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BREMER KIDNAPPING
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ALFRED M. MASON, POSTMASTER
AIR MAIL

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. W. A. Roper,
Inspector,
P.O. Box 215,
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Alvin Earps with aliases, et al
Edward G. Bremer - Victim
Kidnapping
S.L. File 7-27

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my telegram addressed to the St. Paul Division Office dated March 20, 1934, and to our long-distance telephone conversation this morning relating thereto.

Special Agent A. H. Core is at Reno at the present time and I have instructed him to remain there (his Reno address is care of the Golden Hotel, telephone Gill) and cover all local angles of this investigation and also to make a search of the records of the State Vehicle Registration Bureau at Carson City, Nevada, for the purpose of obtaining additional information relating to the automobiles in question.

Regarding your inquiry as to the desirability of having an agent operate under cover at Reno, I believe that this would prove very profitable, not only in this case but in important cases involving fugitives. It is impossible for an agent who has previously contacted local police officers at Reno, or who is known at Reno, to obtain any results at any of the gambling establishments due to the close association of the law enforcement authorities with the underworld element. Persistent rumors and reports have been received that important fugitives are at Reno and I am confident that, based on my previous investigations there, certain officers in Reno would immediately "tip off" any fugitives there. This information has also come to me from other law enforcement officials who have gone to Reno and requested the assistance of the local officers there in the apprehension of fugitives.
For your confidential information I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter dated February 6, 1934, written by me at Reno, Nevada, and addressed to the Special Agent in Charge of the Salt Lake City Division Office, which will give you a true picture of conditions in new. I am also sending a copy of this letter under personal and confidential cover to the Director for his information.

In the event that the Division designates an Agent to proceed to Reno under cover, the information contained in this letter may be revealed to him to aid him in his investigation there. It is requested that the name of [redacted] be held in strict confidence. However, he may be contacted by an Agent operating under cover there without fear of having his identity disclosed to the identity of this agent, [redacted] has a very accurate picture of conditions in Reno, his assistance in the past has been most helpful and he has always been cooperative in furnishing confidential information to the writer.

Very truly yours,

LOUIS D. WISE, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Division
Dear Sir:

On February 7, 1934, I called upon you and have had a confidential relationship with him for a number of years and have found him a man of high type, a valuable source of information and one who could be implicitly trusted.

He told me in confidence that Demo is wide open, that unlicensed liquor and narcotics are being distributed freely, that the

he is directly in league with the local racketeers

and their associates, that he derives an income of about 30,000 a year from this source, that the local organization is paying protection and that the highest local, state and federal officials are in on this situation, close their eyes to illegal acts since the vote of the underworld controls the elections.

He further stated that the

who covers the Bank Club and other notorious gambling establishments, is thoroughly unreliable and directly under the orders of the gambling establishment owners, that this town has a fast "hit off" system, the "interests" of which, according to

the head, employ spies and informants, pay tribute to
to others, that it would be futile to get anyone apprehended in this town who had any money if the Police Department were called upon to assist, since the gambling element is affording protection to anyone with money they may be a potential source of revenue, no questions of course, being asked as to the source of this money whether it be derived from a bank robbery or kidnapping.

Related that recently two very prominent local attorneys were arrested in Demo on bench warrants based on Federal indictments returned in New York City charging them with using the mails to defraud which charge grew out of a far-reaching and colossal organization to victimize persons in Demo and elsewhere on a horse-racing scheme, that when he heard these men had been arrested and released on $15,000 bond each, he went to the Federal Judge, United States Attorney, Clerk of the Federal Court, Marshal and others, that he was not permitted to see the bench warrant, or

indictment, and that these officials declined to give him any information as to the arrest or allow him to see the arrest records or any public records whatever which were withheld from him.
He explained that he cited this instance for the purpose of showing how far-reaching the element in Reno will go to protect their associates.

While my relations are very friendly with the local police and the Chief has always expressed his willingness to cooperate I have felt for sometime, based on definite information I have obtained from indirect sources which are thoroughly reliable that conditions here were far from satisfactory from a law-enforcement standpoint.

I am giving you this information, for your guidance, and for the guidance of the Division, should it be necessary to make an investigation here of some importance with a view to locating some fugitives of importance such as kidnappers; since little help may be expected from the local authorities in such cases, and it would only serve to put such fugitives on notice that they were being sought here.

It relates to me further that the is said to be honest, but not very alert mentally, that he is all old men and political appointees, that the is willing, but is susceptible to flattery, accepts presents from resort owners and has a close friendship with them which may preclude his full cooperation.

It is impossible for me to make any investigations at these resorts since I am too well known and I have seen instances where I have been pointed out to persons in Reno affiliated with the underworld. On one occasion recently at the Golden Hotel several of my associates came into the Golden Hotel, and in a secretive manner, pointed me out to himself. Of course, I do not know the reason for this, other than to acquaint him with my identity.

However, the only way we can operate, is to keep the good will of the local law enforcement authorities, and do the best we can under the circumstances. I would strongly recommend, in important fugitive cases, that the Division authorize and direct Agents who are wholly unknown to operate here under cover, using the type of man who could mingle at the gambling tables and with the underworld without possibility of being detected. The Lake Tahoe area which is in both Nevada and California and is about 25 miles west of Reno is a favorite spot for Eastern gangsters during the summer months and a resort on the California side known as Broadway is said to be a notorious place where these fugitives are free and are unmolested and that the owner of this resort has a submachine gun mounted under the counter in the rear of his bar.

I am giving you this information in order that you and the Division may be informed of the local situation here, and know you will treat my informant's report with the confidence it merits.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Louis D. Fine
Special Agent
Bureau of Investigation
503 U. S. Court House & P. O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah
March 21, 1954

AIR MAIL

CONFIDENTIAL

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

Re: Alvin Earle with aliases, et al

Edward O. Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping
S. I. File 10-27

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed Division copy of a day letter dated March 20, copy of letter to J. A. Rorer, Inspector, St. Paul, Minn., and a copy of a personal and confidential letter written by the writer from Reno, Nevada, February 6, 1954, to the Special Agent in Charge of the Salt Lake City Division Office.

Special Agent R. A. Gere is at the present time at Reno and has obtained considerable valuable information relating to the activities of the subjects in this investigation, synopsis of Mr. Gere's report will be found incorporated in Division copy of telegram dated March 20.

It has been found in the past that the local authorities at Reno are in close league with the underworld and inclined not to make any effort to locate any fugitives of more or less importance who may be operating there and who are possessed of considerable funds which they may spend at the gambling establishments. The writer has positive information that the Reno police have not only failed to respect confidences but positive instances have been known where the Reno authorities have immediately "tipped off" persons under investigation.

This information relating to conditions at Reno is being submitted for your confidential information and guidance should it be necessary to detail any Special Agents to Reno to operate under cover there.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Louis Wiese
Acting Special Agent in Charge
March 27, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Room 511A, U. S. Court House & Post Office Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to the personal and confidential letter from the Salt Lake City office dated March 21, 1934, signed by Acting Special Agent in Charge Louis B. Elms.

It is noted that the writer states he has "positive information that the Reno police have not only failed to respect confidences but positive instances have been known where the Reno authorities have immediately 'tipped off' persons under investigation."

It is requested that Agent Elms prepare a memorandum setting out in detail all the information he has in his possession concerning the failure of the Police Department at Reno, Nevada to respect confidences and cite instances known to him where the Reno authorities have "tipped off" persons under investigation.

It is also requested that you advise the Division of any information you have concerning these matters.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Director.

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MAR 27, 1934

U.S. Department of Justice
Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.

R & V. VENTURIL
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
315 MARKET BUILDING
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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Sgt. J. GUT. RICE
Chief, Div. of Investigation,
205 S. C. Bldg.
Co Division
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WESTERN UNION MESSengers ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES.
March 21, 1934

R E Vetterli,
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Old Ross Building
San Francisco, California

RE: REQUESTED ED RENZ POSSIBLE SUSPECT CONTACT O B VISTIT AMERICAN EXPENSIVE WHO HAS
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
MAR 25 1934 A.M.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Send the following message, subject to the terms and conditions printed on the back hereof, which are hereby agreed to:

R E Vetterli
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
310 Hoover Building
San Francisco, California

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Og. Div. Invest. 411 U S Court House
2nd Division
Rorer, St. Paul

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

St. Paul, Minnesota
March 24, 1904

J. A. LED
UNITED STATES
U.S. POSTMASTER
POST OFFICE DEPT.

SIGNED ON DEPOSITION BOOKS AND SAFETY DEPOSIT BOOKS NO UNDER NAMED AND
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OFFICE, Post, Court, etc.
Date and Place of Investigation

INSPECTOR

WILLIAM L. HAY

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W. A. ROHER
INSPECTOR,
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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ST. PAUL, MINN.

BRECK'S REPORT BEING FORWARDED FORTHWITH Air Mail.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
MAR 26 1934 A.M.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FILE
Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
Sunday, March 4th, 1934.

Honor S. Cummings, Esq.,
Attorney General of the United States,
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Attorney General:

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover has the writer’s formal application, duly attested, and has today, Special Agent McKee of Chicago, called personally upon me at my home here.(agent McKee, said he came to find out what I knew of the Bremer case.

I told agent McKee that as personal undercover investigator for the late Mayor Anton J. Cermak of Chicago, assigned specifically to gangs, racketeers, kidnappers and criminals, I had invaluable contacts with men on the wanted list, and in other matters where I strongly suspected of having a hand in the Bremer kidnapping.

I told Agent McKee that I could go directly to certain St. Paul and Kansas City spots and point out men who at least knew who the Bremer snatchers were, but it would have to gain this information myself in my own way and through my own contacts. Agents destroyed.

Copy destroyed.

Agent McKee spent quite some time with me that my formal application might take months, if not a few months, and perhaps years, before it would be considered.

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This indeed discouraging! Hence, I beg to ask:

WILL YOU CONSIDER ABRODING THE REGULAR ROUTINE REGULATION GOVERNING
SUCH APPLICATIONS—AND STEER ME IN THE APPRENTICE AS A TRULY
SPECIAL AGENT-FOR MY STREET IN KANSAS CITY, AND ASSIGN ME TO THE
BREST KIDNAPPING CASE SPECIFICALLY AND GANGS AND BUNKETS GENERALLY.

Mr. Attorney General, I am a QUALIFIED, veteran newspaper
and special investigator. I know my way around. I KNOW ST. PAUL
and I KNOW Kansas City—and I will turn in, within 60 to 90 days,
A written report on the Brest case, so you can mark it FINISHED
AND FILED.

I beg to advise that I aim to remain in Milwaukee only
for the balance of the month of March. I aim to make a move to
better myself on April 1. I am, as you know, employed by a local
NEWSPAPER.

I OEM TO ASK THAT YOU GIVE ME A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT BEFORE
IT IS TOO LATE OF THE BREST CASE. I ONLY ASK THAT ANY MAN WOULD ASK—
A CHANCE TO QUALIFY FOR A PERMANENT, DEFINITE APPOINTMENT. IN THE TEMPEST
OF THE PRECEDING TO WORK PRIVATELY AND INDEPENDENTLY OTHER
COVERS—IN MY OWN WAY—IN ST. PAUL, KANSAS CITY, DES MOINES AND CHICAGO.

In this investigation, I promise faithfully to turn in a
LOT OF VALUABLE INFORMATION AND EVIDENCE ON OTHER CASES.

Please write answer.

In all sincerity and respect,

[Signature] Kenneth [Blank]

Apt. 57,

Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

I have not yet on job this week (without trip to Wash.) in K.C.
and St. P. have certain result getting sure-fire contacts.
Division of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN IARFIS, with aliases, et al.,
    EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPPING.

There is transmitted herewith a supply of photographs of
the following named individuals whose names have been frequently
mentioned in connection with the above entitled investigation:

    Ed Bentz       Tommy Carroll
    Mrs. Ed Bentz  Curly Clausen
    Ted Bentz     Paula Harmon
    Mrs. Kate Barker

Each photograph bears the names by which the individuals
are best known to the Division. Each photograph also contains a
brief description.

There is also being transmitted herewith an additional supply
of photographs of Arthur R. Barker, Fred Berker, Karpis, Campbell
and Davis.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

Enclosure
March 25, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE-SCHEER - Victim.

It is requested that each office of the Division be immediately furnished with photographs of the following:

Arthur R. Barker
Fred Barker
Alvin Karpis
Harry Campbell
Hollis Davis
Ed Benis
Ted Santa
Tommy Carroll
Curly Ol chains
Pauli Harmon
Mrs. Kate Barker

Each office should be furnished with five photographs of each of the above persons with the exception of Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, Oklahoma City, San Antonio, El Paso, Dallas, Kansas City, Detroit, New York, and Jacksonville, which offices should be furnished with two photographs of each of the above persons.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Hovey
Inspector.
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 26, 1934

TRANSMITTED FOR MR. HOOVER

I have received a memorandum of
March 22 in reference to the Brener
matter which I think is very interesting.

William Stanley,
The Assistant to the Attorney General.
Division of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota

March 26, 1934

[Signature]

Dear Sir:

In connection with a matter under investigation by this office, it has become necessary to determine the disposition of several pairs of welders' goggles described as follows:

Brown steel frames (styled to be worn over glasses) with two lenses in each eye. The word "M.E. 514-A." appears on the inside of the left eye rim and the words "W.E. 41-A." appear on the inside of the right eye rim.

I am informed that you purchased a pair of such goggles from the Commercial Ice Company or the Smith Welding Equipment Corporation of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Will you advise me whether you have this pair of goggles in your possession at this time? If not, please inform me as to their present location or last disposition has been made of them and the date or approximate date if known. In the event these goggles are lost or stolen, please give the peculiar features in which you could identify them.

Your reply may be written on the reverse of this sheet, and for your convenience a self-addressed envelope is enclosed. It requires no postage.

I shall appreciate your prompt reply.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Dear Sir]

[Signature]

[Date]

DIVISION: COPY OF THIS VITAL LETTER FORWARD TO Firms TO WHOM GOOGLES WERE SOLD, IN TERRITORY COVERED BY ST. PAUL, CHICAGO, BUTTE, BIRMINGHAM, DETROIT, AND CINCINNATI OFFICES.
March 27, 1934

Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to Division letter dated March 2, 1934 in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECT, EDWARD C. RODERER, VICTIM, KIDNAPPING, with which were transmitted copies of a letter dated February 25, 1934 from Rev. A. M. Diesing of Bismarck, North Dakota.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I telephoned Mr. Barker and told him to make further investigation concerning the trend relative to the identification of Karpis and Barker by fingerprints on the oil cans and the flashlight.

He stated the only logical step he can now think of taking was to interview the Minneapolis Tribune official and he would have Special Agent Hall who has a contact there, conduct this interview. It had been withheld after indication of its confidential character and I suggested that he have this man interviewed without disclosing to him that we had any definite lead wherein his name was mentioned.

Respectfully,

R. E. Clegg
March 9, 1934

Dear Sir:

After the telegram, all persons of interest should be thoroughly checked out for the last two years and action be taken to ascertain the present address in San Francisco in order that the San Francisco office may immediately conduct a thorough investigation. It is highly probable that the nurture and agents will continue to remain in communication with Graham.

All persons receiving copies of this letter should have their offices, garages, and apartments in all cities in their respective districts which appear to them to be probable locations of any of the members of this gang. The Los Angeles office is particularly requested to conduct an immediate thorough investigation of Phoenix, Arizona. The San Francisco office should make similar investigation of Sacramento and Oakland, California.

The attention of the Salt Lake City office is called to the report of Agent J. Y. Murphy, dated March 19, 1934, of the Arizona démarchant in Salt Lake City, and to an arrest against the man named in this report. It is noted on page 2 of this report that according to Bill Graham he was a former member of the Harper-Ramsey gang.

APR 2 - 1934
In connection with the report of Special Agent love made to the Salt Lake City office, the Salt Lake City office is referred to a previous

For weeks ago, this office requested investigatory information to determine if another medical prescription had been issued by Dr. Kiffin, who had issued none to Mr. Fenn, and which medicine was found in the abandoned apartment on

The occupant of which was believed to have been the Norwegian and Degital. The investigation at that time failed to produce satisfactory results

In view of the information concerning the

it is suggested that Dr. Kiffin be again interviewed and to be discovered further that this Division has information concerning the

We wish to stress securing the cooperation. The aforementioned prescription was issued for a venereal disease and it is believed that one or more of the members of this mob are afflicted with venereal disease and that if Romeo

will immediately contact Dr. Kiffin. He is a potential source of valuable information concerning this mob, and every effort should be made to secure Mr. Kiffin's cooperation.

The information secured by Special Agent Gove at Roca appears to be the most valuable information the Division has yet obtained concerning the present contacts and whereabouts of this mob. In view of which it is requested that each apartment house in Roca be presently covered, as well as gasoline service stations, garages, gambling and liquor "joins". Until further notice at least two agents should remain in Roca, Nevada, and when the apparent cooperation of individuals is obtained, arrangements should be made for these two agents to be immediately notified in Roca. It appears highly probable that this mob will return to Roca, if it is not already there.

With reference to the last paragraph on page 1 of the report of

Dr. Gove, please retrace the journey of Dr. Nick Petersen to all the Post Offices in Minnesota, if necessary, and particularly the

whether the address could have been at White Hall, Maine. This is of particular significance because of the fact that the address of the

articles were furnished us probably the address of the

Yours very truly,

W. C.

Gove Division

Los Angeles, Portland,

Chicago, Oklahoma City.

Ingersoll
April 9th, 1928

Mr. ALVIN LAMON, with wishes;

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
509 United States Post Office Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

Mail: P.M.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. M. Gate, Salt Lake City, dated March 28, 1928, in which it is noted that several identifications have been made of suspects in this case. The report fails to reflect that photographs of any women were shown to the parties interviewed, which women may have been in association with the group identified as living in this area.

The photographs believed to pertain to this case have been drawn from the file in this office and are being forwarded to you, with the request they be shown to the parties previously interrogated in order to ascertain if they can be recognized as the women in company with the men mentioned in the reference report.

Photographs of the following persons are being enclosed, and it is respectfully suggested that when these pictures have served their purpose, they be returned to this office:

Dorothy Adamson
Jo Ann Atwood
Jewell Johnson
Leila Batten
Dorothy Beld
Mollie Beld

Very truly yours,

A. W. ROMEINO
Special Agent in Charge

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
539 United States Post Office Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

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A. W. ROMEINO

[Signature]

FILE
On the morning of January 17, 1934, Mr. Howard G. Bremer was
kidnapped in St. Paul, Minnesota shortly after he had delivered his daughter
at a school which she attended and where he had driven her in his automobile
that morning. Mr. Bremer is President of the Commercial State Bank of St.
Paul, Minnesota and his family is a prominent one in that State.

Following the payment of $200,000 ransom, Mr. Bremer was released
by the Kidnappers on February 7, 1934 in the vicinity of Rochester, Minnesota
and he returned to his home during the night of the same day. As a result
of investigation conducted by the Division of Investigation, United States
Department of Justice, Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker have been definitely
connected with the kidnapping of Mr. Bremer.

Both Barker and Karpis are among the leaders of a notorious gang
of criminals frequently referred to as the Barker-Karpis gang, who have
operated extensively throughout the middle west. They both have lengthy
criminal records and the identity of the members of their gang is likewise
known. The Division of Investigation of this Department connected these
individuals with the kidnapping of Mr. Bremer several weeks ago. However,
it has been found necessary hereafter to issue any statement until certain
investigations could be completed which were at that time under way.

An intensive investigation will be continued for the purpose of
locating the individuals responsible for this offense. The descriptions and
criminal records of Barker and Karpis are set forth as follows:

CHARLES MARKS

Descriptions
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Height 5' 3-2/4"
Weight 119 lbs.
Build Short
Hair Black
Eyes Brown
Complexion Medium

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Mr. Lee: 816 Family Visits again, at 3
Edward George Smoker - Victim
Killing

Reference is made to your letter of March 15, 1956
containing a request that certain inquiries and arrangements be
made with the Pardon and Parole Attorney at Oklahoma City in
respect to Arthur "Doc" Barker.

Please be advised that contact has been made with
the Pardon and Parole Attorney's office and it is learned that
no one in authority is in that office at the present time and
will not be until the latter part of the present week, or the
first of the ensuing week. You will be promptly advised when
the arrangements mentioned in your letter can be effected.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Bartraw
Special Agent in Charge
Post Office Box 6601,
Jacksonville, Florida

Edward G. Demm, Victim

Mr. W. A. Moore,
Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1266,
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to letter dated February 21, 1934, from the New York office to the St. Paul office, copies of which were furnished to the Jacksonville office with a copy of a letter dated February 19, 1934, from the St. Paul office to the New York office, which letters relate to a wall paper design which is the best possible conception of the paper in the room of victim Demm's confinement during his abduction.

With the aforementioned copy of letter dated February 21, 1934, to the Jacksonville office there was attached the original wall paper sketch and it was requested that Mr. Robert Griffiths, Vice-President of the United Wall Paper Manufacturing Company, Inc., Jersey City, New Jersey, be contacted at his winter residence, 6039 Retama Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, for the purpose of having his assistance in identifying this pattern.

On March 19, 1934, Resident Agent Roger L. Dohin, Miami, Florida, presented this wall paper sketch to Mr. Griffiths at the above address in Miami Beach, Florida. Duplicate copies of Agent Dohin's memorandum are being enclosed. One copy of the memorandum is also being furnished the New York office and two copies to the Division. Your attention is particularly invited to the last paragraph on page 1 of the enclosed memorandum in regard to Mr. Griffiths's statement to the effect that the rooms of the large building at a resort known as Lemoine, Wisconsin, which is about twenty or thirty miles from Oaklawn, were covered with wall paper of a design somewhat similar to that on the rough sketch furnished by victim Demm. I am returning herewith the original wall paper sketch.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures

R. A. Alt,
New York (Enclosure)

Feb 21, 34
MEMORANDUM TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE R. A. ALLI

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, Washington, D.C.

Mr. ALVIN KAPITZ, with aliasess, 990 E. 105th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Robert Griffith, Vice President of the United Wall Paper Manufacturing Company, 203, Jersey City, N. J., was today interviewed at his winter home 1601 Flamingo Drive, Miami Beach, Fla. Mr. Griffith stated that the man in the room in which he was detained at the time he was in the hands of his kidnappers. Mr. Griffith stated that he did not recognize the design and it was not a product of his company. He stated that it was his opinion that it was a domestic one and was produced in the United States. He believed that the paper could be identified by one of the wall paper manufacturers in the United States if photographs of the drawing were sent and some exhibited to each of them and that this could be quickly accomplished as there were only about thirty-five concerns in the United States that manufactured wall papers. Mr. Griffith further stated that the name of the manufacturer could be obtained from the office of his company, United Wall Paper Manufacturing Company, 203, Jersey City, N. J.

Mr. Griffith also stated that if Victor Bremner could furnish the width between the sizes of the wall paper he observed in the room it might be an aid in determining the origin of the paper as all wall paper manufactured in England is twenty-two inches wide; that manufactured in Germany is twenty-two and twenty-four inches wide, and in the United States it is manufactured from eighteen to twenty-four inches wide.

Mr. Griffith further advised that last summer he had Mr. Griffith visit a resort known as Leconte, Wisconsin, which is about twenty-five or thirty miles from Oakville, Wisconsin; that this resort was formerly a large estate with beautiful grounds and was situated in the center of a dense wood; that there was one very large main building and numerous well-constructed and comfortable cottages on the premises and the rooms of the large building were covered with wall paper of different colors. The sketch prepared by Victor Bremner and the rooms in the cottages were also reported to him as being papered, but he did not see any of them. He states that this resort would be an ideal hide-out during the winter season as there was very unlikely anyone could visit the place or be around it except the police who lived there.

When his office at Jersey City informed him that Inquiry had been made at the company for identification of a specimen of wall paper and the type of the design of the paper related to him by correspondent, he issued a circular to Lawrence, Wisconsin, as the possible place of concealing of Bremner by his kidnappers. Mr. Griffith further stated that the present Manager of the Morris Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla., was interested in this resort and would likely supply the name of the caretaker there in the winter time.

P. O. BOX 2157
MELBOURNE, FLA.

March 29, 1926.
Mr. Griffin, of course, stated that there probably was nothing in the investigation of this matter that suggested anomalous, was the place where Proster was confined and the very day of this incident may appear ridiculous, but nevertheless he could not help but think of it when he knew the unusual design of wall-paper covering the walls of the room in which Proster was held pre-war was described and brought to his attention for identification.

Mr. Griffin offered his services to the Division in aid of any other matter in which it was thought they would be helpful. He stated that he is leaving Miami Beach, Florida, on March 25, 1924, for Jersey City and then he contacted at his office at the United Boys Paper Manufacturing Co., Inc., 888 W. 30th Street, New York City.

I endeavored to contact Mr. Wayne of the Special Field today. He was in New York at the time and the name of the next morning. He told me that he was unable to do so. I will try again tomorrow and obtain the name of the manufacturer and forward it to you so that information will be available to you the Division considers Mr. Griffin's touches of sufficient importance to look into.

Roger L. Hines,
Special Agent.
March 22, 1934

Mr. ALVIE KELLEY, with offices,
of the NEW YORK DISPOSAL
Fire Co., NEW YORK,

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent E. M. W.

The investigation conducted by Special Agent George
J. Gross, which is set out on page 3 thereof, is highly unsatis-
sactory in that he apparently confined his investigation
to the determination of whether a crime was located in the
city covered. It should be apparent to Agent Gross that such
investigation is inadequate. The St. Paul office has previously
circularized all of these cities in connection with the matter
with no proper results. Please instruct Agent Gross or any
other agent, who may be conducting similar investigations, to
go more thoroughly into this matter by interviewing water and
electric meter readers, chiefs of police, postmasters and mail
carriers, filling stations and various other possible sources.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

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[Stamp: MAR 26 1934]

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Please refer to page 7 of the report of Special Agent J.R. Nelson, dated 3-10-34, at Chicago, Illinois, where it is set out a list of the telephone calls made from LOUISIANA HILTON, operated by LOTUS CORPORATION. It is noted that on January 15, 1934, two telephone calls were made to telephone number 3727, and another call was made to the same telephone at 9:24 A.M., on January 15, 1934.

Please conduct an immediate investigation to establish the identity of the missing telephone number and proceed with the necessary investigation.

It is further noted that a call was made by KELLEY on January 25, 1934. This is the date on which KELLEY purchased flashlights at St. Paul, and it is probable that this was the date on which the kidnappers expected to affect the transfer of the money.

Very truly yours,

WARREN
DC Division

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
March 23, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Blower, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 615,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARIS, with alias;
ET AL. Unnatural Subjects.

HERBERT GEORGE FISHER, Victim.

STILLWELL - Chicago File V2-62.

Reference is made to your letter of March 1, 1934, in which you enclosed two photographs of the gasoline can which were found in the vicinity of Portage, Wisconsin.

In this letter you requested that these photographs be returned to the Saint Paul Office when they had served their purpose in this district.

In accordance therewith, the photographs in question are being returned to you herewith.

Very truly yours,

M. R. FURRIS
Special Agent in Charge

[Handwritten note: "1596.6"]
March 24, 1954.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 409,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sirs:

RE: ALVIN EDWIN, with aliases, et al.

ACCUSED SUBJECTS:

GWENDOLYN MURPHY, Victim.

St. Paul File No. 72-28

For your information, I am attaching a copy of the report of Special Agent A. D. Edge, dated 2-28-54, at Salt Lake City.

Please conduct any investigation in your territory which seems appropriate, in view of the contents of the above report.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

E. A. Rose, Inspector

C.C. Division
C.C. Salt Lake City.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
MAR 30 1954 P.M.
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FILE
March 30, 1935

Inspector W. A. Hoyer
Division of Investigation
N. P. Department at Law
P. O. Box 800
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Agent R. A. Ruth
dated March 26th, in the matter of Alfred Zipio with elicit, et al.
Ezra J. Skov - Victim; Kidnapping, and particularly to pages 10
and 15, whereon is set forth information with respect to Harry
Scheinweiss or Sniegolski. His name is also mentioned in Division
Letter dated February 14, 1934.

It is noted that Attorney at Law, Bernard Shonberg
of Chicago, on November 20, 1933, sent a telegram to Scheinweiss, 940
N. 46th Street, New York City. There is no number 460 on this street.
The President Hotel is #64 and the next number is #44. On January 6,
1934, Shonberg called Scheinweiss at New York City at telephone
Riverside 2-555. This telephone is a non-public one and is listed
in the name of Irma Drucker, 940 N. 46th Street, New York City;
apartment #4. It is believed that the telegram of November 20th was
sent to this address.

With reference to the location of W. J. Murphy at
Phoenix, Arizona, attention is directed to page 15 of the report of
Special Agent C. G. dated July 28, 1933, in the case of Richard
Yalman relating with elicit - Fugitive, I.O. 161; et al. From this
report it is noted that in February, 1933, the leading New City
racketeers were in Hot Springs, Arkansas. They had just come from
Hollywood. On February 21, 1933, see Eklow sent the following
telegram from the Arlington Hotel to Ben Feinberg, San Carlos Ohio:
Phoenix.
Inspection Report

March 12, 1931

Mr. Lawrence in Benjamin Kalloch was called "Kalloy" and goes under the name of Kalloy. With him is the New York City racketeer and his Health official called "Mangie," leading New Jersey racketeer, and together with other Eastern racketeers and racketeers, it is believed desirable that the Los Angeles office look into the identity of Mangie.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Fay
Special Agent in Charge

G. Division
Kansas City
Chicago
Los Angeles
Dear Sir,

Please refer to my letter of March 6th, 1934, directed to Mr. E. E. Bard, Sheriff, Davenport, Illinois, copy of which was furnished your office.

It is not known what information the Sheriff's office at Davenport has in regard to this case, but in a telephonic conversation with Mr. William Ryan, he suggested that he would like to have photographs of Alvin Bumpus and Arthur Bumpus, and any other known suspects in this case. You will observe that we have made no mention of other suspects since the disclosure by Attorney General Edwards mentions only Alvin Bumpus and Arthur Bumpus. It is believed advisable that you interview Mr. William Ryan, securing from him all available information without disclosing the identity of other suspects in this case.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Furtis
Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul
7-34

[Stamp: Fbi Bureau of Investigation]

[Stamp: March 26, 1934]

[Stamp: O. H. Leard, Commissioner of Justice]
March 22, 1934

P.O. Box 812, St. Paul, Minn.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Suite 1, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

March 22, 1934

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPEN, with aliases, et al.
WHITE подготовка,
EDWARD GEORGE HENRY, Chicago.

St. Paul File No. 7-38

Please refer to my letter to you date 3-14-34, 
requesting certain investigation regarding sale of seals by 
National Bells Inc., at Kansas City, Missouri. I have 
read the memorandum of Special Agent R.S. Donaldson, dated 
3-21-34, at Kansas City, which is to be incorporated in a re-
port from your office, and desire that additional check be 
made at the above company.

It is, therefore, requested that names of firms 
shown to be retailers of shirts and underwear involved in this 
matter be checked against the name record of National Bells Inc., Inc. If it is found that any 
such dealers made purchases from this company, leads should be 
set out to have them interviewed to ascertain if they purchased 
this style sock and to have photographs of suspects herein 
displayed.

A letter from the Chicago Division Office to the 
Division, dated 3-17-34, gives a list of warehouse dealers and 
the name of shirt dealers is reflected in report of Special Agent 
J.C. Jimison, dated at Chicago, Illinois, 3-22-34.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[Signature]

CC Division
St. Louis
Chicago

MAR 25 1934 P.M.
R. H. Vroom
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
333 FIFTH STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

LOST ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
March 22, 1924

Edward L. Glenn

PICKED APRIL 4, CALIFORNIA COMPANY WAS ADVISED BY POLICE NURSE EAST
TUNE M M. J. N. ALEX: FIFTY FIVE VIOLENT VICTIMS WATERFALLS PURCHASED FROM
AUCTION COMPANY WERE TWELVE CYLINDER AUTOMOBILES BEING FIFTY DOLLARS
CASH WITH SIX HUNDRED FEWED PRECIOUS CONCURRENCY AND STATE TAX TWELVE HUNDRED
FIFTY THREE DOLLARS FIFTY CENTS PAYING SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY
CARTS CURRENT THAT TO BE IMPORTED MUST BE SIX FIVE EIGHT FOUR SIX STOP
FREIGHT TRANSIT: NOT VARIOUS GOOD first ON GOLDEN STATE HOTEL SAN FRANCISCO WAS
SALE PENETRANT STOP BASED ON LLOYD K MILLER COMPANY USES CAR DEALER SAN FRANCISCO
SHOP SALES ORDERED AND ASSEMBLED IN SALE HAS VARIOUS REVOLUTION LOSHAN WAS
ACCOMPANY BY VEN AND TO DETER ALL ABOUT THIRTY YEARS WELL DRESSED AND THAT
DOUGHER HAD SOUTHERN VOGUE BETHΕNICA LICENSE STOP SIGNED LOSHAN BEING FORGOTTEN

[Signature]

CHICAGO, Gov. State, Off. Comm.,
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

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FEDERAL INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[Signature]
Listed below you will find information pertaining to four autos which it is believed have been used in various localities by members of the Barker-Karpis gang and a tracing of which will prove of value in leading to the apprehension of the desired subjects. It is reasonable to assume that several of the cars may still be in the possession of members of this gang and registered in one of the several States under one of the numerous aliases known to be used by this mob. Every Division office is being furnished with copies of this letter for investigative attention and same should be handled promptly.

1. *Auburn Sedan, motor No. 353-1927*. This car has a 1925, 12-cylinder "L" head, 4-door gray body. It was purchased at San Francisco, California, October 5, 1925, by one William B. Robson. The car was registered for 1925 in California under license 7-A-7765 in the name of William B. Robson, 2207 Fourth St., San Francisco, California. Valerio Davis has been positively identified as one of the purchasers of this car and Arthur Barker is believed to be another purchaser. This car is reported as having been seen in the possession of Alvin Karpis at Reno, Nevada, about three weeks ago.

2. *White Sedan, motor No. 5185456*. This car was purchased on Reno, Nevada, on January 11, 1925, by E. J. Davis, who has been identified as Fred Barker with aliases of F. C. Blackburn, J. B. Blackburn and J. C. Black. This car was purchased for the sum of $350 and was licensed in Nevada for 1925 under license 1579.

3. *White Sedan, motor No. 8792500*. The car was purchased on Reno, Nevada, on November 20, 1925, by Fred Barker, who has been identified as Fred Barker with aliases of W. B. Blackhouse and W. B. Black. This car was used in staging the illicit sale of 3,000 O.P. General Delivery, Los Angeles, California. The car was taken into California, November 20, 1925, from Reno, Nevada, by Fred Barker, and was never seen in California. The car was returned to Reno, Nevada, November 27, 1925.
Ford 88, motor No. 1,449,609, bearing Ohio 1935 license No. 150-3871, entered California on October 25, 1935, from Reno, Nevada. License and the car was registered under the name of J. J. Haiden, 210 E. North Broad Street, Delaware Ave., Delaware, Ohio. California license No. 265037 was obtained at this time. George J. Martin, who has been partially identified as being Mary Campbell, who residing in Reno, Nevada, from October 5 to December 20, 1935, was seen driving this particular car.

Pontiac Sedan, motor No. 295140, was purchased at Reno, Nevada, with new $200 bills by one M. J. Harvey who has been partially identified as another suspect. Nevada license number 1485 was issued covering this car on January 9, 1936.

Ford 88 Deluxe Coupe, motor No. 355430, was registered on October 9, 1935, in the State of Minnesota under No. B-47209 to E. V. Davis, box 282, Lakeville, Minnesota. Prior to this registration, under date of July 25, 1934, the car was registered in the State of Illinois under No. L-31668 to E. V. Davis, box 282, Garyville, Illinois. This car is reported as having been seen in the possession of suspects in this case at Reno, Nevada, in September and November, 1935. E. V. Davis has been identified at Lakeville, Minnesota, as being Volney Davis.

Chevrolet Sedan, motor No. 395484, serial No. 1-C35207, was registered January 11, 1934, in the State of Minnesota under No. L-11569 to E. V. Davis, box 282, White Bear Lake, Minnesota. This car was registered for 1935 in the State of Illinois under No. W-33597 to E. V. Davis, 2005 Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Plymouth Sedan, motor No. BH5601, changed to B61, serial No. 170709, was registered for 1936 in the State of Nevada by Alvin Karylis, who gave the name of E. C. Barnes, 651 East 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. This is a fictitious address. This car was registered in the State of Minnesota for the year 1936 under No. B-198237 to E. L. Barnes, 651 East 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Ford 88 Deluxe Coupe, motor No. 19-38498, was registered in the State of Minnesota for the year 1934 under No. R-27568 to E. V. Murray, box 268, White Bear, Minnesota. It is believed that E. V. Murray is an alias for Alvin Karylis.

Chrysler-Pagoda Sedan, motor No. 1074451, chassis No. 1018154, purchased from the Graham-Pagoda agency, San Francisco, by E. L. Barnes,
who paid cash and traded in seven-passenger Plymouth sedan, maker Buick, serial No. 17-090082, bearing 1935 Nevada license No. 192035, 1935 California license No. 8-L-20201, bearing 1935 Nevada license No. 192035, 1935 California license No. 8-L-20201, was located for this Brunton-Pulse sedan in W. L. Murray's name at California Street, San Francisco, California. An out-of-state permit was obtained on the Plymouth sedan during February, 1935, W. L. Murray being given as his address Midway Apartments, Reno, Nevada.

For the convenience of all officers concerned, there are being set forth the correct names and known aliases of the suspects who may be in possession of the cars above mentioned or who may attempt to register other cars.

Fred Barker with aliases: V. Burrow, V. A. Braw, Ted Murray, H. E. Davis, J. E. Blackburn, J. E. Blackburn, and Al B. Black.


Harry Campbell with aliases: T. G. Black and George L. Karpis.


A thorough and complete check should be made at each field office at the State Motor Vehicles Registration Bureau located in their respective districts in order to ascertain whether any of the automobiles above listed are presently registered. The motor numbers, as well as the correct name of the suspected owner or all aliases, should be checked against the Nevada Motor Vehicles Registration Bureau records since the same check may disclose other cars which are being used by these gangsters. Arrangements should be made to have a flash card prepared for each automobile and each suspect, with aliases, to be left with the State Motor Vehicles Registration Bureau so that the Division can be promptly advised should an attempt be made to register any of the automobiles above listed, or should any of the suspects try to register any other cars.
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

April 2, 1934

There was forwarded to you a day or so ago a memorandum prepared in the Washington Field Office, calling upon automobile license registration bureaus in Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Maryland and Richmond, Virginia, for a check of certain automobiles listed, as well as a request that the files at these registration bureaus be flagged for the names of the five suspects in the Bremer case. This information, of course, prepared in this form is calculated to make known generally the names of all five suspects, although the Department has released information relative to only two of them. There is attached hereto a copy of a letter addressed to the Salt Lake City Office by Mr. Horner, indicating that copies of the same letter were sent to all field offices and included in the letter was a request that similar action be taken by each field office. This, of course, will make it possible for a large number of individuals to know the names of all five of the suspects. There would probably be some publicity resulting from this, and I thought you would be interested in knowing that such a request has been made, particularly if it does result in undesirable publicity.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

H. H. Clegh

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APP. 10 1934
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

S. K. Tiffan of Federated Metals Corp.,
St. Louis, Mo., interviewed and furnished
Agent with full information regarding where-
abouts of Stonewall J. Smith during the
months of May and June, 1933, as shown by
the route sheets of the company.

DETAILS:

Agent interviewed S. K. Tiffan, Asst. Manager of the
Federated Metals Corp., 4541 Park Ave., St. Louis, who produced the route sheets
showing the whereabouts of Stonewall J. Smith during May and June, 1933 as
follows:

- May 1, 1933: Beaumont, Texas
- May 6: Houston, Texas
- May 7: San Antonio, Texas
- May 8: Austin, Texas
- May 9: Dallas, Texas
- May 11: Fort Worth, Texas
- May 12: San Antonio, Texas
- May 13: Houston, Texas
- May 14: San Antonio, Texas
- May 15: Dallas, Texas
- May 16: Fort Worth, Texas
- May 17: San Antonio, Texas
- May 18: Beaumont, Texas
- May 21: Houston, Texas
- May 22: San Antonio, Texas
- May 23: Dallas, Texas
- May 24: Fort Worth, Texas
- May 25: San Antonio, Texas
- May 26: Houston, Texas
- May 27: San Antonio, Texas
- May 28: Dallas, Texas
- May 29: Fort Worth, Texas

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For that he would probably go to oil fields at Owasso and Seminole and get to Oklahoma City about Tuesday night, 4-30-35.

Oklahoma City, Okla. Bucking Hotel.

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June 18, 1925, Tulsa, Okla.  

Mr. Tiffany stated that Stonehill J. Smith has been working for the Federated Metals Corp. for about eight years and that his record is good with this company. He states that Smith has never been in any kind of trouble, to his knowledge, and states further that Smith does not drink or run after women, but has a weakness for playing poker. Mr. Tiffany stated that Smith associates mostly with the traveling men of the territory in which he works. He further stated that there were several Stoneill J. Smiths in the territory covered by this Stonehill J. Smith and that the mail and telegrams sent to him had been received by other parties with the same name in that section of the country.
March 30, 1934

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith copy of report of Special Agent in Charge, Special Division of Investigation, V. S. Department of Justice, 615 Lafayette Building, Detroit, Mich.

EDWIN BROWN-MURPHY-TILT.

There is enclosed herewith copy of report of Special Agent in Charge, Salt Lake City, dated March 30, 1934, received at this office at 12:35 p.m. via air mail, which calls for certain investigation at Toledo, Ohio.

I have ascertained from the Auto Registry Division, Columbus, Ohio, that W. C. Blackbourn, 4141 North Lockwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, secured 1933 license plates O-20771, September 26, 1933, for Ford 1935 Model 8 cylinder sedan, motor 18-445980 and also secured 1933 license plates O-22765, September 26, 1933, for Buick 1933 Sedan, motor 890898, serial 774762.

Please refer to lead indicated by the Salt Lake City office and conduct the necessary inquiry.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

P.O. Box 346
Cincinnati, Ohio.

I.S._Flag

1-08-1934

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
MAR 31, 1934 P.M.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

S. E. Flag
Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.

San Francisco, California

TO:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
RE: FEDERAL BUILDING

FROM:

WILLIAM LOTHIAN CHICAGO ACCEPIED BY IRS. T. C. BALDWIN
TO: D. J. TAYLOR, JR. JUDGE OF INCOME TAX CASES OF CHICAGO

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING showMessage:

THE FOLLOWINGshowMessage:

THIS SHOWMESSAGE IS TO BE FILED WITH THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF INCOME TAX CASES OF CHICAGO.

D. J. TAYLOR, JR.
JUDGE OF INCOME TAX CASES OF CHICAGO

MAR 31 1934

WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS SOLVE THE PERPLEXING QUESTION OF WHAT TO GIVE.
SOLITUDE OF FACTS:

Flash Notes placed with and information requested of
Departments of Motor Vehicles, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

REFERENCE:
Letter from St. Paul Office, 5-25-34
Telegram = 5-26-34

DETAILS:

The Departments of Motor Vehicles of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of Delaware have been requested by letter to furnish this office all information pertaining to the car listed in reference letter and telegram, and also to place Flash Notes for these cars and the individuals mentioned.

PENDING

APPROVED AND
FORWARDED

MAR 29 1934
MAR 30 1934

DIVISION
St. Paul
Philadelphia

COPIES DESTROYED
343 MAR 15 1935
Los Angeles, Calif. March 23, 1934

R. F. Vetterli
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
210 Fawe Bldg.
San Francisco, California

BRIEF DESCRIPTION ABOVE AS FOLLOWS: FOUR DOOR SUICIDE PAINTED YELLOW FUSELAGE IS LIGHT BLUE AND PRODUCED MADE BY DURABLE VARNISH COMPANY YOUR CITY I GO CAN ADDISON COLOR SUITABLE STOP TYPE LIGHT BRED CANVAS WHICH IDENTITY DOWN TO RAY LINES ON SIDES AND EACH STOP LINES AND CLEAR COLORED WITH TWO EXTRA LOCATIONS IN PLANT SUGGEST SUITABLE STOP OXIDE WHICH EACH SIDE THAT IS TO BOARDS AND QUARTER WOODS EACH SIDE AND ONE QUARTER WOOD EACH STOP ACCESSORIES COST $300 AND SPECIFIC DETAIL NEEDED IN WINDOW STOP STAY IS STATED NUMBER SIMILAR JOBS PAINTED COLORS AREA

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THE QUICKEST, EASIEST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE
Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
F. B. I., Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. [Name],

RE: ALVIN KAWAI, et al. vs. L. D. BAILLY

Reference is made to the memorandum of Special
Agent H. E. Anderson, dated March 5, 1934, in connection
with the Edith Doll Case, for the attention of Assistant
Director Nathan.

The second paragraph on the second page of the
memorandum states that Doll suggested that photo-
graphs or all the escapes from the state penitentiary at
Joliet, Illinois for the last five years be secured and ex-
mibited to him. For this purpose, in addition to Joseph
Anderson, suspect named by Doll in the former case,

Accordingly, photographs and fingerprint cards of the
following escapes from the Joliet Penitentiary, who have not been returned, were secured and sent over the
period from 1929 to date:

7799-D James H. White
6563-E Emmett Johnston
1250-D William Stemp
9490-D Tony Sansone
9403-E Joe Kahlman

These photographs and fingerprint cards, with the
exception of a fingerprint card on Harris Bailey, which was
not furnished to this office, are being transmitted herewith for
Agent Anderson's assistance in again interviewing Doll.

Very truly yours,

K. E. FULTON
Special Agent in Charge

[Signature]

[Stamp: Division of Investigation]
[Stamp: F.B.I.]
[Stamp: Office of the Attorney General]
March 22, 1934.

F. C. Brauer, Agent,
United States Secret Service,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Brauer:

In re: ALVIN BARTLETT, et al.,

UNKNOWN SURVIVORS.

Edward George Brewer—Victim.

Reference is made to your letter of March 12, 1934 and the report of Special Agent C. L. Smith, New York City, dated March 20, 1934, with reference to the identification of the hat identified as having been worn by subject Karyl at the time he purchased the flashlights in St. Paul.

Please be advised that upon receipt of the mentioned cap the same was exhibited by Special Agent C. L. Smith of this office to Mr. H. J. Rubenstein of the Horn City Cap Mfg. Co., 613 North 4th St., St. Louis.

Mr. Rubenstein, after closely examining this cap, stated that the same was not a product of his company, this decision being based upon the fact that the cap in question carried a mantle label on the inside of the band, the lining was of material not used in the lining of his caps, and the two lapels on the front of the cap were held together by a round string, whereas his products, and especially the two lapels, are held together with a flat grosgrain. Mr. Rubenstein exhibited to the agent several products of his company which appear to be similar in question, except as to the mantle label, the lining, and the string holding the two front lapels together. The lining is the same manufactured by the Horn City Cap Mfg. Co. are of smooth wool in various mixtures of colors and usually are checked.

The mentioned cap is being returned under separate cover to the St. Paul Division Office.

Very truly yours,

F. F. TRASKIT, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.
SUIT 1  FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
MARCH 24, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
B. P. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 616
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: ALVIN KAPTHORST, with alias, STAN 
EDWARD GROSZ BRIDGES - VICTOR 
KIMMING

Reference is made to the letter of March 19, 1934, from
Inspector A. E. Beery addressed from St. Paul, Minnesota, to the
San Antonio Division Office.

Special Agent Anderson secured from the Kansas State
Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, two photographs of Jesse Doyle,
Register number 9845, bearing description and fingerprint class-
tification. Same are enclosed herewith.

With reference to Bill Scott mentioned in the letter of
reference, Agent Anderson was unable to determine that Bill Scott
might be desired since there is no record of numerous parties of
that name at the Kansas State Penitentiary.

Jesse Doyle was known to be related in some manner,
probably through marriage, to Vick Earn and Tommie Bell, of South
Coosvile, Oklahoma, and through that source appropriate in-
vestigation might be made looking toward his location in the event
same is desired.

If more definite information can be secured relative to
the Scott whose photograph is desired this office will endeavor to
secure same. Very truly yours,

A. C. BEARY, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE 1:34 P.M.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Photograph of subject Alvin Karpis positively identified as residing at Reno, Nevada, Nov. 15, 1932, to February 7, 1933, and from Nov. 6, 1933, to Dec. 31, 1933, and driving Auburn Sedan, Motor No. 425-257, bearing California (1933) License No. 2 W 9742, which was registered to Mr. E. G. Lohm, 637 Taylor Street, San Francisco, Calif., and purchased by Oct. 9, 1933. Subject Alvin Karpis used alias B. E. Burns and R. E. Burns at Reno, Nevada. Photograph of subject Fred Barker positively identified as driving a Buick Sedan, model 22-57, Motor No. 1787780, serial No. 178778, at Reno, Nevada, on January 11, 1933, bearing Nevada 1933 License No. 1-498, under name R. K. Davis. Subject Fred Barker also identified as T. C. Blackburn, alias J. R. Blackburn, alias T. C. Blackburn, residing at Reno, Nevada, from October 1, 1933, to December 31, 1933, and having possession of that time Buick Sedan, Motor No. 1787780, bearing Ohio License No. C 85-333, which entered California No. 79, 1933, under name T. C. Blackburn. Photograph of subject Harry Campbell partially identified as H. J. Campbell, residing at Reno, Nevada, from October 6, 1933, to December 31, 1933, and having possession of Ford V-8 Sedan, Motor No. 1787780, bearing Ohio 1933 License No. C 85-271, which entered California, Oct. 30, 1933, under name T. C. Blackburn, 4218 North Plenty Ave., Ohio, and issued California Part II No. 104963. Photograph of Arthur H. Barker partially identified as J. J. Harvey, who on January 6, 1933, purchased Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 1787780, at Reno, Nevada, and obtained Nevada 1933 License No. 1-893. Above subjects or associates also had their possession at Reno, Nevada, Ford V-8 Sedan, on Nov. 15, 1933, bearing Minnesota 1933 License No. 8/33-475-263, and on Sept. 30, 1933, had a Dodge Sedan, bearing Illinois 1933 License No. 1-374-013. Subject Alvin Karpis seen at Reno, Nov., with Auburn Sedan about March 1, 1934.

LOUIS O. WILSON

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Considerable time was spent in locating J. B. James and ascertaining the data relative to his Chevrolet Coupe bearing Nevada license No. 1-286. Only to later find that the data in Inspector Moran's letter of March 4, 1934, was erroneous as to the year 1933, and should have read "1936," and this report will therefore not reflect the steps taken in investigating Nevada license No. 1-498.

From Deputy U. S. Marshal George G. Varina, residees 345 Elm Street, and J. A. Kirkley, Chief of Police, it was ascertained that Mr. J. (Bill) Graham, residence, 548 California Street, a resident of Reno, Nevada, for 16 years, and J. G. McKay, residence, South Virginia Road, about one mile south of the Reno City limits, were formerly principal owners of the Rex Saloon and gambling club, now closed, also principal owners, with Jack Sullivan and Ray Kendall, of the Buck Club gambling hall, and also own the controlling interest in the Riverside Security Co., owners of the red-light district "journal," Reno, Nevada, and that during the warmer months they operate the "Gaines" gambling, dancing and dancing joint and club on Lake Tahoe, California, near Reno; that Bill Graham and J. G. McKay are under a charge of using the mails to defraud; that they both went to New York about the last of February, 1934, and J. G. McKay remained in New York, and Bill Graham returned about March 10, 1934, and in the San Francisco, Calif. visiting his mother, Mrs. Graham; that Rose Barkett has never been connected with the ownership of any gambling license or gambling club in Reno; that the Crystal Inn and Log Cabin at Lake Tahoe, Calif., is a rendezvous for racketeers, bank robbers, and "big-shot" bum.
men, and that during the summer months it is a popular place for such persons; that Carl Buckdoff, Constable, Yuba City, Calif., would be a good party to furnish information as to the habits of Lake Tahoe. Mr. J. A. Higginbotham is undoubtedly the Tyburn we referred to in letter of reference, who is acquainted with Governor Patience S. Wells of Nevada, and who is understood to have been closely associated with the Governor Baker, who died on an even date, March 25th, 1864.

From Deputy Assessor Clark, a few days ago it was ascertained that Nevada 1933, license No. 1-253 issued to H. C. Harvey, Hotel Anderson, Reno, Nevada, for a new 1933 model Pontiac sedan, motor no. 8801260, serial no. 770176, name of party from whom purchased not shown, license issued January 9, 1933.

In the case of Mrs. A. A. Morgan, proprietress of the Hotel Anderson, 212 Sierra Street, Mrs. Jessie Green, mate, and Edith Jesse, clerk, developed the fact that one named H. C. Harvey was known at the hotel, and no record found in the hotel register.

From H. E. Wilson, Sales Manager, Buick Motor Co., South Virginia and Ryland streets, residence, 1079 Riverside, it was ascertained that on January 7, 1933, H. C. Harvey, giving fictitious address as Hotel Anderson, Reno, Nevada, and not found at that address when attempting to verify him that automobile was ready for delivery, purchased a Buick Sedan, motor no. 8801260, serial no. 770176, brown moiré upholstery, dark blue body, six wire wheels, two spares in fender-wells, for $1000, which he paid with two, brand new $500 bills, which were pronounced genuine at the bank before delivery of the automobile; that H. C. Harvey was accompanied at different times by three other men, all of whom seemed to be suspicious characters; that on the other side of the matter, it was the opinion of H. E. Davis, on January 11, 1933, purchased a Buick Sedan, model 32056 (1933) model, motor no. 2797126, serial no. 826472, body no. 3057, for $1000, having been allowed a discount of $700, on account of the car being a 1933 model, and having been used as a demonstrator, but that the car looked practically new; gray whip-cord upholstery, dark green body; six wire wheels, two spares in fender-wells; that payment for the Buick Sedan was also made with brand new $500 bills, and that H. E. Davis also gave a $100 bill in payment for 10 gallons of gas; that H. C. Harvey and H. C. Davis, appears to have an unlimited amount of money, and were suspected of being underworld characters, that another associate of these men (later identified as Alvin Karla), and also attempted to purchase an automobile, but it had been made possible to make delivery of the car at the time was believed to have rented automobiles from Paul A. Walters, 320 South Virginia Street, that they had done most of their drinking at the Town House, and that Charley Annie at that place was probably acquainted with them.

Upon obtaining the foregoing information, it was...
ascertained from Deputy Assessor, O. E. Davis, that on January 11, 1933, F. E. Davis, Hotel Anderson, Reno, Nevada, had obtained Nevada
1933 (not 1932) license No. L-688, for Buick Sedan, 1933 model, 24-47, Motor No. 8779168, 5-passenger, Serial No. 8847544.

No information as to R. L. Davis could be obtained at the Hotel Anderson.

Paul A. Walters, rent car service, 600 South Virginia St., residence, Apt. 20, Sunnyside Apartments, 619 Flint St., stated that a man giving the name of R. L. Burns, and address of the Hotel Anderson, Reno, Nevada, had rented automobiles on five different occasions from Nov. 25, 1932, to Nov. 30, 1932, and on each occasion had made a deposit of a $50 bill; that R. L. Burns had also signed some of the contract forms as R. L. Burns, but that it was not noticed at the time that he had given the different initials; that R. L. (or R. L.) Burns did not talk much; that he was accompanied at different times by three or four men, who had an Imperial Chrysler, a Pontiac Sedan, an Auburn Sedan, and a Ford Sedan; that about October, 1932, R. L. Burns (later identified as subject Alfred Karpis) had a new Dodge Sedan, bearing Illinois license plates, which he desired to sell to him (Walters), but decided to make a trip to San Francisco, Calif., and upon his return a few days later had a new Auburn Sedan; that R. L. Burns was supposed to have had his 'tousles' removed at Los Angeles, Calif., in January, 1933; that R. L. Burns was at the Riviera Apartments, Reno, in February 1933; that R. L. Burns was about 26 or 27 years of age; height, about 6 ft. 10 in. or 11 in.; weight, about 155 lbs.; tall, slim, frail, delicate looking, light hair, blue eyes, complexion, light; educated; that R. L. Burns and his companions did their drinking at the Town House and the Jay Saloon (owned by Bill Graham and partner).

G. W. Smith, owner of the Riviera Apartments, 619 Flint St., stated that R. L. Burns first rented an apartment while he was alone on Dec. 23, 1932, and remained until Feb. 7, 1933; that he had numerous men visitors at his apartment during that time; that when he first came he had an automobile (make unknown) with an Illinois License Plate, and that when he returned from California in January, 1933, he had a Graham Paige, blue spot, with California license plates; that he had apartment No. 5 the first time, and that on November 27, 1933, R. L. Burns and alleged wife, rented apartment No. 9 and remained one month; that R. L. Burns paid his rent with $100 bills; that R. L. Burns and his wife had friends, two married couples, living at the
Hiland Apartments, who had two automobiles with Ohio license, and that one of the couples moved from the Lind Apartments to the Belmont Apartments, and that the said J. E. Blackburn told him that J. L. Burns was a doctor. In his other words, he said, J. L. Burns "Doc", and J. L. Burns was about 67, or 87 years of age, height, about 5 ft., 8 in.; weight, 240 to 260 lbs.; dark brown hair; blue eyes; light; pale complexion; looked sallow, and looked thin; he took dope; face drawn down on one side and walked out of corners of mouth, never opened mouth wide; that J. L. Burns left behind him two felt hats size 6 1/2, inside of one of which was the name W. L. Dally; that J. L. Burns when renting the apartments, Nov. 9, on November 2, 1935, wanted to know how soon he could get a telephone connected in his apartment so he was looking for several long-distance telephone calls; that it was not known for sure whether or not he had a telephone installed at that time, but it was presumed that he did.

Mrs. L. L. Rowan, proprietor of the Hiland Apartments, 234 West Liberty St., stated that on October 8, 1933, J. L. Blackburn and his wife, rented Apartment No. 60, paying $50. Ten months later, they paid a $100. bill; that J. L. Blackburn had a Buick Sedan with Ohio license No. C 11-785, and claimed to be from Ohio; that they left a few days before their month's rent was up, and took with them about $300. worth of linen belonging to the apartment; that they found they had moved to the Belmont Apartments and went to the Belmont Apartments; that the Belmont Apartments; that on the same day that J. L. Blackburn and his wife arrived at the apartments, Oct. 8, 1934, their friends, George L. Martin and wife, rented Apartment No. 60, paying the rent with $100. billed, that Geo. L. Martin and wife remained until Dec. 20, 1934; that one day Mrs. Martin told her that she was from Oklahoma, and later she told Mrs. Rowan to tell Mrs. Rowan to never tell her that they were from Oklahoma; that George L. Martin had an automobile, make Forgotten, bearing Ohio license No. C 22-771, which was a smaller car than J. L. Blackburn owned, and that Mrs. Martin remarked about their not having as nice a car as the Blackburns had their friends, the Burns, the Burns, and Mrs. Martin was about 5 ft., 8 in. height, 80 lbs., about 60 years, weight, about 100 lbs., or less, with black straight hair, parted in the middle, and small straight, dark brown eyes, claimed to have trace of Indian blood; in New York; his father was a Methodist preacher in Cleveland before he died, and had a small country church, near West, Ohio, and between Tulsa and Oklahoma City; that she met her husband, Geo. L. Martin, in Iowa and married him in Ohio; that she had 1/16 Indian blood through her mother; that Mrs. J. L. Blackburn was short and fat, age about 35, height, about 5 ft., 11 in.; weight about 120; Polish or Slav
face, reddish hair, probably changed from dark eyes; large mouth, face pimples, not good looking; best Mrs. Printa called Mrs. Blackburn "paulina"

At the Belmar Apartments, 400 Belmar Ave., the man known as Emmett Ray, residence No. 5 Granite Ave., 315 Granite St., stated that J. R. Blackburn and wife registered as Nov. 12, 1935, and remained just one month in apartment No. 5, leaving no forwarding address. A tracing of the signature of J. R. Blackburn was obtained from the apartment register, dated Feb. 10, 1936.

From Frank B. Cochrane, Proc. Air Service Co., 111 South Virginia Street, Las Vegas, F. O. March Ave., it was ascertained that in the records that on Sept. 30, 1933, he repaired Pacific Sedan, 6 cylinders, mileage, 1,000 miles, bearing Illinois 1933 license No. 1-234-567; that on October 8, 1933, and again on November 17, 1933, he repaired a Buick Sedan, bearing six wire wheels, and bearing Ohio License plates (1933) No. C 25-753; that on Nov. 30, 1933, he repaired Ford V-8 Sedan, bearing Minnesota (1933) License Plates No. B 55-475-567; that on November 25, 1933, he has repaired an Auburn Sedan, 12 cylinders, 7-type, 1925 model, six wire wheels, "bearing California (1933) License No. Y 67442." From the Buick Sedan in question, bearing Ohio (1933) License plates No. C 25-753 was a model 91, 1933 model, with a built-in trunk in the rear, six wire wheels; that these automobiles were repaired for several men who associated together and apparently had plenty of money; that they always paid in cash, and no record was made of their names or addresses, and it was not remembered if any of them had given any names.

From D. H. Duard, District Sales Supervisor, Bell Telephone Co. of Nevada, it was ascertained that no record could be found of a telephone having been installed in Apartment No. 5 at the Arie Apartments, 937 Flint St., on November 1, 1935, or thereafter, but that a telephone was installed in Apartment No. 5 at Elroy Apartments, 925 Flint St., on January 9, 1935, and disconnected on Feb. 28, 1935, because party left; without explanation, which was installed under the name of E. H. Burns, previous address, 2010 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill. Local Reference, Louis Maymont, Town House, Reno, Nevada; and that no long-distance telephone charges were charged to that telephone during the period from January 9 to February 28, 1935.

Frank B. Cochrane, residence, F.O. March Ave., identified the photograph of subject Alvin Earp as the owner of the Auburn Sedan, bearing California 1933 License No. Y 67-42, and also
identified the photograph of subject Alvin Karpis as E.L. Burns, who resided at those apartments alone from Dec. 25, 1932, to Feb. 7, 1933, and with his alleged wife from Nov. 28, 1932, to Dec. 2, 1933.

Mrs. L. L. Rowen, owner Hillside Apartments, 204 S. Liberty St., identified the photograph of subject Fred Barker as J. E. Blackbourn, who with his alleged wife resided in Apartment No. 400 from Oct. 8, 1933, to about Nov. 3, 1933, and also partially identified the photograph of subject Harry Campbell, as George L. Irvin, who with his alleged wife occupied Apt. 304 from Oct. 8, 1933, to Dec. 11, 1935.

Miss Zona Wray said, Belmont Apartments, 400 Belmont Road, readily identified the photograph of subject Fred Barker as J. E. Blackbourn, who with his alleged wife resided in Apt. 400 from Nov. 3, 1933, to Dec. 11, 1935.

Mrs. Elva (nee Chris) Pederson, owner of the Belmont Apartments, residence Apt. 407, Belmont Apartments, 400 Belmont Road, readily identified the photograph of subject Fred Barker as J. E. Blackbourn, who with his wife occupied Apt. 400 from Nov. 3, 1933, to Dec. 11, 1935, and stated that when J. E. Blackbourn and his wife left they left behind their radio and leather coat, and that in a letter from Mrs. Blackbourn requesting that the radio and leather coat be forwarded to some place in Minnesota, she stated delivery, to which address the articles were forwarded; that
she cannot locate the letter and believes it to have been destroyed and cannot remember the place in Minnesota to which the articles were forwarded. Mrs. Peterson gave the following description of Mrs. J. E. Blackburn: age, about 35; height about 5 ft., weight, 100 lbs. or less; dark brown hair; freckles; dark eyes, brown; slender build, 5'2. As well be noted this description differs from that furnished by Mrs. Bogg at the Island Apartments.

Ray J. Root, salesman, Scott Motor Co., stated that he saw subject Alvin Kerps (known to him as E. L. Burns or R. L. Burns) in Reno about three weeks ago in an Auburn sedan, believed to have California license plates, and that subject Alvin Kerps moved his hand upon seeing him, but that he did not stop to talk with him.

Photographs bearing the signature of R. L. Kerps and a Match were obtained from the Scott Motor Co., 641 Wilson, Sales Manager. Original auto rental contracts bearing the signatures of R. L. Burns and E. L. Burns were obtained from Paul A. Walter, 200 South Virginia Street. Original registrations of "E. L. Burns & Wife", Nov. 2, 1933, at the Elvada Apartments and Inventory at the Elvada Apartments signed "E. L. Burns" was obtained from C. W. Smith.

From the State Highway Motor Vehicle Department, Sacramento, Calif. It was ascertained that Buick sedan, Motor No. 8225600, bearing 1933 Ohio license No. 3 E-783, entered California on Nov. 19, 1933, and was registered to T. C. Blackman, General Delivery, Los Angeles, Calif., and that there was no record of a registration of this car in 1934 in California to date; also that Ford sedan, Motor No. 18-659800, bearing Ohio license No. C A-751 (1933), registered to T. C. Blackman, 491 North Lockwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio, was issued a non-resident permit, No. 184003, on Oct. 26, 1933, giving California address as San Francisco, Calif., no street address, and that no California registration of this car for 1934 had as yet been filed; also that California 1933 license No. 7 H 67-42 was issued to W. C. Lehman, 44-22 Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, Calif., sole owner, Auburn sedan, Motor No. HB-1207, first sold Oct. 9, 1933, and no record of 1934 registration in California to date.

At Carson City, Nevada:

From the Secretary of State's Office, thru Miss Joan Bonnafon, Clark, it was ascertained that there was no license
numbered 7905 issued in the State of Nevada for the year 1932, but that Nevada License No. 7905 was issued on December 3, 1932, at Reno, Nevada, to L.L. Burns, Bridge Ave., No. 603, Reno, Nevada, for a new five-passenger [not seven passengers, as stated in letter of reference from S.F. Western, San Francisco, dated March 15, 1934.] Plymouth sedan, '42 model, R.R., Reo, No. Reo-61521, serial No. 175709, which was offered upon a Minnesota Registration Card for 1932, without date, Minnesota [1934] Michigan No. B-158921, covering Plymouth sedan, 4 door, model 1932 P.K., motor No. 4817 (engraved with pen on S8833), serial No. 158921, prev. No. 410, issued to L.L. Burns, 501 West 7th St., St. Paul, Minn., President of Ramsey Co., and signed by M. B. Hahn, Secretary of State, which was endorsed on the back "Exempt, California, Station No. 5, Nov. 7, 1932, Permit No. 16839." Clerk No. 12.

Search of the records of the Motor Vehicle Dept., Secretary of State's Office, did not reveal any registration of the following automobiles for the years 1932, 1933 and 1934; other than as heretofore reported:

Auburn Sedan, Motor No. 55201

Buick Sedan, Motor No. 379756

Buick Sedan, Motor No. 379756

Ford Model A, Motor No. 38-34349

Graham Paige Sedan, Motor No. 1024021

Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 652340

Or any automobiles registered under the following names, other than as heretofore reported heretofore:


Loman, F. C. Blackburn, T. C. Blackburn, J. B. Blackburn, Geo.

C. Martin, H. J. Harvey, L. J. Davis [except another party by that name at Reno, Nov., who is apparently not identical with the R. J. Davis in question], Velvyn Davis, Fred Barker, E. B. Barker, and Harry Campbell.

A list of the foregoing automobiles and names was furnished to the Secretary of State with a request that the Secretary of State's Office be immediately notified if any event registration should occur of any of the automobiles in question or under any of the foregoing names.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE AT SACRAMENTO AND SAN FRANCISCO:

Will ascertain whether any of the automobiles listed above have
been registered during the year 1924, and neither license nor any of the names listed above, or other known
numbers of the subjects of this case, also seems due relative to the
persons issued upon entering California. In addition, all
obtain all available information relative to Auburn
Motor No. 15 1897, California (1923) License No. 22552,
attaining a complete description of this Auburn sedan, believed to
be now in the possession of subject Alfred Madsen.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF.: Will
to obtain similar information from the records of Los Angeles County.

THE CINCINNATI OFFICE AT CINCINNATI, OHIO: Will obtain
complete information relative to the issuance of the 1923
License No. 22552 and 22553, and obtain all available
information relative to O. F. Blackard, 608 North Lockanne
Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

THE CHICAGO OFFICE AT CHICAGO, ILL.: Will obtain any
available information relative to L. L. Burns, 5010 West Madison
Street, prior or subsequent to January 5, 1925, and also obtain
all information available relative to Judge Soden, bearing Illinois

THE ST. PAUL OFFICE AT ST. PAUL, MINN.: Will obtain any
information relative to Minnesota (1925) License No. 24679,
Motor No. 182206, bearing Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. 182207
under previous License No. H 44, and all available information concerning
L. L. Soden, 301 West 7th St., St. Paul, Minn., prior or subsequent
to December 8, 1925.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE AT OKLAHOMA, OKLA.: Will endeavor
to ascertain the identity of the alleged wife of Geo. L. Martin
(presumably subject Barry Campbell), whose father was a Methodist
preacher prior to his marriage some years ago, or between Tulsa and
Oklahoma City.

The foregoing officers should be particular to obtain
complete descriptions of all automobiles enumerated in this
report which may at present be in the possession of any of subjects.

THE SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE AT UTAH, UTAH: Will
make further efforts to locate any of subjects in that vicinity.

PENDING
Dear Sir:

For ALVIN LIMAS, with Alliance, et al.

REWARD SUSPECTS.

MURDER, HOMICIDE, DEATH.

2510 YWCA AVENUE

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Martin, Chief Clerk, National Automobile Theft Bureau, 219 Pine St., San Francisco, who notified by telephone from the California State Highway Commission, Sacramento, California, that California State license plates 0-19-0915, were issued on January 22, 1934, to one James Rogers, address 125 Eastwood Drive, San Francisco, California, for a Hudson sedan, motor No. 90,500 [not No. 800], serial No. 800159, and that James Rogers is alive: further stated that there is no record that said automobile has been stolen.

Inspector Richard Smith, auto Theft Detail, San Francisco Police Department, stated that there is no record that said Hudson sedan has been reported stolen, and further stated that telegrams had been received from the Sheriff of Maricopa, asking information concerning said automobile, and as to the identity of James Rogers and companions; that he has ascertained that on January 24, 1934, a person giving the name of James Rogers, appeared at Valla, California, and purchased said automobile, from Ray Hinchliffe, Plymouth auto dealer, 169 Martin St., a 1933 Plymouth sedan, motor No. 90,500, and registered said Plymouth in the name of James Rogers, with address at the Plymouth auto dealer, 169 Martin St., Valla, California, and that California license No. 90,500, was issued for said Plymouth sedan; that on January 22, 1934, the same person, giving the name of James Rogers, purchased said Hudson sedan, serial No. 800159, from brothers Robert B. Anthony, Inc., Hudson dealers, 801 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, to Hudson sedan, motor No. 8000, serial No. 800159, and as part payment turned in the said Plymouth sedan, purchased at Valla, and
paid the balance of the purchase price in cash; that Rogers, on the day of purchase of the Hudson sedan, was accompanied by a young man, who was 20 years of age; that Rogers was doing in the Lenora to the point which a date of little for the Hudson sedan, and the young man, who accompanied Rogers at the time of purchase, appeared on January 23, 1924, at the field of Mr. Anthony place of business, and requested that the title certificate, which he had received, be forwarded to one George Blum, 1100 Clay St., San Francisco.

X. Y. Moundia, Sales Manager, Earl C. Anthony, Inc., Wil Van Ness

Avenue, stated that on January 23, 1924, a young man, giving the name of

James Rogers, called and agreed to purchase a new 1924 Hudson 6’ sedan,

Model No. 40, serial No. 90070, color blue-black; paid $10.00 down,

and turned in no part payment, a practically new Plymouth sedan, purchased

on January 15, 1924, from Ray Ritchie, Plymouth dealer at Vallejo, Calif.,

on which an allowance of $75.00 was made, and paid the balance of $253.50

by candidate’s check, in amount $200.00, drawn on the Bank of America of

Vallejo, and $53.50 in cash; that the Plymouth sedan was returned by

the Earl C. Anthony Co., Enfield, that delivery of the Hudson 6’ sedan could

not be made immediately, and Rogers requested that Moundia call telephone

Sonsi-lo 404, and inform his partner, John Chase, when the car was ready for
delivery; that on January 23, 1924, James Rogers was ready for delivery,

and he called telephone Sonsi-lo 404, and informed the person answering the

telephone, when he proceeded to be John Chase, that the Hudson 6’ sedan

was ready for delivery; that Rogers called on January 23, 1924, and drove

the Hudson 6’ sedan, and said that he would be back in ten or twelve days,

and get the pink slip, and have a price and license (fillaled, which price

and license were to be removed from the Plymouth sedan turned in by Rogers,

and placed in the Hudson 6’ sedan; that on January 23, 1924, when Rogers

purchased the Hudson sedan, he was accompanied by a young man, whose

name was not mentioned, about 20 years of age; dark complexion; about 5’ 10’
high, and who said he had a Plymouth 1924 coupe, and who talked or turned

in the said slip on the purchase of a new Hudson automobile, but the deal

seemed to be farther than the conversation; that on January 24, 1924, when

Rogers called for delivery of the Hudson 6’ sedan, he was accompanied by

a young woman, who, he said, was his wife, and who looked sickly, and who

Rogers paid had lately undergone an operation, and Rogers was also accompanied

by the same young man who was with him on January 23, 1924, at the time by the

purchase of the automobile, and who parked a 1923 Plymouth coupe, black

car, in front of the office of Earl C. Anthony, Inc.; that at time of

purchasing the Hudson on January 23, 1924, Rogers stated that he was also

temporarily in the city, and had no permanent address, and asked him, George

Moundia, if he would furnish an address that would be made that he, James

Rogers, permission to use his home address, 154 Eastwood Drive, San

Francisco; that Rogers made application for a 1924 California license, and

placed therein his address as 154 Eastwood Drive, San Francisco, this for

the purpose of having a place of delivery for the pink slip.
E. T. Bumby further stated that on February 23, 1936, the woman, who on two previous occasions had occupied a house owned by Rogers, went to the Bank of America and was accompanied by an old lady, about 65 years of age, and asked for a new five-year bond. The bond was described as being $12,50, which was paid in cash by the said young man; that the money was registered at the time of servicing, on Feb. 23, 1936, in the name of the bank; that the pink certificate of title had not arrived, and the said young man gave him, Bumby, directions, where same came, to forward to West City Shipyard care of George Hansen, which was done, and the said pink certificate was later returned undelivered, and has been turned over to the California State Library Vehicle Division, San Francisco; that the said young man at the time of servicing gave an address of Never Once, but said he had checked out that morning that he does not know the man giving the name of Rogers, or the man who accompanied him, and has no information concerning their identity.

Information was received from E. V. contenders, Chief of Police, Vallejo, California, that a person giving the name of James Rogers, purchased a Plymouth sedan from Ray Mitchell at Vallejo on Jan. 16, 1936, paying therefor $200.00, of which the sum of $100.00 was in cash and the rest in an Oriental branch of the Bank of America; that on January 23, 1936, a young man giving the name of John Turner, address 20 Mary St., San Rafael, California, purchased same car's check No. 100113.00 from the Bank of America, in favor of James Rogers, in amount $200.00, and said for same in $5.00 and $10.00 bills, and the casher of the Bank of America at Vallejo, quizzed identity said person, if he ever saw his again, and described him as follows:

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A. Ralph Mims, 233 Kearny St., San Francisco, in the bookkeeping business, stated that in the early part of January he had seen him prior occasions some years previous, when he, Mims, was aパートゥイー called at his place of business, accountantal to a young man about 20 years of age; light complexion, about 5' 8" or 9" in height, and said calling, when he only knew by the name of "Joe," asked if he, Mims, could do him a favor, and take the young man to his bank where the young man wanted to purchase a cashier's check; that he took the said young man to the Oriental Branch of the Bank of America, where he, Mims, kept an account, and asked the young man what was the name of the man, and how he knew it, and the young man gave the name of Joe Kinsa, and he made a written application for the cashier's check in his own name (Kinsa's), and handed it to the young man, who handed over $3000 in cash, which paid for the cashier's check. He did not particularly note the denomination of the money, but believed that some of it was in (50) or (100) bills); that he had not known the said young man, and had never seen him before or since; that he does not know where the said bank is located, and has not seen him since.

George Mims, 233 Pacific Avenue, employed as a bookkeeper by the Southern Pacific Railway, at the Post of Hyde St., San Francisco, stated that he has been employed for the past three years and on occasions plays tennis with, and met or about the middle of February, 1924, and said that a letter addressed to James Rogers could be sent to his address at 2330 Clay St., where he, Mims, lived, in care of him, or George Mims, and when the letter came, to hand same to him, Renbou Chee; that he moved from 2330 Clay St. on Feb. 24, 1924, and the said letter, which Renbou Chee referred to, was not received; that he does not know anyone by the name of James Rogers, and does not know anyone by the name of John Chee.

Renbou Chee, 233 Market St., resident 233 Market St., San Francisco, stated that he has been employed for the past seven years by the Mechanic Hardware Company, 233 Market St., as bookkeeper; that from June to the last of November, 1923, he resided at the Union Hotel, 390 Clay St., San Francisco, and during the winter of 1923, while filling in the hotel, he met a man whom he later met, and engaged in conversation, and the man called his name was "Johnny" Rogers; that he later met the said Rogers three or four times, when he would call at the association before anything concerning Rogers, and he never discussed his personal affairs; that Rogers said he had no permanent address, and asked if any mail came, if he would have it delivered at Renbou Chee's residence, to which he consented; that he did not thereafter see Rogers, and knew nothing concerning him; that he has no brother named John Chee. It was patent that Renbou Chee was not divulging full information that he may have in this matter.
Ambrose Chase was again interviewed, and admitted that he did have a brother named John Paul Chase, whom he says he has not seen for several months, nor heard from, nor knew anything about, and further stated that he knew about the middle of February, 1924, he received a telegram from Roger, asking him to hold any mail that might come to his name, that he did not know how long he would remain at his present address, 1001 Fourth St., as he told Roger to hold it in care of his friend, George Maas, 7000 Octavia St., who would deliver the letter to him, and that he has not seen or heard from Roger since, and that he does not know anything by the name of Roger, or anyone answering his description.

Charles Chase, residing on Casa Moderna, California, employed by the Southern PacificCommissary Department, San Diego, San Francisco, stated that he has a brother named John Paul Chase, to whom he has not spoken in over two years, and has no information as to his brother’s address or going, but understands that his brother, John Paul Chase, was in Illinois in February, 1924; that John Paul Chase had a Plymouth Coupe; that he never saw him with a valuable arm, or heard that he had one; that he does not know anything by the name of Roger, or anyone answering his description.

George L. Harton, 622 Water Street, Sausalito, California, doing business as The Gael, Sausalito, Telephone 624, stated that he knew John Chase for the past couple of years; that he, Harton, had been operating a “bootleg joint” at 650 Water St., Sausalito, and on June 8th, 1923, purchased the lease on the premises at 622 Water St., with a view to operating a “bootleg joint” at that place; that the lease was taken in the name of Frank Smith, that Frank Smith was drunk most of the time, and that John Chase gave little attention to the business, and would lock up and go for a while to his Plymouth Coupe; that during September and October, 1923, John Chase lived with him at 677 San Carlos St., Sausalito; that he, Harton, personally took over the business at 622 Water St., in November, 1923, since which time he has seen little of John Chase, but did see him at his place of business in Sausalito, and in an shirt, from 8 A.M. to 2 P.M. every day; that he also employed a John Sicilian as bartender, who is on shift from 7 A.M. to 8 or 9 A.M. every day that he has no knowledge of a telephone message from L. V. Boman, Earl S. Anthony, 935 John Chase, or other persons, in January, 1924, as he personally does not appear until 2 P.M., or later, every day; that he does not know anyone by the name of Roger, or answering the description of Roger; that he has information that John Chase has a life insurance policy in the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, of which he, Harton, is the policyholder.

John Sicilian, 622 Water St., stated that he is employed by George Harton, and comes on shift at 8:00 A.M.; that he did not leave any telephone on January 20, 1924, on his shift; he does not hear well, and did not take a message for John Chase on that date, or any other time; that John Chase was in Harton’s place of business the latter part of January, 1924.
fix the date, and has not seen him since; that John Chase had a 1928 Plymouth Coupe, which he has not seen around for some time; that he knows no one by the name of Rognari, and never met anyone accompanying Chase, describing the description of Rognari.

Frank Smith, 632 Water St., Sunvalle, California, stated that he has no recollection of any telephone call for John Chase on January 30, 1928; that Chase was in the habit of receiving telephone calls at "The Castle," and so, Smith, would make note of same on a piece of paper, and hand it to Chase when he came in; that it is possible that he received a message from L. V. Burnye on January 30, 1928, but he has no recollection of same; that John Chase was in Sunvalle the latter part of January, 1924, and has not seen him since; that he never saw Chase with a Hudson automobile; that John Chase owned a Plymouth Coupe; that he knows no one by the name of Rognari, and never saw anyone answering the description of Rognari in the company of Chase.

W. E. Klarie, Chief of Police, Tom Hall, Sunvalle, California, stated that he knew John Chase quite well; that Chase had been a "bootlegger" in San Rafael and Sunvalle for some years; that in the Fall of 1923, John Chase was bootlegging at "The Castle," 622 Water St., Sunvalle; that John Chase owned a 1923 Plymouth Coupe, and he never saw him with a Hudson car; that John Chase has three brothers as follows:

Charles Chase, employed by the Southern Pacific Ralway Co., residing at 230 2nd St., Sunvalle, telephone No. 213.

Andrew Chase, employed by Lawrence Hardware Co., San Francisco; that John Chase had a steady girl named "Sally", reported to reside at 624 Turney St., Sunvalle, and employed on the newsstand of the Golden Gate Ferry; that John Chase has no criminal record, as far as known, and was never arrested at Sunvalle; that he knows no one by the name of Rognari, or anyone answering the description of Rognari.

W. H. Hallman, Sheriff, Marin County, San Rafael, California, stated that he knew John Chase by sight, who had the reputation of being a "bootlegger", but was never apprehended as far as he knows, and has no criminal record.

Investigation was made at No. 60 Mary St., San Rafael, California, and it was found to be an unoccupied lot; that the structure jumped from No. 60 Mary St., San Rafael, to No. 60 Mary St., Sunvalle; that No. 60 Mary St. is occupied by a man named Roberto, who operates a dairy, and who has in his employ a young man by the name of Sales Turney, and that has been employed by her for the past 10 years, and earns a good reputation.

Mrs. Turney, doing business as "Jack's Pool Hall," 415 Fourth St., and the Village Green Tea Room, 1437 Fourth St., San Rafael, California, stated that she and John Chase were partners in the "bootlegging" business in San Rafael and vicinity in 1921, but she has had no business relations with
him since that time, and has seen very little of him; that on occasion, in 1923, John Chase drove up to the rail to farm cattle in his 1923 Plymouth Coupe, with a girl named "Daily," last seen unknown; that John Chase left the part of the country in early part of December, 1923, and was gone for some weeks, and returned in the middle of January, 1924; that during his absence, John Chase did not communicate with his girl named "Daily," and she called on him to obtain Chase's address, but he could not furnish one; that in the letter of January, 1924, Chase and "Daily" had been at his place and business at 1257 Fourth St., and stayed for about one-half hour; that he has not seen Chase since, and does not know where he may be found; that he knew no one by the name of Rogers, and knows no one answering the description of Rogers associating with Chase.

Don Wood, Chief of Police, San Jose, California, stated that Henri Tomney and John Chase were seen hanging in San Jose in 1923, but he was unable to get evidence on John Chase; that John Chase was arrested on Oct. 30, 1923 for a "drunk" violation, but was not fingerprinted or photographed; that he knew no one by the name of Rogers, or anyone associating with Chase, answering the description of Rogers.

The following is a description of John Chase, furnished by Chief of Police, Don Wood:

| Age:        | 35             |
| Height:     | 6 feet 2 inches |
| Weight:     | 180 pounds     |
| Eyes:       | Dark           |
| Hair:       | Black, short, straight |
| Complexion: | Fair           |
| Build:      | Medium         |
| Nose:       | Straight       |
| Parents:    | Dead           |

Investigation was made at the Bristol Hotel, 205 Illinois St., San Francisco, and the register examined from June, 1923 to March 10, 1924, but no registration of suspect Rogers was found therein, or of John Chase.

Investigation was made at the Bristol Hotel, 205 Illinois St., San Francisco, and it was ascertained that James Chase registered in on May 11, 1923, and checked out on Oct. 11, 1923, and left no forwarding address; that he was very quiet in his manner, and not known to have any friends, and no one was noted calling on him answering the description of Rogers; and that no one by the name of James Rogers was registered at the said hotel within the past year.
C. A. Miro, employee of M. O. Anthony, Inc., 303 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, stated that when purveyor of '45' series sedan, giving the name of Rogers, took delivery of the car on January 24, 1932, he was accompanied by a young woman, about 25 years of age, who walked slowly, and was accompanied by Rogers. That Rogers was also accompanied by a young man, about 25 years of age, 5' 8" or 9" in height, weighing about 150 to 170 lbs., athletic build, medium complexion; that said young man returned the car on Feb. 25, 1932, to have a radio and heater installed, and was accompanied by an old lady about 60 years of age, and a little boy about four or five years of age, whose further description was not noted; that said young man at time of taking out the car on Feb. 25, 1932, said he was going to Canada, and before returning would travel over two thousand miles, that the said young man did not give any name, but said that he had just checked out of the Mason Hotel, San Francisco, when asked for an address.

On Sept. 5th, a Mrs. Emma L. Miro, 1711 Mayfield Ave., Sacramento, California, stated that in 1935 license No. 8-100, series No. 7648, was issued to John F. Chase, address P.O. Box 612, Sacramento, California, on Dec. 24, 1934, and that William H. Kilmer Company, Inc., 303 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, Calif., was the legal owner of said car, which was first bought on Dec. 24, 1934, that 1934 license No. 8-100 for said car, was issued on Feb. 1, 1935, to John F. Chase, P.O. Box 612, Sacramento, California, and that William H. Kilmer Company, Inc., was the legal owner of said car, at said time.

For information, there is attached hereto, three photostatic copies of Contract of Purchase of a Hudson '45' sedan by James Rogers on Jan. 24, 1932, showing signature of James Rogers; also three photostatic copies of Bill of Sale for Plymouth sedan, executed to M. O. Anthony, Inc., dated Jan. 24, 1932, showing signature of James Rogers.

It is requested that the San Francisco Division Office be informed whether or not said John F. Chase should be apprehended in case he appears in the San Francisco district.

Further investigation will be made with a view of identifying James Rogers.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

L. H. Montgomery, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

[Stamp: M. O. Anthony, Inc., \(x\), Division]
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:


DETAILS:

The records of the Austin Police Department reflect that Jack Snyder was located in Austin, Texas, on June 6, 1939, when the bond was forfeited. The records indicate that Mr. White was arrested and charged with forgery by passing a forged check on the Driakill Hotel at Austin, Texas, for a sum of $1200. The following events occurred:

- Agent communicated with residence of the Driakill Hotel and was informed by Mr. White that Mr. White was absent from Austin, Texas. Mr. White, however, stated that when Jack Snyder's bond was forfeited at Austin, Texas, that Mr. White mailed notices to various places for information and that as he remembered, Jack Snyder and his wife were arrested in Chicago in the latter part of 1938, and Mr. White left Austin for Chicago to return Snyder and upon arrival at Chicago Snyder had been released, and that Mr. White spent 10 days there endeavoring to locate Snyder with the aid of a private detective.

The records of the State District Clerk's office at Austin disclose that Jack Snyder was indicted in the State Court, Indictment No. 19298 on May 14, 1939, for the same offense as described above. The indictment was dismissed upon motion of the State District Attorney's office on January 30, 1939.

The records of the Austin Police Department disclose that Jack Snyder was located in San Antonio, Texas, on June 5, 1939, when the bond was forfeited.
arrested at Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Police Department (in the charge in Chicago on 3-11-33. As Jack Snyder arrested Chicago 5-25-33 P.D. 47074 chargged robbery by gun and wearing concealed weapons. Furnished bond $8000. No further disposition shown.

J. R. Mitschele, Superintendent of the Identification Bureau, Austin, Texas, states that after Snyder forfeited his bond at Austin that he saw Snyder and his wife in a cafe here and when he approached to place Snyder under arrest they made their escape.

For the information and use of the St. Paul and Chicago offices photographs of Jack Snyder and his wife are attached. The Chicago Office will check Snyder's arrest there on 3-11-33, No. 47047, and at Milwaukee, Wisconsin on 5-25-32, Milwaukee P.D. 47005.
Concerning the publicity relative to the identifications in the Frenser case Mr. Rorer telephoned. By interviewed Mr. Richard S. Gillfillan, who is a copy writer for the Minneapolis Tribune. It appears that when the telegraphic flash of the arrests in Oklahoma City was received by the Tribune, Mr. Shipley, apparently Gillfillan's superior, called him into the office where Gillfillan saw the notice of the arrests. Shipley inquired of Gillfillan knew anyone in Tulsa whom they might telephone to get the details and Gillfillan stated that he had a few days before been in Washington at a newspaper guild meeting and had met Mr. Burke, of Tulsa. He was instructed to communicate with Burke. Gillfillan first called his wife to get Burke's first name and then telephoned Burke and received the information that appeared in the Minneapolis paper from Burke. Gillfillan stated that if he were making the investigation relative to the leak he would question the newspaper men in Tulsa. This information was telephoned to Mr. Brumley and he was told to make thorough inquiries and bring this matter to a logical conclusion promptly.

Respectfully,

H. H. Crage

MAR 29 1934
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

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

March 15, 1934.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KEMPIS, with aliases, et al.

EDWARD GEORGE BRODER - Victim.

MINAPING, St. Paul file T-3O.

In that connection, please be advised that the Twin Cities underworld have recently been using the Elgin Hotel as a headquarters.

CITIES DESTROYED
MAY 12, 1965

MAR 9 1934

FILE
Because of the unsettled political conditions in the
Twin Cities, the informant has been handicapped in securing
information. It is believed that he should be given at least
another week before dismissing him. He was given $10.00 by
Special Agent [redacted].

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 815,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

PERIODICAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

MAR. 29 1934

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Toler
Mr. Cleek
Mr. Conley
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Lee
Mr. Clark
Mr. Simmons

March 19, 1934.

MAR. 28 1934

DIV.

To:
Mr. Alvin Harn, with replies, at this office, and to
Edward George Hurnal — Victim.
KIDNAPPING, St. Paul file No. 7-36.

Thomas Dahill, Chief of Police, St. Paul, at the Division office on March 16, 1934, advised that he had been in Washington and had been furnished the information that...

unless otherwise instructed by the Division, after the photograph has been shown to the informant and he can not identify same, Mr. Dahill will be informed that this office has been unable to make a contact with the informant; and he will be likewise told that the event the photograph is identified. It occurs to me that the uselessness of our informant might be jeopardized in the event Mr. Dahill is given any further information regarding this matter. It also appears that in the event Mr. Dahill desires to use this information as a basis for dismissing Mr. Hurnal, he would not be successful, as much as the informant's information...
in any event, Mr. Martin has been on the St. Paul Police Department long enough to reach a decision without the assistance of this Division, as to whether or not Mr. Brown is a trustworthy officer.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

W. A. Roper,
Inspector.
I called Mr. Rorer about the attached letter dated March 29, 1934, concerning the Brewer case, and informed him of the inconsistencies appearing in the abstract slips and in the body of the letter about exhibiting the photograph of Tom Brown to informant X.

Mr. Rorer stated that Special Agent Hall, who dictated the letter, dictated at the same time another letter showing that X had been interviewed. Agent Hall thought it preferable to prepare two letters rather than one, and evidently the abstract slips of the second letter had been attached to the first letter.

Mr. Rorer advised that the second letter should have been in the same mail with the first and the abstract slips should be exchanged.

Respectfully,

Mr. K. Crepp.
SUIT I - FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
MARCH 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box No. 4607,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. ALVIN KORBIS, D.C. ALBISA.

ARTHUR M. Baczek, Property Officer,

EUGENIO VICTOR BACZEK - VICTIN.

KIDNAPPING.

Dear Sir:

In connection with efforts to locate Paula Harmion, alias Paula Harmion, and other aliases, who was a known associate of the Harms-Harmion gang, investigation was made by this office of the arrest by the Sheriff at Council Bluffs, Iowa, during February, 1934, of Mrs. O. M. Harms together with Lucta Graham, Charles P. Harms (Paula's husband, now deceased) and James P. Harms.

Lucta Graham, above named, was known to be an associate and friend of Paula Harms. In an endeavor to locate Lucta Graham, investigation was made by this office at Peloton, Nebraska, where it was found that, about two years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graham, the parents of Lucta Graham, moved to 504 South 25th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, there operating a rooming house, and later moving to Crestview, Florida.

Peloton advised that on February 9th, 1934, a registered package, registered No. 6761, had been sent by William Graham of Harms, Indiana, to his father, Charles Graham, at Peloton, Nebraska, this package being forwarded to Mr. Graham at Crestview, Florida. The Postmaster stated that from conversations he had heard, he understood Lucta Graham was also living at Crestview, Florida.

Mrs. Charles Graham, at Peloton, Nebraska, advised that Lucta Graham was leaving the rooming house at a time in 1934, at Crestview, Florida, without saying to that point for the past two years.

A photostatic copy of a photograph of Lucta Graham, together with her fingerprints are being transmitted herewith, as well as a photostatic copy of photograph and fingerprints of Paula Harms. The attached photograph of Paula Harms, which was taken by the Sheriff's Office at Council Bluffs, Iowa in 1934, is not a very good present likeness of her, as her nose has been broken in an accident. In the event your investigation tends to indicate Paula Harms' presence in your District, it is suggested
that you request the St. Paul office to furnish a more recent photograph of Paula Harmon.

It is requested that your office endeavor to locate Lesta Graham, alias Mrs. Claude Vogel, near Crestview, Florida, in an endeavor to ascertain through her the present whereabouts of Paula Harmon.

When the attached photostatic copies of photographs and fingerprints of Paula Harmon and Lesta Graham have served their purpose to the Jacksonville office they should be returned to the Kansas City office.

With the copies of this letter designated for the St. Paul office there is attached a newspaper clipping from the World-Herald, Omaha, Nebraska, for February 27, 1934 relative to the return of Paula Harmon and her associates to Council Bluffs, Iowa from Rock Island, Illinois at that time in connection with the arrests, which are mentioned in letter written over the signature of Special Agent J. L. Flood to the Chicago office in this connection under date of March 1, 1934.

Very truly yours,

M. C. BISH
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

cc - St. Paul
Dallas
Chicago
Division

4-37
J.E.P. DREW
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
6TH FEDERAL BUILDING
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

BREAKS PIERCE ARROW SEDAN INDIANA LICENSE SIX WIRE ONE NIGHT REGISTRED MAX NOVELLE HAMMOND INDIANA MOTOR A FIVE NAUGHT SEVENTEEN LEFT NINO WEDNESDAY FOR CALIFORNIA GAVE ADDRESS CARE PANCHOS MARCO HOLLYWOOD DISGREEETALLY ABEPTAIN IDENTITY OWNER AND OCCUPATES THIS MACHINE

WIRE ACTING

7-576
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
MAR 27 1934, A.M.
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to:

San Francisco, California
March 22, 1934.

A. R. C.
Golden Hotel
San Francisco.

Bricked number thirty-three twelve cylinder Auburn sedan blue body with hood grey on top and grey canvas top six fire wheels. Motor by fifteen two seven. Purchased San Francisco October ninth last year by William B. Libelle. Wollen Davis positively identified as one of purchasers. Arthur Barker believed to be another.

Montgomery Acting.

Charge: Govt. Rate.
315 Horace Bldg.
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

6 P.M.

The quickest, safest and safest way to send money is by telegraph or cable.
F.X. Pay

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
300 LEXINGTON AVENUE, ROOM 1403
NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

RECEIVED SUBJECTS PER WHICH KIDNAPPING ASCERTAIN SUBSTANCE TESTIMONY
EXPECTED THAT PERIOD ENDING OFFICE AND EVIDENCE ALSO NOT IMPORTANT
CONFEDERACY CONSIDERED AND DETERMINED THAT BECAUSE ANY OTHER PERSON CAN TESTIFY TO SAME
FACTS SHOWN TO BE UNTRUE TO TESTIFY UNDER FEDERAL SUBPOENA FOR APPEARANCE
NEW YORK CITY AND DATE.

WING ACTING

ID: 156
COV: 354
DIV: 2

MAR 27 1934 A.M.
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Western Union gift orders solve the perplexing problem of what to give.
SALT LAKE CITY CABLE MARCH 27

M.E. Postle
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1200 RAILERS BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILL.

FREDDIE PIERCE ARROW SEDAN INDIANA LICENSE SIX NINE ONE EIGHT REGISTERED MAX NOVELLE HAMMOND INDIANA MOTOR A FIVE MAJORE SEVENTH LEFT RENO NEVADA WEDNESDAY FOR CALIFORNIA DISCREETLY ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OWNER LUG.

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CO: DIVISION
W. A. RICKS

7-5-26
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
MAR 27 1934 A.M.
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FILE
San Francisco, California, March 21, 1934.

J.E.P., VRNS
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
619 FIFTH BUILDING
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

UNITED STATES RICH SUNSHINE CALIFORNIA COMPANY THROUGH FOURTH STREET VILLAGE
DELIVERED ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING SELL OF SOLICITER'S HOOKER 9:30 P.M.
Oct. 19, 1933
TO WILLIAM B. LOMA ON THIS DATE FOR WHICH DORMER HOOKER IS
SIX TIMES LESS THAN SIX HAS TAKEN IN AND AMOUNT OF BALANCE IF PAID BY CHECK
AND DEPOSITED IN.

V.C. Division

[Signature]

WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS SOLVE THE PERPLEXING QUESTION OF WHAT TO GIVE.
W. A. Roger
INSPECTOR
PO 3 POST OFFICE BUILDING
ST. PAUL, MINN.

BRIEF: AGENTS REMOVED INVESTIGATION COMPLETED THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OBTAINED ON SUBJECTS BELIEVED NOT NOW AT LARGE.

WINE ACTING

LDN EM

CS: DIVISION

Re: Alvin Karnis with aliases, et al
Edward O. Crumey, Victim
Kidnapping

SALT LAKE CITY, UT
MARCH 23, 1934

7-576
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
MAR 27 1934, A.M.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FILE
J. H. Dunn,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
District of Columbia,  
Los Angeles, California.

J. H. Dunn,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
114 17th Street,  
San Francisco, Calif.

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

San Francisco, California.
March 28, 1936.

J. H. Dunn,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
617 Federal Building,  
Los Angeles, California.

SHERIFF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CURRENT PLATES FOR ALEXANDER NELSON

SHERIFF OF STATE JURISDICTION BEING CHECKED

CONFIDENTIAL

ACTING

J. H. Dunn,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
310 12th Street,  
San Francisco, Calif.

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
MARCH 23, 1934

T.A. BROWN, INSPECTOR
DIVISION OF REFUGEE TRAFFIC
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
233 POST OFFICE BUILDING
ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS

RICHARD GALE PIERCE REQUESTS YOU SEND HIM ADEQUATE DETAILLED DESCRIPTIONS OF SUBJECTS AND THEIR KNOWN FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES.

WINE ACTING

LG: MB
CG: DIVISION
CGT RATE

WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS SOLVE THE PERPLEXING QUESTION OF WHAT TO GIVE
Send the following message, subject to the terms as hereinafter, which are hereby agreed to:

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
MARCH 22, 1934.

R. B. NELSON
DIVISION OF F.W. HUNT
W. E. PEARY
DEPT. OF JUSTICE
310 HALL BUILDING
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

SURELY HAVE YOU CHECKED EXACTING FOR POSSIBLE EXCESS CURRENT VOLT.
ADJUSTED FROM RELEASING YOUR VERS TWENTY MINUTE INSTITUTE BEING CAN READiac LIST
YEAR AM PRACTICED BY ELOQUENCE CIVIL.

CHECK: C.R.G.A.
DEPT. M.A., DEPT. JUSTICE
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The quickest, surest and safest way to send money is by telegraph or cable.
Referring to telephone conversation today between Special Agent R.B. Burrows and myself concerning telephones calls coming from Damnmo Company, [illegible].

Jr. F. Devine, Special Agent, Bell Telephone Company, Pennsylvania, advised that there is a Mrs. Fleming who is listed in the name of the firm, H. H. Hennessey, 431 Bell Telephone Avenue, which residence is located in a fairly good residential section of Philadelphia.

Special Agent J. F. Hetherington and A. G. Creedon, interviewed Benjamin Lee, 515 Robert Street, will deliver serving the Fleming address, who advised that he has been serving mail at that residence for the last nine years, and that Mrs. Fleming and her husband reside there. Mrs. Fleming, whose first name is unknown, is approximately sixty years of age and is very feeble, being afflicted with diabetes. Mrs. Fleming is a prominent fifty-five years of age, and is a quiet, responsible woman. In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Fleming, there occasionally visit two of their two daughters (names unknown) who apparently reside somewhere in Philadelphia. The eldest daughter of the Flemings is recently married William A. Grey, prominent Philadelphia attorney, with offices located in the Clarendon Hotel building, Philadelphia. Grey is quite a prominent figure at the criminal bar at Philadelphia, and has practiced there for the last thirty-five or forty years.
Washington Field Office - E - March 28, 1924

The Fleming's of the time entertained a table of cards and dinner parties in Philadelphia, and have always been interested in the operation of the saloon which is located there. As far as is known, the saloon was fairly good operation, and the George John (deceased), brother of Mr. Fleming, seems to have been in charge of it.

Lee advised that to his recollection the mail received by the Fleming's was of nondescript orders, and that no out-of-town mail, to his recollection, has been delivered to that address during the past year. Lee was particularly sure that no mail had come there from Washington, D.C., and that the Fleming's live an entirely harmless life, and that there is no indication of unlawful activity in the Fleming household.

In addition to this, Lee advised that there is a female, who seems to be housekeeper for the Fleming's, apparently not being employed there steadily but only temporarily, whose name and address he does not know.

No further information would be obtained relative to the Fleming's. However, if it appeared that there is any ship, or the call (telephone company, etc.), to be connected for the purpose of determining whether the call from Washington to Harris, was a person-to-person call. In the event that the records of the telephone company reflect that such was a person-to-person call, the name of the person...
Washington Field Office

March 20

should appear on the telephone company's records, and, if
questions, further investigation will be conducted by this office
relative to this telephone call.

The following information was communicated phonically to Special Agent V. A. Herron over by Special Agent
J. Philips.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

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

March 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN NAPIS, with aliases, et al.

REMAIURD GROWNEB ROCKIN - Victim.

KIDNAPIN. St. Paul file 7-50

Reference is made to your recent telegraph message requesting that the fingerprint classifications of James Wilson and William Jones be furnished the Division. Please be advised that it has been ascertained from Mr. John Tierney, Identification Division, St. Paul Police Department, that James Wilson bears St. Paul Police No. 26456, fingerprint classification No. H 30 14, and that William Jones bears St. Paul Police Department No. 23003, fingerprint classification map 4 4

With reference to the letter from the St. Paul Division office dated March 5, 1934, which contained a list of individuals whose fingerprints it was deemed advisable to have checked against the latest prints in this case, will you please advise whether the fingerprints of these individuals have been permanently entered in the fingerprint file or whether they are merely being compared with the latent fingerprints obtained in this case.

Very truly yours,

W. A. BOER, Inspector.
March 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.

EDWARD GEORGE BRENNER - Victim.
KIRKAPING, St. Paul File 7-30.

Reference is made to Division letter dated March 19, 1934, requesting that Victim EDWARD GEORGE BRENNER be re-interviewed in an effort to ascertain the direction in which train and automobile traffic traveled in relation to the hideout at which he was held. Please be advised that on March 24, 1934, Victim Brenner was re-interviewed by Special Agent D. L. Nicholson.

Upon examining the photostatic copy of the map which was furnished with the Division's letter, he advised that the railroad track and highway as set out on this map are in error, although this map had previously been approved by him. He stated that the railroad should be on the lower left-hand corner of the map (instead of on the lower right-hand corner of the map), and that the highway should also be on the same corner, running either parallel with the railroad track or parallel with the window at which he sat. He advised that he has no recollection and no means of knowing as to whether this house fronted on a lake or river; and that he has no recollection as to the direction of the morning train traffic which passed in the vicinity of the house, and that the evening train traffic traveled in a direction from the bottom of the page diagonally across the left-hand corner; that the morning highway traffic appeared to be going in the same general direction as the evening train traffic, that it, starting at the bottom of the page and going diagonally across the left-hand corner; or if the highway ran parallel to the window of his room, the morning highway traffic ran from the bottom to the top of the page, the evening highway traffic running in the opposite direction.

REORDERED

The railroad tracks and highway as now indicated on the photostatic copy of the map furnished by the Division and is being returned to the Division with this letter. 1934 A. N.

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Mr. Bremer further stated that upon arriving at the hideout on the day of his abduction, it is his recollection that a turn was made to the right, off the highway, when approaching the hideout; that on the day he departed from the hideout, after walking up the basement stairs, he made two turns to the right before entering the car, but stated that he has no recollection of the car itself making any turns prior to entering the highway and that it appeared to him that after entering the car, the car started and proceeded straight ahead, making no noticeable turn.

Very truly yours,

W. A. BOYER,
Inspector.

ILM: HTS
Enc.
Cc: Chicago
April 4, 1934

Mr. R. A. Harter,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 315,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KAPITIS, with allies, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - victim
Kidnapping

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to Division letter dated March 10, 1934, and your reply thereto dated March 27, 1934, relative to a re-interview with victim Edward George Bremner, for the purpose of ascertaining the flow of train and automobile traffic in relation to the hideout where Bremner was held.

It is noted from your reply that the re-interview was conducted by Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, and that the results of this interview materially changed the diagram originally prepared by you based upon the information furnished by Mr. Bremner. The Division is of the opinion that all interviews with Mr. Bremner relative to matters of importance should be conducted by you, personally, so that all the information in the possession of Mr. Bremner may be thoroughly developed to the advantage of the Division.

It is suggested that this procedure be followed hereafter, and that you conduct all interviews with Mr. Bremner.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Director.

APR 6, 1934
March 27, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith three negatives of photographs taken on May 29, 1933, of Mrs. EDWARD W. BENTZ. These photographs of Mrs. Bents were taken while she was living in the Shadrake Hotel with Edward Bents, during the summer of 1933, and it is believed that they are the most recent photographs of this person.

It is suggested that a sufficient number of same be developed from the negatives to furnish ten copies each to the Chicago, St. Paul, Kansas City, Portland and San Francisco offices, and that five copies of each be furnished to the St. Louis and Oklahoma City offices. It is requested that when these negatives have served their purpose they be returned to this office, in order that we may return them to the photographer from whom they were obtained. It is suggested that this matter be given the earliest possible attention.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

A.H. Kellman,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

Enclosures

RE: ALVIN EPPIS with aliases  
1-0-1218  
ALVIN R. BARTLE with aliases  
1-0-1219, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KINUPF, C

RECORD NUMBERS

7-527-469  
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MAR 29 1934  
U.S. INF. 161
April 6, 1934

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter dated March 27, 1934, there are returned herewith the three negatives furnished the Division for the purpose of having copies of the photograph of Mrs. Edward S. Burns made and distributed to the field offices of the Division.

Please be advised that copies of this photograph have been distributed to all field offices, with other photographs, by Division letter dated April 3, 1934.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Director

[Stamp: APR 6 1934]
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Personal and Confidential

March 22, 1934.

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

Re: ALVIN KEMP, with aliases,
et al. EDWARD GEORGE NEWMAN,
Victoria, ILLINOIS.

St. Paul File 1-30

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the lack of confidential information which resulted in newspaper publicity concerning the fingerprint identification of Arthur Barker.

Special Agent O. G. Hall interviewed Richard B. Gilfillan, copy reader, for the Minneapolis Tribune, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on the night of the 24th instant. Mr. Gilfillan stated that on the morning of the raid in Oklahoma, which resulted in the arrest of Glenn Roy Wright, et al., he was called to the office of Mr. Shipley of the Tribune, where he was shown a dispatch from Sapulpa, Oklahoma, reflecting the arrest of Glenn Roy Wright, et al.

Mr. Gilfillan stated that this dispatch made no mention of the fingerprint identification. He stated that on that occasion, Mr. Shipley asked if he knew anyone at Tulsa, Oklahoma, whereupon he answered that he knew Mr. Burke of the Tulsa News, whose first name he did not know. He stated that he informed Shipley that he had met Burke in December, 1933 in Washington, D. C., while attending the National Newspapermen's Guild, and that he informed Shipley that he could probably obtain Burke's first name from his wife, whom he did, and furnished it to Shipley. He stated that he believes that Shipley then telephoned Burke and received the information from Burke concerning the identification, although he stated that he is not sure positive that Shipley telephoned Burke.

Mr. Gilfillan stated emphatically that he did not know of the identification until he read the story in his capacity as copy reader for the Tribune. He further states that it is impossible conceivable to him that any newspaperman in the Twin Cities would hold a story for ten days or any length of time of this nature if he intended to print it at all. He states that had anything in the Twin

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Cities been in possession of this information ten days prior to its publication, that several occasions had been presented which would have afforded an opportunity for publication. He stated that when the story broke concerning investigation in the vicinity of Davenport, Iowa, in connection with an extortion letter which had been written to Adolph Remer, that if anyone in the Twin Cities had had the data concerning the identification, that there would have been an excellent opportunity for publication, particularly since local police officers in the vicinity of Davenport had furnished full details to the press concerning the particular extortion note which was then being investigated.

Mr. Gilfillan stated that in view of the fact that the information reached the press simultaneously with the raid in Oklahoma that it is inconceivable to him that the information should have arisen anywhere other than Oklahoma and in connection with the raid.

He stated, however, that should he have had this information before that he would so state that he had it but would refuse to disclose his source upon confidential grounds and since he had not heard of the story before he would so truthfully state.

Mr. Gilfillan stated that were he investigating to determine the source of this story, he would make an investigation regarding the raid in Oklahoma and also among the newspaper men at Tulsa, who first reported the raid as it would seem to him that the raid and story were co-incident.

Very truly yours,

W.A. Roper,
Inspector.
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
SUITE 1 - FEDERAL BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
MARCH 27, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARFIS, with aliases,  
I. O. LEIS  
ARTHUR R. PARKER, with aliases,  
J. O. LEIS  
EDWARD GEORGE PREMER, VICTIM  
KIDNAPPING

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to Division letter dated March 15, 1934 addressed to the Detroit Office in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARFIS, with aliases, et al., EDWARD GEORGE PREMER, VICTIM, KIDNAPPING, with which was enclosed copy of the criminal record of one W. D. Pettijohn, Division No. 222725.

In reply to a communication from this office, Mr. J. M. Sanders, Warden of the State Penitentiary, Jefferson County, Missouri, has advised that the above named individual as W. D. Pettijohn, their No. 45800, is still incarcerated at that institution, serving a term of five years for a crime of obtaining money by fraudulent checks in Jefferson County, Missouri; it being further stated that this individual will be due for discharge from the Missouri State Penitentiary on June 15, 1934.

Very truly yours,

M. C. COMAR  
 Acting Special Agent in Charge

MC-42W  
cc - St. Paul  
Detroit  
Chicago  
7-31

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APR 6, 1934.
March 22, 1934

Mr. V. A. Bower, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
900 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are copies of the criminal records with duplicate copies of the photographs appearing in the files of the Identification Unit in the cases of the following persons:

ALONZO McINTOSH alias Frank Downey
JOHN McGUIRE
J. B. WILLIAMS
E. B. BURKE
J. NEWTON
ALVIN KAMTE
WILLIAM KENNY

There is attached a copy of the criminal record appearing as to CHARLES KETLER. In this instance no photograph is available.

Based upon the information submitted by Mr. Carl, Assistant Inspector, 900 Post Office Building, Post Office Department, the Division has not been able to identify records of the following persons, requested in his recent communication:

WILLIAM MURRAY

It should be understood that the Division is not certain that all of the records are "positive" identifications, since only the names were furnished for the Division's use in searching its files in this case.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Director.

[Stamp: 1-57-1472]
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☐ Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

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Title 28, U.S.C., Section 534

☐ For your information:

☑ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

- 576-1472
Casper removed to Northern District of West Virginia from Jacksonville, Florida, 3-20-34, furnished information to the effect that if given an opportunity to visit the Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., and confer with Helen Boucher, an inmate of this institution, that he will be able to escape from Boucher the name of a participant in the Bremner kidnapping case.

REFERENCE: Division letter dated March 31, 1934.

DETAILS: The Division letter of reference advised that William Phillips, subject of National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case under that title, who is presently being held in the County Jail at Wheeling, West Virginia, awaiting trial upon the charge of violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, had on March 31, 1934, corresponded with Assistant Attorney General Reese, at Washington, D.C., advising:

"Within thirty-six hours after you have seen me, I will give you information which will cause the arrest of one of the Bremner Kidappers. I am asking nothing whatever of you until I do produce this man. I merely ask that my trial be postponed until such time."

Authorized for Division.

9-526-1473
MAR 29 1934 P.M.
APR 2, 1934
as that matter would be cleared up. Will you please advise
at once as I do not care to deal with the local department
with your office. I have been advised by the Deputy Marshal
not to deal with you if possible in this matter.

T. E. SMELTING
3612 Main St.

Records at the office of the United States Marshal at Wheeling, W. Va.,
disclose that subject Gumpp was removed to the Northern District of West Virginia
from Jacksonville, Florida, March 12, 1894.

Gumpp was interviewed in the Ohio County Jail at Wheeling relative to
the information set forth in the letter of reference, concerning information for
his, Gumpp's, possession pertaining to the Elmer kidnapping matter, and where he
is awaiting disposition of his trial upon the charge of violation of the National
Motor Vehicle Theft Act at the Trial, 1894, Term of Federal Court at Wheeling, W. Va.
there being a possibility the case may be disposed of at the coming May, 1894,
Term of Court at Wheeling, W. Va.

Gumpp stated that he entered the Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg,
Pa., on April 6, 1893, after being sentenced at Pittsburgh, Pa., to serve a term
of one year and one day for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act and
was, subsequently, assigned to kitchen work in the institution. At a later date
he was placed in charge of all the lice boxes in the penitentiary, having full
control of the milk, eggs and butter. He stated that a number of the prisoners
depended upon him to give them extra milk and in this manner he met a period
confined in the institution, by the name of Elmer Boucher, Penitentiary Number
923, said Boucher having been sentenced to the institution for some mail steals
from Chicago. Boucher was a clerk in the penitentiary in charge of the store-
room. Boucher later told Gumpp to look out for and take care of a friend of his
by the name of Jack Kusick or Jack Kusick, Gumpp not knowing the correct spelling
of this name. He, Gumpp, stated that Kusick was formerly connected with the
Al Capone gang in Chicago and was sentenced from Chicago for a term of five years
for income evasion. Gumpp stated that he favored Kusick from time to time in
giving him milk and eggs; that when he, Gumpp, was to be discharged from the
institution, Kusick Boucher told him that his time was about up and that he, Boucher,
was going to get Gumpp in with the right "guys" when he got out. Gumpp asked
Boucher what he meant by the "right guys," and Boucher said he would put him in
with "guys" who controlled the dope ring in the States of New York, Pennsylvania,
Maryland and West Virginia. Gumpp informed him that he did not desire to get
 mixed up with dope and Boucher stated that he was willing that the leader of the
dope ring was one of the Elmer kidnappers when he, Boucher, was going to build
Gumpp to after his release from the institution. Gumpp stated that he never
secured the name of the alleged leader of the dope ring who was also said to be
in on the Elmer kidnapping, as he did not press Boucher for this name.
Geompy also stated that he overheard a conversation in the yard of the penitentiary shortly after the Breuer kidnapping, wherein the name of "Joe Murphy" was mentioned as one of the kidnappers; he further stated that Ajax, another man, told him approximately ten days before the Breuer kidnapping that there was going to be another kidnapping in the Middle East and a ransom of $1 million would be demanded by the kidnappers.

Geompy states forth with the proposition that if he is taken from the Wheeling Jail by Department of Justice agents on a visit to the Northeastern Penitentiary at Wheeling, W. Va., and given an opportunity to confer with Ajax, Nocker for a few minutes that he, Geompy, will be able to secure the name and identity of the person who participated in the Breuer kidnapping. Geompy stated that he did not desire to be taken to this institution by a Deputy United States Marshal, as he would not trust a Marshal in this matter; further, that he did not desire to be sent to the institution as a prisoner, he did not state the reason why he did not desire to be sent as a prisoner but appeared to indicate that apparently he is in trouble some way with some of the inmates now confined in the institution. He further stated that Deputy Warden Hunter, at the Northeastern Penitentiary, is not to be trusted and that he, Hunter, assists many favors to Benny Fields, Jack Kaisle and Sam Moird when he, Geompy, states from the institution.

The setting out of Undeveloped Leads to the Philadelphia Division Office is being left to the discretion of the Division Office.
March 30, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
725 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,

Dear Mr. ALVIN KARLIS, with alias, et al.,

EDWARD GEORGE RICE, Visitor, ELLIS ISLAND

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. L.
Boswell, dated at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 28, 1934,
reflecting the results of an interview with one William Philip
Geppi, with reference to the above entitled cases wherein it is
noted that if he, Geppi, were permitted to return to Northeastern
Penitentiary and confer with Elmer Beucher, Penitentiary 7536,
he could possibly obtain the name of one of the kidnappers of
Brown.

There are transmitted herewith copies of the abstract
of criminal record, as reflected by the files of the Identification
Unit of the Division, of Elmer Beucher, 7536, United States North-
estern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

You are instructed to have an agent interview Beucher
at the earliest practicable date concerning the statements alleged
to have been made by him to Geppi, as reflected in the report above
referred to.

Very truly yours,

Director.

(Retouched 6/30/1972

U.S. Pittsburgh
Mr. Berson, St. Paul.
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In the absence of instructions as to whether you consider it advisable to prepare a suggested release for the Attorney General to include the names of only Arthur R. Barker and Alvin Karpis, who have been definitely connected with the Edgard A. Bremer Kidnapping case or whether you desire to include the names of all five suspects, there have been prepared and are attached hereto, memoranda to be used as enclosures with the memorandum addressed to the Attorney General.

Instructions are being issued that the Identification Orders in connection with this matter should indicate that the subjects are wanted for questioning in regard to the Bremer Kidnapping.

Respectfully,

H. M. Clegg

[Handwritten note: 1st relates to 2 suspects Barker + Karpis. 2nd is 5.]
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. R. Ceva, Salt Lake City, 4/28/26, on page 8 of which it is noted that the signatures of several parties belonging to the Earp-Barker gang were secured.

Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent O. S. Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota, 3/25/26, on page 2 of which it is noted that the signatures of C. E. Moore, E. L. Burns and J. H. Lockwood have been secured and are now on file in the St. Paul office.

It is suggested that the signatures now in the possession of the Salt Lake City office be secured and compared with those in the possession of the St. Paul office and also be compared with any other handwriting specimens of the members of the Earp-Barker gang. If this proves significant, it is advised that photostatic copies of the signatures of members of the Earp-Barker gang be supplied to each interested office.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
March 20, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigations,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Salt Lake City, Utah.


Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to your wire of the 22nd inst., reflecting investigation indicating that the BAKER brothers and MARSH and DAVID have been in and out of Reno, Nevada during the past four months. During our telephone conversation, Agent Elam advised me that Special Agent Cora had completed the investigation at Reno and probably had left there. In accordance with telephonic instructions, you should immediately return Agent Cora to Reno for further exhaustive investigation. It is believed that due to investigative disclosures of so great importance, as indicated in your wire, an agent should remain at Reno indefinitely. In view of the fact that no previous investigation had been made by this Division at Reno, it is very probable that the BAKER brothers and MARSH may return there. All possible efforts should be made to ascertain whether any of the ransom money has been, or is being, disposed of at Reno and this Division and this office should be promptly advised of all developments.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Name of Agent]

[Division]

[Stamp: U.S. Department of Justice]
Suite L - Federal Building Kansas City, Missouri
Attention: Mr. Ekkolot.

March 24, 1954

Dr. Fred C. Kerbel, Warden United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of a letter written over the signature of your Secretary, Mr. E. H. Ekkolot, under date of March 23, 1954, with which was transmitted photostatic copies of a letter and the envelope in which it was received at the penitentiary, addressed to convicted Lloyd Barker. I have immediately sent these photostatic copies to our Division at Washington, D.C., in order that they may be promptly examined in our laboratory to ascertain if they are of any value to us in any case which we have under investigation.

I have asked Special Agent W. F. Anderson, who is calling at the penitentiary on March 25th, to request that this letter be not delivered to Barker until some ascertained by March 25th.

This request is made as in the event the letter is found of any value from examination at our laboratory in Washington, D.C., it may become necessary to have the original letter sent to Washington for further examination, and it is realized that after the letter is delivered to Barker, he may destroy the same.

Assuring you that your utmost care in checking the incoming and outgoing mail of Lloyd Barker is very greatly appreciated, I am

Very truly yours,

7-5-54

M. C. Speck
Special Agent in Charge

9-59

cc: Division
As requested by Special Agent O. G. Hall, I interviewed Mr. E. McKay at his home at 1746 St. Anthony Avenue, St. Paul.

Mr. McKay advised that he has previously interviewed Special Agent S. G. Coulter of this office concerning VENUS BILLINGS, whom he believes he has seen at various times in the vicinity of his home.

He further stated that he wished to advise at this time that he "feels in his blood" that he saw Subject "DOO" BARKER at the corner of 3rd and University Avenue approximately ten days ago. It may be noted, however, that Mr. McKay's description of the man he saw on this occasion would not at all correspond to the description of Subject "DOO" BARKER.

Mr. McKay advised that he feels that he has a natural ability in the apprehension of known fugitives, and he will undoubtedly in the future assist this office concerning various experiences concerning himself and known criminals.

T. J. Dunn
Special Agent
March 24, 1934

Dear Mr. :

Alvin Karpis, with allies, et al.

EDWARD ORRIN BEEMER - Victim.


From information gathered by this office to date, it is reasonable to assume that the Barker-Karpis gang was residing in apartments located at 1900 and 1920 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, for a short period during February and March, 1934. The gang was tipped off in some manner and made their departure very hurriedly, leaving behind various articles of clothing and other things which were removed from apartment No. 108, 1900 Grand Avenue, by the St. Paul Police on the morning of March 6, 1934, the gang having made their getaway during the night of March 5, 1934, or early morning of March 6th.

The clothing and other articles have been turned over to this office by Inspector Tierney of the 7th, St. Paul Police Department. Careful examination has been made of the articles, among which has been located a grey shirt, size 141, bearing laundry marks "O.P." and "THK." The label in the shirt reads as follows: "Broadway Toggsy, for Men and Lad, Marlow Park, Illinois."

It is respectfully requested that you have an agent contact the Broadway Toggsy, exhibiting photographs of suspects in this case to the employees for possible identification with a view to obtaining any and all information which might point to Marlow Park, Illinois, or vicinity as a possible hideout for the Barker-Karpis gang.

Very truly yours,

U. A. ROSE,
Inspector.
March 30, 1934

Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 818,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of March 12, 1934, requesting that you indicate which, if any, of the eighty names submitted by the St. Paul, Minnesota, police department as possible suspects in the case entitled Alvin Larpie, with aliases, et al., would be eligible, Visiting Fingerprinters, are such outstanding criminals as to warrant permanent entry of their fingerprints in the single fingerprint file of kidnappers, extortionists, and outstanding gangsters which is maintained in the Division. No response to the division inquiry has been received.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Director.
Listed below you will find information pertaining to automobiles which it is believed have been used in various localities by members of the Barker-Karpis gang and the location of which will in all probability prove of value in leading to the apprehension of the members of this gang since it is reasonable to assume that several of the cars may still be in their possession and registered in some state under one of the numerous aliases known to have been used by them.

**Car No. 1:**

**WILDEN SEDAN, MPT. 12-L032.**

This car is a 1933, 2 cylinder, Auburn Sedan, blue body with gray hood and canvas top, six wire wheels, was purchased at San Francisco, California, October 9, 1933, by one William A. Johnson. The car was registered for 1933 in California under No. 742-1933 in the name of William A. Johnson, William Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, California. Vocmey Davis has been positively identified as one of the purchasers of this car and Arthur Barker is believed to be another purchaser. This car is reported as having been seen in the possession of Alvin Karpis at Bloom, Nevada, about three weeks ago.

**Car No. 2:**

**WILDCAT, MPT. NO. 5,997, 698.**

This car was purchased at Reno, Nevada, on January 21, 1933, by H. E. Davis, who has been identified as Fred Barker, with aliases of H. C. Blackburn, J. E. Blackburn, and T. C. Blackburn. This car was paid for with new $200 bills and was licensed in Nevada for 1933 under number 1453.

**Car No. 3:**

**WILDCAT, MPT. NO. 5,936, 593.**

Having Ohio license 12672, was taken into California, November 29, 1933, from Reno, Nevada, by Fred Barker, who was then using the alias of T. C. Blackburn and gave as his address General Delivery, Los Angeles, California. The car returned to Reno, Nevada, November 27, 1933.
The text on the image is partially legible and contains a mix of legible and illegible words. It appears to be a document related to vehicle registration and ownership, with references to specific dates, locations, and individuals. The text is fragmented and difficult to read in its entirety due to the quality of the image. The document includes mentions of dates, locations, and names, but the details are not clear enough to transcribe accurately. The text is not relevant to the legal system and does not contain legal advice.
Appropriate arrangements are being made with the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Jackson, Mississippi, for a copy of the above described automobiles and subjects.

Each agent should familiarize himself with the information set forth above and be constantly on the alert for information concerning automobiles which might be identical with those described above, or regarding subjects.

[Signature]

G. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge
The report of Special Agent O. C. Hall, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, February 27, 1934, rendered in the Bremer case, listed a number of long distance telephone calls made from well known underworld characters at St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota. Among these calls were two calls made to Miss Audrey Billings at Emerson 6087, Washington, D.C. One of these calls was made from the Hollyhocks Inn operated by Jack Phiefer at St. Paul, Minnesota, and the other call was made from the telephone listed in the name of Poy Bank, the alleged leader of the underworld in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The first call was made January 4, 1934, and the second call January 29, 1934. In view of the extortion letter in the Ford case, which bore the postmark of Washington, D.C., December 23, 1933, and in view of the distance involved in the above two long distance telephone calls, the Washington Field Office was requested to make a discreet and confidential investigation with a view to ascertaining the identity of Miss Billings and her associates.

Special Agent Burrell, to whom the case is assigned, telephoned me to advise that preliminary investigation discloses that Emerson 6087 is listed in the name of Arthur E. Whitcomb, second leader of the United States Marine Band, who resides at Foxhall Village. A check of the long distance telephone calls made from Emerson 6087 discloses a long distance call to Thomas Lawley at Atlantic City on December 1, 1933, and on December 30, 1933, to the same individual at Pleasantville, New Jersey. These calls are now being checked by the New York office and Philadelphia office. Mr. Burrell stated that he has not yet established the identity of Audrey Billings but believes she is either related to Mr. Whitcomb or is a roomer in his home. Agent Burrell was instructed to complete his investigation and to report the results to the Division at the earliest practicable date.

Respectfully,

O. C. Hall
R. E. Hearst

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Division of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.
March 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I am forwarding herewith a confidential memorandum, for your information, which forms the basis of the statement that Arthur E. Barker and Alvin Karpis are known to have been participants in the kidnapping of Edward G. Breuer at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 17, 1934.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Edgar Hoover
Director.

Incl. 611386.

[Handwritten note: Found inside man from 12F C]
Send the following message, subject to the terms on back equally which are hereby agreed to:

March 21, 1934

M. E. Purvis
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

RE RECEIVED INFORMATION HERE EMANATING FROM PLOWMAN AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY OF CHICAGO THAT ED BENTZ, POSSIBLY SUSPECT TOGETHER WITH THE BENTZ VIOLIN TEAM

CHRISTINA DAVIES LEFT CHICAGO MARCH ELEVENTH IN LINCOLN SEAT TO VISIT MOTHER ON COAST WHO IS NOW REPORTED SICKING ONE TWO ONE BROADSIDE STREET SAN FRANCISCO

STOP CONTACT PLOWMAN OBTAINING FULL INFORMATION PARTICULARLY END OF ACCOUNT METER NUMBERS LINCOLN SEAT REPORTED PARTY TRAVELING IN CHEVROLET THROUGH ILLINOIS NOVERTY NINTY THREE LICENSE MIGHT SIX WITH ONE THREE SEVEN EIGHT SIX SIX FIVE EIGHT HIRE THIS OFFICE AND SAN FRANCISCO ANY INFORMATION DEVELOPED

SPEARS

OFFICE POST RATE
CHG. DIV. INVEST ALL U.S. COURT HOUSE

DIVISION: Inspector Morre, St Paul
March 27, 1934.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent S. E. McKee of this office dated March 22, 1934, which sets out information which had been furnished to Special Agent in Charge W. H. Purvis, by Michigan State Police officers, and particular reference is made to page two, paragraph one, wherein it is stated that according to the information obtained by the above officers, one of the present wives of descendants of Edward Bents is one MANITKA BEATWICK, daughter of an old German woman, who is said to live at 704 Monroe Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

It is desired to correct this statement, by stating that Edward Bents married VERNA FREYJER, and that her mother, Mrs. Emma Freyjek, lives at 704 Monroe Avenue, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

A copy of this letter is being furnished to the St. Paul office, in order that this statement may be corrected.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

JAY C. BENTON,

acting Special Agent in Charge.

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U.S. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

Dear Sir:  

Re: Alvin Karpis, with alias, et al.  
Edward G. Ohrmester, Victim;  
Kidnapping.  

Reference is made to a letter to recent date from the  
Kansas City Division Office to the Division, in which it was re-  
quested that this office obtain from Tulsa, Oklahoma information  
as to whether Homer Good and Harold Hugh Wright, alias "Fat" Wright,  
have criminal records, and if so, that such information be obtained  
as will enable the Division to identify their records in the  
Identification Unit.  

Please be advised that on September 6, 1933, Homer Good was arrested by the Sheriff's Office, Tulsa, Oklahoma,  
No. 10765, for violation of the National Prohibition Act. His des-  
cRIPTION is given as age 40; height five feet, six inches; weight,  
168 pounds; build, stumpy; eyes, gray; hair, dark; complexion, ruddy;  
teeth, good.  

Wright, under the name of Harold Hugh Wright, with alias  
of "Fat" Wright, on September 16, 1930 was arrested by the Sheriff's  
Office at Tulsa, Oklahoma, No. 6368; charge, Harrison Narcotic Act.  
He was described at that time as age 25; height, five feet, five  
inches; weight 149 pounds; build, medium; eyes, brown; hair, brown  
complexion, dark; teeth, good.  

Very truly yours,  

Dwight Bramlet  
Special Agent in Charge  
U. S. District of  
Oklahoma  

CC Kansas City  
St. Paul  

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March 26, 1934

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. W. A. Van Dusen, Director of Motor Vehicles and Traffic, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation, this office requests your cooperation with the view of locating persons who have in their possession the following described automobiles, with respect to each car, theretofore indicated the names of the persons and other data previously used in the registration of these cars in the several states mentioned, and it is presumed to assume that the cars may still be in the possession of the persons as listed:

AUBURN SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 111-1267. This car is a 1927, 12-cylinder Auburn Sedan, blue body with gray hood and canvas top, six wire wheels, was purchased by William B. Lamora. The car was registered for 1930 in California under No. 7-N-5763 in the name of William B. Lamora. This car has been positively identified to one of the purchasers of this car and Arthur Bostick is believed to be another purchaser. This car is reported as having been seen in the possession of Alvis Hargis at Reno, Nevada, about three weeks ago.

BUICK SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 2207, 900. This car was purchased at Reno, Nevada, on January 13, 1934, by C. A. Davis, who has been identified as Fred Parker with aliases of W. G. Blackburn, W. E. Blackburn, and T. G. Blackburn. This car was used for with new 9000 miles and was licensed in Nevada for 1933 under number 1489.
ENICK EDMAN, MOTOR NO. Z-850,000, bearing Ohio license plate A-257719, was taken into California, November 17, 1933, from Reno, Nevada, by Fred Barter who was then using the alias of J. R. Blackburn and gave as his address General Delivery, Los Angeles, California. The car returned to Reno, Nevada, November 27, 1933.

FORD V8, MOTOR NO. 1A-652,000, bearing Ohio license No. C-257719, entered California on October 25, 1933, from Reno, Nevada, and the car was registered under the name of C. M. Blackburn, 6511 North Lochwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. California permit No. R-10097 was obtained at this time. George L. Harter, who has been partially identified as being Harry Campbell, was residing in Reno, Nevada, from October 6 to December 5, 1933, and was seen driving this particular car.

PONTIAC SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 8882049, was purchased at Reno, Nevada, with new $250 bill by one H. J. Harvey who has been partially identified as Arthur Barter. Nevada license number 1525 was issued covering this car on January 2, 1933.

FORD V8 DELUXE COUPE, MIEH NO. 838420, was registered on October 9, 1933, in the State of Minnesota under No. D-472562 to W. Y. Davis, Box 66, Lakeville, Minnesota. Prior to this registration, under date of July 31, 1933, the car was registered in the State of Illinois under No. I-846509 to E. Y. Davis, Box 561, Grayslake, Illinois. This car is reported as having been seen in the possession of suspects in this case at Reno, Nevada, in September and November, 1933, E. Y. Davis has been identified at Lakeville, Minnesota, as being John Davis.

CHEVROLET SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 004674, serial No. 1-004674, was registered January 11, 1933, in the State of Minnesota under No. B-138712 to H. Y. Davis, Box 564, White Bear Lake, Minnesota. This car was registered for 1933 in the State of Illinois under No. V94249 to E. Y. Davis, 3408 Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
PLYMOUTH SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 4112, serial No. 411076, was registered for 1933 in the State of Nevada by Alvin Karpis who gave the name of E. L. Burnas, 201 East 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. This is a fictitious address. This car was registered in the State of Minnesota for the year 1934 under No. B-136051 to E. L. Burnas, 201 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

FRED W. BEARDE, MOTOR NO. 5Z-334794, was registered in the State of Minnesota for the year 1934 under No. B-107609 to E. L. Burnas, Box 540, White Bear, Minnesota. It is believed that E. L. Burnas is an alias for Alvin Karpis.

GRAHAM-PALM SEDAN, MOTOR NO. MC4401, chassis No. 1031964, purchased from the Graham-Palms Agency, San Francisco, by E. L. Burnas, who paid cash and traded in seven-passenger Plymouth sedan, motor No. FB-61611, bearing 1933 Nevada license No. 19885. 1933 California license 8-B-3581, was issued for this Graham-Palms sedan to E. L. Burnas, 2070 California Street, San Francisco, California. An out-of-state permit was obtained on the Plymouth sedan during February, 1933, by E. L. Burnas, who gave as his address Ridgeway Apartments, Reno, Nevada.

There are set forth below the correct names and known aliases of the suspects who may be in possession of the above listed cars or who may attempt to register other cars:

FRED BARKER with aliases: J. Darrow, P. C. Ward,
Ted Murphy, R. E. Davis, J. E. Blackburn,
T. C. Blackmore, and A. D. Herber.

ARTHUR BARKER with aliases: "Boy" Barker, Claude Dale,
and A. G. Herber.

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases: Raymond Bailey, George Galles,
Alvin Karpis, George Dunn, H. E. Macbride,
Ray Karpis, E. G. Ray, E. L. Burnas,
E. L. Burnas, J. J. Burnas, William Lohman,
William B. Lohman, and E. L. Burnas.
HARRY CAMPELL with allies: T. O. Blackman and
George L. Martin.

W. N. Davis with allies: E. E. Davis, J. E. Lockwood,

It is requested that a complete check be made at the earliest possible moment to ascertain whether any of the automobiles above listed are presently registered. In conducting this examination of registrations, it is desired that you use the motor numbers and the correct names and aliases, as indicated above, as there exists the possibility that other cars may be registered in your district under some of the names above referred to.

It is respectfully suggested that you arrange to have a master card prepared for each automobile and each suspect, with aliases, with the notation thereon that this office be immediately advised should any attempt be made to register any of the automobiles above listed, or should any of the persons above referred to try to register any other car.

This office may be reached during the day by telephone NATIONAL 0185, EXTENSION 407 or 511, and by telephone NATIONAL 4320, and after midnight by telephone NATIONAL 4325.

Very truly yours,

L. H. Picken, Assistant Special Agent in Charge

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St. Paul
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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
F.B.I., Department of Justice
Federal Building, Suite E
Kansas City, Missouri

March 25, 1934

[Handwritten address with redacted text]

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin E. Kelley, at time residence of Union County, Virginia, during the month of February, 1934

Confirming my telephone conversation with you of March 22, 1934, I have the authority to inform you that Special Agent H. E. Hillis of this office has informed me that on March 22, 1934, Officer Floyd V. Collins of Ada, Oklahoma, informed the Ada Police of some information regarding Fred Barker.

With Officer Collins, Agent Hillis interviewed Mr. E. C. Bales, of Ada, Oklahoma, at the time of the officer's visit.

Statement of Fred Barker and parties on a farm approximately five miles from Ada, Oklahoma, that Leon E. Barker had been on the farm for approximately the last year, and that while he was never been on the farm, he was well acquainted with Leon Barker at one time he lived at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and that Fred Barker visited Leon in Sapulpa and also is alleged to have visited him since he has been residing on the farm near Ada, Oklahoma.

I have gone to the farm and talked with Fred Barker on several occasions, and there is no information that Fred Barker has been at the farm at least once, and have not known the name of Fred Barker. According to the previous trips made by me and to my knowledge that Fred Barker was never been on the farm.

H. E. Hillis

[Handwritten note]

J. E. 576-143 2
Division of Investigation
Mar 20, 1934 A.M.
U.S. Department of Justice

[Redacted text]
March 26, 1934

SUGGESTION FOR MR. GOME

During telephone conversation today Mr. Mathen at St. Paul made the suggestion, to which I agreed, that he leave St. Paul some time Thursday afternoon, proceeding to Tulsa, Oklahoma, in regard to the recent publicity situation in that vicinity. He asked what I thought of his suggestion to the J. G. Mathen in Tulsa that if he would give his, Mr. Mathen, the facts in the matter, it would be kept confidential between Mr. Mathen and me. I agreed with this suggestion.

Mr. Mathen stated that the grand jury is in session now, and he continues so for about a month and a half, that they meet for about two hours two days a week, and there seemed to be no reason for his remaining in St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Director

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FILE
Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
V. S. Department of Justice
T. C. Box 211
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Mr. ALVIN KANKE with alliance, L. O. 1218
RED RIVER with alliance, L. O. 1218, a

erald George Spencer — Victim

There is being transmitted herewith a clipping from the "Liberty
Democrat", a newspaper of Hishite, Kansas, relative to the above-mentioned
case, which clipping is self-explanatory. This clipping was handed to
Special Agent R. G. Burns by Deputy United States Marshal Daniel 
Hiscox, Hishite, Kansas. Mr. Burns advised he was unable to state the date the
clipping had appeared in the above named newspaper. He stated, however, 
that he had learned that the name of the man referred to in the clipping
was Herman Johnson of Brookings, South Dakota.

Mr. Burns stated that in the event it became necessary in the
investigation he would then reveal the name of his informant, but he
desired that if Johnson should be interviewed, the source of the informa-
tion be not revealed to Johnson.

A typewritten copy of the newspaper clipping is being attached
to each copy of this letter and the same is being transmitted to your
office believing that you will desire to have Johnson interviewed at
Brookings, South Dakota.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

APR 2 1934
Seldom does an unusual event of interest occur without repercussion in Wichita. News of the arrest which the announce-
ment was made of the release of Mayor Bremner of Minneapolis upon payment of a ransom of two hundred thousand dollars.

Evidently his kidnappers were not the type of killers, else there would be more today in a certain Wichita home. A
prominent young business woman told us of a letter just received
from Iowa, which told the story of the adventure of a near relative with the Bremner kidnappers.

The man in question had gone to Minneapolis and was eating break-
fast in a restaurant. Here he met two men, whom he overheard
discussing details of the Bremner affair. Evidently, too late
they discovered that their conversation had been overheard.
Shortly after the man left the restaurant he was seized and
dragged into a waiting automobile. He had been shadowed in the
meantime. He woke up dazed from the effect of a drug and found
himself in Iowa City, robbed and with every mark of identification
removed. Shortly after, Bremner was released. It was fortunate
for the man in question that he was merely "taken for a ride" and
not killed. (Wichita Democrat)