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KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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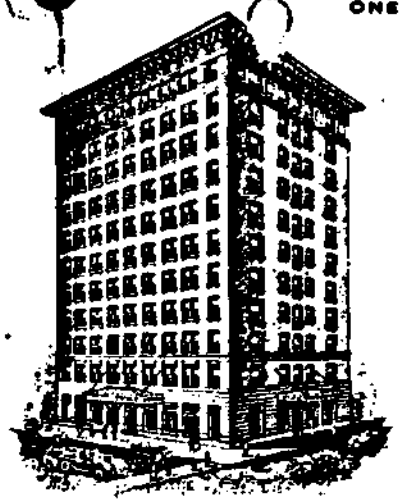

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Dear Sir:

This note is to acknowledge receiving your note and identification list of 6 fugatives from Justice. Your instructions will be complied with.

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A. M. Allison
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62-28915-392
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, et al
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash

DIRECTOR
FATHER
Div. One

Dear Sir:

On July 19, 1933, Sheriff J. J. Bailey of the Monroe, Michigan, Sheriff's Department, communicated with this office stating that one of his deputies while patroling the highway near Monroe had arrested a man who gave his name as Earl Shelton, alias Malcolm McNeil, alias Harold Gaines, on July 13, while Shelton was removing a battery from a Chrysler Sedan parked on the highway; that sometime following his arrest Shelton made a statement to the sheriff to the effect that he was riding in a Whippet Sedan with two men whose names he stated were Jack Miller alias Vern Miller, and a Bill Wiseman, and that it was while riding along the road near Monroe that these three men observed an individual leaving the Chrysler Sedan and took it upon themselves to remove the battery.

When the Deputy Sheriff approached Shelton, the two men in the Whippet Sedan, who were parked some distance away, quickly departed and have not been seen since. It was because of the names Vern Miller and Bill Wiseman, mentioned by Shelton, that the Sheriff communicated with this office, knowing that a Vern Miller was connected with the massacre at Kansas City.

Special Agents Meekins and Stukes were immediately dispatched to Monroe and interrogated Shelton, who related that some time during the latter part of June, approximate date not known, he left Jefferson City, Missouri, and went to Washington, Missouri, to obtain work; that he expected to engage in the liquor racket, and while at Washington he contacted a man whom he knows only as Wangie Morris, a bootlegger who he claims resides about two miles from Washington at a sort of roadhouse. He claims to casually know Morris. Upon his arrival at this place he met two men, one who gave his name as Vern Miller, and the other Bill Wiseman. These men he states were in the Morris roadhouse.

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He gave the description of Miller as about forty years of age, about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches in height, weight about

170 pounds, medium build, hair light brown, and noted no scars or marks. He stated that Wiseman was about 40, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches in height, about 180 pounds in weight, heavy build, black hair, complexion dark, large face, large nose, no scars or marks noted. During his conversation with these two men he determined that they were familiar with Charles A. "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Wilbur Underhill. He, Shelton, claims to have served a term with the latter two at the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri.

He stated that these two men finally offered to take him along in their automobile, which was a blue-black Chevrolet Coach, 1932 or 1933 model, with red wheels and on which was mounted to spare tires on wheels; that the car also had Missouri license plates, the numbers of which are unknown to Shelton. He claims that these individuals also had a set of Illinois, Kansas and Ohio license plates in their car. He also claims that Miller and Wiseman had considerable counterfeit money in denominations of five, ten and one hundred dollar bills; that he went with them accompanied by two other men; that they left Washington, Missouri, in the afternoon and drove directly to St. Louis. He stated that he could not describe the latter two men or recall their names; that these two men got out of the car at St. Louis and went with Miller and Wiseman to a brick bungalow on Cass Street near the Hamilton Shoe Factory, which is located near Jefferson and St. Louis Avenues, where Shelton alleges that Miller and Wiseman obtained more counterfeit money.

Shelton was interrogated very closely in an effort to determine where the counterfeit money had been spent but he claims to have no knowledge concerning same and was unable to advise the disposition of the alleged counterfeit money.

On this same day he states while in St. Louis, Vern Miller went to a drug store located one block west of the Statler Hotel. He thinks it is between 8th and 12th Streets. At St. Louis, Miller purchased a Society Brand suit, size 39, brown in color, and also a Hart Schaffner & Marx suit, size 39, which was oxford gray; also he purchased a pair of gray golf knickers. Shelton claims that Miller paid for all the above in genuine money.

He states that on the evening of the same day Miller, Wiseman and he, Shelton, left St. Louis, crossed the bridge into East St. Louis, Illinois, thence to Belleville, Illinois, where they purchased gasoline, and when proceeded immediately to Carbondale, Illinois, where they arrived at about 9 P. M. spending the night there with an Italian bootlegger whom he knows only as Tony;

that Tony's farm is located one and one-half miles from Kolp, Illinois; that the next day they returned to Carbondale, and that Miller and Wiseman told him that the Chevrolet car which they were driving might excite suspicion. He stated that he did not know why.

Shelton stated that they subsequently drove the Chevrolet down Main Street in Carbondale in the direction away from the college and passed the police station, and in about the second block from the police headquarters on the right side, Miller and Wiseman bought a Whippet 1926 or 1927 model coach for $85 cash. The place where the car was purchased looked like a junk yard; that this Whippet coach had a gray body, black wooden wheels, left rear fender slightly smashed. Shelton was unable to give the name of the person from whom they purchased the car, the address or the motor or license numbers.

He stated that both the Chevrolet and the Whippet car were then driven back to Main Street and that near a hotel on the corner they had a bill of sale notarized, but that the same was not registered. Shelton was unable to furnish the name in which the Whippet car was purchased, but stated he was confident that the name was fictitious. They then went down Main Street toward the college and two blocks from the railroad depot they turned left and near Walker's Clothing Store across the railroad tracks they left the Chevrolet Coach with a bootlegger, name unknown; that they took the Missouri license plates from the Chevrolet and placed Missouri dealer plates thereon.

Shelton believes that either Miller or Wiseman called a man named Harry in St. Louis and told him to go to Carbondale and secure this Chevrolet from the bootlegger. He stated he does not know the name of the person called on the telephone or the telephone number. Shelton states that at Carbondale he went into Valentine's Hardware Store and talked to a Mr. Valentine who is a basketball player; that Miller and Wiseman were parked in the gasoline filling station diagonally across the street where they were buying tire patching in case of tire trouble. He stated he believes that Valentine saw these men across the street.

He went on to state that they then left Carbondale about noon. He is unable to give the approximate date. They proceeded to Ashley, Illinois. When they were between Ashley and Belleville, Illinois, they turned off into a dirt road to the right, where they proceeded for a half mile to a little creek, where the two men destroyed the Missouri license plates taken off

the Chevrolet, folded them and threw them into the creek. No more definite information as to the location could be obtained from Shelton.

They then proceeded to Mound City, Illinois, and arrived at Cairo, Illinois, at about 4:30 P. M., approximate date unknown, where they spent the night, he does not remember where. The next day they went to Little Rock, Arkansas, and Miller registered for all three of the men at the Marion Hotel on Markham Street. Shelton stated that he has no recollection of the names used, or the number of the rooms occupied. He claimed they stayed there two days; that Miller and Wiseman may have disposed to counterfeit money there but he does not know this to be a fact. He stated that these two men had given him genuine money and that he had sufficient funds upon arrival at Little Rock. He stated that in Little Rock he contacted Tex Nugent, a professional baseball pitcher attached to the Little Rock team.

He stated that from there the three proceeded to Fort Smith, Arkansas, and spent the night there at one of the larger hotels, the name and address unknown. From there they went to Muskogee, Oklahoma; thence to Tulsa, where they spent two days at the Tulsa Hotel. All three were registered by Miller. Shelton was unable to furnish the names under which they were registered; that the room which they occupied was located on the second floor. He claims that in Tulsa they contacted a man known to him as Vern Brothers, an alleged ex-convict. He does not know where this contact was made. Shelton states that while at Tulsa he began smoking marihuana and was under the influence of this narcotic for two or three weeks and is unable to give a coherent story of where they proceeded after leaving Tulsa, but that some time later he remembers that they were in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and that Miller registered for the three in a hotel near the capitol grounds; that they occupied Room 413 for one night.

Shelton claims that he contacted a man whom he knows as Henry and who he claims is a professional ball player playing first base for the Harrisburg baseball team; that he contacted this man to determine the whereabouts of one Elan Vangilder; that this man Henry called Shelton on the telephone at the hotel, advising him that Vangilder was in Dallas, Texas, playing baseball. Shelton claims that they stayed at Harrisburg for two days and then went to York, Pennsylvania; that he again began smoking marihuana and does not remember what happened, but thinks that they went through Columbus, Ohio, and to Toledo and Monroe, where he was arrested.

Shelton states that upon their arrival at a point near Monroe and at Temperance, Michigan, the three noticed a man leaving a Chrysler car along the side of the road. The car appeared to have been run out of gasoline; that because the battery in the Whippet was not in good working order they arrived at the conclusion that they would remove the battery from the Chrysler and it was while Shelton was performing this work that the Deputy Sheriff came upon Shelton, and when he started walking toward the Whippet sedan, which was parked nearby, the drivers departed.

Sheriff Bailey advised that the deputy did not see the men in the car sufficiently to give a description of them, but it appeared that the car was a Whippet coach and also appeared to bear Ohio license. Sheriff Bailey has the aforementioned Chrysler car in his possession and had to date been unable to ascertain the name of the owner or to determine whether or not same was stolen. Sheriff Bailey states that Shelton had no papers or money in his possession when arrested; that he refused to talk for several days; that he finally gave the names of Verne Miller and Bill Wiseman as the men with whom he had been riding in the Whippet coach.

Shelton also stated that these two men had in the car a 30-30 rifle, a .38 calibre Smith & Wesson pistol, a .45 calibre German Luger, and two dark colored pistols; that one of these men had three suits of clothing, including golf knickers, and the other, two suits. He also stated that they had a set of golf sticks in the car.

The Sheriff informed the Agent that he had been furnished with a newspaper clipping by one of the prisoners in the county jail at Monroe, which clipping recited the massacre at Kansas City, and went on to state that police had identified Vern C. Miller and William Weissman as participants of the crime, and that these men were alleged to have been seen on the national highway near Springfield, headed either for Columbus or Toledo, driving a blue coupe with black fenders and wire wheels, carrying Kansas license plates.

There is an indication from the actions of Shelton that perhaps he became familiar with the names in this particular newspaper article and manufactured the story which he recited. He however upon being shown identification orders of the various individuals wanted in Kansas City, partially identified that of Vernon C. Miller alias V. C. Moore as the man with whom he had been riding for a period of four or five weeks, and the man who was

driving the Whippet coach at the time of his, Shelton's, arrest at Monroe. He stated that the picture was a fair likeness of the man but that the description did not exactly tally as the Miller with whom he had been riding weighed in his opinion 175 pounds and was at least five feet ten inches. He also partially identified the photograph of Bernard Phillips as the man Bill Wiseman whom he knew. However, he could give no information regarding scars and he stated that he did not believe that Wiseman's hair was as thick as Phillips'. He stated that as far as he knew the two men in the Whippet car were going to Detroit and then to Chicago.

Shelton is at the present time confined in the county jail at Monroe, having been given thirty days as a vagrant. His fingerprints were forwarded to the Bureau on July 17 under the name of Earl Shelton alias Malcolm McNeil.

In view of the story submitted by Shelton to the Agents of this office it was deemed advisable to interrogate him further, and hence he was brought to Detroit, where he was interrogated at length by the writer. He related practically the same story as given to Agents Stukes and Meekins. It was my impression after talking with Shelton that he has to a certain extent manufactured his story, and that he positively knows the two men with whom he was riding in the Whippet car, but has furnished the names of Wiseman and Miller in an attempt to throw officials off the track of his two companions who perhaps are traveling in a stolen automobile. He states that he had been traveling about the country considerably for the last seven years; that he is well acquainted with the Ozark Country and has been in several points in Missouri. He claims as above stated to know Wilbur Underhill and Harvey Bailey.

The description which he furnished of the man whom he alleges is Miller in one sense appeared to be somewhat identical with the description of Verne Sankey, and that identification order was exhibited to him, but he did not believe that the Miller with whom he had been riding resembled the photograph of Sankey. It will be noted in my communication dated July 25 directed to the Chicago Bureau Office that Bernard Phillips was allegedly seen at Petoskey, Michigan, by County Prosecutor Estill of Lake County, Indiana, on July 12. This appears to be a material point in this matter in that Shelton partially identified the identification order of Bernard Phillips as the man Bill Wiseman with whom he was riding in the Whippet coach. In this respect it will be noted that Shelton was arrested at Monroe, Michigan, on July 13, and that

he and his two companions had arrived at that point from the state of Ohio. Therefore in view of the fact that Petoskey, Michigan, is approximately four hundred miles from Monroe, in the extreme northern portion of Michigan, it would hardly be possible for Phillips to have been at Petoskey on the 12th, and at Monroe, Michigan, on the 13th.

I have communicated with the Philadelphia Bureau office requesting that records at Harrisburg be checked to determine the name and address of the owner of the Chrysler Sedan, motor F71933, bearing Pennsylvania license 9684A, which was the car abandoned near Monroe, Michigan, and from which car Shelton was removing the battery when arrested. It is my opinion that this Chrysler car was perhaps driven by Shelton and other members of the party and that the two cars, the Whippet Coach and the Chrysler, were traveling together; that the Chrysler ran out of gasoline (verified by the Sheriff), and that same was then abandoned by these individuals. This seems to be borne out in one respect in view of the fact that it was determined upon my talk with Shelton that he was also removing the horn from the Chrysler car; in other words, it appeared that he was removing as many accessories as possible.

Since beginning the dictation of this letter, a communication has been received from Sheriff Lyle Harvitt at Findlay, Ohio, which letter was forwarded to the United States Attorney at Toledo, and in turn transmitted to this office, stating that numerous complaints had been received by the Sheriff during the last few months from various gasoline stations throughout his county regarding several men who are representing themselves to be State officers. It is thought perhaps the Sheriff meant this to mean Federal officers; that these men are hijacking slot machines from the gasoline stations and are exhibiting badges and guns. The Sheriff states that the license number is C20-179; the state on the license was not given. Further, that on one occasion a Chevrolet coach was seen by witnesses and another time a Whippet sedan. This appears to be quite a significant angle to this matter in view of the fact that Shelton and his two companions were allegedly traveling in a Whippet coach, and he claims that also they were in possession of a Chevrolet coach. This angle will receive immediate investigation in order to bring this matter to a logical conclusion.

It may here be stated that Shelton positively states that he had never seen his two companions before meeting them at Washington, Missouri, and that he knows of no particular reason why they desired him to be riding with them. It is believed that before

any investigation in this matter is conducted at Carbondale, Illinois, regarding the sale of the Whippet coach to the three above named men and other places where investigation might be made concerning their actions, that the investigation first be thoroughly conducted in this district around Findlay, Ohio, to determine if witnesses at gasoline filling stations where the hijacking of slot machines was alleged to have taken place can identify the photographs contained in any of the identification orders and also the photograph of Shelton which we have.

Following is the description of Earl Shelton, alias Malcolm McNeil:

Age	26 years; born Tucson, Arizona, 8/8/07
Height	5 feet 10 inches
Weight	170 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Black
Eyes	Dark Brown
Complexion	Ruddy, sunburned
Occupation	Telegraph operator; claims he was last employed in 1923 as telegraph operator for the Southern Pacific Railway at Casa Grande, Arizona, and that since that time has been engaged in bootlegging and dope peddling, and has played some baseball in Arizona and Texas.
Education	Completed 7th grade, Central High School, Phoenix, Arizona; graduated Normal High School, Murrayville, Missouri, and for one year attended the University of Missouri at Columbia.
Marital Status	Single
Teeth	Upper front overlapping
Scars	Two inch cu sc left hip; one and one-half inch rd sc inside left ankle; "Earl Shelton" tattooed on inside left arm.
Relatives	Father, James McNeil, last known address Tucson, Arizona, R. F. D., received mail through Post Office Box 765; now probably residing near Salem, Oregon.
	Uncle, Curtis Shelton, Pipeline Superintendent, Texas Pipeline Company, Huston and Dallas, Texas.
Race	White
Nationality	American, Irish descent
Fingerprints	Forwarded to Bureau July 17 by Sheriff's Office, Monroe, Michigan, under name Earl Shelton alias Malcolm McNeil.

Criminal Record — Claims to have served a three year term which was completed in 1927 at Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, on a charge of embezzlement

I have just been informed by the Sheriff at Monroe, Michigan, that in reply to the fingerprints forwarded to the Bureau on July 17, he has been furnished the criminal record of this individual, which shows several arrests and that his register number at the Missouri State Penitentiary was 29556.

Further necessary investigation concerning the information received from the Sheriff at Findlay, Ohio, is now being conducted, and a report concerning same will be submitted at an early date.

The Sheriff at Monroe has rendered excellent cooperation in this matter, and advises that he will see to it that Shelton is held in jail beyond a period of thirty days if same is necessary. It may here be stated that Shelton denied ever having resided in Kansas City; also when asked concerning conversations had with his two companions, he claimed that only casually had they spoken of the Kansas City massacre; that at no time had they ever made any mention that they had participated in the crime.

A copy of Shelton's photograph is being forwarded with copies of this communication to the Bureau, Kansas City and St. Louis Offices.

Very truly yours,

Wm Larson

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

WL:vs
Incl.
cc Kansas City
St. Louis
Chicago
Oklahoma City

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July 5, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR DIVISION TEN

There are transmitted herewith fingerprints, photograph, specimen of handwriting, and descriptive data on Harry J. Garner, alias Herb Farmer, for the preparation of Identification Order #1195.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 214153.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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HARRY J. GARNER, aliases
HARRY A. GARNER, HERBERT BLACK, HERB FARMER,
HERBERT ALLEN FARMER, H. A. PATTON, W. H. WILLIAMS,
W. H. BAKER, HARRY ALLEN FARMER, WILLIAM HILARY
BAKER, SNYDER, "DEAFY"

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DESCRIPTION
Age 40 years
Height, 6 feet
Weight, 210 pounds
Build, large
Hair, blond
Eyes, brown-green
Marks and scars -
Horizontal scar 2 C left
side lower lip.

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RELATIVES
Mrs. Rennie Farmer, mother,
Webb City, Missouri.
Mrs. A. W. Babione, sister,
Pampa, Texas.

CRIMINAL RECORD
As Herbert Black, No. 172, arrested police department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, February 25, 1914; charge, assault; fined $100 and sentenced to serve 90 da

As Herb Farmer, No. 2014, received State Reformatory, Granite, Oklahoma, October 27, 1917, from Creek; crime, assault and attempt; sentence, 5 years.

As H. A. Patton, No. 3262, arrested police department, Memphis, Tennessee, September 11, 1919; charge, larceny of auto.

As W. H. Williams, No. 35330-782, arrested police department, Wichita, Ka December 22, 1920; charge, vagrancy - confidence game.

As W. H. Baker, No. 25414, arrested police department, Colorado Springs, Colorado, August 10, 1921; charge, investigation - bunk; fined $200 and costs - suspended and given hours.

As Herbert Allen Farmer, No. 4475, arrested police department, St. Joseph, Missouri, November 16, 1921; charge, investigation; released.

As H. A. Farmer, No. 1539, arrested police department, Salt Lake City, Utah, July 7, 1928; charge, larceny from per

As H. A. Farmer, No. 33825, arrested police department, San Francisco, California, March 10, 1923; charge, vagrancy.

As Harry J. Garner, No. 12790, arre police department, Kansas City, Missou February 12, 1924; charge, con-man; fined $100.

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As Harry Allen Parmer, No. 2933, arrested police department, San Antonio, Texas, January 26, 1925; charge, investigation - pickpocket.

As William Hilary Baker, No. 35634, arrested police department, Colorado Springs, Colorado, July 20, 1928; charge, con man - fugitive; released July 26, 1928.

Harry J. Garner is wanted in connection with the murder of Otto Reed, Chief of Police of McAlester, Oklahoma, William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson, police officers of Kansas City, Missouri, Raymond J. Caffrey, Special Agent of the United States Bureau of Investigation, and their prisoner, Frank Nash, at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to nearest office, United States Bureau of Investigation.

If apprehended, please notify Special Agent in Charge, United States Bureau of Investigation, 905 Federal Reserve Bank Building, Kansas City, Missouri, and the Director, United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Issued by:

Director.

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July 15, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR DIVISION TEN

There are transmitted herewith fingerprints, photograph, specimen of handwriting and descriptive data for the preparation of Identification Order #~~1197~~, entitled RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, Bureau file #62-28915.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, aliases
RICHARD GALATAS, RICHARD GALATIS, RICHARD F. GALATES,
DICK GALATAS, PRICHARD SHERIDAN, DICK SHERIDAN.

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DESCRIPTION

Age, 43 years
Height, 5 feet, 9-1/8 inches
Weight, 155 pounds
Build, slender
Hair, dark chestnut, mixed gray
Eyes, blue
Complexion, medium
Scars and marks:
I-Clean. II-Clean.
III-Obl cic 2c on right jaw.

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CRIMINAL RECORD

As Richard Galatas, No. 7973, arrested police department, Toledo, Ohio, July 3, 1918; charge, suspicion - con man; released.

As Richard F. Galates, No. 21434, arrested police department, Los Angeles, California, March 14, 1923; charge, fugitive Bunco from Chicago.

As Prichard Sheridan, No. 9091, arrested police department, Columbus, Ohio, April 29, 1926; charge, suspicious person; forfeited $50 bond May 1, 1926.

As Dick Sheridan, No. 5283, arrested Flint, Michigan, April 11, 1927; charge, suspicion - con game.

Richard Tallman Galatas is wanted in connection with the murder of Otto Reed, Chief of Police of McAlester, Oklahoma, William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson, police officers of Kansas City, Missouri, Raymond J. Caffrey, Special Agent of the United States Bureau of Investigation, and their prisoner, Frank Nash, at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933.

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

Issued by:

J. Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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July 7, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR DIVISION TEN

There are transmitted herewith descriptive data for the preparation of Identification Order #1197, entitled Bernard Phillips, with alias, Bureau file #62-28915. You will obtain fingerprints, photograph and specimen of handwriting from Division Six for the preparation of this Identification Order.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #546160.

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WANTED
BERNARD PHILLIPS, alias
B. A. COURTNEY

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DESCRIPTION
Age, 38 years
Height, 5 feet, 8 inches
Weight, 203 pounds
Build, stout
Hair, chestnut black
Eyes, Azure light
Complexion, light
Nationality, American
Tattoos, Cross - flowers and leaves with scroll "MY MOTHER" in red, blue and green left forearm posterior and exterior.
Scars, Scar, slightly oblique, 5/8 x 1/4" about 1" to rear of left edge of mouth; faint scar 3/8" on upper lip slightly to right of medium line.

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CRIMINAL RECORD
As Bernard Phillips, No. 20728, arrested police department, Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 11, 1926; charge, auto theft.
As Bernard Phillips, No. 26600, received United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, November 28, 1926, from St. Paul, Minnesota; crime, violation National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, sentence 4 years 6 months.
As Bernard Phillipps, No. C-26406, arrested police department, Chicago, Illinois, November 22, 1930; charge, general principles.

Bernard Phillips is wanted in connection with the murder of Otto Reed, Chief of Police of McAlester, Oklahoma, William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermenson, police officers of Kansas City, Missouri, Raymond J. Caffrey, Special Agent of the United States Bureau of Investigation, and their prisoner, Frank Nash, at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933.

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Los Angeles	7-24-33	7/18-19-20/33	D. W. Magee

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS	OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: RICHARD T. GALATAS arrested with a BETTY McFADDEN alias ELIZABETH TALIMAN, in Long Beach, Calif., in 1923 for the Los Angeles Police Dept. and removed to Chicago, Ill., on forgery charge. Los Angeles Police file indicates Long Beach address of 418 W. Anaheim St., and 1035½ So. Bixel St., Los Angeles. Relatives of GALATAS reside in Montgomery, Ala. Property of ELIZABETH GALATAS located at 524 E. State St., Long Beach. No record of orange grove owned by Richard Tallman Galatas in Los Angeles County. Letter to MILTON GARRISON, 761 Gaviota, Long Beach, from Mammoth Springs, Ark., no return address.

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REFERENCE: Letters from the Kansas City Bureau Office dated July 12, 13, 19, and 21, 1933; report of Special Agent M. B. Rhodes, St. Louis, Mo., 7-8-33, and report of Special Agent D. W. Magee, Los Angeles, Calif., 7-14-33.

DETAILS:

At the Los Angeles Police Department Agent ascertained that RICHARD T. GALATAS was arrested in Long Beach, Calif., for the Los Angeles Police Dept. on March 28, 1923, on a check forgery charge based on a felony complaint issued at Chicago, Ill. BETTY McFADDEN alias ELIZABETH TALIMAN, was arrested in company with Galatas.

In the Los Angeles Police Dept. file Agent viewed several letters which indicate that RICHARD T. GALATAS was in business at 418 West

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: J. E. Hoover SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Anaheim St., Long Beach, Calif. One letter dated March 12, 1923, is addressed on the envelope to a MRS. HUGH M. MARTIN, Montgomery, Ala., and is signed "DAD". It is postmarked at San Ysidro, Calif., and the addressee on the letter itself is RICHARD O. TALIMAN. Another letter dated March 12, 1923, addressed to 1035½ So. Bixel St., Los Angeles, Calif., indicates that it is from RICHARD D. TALIMAN to his sister IDA MAY, 418 W. Anaheim St., Long Beach. Another envelope on file in the Los Angeles Police records dated March 12, 1923, is addressed to a MRS. M. GALATAS, 418 W. Anaheim St., Long Beach.

Agent gained the impression from the letters that ELIZABETH TALIMAN alias BETTY McFADDEN is the wife of RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, alias DICK GALATAS, alias H. B. GLADDIS, alias RICHARD SHERIDAN, a subject in the instant case. Agent gained the impression from the letters that MRS. HUGH MARTIN of Montgomery, Ala., is the mother of Elizabeth Tallman and her brother RICHARD O. TALIMAN, who is a brother-in-law of RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS. Richard Tallman Galatas bears Los Angeles arrest No. 33296 and Los Angeles F.P.C. $\frac{17\ I\ 21}{5\ 0\ 20}$

Agent ran the property records for Los Angeles County and found no property listed under the name of RICHARD T. GALATAS, H. B. GLADDIS or other names used by this subject. Agent ascertained that ELIZABETH GALATAS owns Lot 11 in the Clara Tract, Long Beach, Calif., which Agent ascertained to be the address of 524 East State Street. This record is shown in Volume 116, Page 151 of the Assessment Rolls of Los Angeles County, 1932. Agent conducted investigation at 524 East State St., but on the date of inquiry found no one at home.

In view of the Kansas City Bureau Office letter of July 19, 1933, indicating that a letter was received at Hot Springs, Ark., addressed to a MRS. I. M. GALATAS, postmarked June 27, 1933, bearing return address of 524 East State St., Long Beach, Calif., additional investigation will be conducted at that address in an effort to locate RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, as well as to ascertain the identity of Long Beach telephone No. 60552, from which a call was placed on March 17, 1933, to the telephone of RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, #3842, listed in the name of MRS. GEORGE W. BATES, Harrell St., Hot Springs, Ark. Agent by letter has arranged with the Postmaster at Long Beach, Calif., to place a cover on all mail addressed to 524 East State St., Long Beach, Calif.

There is an ELIZABETH TALIMAN listed in the City Directory as residing at 1321 Linden Ave., Glendale, Calif.

Additional tracings on mail addressed to 761 Gaviota Avenue, Long Beach, are as follows:

1. Addressee: Mr. H. W. Schuster
   Postmarked Warrendale, Pa., July 10, 1933
   Return address None

2. Addressee Mr. Milton Garrison (typewritten)
   Postmarked Mammoth Springs, Ark., July 10, 1933

3. Addressee Mrs. A. J. Posey
Postmarked Winigan, Mo., July 12, 1933
Return address - W. T. Posey, Winigan, Mo.

4. Addressee Mrs. H. W. Schuster
Postmarked Long Beach, Calif., July 17, 1933.
Return address - None

Agent noted from the Long Beach City Directories that there is a ROY W. TALIMAN residing at 2371 Caspian Ave., Long Beach.

In the opinion of Agent, considerable investigation should be made on this case at Long Beach, Calif., where Agent has noticed numerous Missouri automobile licenses on tourist cars.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The Birmingham Bureau Office at Montgomery, Ala., will conduct investigation to ascertain whether RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases, is known there, and ascertain the relationship between MRS. HUGH MARTIN and Richard Tallman Galatas, in an effort to locate his whereabouts. GALATAS is reported to have had a son that resided in Alabama, and is believed to have attended Tulane University at New Orleans, La.

For the information of the Birmingham Bureau Office, a warrant was issued at Kansas City, Mo., on July 10, 1933, by the U. S. Commissioner charging GALATAS with conspiracy to violate Title 18, Sec. 88, and Title 18, Sec. 753-H of the U.S.C.C., in that he conspired to cause the escape of Federal Prisoner FRANK NASH at Joplin, Mo., on June 16, 1933, and performed overt acts as follows: Assisted MRS. FRANCES LUCE NASH in transporting herself from the Joplin airport to the residence of HERBERT A. FARMER, Joplin, Mo., on that date. A non est return was made on the warrant by the U. S. Marshal at Kansas City, Mo., on July 10, 1933, and GALATAS is a fugitive.

Reference letter of July 12, 1933, forwarded a photograph of subject RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS to the Birmingham Bureau Office and requested that GALATAS not be immediately apprehended when located but that the Kansas City Office be notified in advance for the purpose of arranging surveillance in an effort to ascertain other facts.

The Oklahoma City Office will give consideration to the fact that subjects might be in hiding near Mammoth Springs, Arkansas, in view of the mail tracings mentioned heretofore in this report.

-The Los Angeles Bureau Office: Discreet investigation will be conducted at 524 E. State St., Long Beach, Calif., the listed address of IDA GALATAS, and the listed property of ELIZABETH GALATAS, from which address mail has been sent to I. M. GALATAS of Hot Springs, Ark.

The identity of Long Beach telephone No. 60552, from which call was received from Hot Springs, Arkansas, No. 3842, will be ascertained. Investigation will also be conducted at 418 W. Anaheim St., Long Beach, which was the place of business of RICHARD T. GALATAS and relatives in 1923. Discreet investigation will be conducted at 2371 Caspian Ave., Long Beach, to ascertain whether RICHARD T. GALATAS is at that address or is a relative of ROY W. TALLMAN. Additional investigation will be conducted at 761 Caviota Ave., Long Beach, in an effort to ascertain whether HARVEY BAILEY is in Long Beach or in communication with relatives at that address.

Discreet investigation will be conducted at 4223 Garden Homes, Los Angeles, the reported residence of MRS. H. G. SCHERFLER, reported to be a daughter of the wife of Richard T. Galatas.

Discreet investigation will be conducted at 1321 Linden Avenue, Glendale, Calif., the residence of ELIZABETH TALLMAN.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City, Missouri FILE NO. 62-474

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Salt Lake City, Utah	7/24/33	7/18-19-20/33	Louis D. Wine MD

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE, et al	Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DEPT. OF JUSTICE DIVISION OF JUL 28 1933

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Richard Tallman Galatas unknown at Reno, Nev. Police Department, Sheriff's Office, Deputy U. S. Marshal, and confidential informants at Reno and Agent made thorough investigation in that city. Chief of Police, Reno, located suspect, Lake Tahoe, Nev., who proved not to be Galatas. Police Department, Reno, received request to be on lookout for Cadillac 16-cylinder sedan, Motor #1400151, Illinois License #71586, and Cadillac 16-cylinder convertible coupe, Motor #1005266, Illinois License #683527, as occupants "wanted by U. S. Government." Police, Reno, advised Cadillac Sedan, License (California) #31677, with machine gun set up in rear seat, passed through Calneva checking station enroute to California; ownership of this automobile traced by Agent. Law enforcement officers, Reno, supplied with copy of photograph of Galatas and will continue to be on lookout for his appearance there.

Reference: Report of Special Agent in Charge John A. Dowd, Salt Lake City, Utah, 7/20/33.

DETAILS:

AT RENO, NEVADA

On July 18, 1933, while Agent was in Reno, Nevada, an air mail communication was received by Agent direct from Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli of the Kansas City Bureau Office, requesting that a discreet and thorough investigation be conducted at Reno with a view of locating Richard Tallman Galatas, who was believed to be in Reno at the present time, and that, should he be located that he be kept under surveillance and the Kansas City Office immediately notified by telephone; that it was not desired that his apprehension be effected before

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representatives of the Kansas City Bureau Office had opportunity to proceed to Reno for the purpose of interrogating him.

Chief of Police J. M. Kirkley was discreetly interviewed and advised that there were very few gamblers in Reno at the present time; that practically all these men were known to him; that any stranger coming to Reno and remaining for a few days was known to the local police authorities and was kept under surveillance; that he had reliable underworld contacts and that he and Detective L. Harding, the latter detailed to cover the gambling establishments, would make a thorough investigation at Reno with a view to locating Galatas.

Sheriff Russell Trathen of Washoe County, Reno, Nevada, was also discreetly interviewed and he agreed to cooperate in an effort to locate Galatas. Sheriff Trathen subsequently advised that he had covered all the gambling establishments in Reno, talked to a number of reliable informants, and that he was unable to obtain any trace of Galatas.

Under Sheriff William Richardson stated that he had been detailed by the Sheriff to be on the lookout for Galatas; that he recalled seeing a man several weeks ago who answered the description of Galatas in the Commercial Bar at Reno.

Deputy United States Marshal Stanley Lehigh was also contacted and he related that he had a number of reliable informants in Reno who could be depended upon.

Agent, through the Reno Police Department, obtained additional photographs of Galatas, which were furnished to the Chief of Police, Detective Harding, Sheriff Trathen, Under Sheriff Richardson and Deputy United States Marshal Lehigh.

Agent checked the Reno Post Office, the El Cortez Hotel and the Golden Hotel and displayed to the managers thereof, as well as to the managers of the Western Union Telegraph Company and Postal Telegraph Company the photograph of Galatas.

Frank Golden, Manager of the Golden Hotel, Reno, related that he recalled seeing a man several weeks ago who answered the description of Galatas in the Bank Bar, a gambling establishment, adjoining the Reno Hotel; that this man was talking to an Italian who was known to Mr. Golden only by the nick name of Mariutch; that the latter named operated a road house known as the "Virginia Inn" and also known as "Mammy's Shack", on South Virginia Road, outside the city limits of Reno.

Agent during his stay in Reno, without disclosing his identity, during the evening, closely observed the persons gambling at the Bank Bar and Commercial Bar, the two leading gambling establishments in Reno.

Agent conferred with Under Sheriff William Richardson, who has charge of the county licenses for restaurants, and accompanied by Under Sheriff Richardson, who had with him the license for the "Virginia Inn", also known as "Mammy's Shack", proceeded to this place, about five miles south of Reno, under the pretext of having the name on the license corrected. However, the establishment proved to be closed and uninhabited.

It was ascertained that Jack Sullivan, proprietor of the Bank Bar, Reno's leading gambling establishment, is said to be reliable and dependable and that he has cooperated with the local authorities in the past. Jack Sullivan was interviewed and related that he has never seen anyone answering the description of Galatas in his establishment either at the bar or at any of the gaming tables, and was unable to recognize him.

Chief of Police Kirkley at Reno was further contacted and stated that he knew "Mariutch" by sight; that "Mariutch" was friendly with a character by the name of "Steve", who operates the Grand Cafe in Reno. Chief Kirkley stated that he had succeeded in locating "Mariutch" and the latter denied that he had ever been in contact with Galatas or had talked with anyone answering his description.

Chief of Police Kirkley further stated that he had received a "tip" from a confidential informant that a stranger, who answered the description of Galatas and appeared to be a suspicious character, was residing on the Nevada shore of Lake Tahoe, about thirty miles from Reno. Chief Kirkley stated that he succeeded in locating this suspect who proved not to be Galatas.

Chief Kirkley related further that the police department keeps a very close supervision of the gambling in Reno and that there has been no disorder, racketeering or gangster activities whatever in Reno; however, that from time to time well known gamblers come to Reno on their way to the West Coast and stop for a few days; that last year a number of gangsters, whose names and identities he did not recall, and who were from the east, had engaged mountain cabins in the vicinity of Lake Tahoe, California, and Nevada, and that these men paid visits from time to time to the gambling establishments in Reno; that the Lake Tahoe resorts, which are mostly small mountain cabins, cover an area of approximately 100 square miles around the Lake, and such locations afford ideal hiding places for fugitives and gangsters.

Chief of Police Kirkley, Sheriff Trathen and Deputy United States Marshal Lehigh stated that they will be on the alert for the appearance of Galatas in Reno and should they succeed in locating him, they will not take him into custody but will immediately advise the Salt Lake City Bureau Office.

Chief Kirkley called the attention of Agent to a teletype message which he received on July 8, 1933, from the Sheriff of Los Angeles, California. This message reads as follows:

"7-8-33. EMERGENCY TELETYPE - ALL STATIONS:

No. 1 Age 35-40 yrs. Ht. 5 7" medium build, brown eyes, dark brown wavy hair, slightly twisted nose, nationality American, Russian Jew.

No. 2 Age 35 5 10" 155 lbs. medium build, brown eyes, light complexion, black wavy hair, sharp features. These men are known gangsters from east and are headed toward California.

Driving either car Cadillac 16 cylinders 7 pass. dark blue Sedan Motor 1400151, Illinois License 71585 or Cadillac 12 cylinder, Blue Convert. Coupe Motor No. 1005266 Illinois 683527.

Hold all occupants of this car and notify this office immediately. Badly wanted by eastern authorities and U. S. Government.

E. W. Biscaulaz, Sheriff (L. A. County)."

Chief Kirkley stated that he and his men had been on the lookout for the appearance of these Cadillac automobiles but up to the present time have not observed them in or passing through Reno.

While Agent was conducting this investigation Chief Kirkley received a teletype message from Everett McKee, Traffic Officer, at Truckee, California, which message was addressed to George Moyahan, Assistant Chief of the California Highway Patrol, this message reading as follows:

"RECEIVED REPORT TODAY FROM AGRICULTURE STATION AT CAL-NEVA (CALIFORNIA) that CADILLAC SEDAN LICENSE NUMBER 3 M 677 WITH MACHINE GUN SET UP IN REAR SEAT PASSED THRU THIS STATION JULY 5TH. THEY RECEIVED FONE CALL FROM RIVERSIDE GARAGE RENO, NEVADA, ADVISING THEM OF THIS CAR COMING. AGRICULTURE STATION RONED TAHOE INN FOR MR AND GIRL ANSWERING FONE NEGLECTED GIVING HIM MESSAGE. THIS INFORMATION IS SENT YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND SUCH ACTION AS YOU DEEM PROPER."

Chief Kirkley related that this message was received by him on July 18, 1933; that he immediately telephoned the Riverside Garage and received no information relating to this automobile; that it was probably a car driven by some eastern gangster in view of the fact that a machine gun was reported to be set up in the rear seat.

William R. Paugett, Manager of the Riverside Garage, Reno, also a member of the Nevada State Police, and a reliable informant, related that immediately upon receiving information from the police department that a long distance call emanated from his garage relating to Cadillac sedan with a machine gun in the rear seat, he interrogated his employees and checked the long distance calls from his garage but found no record or information relating to said telephone conversation or the automobile in question. He said that Robert Parker, the night manager, had said something to him about a stolen Cadillac but at the time did not pay any attention to it.

Robert Parker, the night manager of the Riverside Garage, Reno, Nevada, which is the leading garage in Reno, was interviewed and related that E. Kenneth Hursh, Claims Adjuster for the William G. Davis, Automobile Insurance Adjuster, Byington Building, Reno, Nevada, had given Mr. Parker some time ago a list of stolen automobiles wanted by insurance companies which he represents. Mr. Parker further related that on July 3, 1933, while at the California State Quarantine Station at Calneva, California, where all cars coming into California are stopped and examined, he was talking to the California State Officer on duty in that station, whose name is not known to Mr. Parker, and that the latter inquired if he had seen a Cadillac sedan passing through and learned that the California State Officer had not. However, this officer, according to Mr. Parker, related that he had been instructed to be on the lookout for a Cadillac sedan containing a machine gun.

E. Kenneth Hursh, Claims Adjuster, Byington Building, Reno, Nevada, was interviewed and related that he had a record of embezzlement of a Cadillac 1930 Model Sedan, V-16 type, Motor #700419, California License 3 M 677, described as having yellow wire wheels and dark blue body; that his records show that this machine was last reported to have been at Fort Worth, Texas, in possession of Lorraine Barnes and her husband, Ovid Barnes, they having with them a boy, fourteen years old, and a collie dog; that Ovid Barnes is said to be selling oil leases; that the car was taken from California in violation of conditional sales contract and is insured by the Economy Underwriters Claims Department, 327 Insurance Exchange Building, Los Angeles, California; that the car was last reported to the insurance company to be enroute to Kansas City or Chicago; that a reward of $25.00 is offered for the return of this automobile in reasonable re-sale condition.

The Los Angeles Office has been requested by letter to check the ownership of this automobile, etc.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

LOS ANGELES OFFICE, at Los Angeles, California, through the Economy Underwriters Claims Department, 327 Insurance Exchange Building, ascertain whether they have any additional information as to this automobile, the person apparently embezzling it, and whether it has been reported in the State of California.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE, at Sacramento, California, contact George Moyahan, Assistant Chief of the California Highway Patrol, relating to teletype message No. 3, from Truckee, California, dated July 18, 1933, reporting Cadillac Sedan, License 3 M 677, with machine gun in rear seat, passed through the Calneva checking station. Ascertain through George Moyehan the identity of the person checking this automobile, whether he observed any of the occupants and whether he could identify them at this time, and if he actually saw the machine gun in this automobile, and if he knows the person who was alleged to have telephoned information relating to this automobile from the Riverside Garage at Reno, Nevada. If descriptions of occupants of this Cadillac car were obtained, display Identification Orders 1189 to 1194 in an effort to ascertain whether any of these persons were occupants of this automobile.

SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE, at Reno, Nevada, the police will again be contacted for the purpose of ascertaining whether they have been able to obtain any details as to Galatas or if they have observed any known gangsters at or in the vicinity of Reno, particularly subjects of Identification Orders 1189 to 1194.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE will ascertain, if possible, additional information that Richard Tallman Galatas is reported to be in Reno, Nevada, and supply, if possible, details as to his probable associates, modus operandi, automobile, etc. Also furnish the Salt Lake City Bureau Office with six additional photographs of Richard Tallman Galatas (the one wearing glasses), as the only picture of Galatas available is an unknown police photograph No. 9091, which was apparently taken some years ago.

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

Gentlemen:

An examination of our files fails to disclose any additional information to that which you already have on the following:

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An examination of our files fails to disclose any information on the following:

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Assuring you of our co-operation at all times, I am

Very truly yours,

W. H. Truman

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619 Federal Bldg.
Los Angeles, California
July 24, 1933

Mr. F. W. McCullah
Postmaster
Long Beach, Calif.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - Obstruction of Justice; Attempt to Deliver Federal Prisoner FRANK NASH.

Re: L. A. File 62-694

Dear Sir:

In connection with an investigation being conducted by this Bureau in an effort to locate the participants in the massacre of State and Government Officers at Kansas City, Mo., on June 17, 1933, this office desires that you continue the cover and continue to furnish tracings on mail addressed to

MILTON GARRISON, MR. and MRS. H. W. SCHUSTER
and others at
761 Caviota Avenue, Long Beach.

Kindly also arrange to place a cover on all mail addressed to 524 East State Street, Long Beach, the residence of MRS. IDA GALATAS, and furnish tracings.

Kindly treat this matter with the strictest confidence.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
July 26, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
K.C.File 62-760

The Kansas City office has been advised by William H. Davenport, Operative in Charge of the Secret Service, Treasury Department, Kansas City, Missouri, that E. C. Branson, a taxi driver, at Miami, Oklahoma, stated that the father-in-law of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd recently purchased a farm about fourteen miles southeast of Neosho, Missouri, on Indian Creek and that the father-in-law is living there with Floyd's sister. Further that large, expensive automobiles have been seen going and coming from the father-in-law's home.

It is requested that contact be had with Branson to determine the details of this matter in order that the Kansas City office may be advised and proper investigation conducted near Neosho, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SUTER, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
July 26, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403
New York City, New York

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
K.C.File 62-760

Referring to your letter of July 21, 1933, relative to the location of William Wiessman, please be advised that to date it is not believed advisable to undertake an extended search for Wiessman. When such seems desirable this office will further advise.

The Washington Field office advised the Kansas City office, by letter, dated July 22, 1933, that the Passport Division, Department of State, has no record of the issuance or application for passport by Richard Tallman Galatas and it is, therefore, requested that copies of his photograph be furnished to the officials of the various sea ports in your territory. It is suggested that this might be handled by correspondence.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
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Hon. Wallace Townsend
United States Attorney
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, et al
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K.C.File 62-760

You will recall that recently at the request of Special Agents R. B. Nathan and H. E. Andersen you filed an order restraining the opening of a safe deposit box of Richard Galatas at Hot Springs, Arkansas. In the event that this order is contested at any date or should you receive word as to the whereabouts of Galatas, it is respectfully requested that you advise this office immediately.

Please accept my thanks for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Oklahoma City

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
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Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
619 Federal Building
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
K.C.File 62-760

There is enclosed a copy of letter from the Birmingham office, dated July 25, 1933, indicating the removal of Hugh M. Martin from Montgomery, Alabama, to Long Beach, California, address 1827 East 10th Street. It will be noted that Martin is in some manner interested in Pat Gardelle Sturney, a student at the University of Alabama and presumably the ward of Subject Galatas and son of Mrs. Galatas. Please refer to your telegram, addressed to the Kansas City office, dated July 4th, and correspondence pursuant thereto indicating that E. R. Bailey, half-brother of Subject Bailey, addressed a letter to Mrs. Henry Schuster, 761 Gaviota Street, Long Beach, California.

Relatives of Subject Bailey are mentioned in a letter from the Chicago office to the Kansas City office, dated July 17th, and from the Kansas City office to the Chicago office, dated June 26th. For your information Mattie J. Bailey, wife of Subject Bailey, is a sister of Fred Martin and Hadley F. Martin, all residing at Richmond, Illinois. The Martins were reared at Green City, Missouri, near which point Subject Bailey's mother, Amanda E. Bailey, and a woman presumed to be Subject Bailey's sister, named Mrs. Lucretia E. Gum still reside.

It is wondered whether or not Hugh M. Martin, former station master at the Union Station, Montgomery, Alabama, and now residing at Long Beach, California, might be related to Subject Bailey through his wife's relatives and whether or not Pat Gardelle Sturney could be a connection by blood or other relationship with Subject Bailey. It is believed that this angle would bear further investigation in Long Beach, California, and other points which may result therefrom.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

July 27, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
Post Office Building
Dallas, Texas

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, I. C. 1195,
et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (ENDEAVOR TO DELIVER
FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH)

Dear Sir:

At the time of the apprehension of Frank Nash, Subject of the file entitled "Frank Nash with aliases, I. C. 1166 - Fugitive, Escaped Federal Prisoner", Nash was found to be in possession of a card showing that one George W. Miller was a member of the Uptown Lodge No. 1127 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Chicago, Illinois. This card was dated October 17, 1932, and was signed by one Herman Siegel, the secretary of this lodge. The interview with Mr. Siegel is set out in the report of Special Agent W. Carter Baum, Chicago, Illinois, 7/8/33, copies of which were forwarded to the Kansas City office, but which did not reach the Dallas or the New Orleans offices. It was discovered that the signature of Herman Siegel on this card was a forgery. However, an examination of the card showed that apparently a blank card with the imprint of a seal thereon had been obtained and the signature of George W. Miller placed on this card after the seal had been imprinted, rather than before, as is the usual custom.

Later Special Agent Bolling, in an interview with Mr. Siegel, developed information to the effect that one Mack Leavitt had been one of the originators of the Uptown Lodge, and that Mack Leavitt had sponsored Herman Siegel to membership in the Uptown Lodge. Mack Leavitt was at one time owner and manager of the Donmoor Apartment Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. It has been definitely established that several years ago Vernon Miller with aliases, I. C. 1195, lived at this address. It was developed by Mr. Bolling that Vernon Miller had been admitted to membership in the Uptown Lodge through the sponsorship of Mack Leavitt.

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Agent Baum had previously shown the picture of suspect Miller to Herman Siegel, and he had failed to identify it. Later, however, on July 26, 1933, Mr. Siegel identified the picture of Vernon Miller as a member of the Uptown Lodge, who was not in good standing due to failure to pay dues.

Arrangements have been made to obtain a list of the various members sponsored by Mack Leavitt, since it is believed that he introduced a number of hoodlums into the Masonic Order, and since about forty hoodlums were removed from the Donmoor Hotel following his removal from that hostelry.

Mack Leavitt was also manager of the West End Finance Co., apparently the Oklahoma City branch of the National Educators Finance Corporation, used by Vernon Miller in April, 1933, as a reference when he registered at the New Bismarck Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. When Subject Miller, under the name of V. Moore, registered at the New Bismarck Hotel on April 23, 1933, he was accompanied by one J. L. Ross and one B. Siegel. It was established that this Ross was in all likelihood one Samuel Schrager alias Sammy Ross. The identity of B. Siegel was not known. On July 26, 1933, while interviewing Mr. Herman Siegel, Agent Baum learned that Herman Siegel has a brother named Barney Siegel, who is employed by the Louisiana Hardware and Supply Company with main offices at Shreveport, Louisiana. Barney Siegel, however, is connected with the Gladewater, Texas branch of this company and apparently is interested in the operation of oil wells in the vicinity of Gladewater, Texas. It is believed to be very probable that the party known as B. Siegel who registered at the New Bismarck Hotel and occupied a suite with suspect Miller is none other than Barney Siegel, the brother of Herman Siegel.

It is suggested that the Dallas office make an appropriate interview in the vicinity of Gladewater, Texas, with a view to establishing the present location of Barney Siegel, and with a view to ascertaining whether this individual has any connection with Suspect Vernon Miller. The Chicago Bureau office is forwarding to the Dallas office a photostatic copy of the picture of Sammy Ross.

Copies of this letter are being forwarded to the New Orleans office in view of the fact that the principal offices of the Louisiana Hardware and Supply Company are located in Shreveport, Louisiana, and in consequence investigation may be necessary at that point in order to locate Siegel.

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CC-Bureau; 2 New Orleans
1 Kansas City
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Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

ROBERT G. ESTILL

Prosecuting Attorney

LAKE COUNTY

Crown Point, Indiana.

July 17, 1933.

Michigan State Police,
Lansing,
Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will please find copy of letter written to the Chief of Police, at Petoskey, Michigan, which is self-explanatory.

Phillips is in the vicinity of Petoskey, Michigan, unless he has moved since July 12th.

We hope that you will lend them aid in apprehending him.

Yours very truly,

ROBERT G. ESTILL,
Prosecuting Attorney.

By: JOHN H. UNDERWOOD,
Chief Deputy.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA
April 8th, 1932

$7,000 REWARD

is offered for arrest and conviction of all of, **or $1,000 for each of,** the following named men who are indicted by the Hennepin County Grand Jury in connection with the Holdup of the **Northwestern National Bank,** North American Office, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on March 29th, 1932; the officials of the Northwestern National Bank, with William J. Meehan, Chief of Police, Minneapolis, Minn., to be final judges as to disposition of the Reward:

No. 1

BERNARD PHILLIPS, named in Indictment; age 37, ht. 5-8, wt. 170 to 180; dark chestnut hair, greenish eyes, florid complexion, medium build; Tattoo of Cross and Wreath and words MY MOTHER left forearm outer; two oblique scars on left cheek; Fingerprint Classification

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No. 2

Clydge Bridges, named in Indictment; age 28, 5-7, 160 to 165, Fingerprint Classification

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No. 3

John Doe Indictment; age 40, 5-9½, 185, med. complexion, dark hair, wore light hat, light topcoat.

No. 4

Richard Doe Indictment; 30, 5-6, 135, med. complexion, gray mixed topcoat.

No. 5

Richard Roe Indictment; 40, 5-10, 180, med. complexion, tan hat, brown overcoat.

No. 6

John Roe Indictment; 40, 5-8, 155, med. comp., gray mixed topcoat.

No. 7

Frank Doe Indictment; 30, 5-6, 140, med. comp., gray hat.

At the time of the holdup six men entered the bank through the front door, the seventh man staying at the rear door in a car. Three of the men had submachine guns and the bandits were seen driving away from the rear of the bank in a large black sedan, probably a Lincoln.

The bandits obtained approximately $57,000 cash as follows; $3750 in silver, $450 in pennies, and balance in currency. Liberty Bonds and other negotiable securities to the value of approximately $100,000 were also taken; together with a large amount of Stocks, Mortgages, Contracts, and Soldier Bonus Certificates.

A List of the stolen negotiable securities will be found on the inside pages.

THIS OFFER EXPIRES APRIL 8, 1933.

If apprehended, or any information obtained leading to knowledge of the whereabouts of the above bandits; NOTIFY

WM. J. MEEHAN, Chief of Police, Minneapolis, Minn.

THE WILLIAM J. BURNS INTERNATIONAL DETECTIVE AGENCY
PHONE ATLANTIC 1349 McKNIGHT BUILDING
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

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STATE of MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN

July 19th, 1938.

IMPORTANT CIRCULAR LETTER

TO ALL MICHIGAN OFFICERS: SHERIFFS AND OFFICERS
CHIEFS OF POLICE
STATE POLICE

I am enclosing copy of a letter received by me from Robert G. Estill, Prosecuting Attorney of Lake County, Indiana, and am also enclosing copy of letter from Prosecutor Estill to the Chief of Police, Petoskey, Michigan. These letters are self-explanatory. Also, I am enclosing copy of circular issued by the Chief of Police of Minneapolis, Minnesota, which is a very good likeness of Bernard Phillips.

This is to call your attention to the fact that this man Phillips IS IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN and should be apprehended at once, as he is known to be a bank robber and killer.

Your city or county may be the next one hit by this man, and with his apprehension, that liability is that much lessened.

I am calling upon you to make an extraordinary effort to take this man into custody.

Yours very truly,

/s/ V. A. Loomis

V. A. LOOMIS
Deputy Chief of Detectives
Michigan State Police

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625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
July 25, 1933

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, et al.
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

Dear Sir:

On July 22, Lieutenant Donald S. Leonard of the Michigan State Police located at Detroit, Michigan, called this Bureau Office stating that V. A. Loomis, Deputy Chief of Detectives of the Michigan State Police located at East Lansing had received some information from the prosecuting attorney at Crown Point, Indiana, concerning Bernard Phillips, Subject of our Identification Order #1196. Lieutenant Leonard had received his information in circular form from the State Police Headquarters at East Lansing.

I immediately telephonically conferred with Mr. Loomis and was informed that he had received a letter from Mr. Robert G. Estill, Prosecuting Attorney, Lake County, Crown Point, Indiana, dated July 17, inclosing a copy of a letter written to the Chief of Police at Petoskey, Michigan, to the effect that he, Mr. Estill, and a Mr. Eli Keserio, Bailiff of the Lake County Criminal Court, had seen Phillips in a lunch room at Petoskey, Michigan, on July 12.

Mr. Estill in his communication recites that he had called this matter to the attention of the Chief of Police at Petoskey on the above date, and gave the Chief the Illinois license number of the car which Phillips was alleged to be driving. The prosecuting attorney went on to state that Phillips was wanted in Lake County for bank robbery, and was also wanted by the Police Department at Minneapolis, Minnesota, on a charge of bank robbery which occurred March 29, 1932.

Following the receipt of this information from Mr. Loomis, I immediately dispatched Agent Stukes to Lansing for the purpose of securing all particulars. He obtained from Mr. Loomis copy of the letter from Mr. Estill, the Prosecuting Attorney, directed to the Chief of Police at Petoskey, and also a copy of

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the letter directed to the Michigan State Police by Mr. Estill. Copies of these communications are being attached.

Following the receipt of the above material from Mr. Estill and on July 19, Mr. Loomis of the Michigan State Police prepared a circular letter which was dispatched to all sheriffs, chiefs of police and state police throughout the state of Michigan, with which circular letter he inclosed a copy of the letter received from Mr. Estill, and also attached to each circular letter a copy of the identification order issued by the Minneapolis Police Department which reflects a one thousand dollar reward for the arrest and conviction of each of the seven men who participated in the Northwestern National Bank holdup at Minneapolis, Minnesota, on March 29, 1932. A copy of this circular letter together with copy of the Minneapolis identification order are being attached hereto.

It will be noted in the letter directed to the Chief of Police at Petoskey by the Prosecuting Attorney that he, Mr. Estill, believes there is no doubt but that the man whom he saw in Petoskey on July 18 is Bernard Phillips.

Mr. Loomis stated that the county prosecutor did not attach any photograph or description of the person alleged to be Bernard Phillips wanted in his county and therefore same could not be compared with the Minneapolis Police Department or the Bureau's identification order.

Mr. Loomis further advised that the members of the Michigan State Police stationed at Cheboygan, Michigan, have been instructed to contact Chief of Police at Petoskey concerning the information submitted by the county prosecutor.

Agent Stukes in accordance with instructions from this office communicated by telephone with the Chief of Police at Petoskey on Sunday, July 23, who advised that he had been unable to secure any information concerning the person who the prosecuting attorney alleged was Bernard Phillips, and stated that the Michigan State Police, the Sheriff's Office and his Department were continuing to work on the matter. He further advised that he had lost the license number given him by the county prosecutor on July 18, and therefore was unable to furnish the Agent with that information.

In view of the fact that Petoskey is located in the

extreme northern portion of Michigan approximately 400 miles from Lansing and in the territory covered by the Chicago Bureau Office, it was not deemed advisable for Agent Stukes to proceed to that point especially in view of the limited information to be secured there.

It is suggested that your office immediately contact Mr. Robert G. Estill, Prosecuting Attorney, Lake County, Crown Point, Indiana, exhibiting to him the Bureau identification order of Bernard Phillips and securing such information as he has in his possession. It is believed that he also will be able to furnish the description of the car allegedly driven by Phillips and also the Illinois license number which he furnished to the Chief of Police at Petoskey.

I have been informed by Mr. Loomis of the State Police and by Lieutenant Leonard that because of the geographical location of Petoskey, it would be an excellent hideout and criminals have been known to have gone to that locality to "cool off."

This office will be furnished any information obtained by the Michigan State Police.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

July 27, 1933

- MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SPECIAL AGENTS -

In connection with the investigation being conducted by the Bureau in an effort to locate and cause the apprehension of the persons responsible for the murder of former Special Agent R. J. Caffrey, and the police officers at Kansas City, Missouri, recently, it is suggested that each agent attached to this office review the reports that have been made in this case and acquaint themselves with the current investigation.

Several photostatic copies of each report submitted to date have been made and will be available for any agent to examine same in order to acquaint himself with the facts.

T. F. CULLEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

KC FILE NO. 62-760-

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT: KANSAS CITY

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Kansas City, Mo.	7-28-33	7-18-27-1933	W. F. TRAINOR ebs

TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, IS #1195 - FUGITIVE
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases - - FUGITIVE
ET AL

CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and vicinity develops additional information as to the friends and connections of Galatas and Miller and Mrs. E. B. O'Conner in New York City, St. Louis, New Orleans and Dallas territory. Information as to travel of Agents Lackey and Smith with prisoner Nash from Ft. Smith, Arkansas, to Kansas City, Missouri, by train night of June 16, 1933, evidently reached cohorts of Galatas, Hot Springs, Arkansas, through Associated Press dispatches that evening. Frank Nash received $500.00 telegraphic money order from Kansas City, Missouri, May 16, 1933, from Frank B. Mulloy, who asserts he acted for Subject Miller's paramour in sending same. Mrs. Lillian Holden, wife of Federal Prisoner Thomas J. Holden, resided at home of Subject Miller and Paramour, Kansas City, Missouri, prior to June 16, 1933. Habeas Corpus Petition in Federal Court for Mrs. Nash now pending judicial determination, Kansas City, Missouri.

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DETAILS:

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REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent W. F. Trainor Kansas City, Mo., 7-21-33, 7-15-33 and 6-26-33.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [signature] Acting SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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DETAILS:

At Kansas City, Missouri.

Federal Judge Merrill E. Otis appointed John G. Madden, Fidelity National Bank Building, a reputable attorney of Kansas City, as Counsel for Subject Mrs. Frances Nash. Mr. Madden filed a habeas corpus petition praying for the release of Frances Nash, alleging that there is insufficient evidence to further hold her in the instant matter. The petition was presented in open court on July 26, 1933, and Judge Otis took same under advisement. He will rule on the petition within one or two days.

At the present time, a resume of all data in this case, which would be suitable for the United States Attorney and to be used by him in the preliminary hearings, scheduled for July 31st, is being prepared. Information which came through various confidential informants will, of course, be stated only in substance, and the source will not be referred to.

In the instant report, as in others, undeveloped leads are not being set out, but letters are being written to the respective offices concerned, after the report has been written, referring to specific pages, with request for certain investigation. It is recommended, however, that the offices which have to date received requests for investigation in this matter carefully examine the entire report and take action pursuant to any possible leads, which may develop in thos respective territories.

Since July 18th, investigative action has been had in the territory of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and based thereon the following memorandum has been rendered:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. E. Anderson and R. B. Nathan at Hot Springs, Little Rock, Benton and Fort Smith, Arkansas.

As the result of contact with an informant who insisted that his name not be divulged in connection with the information furnished, Agents were advised that Galatas has been in St. Louis, Missouri, since his departure from Hot Springs, and may be there at the present time. [redacted] 670 received a letter from Mr. Carney advising that Galatas was in St.Louis, and inquiring as to the possible connection of Galtas with the parties responsible for the Union Station massacre. Informant advised that his information is to the effect that Galatas has been in St. Louis as recently as several weeks after the massacre, and advised that he could probably be located at or through the Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis. He stated that he might not be staying at the Jefferson, but would undoubtedly frequent that place, as well as the establishment of Mr. Carney. He cautioned against any direct approach to Carney. It is noted that the informant in this instance [redacted]

At the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Mr. Milton Nobles, Manager, was interviewed, and was requested to search his records for money transfers to Nash under his known aliases. He advised that a transfer was received May 16, 1933, for $500.00, the message, which originated at Kansas City, Missouri, P1 Branch Office (probably Plaza Office), being as follows:

> "Invite to G. W. Miller Arkansas National Bank credit account V. Page."

"Invite" is a code word evidently directing the payment of $500.00. Mr. Nobles advised that inquiry at the Arkansas National Bank disclosed that neither Miller nor Page was known, and his office accordingly wired to Kansas City for further instructions, receiving advice that the sender refused to give any address, and to hold for the payee. His records show that payment was made to Miller at the Hot Springs office, apparently on May 16th, the company cashing its draft on identification which consisted of a card of Masonic Lodge 1127 of Illinois.

Mr. Nobles further advised that his records show that an order was received at Hot Springs on June 17, 1933, at 8:39 A.M. to transfer $75.00 to James E. Brady, 1515 Wilson Avenue, Chicago. The transfer was from Mrs. Sam E. Brady, Woodcock Apts., Hot Springs, and the instruc-

tions given for identification of the payee were that his mother's name is Agnes and that he has a scar on one finger. He advised that he has heard that some of the members of the gang operating in Hot Springs have lived at times at the Woodcock Apartments, and that this is the only reason for inferring a connection outside of the date of the transfer. Mrs. Brady will be interviewed should future developments warrant.

Mr. Nobles further advised that he has a recollection of an exchange of wires some months ago in which Galatas figured, which indicated that someone was in trouble in Florida, and wired Galatas. He, in turn, wired someone in Kansas City, who replied that he was communicating with Chicago to fix the matter. He advised that because of the method of filing messages in his office, it would not be possible to locate these telegrams without several days work. Should it be determined that such a search is warranted Mr. Nobles can arrange to have it made by one of his employees if the Bureau desires to compensate the employee so engaged.

It was determined that the telegram mentioned in a preceding memorandum charged to the telephone of Galatas on March 11, 1933, was directed to Galatas in care of an air transport company in Burbank. In this connection Agents were advised by Mr. Nobles that his understanding is that Galatas' mother's home in Long Beach, California, was in the earthquake zone, and was demolished in the quake of March. Galatas flew out to her, and subsequently she came to Hot Springs to visit her son. Galatas' mother is Mrs. I. M. Galatas, and Mr. Nobles located a telegram to her in care of the Sunset Limited at ElPaso, March 14, 1933, which confirmed the fact that she came to Hot Springs.

It is also well to note here that this woman had not returned to Long Beach at the time of the departure of Galatas from Hot Springs, and possibly left Hot Springs with him. It is also noted that the mother of Mrs. Galatas had been visiting with Galatas for probably nine or ten months, and was there on the date of the departure. The name of this woman was given to Agents as Mrs. McFadden by the colored maid employed by Galatas, but efforts to confirm this name have been unsuccessful. She is reported to have come to Hot Springs from Detroit. It is also reported that Mrs. Galatas' sister visited her during 1932 with several children, and that she came from Detroit, Michigan, and probably resides there. No information is available as to her name and specific address.

Mr. E. L. Schmulbach, Manager, Postal Telegraph Company, Hot Springs, examined his records at Agents' request, and advised that there is no record of any transfers to Nash under his known aliases during the past several months. He stated that Mrs. Galatas has from time to time wired money to their son, Pat Sturney, at the University of Alabama, these wires showing his address as Sigma Chi house. He also advised that his records

show the receipt of a money transfer on April 13, 1933, in the amount of $40.00 for Galatas from Charles Vogel, Daytona Beach, Florida. This was paid with draft No. W-680065, and the wire was addressed to Galatas in care of White Front Cigar Store. Mr. Schmulbach's recollection is that he was informed at the time that Galatas had advanced money to Vogel to go home from Hot Springs.

On July 18th efforts were made by Agents to determine from the office of the Commissioner of Revenue at the State Capitol, Little Rock, data concerning the automobiles registered in the name of Galatas. However, it was found that the office was closed for Election Day.

Inquiry was accordingly made at Madison-Smith Motor Company, Cadillac dealers in Little Rock, where it was ascertained that Galatas purchased a Cadillac 12 cylinder Sedan, Motor Number 1001193, on April 9, 1931. This car was described on the company's records as being black, with six black wire wheels, two in fender wells, having tire mirrors and a radiator ornament. It was further determined from the records of the Service Department that this car was serviced in May 1933, and that it bore Arkansas 1933 license #98-657. In an effort to learn the license on the Ford owned by Galatas, inquiry was made at the Hamp-Williams Motor Company, Ford dealers in Hot Springs. However, they have no record of the license number, and further inquiry will be made in Little Rock in this regard.

It was subsequently ascertained at the office of the Commissioner of Revenue, State Capitol, Little Rock, that the Arkansas License noted above was issued to Mrs. Elizabeth Golatas, 107 Harrell, Hot Springs, for the Cadillac Sedan described. This license was issued February 11, 1933 on application number 42090. It was further ascertained that on application number 42091, dated February 11, 1933, Arkansas 1933 license number 98658 was issued to Richard Golatas, 107 Harrell, Hot Springs, for Ford Coupe, 1932 model, motor number 18-86091.

Contact was had by Agents at Hot Springs with Charles W. McNeill, Jr., adjuster for the C. I. T. Corporation, with reference to his efforts to locate Galatas in connection with delinquent payments due McNeill's company. He advised that he has been unable to locate either Galatas or the car, but is continuing his efforts. In the event of any success he will advise the Kansas City Office of the Bureau through his Little Rock office.

It was ascertained that Galatas had a negro maid named Margaret Ward, and she was interviewed at her residence, 119 King Street, Hot Springs. She advised that it is her understanding that the Galatas family is only temporarily absent from Hot Springs, and that she will work for

them on their return, she advising that she was on her vacation. She stated that she was last at the house at about 5 P.M. on a Saturday about a month ago. She did not see the family leave, but understood that they were going. She has no idea where they might have gone, but stated that in the past they have left home and usually return in about a month. This girl was unable or unwilling to furnish any helpful information with regard to the Galatas family, or their associates. It is noted that some information furnished by her has been set out in this memorandum. Should it be necessary to again interview her, she is a young negress, light in color, fairly heavy and states that she comes from Little Rock.

Mrs. E. H. Martin, 804 Quapaw, Hot Springs, who is the owner of the house occupied by Galatas, advised that she has been unable to obtain any information as to the whereabouts or possible date of return of Galatas, although she has communicated by telephone with persons known to be friendly with him. She advised that her first information as to the absence of this family came from a painter who had been doing some work on the house for her, who reported that some of the windows were open and the Frigidaire was running. She called Matt Picchi at the White Front and was advised that he had remedied the situation. She advised that she does not have a pass key to the house, and has not been into the house. She stated that the house is rented furnished, but that Galatas owns the furniture in one room, and possibly other small items. Mrs. Martin advised that Galatas has been a good tenant, always paying promptly, and in cash, and she hopes that he will return to the house. The address of the Kansas City office was left with her with the request that she advise should she receive any information concerning Galatas. She did not promise to do so, but will in all probability.

It is noted that she is an elderly lady, the widow of a prominent physician, and that she advised that her hesitancy in this matter was due to her fear to become involved with these people. She was only advised that it was desired to question Galatas. Some general information as to the history of the relatives of Galatas which was obtained from Mrs. Martin has been set out above.

It is noted that the mail which has been previously observed by Agents at Galatas' home has been returned to the postoffice at Hot Springs on the directions of the Postmaster. The only additional mail received since the submission of former memorandum is an advertisement from Gokey's, dealers in boots for sportsmen, St. Paul, Minnesota, and a copy of the magazine "Field and Stream". Efforts have been made to interview the Postoffice Inspector at Little Rock relative to mail covers at Hot Springs, but he has not been at his office. It has been deemed inadvisable to arrange for covers through postal officials at Hot Springs. Efforts in this regard will be continued. It was also ascertained that the registered mail for Galatas consisted of a notice from the Masonic Lodge at Hot Springs.

With reference to the listing of the telephone at the home of Galatas in the name of Mrs. George W. Bates, Mrs. Martin advised that to her knowledge no one of the name of Bates has ever lived in the house, which she has owned since 1931. Prior to her acquiring the house it was occupied by a Dr. Shoup, and the only other people who lived there prior to its rental to Galatas were friends of hers named Norden. It accordingly seems certain that the phone was purposely obtained by Galatas in the name of Bates. In this connection it is possible that the mother of Mrs. Galatas is named Bates. Mrs. Martin could not recall the name, but expressed doubt that it is McFadden, which was the name given to Agents by the negro maid.

For the purpose of obtaining information as to Mrs. Louise Conner, further contact was had with Mr. Moses Mendel at 1101 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, and with his permission a thorough search was made of the apartment formerly occupied by Mrs. Conner. A number of items of possible value were obtained and are transmitted herewith to the Kansas City Office. Among them the following are noted:

Slip of paper containing the address "1624 Putnam Street, Detroit, Michigan", and "Phone Garfield 3163" followed by a symbol resembling the figure 8 minus a portion of the top loop. All written in pen and ink, and being possibly the heading of a letter.

Scraps of an envelope evidently addressed to Louise Conner at 1101 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, postmarked at Detroit, Michigan, June 1, 1933. On the reverse of the scraps is written in ink "to 435----------Detr", and there is a portion of a stamped symbol containing the letter D, being possibly an envelope of the Detroit-Leland Hotel, it being indicated that the missing half of the symbol contains another letter of the alphabet.

Scraps of portion of letter written on stationery embossed "Lou" in gold in the upper left corner, reading as follows:

" Sunday

My Darling, Writing Sundays letter Sat. nite as wont have time -- write you tomorrow---. "

Receipt showing payment of toll at Newport Toll Bridge, Newport, Arkansas, of $.50, June 13, the receipt being number 4706.

Piece of paper containing the following written in ink: "Please leve mail unsined for under door. Louise Conner."

In addition to the above items there was obtained a torn card containing meaningless writing and a blotter which might show information of value if examined under proper lighting.

Fred Cobbs, a negro employed by Mr. Mendel, was interviewed, as was the young grandson of Mr. Mendel. It was determined that Mrs. Conner had a Chevrolet Sedan, about 1931 or 1932 model, with New York licenses. She had several bags and trunks, all of which, however, were brought to the premises in her car and were apparently removed in the same manner. The young man who stayed with her, reported to be her brother-in-law, was observed on occasions to wait in front of the apartment for someone with his golf clubs. During the latter part of her stay Mrs. Conner also had a young girl with her, about 12 to 15 years of age, reported to have joined Mrs. Conner after the completion of the school year. Mrs. Conner had a negro cook, and efforts are being made to locate her for interview. No other information of value was obtained by Agents.

It having been reported that the niece of Mrs. Conner had at one time been placed in a convent in Little Rock, inquiry was made at Mt. St. Mary(s, located in Pulaski Heights, Little Rock. It was ascertained from the Mother Superior that a girl named Janice Cobby had been brought to the Convent by her aunt from Hot Springs on January 3, 1931, and finished the school term. Her aunt indicated that she would return the next year, but she did not do so. Agents were advised that no further information concerning this girl were available, but that Sister Fidelis, now at Sisters of Mercy, Webster Groves, near St. Louis, Missouri, would be the person most likely to have obtained information as to the personal history of the girl.

At St. Mary's Catholic Church, Hot Springs, Monsignor William J. Carroll was interviewed, and advised from his records that he had baptized the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Conner, her name being Janice Kobbe. The baptismal records show that she was born May 5, 1920, her parents being Walter and Myrtle (Newton) Kobbe of Knoble, Arkansas. Her God-mother was Mrs. Matt Picchi. The girl was baptized January 1, 1931. Father Carroll advised that apparently the Conners were not Catholics. He stated that the girl came to see him recently in Hot Springs, and he understood that she has been attending school at or near Dallas, Texas. She would undoubtedly attend a Catholic School. (Mrs. Picchi is the wife of the proprietor of the White Front Cigar Store, and accordingly was not interviewed.)

It is noted that previous information has been received concerning the possible connection of the Conners at Knobel, Arkansas, and it is suggested that inquiry be made at that point. It is also noted that information has been given to Agents by persons contacted which indicates that Galtas may have a place in Southern Missouri, the information being generally in agreement with that given previously as to the purchase of a

razed railway station and the building of a cabin from the materials. It seems possible that such a place may have been acquired by either Conner or Galatas, and that it is probably located near Knobel in Northeast Arkansas or Southeast Missouri.

During the interview with Mr. Mendel he advised that after Mrs. Conner left the premises at 1101 Central a young lady named Hinkle came to the apartment with the key and entered the premises, advising him that Mrs. Conner had asked her to forward a picture which had been left. It had been noted by Agents that there were two card-board picture frames in the apartment, it appearing that the photographs had been removed, possibly in haste. These showed that the photographs had been made at Smith's Studios, San Antonio, Texas.

Miss Hinkle was located at the novelty shop located in the basement of the Arlington Hotel, and was first interviewed by Agent Nathan under pretext, at which time she advised that she has no idea where Mrs. Conner can be located, stating that she has known Mrs. Conner for some time in a social way. She expressed surprise that she should be questioned for information as to Mrs. Conner and gave no information of value. Subsequently Miss Hinkle was interviewed openly by Agent Anderson, stating that she had obtained the key to the apartment for inspection, as she has a young married sister who wanted to rent a place; that the pictures she obtained were of herself; and that she had no information as to Mrs. Conner's whereabouts and had sent nothing to her. It is noted that while Miss Hinkle denied intimate acquaintance with Mrs. Conner, she claimed that her photographs were in the apartment. It is also noted that Miss Hinkle advised that she is related to a book-maker in Hot Springs. Arrangements will be made to have a cover placed on the mail of Miss Hinkle, tracings to be furnished to the Kansas City office.

M. T. Relyea, Manager of the Maurice Baths, given by Mrs. Conner as a reference in obtaining telephone service, was interviewed. He advised that he was acquainted with Mrs. Conner and her former husband, and also advised that Nash had taken baths at his place. He further identified photographs of Herbert Farmer and Fritz Mulloy as persons he had seen at the bath house. Mr. Relyea frankly admitted that his place was used by numbers of confidence men, stating that they were not permitted to operate in the place, but were good customers. He stated that he would under no circumstances "finger" a man, but expressed no sympathy for confidence men or gangsters. No information of value as to Mrs. Conner was obtained from the interview, but Agents were impressed with his apparent sincerity, and it is not believed that he has any information as to the massacre.

Mrs. Eleanor Harris, Dugan-Stuart Building, another reference, was interviewed, but advised that she has no information as to Mrs. Conner whom she knows only as a customer. She had no address other than those in Hot Springs, and advised that Mrs. Conner always paid cash. The last clothes

sold to Mrs. Conner were in May, at which time Mrs. Conner advised that she was going to Chicago.

Dr. Foster Jarrell was interviewed at his office in the Medical Arts Building, and advised that he has never had Mrs. Conner for a patient, but did treat Eddie Conner over a period of years. He also advised that he had treated a young lady named May Hanley, known to him as the niece of the Conners. This girl is about 19 or 20 years of age, and has not been in Hot Springs for a year. However, he has heard from her from Dallas, Texas, she requesting that he forward her prescriptions. On these ocasions she would always send a self-addressed envelope, and he does not recall the address where she was in Dallas, nor did he file the correspondence. However, he understood that she has an aunt in Dallas. Dr. Jarrell further advised that Eddie Conner has told him that he was originally from the State of Mississippi, and that he was a cousin of the present Governor of that State of the same name. He does not recall the town in Mississippi which was Eddie's home, but advised that he understood it to be in the Delta section. Later he suggested that it was possibly Tupelo, but it is noted that Tupelo is not considered to be in the Mississippi Delta. He further advised that he understands that Mrs. Conner came from Missouri, but he has no information as to the town.

With reference to the telephone call made from Fort Smith, Arkansas, on the night of June 16th to the Mayflower Grill, it was ascertained that this place is run by a Greek named Pete Stathakos, whose reputation was reported to be good. He was interviewed and stated that the only calls he ever received from Fort Smith were from a friend named John Karrant, who has a farm near Fort Smith. He does not recall the dates of these calls, but stated that he received 2 or 3 between June 12 and July 4, and that he has also called Karrant several times. These conversations were in connection with the desire of Karrant to purchase some linens from a bankrupt stock in Hot Springs. He gave Karrant's number in Fort Smith as 5988, and it is noted that a previous memorandum verifies the fact that calls were made to that number. He further stated that he is positive always called from his home, as he would ordinarily also talk to other members of the Karrant family.

Pete could not recall a long distance call ever coming to his place for anyone else. Another employee, Harry Andrews, was also questioned, but stated positively that no call has been received from out of town for a customer or other person. Neither could definitely remember a call on June 16th. Contact was had by Agents with Jim Polas, proprietor of the Lee Hotel, who advised that he would interview Pete and endeavor to determine whether he is attempting to conceal information from Agents. It is noted from previous reports that Polas is reliable. During Agents' interview with Pete he gave no indication of insincerity, but such further check as is possible will be made at Hot Springs and at Fort Smith.

Further contact was had by Agents with Jim Polas and through him with Pete Stathakos, at which time Pete advised that he had received telephone calls from Ft. Smith, Arkansas, from a lady named Mrs. George Antonio, who resides at Hot Springs, but was visiting during June in Ft. Smith. Pete stated that these calls were made from a railway station and were in connection with the purchase of linen which he had previously referred to.

Accompanied by these two persons Agents interviewed Mrs. George Antonio at 120 Fern Street, Hot Springs. This woman advised that while she was visiting in Ft. Smith she had placed two or three telephone calls to the number of the Mayflower Grill in Hot Springs. These calls were in connection with the buying of certain linen for the daughter of John Karrant, who was to be married. The reason for making a call at a pay station was that Mrs. Karrant did not wish her husband to know she was spending money for linen. Mrs. Antonio stated that she attempted to locate a telephone booth from which she could place a call on one occasion, but was unable to do so. Subsequently a booth was found in a railway station at Ft. Smith, and calls were placed on at least two different occasions. She was accompanied by Mary Karrant, daughter of John Karrant, who also talked to Pete.

She stated that she does not know the name of the station from which she called, but that it was near the center of town about a block from Garrison Avenue. It was evident to Agents that Mrs. Antonio had no information concerning the matter in question.

At Ft. Smith, Arkansas, Agents determined that the telephone 8900 is a pay station located in the Union Station where trains of the Kansas City Southern and Frisco Railroads operate. It is noted that the Missouri Pacific station is located at some distance from this point and contains one pay station, the number of which is 8905. There are two booths in the Union Station, one of which has number 8900 and the other 8908.

A search of the toll calls in the office of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company at Ft. Smith failed to show any calls from either of the booths in the Union Station to Hot Springs, with the exception of the call previously noted on June 16th. However, Agents were advised by the manager, Mr. Alexander, that his records subsequent to June 22nd are presently at the Accounting Office in Little Rock, and will not be returned to Ft. Smith until about August 10th.

Interview was had with Mary Karrant, who resides with her father at 4904 Waldron Road, about 2½ miles from Ft. Smith and she corroborated the statement made by Mrs. Antonio. She advised that the first call placed from the railway station was, to the best of her recollection, about June 18th, and that one subsequent call was made sometime later. Neither Miss Karrant nor Mrs. Antonio could definitely state which booth was used for

the various calls, it being noted that Mrs. Antonio was of the opinion she made one call from the booth on the left (number 8900) and two calls from the booth on the right (number 8908). Miss Karrant does not recall but two calls and is of the opinion they were made from the booth on the right.

With reference to the report made to the Kansas City Office by an informant that Mrs. Conner might be located at the Majestic Hotel Annex, Mr. T. F. Huston, Manager of the Majestic and Annex was interviewed, and allowed Agents to examine his records. However, no record of the registration of this woman could be located, and Mr. Huston could not recall her. It was noted from the records that George W. Miller registered from Hot Springs October 4, 1932, and departed October 6, 1932, occupying Room 223.

Mr. Huston called attention to a letter received from the Ben McGehee Hotel, Little Rock, dated July 6, 1933, relative to one D.J. Garmly, St. Paul, who skipped a bill in February, 1933. This letter advised that this man had placed a call on January 29, 1933, to Mrs. J. Christine O'Brien, 130 Greenway, Hot Springs, and had used the name of Power in talking. Mr. Huston suggested that this man might be mixed in a racket of some kind. The information is noted here in the event the names Garmly and Power should enter this case.

With reference to the telephone call from V. C. Mason (Miller) at the Newbern Hotel, Kansas City, to Mrs. Long (or Lang) at the Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, on February 27, 1933, it was ascertained through Mr. W. E. Chester, President and General Manager of the Arlington, that there was no Mrs. Long or Lang registered at the time of the call. However, it was determined that on February 19, 1933, one A. Long, Newark, N.J. registered and remained at the Arlington until March 6, 1933. Mr. S. W. Grumbley, an assistant to Mr. Chester, advised that he recalls that Long arrived at the hotel with three other men, who registered as Ben Kutlow, New York; A. Spitzel, Broad Street, Newark, N.J.; and Louis Saffer, New York. During their stay they were apparently joined by the wife of Saffer, but the records to not show that they were accompanied by another woman. These people occupied at various times during the period mentioned rooms 542-3, 624-5, 551 and 539.

Mr. Grumbley recalls that the party registered late one night, being checked in by the night clerk, and his information being that they had just driven in from California. By their appearance it was clear that they were mixed up in some kind of a racket. Long was the leader, and Kutlow took care of all the bills for the party. Payment was always made in cash, with bills of large denomination, Mr. Grumbley recalling that the presence of the party at the hotel during the bank holiday was helpful to the hotel because of the shortage of cash. Mr. Grumbley also recalled that Long had been at the hotel on previous occasions.

The hotel's records show numerous charges for telephone calls to this party. A list of these calls was made and is attached hereto. It is pertinent to note that a call was made by Long on February 22, 1933 to Victor Mason, Valentine 7821, Kansas City, and that a call was received for Long from Kansas City at 6:50 P.M. Feb. 27, 1933. It is further noted that a call was received to Long on February 28 at 9:25 P.M. from Joplin, Missouri. These incoming calls were prepaid, and the number calling was not available at Hot Springs. Valentine 7821 is the Newbern Hotel.

It was further noted that a number of telegrams were sent by the party. Through the courtesy of the manager of the Postal Telegraph Company at Hot Springs it was ascertained that only one of the telegrams was sent by his company. While it appears to have no connection it is set out herewith for such value as it may serve. It is directed to Ben Feingold, San Carlos Hotel, Phoenix, Arizona, and was sent Feb. 21, 1933, as a night letter.

> "Weather out here is simply great. It sure was very stupid of me not to offer you any drink when I seen you in Tuscon. Feeling fine it sure is better here than I expected. Will be here for about two weeks. Take care. Kutlow"

Arrangements were made with Mr. Milton Nobles of the Western Union Telegraph Company to have copies of the telegrams transmitted by his Company forwarded direct to the Kansas City Office of the Bureau, and they were received 7-24-1933.

Mr. Nobles advised in a communication that he had only been able to locate two of the telegrams noted, which are as follows:

Feb. 26, 1933, addressed to Miss Evelyn Richman, 25 Johnson Avenue, Newark, N.J. -

> "Tried to get you, could not account number being changed. Wire or call me at seven tomorrow night. All my love. (Sgd.) Abe."
> (A. Long, room 542, Arlington Hotel.

To M. Bello, 1353 Club View Drive, Beverly Hills, California -

> "Feeling fine hope you are all well. Will call at seven o'clock your time. Regards and love to all. (sgd.) A (A.Long, Room 542, Arlington Hotel)

It is noted that the following telegrams were not located either by the Postal or Western Union Companies:

DATE	SENDER	CHARGE
Feb. 21	A. Long	.76
21	Kutlow	.76
21	A. Long	1.89
22	"	1.89
27	"	.76
27	"	.76
Mar. 2	"	.76

Mr. Nobles also exhibited to Agents a telegram sent at Little Rock, Arkansas, June 18, 1933, addressed to Lou Conner, 1101 Central, Hot Springs, Arkansas, which is as follows:

> "Your number wont answer call me phone
> two nought two eight one (sgd.) Grady Swarts."

It was ascertained at the telephone company in Little Rock that telephone number 20281 is listed in the name of C. L. Wilson Park Hill, North Little Rock. An examination of the toll calls from the number 20281 showed nothing of further interest, except that on June 20, 1933, an effort was made by Grady Swarts to call Lou Conner at numbers 617 and 1445 in Hot Springs. The records show that a report was made that the party called could not be located.

It was ascertained that the person whose 'phone is listed in the name of C. L. Wilson is in reality O. B. Nelson, a liquor dealer who resides at 408 Ridge Drive, Park Hill, North Little Rock. Mr. Nelson was interviewed and stated that he operates some of his liquor deals under the name of Wilson. He stated that Grady Swarts is his sister and that she operates a tourist camp known as "Grady's Tourist Camp" about 2½ miles from Longview, Texas, on the Shreveport Road. He stated that Grady Swarts is well acquainted with Lou Conner and is probably in constant touch with her. Nelson advised that he and his wife recently visited Grady at Longview, and at that time she spoke of Lou's whereabouts but he does not know where she mentioned. He stated that Grady is not given to talking, but might disclose the whereabouts of Mrs. Conner if properly approached.

The hotel records also showed a number of local calls from the rooms occupied by Long and his party. Notes were made of a number of calls, which were checked through the telephone company and are shown to have been made to the following persons:

NUMBER	NAME	ADDRESS
262	Dr. William K. Smith	Medical Arts Bldg.
494	J. H. McLaughlin	402 Malvern

NUMBER	NAME	ADDRESS
762	Brandenburg Cleaning Co.	211 Central
939	Dr. M. F. Lautman	Medical Arts Bldg. (phone discontinued 7-11 for summer)
1202W	Margaret Face	156 Cedar (This number was supposedto be a non-listed number, but was erroneously published in the directory. Subsequently a new number was submitted).
1385	Mammy Liza Candy Shop	256 Central
1481	Ben F. Stute	Malvern Road, Route 2 (Chicken Dinner place)
2410	Kingsway Hotel	
3100	Waukesha Hotel	
3400	Majestic Hotel	
3517	John A. Clement (Taxi)	230 Central

No effort was made to contact any of the above. It seems that Long et al can probably be identified through the telephone numbers called in New York and other places, and such further check as is necessary can be made at Hot Springs at a later date.

At the Arlington Garage an effort was made to identify the car in which Long travelled. However, it was ascertained that the records of cars stored are very poorly kept, and no record of a storage charge to any of the parties listed above or to the rooms occupied during the period could be found. A record was made of the license number and kind of car for each automobile received at the garage for storage on February 18, 19 and 20. It is noted, however, that the garage records do not disclose the receipt of a car which was checked out on or about March 6, the day the party left the hotel. In addition to the cars noted on the list it was observed that a LaSalle with New York License number 4N433 was at the garage for a good part of the period in question. This list is as follows:

FEBRUARY 18	FEBRUARY 19	FEBRUARY 20
Mo. 32162 - Pierce	Illinois 16998 - Olds	New York 3K8966 - Cadillac
N.C.148182-Dodge	(Rarrang -440	Ohio- M653 - Chevrolet
Ark.112153 - Chevrolet	Mo. 26123 - Nash	Mich. X5913 - Ford
Minn. 1860 - Buick	Ill. 157[illegible] - Marmon	Ill. 30044 - Chrysler
Ill. 251916 - Buick	Ark. 38954 - Ford	Mo. 7325 - Nash
Ark. 86502 - LaSalle	Okla. 456500 - Nash	Ill. 522000 - Buick
Wisc. 29281 - Chrysler		Conn. S.P. 26 - Buick

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La. 230163 - Buick
Ill. 89472 - LaSalle (J.V.Armstrong - 331)
Calif. 4X6242 - Marmon
Ill - 42386 - Lincoln (Jas. Walsh) 658.
Ark.- 91008 - Lincoln (T.H.Barton Arlington)

Descriptions of these four individuals, as furnished by Mr. Grumbley, are as follows:

LONG - About 27-35 years; 6 feet tall; slender build; dark hair and eyes; Hair brushed back; Jewish or Italian.

KUTLOW - 30-35 years; short, dark and heavy set; Jewish or Italian.

SAFFER - Very small and dark; Jewish or Italian.

SPITZEL - Small and dark; Jewish or Italian.

Mr. Grumbley advised that these persons spent a good deal of time riding horse-back, and also played golf some. He requested that it not be divulged that the hotel had furnished any information, as it would hurt the business. It is noted that the Arlington is the foremost hotel in Hot Springs, and it is further noted that the bill of this party was in the neighborhood of $1000.00 weekly.

Tracings of the registrations of Long and his party were made and are transmitted herewith to the Kansas City Office.

With reference to the two calls shown to have emanated from Fort Smith after 6 P.M. June 16, to Hot Springs, it was ascertained that telephone 1915 at Hot Springs is listed in the name of William L. Hall, 900 Prospect Avenue, reported to be a forester. A check of the recent toll calls from this phone showed nothing significant to the case, and Mr. Hall and his wife were accordingly interviewed. They explained that the call in question was made by Mrs. Hall's sister, Mrs. Weaver, advising that she was driving to Hot Springs from Fort Smith the following day. Mrs. Weaver resides in Ohio. It was apparent that these people have no connection with this case.

Further contact has been had with the owner of the Mayflower Grill through Jim Poulas, and it appears certain that the call to that place is not connected with the case. Verification of the information furnished will be made at Fort Smith, and the entire matter will then be reported for the sake of clarity.

From the confidential informant previously mentioned in memos by Agents, information was obtained that A. J. Conner was friendly with the daughter of Mrs. C. E. Reed, 906 Quapaw Street, and that this girl had been reported to have received a letter from him to the effect that "they" were in Canada and on their way to Alaska. Agents were advised that Mrs. Reed could be openly approached, and she and her daughter, Miss C. Reed, were interviewed. They advised that they formerly resided next to the Conners on Cedar Street in Hot Springs, and became acquainted when the Conners sent flowers after the death of Mr. Reed. However, they were never intimate. The daughter, who is about 20, went out with A. J. Conner on one occasion, but her mother did not approve and she discontinued seeing him. Mrs. Conner called at the Reed home on one occasion during the past Spring, but advised that she would not return since A.J. was not welcome.

It was ascertained that A. J. Conner claims to be the nephew of Governor Conner of Mississippi, which confirms previous reports, and further that he is supposed to be a graduate of a college at Oxford, Mississippi (evidently the University of Mississippi). About a year ago A.J. went to New Orleans, but the only address known to the Reeds there is the Club Forest, a gambling club. Mrs. Reed's objections to this young man were based on his gambling, she advising that he always appeared to be gentlemanly. It is possible that Miss Reed was not disclosing all the information in her possession.

Through contact with Mr. Nobles of the Western Union Telegraph Company it was ascertained that he had located a telegram sent May 28, 1933 by Mrs. Conner to Myrtle Manley, 2310 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas, requesting that she call by telephone. It is noted that previous information indicated that Mrs. Conner's niece, May Hanley, is probably in Dallas. Mr. Nobles also exhibited a telegram dated May 27, 1933, addressed to Miss Vera Hinkle, Arcade Gift Shop, Arlington Hotel, sent from Hot Springs, and signed "A.J." which contains a birthday greeting. This girl has been interviewed and evidently did not disclose the extent of her acquaintance with the Conners. It is suggested that her mail be covered.

With reference to the telephone calls to the Home of Galatas from Clara Harris which were placed at telephone number 4-9633, Little Rock, it was ascertained that this telephone is a pay station located in Steincamp's Cafe, located at 1114 West 7th Street, Little Rock. It was determined that there were no toll tickets showing calls from this phone, and Agents were informed that any calls which had been made were evidently collect.

Inquiry at the Little Rock Police Department disclosed that Steincamp's is known as a reliable individual and he was accordingly interviewed at a furniture store which he operates a few doors from his restaurant.

He advised that he does not know Clara Harris and at Agents' request questioned an employee at his restaurant, who stated that the only calls he can recall from the pay station to Hot Springs were made by an old colored woman who advised that she was calling her daughter, employed as a maid in Hot Springs. Efforts were made to locate someone who knows this woman but she could not be found. It is apparent that Clara Harris is the mother of Margaret Ward, the maid at the Galatas home.

In accordance with instructions from the Kansas City Office contact was had with United States Attorney Wallace Townsend relative to having the safety deposit box of Galatas at Hot Springs sealed. Mr. Townsend accordingly filed a petition with the United States District Judge asking for a Restraining Order against the opening of the safety deposit box, and the order was signed by Federal Judge Martineau. The order was immediately dispatched to Hot Springs by a Deputy Marshal for service on the Arkansas National Bank.

All parties contacted were requested to treat the matter in confidence, and promised to do so.

It was ascertained that the negro maid employed by Mrs. Conner, at Hot Springs, is Arkie Guinn, who resides at 107 Daisy Street, Hot Springs. She was interviewed and advised that she had been employed by Mrs. Conner for several weeks, working half days. She was last at the Conner apartment on a Saturday, at which time Mrs. Conner called by telephone and told her that she would not have dinner at home and for Arkie not to return until notified. She has heard nothing further from Mrs. Conner and was unable to give any information of value. She advised Mrs. Conner left owing her wages.

During the search made by Agents at the apartment occupied by Mrs. Conner a slip of paper bearing the number "3604W" was noted. It was ascertained that this is the Hot Springs telephone number of Miss Edna Humphrey, who resides at 214 Parker, and is employed as a waitress at the National Cafe. This party was interviewed but she stated she never heard of Mrs. Conner.

With reference to the report received by the Kansas City Office to the affect that Lou Conner might be located at Benton, Arkansas, inquiries were made at that point by Agents through the Post Office, Sheriff's Office and City Marshal, none of whom could furnish any information indicating that it was true. These parties were furnished with descriptive data with the request that the Bureau Office at Oklahoma City be notified should any information be obtained, either regarding Mrs. Conner or the car she is reported to be driving, and they promised to cooperate.

With reference to the telephone call made from the Bismark Hotel,

Chicago, to Hot Springs Number 2095 on April 24, 1933, it was ascertained that this number is listed for Harry H. Hoopes, 728 Park Avenue, Hot Springs. Agents were informed by Mr. Warren of the Telephone Company that Hoopes is a local man, and usually hangs around Logan's Pressing Shop and that he is reported to be associated with racketeers. Mr. Warren advised that his understanding is that one of Hoopes' daughters married a notorious character in Chicago known as "Popeye Pumphrey". An examination of the Long Distance telephone calls from this phone showed the following:

April 24 - Mammoth Springs, Ark. No. 85, Mammoth Springs, Motor Company.

April 24 - Thayer, Missouri, Number 163, Percy Pumphrey (Hifer residence).

April 27 - Mammoth Springs, Arkansas. Ford Motor Company.

April 29 - Salem (probably Missouri.) Horace Northcutt.

May 5 - Collect call from Thayer, Missouri, number 165. Ida.

May 8 - Collect call from Thayer Missouri, number 165 - Pumphrey.

May 11 - Collect call from Thayer, Mo. Mrs. Hoopes.

May 17 - Thayer Mo. Number 167 - Miss Hoopes, Ingle Hotel.

May 25 - Collect from Thayer, Mo. Number 165. Ida Hoopes.

May 29 - Collect from Thayer, Mo. Number 165. Ida.

June 3 - Collect from Thayer, Mo. No. 165. Ida.

June 10 - Collect from Thayer, Mo. No. 165. Ida.

June 16 - Collect call from Thayer, Mo. No. 165. Ida.
(This call placed at 12:15 P.M.)

It was also determined that three telegrams were charged to this phone, and copies of these telegrams obtained from the Western Union Telegraph Company there are as follows:

"Fone 2095 Hot Springs Ark May 29 1933
Bennie Weber, Palace Hotel, 132 West 45 St. New York NY
WIRE FIFTY TO MOTHER TODAY
MOTHER

"FONE 2095 HOTSPRINGS ARK APR 19 1933

WILLIE WEBER
132 WEST 45 ST CARE PALACE HOTEL NEW YORK NY

WHEN ARE YOU SENDING ME SOMETHING LOVE

IDA

"FONE 2095 HOTSPRINGS ARK MAY 1 1933

BEN WEBER
132 W 45 ST PALACE HOTEL NEWYORK NY

BENNIE PLEASE SEND TWENTY FIVE AT ONCE MUST HAVE IT BEFORE TONIGHT

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The Kansas City Office received information to the effect that Officer Scott at Hot Springs, Arkansas, furnished information to a Deputy United States Marshal to the effect that Galatas is now in Reno, Nevada. Officer John Scott was discreetly interviewed, and advised that he had no information relative to the whereabouts of Galatas. He said that something like two years ago when things became "too hot" in Hot Springs it was his understanding that Galatas went to Reno where he "cooled off". Scott informed that through past conversations with Galatas he had learned that the latter at one time was interested in some of the big retail motor companies at Detroit, Michigan. He expressed his view that Galatas might be in Detroit. As a matter of record, it might be noted that Scott apparently is not in good standing with the Police Department at Hot Springs.

At the Little Rock Police Department Major J. A. Pitcock, Chief Detective, was interviewed and advised that his first information relative to the capture of Nash at Hot Springs came from a telephone conversation which he had with "Dutch" Akers at about 1:30 P.M. on June 16th. Major Pitcock had been to lunch and the call was received by him at a pool room. At that time he had no information relative to the fact that his Department had been requested to intercept persons alleged to have kidnapped a man at Hot Springs. He ascertained, from contact with his office, that Captain Martin and other detectives had already gone to the Highway in response to a previous call from Hot Springs. Major Pitcock had no further personal conversations with Hot Springs, or anyone else relative to the matter. Major Pitcock advised that his desk man, Lieutenant Scroggins, would probably have more information in the matter, and he was accordingly interviewed and

advised that the first call in this matter was received between 12:30 and 1:00 and was taken by Captain Martin. Captain Martin made a short report of the complaint made and proceeded to the Highway with other detectives.

Subsequently a call was received from Akers advising that the persons had been stopped at Benton by the Sheriff's officers who allowed them to proceed after representations that they were Federal Officers. Akers suggested that this be verified by Little Rock Police, expressing his opinion that they probably were "fakes". A telephone call was then made by Scroggins to Police Station 555, which is on the highway where the officers were stationed, and Captain Martin was informed of Akers' call.

Subsequently, after the Federal Officers had been intercepted at Little Rock, a call was received from Akers, who asked to speak to Captain Martin. Upon Captain Martin's return to the office he got in touch with Akers in response to this call.

Captain O. N. Martin, of the Detective Force, Little Rock Police, was interviewed and verified the fact that he had received the first call from Hot Springs, stating that the party calling gave his name as Buckalew, a city detective at Hot Springs. Captain Martin stated that this call was at approximately 12:35 P.M. and that he made a short report, which was examined by Agent and coincides with the information given. The report shows it was made at 12;40 P.M. Captain Martin then proceeded to the Highway with other officers, and while there received a call from headquarters advising of the stopping of the party at Benton.

A short time thereafter the officers with that prisoner appeared and were stopped by police, and properly identified themselves. They inquired as to directions out of the city of Little Rock, stating that they were enroute to Joplin on the Ft. Smith Highway. Captain Martin directed two of the detectives to escort the party through Little Rock and place them on the proper road. The party did not reveal the identity of their prisoner but did state that he was a gangster and that they feared intervention by his associates. Captain Martin also advised that some conversation was had by the Agents to the effect that they would proceed to Ft. Smith and then to Tulsa, where they would take a plane, presumably for Joplin.

After the Federal Officers and detectives had proceeded it occurred to Captain Martin that the best route to Joplin would be through the mountains, leaving the Ft. Smith Highway at Conway, Arkansas. He accordingly telephoned to headquarters and instructed that this suggestion be given to the party when they passed the Police Station on their way through Little Rock. Instructions were also given that no one should be advised as to the destination or route.

When Captain Martin returned to Headquarters at about 2:30 P.M.

he was informed that "Dutch" Akers had been calling for him, and he accordingly placed a call to Akers. He is of the opinion that he called Akers at Police Headquarters at Hot Springs, but is not positive in this regard. He talked to Akers, whose voice he knows, and informed him that the party had properly identified themselves and had been allowed to proceed. Akers asked the destination and he told him "Joplin, Missouri".

Inquiry was made at Little Rock at the four banks now open for business for the purpose of locating an account or safe deposit box of Galatas. No active account or present safe deposit box was found, but it was determined at the Union Trust Company that safe deposit boxes had formerly been rented to Galatas. Their records show that Box 2228 was rented to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Galatas on November 14, 1930, the record showing the following addresses:

Maurice Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas.
211 Church Street, Montgomery, Alabama,
Lafayette Hotel, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Galatas' description on the records is shown as

"Height 5' 10"; weight 160 lbs.; iron grey hair; mother's maiden name Ida Mae Mounce."

Mrs. Galatas is shown as

"Height 5' 6"; 140 lbs.; dark hair; brown eyes; mother's maiden name Lydia Ann Smith".

It was further determined through interview with Mr. Nixon, at the Union Trust Company that another box was rented by Galatas under the name of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Satalag, this box being number 1714, and having been rented October 19, 1931, for a period of one year. The address given was Albert Pike Hotel, Little Rock. Mr. Nixon advised that he determined that the person renting under the name of Galatas and Satalag were identical, and questioned Galatas in this regard, at which time Galatas advised that the name "Satalag" was his name with the spelling reversed.

Mr. Nixon stated that he recalled that one of the boxes rented by Galatas was a large size box, and that it contained a black tin box.

It is noted that in renting the second box the description of Galatas is identical with the exception that his weight is given as 170 pounds; and that the description of Mrs. Galatas shows her height as 5' 1½" at the time of the rental of the second box. The same information as to mothers' maiden names was given.

It is noted that the address of the Kansas City Office was left

with William Brandenberg and Kilton Nobles at Hot Springs, in order that any information received might be promptly communicated to that office.

It is further noted that inquiry was made at the Arlington Hotel at Hot Springs through Mr. Chester in an effort to obtain information as to Earl Doyle, but no information was available, nor was the photograph of Jesse Doyle familiar to Mr. Chester or his assistant.

At Fort Smith, Arkansas, Agents interviewed Sheriff John L. Williams and Deputy Sheriff Prentice Maddux, who advised that after the Agents arrived at Fort Smith with Nash it appeared to be general knowledge in Fort Smith as to the identity of the prisoner. Nash remained in the County Jail for some time and a number of curious people came to view him. Some time before train time the Agents and their prisoner were driven to the Missouri Pacific Station by Maddux, they having left their car parked adjoining the jail. During their stay a telephone call was placed by Special Agent Smith from the jail to the Kansas City Office.

Mr. Williams advised that no inquiries were made at his office from anyone in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and the same information was given Agent upon inquiry of Chief of Police Hugh Conner at Fort Smith.

Mr. Williams advised that the newspaper reporter who received information relative to the capture of Nash was William Griffies, employed by the only newspaper company in Fort Smith.

Through inquiry at the newspaper office in Fort Smith, where the newspapers "Southwestern American" and "Times Record" are published, it was determined that William Griffies is at present on his vacation somewhere in Louisiana or Texas and will not return to Fort Smith until July 30th. It was further determined that the Associated Press man who was employed at Ft. Smith on June 16th is Robert Secrest, Jr, and is now visiting his grandmother Mrs. J. T. Upchurch, Route 2, Paris, Texas, where he will be for some weeks. The present Associated Press man at Fort Smith is his brother, J. T. Secrest, who was interviewed and showed his file of messages received and transmitted relative to the Nash matter. Copies were made of those which appeared pertinent, and are as follows:

"OBUN COMING
3 FS BULLETIN
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FORT SMITH ARK JUNE 16 (AP) THREE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AGENTS WHO WERE REPORTED TO HAVE "KIDNAPPED" A MAN AT HOT SPRINGS ARK. THIS MORNING, REVEALED HERE TONIGHT THAT THE

"KIDNAPPING" VICTIM WAS FRANK NASH, OKLAHOMA DESPERADO WHO ESCAPED FROM THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AT LEAVENWORTH IN SEPTEMBER L(#)

RESS'45P

"4 FS Buletin Matter

ADD NASH CAPTURE, FORT SMITH XXX SEPTEMBER LX(#) 1930

NASH WAS SERVING A 25 YEAR TERM FOR ROBBING A MAIL TRAIN IN OSAGE COUNTY OKLAHOMA AT THE TIME OF HIS ESCAPE. THE AGENTS, WHO SPED OUT OF HOT SPRINGS IN THEIR CAR AFTER "ABDUCTING" A MAN KNOWN IN THE RESORT CITY ONLY AS "DOC" LEFT THEIR AUTOMOBILE AT THE POLICE STATION HERE. IT WAS LEARNED THEY PLANNED TO TAKE A TRAIN WITH THEIR NOTORIOUS PRISONER IN AN EFFORT TO PREVENT A POSSIBLE ATTEMPT AT RESCUE. THE AGENTS ADMITTED "KIDNAPPING" NASH ON THE STREETS OF HOT SPRINGS AFTER THE FUGITIVE HAD BEEN TRAILED THERE, BUT REFUSED TO GIVE ANY DETAILS. THEY SAID THEY FEARED TROUBLE FROM NASH'S CONFEDERATES IN MAKING THE ARREST, AND WHISKED HIM OUT OF TOWN IN THEIR CAR IMMEDIATELY.
THEY WERE STOPPED BY POLICE AT LITTLE ROCK BUT REFUSED TO TELL THE PRISONER'S NAME, SAYING HE WAS A GANGSTER AND WAS BEING TAKEN TO JOPLIN MO. THE AGENTS ARRIVED HERE WITH NASH ABOUT 8:30 P.M.

RES 907:

"5FS LEAD NASH CAPTURE

FORT SMITH ARK. July 16-(AP)- Frank Nash, one of the last surviving members of notorious Al Spencer gang of bank and train robbers that operated a decade ago, was recaptured today at hot springs, ark. by three department of justice agents ------- who "kidnaped" him on the streets of the resort city.

Nash had been at liberty since his escape from the federal penitenitary at Leavenworth, Kansas, in October 1930. He was serving a 25 year term for robbing a mail train at Okesa, Okla. with Spencer and five others of the gang.

The department of justice men moved with utmost secrecy after

rushing Nash out of Hot Springs in their automobile. They revealed identity of the prisoner for the first time here, although they were stopped by officers at Little Rock following a report from Hot Springs that three men had kidnapped a man known there as "Doc."

The agents left their automobile here and boarded a train for Leavenworth shortly after their arrival here from Little Rock tonight, in an effort, they said, to balk a possible attempt at rescue by Nash's confederates. Nash was heavily manacled and the agents were armed with rifles.

The secret service men refused to discuss details of how Nash was trailed to Hot Springs. They said they "kidnapped" him because of the danger of a clash with Nash's men in making an open capture.

It was indicated ~~by~~ the agents had been "shadowing" Nash for some time, waiting for an opportunity to capture him when he was alone.

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It is noted that the above messages were quoted as they appear on the record at Fort Smith. Mr. Secrest advised that the three messages went to the Associated Press at Little Rock and Hot Springs, Arkansas.

A message as follows:

"message oc for kx:
FYI, Frank Nash and agents are on Missouri Pacific train arriving at KX at 7:15 in morning. FS RES10;5P "

was sent to the Associated Press at Kansas City through Oklahoma City, where it was re-transmitted. It is not known whether this message would be received at Hot Springs or other points. It is noted that it has been reported that the newspaper office at Hot Springs, Arkansas, is closely connected with the city officials, and that information received by Associated Press or otherwise is available to the Hot Springs Police Department. It was also noted that Agents were advised at Fort Smith that the Associated Press will inform individuals requesting information concerning a matter of any information which they have received.

It accordingly seemed desirable to determine from the records of the Associated Press at Hot Springs what messages were received concerning this matter, the time of their receipt, and whether this informa-

tion was furnished to any individuals at Hot Springs.

An examination was made of all the telegrams received and sent by Postal and Western Union on June 16, 1933, at Fort Smith, without disclosing anything of interest.

W. R. Harper, Night Ticket Agent at the Missouri Pacific Railway Station, Fort Smith, Arkansas, was interviewed. He advised he had recently been contacted by an Agent of this Bureau for details regarding the boarding of the train by Federal Agents on the night of June 16, 1933, with Frank Nash, and had furnished all information in his possession. He stated that while the officers were in the station with their prisoner, and while they were boarding the train, he saw nothing which would a rouse his suspicion. He advised that while the officers were at the station a long distance telephone call was received for Chief Reed, who talked over the telephone in the ticket office. In view of the fact that a Bureau Agent had made previous inquiry regarding what transpired at the Missouri Pacific Station Agents did not go into greater detail with Mr. Harper.

Subsequent to Agents' departure from Hot Springs information was received at Little Rock from Mr. Milton Nobles to the effect that a telegram had been received on July 22, 1933 from Col. Leon Lambert, Chief of Provincial Police, Quebec, Canada, advising he was holding a couple calling themselves "Brown" driving a car bearing Arkansas license 119017, and inquiring for a record. The telegram was addressed to the Chief of Police at Hot Springs. Mr. Nobles suggested that there might be some connection between these people and the parties sought.

It was ascertained through inquiry at the State Capitol that Arkansas license 119017 was issued to Madoline Vulotta, 310 Central, Hot Springs for a 1929 Lincoln Sedan, motor number 56176. This information was transmitted to the Kansas City Office.

Several attempts were made to contact Postoffice Inspector Ira Ross, at Little Rock, Arkansas, but on each occasion Agents were advised that he was out of town. In the event it is desired to place a cover on mail at Hot Springs it is suggested that the mail cover be placed through Mr. Ross, who is a reliable source of information and who has cooperated with the Bureau in the past.

List of long distance calls from and to Long and party at Arlington Hotel. Note that it was not possible to definitely fix the time of day - wether A.M. or P.M. Where possible this was done. Also note parenthetical inserts showing calls from "Conner". There was no connection between these calls and the parties with Long, but they were noted as they appeared on the Hotel's records.

2-20-33

2:05	Kutlow	— 20669 Endicott - New York.
3:10	"	3-3024 Plaza - New York
3:30	"	53398 - Orange, N.J.
5:48	Long	3-8635 Bigelow - Newark, N.J.
11:50	Kutlow	New York
11:55	Kutlow	9-8728 Deyton - New York
6:25	Kutlow4	4-9486 Glenwood - Brooklyn
9:45	Long	3-3149 Chelsea (Superior) New York

2-21-33

5:25	Saffer	New York
5:30	Kutlow	Hasbrouck H. 8-1097 (Wm. Moore) Passaic, N. J.
5:50	Kutlow	Essex 30633 - Newark, N. J.
6:10	Long	Newark, N. J.
11:00	Kutlow	— 5-3100 ElDorado - New York
11:15	Kutlow	20308 - Rutherford, N. J.

2-22-33

5:55	Long	Valentine 7821 Victor Mason, K.C.Mo.
11:20	Kutlow	98728 Dayton - Newark, N. J.

2-23-33

1:00	Long	New York, N. Y.
5:10	Long	3-8635 Bigelow - Newark, N.J.
11:20	Spitzel	Los Angeles, Calif.
11:20	Kutlow	Chelsea 33149 - Mr. Shapiro, New York
11:40	Long	— Eldorado 5-3100, Ben Seigel, New York
6:25	Long	Newark, N. J.

2-24-33

10:00	Long	Columbus 5-0528 Frank Costello, New York.

2-24-33 cont'd.

5:25 A	Kutlow	— 2-0669 Endicott - New York
6:10 P.	Kutlow	— Jerome 7-8766 Tytlebaum - New York

2-25-33

12:55	Speizel	New York
11:40	Long	Columbus 5-0528 Frank Costello, New York.
12:00	Saffer (Louis)	New York.

2-26-33

8:50 A.	Long	3-7191 Bigelow -Newark, N.J.
11:15 P	Long	5-3100 Eldorado - New York

2-27-33

12:25 A.	Kutlow	98728 Dayton - New York
6:50 P	Long	Kansas City, Mo. (Room 551)
7:10 P	Long	Newark, N.J. (Room 551)
10:40	Saffer	32149 Chelsea - New York

(Note - 10:05 Weiner called 8-1464 Verona N.J. from Room 542. Previously one of rooms of group.)

2-28-33

(Note: Casey called Branchbrook 22928 Newark from 544.)

9:25 P.	Long	Joplin, Mo.
8:40 P.	Long	2-9696 - Santa Monica, Cal. (551)

3-1-33

9:50 A	Long	Orange, N.J.
10:10	Long	Rept. Rutherford 2-3494 John Braslin, Lyndhurst, N.J.
11:20	"	Rutherford 2-3494 John Braslin, Lyndhurst, N.J.
6:25 P.	"	3-7191 Bigelow - Newark, N.J.
8:13	"	" " " "

3-2-33

5:50 P.	Saffer	— 2-0669 Endicott - New York
11:50	Kutlow	6572 Fairmount, Cleveland, O.
11:55	Saffer	New York
11:55	Kutlow	— Eldorado 5-3100 Seigel - New York

3-3-33

6:20P	Saffer	3-2165 Underhill, New York
10:10P	Kutlow	New York.
5:30P	"	New York
6:10	Long	Newark, N. J.
9:34A	Long	Evelyn Richmond, Newark, N.J. (In-collect $28.20)
11	Long	3-1395 Essex - Newark, N.J.
11	Long	Newark, N.J.
11:40	Long	Tessaice (?), N.J.

(NOTE: 1:25 P Conner called 5866 Fannier - San Antonio, Tex. Paid Cash - No room).

3-4-33

1:50 A	Kutlow	Washington, D.C.
9:06	Mrs. Saffer, room 539 called 7-1249 Trefalgar New York) Ditto at 5:07 P.	

3-5-33

12 - A	Kutlow	98728 Dayton, New York
6:50 P	Kutlow	49486 Glenmore, New York
12:45	Saffer	20669 Endicott, New York

3-6-33

Connor called Earl Whitehill, Biloxi, Mississippi Collect 11:50 A.M. apparently from Booth 4.

2:45 P.	Kutlow	Pennsylvania 6-5900Love, New York.
3:55 P	A. Long5	Newark, N.J.
5:20	Long	Evelyn Richmond, Newark, N.J. called collect - $5.20.

(5:20 Mrs. Saffer, Room 539 called Endicott 2-0669 - New York; at 11:15, 3-2165 Underhill, New York; at 11:20 Harold Sullivan, New York.)

Such additional investigation as may become necessary in the vicinity of Hot Springs, Arkansas, will be requested from time to time of the Oklahoma City office.

At Kansas City, Missouri.

Agent Trainor secured from Mr. Paul Walker, Chief Clerk of the Western Union Telegraph Company here, photostatic copies of application for money order and draft dated May 16, 1933, indicating that an order for $500.00 was transmitted from the Plaza branch of the Western Union Telegraph Co., payable to G. W. Miller, through the Arkansas National Bank of Hot Springs, Arkansas, sent by a party signing the name of V. Page.

Miss Doris Thorpe, Clerk at the Western Union Telegraph Company, 214 West 47th Street, was interviewed by Agent Trainor and identified the money order as having been received by her from a customer, who used the name "V. Page." She stated it was sent by a man who caused her to write the entire order on the typewriter, except that he signed the "V. Page". She was shown a photograph of Subject Miller and stated that same is not a likeness of the sender. She was shown a photograph of Frank B. Mulloy of Kansas City, a friend of Miller, who has been frequently mentioned heretofore, and expressed the opinion that it is a likeness of the sender of the money order. Miss Thorpe stated that it was her impression at the time the man sent the money order that he acted in a very nervous and suspicious manner, due to the fact that he wrote the order in his own hand and then tore it up and asked her to write it on the typewriter. She stated she asked him for an address and he nervously refused to give any. At that time, she, therefore, observed him when he left the office and noted that he got into a dark colored Chevrolet coupe, or sedan, she believes it was a coupe. She stated that he presented currency, mostly 10's and 20's, with several $50.00 bills. - - - - - - - - - Miss Thorpe made an appointment to appear at the Kansas City office, on July 24th at 4 p.m., in order that she might view other photographs for purposes of identification, since she could not be sure of Mulloy's likeness. Thru an arrangement at the Kansas City office, Mulloy was also caused to appear at the same hour as Miss Thorpe's call would be made.

Mulloy appeared at the Kansas City office on schedule time and was interviewed here by Special Agents Turrou and this Agent. He was asked point blank by Agent Turrou whether or not he wired the money in question to Nash under the name of G. W. Miller, and, after some hesitation, Mulloy admitted that he was the party who used the name V. Page and sent the money order. He stated that on May 16, 1933, "Mrs. Miller" (Vivian Matthews, or Mathis), the paramour of Vernon C. Miller, came to his residence in her Chevrolet . . at which time, she gave him $500.00 in bills of small denominations, altho he believes there might have been one or two $50.00 bills. He stated that she asked him to have it wired via Western Union to G. W. Miller at Hot Springs, Arkansas, care of the Arkansas National Bank and to use the name V. Page in signing the money order.

Mulloy stated that the woman did not tell him for whom the money was intended, nor the purpose for which it was being forwarded, nor did she tell him the identity of G. W. Miller. Mulloy asserts that he thought it unnecessary to ask Mrs. Miller further questions about it.

Mulloy stated that his own automobile on that date, namely a Packard Sedan, was in the shop of the Packard Agency at Kansas City for repairs, and, being without an automobile, he used the car of "Mrs. Miller;" that he drove to the Western Union and sent the money order, as instructed to do by her. - It was clearly apparent that Mulloy was evading any truthful explanation, and that his admission that he was the one who sent the money order was only prompted by the fact that Miss Doris Thorpe walked into the room at the instant he was asked the point blank question.

Incidentally, Miss Thorpe advised Agent Trainor immediately upon seeing Mulloy that he is the party who sent the telegraphic money order.

Mulloy was unable to explain how he happened to remember definitely the name G. W. Miller, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and the directions -"Care of the Arkansas National Bank," and the name "V. Page." He was able to recall this data independently of his own memory when questioned, altho he stated at the time, he received the instructions from "Mrs. Miller," he did not write it down. He stated that he had at no time previously, or since, sent any money orders to G. W. Miller, for Vernon C. Miller, or for his paramour.

In connection with this telegraphic money order, reference is made to the interview with Subject Herbert A. Farmer, as shown on Page 45 of the report of Agent Trainor dated at Kansas City July 15, 1933, wherein Farmer advanced the information that such money orders had been sent to Nash by some fiscal agent who was at that time unknown.

It is quite apparent that Vernon C. Miller may have been the custodian of funds of Nash, and that Frank B. Mulloy is well aware of all transactions in this connection.

It is well to state that through the telephone tap, which has been maintained on the telephone at the residence of Mulloy(now discontinued), Mrs. Edna Mulloy was overheard to state to a woman friend that she had been questioned by Agents of this office(Referred to in report by Agent Trainor, Kansas City, July 21, 1933, Page 19), Mrs. Mulloy advising her friend by telephone to the effect that she had told nothing and would remain reticent as to any material information.

With further reference to the interview by Agent Turrou and this Agent, with Mulloy on July 24th, he was asked whether or not he had seen Vernon C. Miller on the evening of June 16th, and he sought to evade a definite answer, altho he had previously told Agent Turrou that he had communicated with Miller on that evening giving him information to the effect that he, Miller, had been called from Chicago by telephone from the O. P. Inn.

Mulloy was also asked as to the identity of a woman, who allegedly had stayed with Vernon C. Miller's party at 6612 Edgevale, believed at the time the question was asked probably to be Lillian Holden. Mulloy replied that she was known to him as "Aunt Lil," and when shown a photograph of Lillian Holden, he identified it as the woman who had stayed there.

A letter dated July 26, 1933, was written to the St. Louis office from Kansas City, with copies for Chicago and St. Paul offices, requesting that a check be made to determine the identity of the party holding Illinois License Tags No. 816-254, which were presumably used on a Chevrolet Sedan driven by Mrs. Lillian Holden, who is reported now to have assumed the name "Jeanette Burns." In this connection, a confidential informant of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department has advised that Mrs. Holden, together with Vivian Matthews, appeared at Brainerd, Minnesota, some time during the latter part of June, 1933, driving such an automobile. From recent developments, it appears now that the small daughter of Vivian Matthews has been returned to Brainerd, Minnesota, to the home of Vivian Matthews' father, and some credence, is, therefore, placed in the report of the confidential informant, since the young daughter is known to have been with Vernon C. Miller and his paramour at Kansas City up to the time of the instant offense.

Reference is made to Page 60 of the report of the Kansas City office dated June 26, 1933. The list of telephone calls there shown was set up as a skeleton outline as the presumed plan of operations by the various Subjects involved herein. It has been apparent at all times that someone at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, furnished to someone at Hot Springs, Arkansas, about 8:30 p.m. June 16th information to the effect that the Agents had taken Frank Nash by train from Ft. Smith bound for Kansas City. It has been apparent that this information was transmitted telephonically from Hot Springs to Galatas at the home of Herbert A. Farmer at Joplin, Missouri, and then re-transmitted from Joplin to Vernon C. Miller at Kansas City. Up to the present time, it has not been possible

to identify the telephone call, or other means of communication, from Ft. Smith to Hot Springs transmitting the information in question. However, from the memorandum of Agents Anderson and Nathan, as quoted herein, it becomes apparent that the "tip-off" to Hot Springs, Arkansas, from Ft. Smith must have come by way of the Associated Press dispatches. The telephone call from Ft. Smith to Hot Srirings as outlined on Page 60 of the report from the Kansas City office dated June 26, 1933, appears now to ha ve been not connected with this case.

Attention is directed to the memorandum of Agents Anderson and Nathan, with reference to telephone calls from Thayer, Missouri, to the home of Harry H. Hoops, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Telephone No. 2095, and to the telegrams charged to his telephone. It appears that investigation at Thayer will be important, in view of the fact that a letter has just been received from Henry D. Green, Attorney-at-Law, West Plains, Missouri, stating that Phenix Donald, Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis have a friend, with whom they have been in the East, named Miss Gerald Weller, whose home was formerly at Thayer, Missouri, and whose mother now resides there. It was stated that (by Mr. Green in his letter) Miss Weller is now presumed to be in Kansas City receiving her mail at General Delivery as Mrs. Gerald Dial. Barker and Karpis have been prominent suspects in this case heretofore and are known to be henchmen (especially Barker) of Herbert A. Farmer.

Investigation on July 27th at Kansas City, through the Post Office Inspector in Charge, has developed that there is a letter at General Delivery for Mrs. Gerald Dial, this phase of the investigation being conducted by Special Agents Brantley and Turrou, and they ascertained that the letter in question was mailed at a railroad post office between Kansas City, Missouri, and Memphis, Tennessee, July 24, 1933, and was received at Kansas City on 7-25-33. The woman named Mrs. Gerald Dial has called for mail twice within the last week. The Agents saw the letter, and the envelope is from the Robert E. Lee Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri. Through the Post Office Inspector at Kansas City, it was ascertained that the letter now awaiting delivery contains within it two other letters, both written in pencil. They appear to be from sisters of "Mrs. Dial" who reside at Thayer, Missouri. Mention is made in each letter as to whether Mrs. Dial has seen "Mrs. K." (Probably Mrs. Karpis.).

Agents Brantley and Turrou also ascertained that a registered parcel, Registery No. 034325, was mailed at Kansas City on June 28, 1933, to Mrs. Sadie Weller, care Beulah Weller, Thayer, Missouri. Apparently, this package was sent by Mrs. Dial, but, pursuant to new postal regulations, the name and address of the sender was not recorded. - At this time a constant watch is being maintained at the General Delivery window at the Kansas City Post Office, and when "Mrs. Dial" calls for her mail, she will be placed under surveillance, and later developments will be pursued.

The list of telephone calls quoted in the memorandum by Agents Anderson and Nathan, especially those relating to connections of parties named Kutlow and Long at Newark, New Jersey, and New York City, seem significant, in view of the fact that they will be a means of tracing those individuals who are known to be friends of Vernon C. Miller. It is quite probable that Miller may be somewhere in the vicinity of New York City, and these contacts may prove valuable to the investitation now being conducted by the New York City office.

The Dallas office will note in this report, in the memorandum by Agents Anderson and Nathan, that Grady Swarts, near Longview, Texas, may be a valuable source of information as to the wherabouts of Mrs. Conner; it will also be noted herein that Myrtle Manley, 2310 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas, is evidently a close friend or blood relation of Mrs. Conner, and this should be investigated by the Dallas office.

A concerted effort should be made at all possible points to cause the apprehension of Gelatas and Miller, since upon them rests the greater burden in this case, and through them an apt solution may be expected.

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