office by telephone at  
4:30 P. M. on February 17, 1935, that subjects Dolores Delaney  
and Wynona Burdette had arrived in Miami at 3:45 P. M. in the cus-  
tody of the United States Marshal at Philadelphia, and that they  
are now confined in the Dade County jail at Miami.

This letter will confirm my telegram of February 17,  
1935.

Very truly yours,

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

cc St. Paul  
E. J. Connelley, Chicago  
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February 25, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY.

In connection with the holding of Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette in the Dade County Jail, Miami, Florida to await their being tried on charges of harboring some of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, the Division has been advised that conditions are such that these important prisoners are not properly safeguarded. They are presently confined to the same cell which is located on the twenty-fifth floor of the Dade County Building. The twenty-fourth floor of this building is given over to sightseers who are permitted to wander about, without guards, and may very easily communicate with prisoners on the floor above. I, therefore, suggest that the United States Marshal or his Deputy at Miami, Florida be instructed to remove these prisoners to some other jail, preferably to the Duval County Jail at Jacksonville or the Orange County Jail at Orlando where better facilities are afforded. The trial of these prisoners is set for April 4, 1935.

It will be appreciated if this matter can be given immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida

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February 19, 1935

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

On February 18, 1935, George Pitchford, Deputy Clerk, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida at Jacksonville, informed that he was in receipt of a check of Lloyd C. Hooks, United States Commissioner, Miami, Florida, in the amount of \$1,000 covering the cash bond posted with the Commissioner on February 16, 1935, for the appearance of Subject Nathan H. Heller with aliases, in answer to all of the indictments in which he is charged. This money was pledged by Mrs. Nathan H. Heller, and is now on deposit in the registry funds of the United States District Court at Jacksonville, Florida.

Very truly yours,

*R. A. Alt*

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Saint Paul  
E. J. Connelley - Chicago

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OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION OFFICE  
(Name and address of Contributor)

Date December 17, 1934

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

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which  
fingerprints have been mailed to the U. S. Bureau of Investiga-  
tion:

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This form to be submitted to the U. S. Bureau of  
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from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

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Very truly yours,  
*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge  
(Official Title)

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February 16, 1935

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

Re: Lester M. Gillis with aliases (Deceased);  
John Paul Chase with aliases; John  
Hamilton with aliases, I.O. #1220; et al;  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT: OBSTRU-  
TION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
MURDER OF INSPECTOR S. P. COWLEY AND  
AGENT H. E. HOLLIS.

Dear Sir:

On or about December 23rd or 24th, Thomas C. Williams, charged here with harboring Lester M. Gillis and others, received a telegram from Toledo, Ohio, wishing him a Merry Christmas, etc. We have reason to believe that this telegram was sent by C. J. Fitzgerald, alias C. J. Murphy, mentioned in the Brekid case. Fitzgerald was a patient during part of August, September and part of November, 1934, at the Vallejo General Hospital, Vallejo, California, which is owned and operated by Thomas C. Williams, alias "Tobe" Williams.

During the interview had with Thomas C. Williams in January of this year, he mentioned the fact that he could possibly cooperate in the apprehension of members of the Brekid gang and stated at that time that he would probably have to wait until Spring to do it; that he had a contact in the east, either around Cleveland or Toledo, Ohio; that he was constantly in touch at all times with various members of this gang.

An investigation was made during the time Fitzgerald, or Murphy, was a patient at the Vallejo General Hospital and found that

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Fitzgerald, or Murphy, is due to return to this Hospital sometime in February or March of 1935 to have some silver spikes removed from his hip bones which were put in there during the operation, and it is evident that when "Tobe" Williams referred to his contact in the east that he would not be able to do anything until Spring on this case, it clearly indicates that Fitzgerald, or Murphy, is the contact to whom he refers.

It is not believed at this time that Fitzgerald will return to the Vallejo General Hospital due to the fact that a thorough investigation has been made as to the patients who have formerly frequented this hospital and no doubt Fitzgerald is aware of this.

It is suggested that your office made a check at the Western Union Telegraph office at Toledo to see whether or not a copy of this telegram could be obtained, addressed to Thomas C. Williams, Vallejo General Hospital, at Vallejo, California. It is thought that it will not be necessary to check this at the Postal Telegraph Company, as the Postal Telegraph Company does not have an office at Vallejo, California. In doing this it may be possible to locate the address of the sender of this telegram, which is undoubtedly C. J. Fitzgerald mentioned in the Brekid case.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE  
Special Agent in Charge

cc Division  
E. J. Connelley

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BREKID REFERENCE RECOVERY BOND FROM APARTMENT FORMERLY OCCUPIED  
 JESS DOYLE STOP FURTHER INQUIRIES SHOW IN ADDITION TO THOUSAND  
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 OKEMAH OKLAHOMA DECEMBER LAST STOP OKLAHOMACITY ADVISES THIS  
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 IN EFFORT TO LOCATE DOYLE THE APARTMENT APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN  
 DESERTED BY OCCUPANTS ONLY A FEW PERSONAL BELONGINGS  
 FOOD BEING LEFT STOP AGENTS SHANAHAN DIETZ AND PARRY

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Baughman
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 Mr. Tamm

*Mr. Tamm  
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NL	NIGHT LETTER
NM	NIGHT MESSAGE
LCO	DEFERRED CABLE
NLT	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
WLT	WEEK END CABLE LETTER
	RADIOGRAM

APARTMENT TO GUARD AGAINST POSSIBLE RETURN OF DOYLE AND  
INSTRUCTED SEARCH PLACE BUT HANDLE ARTICLES CAREFULLY TO AVOID  
DESTROYING FINGER PRINT EVIDENCE STOP THOROUGH SEARCH MADE  
WITH EXCEPTION FOOD CONTAINERS AND NEGLECT TO DO SO PROBABLY  
ATTRIBUTAL TO MY FAILURE TO INSTRUCT AGENTS IN THIS REGARD  
STOP AGENTS REMAINED IN APARTMENT UNTIL FOLLOWING MORNING WHEN  
DOYLE LOCATED PITTSBURG AND APARTMENT THEN ABANDONED STOP NO  
FURTHER SEARCH MADE IN VIEW OF FACT LOCAL POLICE HAD LOCATED  
APARTMENT AND DID NOT CONSIDER DESIRABLE TO WORK WITH THEM IN  
VIEW OF NATURE OF INFORMATION IN OUR POSSESSION STOP BOWMAN  
PRESENTLY UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW BUT THE SAME IS BEING  
FOLLOWED OUT=

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Well was rather work  
upon part of our K.C. office.  
Tell them so.

J. E. H.

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Mr. R. B. Nathan,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

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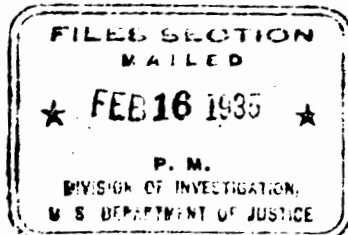
Dear Sir:

I have reviewed your telegraphic summary outlining the investigative activities of various Special Agents in searching the premises formerly occupied and abandoned by Jess Doyle at Kansas City. Obviously the search conducted by the Bureau Agents under your supervision was grossly incomplete and inadequate, since this search failed to disclose the whereabouts of the thousand dollar bond of the City of Peabody, Kansas, and the Mellon National Bank travelers' checks, which constituted a part of the loot obtained in the robbery of National Banks in Okemah, Oklahoma. Such loose, slipshod and careless tactics on the part of Bureau Agents will not be tolerated. It is your responsibility as Agent in Charge to properly organize, supervise and direct the investigative activities of your agents, and consequently, the improper functioning of these Agents is attributable to your inefficiency. A recurrence of similar errors in your district will of necessity result in administrative action.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-9**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Indianapolis, Ind.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2-19-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/12/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>ELISS MORTON VLD</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Indiana State Police, Indianapolis, Ind. believe the persons who held up Mrs. Martha S. Goll and party near Lafayette, Ind. were Urban Pope and one Devoe of Hammond, Ind. Stop order on Ford car, motor #899365, withdrawn from State Motor Registration Bureau, Indianapolis, Ind. Only Cox brothers known to Terre Haute police are Earl and Alvan Cox of Lawrenceville, Ill., but no photographs available.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>Reference: Letter from Chicago office 2-9-35, and copy of letter from Chicago office 2-6-35, to Kansas City office; telegram from SAC Chicago, Ill. 2-13-35.</p> <p>Details: <u>AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA</u></p> <p>Agent called at the Indiana State Police Headquarters and was informed that some investigation was made of the hold-up of Mrs. Martha S. Goll, Mr. and Mrs. John Hartmann, and Harry Malz, near Lafayette, Indiana February 4, 1935. However, the investigation was conducted by officers at the Indiana State Police Barracks near Michigan City, Indiana, who may be contacted for full details of the results.</p> <p>Agent was informed, however, that the Indiana State Police seemed to be of the opinion that the hold-up had been committed by one Urban Pope and another man named Devoe. These men later were apprehended at Hammond, Indiana and had on their persons some \$80.00 or \$90.00. They were wanted for violation of the Internal Revenue laws and were brought to Indianapolis and turned over to the U. S. Marshal February 9,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. H. Reinecke</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>FEB 22 1935</b>	
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1935. Devoe was subsequently released and Pope made bond in the sum of \$2500.00. Agent was informed that Pope had in his possession a 1935 Plymouth Sedan bearing 1935 Indiana license plates #90267, which plates had been issued to him for the car in question, and he had Indiana Title to the car.

The stop order card which Agent had placed with the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Indianapolis, Indiana sometime ago on Ford car, motor number 899365, has been withdrawn by this Agent and destroyed.

Reference telegram from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley advised that the Lafayette, Indiana Police Department were of the opinion that the men involved in the hold-up of Mrs. Goll, were the Cox brothers of Terre Haute, and requested that photographs be obtained.

In the absence of an Agent at Terre Haute, Chief of Detectives Mitchell was contacted by long distance telephone. He advised that the only Cox brothers known to him were Carl and Alvan Cox of Lawrenceville, Illinois, who were suspected of various hold-up jobs in Terre Haute, and Indianapolis. However, no photographs of them are available at either place.

A resume of the above was supplied to Mr. Connelley by telegram on February 14, 1935.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE AT Michigan City and Hammond, Indiana - It is presumed that the Chicago Office can obtain pictures of Pope and Devoe at the Police Department at Hammond, Indiana in order to display them to Mrs. Goll, Mr. and Mrs. Hartmann and Mr. Malz if that action is deemed necessary. The State Police at the Barracks near Michigan City, Indiana also may be interviewed for full particulars of their investigation of this matter.

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Mr. Nathan.....
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Mr. Clegg.....
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Mr. Quinn.....
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Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

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**CLOSING IN ON THEM**

FEDERAL agents closed in Wednesday on two members of the gang charged with the Bremer and, probably, the Hamm kidnapping.

As a result Fred Barker and "Ma" Barker, his mother and reputed "brains" of the notorious Barker-Karpis mob, are no more. The closing-in took the form of a six-hour siege and machine-gun battle in Florida where these members of the gang were living in ease and fancied security. "Ma" Barker, formerly a resident of West St. Paul, supplied additional excitement and color by operating a machine gun herself until a bullet reached her.

There is hope now that the trail will soon lead to the capture of Arthur (Doc) Barker, another member of this notorious family, and Alvin Karpis, said to be the actual kidnapers of Mr. Bremer and, probably, Mr. Hamm. Both are reported to have been visitors at the Florida house within the past two weeks, according to photographic identification by residents in the vicinity. There is also a report that Doc Barker is now under secret arrest in Chicago.

The northwest mounted police of Canada have a widespread reputation for "getting their man" but recent events have shown they have nothing on the United States department of justice. When Uncle Sam takes up the trail of gangsters and crooks, he, too, never stops until he "gets his man." The Florida battle with the Barker gang is the latest instance.

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February 11, 1935.

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Mr. Howard Kahn,  
Editor, St. Paul Daily News,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Kahn:

The editorial which appeared in the St. Paul Daily News on January 18, 1935, entitled "Closing in on Them", has just come to my attention. This editorial, which was based on an encounter of Special Agents of this Division with members of the Barker-Karpis gang in Florida, comments favorably upon the work being done by this Division in combating gangsters and crooks.

I want to thank you for this expression of confidence, and to assure you that this Division will continue its persistent efforts in the war against crime and criminals.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

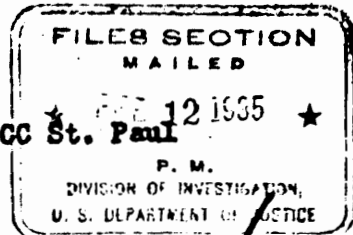
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505-1 U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
February 18, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 567  
San Francisco, California

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.

Dear Sir:

Detective William Rogers of the Salt Lake City Police Department called at the Salt Lake City Division office and reported that he had over-heard a confidential conversation between several officers, who were apparently seeking to keep this information to themselves, that Alvin Karpis was reported to be driving a Plymouth Coupe, California license 4H1982. Mr. Rogers stated that he was unable to ascertain whether this license was a 1934 or a 1935 California license and was unable to obtain any additional information. He stated that he could not divulge the names of these officers, nor could he learn the source of this information. However, upon receipt of this information, a telegram was sent to the San Francisco office, requesting that the license number reported, be checked. Efforts will be made through the Police Department to obtain additional information, and if possible to establish the source of this report.

Recently the Associated Press printed the photograph of Alvin Karpis in the local Salt Lake City newspapers and numerous reports have since been received by the various law enforcement agencies, that Karpis had been seen in Salt Lake City. All of these reports submitted to this Division office were immediately investigated and proved to be inaccurate.

Very truly yours,

LDW:MRE

CC:Division  
CC:E.J. Connelley

JOHN A. DOWD  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

February 19, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

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 Chicago file 7-82

Investigation has disclosed that the best available photograph of William Weaver, with aliases, is the one attached hereto, one copy of which is being forwarded to the Bureau herewith, and five copies of which are being directed to each Bureau Office.

It should be stated that interviews had with [redacted] informants of this Office, located at Aurora, Illinois, disclose that the picture secured from the St. Paul Police Department, their #23452, dated August 3, 1932, is not at all a good likeness of Weaver; that such picture has a tendency to be confusing, and that it would not be readily identified by any persons who were slightly acquainted with Weaver.

In order that all Offices may be properly informed in this matter, the best available photographs are being forwarded to each Office for their assistance in investigating this case.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge  
On Special Assignment

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William Weaver alias Phoenix Donald

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

February 20, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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. 1234  
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. 1237  
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238  
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING.

This will acknowledge receipt on February 19, 1935, of a certified copy of the indictment returned in the above mentioned case at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 22, 1935. I wish to also acknowledge the receipt of a certified copy of the bench warrant together with the Marshal's non est return thereon.

These papers were transmitted to the United States Attorney's office, Chicago, Illinois, on February 19, 1935.

Very truly yours,

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 18, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, w.a., I.O.1218,  
DR. JOSEPH MORAN, w.a., I.O.1232,  
HARRY CAMPBELL, w.a., I.O.1236,  
VOLNEY DAVIS, w.a., I.O.1227, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

I am transmitting under separate cover the following  
guns and equipment found at 3920 Pine Grove Avenue and 432  
Surf Street, this city, on January 8, 1935.

- 1 Colt .38 police special revolver, #273652
- 1 Sawed-off double barrel shotgun, 20 gauge, (The  
number of this gun should be 361601 instead of  
109198 as previously furnished you,) with  
leather holster, made by the Ithaca Gun Com-  
pany, Ithaca, New York
- 1 Colt automatic 380 caliber #115483
- 7 30-06 clips
- 2 .32 clips
- 2 "50" shot drums for Thompson .45 caliber sub-machine  
gun

These guns are being submitted to the Bureau for the  
usual laboratory tests.

The following guns and clips which were also recovered  
at the same time are being retained at the Chicago Office for  
possible use as evidence since latent fingerprints were obtained  
from them and no report concerning their identity has been re-  
ceived.

- 1 Colt automatic .32 caliber #481720
- 1 Colt automatic .32 caliber #304899
- 2 .32 automatic clips
- 1 30-06 clip

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These articles will be retained by this Office pending receipt of latent fingerprint report showing the possible identity of any of the latent fingerprints found on these articles. When a report is received showing no identification of latent prints obtained on these articles, they will be forwarded to the Bureau.

The .351 caliber rifle, fitted with front machine gun grip and Cutts Compensator and made by the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, and which gun had both serial numbers removed, will be left with the Bureau by Agent R. D. Brown on February 16, 1935.

The two bullet proof vests and all ammunition found at the above addresses are being retained for use by this office.

Proper leads have been set out for the tracing of all guns recovered at 3920 Pine Grove Avenue and 432 Surf Street in order to determine in what manner they came into the possession of subjects in the above entitled case.

The above articles which are being transmitted to the Bureau are being sent by Railway Express, Waybill label #7992 with the charges prepaid by this office.

Very truly yours,

*E. J. Connelley*  
E. J. CONNELLEY, *lxm*  
Special Agent in Charge  
Special Assignment

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

February 19, 1935.

Hon. Dwight H. Davis,  
United States Attorney  
United States Courthouse,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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  
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - KIDNAPING.

I am herewith transmitting to you by Special Agent F.C. Tillman a certified copy of the indictment returned in the above mentioned case at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 22, 1935. There is also attached hereto a certified copy of the bench warrant together with the Marshal's non est return thereon.

These papers are to be used for your assistance in a preliminary hearing to be held in Chicago, Illinois on February 21, 1935, with regard to the harboring of VOLNEY DAVIS, by MATTHEW GLEASON at Aurora, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

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 18, 1935

OS Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States 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 Chicago file 7-82

The attention of this Office has been directed to certain damage done to two apartments located at 3920 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on the night of January 8, 1935, when the apartment of Russell Gibson was raided.

Mr. Lenco, the Janitor, who also acts as Manager of the apartments located at 3920 Pine Grove Avenue, has submitted to this Office an itemized statement of damages and necessary repairs and cleaning which had to be taken care of at said apartment building after the raid, which is as follows:

"The following itemized bill is being submitted to the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice for damages to the apartments at 3920 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, occupied by Russell Gibson and J. H. Twitchell, said damages having resulted from gas and bullets in connection with a raid conducted by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the night of January 8, 1935:

- 1 kitchen washed completely in apartment of Russell Gibson.
- 1 kitchen washed completely in apartment of J. H. Twitchell.
- All woodwork in apartment occupied by Russell Gibson washed.
- Plaster and woodwork in apartment occupied by Russell Gibson repaired.
- Miscellaneous painting and repairs in apartment occupied by Russell Gibson.
- 1 table repaired and refinished in apartment occupied by Russell Gibson.

(The washing necessary on woodwork and walls was caused by black fingerprint powder being used thereon, and the repairs to plaster was necessitated by damage from bullets.)

Total of above . . . . .

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Replacement of two window panes in apartment occupied by J. H. Twitchell and three window panes in apartment of Russell Gibson, which window panes were broken by bullets. . . . .	\$14.38
Replacement of three window shades which were damaged by bullets in apartment of Russell Gibson. . . . .	2.70
Replacement of one bedspread belonging to management of 3920 Pine Grove Avenue building, which spread was used to wrap up the body of Russell Gibson . . . . .	3.00
Replacement of one desk in apartment of Russell Gibson which was damaged by gun fire. . . . .	8.00
1 new window frame which was damaged by gun fire in apartment of Russell Gibson. . . . .	2.00
1 table scarf, property of management of 3920 Pine Grove Avenue building in apartment of Russell Gibson . . . . .	1.00
1 throw rug which was damaged in apartment of Russell Gibson. . . . .	<u>2.50</u>
Total. . . . .	\$33.58

You are further advised that the apartment of one J. H. Twitchell, at 3920 Pine Grove Avenue, was damaged and the following itemized bills have been submitted by Mr. Twitchell:

Removing Gas Fumes:

2 sheets	
3 pillow cases	
2 K. towels	
2 B. "	
1 pad	
1 wash cloth	
2 rags	
1 SW blanket	
2 DW "	
2 pillows	
2 prs. pajamas	
2 prs. sash curt.	
2 shower curt.	
Total. . . . .	\$4.32

2 H. towels  
 1 B. mat  
 1 shower curt.  
 1 counterpane  
 2 tick covers  
 3 SW blankets  
 2 DW "  
 2 pillows  
 Total. . . . . \$2.96

1 silk kimona  
 1 smock  
 1 pr. sash curt.  
 1 pr. long curt.  
 1 suit pajamas  
 Total. . . . . \$1.26

TOTAL of above . . . \$8.54

Jan. 10	1 8x10 rug	\$3.00
	1 6x9 rug	1.75
	1 pair gloves	.25
	blue overcoat	1.00
	blue robe	1.00
	2 red figured drapes	1.00
	figured cover	1.00
	rose cover	.35
	2 gold drapes	1.25
	figured cover	.75
	4 gold curtains	1.50
	4 white curtains	1.50
	2 tan rugs	1.00
	small rug	1.00
	figured rug	1.00
	rag rug	.50
	blue suit	1.00
	brown spread	1.00
	1 tapestry	.50
	3 small scarfs	.75
	1 small Oriental	1.00
	1 Navajo rug	1.00
	gray hat	.55

Jan. 11	black suit	1.00
	2 gray suits	2.00
	2 tan sweaters	1.00
	smoking jacket	.55
	small silk scarf	.10
	23 ties	2.10
	1 pr. curtains	5.00
	1 Chinese rug	5.00
TOTAL. . . . .		\$40.40

It is observed that due to the gas fumes which lodged in Mr. Twitchell's apartment he was compelled to take lodging in other quarters from January 9 to January 30, 1935, and is submitting a bill for such room rent in the amount of . . . . . \$31.50

The total damages as itemized herein amount to . . . . . \$ 132.02

This information is set out in detail so that you will understand satisfactorily the claims which are being presented to this Bureau for payment.

This Office would like to know whether or not the Bureau will pay for the damages and replacements noted herein, and if payment will be made, please advise whether such charges should be submitted on a Form #1034 or on a blue slip.

The itemized bills furnished by Mr. Twitchell, together with the original of itemized bill furnished by Paul Lenco, are being retained in the Chicago Bureau Office in order that they may be submitted together with a blue slip if the Bureau desires that payment be made in that manner.

Very truly yours,

*E. J. Connelley*  
E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge  
on Special Assignment

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

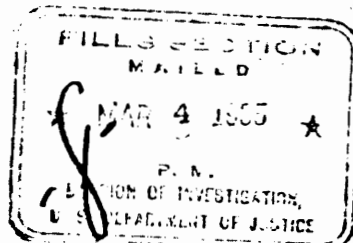
With reference to your letter of February 18, 1935,  
advising of claims that have been made for damages to apartments  
at the time the apartment of Russell Gibson was raided, you are  
advised that blue slips may be submitted for these claims.

It will be necessary to show that these payments are  
made because of confidential services.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-45 MRF**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2/19/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>1/20/35-2/16/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>JAMES L. FALLON</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218-FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I. O. 1237; DR. JOSEPH J. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz, father and mother of Fugitive Karpis arrived in Philadelphia February 11, 1935 for the purpose of obtaining custody of the illegitimate son of Dolores Delaney, Mrs. Karpavicz returning to Chicago, Ill. February 15, 1935 with this child. John Karpavicz departed the next day by Ford Coupe automobile in which they both arrived from Chicago, Ill. on the date mentioned. Kept under surveillance while in Philadelphia. Nothing noted to show they were contacting any members of the Fugitive's party. Removal Order concerning Wynona Burdett and Dolores Delaney signed by Judge Welsh on February 14, 1935 directing the said parties to be removed to the Southern District of Florida. Departure from Philadelphia in custody of the U. S. Marshal in a special coach on February 16, 1935 at 12:31 P.M. Effects of Misses Delaney and Burdett returned to them and receipt signed, the same being in the Philadelphia file.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>P.</u></p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent J. R. Sharp, Philadelphia, Pa. 2/5/35.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <u>AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.</u></p> <p>The investigation set forth herein was effected by the following Agents: B. F. Meekins, Matthias R. Griffin, J. A. McCarthy, N. B. Wills and the writer. The period covered is from the time when Misses Delaney and Burdett were taken into custody in Atlantic City, and contact was made nearly every day while Miss Delaney was a patient in the Hahnemann Hospital, 230 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa.</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>R. G. Harvey</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-4712 FEB 21 1935 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: FILE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: FEB 21 1935 CHECKED OFF: FEB 25 1935 JACKETED:
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Under date of February 11, 1935 it was ascertained through a garage at 142 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, in close proximity of the Hahnemann Hospital, that Illinois license plates #522096 were the property of Mr. John Karpavicz. Inquiry at this storage garage ascertained that Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz had arrived on the above date and made an inquiry as to where the Hahnemann Hospital was located. Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz were questioned by Special Agent McCarthy and the writer, and the following information was gleaned from the conversation which ensued: that they left Chicago, Ill. three days prior to their arrival in Philadelphia, travelling in the automobile mentioned; that they arrived in Philadelphia on February 11, 1935, in the early morning, and stopped at the Y. M. C. A.; that their sole intention in coming to Philadelphia was for the purpose of obtaining custody of what they thought to be the illegitimate son of their boy, Alvin Karpis, having read in the Chicago papers that Dolores Delaney was anxious to place this child in a home (this, of course, being untrue, and probably only newspaper gossip.)

They were brought immediately to the Philadelphia office and interrogated as to their knowledge of their son and they maintained that they had not seen him for three years, and emphatically denied ever making any contacts with him. They answered questions freely and stated that they would be only too glad if he should surrender, because they were apprized by Agents in the Chicago office that if he would put up any resistance the same would result in injury, or probably death, to their boy. They further informed us that they had already placed notices with the Lithuanian papers in Chicago asking him to surrender to the authorities to face charges preferred against him.

The Special Agent in Charge, R. G. Harvey, gave Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz permission to see Dolores Delaney, but instructed them that an Agent must be present at all times when any conversation was entered into. They were also instructed to report to the Philadelphia office if they saw fit to do so before leaving Philadelphia. In this connection a telephone call was made to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington and Mr. Edward Tamm instructed that surveillance be made at all times upon Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz. It was ascertained that they were stopping at Room 1028, Y.M.C.A., Broad and Arch Streets, Philadelphia. Accordingly, several Agents were instructed to keep them under observation at all times.

Dolores Delaney gave Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz permission to take her child and they were entrusted with it, but no papers or agree-

ment were signed, and under date of February 15, 1935 Mrs. Karpavicz, after receiving permission from the doctor in charge of the Maternity Ward of the Hahnemann Hospital, departed on the B. & O. train at 5:13 P.M. The B. & O. officials informed us that they would have one of their Special Agents enter the train at all important stops to see that no contact was made with Mrs. Karpavicz, although the Philadelphia office informed these officials it was not their desire, as Mrs. Karpavicz was not under observation or arrest by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In accordance with the departure the Chicago office was informed by wire under the same date.

On February 14, 1935 the Hon. George Walsh at Philadelphia signed the removal papers for Wynona Burdett and Dolores Delaney, the same being that they were to be removed to the Southern District of Florida in the near future. Mr. Tamm of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, instructed Mr. Harvey that no agents would accompany Dolores Delaney or Wynona Burdett to Miami, Florida. The U. S. Marshal, under date of February 16, 1935, departed from Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, Pa. at 12:31 P.M. having in his custody Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdett, bound for Miami, Florida.

The car in which Mr. Karpavicz was travelling was searched by Agents, permission to do so having been obtained from Mr. Karpavicz, and a note book was found therein with several telephone numbers. The telephone numbers were copied and forwarded to the Chicago office by letter.

The effects of Miss Burdett were turned over to her under date of February 16, 1935, and a receipt taken of same, signed by Miss Burdett, and is at present in the Philadelphia file. The effects of Dolores Delaney, as well as the clothes that were found in Atlantic City, N.J., were turned over to her on February 11, 1935, receipt taken therefor, a copy forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, as well as a copy to the Chicago office, and one copy was retained for the file of the Philadelphia office.

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BREKID AGENT FITZSIMONS REPORTS INFORMATION FURNISHED BY CH CLEWISTON  
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POST OFFICE BOX 68  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

February 6, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
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.

Please refer to report of Special Agent F. M. Hickey, Washington, D.C. October 15, 1934, wherein it is indicated that wanted notice was placed in the files of the Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C. where by the Division would be notified should any information be received as to the location of BYRON BOLTON, whose correct name has been ascertained since his apprehension to be WILLIAM BRYAN BOLTON alias MONTE CARTER.

It is suggested that the wanted notice in question be withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.  
(Special Assignment)

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7-576-4714

Special Agent in Charge,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case of Byron Bolton, concerning whom a wanted notice was posted in the files of the Identification Unit, in compliance with a request received from your office on October 13, 1934. It is observed that the files of the Identification Unit reflect that this person, as Byron Bolton, #1843, was arrested by the U. S. Marshal at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 22, 1935 on a charge of conspiracy to transport a kidnaped person in interstate commerce. It is therefore requested that you advise the Bureau whether you desire your notice in this matter to be cancelled.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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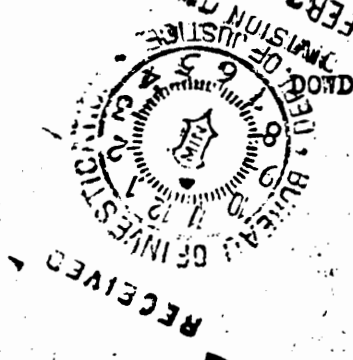
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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH  
FEBRUARY 18, 1935

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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BREKID LOCAL DETECTIVE INFORMS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION RECEIVED BY SALT LAKE CITY POLICE FROM UNKNOWN SOURCE THAT ALVIN KARPIS IS REPORTED TO BE NOW DRIVING PLYMOUTH COUPE CALIFORNIA LICENSE FOUR H ONE NINE EIGHT TWO STOP UNKNOWN WHETHER LICENSE IS CURRENT OR LAST YEARS NO OTHER INFORMATION OBTAINABLE STOP HOWEVER SUGGEST THIS LICENSE BE CHECKED

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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

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February 19, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

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 Chicago file 7-62

Information has been secured by this Office to the effect that CHARLES FITZGERALD, who is a known associate of the Barker-Karpis gang, and is known to have lived in Toledo, Ohio, and to have associated with members of that gang in that town, is the owner of 1934 Buick Club Sedan, motor #2,875,177, serial #2,716,681.

On February 1, 1934 Illinois license plate for the year 1934 #522-451 was issued to Charles Fitzgerald in the name of C. J. Murphy, 7150 Cyril Pkwy, Chicago, Illinois, on the above mentioned car, and it further appears that this car was purchased by Fitzgerald in the name of C. J. Murphy on January 31, 1934 from the South Shore Buick Company, Inc., 8938 Stony Island Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. To date this car has not been registered in the State of Illinois for 1935.

Each Bureau Office receiving copies of this letter will make arrangements through the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus in the various states under their jurisdictions to have a stop order placed against this car in the event that efforts are made to secure a 1935 registration for said car.

Inquiries should be made at this time to ascertain whether or not license plates have already been issued for the current year for this car.

In the event that information of value is secured the Bureau, the Chicago and the St. Paul Offices should be advised immediately.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge  
On Special Assignment

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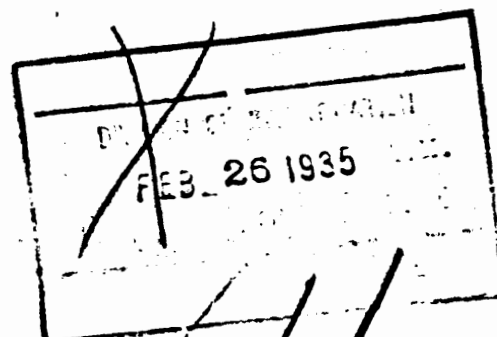
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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT ST PAUL

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BREXID REFERENCE LETTER CHICAGO BUREAU OFFICE FEBRUARY NINETEENTH LAST  
DISREGARD REQUEST TO PLACE STOP ORDER BUICK CLUB SEDAN MOTOR TWO EIGHT SEVEN  
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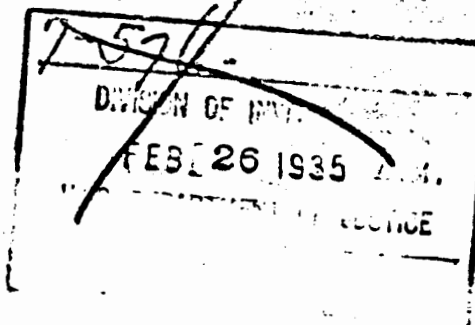
TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT NEW YORK CITY

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CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Department of Police

February 6, 1935

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

May I take this opportunity of calling your attention to a matter of vital importance to the identification profession. By this I mean a unified system of classification.

Much as we boast of the unity on this subject in reality this is not true. Only yesterday I received a circular in which one of the patterns was a distinct tented arch but the bureau sending it out had given it an arch, represented by the letter a.

In this morning's mail I received your circular on Volney Davis, wanted by your Department on a kidnapping charge. His left little finger was shown a loop of 1 ridge count, but I found it filed in this Bureau as an arch of the exceptional arch type. These are the things that cause a failure to identify from classification data sent in to your Bureau.

The plan I have in mind is for you to devote some space in your monthly book of fugitives to the classification of difficult patterns printing cuts of same and explain how they are handled by your experts. This would tend to unify the classification of these difficult patterns by identification experts throughout the country.

I should like to hear from you at your convenience in these premises.

Very truly yours,

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W. H. Morgan,  
Superintendent  
Identification and Records

7-596-4716

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February 16, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

I have noted the letter addressed by the Bureau on February 12, 1935, to Mr. W. H. Morgan, Superintendent, Identification and Records, Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, with reference to an apparent violation in pattern interpretations by this Bureau when contrasted to the more standardized interpretations included in various books relative to fingerprints.

It will be recalled that recently we have considered the sending of invitations to identification officers to participate in conferences here. I have included the Tulsa Police Department as one of the agencies to participate in these conferences as I am aware of Mr. Morgan's interest in this field. However, I am inclined to the opinion that it is possibly would be advisable for the Bureau to publish a booklet outlining its fingerprint classification procedure and policies, for the information of identification officers novices, as well as the more experienced ones. I appreciate that this booklet of itself would be in the nature of a fingerprinting course but it seems to me it would do a large amount of good in the identification field. It would entail a great amount of work in its preparation. However, I think that the results to be obtained through such a publication would amply justify the labor involved therein. Meanwhile, of course, we have published and will continue to publish announcements in the fugitive bulletin, explaining our classification procedure. These announcements, however, are "scattered" and I really think that in one booklet the Bureau should indicate its opinions concerning these questionable patterns which are never properly defined in any of the standard books. In fact, illustrations in such books usually are confined to the ideal types of patterns which experts "dream about" but rarely see.

In the event the Bureau so desires, I would be glad to try to initiate the preparation of a booklet explaining the fingerprint classification system in toto.

Respectfully,

Ll C. Schilder.

Note: I recommend approval  
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Mr. W. H. Morgan,  
Superintendent,  
Identification and Records,  
Police Department,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Morgan:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 8, 1935, in which you refer to differences in the classification methods used in various identification bureaus and suggest the possibility of making the interpretation of doubtful patterns more uniform by the publication of explanatory articles in the bulletin "Fugitives Wanted by Police."

Your reference to the Identification Order for Volney Davis has been noted particularly and I believe there is considerable merit in the suggestion that greater uniformity in classification among the various identification officers might be attained through an understanding of the principles underlying the classification methods utilized in the Division. The left little finger of Volney Davis is classified in the Division as a loop in accordance with the rule requiring that whenever an impression shows a single recurve one side of which bifurcates so as to join the delta or to go outside the delta, the impression must be classified as a loop if the single curve ridge appears to flow more naturally inside the delta than outside. If the curved ridge appears to flow naturally outside the delta the pattern is classified as an exceptional arch. Where both forking ridges in question appear to be equally natural ridges proceeding from the point of bifurcation the impression is given the preferred classification of loop, of course, such impressions are always referenced into any other possible classifications. A slight change of pressure or inking at the time an impression is taken will seriously affect the appearance of a single ridge and if the variation of this ridge will control the interpretation a referencing is of course necessary. It will be noted that on the Identification Order issued for Volney Davis the reference classification indicated that the left little finger is questionable as an exceptional arch. Exceptional arches are at present filed for convenience with the tented arches.

Your suggestion that the classification methods used in the Division be explained in the bulletin "Fugitives Wanted by Police" will be carefully considered.

With assurance of my appreciation for your helpful suggestions,  
I am

Sincerely yours

John Edgar Hoover  
Director.

JEH:HW

February 19, 1935.

Time-11:10 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Bremer Case

62-1113

Mr. Suydam telephoned and said that the Detroit News had inquired whether Cassius McDonald, who was under arrest in Miami, Florida, had anything to do with the slaying of Jerry Buckley, the radio man in Detroit. I stated that I recalled the case; but that the Bureau did not enter into the investigation; that Cassius McDonald had been arrested in Miami in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping Case by our men; but that we had not interrogated him along the line of this slaying as we had received no request from the Detroit Police Department.

Mr. Suydam also inquired if we would permit a photograph to be taken of McDonald. I stated that we would not; that he had been arrested but hadn't made bond as yet, neither had he been arraigned in court; that when these things were done, of course, photographs would no doubt be made.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

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February 20, 1935

Honorable John W. Holland,  
United States Attorney,  
Jacksonville, Florida

Attention: Mr. William A. Paisley,  
Assistant United States Attorney

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218;  
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;  
KIDNAPING

Receipt of your letter of February 19, 1935,  
is acknowledged, together with the enclosure of copy of letter  
from H. M. Hampton, Attorney, Ocala, Florida, dated February 8,  
1935, inquiring as to the property held by the Bureau which was  
taken from the bodies of Kate and Fred Barker.

On February 11, 1935, the currency in a total  
amount of \$14,312.00 and the jewelry were turned over to L. E.  
Futch, County Judge, Marion County, Florida, to remain in his  
custody pending further developments. A few other items; such  
as, personal baggage, et cetera, will be returned to Judge Futch  
in the near future.

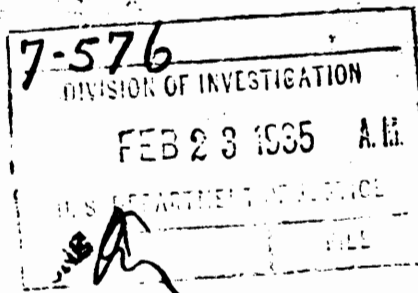
A report is now in preparation covering inves-  
tigation made in Havana, Cuba, which unquestionably traces the  
one thousand dollar bills recovered as having been exchanged in  
Cuba for the Bremer ransom money. This may have some effect on  
the final disposition of the money.

I am enclosing an extra copy of this letter  
in order that you may properly inform Mr. Hampton in Ocala,  
Florida.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc Bureau  
St. Paul  
E.J. Connelley, Chicago  
Jax #7-24



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 20, 1935

Time: 4:35 P.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim; Kidnaping.

Pursuant to your instructions, I telephoned Acting Special Agent in Charge L. E. Kingman of the Jacksonville Office and instructed him to have a number of photographs taken of Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette in various poses to be distributed to all of the Field Offices in the event these girls are released on bond, and to be used with the view to locating them in the event they again take up with subjects Karpis and Campbell.

Mr. Kingman advised that he had not yet heard from Special Agent Fitzsimons who was sent from Miami to Clewiston on Lake Okeechobee, Florida, a distance of 135 miles, to investigate a rumor that subjects Karpis and Campbell had been seen in that vicinity. Mr. Kingman does not expect a report from Agent Fitzsimons until around 5:30 or 6:00 P.M.

Mr. Kingman was instructed to have an Agent interview William C. Riley, Manager, Aero News Company, Post Office Box 1329, Pensacola, Florida who, under date of February 17, 1935, advised the Bureau that he had observed an individual resembling the photograph of Dr. Joseph P. Moran; that this individual had requested copies of the St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers, and had stated that he would be in that vicinity for one more week.

I instructed Mr. Kingman to give this immediate attention.

Respectfully,

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

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February 18, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Time: 6:13 PM

Re: Bremer Case

Mr. Connor, of the Chicago Daily News, telephoned and inquired if it were true that "Doc" Moran was in the custody of the Bureau as he has a story to that effect and would like to publish it, if it will not do any harm to the Bureau's investigation in this case.

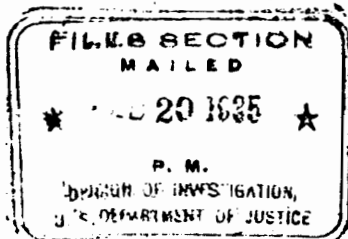
I advised Mr. Connor that to my knowledge Moran was not in the custody of the Bureau or anyone else and that the story if published would be untrue.

Very truly yours,

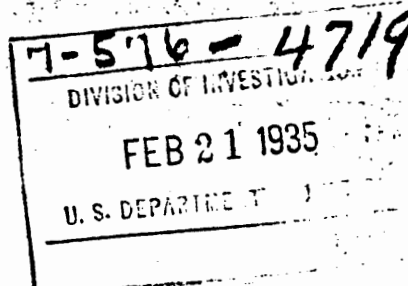
John Edgar Hoover,  
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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 16, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM *Lot*

In confirmation of telephonic advice furnished Mr. Richmond and Mr. Newby, on February 14, 1935, concerning the case of Jess Doyle, Fugitive Index #5975, Bureau file #62-28915, please be advised that on February 14, 1935, a fingerprint card was received in the Identification Unit from the Sheriff's Office Department, Girard, Kansas, reflecting that this individual as Jesse Doyle, #---, was arrested by that Department on February 7, 1935, charge Bremer kidnaping suspect; disposition not given.

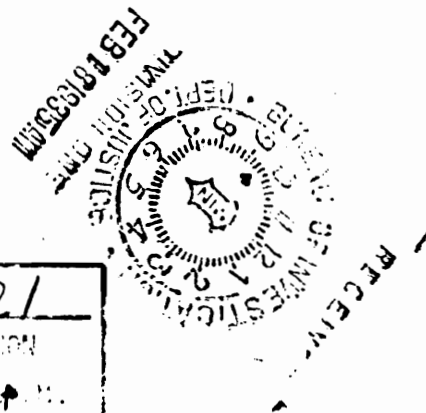
Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*

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414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

February 20, 1935.

Mr. H. N. Graham,  
Post Office Inspector,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge your letter dated February 12, 1935, in which you request some information regarding Cassius J. McDonald, of Detroit, Michigan, whom you believe to have been placed under arrest by our agents at Atlantic City, N.J.

We have no record of this arrest and have been advised by Detective James Hyde, of the Atlantic City Police Department, that no one by that name has been arrested by them.

Very truly yours,

R. C. HARVEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

JH:AM  
cc - Division

*Letter N.Y.C.  
cc. Phila, & Paul Connolly  
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1900 Bankers' Building,  
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ST LOUIS, MISSOURI

*Bremer*  
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ALSO ALL INFORMATION AS TO THE NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE PLATES

CONNELLEY

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POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

February 19, 1935.

Hon. Ernest J. Kruetgen,  
Postmaster,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

It is requested that you cancel the mail covers placed by this Bureau on December 26, 1934, on Apartment 2 at 641 Oakdale Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, in the name of Patricia Longest, and at 439 Arlington Place, Chicago.

Your cooperation in this matter has been greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

T.M:MG

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



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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
February 21, 1935.

Postmaster,  
Neosho,  
Missouri.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

This will advise you that it will be no longer necessary for you to maintain a cover on all mail addressed to George E. Barker, Neosho, Missouri.

Allow me to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your splendid cooperation in matters of this kind.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge.

RPS-ebc  
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cc-Bureau  
Mr. Connelley-Chicago.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FILE

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois



February 25, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

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;  
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239;  
HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING Chicago file 7-82

Reference is made to my letter of February 19, 1935, directed to each Field Office.

Please be advised that information has been secured to the effect that Charles Fitzgerald in the name of C. J. Murphy registered the 1934 Buick Club Sedan, motor #2,875,177, serial #2,716,681, in the State of Ohio and secured 1935 Ohio license plates 3871G. At the time he gave the address as 2110 Washington Street, Toledo, Ohio.

The Detroit Office has advised this Office that information is rather definite to the effect that Fitzgerald left Toledo on or about January 16, 1935, and that he intended to proceed to Florida or California accompanied by his wife, Belle.

It is understood that the above mentioned car has a built in trunk.

Each Field Office is requested to make appropriate efforts to locate this automobile and to advise the Bureau, Chicago and St. Paul Offices immediately in the event same is located.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY *skw*  
Special Agent in Charge  
On Special Assignment

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
February 23, 1935



Mr. F. R. Casey  
Post Office Inspector  
Toledo, Ohio

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly renew for a period of sixty  
days the cover on all first class mail addressed to 2525  
Georgetown Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

In submitting tracings from this cover kindly  
refer to our file #7-25.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated  
in this matter as in the past.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

DEH:vas  
cc Bureau

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
February 21, 1935.

RE: BREK



Mr. Max Y. Sawyer,  
Postmaster,  
Galena, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that it will be no longer necessary that this office be furnished with biweekly tracings of all mail delivered to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Boyce, 709 Joplin Street, Galena, Kansas.

Your past cooperation in this regard is deeply appreciated by this office.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

RPS-abc  
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cc-Bureau  
Mr. Connelley-Chicago.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

19, 1935.

Hon. Ernest J. Krueger,  
Postmaster,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation  
being conducted by this office, it will be appreciated  
if you will have a cover placed on all mail received  
by Miss Elizabeth Tracy for a period of thirty days,  
at her residence, 2718 North Ridgeway Avenue, or at  
her office, which is in the Civil Service Commission  
room on the sixth floor of the City Hall.

When forwarding tracings, kindly refer to our  
file No. 7-82.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I remain

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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in Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
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POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

February 19, 1935.

Hon. Ernest J. Krueger,  
Postmaster,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

It is requested that you cancel the mail  
cover placed by this Bureau on October 24, 1934,  
on apartment A-8, 108 North Lacon Street, Chicago,  
Illinois, in the name of Joe Williamson.

Your cooperation in this matter has been  
greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

TM:MO

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

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINN.

REPORT MADE AT: Washington, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE: 2/21/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/20/35	REPORT MADE BY: R. P. BURRUSS
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, w. a., I. O. # 1218, DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w. a., I. O. # 1232, HARRY CAMPBELL, w. a., I. O. # 1236, VOLNEY DAVIS, w. a., I. O. # 1237, et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>No record of theft or loss of Browning Automatic Rifle No. 211774 with War Department, Navy Department, Marine Corps or Coast Guard. War Department will circularize Corps areas.</p> <p><i>searched indexed 3-15-35 F. D. H.</i></p>			
<p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letter from Chicago, Illinois, office dated February 5, 1935.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b> AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</p> <p>Information was obtained that no report had been received indicating the theft or loss of the Browning Automatic Rifle No. 211774, from the following:</p> <p>Mr. E. L. Kahlert, Field Division, Ordnance Dept., War Department, Comdr. N. C. Gillette, Small Arms Branch, Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department, Mr. H. G. America, Supply Division, U. S. Marine Corps, Mr. S. A. Harvey, Ordnance Section, United States Coast Guard.</p> <p>Mr. E. L. Kahlert stated that he would take immediate action to circularize the nine Army Corps areas, and, in the event, further information con-</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. M. Keith</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-4724 FEB 23 1935 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: ONE T. SECT. 8		RECORDED AND INDEXED: FEB 25 1935 CHECKED OFF: MAR 16 1935
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cerning this rifle is received by him, the office of origin  
and the Chicago office will be immediately notified.

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February 20, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE IDENTIFICATION UNIT,  
UNIT FIVE.

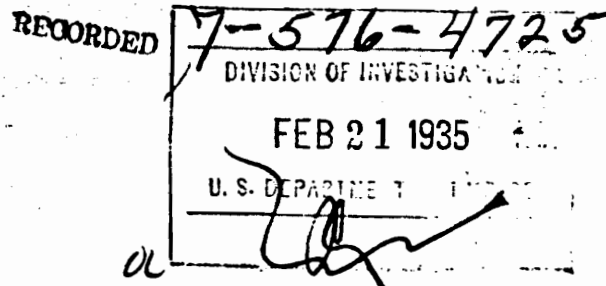
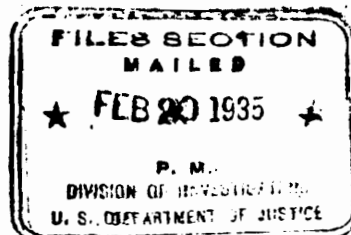
Transmitted herewith is a fugitive index card on WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, Fugitive Index No. 5973. This fugitive index card is being substituted for the Bureau wanted notice which is presently in your files and bears the same fugitive index number.

William Weaver is subject of Identification Order No. 1238.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Encl. #284027



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1216 Smith Young Tower  
San Antonio, Texas.  
February 20, 1935.

FJL/ML

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

IDENTIFICATION ORDERS

Dear Sir:

The Division shipment of Identification Order No. 1240 Harry Sawyer with aliases directed to the San Antonio office was 243 Identification Orders short of this office's allotment of 450 Identification Orders.

It is requested that an additional 260 copies of Identification Order #1240 be forwarded to this office.

Other Identification Order shipments recently forwarded to this office have been from 10 to 20 Orders short and it is therefore requested that the allotment of Identification Orders to this office be increased from 450 to 550.

*Addition  
noted 2/25/35  
RCP + LAB.*

Very truly yours,

*Gus T. Jones*  
Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.  
*C.R.A.*

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
FEBRUARY 21, 1935.

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

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DIVISION ONE



Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUG. I.O. #1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Enclosed please find the Waiver of Removal executed  
at Kansas City, Missouri on February 6, 1935 by Volney Davis.  
This was obtained shortly after his apprehension by Bureau Agents  
in Kansas City and prior to his departure by plane to Chicago.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

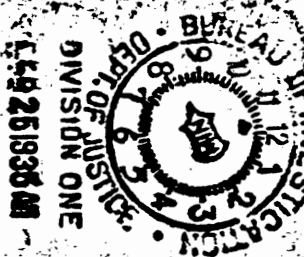
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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
FEBRUARY 21, 1935.



Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUG. I.O. #1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232; ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

There are being transmitted herewith the original signed statements of Edna Murray and Jess Doyle made to Special Agents John L. Madala and R. P. Shanahan on February 12, 1935 and February 15, 1935, respectively. Both statements were given and signed at the Wyandotte County Jail, Kansas City, Kansas on the above dates.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

RPS:os  
Encls.

cc - Bureau  
cc - Mr. Connelly, Chicago

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POST OFFICE BOX 829,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

February 21, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

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; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O.  
1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases,  
I.O. 1239; HARRY SAWYER with aliases,  
I.O. 1240; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim - KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE #7-82

You will find attached hereto the original and one  
copy of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent J. L. Madala,  
of this office, in connection with his recent activities in  
Kansas City.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.  
(Special Assignment)

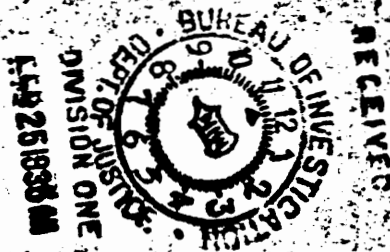
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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
FEBRUARY 21, 1935.



Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

IN RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUG. I.O. #1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232; ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

There are being transmitted herewith the original  
Waivers of Removal executed by Jess Doyle and Edna Murray on  
February 7, 1935, at the Sheriff's Office of Crawford County,  
Kansas, and on February 8, 1935, at Pittsburg, Kansas Police  
Department, respectively.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

RFC:os  
cc - Bureau  
cc - E.J. Connelly, Chicago

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Post Office Department  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INSPECTOR  
Washington

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
GCS:FVW

February 11, 1935.

The Honorable

The Attorney General.

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

Attention Division of Investigation.

Transmitted herewith, for such attention as may be deemed advisable, is a copy of a report dated February 8, 1935, from Inspectors P. F. Quinn and C. R. Lynch, advising they are in receipt of information to the effect that Harry Sawyer, a fugitive in the Bremer kidnaping case, and his wife, Gladys Sawyer, apparently intend to locate at, or visit 601 South Ninth Street, either Kansas City, Missouri, or Minneapolis, Minnesota, in the very near future.

Very truly yours,

For the Postmaster General,

*W. A. Aldrich*  
Chief Inspector.

Inclosure. *W. A. Aldrich*

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P. F. Quinn,  
C. R. Lynch,  
Inspector

Post Office Department

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR

CASE No. Special "R"

Newark, New Jersey,

February 8, 1935

Subject:

Information concerning whereabouts of Harry Sawyer, fugitive in the Bremer kidnapping case.

REPORT EXAMINED, APPROVED AND  
FORWARDED TO CHIEF INSPECTOR.

FEB 9 1935

Inspector in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Post Office Inspector in Charge Division.

1. Confidential information was furnished us today that Harry Sawyer, and his wife, Gladys Sawyer, apparently intend to locate at, or visit, 601 South 9th Street, either Kansas City, Missouri, or Minneapolis, Minnesota, in the very near future. This information is as recent as February 6, 1935. Harry Sawyer is a fugitive in the Bremer kidnapping case.

2. It is recommended that this report be transmitted to the Chief Inspector so that the information contained herein can be referred to the proper authorities of the Department of Justice.

P. F. Quinn,  
C. R. Lynch,  
Post Office Inspectors.

7-576-4727

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:TAM

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

9:30 P.M.

February 12, 1935

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.....

I called Mr. Coulter at St. Paul and advised him that information had been received from the Post Office Department to the effect that Harry Sawyer and his wife were reported to be intending to visit at 601 South Ninth Street in either Kansas City, Missouri or Minneapolis, Minnesota. I instructed Mr. Coulter to conduct immediate discreet investigation at this address in Minneapolis, in order that if Sawyer and his wife appeared there, they could be immediately apprehended. Mr. Coulter stated his belief that this was the residence of Alice Conrad.

I called Mr. Nathan at Kansas City and transmitted the information received from the Post Office Department to him, requesting an immediate check at 601 South Ninth Street. Mr. Nathan stated that Ninth Street in Kansas City, Missouri runs east and west, but I instructed him to check both such addresses on Ninth Street and also to check the address at Kansas City, Kansas.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1331 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,  
El Paso, Texas,  
February 20, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

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

In compliance with instructions contained in  
Bureau form letter of February 2, 1935, you are advised  
that the temporary wanted notices issued on Fred Barker,  
and distributed to various peace officers and identifi-  
cation units in this district, have now been withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

*R. H. Colvin by gas*  
R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
St. Paul.

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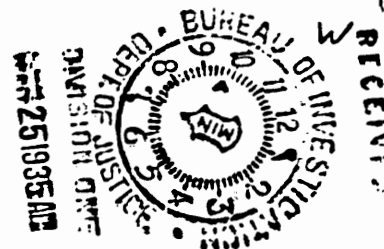
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
February 20, 1935



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

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

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 8, 1935,  
please be advised that it has been determined that George  
Sargent discussed on page 16 or report of Special Agent  
D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, December 21, 1934,  
is identical with George Sargent alias George Sargeant  
alias George Sargint, Bureau file #763437.

Dispositions have been obtained on the two  
arrests reflected in Bureau file #763437, and an appro-  
priate disposition sheet is being transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

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

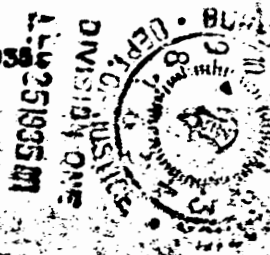
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E. J. Connelley, Chicago  
St. Paul  
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago, Illinois

February 20, 1935



Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

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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;  
WILLIAM TAYLOR, with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239;  
HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1240.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Kindly conduct the necessary investigation to determine to whom the following guns were sold, which were manufactured by the concerns whose offices are located within your district:

.45 calibre Colt Automatic Pistol, #C-160657.

A stock for Thompson Machine Gun, #13578, - not traceable

.45 calibre Colt Automatic Pistol, #C-161841.

Browning 12 gauge Automatic Shotgun, #92870.

Very truly yours,

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

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7-82  
CC: Bureau

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 812  
Chicago, Illinois  
(Name and address of Contributor)

Date February 19, 1935

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

47139

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which  
fingerprints have been mailed to the U. S. Bureau of Investiga-  
tion:

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
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*Primo Pulas*

This form to be submitted to the U. S. Bureau of  
Investigation to report dispositions of cases in which prints  
were forwarded previously. Dispositions include such informa-  
tion as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, discharges  
from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

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Very truly yours,

*E. J. Connelley*  
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TITLE: (CHANGED) ALVIN KARPIS, aliases: A. Carter, Raymond Handley, George Haller, Alvin Karpis, A. Karpis, Earl Pell, Alvin Karpis, George Dunn, R.E. Hamilton, Ray Hunter, Ray Karpis, E.L. Burns, R.L. Burns, J.J. Burns, William Lohman, William B. Lohman, Alvin Karpavicz, R.E. Nelson, Earl Lyman Burns, Marion Bradford, H.J. Milgreth, H.G. Milgreth, Howard Milgreth, E.L. Burnes, SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Ray Hall, Dan Murphy, "Chi" Karpis, Raymond Handley, Alvin Karpis, "James", Charles M. Bronson, FUGITIVE, I.O.1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, aliases: "Doc" Barker, Claude Dale, Bob Barker, E.L. Murrey, J. H. Harvey, "James", A.S. Hunter, Dock Barber, Claude Barber, Arthur Barker, F. E. Gordon, "Joe", H.J. Harvey, Ray Gordon, "Shorty", I.O.1219; HARRY CAMPBELL, aliases: Dave Campbell, T.C. Blackburn, George L. Martin, George Nelson, John Walcott, George Walcott, George Winfield, George Swanson, "Dave", I.O.1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, aliases: "Curley" Davis, "Cotton" Davis, E.V. Davis, J.H. Lockwood, S.E. Lockwood, C.E. Moore, Jimmie, "Curley" Moore, Everett Davis, "Curley" Hansen, "Curley" Hansen, J.E. Hansen, Ray Green, "Curly", "Whitey", "Whitie", I.O.1237; WILLIAM WEAVER, aliases: P.O'Donnell, Phoenix Donald, R.A. Nelson, T.J. Nelson, P.J. Nelson, Bill Scott, W.C. Weaver, J.A. Orhood, Charles W. Lucas, Charles E. Bolling, Bill Weaver, Felix Donald, P.O. Donald, Phoenix O'Donald, W.G. Weaver, P.O. Scott, Bill Thornton, Felix Donald, "Buck" Weaver, Clair Lucas, J.A. Ware, "Heavy"; HARRY SAWYER, aliases: Frank James, "Dutch" Sawyer, Harry Sandlovich, Harry J. Porche, Harry Sandevich, Harry Sandovich, Jew Harry, "Sea Lion"; WILLIAM BRYAN BOLTON, aliases: Bryan Bolton, Monty Carter, Owen D. Carter, Owen Bernard Carter, Owen B. Carter, "Andy", Andrew Allen, Byron Bolton; JAMES J. WILSON, aliases: Jimmie Wilson, James Jackson, James Ryan, "Dr. Jim" Wilson, E.J. Powell; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, aliases: Joseph B. Moran, Joseph C. Moran, "Doc" Moran, I.O.1232; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, aliases: Willie Harrison, J. B. Bolton, W. J. Ryan, Elmer Howe; OLIVER A. BERG, aliases: Ollie Berg, "Izzy", Mr. Jones, Oliver Bennet; WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, aliases: William E. Vidler, Williams; PHILIP J. DELANEY, aliases: Philip Delaney, Phillip Delaney, Phil Delaney, Phillip Delaney; JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, aliases: J.J. McLaughlin, "Boss" McLaughlin, ET. Smith; ELMER FARMER; HAROLD V. ALLERTON, aliases: Harold Allerton, Ellerton, Alderton, Harry Allerton; MYRTLE EATON, aliases: Sue Bond, Alice Martin, Ruth Martin, Mert, Mrs. J.A. Ware; JESS DOYLE, alias Jessie Doyle; EDNA MURRAY, aliases: "Rabbit", Grace R. Doyle, Grace Hanson, "Blondie", "WHITIE", aliases: Bruno Putis, Bruno Austin, Bill Larson, FUGITIVE; JOHN DOE; RICHARD ROE; WYNONA BURDETT, aliases: Wynona Walcott, Miss Graham, Mrs. Ray Summers; DOLORES DELANEY, aliases: S.A. Green, Louise Graham, Mrs. A. B. Graham; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:          3-Bureau (enc)          3-St. Paul (enc) (1-U.S. Atty., St. Paul)          2-Detroit (enc)          2-Jacksonville (enc)          3-Chicago (1-U.S. Atty., Chicago)</p> <p>COPIES DESTROYED 20 MAR 19 1965</p> <p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p>7-576-4731 FEB 23 1935 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: FILE</p> <p>RECORDED AND INDEXED: FEB 25 1935 CHECKED OFF: MAR 19 1935 JACKETED:</p>			

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Subject Whittie, identified as Bruno Putis, alias Bruno Austin, was arrested by States Attorney Police, Chicago, Illinois on January 20, 1935 on robbery and bond jumping charges and is now incarcerated in the Cook County Jail, Chicago, in default of \$20,000 bond. Trial on state charge set for February 20, 1935. Putis states he met Doc Barker, Slim Gray, Bryan Bolton, and Willie Harrison through Elmer Farmer and associated with them in Bensenville and Chicago, Illinois during October and November of 1934, but denied knowing identities until after the killing of Slim Gray on January 8, 1935. He denied participation in kidnaping or any knowledge thereof. Certified copies of indictment and bench warrant received by United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois from United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota on February 8, 1935, and fugitive complaint sworn to before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker on February 9, 1935, and fugitive warrant issued. Fugitive complaint and warrant lodged as detainer on same date by United States Marshal, Chicago, Cook County, against release of Putis. Disposition sheet attached.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, dated January 25, 1935; Report of Special Agent J. E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated February 7, 1935, and letter from St. Paul Office to Chicago Office dated February 7, 1935.

DETAILS:

The title in this case is being changed in the first instance to compare favorably with the changed title in the report of Special Agent J. E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota dated February 7, 1935. It is also being changed to include the aliases J. A. Ware and Buck for William Weaver, to include Whittie, Whitey and Curly for Volney Davis, to include the I.O. for Harry Campbell, and to add the names of Myrtle Eaton, with aliases, Jess Doyle, with aliases, Edna Murray, with aliases, John Doe and John Roe as new subjects. The names and aliases of Fred Barker, Fred Goetz, and Russell Gibson are being dropped from the title because of their death. The name of John Joseph McLaughlin, Jr. is



being dropped from the title since the United States Attorney at St. Paul has declined prosecution and the Grand Jury did not indict John Joseph McLaughlin, Jr., also to add the correct name and aliases of Whitle.

It is to be noted that the indictment of Whitle along with other subjects in this case at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 22, 1935 for conspiracy to transport Victim Bremer in violation of Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932, Chapter 271, 47 Stat. 326, 18 U.S. Code, 408a, the details of which indictment is set forth in report of Special Agent J. E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated February 7, 1935, was based on the information furnished by Clara Gray, whose statement appears in the reference report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, dated January 25, 1935. Whitle is described in the indictment as being 25 or 26 years of age, height 5 feet 10 inches, weight 170 or 180 pounds, slender built, blonde hair, blue eyes, even teeth, Lithuanian extraction.

On the morning of January 17, 1935 a telephone call was received from a Mr. Scholz, Night Clerk at the Irving Hotel, 4859 Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, to the effect that he desired to furnish some information in regard to Alvin Karpis. Mr. Scholz was immediately interviewed by Special Agents J. J. Metcalfe, L. V. Boardman, and J. H. Kenney, at which time Mr. Scholz stated that he been suspicious of a certain woman guest as having a connection with Karpis; that this woman was occupying Room 317 at the Irving Hotel under the name of Marcella Keller and that she had been a guest since December 6, 1934. He stated that her true name was thought to be Majowski or some such Polish name and that he had been informed that her husband is presently serving time in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois.

Mr. Scholz stated further that she is employed as a hostess at the Oriole Gardens on Irving Park Boulevard and River Grove, telephone River Grove 883. Mr. Scholz stated that on several occasions Mrs. Keller had made remarks about the "damn 'G' men" and to the effect that she was being followed and that things were getting too hot for her; that during the few days previous to the interview she had been using the telephone in the hotel lobby instead of placing her calls from her room; that early the previous morning she had stopped at the hotel desk on her way in after working and upon opening her purse to take out a cigarette, a newspaper clipping and picture of Alvin Karpis fell out. At this time she stated to Mr. Scholz that if anyone ever "got him", presumably meaning Karpis, she would get the party who was responsible. As to further suspicious actions by Mrs. Keller, Scholz stated that on January 16, 1935 she had telephoned for a Western Union messenger boy and declined to give the message over the phone and that on another occasion when a girl friend called for her at the hotel, and upon not

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finding her at home had called her on the phone at her place of business from the hotel lobby, Mrs. Keller became very annoyed and told the girl that if she called again to call from a drug store booth.

The following list of telephone calls made by Mrs. Keller was furnished to agents at this time by Mr. Scholz:

12-14-34 Bensenville 113R, E. C. Bartholmey, York Road, Bensenville, Illinois  
 12-15-34 Calumet 5434, Combustioneer Inc., 1825 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois  
 ? Mansfield 2683, Gus Raymond, 160 North Kenard, Apartment 408, Chicago, Illinois  
 1-11 and Humboldt 0365, Emil Podsada, 2135 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois  
 1-16-35  
 1-13-35 Kedzie 3578, Martin J. O'Connor, 3324 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois  
 1-13-35 Medzie 6666, Sam Harris, 1141 South St. Louis Avenue, Apt. 1 Chicago, Illinois  
 1-11, 13 and  
 16-35 Austin 9151, Ernestine Bond, 4342 West Washington Boulevard, Apartment 115, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Scholz at this time advised that Mrs. Keller stated that she intended to move from the Irving Hotel as it was getting too hot for her. He stated that he would keep a close watch on Mrs. Keller to ascertain if she had any definite connection with Alvin Karpis, and would immediately notify the Chicago Office, also when she moved.

It will be noted that on December 14, 1934 Mrs. Keller made a telephone call to Bensenville 113R, which is the residence of E. C. Bartholmey, York Road, Bensenville, Illinois. On January 21, 1935 Chief Deputy United States Marshal Tobin furnished the Chicago Office with a copy of an anonymous letter received by the United States Marshal's office relating to the Bremer kidnaping case. This letter is quoted as follows:

January 21, 1935

United States Marshal Office,  
 Department of Justice,  
 Chicago.

In regard to the EDWARD G. BREMER case.

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Check one Edward C. Bartholmey of South York Street Bensenville and you may learn something of the case. Bartholmey and Mochell were very friendly and much in Company with each other particularly during Jan 1934.

Bartholmey conferred with Mochel at night during that time.

Yours Anonymus.

Bartholmey is a favorite associate with the hoodlum element."

With further reference to Bartholmey, on February 1, 1935 Mr. F. K. Butterfield, Investigator for the Western Union Telegraph Company advised Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd telephonically that he had heard that one Bartholmey at Bensenville had something to do with the Bremer case. Butterfield said that he understood that Bartholmey had conducted a newspaper of some kind in Bensenville.

On February 1, 1935 Special Agent R. L. Jones contacted Mr. Scholz at the Irving Hotel in regard to the possibility of Agent looking over the letters and papers contained in the room occupied by Mrs. Keller. Mr. Scholz advised Agent Jones that Mrs. Keller had a five year old son, who lives in the room with her and who is in the room practically all the time; that Mrs. Keller leaves the hotel about 9 P.M. each night and returns about three or five in the morning, but that the boy is in the room while she is away. Mr. Scholz agreed to try to get the boy out of the room and stated that if Agent would return about 10 P.M. he thought he would be able to let agents in the room at that time.

Special Agent R. L. Jones returned to the Irving Hotel at 10 P.M., accompanied by Special Agent K. R. McIntire, at which time Mr. Scholz advised that Mrs. Keller's son was asleep in the room. Mr. Scholz then went to the room occupied by Mrs. Keller and obtained therefrom a box containing numerous letters and clippings which he brought to the lobby of the hotel and allowed agents to look through. Among the effects in this box were several newspaper photographs of Alvin Karpis, together with numerous newspaper clippings containing the photograph of one Bruno Austin, and the newspaper articles relating to the story of his arrest on January 20, 1935 while leaving the Russian Holy Trinity Cathedral, 1121 North Levitt Street, Chicago, Illinois, after having been married to Miss Marie Brenke, 2332 Augusta Boulevard; a newspaper article with reference to Bruno Austin stated that he was arrested for bond jumping and auto larceny. Agents carefully examined the effects of Mrs. Keller contained in the box, but nothing was found

therein to indicate any connection of Mrs. Keller with Alvin Karpis or other members of the Karpis-Barker gang, except the newspaper photographs of Alvin Karpis.

Mr. Scholz advised Agent that he had learned that Marcella Keller formerly lived with Bruno Austin and that he had also learned that Mrs. Keller's former husband's name was Kotowski and not Majowski and that he is at present an inmate at Joliet, Illinois, on a murder charge.

On January 30, 1935 the St. Paul Office was advised by letter of the contents of the anonymous letter received by the United States Marshal concerning Bartholmey at Bensenville and was requested to interview Elmer Farmer at the Ramsay County Jail in regard to this individual.

On the evening of February 1, 1935, Special Agent R. C. Coulter of the St. Paul Office advised telephonically that Elmer Farmer, Harold Allderton and Bryan Bolton had been interviewed and admitted knowing Bartholmey, but stated that he had nothing to do with the Bremer kidnaping.

On the morning of February 2, 1935, the writer and Special Agent R. L. Jones proceeded to Bensenville, Illinois to locate Edward C. Bartholmey and bring him to the Chicago Office for questioning. Since information had been received from Mr. Butterfield of the Western Union that Bartholmey might have some newspaper connections, Agents contacted Mr. G. H. Warnecke, Postmaster, Bensenville, in regard to this person. Mr. Warnecke advised that Bartholmey has been a resident of Bensenville approximately twelve or fourteen years; that his home is located at 222 York Street, Bensenville. He stated that Bartholmey was formerly employed by the Chicago, Milwaukee, & St. Paul & Pacific Railroad, but that he had lost his position with this company through his radical activities; that Bartholmey was supposed to have been the editor of a radical newspaper which he distributed among the employees of that railroad. He stated that Bartholmey does not now have any newspaper connections and it was his information that Bartholmey is now on charity and that he is supposed to work for the state on the highway. He also stated that Bartholmey is a democratic committeeman in Bensenville.

Agents then proceeded to the home of Edward C. Bartholmey, 222 South York Street, and brought him to the Chicago Bureau Office for questioning. Before questioning Bartholmey the writer and Special Agent Jones proceeded to the Irving Hotel, 4859 Irving Park Boulevard, and brought Mrs. Marcella Keller to the Chicago Office for questioning and also brought along with Mrs. Keller newspaper clippings concerning

Alvin Karpis and Bruno Austin, as well as numerous letters and effects containing telephone numbers and addresses found in her room.

Edward C. Bartholmey was interviewed by Special Agent K. R. McIntire and R. L. Jones, and he advised that he has been residing in Bensenville for approximately fifteen years; that he was formerly employed by the Chicago, Milwaukee, & St. Paul Railroad, but lost his position there several years ago due to the fact that he was accused of having caused unrest among the employees by radical activities. Bartholmey claimed that this accusation against him was false. He advised that for the past several years he has been unemployed, but has recently obtained part-time employment with the U.S. Bureau of Census in making a check of farm property for the purpose of estimating the value thereof. He stated that he has been acquainted with Elmer Farmer since he first came to Bensenville, but that he did not know of any irregular activities of Farmer except that he was formerly in the bootlegging business and at the present time was supposed to be operating a number of slot machines in the vicinity of Bensenville. When questioned concerning any parties whom Farmer might have brought to his house for the purpose of having him give lodging, he stated that Farmer had been in the habit the past several years of bringing individuals to him as roomers. He stated that in most instances these parties stayed only a short while and he did not ascertain much concerning their past history. When questioned closely concerning the identity of some of the individuals brought him by Farmer, he stated that some time around the early part of September Farmer brought an individual to his home whom he introduced as Andrew Allen; that this party stayed with him about a month, and that this person was supposed to be connected with Farmer in the slot machine business. Bartholmey identified a photograph of Bryan Bolton as being identical with the party known as Allen. He stated that shortly after Allen left Farmer brought another individual to him whom he introduced as Bill Larson. He stated that Bill Larson stayed at his home for about one month, during which time he seldom left the house.

Bartholmey was exhibited a newspaper clipping of Bruno Austin and he identified Austin as being identical with Bill Larson. Bartholmey claimed that he knew nothing of the true identity of either Allen or Bill Larson, but that from their actions at his home they appeared to be hiding from something and that he presumed they were wanted for some offense. He stated that Farmer at no time advised him of the true identity of these persons. He also said that while Allen and Bill Larson were at his home they received no visitors with the exception of Farmer. Bartholmey was shown the photographs of all members of the Barker-Karpis gang and their associates, but he denied ever having seen any of these with the exception of Bolton. He also denied any of the gang visited his home while either Allen or Bill Larson were there and that any of the photographs exhibited to him were likenesses of persons formerly brought to his home by Farmer. He denied that he knew anything of the location of the Bremer hideout prior to the time it was discovered by agents of this office, or that he had any occasion to visit the home of Harold Allderton during January or February of 1934, although he knew Allderton.



Marcella Keller was interviewed by the writer and she advised that her correct name is Olga Podsada; that she was born in Chicago on November 3, 1903; that her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Podsada reside at 2135 Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; that she has two sisters and three brothers. She stated that when she was seventeen years of age she married John Duszysnky, who three months after her marriage to him was arrested for burglary and sentenced to serve from one to ten years in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois; that while Duszysnky was in the penitentiary she lived with Stanley Ginskus; that she later divorced Duszysnky and married Adold Spars; that she became separated from Spars and began living with Ed Kotowski, who is now serving a sentence of from one to fourteen years for manslaughter in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, his number being 5654; that in January of 1931 she met Bruno Austin, whom she states is generally known under the name of "Whitie"; that she has lived with Bruno Austin practically since that time, although there have been numerous instances when they were separated, due to arguments between them. She stated that in September, 1934 Bruno Austin jumped his bond after having been arrested on a larceny charge of some kind; that Bruno left town and was living somewhere near Chicago, but that she did not know where he was living, although he came in to see her at intervals, but sometime during October of 1934 he came to see her at the Oriole Gardens where she was then working, accompanied by a man whom he referred to as "Bart" (who was undoubtedly Bartholmey). She further advised that about the first part of November 1934 Bruno Austin gave her \$55.00 to rent an apartment which she did at 143 North Parkside Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and that Bruno then came and lived with her at that place until about the first part of December, at which time he again left her; that while she was living with Bruno at 143 North Parkside, he told her that he had been living at the home of E. C. Bartholmey in Bensenville prior to coming to live with her, and that while there he became intimate with Mary Jane, the daughter of Bartholmey and that he thought he might get into trouble through it. She further stated that Bruno asked her to write a letter to Mary Jane Bartholmey for him, which she did and that following the writing of this letter, Mary Jane made several phone calls to her, and that she later called Mary Jane Bartholmey from the Irving Hotel to which place she moved after Bruno had left her. She stated that the only person she had met through Bruno while he was living at Bensenville was the person named "Bart", whom he brought to the Oriole Gardens.

When questioned concerning the newspaper photographs of Alvin Karpis contained in her room, she gave the following explanation. She stated that on January 20, 1935, when the newspapers carried the story of the arrest of Bruno Austin while being married, that she first saw this



in the papers while she was at work at the Oriole Gardens and that she became greatly excited and burst into tears; that one of the patrons of the Oriole Gardens asked her to dance and that while dancing with her noticed she was crying and asked her what the trouble was and she stated that she had just seen some bad news in the newspaper. In the same newspaper which carried the story of Bruno's arrest there was a large article concerning the escape of Alvin Karpis from a hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey and that upon explaining to the man with whom she was dancing that a boy friend of hers had gotten into trouble, the man asked her if she meant Karpis, to which she stated she replied she did, as she did not want to discuss with the man her affair with Bruno Austin. She further stated that in order to cover up her feelings in regard to Bruno Austin she clipped the photograph of Karpis from the newspaper along with those of Bruno Austin, which was the reason for her having Karpis' picture in her possession. She denied emphatically that she had ever seen Alvin Karpis or that she had ever heard Bruno Austin mention him.

She was questioned concerning the associates of Bruno Austin but could furnish no information to indicate that she knew Austin was connected with members of the Karpis and Barker gang. She was also questioned concerning the whereabouts of Bruno Austin from December 1, 1933 to March 1, 1934 and she stated that during this period Bruno Austin was living with his parents at 1543 South Sawyer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and that he was during that time driving a coal truck for his brother-in-law Angelo and that she saw him at frequent intervals at this time. She denied ever having been in Bensenville to see Bruno Austin while he was living there and stated that she has never seen any of the Bartholmey family, having only corresponded with Mary Jane Bartholmey for Bruno and that she had called her on the telephone on one occasion; that she is not positive about the Bartholmey's telephone number, but remembers it as Bensenville 113R.

She was questioned concerning the remarks made by her to the effect that she would get any 'G' man who was responsible for getting Alvin Karpis and she stated that she could not remember having made any such remark, but if she did, she must have done so while she was drunk and then only as a blind to cover up her feelings concerning Bruno Austin.

Among the effects of Mrs. Keller was found several letters which she had written to Bruno Austin, but which she had not mailed. These were more or less epistles on her love or hate for Bruno. One of the letters contained the following statement, "E.F. had to give M.J. \$40.00 to cure her". When questioned concerning the identity of E.F. and M.J., Mrs. Keller stated that she did not know who E.F. was, but that

M.J. meant Mary Jane and that Mary Jane had told her to give this message to Bruno. (E.F. apparently refers to Elmer Farmer)

Mrs. Keller was shown photographs of all of the members of the Karpis-Barker gang and their associates, but she denied ever having seen any of these individuals. She stated that Bruno while she was living with him did not take her to visit any of his friends and that between the time she left him in the early part of December, 1934 and the time of his arrest on January 20, 1935, she saw him only once and that was on January 18, 1935 when he called on her at the Irving Hotel. The description of Bruno Austin as furnished by Mrs. Keller corresponded almost identically with the description of "Whitie" as given by Clara Gray, which description appears in the indictment against "Whitie" at St. Paul, Minnesota.

The following description of Mrs. Keller was obtained for possible future use through observation of Agent and information furnished by herself:

Name	Olga Podzada, alias Olga Petroff, alias Marcelle Keller
Age	31 years
Height	5'
Weight	119 lbs.
Hair	died blonde (natural-dark red)
Eyes	brown
Build	slender
Complexion	medium
Scars and marks	small mole on point of chin; diagonal scar on left upper lip from mouth to nose; small triangular scar below corner of lower right lip
Marital status	married
Residence	Irving Hotel, 4859 Irving Park Blvd., Chicago
Photograph	Chicago Bureau Office files
Parents	Mr. and Mrs. John Podzada, 2135 Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Criminal record:	(furnished by herself)
1919	arrested Chicago, Illinois for shoplifting, sentence- 60 days in house of correction
1925	arrested Chicago, Illinois, shoplifting, fingerprints and photograph taken; sentence-60 days in house of correction
1933	arrested Chicago, Illinois, shoplifting, sentence-1 year probation; discharge from probation April 1934.

On February 4, 1935 a photograph of Bruno Austin, Chicago Police Department #C41940 was obtained from the Bureau of Identification, Chicago Police Department and on February 6, 1935 this photograph was exhibited to Clara Gray in the Chicago Bureau Office and she stated that he is identical with the "Whitie" who frequented the apartments occupied by her husband and other members of the gang at 432 Surf Street, Chicago, and 3912 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

At the office of the States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois, on February 6, 1935, Special Agent K. R. McIntire and the writer interviewed Sergeant Thomas Donnelley, States Attorney Police, who advised that he had apprehended Bruno Austin on January 20, 1935 while he, Austin, was being married and that Austin had been wanted by his office since September of 1934 for jumping a bond of \$10,000 under which he was at liberty in connection with the robbery and shooting of a theater owner in Chicago, Illinois. Sergeant Donnelley advised that the case against Austin on the robbery charge seemed to be a fairly good one inasmuch as the victim had identified Austin, but that since the time Austin was first arrested on the charge numerous friends had tried to intimidate the victim as well as all the prosecuting witnesses and for this reason it had been necessary to place a police guard with all the prosecuting witnesses. He stated that he had found Austin a pretty hard character and that Austin was apparently connected with a pretty tough bunch of criminals in Chicago. Sergeant Donnelley further stated that Austin was still incarcerated in the Cook County Jail and that the trial of this case in the State Court had been set for February 20, 1935.

Agents then interviewed Bruno Austin at the Cook County Jail. He was first reluctant to talk with Agents, but upon being questioned concerning his activities in Bensenville, Illinois, he stated that he had lived there only about a month during October and November 1934 at the home of Edward C. Bartholmey and that while there he had met through Elmer Farmer parties known to him only as Slim, Shorty, and Andy, and that he had only seen them two or three times while he was living in Bensenville, but never associated with them otherwise. He denied at first having visited the apartments in the City of Chicago which were occupied by Slim, Shorty and Andy, but upon being advised of the fact that he was under indictment in connection with the Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul, Minnesota, he stated that he would be glad to relate all he knew concerning his acquaintanceship with members of the gang at Bensenville. The following information was obtained from him while questioning him on February 6 and later on February 11, 1935.

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He stated that his correct name is Bruno Putis; that he was born in Chicago, Illinois on October 3, 1908; that he resides with his mother, Victoria Putis or Austin at 6969 Oakdale Avenue, Chicago, that he has two sisters Stella Austin and Mrs. Nellie Adochio. He stated that his mother has been married the second time and that she uses the names of Putis and Austin interchangeably, but that he himself has generally used the name of Bruno Austin, but that he is known to his friends mostly as "Whitie". He stated that on September 28, 1934 he jumped bond of \$10,000 on which he had been at liberty on a robbery charge; that on that date he went to the Pioneer Tavern located at Grand and Western Avenues in Chicago, Illinois in order to secure a hiding place where the police could not find him; that one Mickey, a bartender at the Pioneer Tavern took him to see Tony Capezio, one of the members of the Capone Syndicate, but that Capezio stated that the only place he could place him was Melrose Park, Illinois, but that things were too hot there at the present time. Bruno stated that Mickey then took him to the Hi-Lo Club located at 22nd Street and Cicero Avenue in Cicero, Illinois, where Joe O'Brien, one of the owners of the club was contacted; that Joe O'Brien and Mickey took him out to Bensenville where they introduced him to Elmer Farmer; that in meeting Elmer Farmer he used the name of Bill Larson. He said that Elmer Farmer then took him to Kahn's Tavern, located on North Avenue, just west of the city limits of Elmhurst, Illinois, on the left hand side of the road where Farmer arranged with Kahn for him to stay.

Bruno stated that Kahn's Tavern was operated by a Mr. and Mrs. Kahn and their two daughters. He stated that he remained at Kahns for two days, living in one of the small cottages adjacent to the tavern; that after two days Elmer Farmer came to Kahns and took him to the home of Edward C. Bartholmey at which place he remained for approximately a month; that about a week after Farmer took him to Bartholmeyes, Farmer came there one evening accompanied by two individuals whom he referred to as Slim and Shorty. Putis identified the photographs of Russell Gibson and Doc Barker as being identical with Slim and Shorty, respectively. He advised that Shorty came to his, Bruno's, room and asked him if he was Jimmie, to which Bruno stated he replied in the negative; that Shorty then said there must be some mistake and told him that he should not worry about talking to him because he was with Elmer and that it would be all right to talk.

About a week later Bruno stated he went to Elmer's Tavern in Bensenville and again met Slim and Shorty, who were there drinking at the bar. He stated that he tried to borrow some money from Elmer Farmer, but that Elmer claimed he was broke and asked Slim and Shorty whether or not they could get something for him, Bruno, to do so that he could make himself some money; that Slim then gave Elmer Farmer



\$70.00 which Elmer gave to him, Bruno, and that Slim and Shorty then left the tavern; that before leaving Slim had told him he would try and fix him up on a score, meaning a job, they had in mind; that about a week and a half later he, Bruno, went to Kahn's Tavern and upon entering, found Slim and Shorty at the counter and that there was a third party with them whom he met as Blackie, but who was later referred to by Slim and Shorty as Andy. Bruno identified a photograph of Bryan Bolton as being identical with Andy or Blackie. On this occasion Bruno said that Slim, Shorty, and Andy took him for a drive in a Ford V-8 sedan which they were using and that they rode around the vicinity of Elmhurst, Illinois, and they asked him, Bruno, all about himself, inquiring as to the nature of the charge for which he was wanted. Slim also on this occasion said he would keep him in mind and try to place him in the next job they pulled. Bruno said he questioned Elmer Farmer concerning the identity of these parties, but Farmer told him not to worry, that they were just as hot as he was. Bruno further stated that about the first week of November, 1934, he moved into Chicago and went to live with Olga Petroff at 143 North Parkside Street; that shortly after moving into Chicago he drove back out to Bensenville to see if he could borrow some money from Elmer Farmer; that upon arriving at Elmer's place, he found Shorty, Slim, and Andy there; that Slim asked him if he wanted to go for a ride with them and he stated he did, and they drove into Chicago to an apartment located on Surf Street near the Outer Drive. He stated that the apartment building to which they went was located about three or four doors from the corner of the drive and that it was a U-shaped building; that the apartment to which he went was on the third floor of the building and was rented under the name of Roberts, as he saw this name on the mail box. Bruno said they he did not see anyone else at the apartment and that they stayed for only a few minutes and then drove back to Bensenville.

Bruno further advised that about a week later he again went to Elmer's place in Bensenville and that upon arriving there Elmer Farmer asked him to drive him to see Slim and Andy in Chicago; that he drove Elmer Farmer to the apartment on Surf Street and there Elmer spoke with Slim and Andy; that they remained for about twenty minutes and then returned to Bensenville. Bruno stated that at this time he saw no one except Slim and Andy. About four or five days after this visit with Elmer Farmer, he stated that he drove in his own car to Surf Street to visit Slim and Andy; that on this occasion Slim, Andy and Shorty were present in the apartment as well as another man whose name he learned to be Willie. Bruno identified the photograph of Willie Harrison as being the same person as the Willie he met. He said that there were also two women present in the apartment on this occasion, one of whom he learned was named Ruth, but that he could

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not recall the name of the other, although he understood she was the wife of Andy. He described the second woman as 29 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches in height, and dark hair. The woman whose name he knew to be Ruth he identified from a photograph as being Ruth Heidt. Bruno said that he ate dinner at the apartment on this day and that shortly after eating dinner, two men came to the apartment, one of whom he was previously acquainted with; that this man is known by the name of Mibs, but that his correct name is Joe Galliachio, and that he formerly hung around the corner of Elburne and Ashland Avenues, Chicago, Illinois. The other party was Sam Mano, whom he knew from having seen him with Mibs on numerous occasions. He described Mibs as being about 24 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches in height, weight-160 pounds, stocky build, dark hair, very thin on top, dark complexion, nationality-Italian. He stated that Mibs has served time in the Bridewell in Chicago and has a long police record; that at the present Mibs frequents the neighborhood of Paullina and Roosevelt Road in Chicago. He described Mano as being 22 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches in height, 140 pounds in weight, slender build, dark hair, dark complexion, nationality-Italian. He stated that Mano has been arrested on several occasions with Mibs.

Bruno stated that Mibs and Mano appeared to be very friendly with Slim and that he later learned from Slim that Mibs was the man who furnished guns for Slim, inasmuch as Slim told him that Mibs had furnished him with heaters, meaning guns. Bruno also advised that he learned that Mibs was the man who picked up Andy's children for him shortly before Thanksgiving in 1934 and arranged to bring Andy and his children together. Bruno also stated that on the evening of this same visit he played cards with the man and woman at the Surf Street apartment and that while they were playing cards Andy and Shorty talked considerably about a fellow to whom they referred as Cotton; that he recalls Shorty said that Cotton was a little bit crazy and that he was always buying new cars and driving wild and wrecking them and that Cotton was running around with a woman by the name of Rabbit and who was about as crazy as he was and was always getting drunk with him.

Bruno stated that about five or six days after this visit he again drove to the apartment on Surf Street and that Andy and Slim were there, also the two women who were there on his previous visit. Bruno said that on this occasion he drove with Andy to Bensenville to visit Elmer Farmer; that Andy wanted to see Farmer with reference to getting some money as he, Bruno, understood that Andy was in the slot machine business with Farmer. He stated that they stayed at Farmer's only a short time and then drove back to the apartment, but that he



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did not go in the apartment, but drove immediately home. About four or five days later Bruno again visited the apartment on Surf Street and found Andy, Shorty, Slim, and Willie present, as well as the same two women previously mentioned. Bruno stated Mibs, and Sam Mano were also present at the apartment on the occasion of this visit and that they seemed to have quite a lot of business to do with Slim. On the occasion of this visit Bruno advised that he drove with Shorty to an apartment located at 3912 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, to bring a couple of suitcases to that address; that they went to an apartment located on the first floor which was rented in the name of Bolton and that while at this Pine Grove apartment he saw a woman he understood was Shorty's woman, but stated that he did not know the name of this woman but he identified a photograph of Mildred Kuhlman as being the woman seen by him there. Bruno stated that a few days later, or about the end of November, 1934, he drove to the apartment at 3912 Pine Grove and found Shorty alone and with Mildred; that shortly after he arrived Slim came in and that he, Bruno, endeavored to borrow some money from Slim, but that Slim did not give him any as he stated he was broke. On this occasion Bruno said that Slim and Shorty stated that they were going out of town along with Andy and Willie and that they would not be back to Chicago until about January 15, and that while he was still at the apartment they loaded a number of suitcases in their Ford V-8 sedan and drove away. Bruno states that he did not visit the apartments or see any of the gang after they left on this trip about the middle of November.

He states that the only reason he kept hanging around with these fellows was in the hopes of getting some money from them and that Slim was continually promising to get him in on a job which they were supposed to be planning. He stated they never divulged to him any of their business nor did they indicate to him they were wanted by the Government. He stated that he had asked Elmer Farmer on a number of occasions about the members of the gang, but that Elmer stated that they were hot and that they were all right.

Bruno said that he continued to visit Farmer after the gang left Chicago and that on one occasion when he visited Farmer, Farmer told him that in the event he saw any of the boys to tell them that Cotton wanted to get in touch with them as he wanted to get some money they owed him and a machine gun from them; that Farmer also told him that Cotton had stayed at Bartholmey's house on one occasion while Andy was staying there. He stated further that during the time he was visiting the gang on Surf Street that on several occasions

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Shorty and Willie would pack up suitcases and leave in their automobile, apparently to be out of town for a few days, but that they never indicated where they were going.

Bruno said that Joe Galliachio and Sam Mano seemed to be very closely associated with Slim and the rest of the boys; that he understood that Slim used to pal around with Joe and Sam for a number of years. He stated that he himself was never taken into the gang's confidence at all and that he always felt they allowed him to come to their apartments, but that they did not particularly care to have him around. He denied that he had ever made any trips out of town with any of the boys, nor did he get any idea from them as to where they went or who they went to see when they made trips out of town. Bruno said that the first indication he had of any of this gang's identity was the day following the killing of Slim Gray in Chicago; that when he saw this article in the newspaper he recognized the Slim Gray as being the same Slim that he knew; that he went to see Elmer Farmer and asked him why he did not advise him of the identity of these parties, and that Elmer Farmer merely advised that he thought he could find out for himself who they were. He stated that the only one of these individuals that he ever did definitely find out about was Slim Gray and that he has not yet learned the identity of the other members of the gang except by knowing them by their nick names. He stated that at no time did they ever discuss the kidnaping of Edward Bremer, nor did they indicate that they had ever held any kidnap victim in Bensenville. He also said that the only places he had ever been with them were apartments on Surf Street and Pine Grove Avenue, and that they had never taken him to any other spots frequented by them in this vicinity.

Bruno refused to give a signed statement covering his association with members of the gang, but stated that he would be willing to answer any questions asked him about them truthfully.

Bruno further advised that approximately the first of December, 1934, and up until the time of his arrest he resided with the family of Marie Brenke, his wife, at 2657 Division Street, Chicago, Illinois.

When questioned concerning his activities from December 1, 1933 to March 1, 1934, Bruno stated that he was working during this time for his brother-in-law Angelo Adochio, who is in the coal and ice business; that he was driving a truck for him and that he was then residing with his parents, who at that time lived at 1600 South Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

The following additional information was obtained from Bruno Austin by Special Agent K. R. McIntire. Bruno stated that on one occasion Slim Gray had told him that Farmer had put in a good word for him and stated that he was okay, and that Slim and Shorty had both told him that Joe O'Brien of the Hy-Ho Club and Mickey from the Pioneer Tavern had told them that he, Bruno, was all right. Bruno furnished the following descriptions of Mickey and Joe O'Brien.

Name	Mickey
Age	32 years
Height	5'9"
Weight	180 or 190 lbs.
Hair	dark brown
Build	fat and heavy
Eyes	crossed

Name	Joe O'Brien
Age	30 to 33 years
Height	5' 5 or 6"
Weight	165 lbs.
Hair	dark brown, wavy
Build	heavy
Complexion	dark
Beard	heavy
Nationality	Italian

Bruno stated that from his conversation with Slim and Shorty he gathered that Slim Gray and Joe O'Brien were pretty close friends. Bruno also advised that on one occasion while visiting the apartment occupied by the boys, he ascertained that Shorty and Cotton had had an argument of some kind which was apparently very trivial as the boys indicated that it was all over nothing. Also during one of his visits Shorty mentioned having taken a "jug", meaning a bank next to a town where a sheriff had an aeroplane; that Shorty had told him on another occasion that he had had his face lifted, his nose fixed up and his fingerprints changed. Bruno stated that during the time he saw Shorty he had a scar on his nose and two large scars on his neck below his ears. Bruno also stated that the boys on numerous occasions referred to Willie as Elmer and addressed him by that name frequently. He said that Willie sometimes carries a cane and is constantly smoking cigars and that he invariably wears a camels hair coat.

The following is a description of Bruno Putis as obtained from the records of the Chicago Police Department and information furnished by himself.

Name	BRUNO PUTIS, alias Bruno Austin, alias "Whitie"
Age	26 years
Weight	164 lbs.
Height	5'11"
Build	medium
Hair	blond
Eyes	greyish blue
Complexion	fair
Teeth	full, even
Scars, etc.	tip of right index finger amputated, brown mole on right side of jaw; small scar above right eye
Occupation	salesman
Marital status	married, Mrs. Marie Austin, 2657 Division St., Chicago
Relatives	Mrs. Victoria Putis or Austin, mother, 6969 Oakdale Avenue, Chicago Mrs. Nellie Adochio, sister, 6969 Oakdale Avenue Stella Austin, sister, 6969 Oakdale Avenue, Chicago
Photograph	Chicago Division office file
Fingerprints	classification 9 U 000 10 I U 000

Criminal record as obtained from the Bureau of Identification, Chicago Police Department--

As Bruno Austin, C41940, sentenced to 6 months in the House of Correction and \$100 fine on November 28, 1932, charge--auto larceny.

As Bruno Austin, arrested Police Department, Berwyn, Illinois, April 16, 1934, charge--assault to kill, disposition--dismissed.

Disposition sheet covering arrest of Austin being attached.

The following additional arrest was admitted by Bruno Austin:

As Bruno Austin arrested Chicago Police Department, June 9, 1934, charge--robbery with gun; released on \$10,000 bond.

Bruno states that the last mentioned is the instance in which he jumped bond on September 28, 1934.

On February 7, 1935 the St. Paul Bureau Office was advised by telegram the facts concerning the arrest and identification of Subject Whitie and were requested to furnish the United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois with certified copies of the indictment and bench warrant in order that a detainer might be filed at the Cook County Jail against the release of Austin. On February 8, 1935 certified copies of the indictment in which Whitie and others are charged with conspiracy to kidnap in violation of Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932, Chapter 271, 47 Stat. 326, 18 U.S. Code, 408a, and warrant were received by the United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois from the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, and on February 9, 1935 a fugitive complaint was sworn to by the writer before the United States Commissioner Edwin K. Falker against Whitie, whose true name is now known to be Bruno Putis, alias Bruno Austin, alias "Whitie", and a fugitive warrant was issued and the warrant and a copy of the complaint was delivered by the writer to Deputy United States Marshal, W. Schuhknecht, who advised that this warrant and complaint would be lodged against Bruno Putis at the Cook County Jail on the same day.

On February 11, 1935 the writer interviewed Assistant States Attorney Richard Devine concerning the state case pending against Bruno Putis, at which time Mr. Devine advised that the trial date of this case is set for February 20, 1935; that Bruno is to be tried for the robbery of a theater owner, who the state alleges was shot several times by Bruno during the robbery. Mr. Devine advised that the state case was not particularly strong in view of the fact that all of the prosecuting witnesses had been intimidated in one way or another so that it was necessary to have police guards with them until the case is disposed of; that the theater owner who had been robbed by Bruno has since had his theater bombed in an apparent effort to intimidate him, for which reason he, Devine, thinks he may hedge on his testimony. Nevertheless Mr. Devine stated that his office intends to prosecute this case on the date set. He further stated that the offense with which Austin is charged carries a penalty of from one year to life if he is convicted. He was advised by Agent that prosecution of Bruno on the state charge would in no way interfere with the case which this office has against him in connection with the Bremer kidnaping and he was also informed that it was not the intention of



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this office to interfere with the state case and request that Bruno be turned over to the Federal Government for prosecution.

At the Cook County Jail on the same date the writer ascertained that the warrant and complaint has been duly lodged as detainer against the release of Bruno Putis, alias Bruno Austin.

On February 11, 1935 a photostatic copy of the fingerprints of Bruno Austin, Chicago P.D. #C41940 was obtained by the writer and the same were forwarded on February 12, 1935 to the Bureau with the request that these fingerprints be compared with all latent prints developed in this case, and that the Chicago and St. Paul offices be furnished with a complete criminal record of Subject.

Two copies of the photograph of Subject are furnished the Bureau with copies of this report and two copies of this photograph is being furnished the St. Paul Bureau office to be used in further questioning Subjects Allderton, Farmer and Bolton. Two copies of the photograph of Subject are also being furnished the Detroit Office for use in the investigation conducted by that office in Detroit, Cleveland, and Toledo, with the view of having Subject Whitie possibly identified in those places, and two copies of this photograph are also being furnished the Jacksonville Bureau Office for use in the investigation being conducted at Miami, Florida with the view of possibly identifying Whitie there.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CHICAGO BUREAU OFFICE at CHICAGO will follow the prosecution of the case against Bruno Austin in the State Court on February 20, 1935.

The CHICAGO OFFICE will interview Clara Gray further concerning the association of Sam Mano and Joe Galliachio with Slim Gray and other members of the gang and ascertain from her if possible if they have any connection with the instant case.

The CHICAGO OFFICE will conduct investigation at 3912 Pine Grove Avenue and 432 Surf Street to ascertain if any person living at that address can identify Bruno Putis as having frequented the apartments occupied by members of the gang at those addresses.



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The CHICAGO OFFICE will secure the photograph and fingerprints of Joe Galliachio and Sam Mano from the Chicago Police Department as well as their criminal records and conduct further investigation regarding these individuals.

The ST. PAUL OFFICE will through interview with Elmer Farmer, Bryan Bolton and Harold Allderton endeavor to ascertain further information concerning the connection of Bruno Putis in this case and will also interview the above parties concerning Sam Mano and Joe Galliachio as to their having furnished guns for the gang.

The ST. PAUL OFFICE will discuss with the United States Attorney at St. Paul the probability of prosecution of Bruno Putis, but this lead should be in abeyance until the termination of the trial of Putis in the State Court at Chicago, Illinois.

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