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KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
August 8, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
900 Ezra Thompson Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1195, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
K.C.File 62-760

There are returned three lead bullet slugs forwarded to this office by Special Agent Val C. Zimmer from Denver, Colorado, as found by the Denver Police and believed to have been fired by Verne Sankey.

For your information there is enclosed a copy of written report by Merle A. Gill, Ballistician, of Kansas City, Missouri, indicating that the bullets were fired from a 38/40 calibre Colt revolver. It was found that these bullets have no connection with the instant matter.

Very truly yours,

R. R. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1806 First Nat'l Bank Bldg.
Charlotte, N. C.

August 9, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
370 Lexington Avenue Room 1405
New York City

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
et al. OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE -
Endeavor to Deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash.

Kindly refer to letter from this office dated August 7, 1933, regarding the entitled matter. There is being transmitted herewith copy of memorandum by Special Agent J. P. McLaughlin, Columbia, South Carolina, dated August 8, 1933, containing amplified information regarding Harold W. Struever, to whom South Carolina 1933 license #B-33,765 was issued for Ford Tudor Sedan Motor #5,165,217. No investigation was conducted at Lexington, South Carolina, nor was any additional investigation conducted at Columbia, South Carolina, in keeping with instructions contained in your telegram of August 8, 1933, to the effect that this office should discontinue investigation.

A copy of this letter is being transmitted to the St. Louis Office for their information, in view of the fact that Nashville, Illinois, where Struever probably formerly resided, is within the jurisdiction of that office.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Kansas City Office as office of origin, in order that they might be fully informed.

No further investigation will be conducted pending the receipt of further requests.

Very truly yours,

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E. E. Conroy,
Special Agent in Charge

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Columbia, S. C.
August 8, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

RE: HAROLD W. STRUEVER

Mr. T. C. Hutchison of the Motor Vehicle Bureau of the State Highway Department, South Carolina, furnished the following information from the records in said department:

S. C. license #B-33765 was issued to Harold W. Struever, Hotel Columbia, Columbia, S. C., on January 6, 1933, for a Ford Tudor Sedan, Motor #5,163,817, purchased new on January 3, 1933, from Lorick Motor Co., Lexington, S. C.

No driver's license has been issued this year to date to Struever. However, there was a license issued September 30, 1930, which expired June 30, 1933, to a Harold W. Struever, 817 W. E.- St. Louis Street, Nashville, Ill., the number of same being #57904.

Mr. Hutchison contacted with Mr. Holt, Auditor, Hotel Columbia, for the purpose of ascertaining if Struever was registered at the hotel at the time the license plates were issued. He was advised by Mr. Holt that the hotel records for the year 1933 do not reflect that Harold W. Struever was a guest at the hotel, and that there was no record of a forwarding address at the hotel for anyone bearing the name of Struever. He further advised Mr. Hutchison that the clerks do not remember anyone by said name being registered at the hotel at any time.

Chief of Police W. H. Rawlinson was interviewed, and he advised that he conducted a personal investigation to determine if anyone by the name of Harold W. Struever was known in Columbia. He advised that he checked all his sources of information in a discreet manner and found that he was unknown in said city. He further advised that all hotels were checked and he was unknown at said placed. He further advised that the telephone and city directories do not contain the name of Harold W. Struever.

J. T. McLaughlin,
Special Agent

905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
August 8, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
Harley-Wright Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE
I.O. 1195, ET AL - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash) K.O. File 62-760

Please refer to letter from the Kansas City Office
dated July 27, 1933, requesting army record of Vernon C.
Miller.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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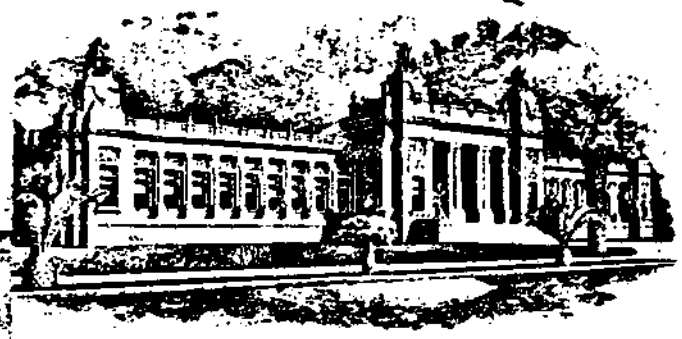

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

OFFICE OF

C. F. RAYBURN SHERIFF

W. W. WALRATH
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RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

August 3rd,1933

CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD
Aliases:
Frank Mitchell,Pretty Boy Smith

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

Dear Sir:-

Would you kindly send us several circulars of Identification Order No. 1194, June 22,1933 of Charles Arthur Floyd?

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in the matter, we remain

Very truly yours,

C. F. RAYBURN SHERIFF

BY R. Clark
DEPUTY

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Ans. 8/9/33 Spc

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Mr. C. F. Rayburn,
Sheriff,
County of Riverside,
Riverside, California.

Dear Sheriff:

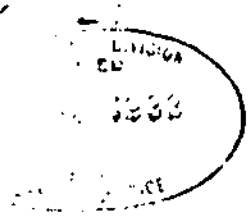
In compliance with your request of August 3, 1933, there are enclosed herewith ten identification orders #1194, entitled CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, issued by the United States Bureau of Investigation.

If you have any information in connection with the whereabouts of this individual I will appreciate it if you will communicate same to the Special Agent in Charge, United States Bureau of Investigation, 619 Federal Building, Los Angeles, California.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

Enclosure #214838.



U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,

Kansas City, Missouri.

August 2, 1933.

Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am attaching hereto two copies of a bill received from the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in the amount of $334.68, covering services in connection with wire-tapping in the Obstruction of Justice Case being investigated by this office.

I am of the opinion that a blue slip cannot be submitted on an item unless the same has previously been paid. I am writing for advice from the Bureau as to how this matter should be handled.

I might add that representatives of the Telephone Company have indicated that if deemed advisable, arrangements could be made that the bill would be marked "paid," and charged to the account of Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, personally, in order that a blue slip could be then submitted indicating the item as having been already paid. Of course, under the latter arrangement, Mr. Vetterli would be held personally for the payment of the bill.

If some other method is deemed more appropriate, please advise, returning the attached bills to this office.

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Very truly yours,

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Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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August 8, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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Dear Sir:

With reference to your communication of August 2, 1933, there are returned herewith the two copies of the bill received from the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in the amount of $334.66, covering services in connection with wire-tapping in the Obstruction of Justice Case which is being investigated at your office.

The Bureau believes that this account should be submitted as suggested in the penultimate paragraph of your letter, and accordingly the bill should be marked "paid" and then be submitted in a personal expense account of Special Agent in Charge Vetterli.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
370 LEXINGTON AVENUE
ROOM 1403
NEW YORK NEW YORK

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824 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 8, 1933

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Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases, et al
Obstruction of Justice

Reference is had to your letter of August 5, 1933 and letter from the Birmingham Office to your office dated August 3, 1933, which has been carefully perused.

I am acquainted with the hotel man Al Reynolds of Hot Springs, Arkansas mentioned therein and from that acquaintance and from what I have heard I doubt the advisability of contacting Mr. Reynolds with respect to securing information in regard to Dick Galatas.

I will, however, confer with Agents Chipman and Butterworth, who are both very well acquainted with Reynolds and the Hot Springs situation, and shall rely largely on their opinion as to whether or not Reynolds should be contacted on this matter.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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203 Post Office Building,
St.Paul,Minnesota.

August 9,1933.

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

Dear Sir: Re: VERNON C.MILLER,with aliases,I.O.#1195,et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE(ATTEMPT TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH).
St.Paul File No.62-888.

Complying with your telegram of August 9,1933, attached hereto please find one page of tracings of the signature of VERNE C.MILLER, which contains several repetitions of eight specimens.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,

Kansas City, Missouri.

August 9, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1195, ET AL
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE(Endeavor to deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash.)
K.C.File #62-760-

There is inclosed one additional copy of the report of Special Agent T. H. Tracy dated New York City 8-5-33, together with enclosures, mentioned for the Kansas City office on Page 59 of that report. It is requested that the necessary investigation be performed at Hot Springs and Little Rock, Arkansas.

Kindly return to this office the enclosed report of Agent Tracy, when the investigation has been conducted.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI
Special Agent in Charge.

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801 Title Guaranty Bldg.
Saint Louis, Missouri
August 9, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

In Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1195, et al,
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor
to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank
Nash.)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from your office dated August 8, 1933, requesting investigation by this office at St. Louis and Webster Groves, Missouri, also at Knobel, Arkansas.

Please be advised that this office is not in possession of Kansas City report dated July 28, 1933, mentioned in the above letter, and it is requested that a copy be furnished this office at the earliest possible date, in order that the above investigation may be conducted, as requested by you.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LAIRD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City, Missouri — St.Louis FILE NO. 62-878

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
St.Louis,Missouri	8-9-33	7-14-33, 8-1 & 8-2-33	H. G. MANOR. SGM:H.

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1195, etal.	OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. (Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Lee Turner, Danville, Ill., states not acquainted with Frank Nash, and knows nothing relative to this case. William E. Engler, St.Louis, Mo. Police #16870 identified as one of parties holding up Argo State Bank, Summit, Ill., 3-21-33 and was returned to Chicago, Ill., 7-19-33 to answer said charge. Harry Morgan and Abe Steinberg apparently are bootleggers, Morgan's residence being at Caledonia, Mo. Premises at 5245 Cates Ave., St.Louis, Mo., now being occupied by C. C. Ward and family, who know nothing concerning Subject Harvey Bailey. Ring of Winnie Williams still held at Forest Park Hotel. No further information received at Jefferson Hotel in reference to Subject Galatas. Mary M. Brown is wife of A. B. Brown, who has occupied apartment 802 at the Marmaduke Apartments, St.Louis, Mo., since 5-2-32.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. J. Keating, Chicago, Ill., July 31, 1933, and letters from Kansas City Bureau Office dated July 15, 19, and 31, 1933.

DETAILS: AT DANVILLE, ILLINOIS.

Special Agent F. W. Allen of the St.Louis Bureau Office on July 14, 1933 interviewed Lee Turner, who is now confined at the County Jail, Danville, Illinois, on a charge of violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. Turner stated to Agent Allen that he did not know Frank Nash or any of the members of his gang who were implicated in the recent massacre at Kansas City, Missouri; that he, Turner, was confined at the Leavenworth Penitentiary at the same time that Nash was so confined, but that he never came in contact with Nash and that he has never done

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any flying for Nash or any member of his gang. Turner further stated that on each day during June, 1933 he was at his radio shop at 1621 South Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois and that the employes at that place can verify his statement. He also stated that he has never been married.

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

This Agent, in company with Detective Sergeants Cliffe and McGuire, called at the Marmaduke Apartments, 5710 South Grand Ave., St.Louis, Missouri, and ascertained from Mr. Carl Amscheritz, Jr., manager of that apartment, that apartment #602 was rented to Mr. A. B. Brown on May 2, 1933; that the wife of A. B. Brown is Mary M. Brown, who is somewhat younger than her husband; that the Browns are the parents of a daughter 14 years of age and a baby about four months of age; that Mr. Brown gave his former residence before coming to the Marmaduke Apartments as the Jefferson Hotel, St.Louis, Missouri, and his occupation as that of a retired business man. Mr. Amscheritz further stated that Mr. Brown and family have never had any company since they have resided at the Marmaduke Apartments, except that on June 27, 1933 a man and woman visited them and remained over night. A photograph of subject Galatas was exhibited to Mr. Amscheritz, and his clerk, Miss Fuller, who stated that they could not state that Galatas was the party who visited the Browns on that date. They further stated that the Browns have a telephone in their apartment which is not listed in the telephone directory but the number of which is Laclede 1961; that they have no record of telephone calls to this number. They further stated that Mr. Brown is very regular in his affairs, pays his rent of $85.00 per month promptly and most regularly goes to the market the first thing each morning, after which he usually plays golf; that they have heard Brown speak of being well acquainted with Tom Carney, who operates a book shop across the street from the Jefferson Hotel.

Detective Sergeants Cliffe and McGuire advised Agent that the ring of Winnie Williams which was left by her with the manager of the Forest Park Hotel as security for an unpaid hotel bill, is still in possession of the manager of said hotel, and that arrangements have been made with said manager by them to be notified by the manager should Winnie Williams send for said ring.

These officers accompanied by Agent also interviewed the manager, Mr. Shilling, and house detective Mr. Garner, of the Jefferson Hotel, and were advised that Subject Galatas is unknown at that hotel. A recent photograph of Galatas was exhibited to these gentlemen for purposes of identification, but they were unable to state that Galatas had been stopping at that hotel.

Agent, in company with Detective Sergeants Cliffe and McGuire, called at 5845 Cates Ave., St.Louis, Missouri, and ascertained that these premises at present are occupied by G. C. Ward and family; that Mr. Ward is an automobile mechanic and stated that he has occupied these premises only since February, 1933, and has no information as to who occupied same prior that time but that Harry H. Minkey, 5845 Cates Ave., looks after the premises and will be

able to state if Subject Bailey occupied said premises during 1931.

Harry H. Minkey, on being interviewed, stated that he has resided at 5243 Cates Ave., for eight years and for the past three or four years has looked after the premises at 5245 Cates Avenue; that he does not remember anyone by the name of Bailey having occupied the premises at 5245 Cates Avenue. Upon being shown the photograph of Subject Bailey, it was ascertained that about two years ago a party did live at said premises who resembled the photograph of Subject Bailey, but that he only remained there for a short time and did not become acquainted with any of the neighbors in the community and has not been seen at that place since his departure.

In an effort to ascertain the identity of Harry Morgan and Abe Steinberg, as requested in reference letter from the Kansas City Office dated July 31, 1933, Agent interviewed F. L. Danby, vice-president, and L. J. Quinn, cashier, Security National Savings and Trust Company, 8th and Olive Sts., St.Louis, Missouri. These gentlemen advised that on July 28, 1933 Abe Steinberg, who has had a small account with their bank since September, 1932, deposited a check drawn on the Commerce Trust Company Bank, Kansas City, Missouri in the amount of $750.00, and signed by Mrs. F. B. Malloy; that they accepted same as a deposit for the reason that Abe Steinberg then had on deposit at their bank more than $800.00; that said check bore the endorsement of Harry Morgan, who is unknown to them, under which name Steinberg also endorsed said check; that said check was returned unpaid, and that Mr. Steinberg, who had previously given his address as 504 Victoria Bldg., called at their bank in response to their request and agreed that the amount of said check be deducted from his balance and while at said bank left his address as being 1021 Central National Bank Building.

Messrs. Danby and Quinn stated that they are not well acquainted with Abe Steinberg, and do not know for certain in what business he is engaged, but judging from the party who brought Steinberg to their bank and introduced him during September, 1932, they would judge that Steinberg is engaged in the liquor business; that Harry Morgan is unknown to them and that he has never had an account at their bank.

Agent called at 1021 Central National Bank Building, St. Louis, Missouri, and ascertained that this room is occupied by L. Silverstein, who is a cigar salesman. Mr. Silverstein stated that Abe Steinberg does not occupy that room number and that to his knowledge Steinberg does not have a place of business; that he does not know what Steinberg is doing at present, but that Steinberg formerly was a salesman of fancy rugs and bathrobes; that Steinberg occasionally receives mail addressed to that room number and calls there for his mail at indefinite intervals.

Inquiry was made at the office of the Prohibition Administrator,

Customs Building, St.Louis, Missouri, and Agent Knapp, who was in charge, searched the records of the Prohibition Unit, but failed to find any record of Abe Steinberg having been arrested for violation of the Prohibition Laws, but did find a record of Harry Morgan, residence Caledonia, Washington County, Missouri, who was arrested October 13, 1932 and charged with manufacture and possession of articles and materials designed for the manufacture of intoxicating liquor; that he was later indicted by the United States Grand Jury and on April 26, 1933 he pleaded guilty to possession of liquor and was fined $100.00, which he paid, the records showing that the manufacturing and possessing property charge was stricken with leave to reinstate.

Agent was advised at the Identification Bureau of the St.Louis Police Department by Tom Powers that William E. Engler, St.Louis Police #16270, who was arrested at St.Louis, Missouri in connection with the robbery of the Argo State Bank, Summit, Illinois, on March 21, 1933, had been identified by Beryl T. Clear, porter of said bank, and on July 19, 1933 was turned over by the St.Louis Police Department to the Chicago, Illinois Police Department to return him to that city on said date. Disposition sheet as to Engler is submitted herewith to the Bureau.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE ST. LOUIS OFFICE: Efforts to locate Subject Galatas are being continued by the St.Louis Bureau Office. This office will also keep in touch with Detective Sergeants Cliffe and McGuire concerning the ring of Winnie Williams left as security for an unpaid hotel bill at the Forest Park Hotel and should she call for said ring or send money with which to pay said bill, this office will be immediately notified.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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August 8, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. McClure, Assistant General Agent of the Department, advised me by telephone today that the Department has received a letter from C. F. Willis, 509 East Young Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, an applicant for appointment as Deputy United States Marshal, advising that he, Willis, is acquainted with Pretty Boy Floyd and can inform the Government of Floyd's whereabouts. This information is being forwarded to the Oklahoma City Office.

Respectfully,

T. F. Baughman.

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August 9, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Mr. C. F. Willis, 509 East Young Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in a letter addressed to the Department in connection with his application for appointment as Deputy United States Marshal, has advised that he is acquainted with Pretty Boy Floyd and can inform the Government of Floyd's whereabouts.

A prompt interview should be had with Mr. Willis.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City FILE NO. 62-2630

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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Fugitive I. O. #1195, et al

CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE ENDEAVOR TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject Miller enlisted June 28, 1916, in U. S. Army at Bismarck, North Dakota. Honorably discharged February 27, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Served overseas. Vera Maye Vasey, 1123 Court Street, Sioux City, Iowa, and J. C. McCloy, 833 Kansas Street, Huron, South Dakota, appear as witnesses to application for adjusted compensation, dated November 5, 1925, on file Veterans Bureau. No compensation being forwarded to subject Miller.

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REFERENCE: Letters from Kansas City dated July 27, and August 8, 1933.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

DETAILS: Agent examined the files of subject Vernon C. Miller, Army Serial #2352477, at the information desk, World War Section, Adjutant General's office, which reflect the enlistment of subject Miller on June 28, 1916, at Bismarck, North Dakota. He was assigned as a private to Company D, First Infantry, North Dakota National Guard; was mustered into Federal Service July 1, 1916; transferred to Supply Company same regiment September 5, 1916; was appointed 1st Sergeant September 7, 1916, and was mustered out of Federal service with his company on February 14, 1917. He again reported for duty July 15, 1917, and was appointed stable Sergeant in the same organization, which regiment became the 164th Infantry; left the United States for foreign service April 17, 1918; was appointed color Sergeant August 1, 1918, and transferred same date to Headquarters Company

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: L. P. Oliver R. Tracy SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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163rd Infantry, returned to United States February 11, 1919; transferred to 3rd Company, 9th Battalion, 153rd Depot Brigade, February 26, 1919; honorably discharged February 27, 1919, at Camp Dodge, Iowa, character being recorded as excellent.

There is nothing in the record to show that subject Miller was awarded any decoration or cited for bravery, or that he was wounded or gassed, nor does it appear that he participated in any battles overseas.

On October 2, 1918, his commanding officer, Colonel Frank White, Infantry Division, R.R. and C. officer, recommended subject Miller for a commission as an officer, stating that, "I have known Sergeant Miller during the past year, and for a considerable part of that time he has been under my command. I have had opportunities to observe him and know him to be a young man of most excellent character and reliability. He is forceful and energetic, and I believe has the material in him for the making of an excellent officer. I am glad to recommend Sergeant Miller, and believe that he will make good".

The files also contain an affidavit of R. D. Treadway, Clerk of Circuit Court, Beadle County, South Dakota, dated January 26, 1923, which sets forth that Vernon C. Miller has been arrested, arraigned and is standing trial on a charge of having embezzled several thousand dollars of public funds and money which came into his possession while acting as Sheriff of Beadle County; that it is anticipated that the defense of Miller will be that he is mentally deranged and therefore incompetent due to having been wounded and gassed while in the military service of the United States, and that he will claim to have received a certificate of discharge showing he was gassed and wounded, and has been awarded a foreign decoration for bravery. The affidavit is accompanied by a request made by J. C. McCloy, States Attorney for Beadle County, South Dakota, for a certified copy of the complete military record of subject Miller in order to refute the evidence to be introduced on behalf of Miller, as set out above. There are also several letters in the file received from Senator Norbeck of South Dakota, requesting the same information as that requested by Mr. McCloy.

The files also reflect the address of subject Miller's wife, Mrs. Mildred M. Miller, 1119 Kansas Street, Huron, South Dakota, and there is also a form letter reflecting that on April 2, 1920, a piece of baggage was forwarded to subject Miller care of Albert Miller, 4631 Malden Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Through the cooperation of Mr. J. J. Julius of the Legal Division, Veterans Administration, Agent examined the file of subject

Miller, #A-3731881, which contains an application for adjusted compensation dated November 5, 1925, and the names of Vera Maye Vasey, 1123 Court Street, Sioux City, Iowa, and J. C. McCloy, 833 Kansas Street, Huron, South Dakota, as witnesses. This application also shows that Vernon Cleto Miller was born August 25, 1893, at Kimball, South Dakota, and gave as his wife's name Mrs. Mildred Mary Miller, same address as above noted. No other information of value was contained in the file, and it does not appear that subject Miller is receiving any kind of compensation from the Government as a result of his military service.

No leads are being set out herein, it being left to the discretion of the office of origin, which has a complete file in this case.

The fingerprints of subject Miller forwarded with letter of reference dated July 27, 1933, having served their purpose are being returned with copies of this report to the office of origin.

P E N D I N G

MPL:RHB August 21, 1933

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
801 Liberty National Life Bldg.,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter dated August 10, 1933, requesting 350 additional copies of I. O. No. 1201, please be advised that this shipment was sent to your office on August 17, 1933, and should reach their destination in due course.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

201 Liberty National Life Bldg.,
Birmingham, Alabama,
August 10, 1933.

Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bureau forward, as soon as possible, three hundred fifty (350) additional copies of Identification Order No. 1201, re Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases, inasmuch as sufficient identification orders have not been received at this office to circularize the territory.

Very truly yours,

B. F. FITZSIMONS Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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801 Liberty National Life Bldg.,
Birmingham, Alabama,
August 3, 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,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE;
RICHARD TALIAFERRO GALATAS, with aliases -
FUGITIVE, et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash.
Birmingham File 62-886.

Dear Sir:

Today Mr. John MacFarland, Detective attached to the Identification Division of the Birmingham Police Department, advised that just recently an acquaintance of his, whose name he said he would not divulge, informed him that a short time ago one Sam Hunt, who the informant advised is also known as "Golf Bag" Hunt, was in Birmingham to attend a funeral of one of his relatives; that at that time Hunt advised MacFarland's informant that he was associated with a kidnaping gang in Chicago, Hunt also saying that one of his pals had just been killed while being returned to the Leavenworth Penitentiary. The informant, according to MacFarland, claimed that Hunt was very much concerned about this killing and is supposed to have spent $26.00 on telephone calls to Chicago in talking over the matter with his confederates.

MacFarland advised also that his informant had said that Hunt is a Birmingham boy and that his parents reside near the Baptist Hospital in the West End section of Birmingham; further that Hunt at the time of his visit, he having since returned to Chicago, was driving a Cadillac Sedan, and he advised the informant that he was low on money, although he was supposed to have $600.00 in cash at the present time. The informant also claims that Hunt telegraphed to Chicago for some money and $3,000.00 was telegraphed to him in care of the Western Union in Birmingham, where Hunt had trouble in being identified, whereupon Hunt telephoned to Chicago from the Western Union office requesting that he be identified, which was done all within a very few minutes. The informant also claimed that Hunt refused to a check from the Western Union Company for this three thousand dollars, with the result that officials of that company had to go to a bank to get three thousand dollars in cash with which to pay Hunt.

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MacFarland said that he understood that it was within the past several weeks that Hunt was in this city, and he said that he did not know from what telephone Hunt had made his telephone calls, but that it was some pay station in Birmingham, and that if further information in this connection was desired he would endeavor to secure it from his informant.

Detective MacFarland, at Agent's request, checked his records and found that Sam Hunt was arrested by the Birmingham Police Department on July 10, 1919 by Detective DeCroat, charge grand larceny, his fingerprints being taken on July 12, 1919. His description at that time was as follows:

Age	18
Height	5'10"
Weight	146#
Build	Slender
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Scars	1/4" scar back of head; 1/2" dia burn scar, left shoulder, rear; 3/8" scar palm on left hand; 3/4" vaccination scar, left bicep; 3/4" scar right thigh, front; 3/4" scar first joint right index finger.
Occupation	Machinist's apprentice
Address	614 St. Charles St., Birmingham, Ala.

The records of the Identification Bureau also reveal that on November 18, 1930 the United States Bureau of Investigation advised the Police Department at Chicago, Ill. that Hunt had the following record:

As Sam Hunt, #1999, arrested Birmingham, Ala. P.D., 7-10-19, charge grand larceny, disposition not given. (Detective MacFarland advised that this case was dismissed and an appropriate disposition sheet is being submitted to the Bureau at this time.)

As Sam Hunt, #29716, arrested P.D., Detroit, Mich., 4-26-27, charge robbery, disposition not given.

As Sam Hunt, #C-26065, arrested P.D., Chicago, Ill., 11-9-30, charge general principles; disposition not given.

As Sam Hunt, Chicago, Ill., 6-11-30, bond forfeiture, turned over to Sheriff.

Detective MacFarland also furnished Agent with a copy of the photograph in the Birmingham Police Department files, #1999, which photograph, of course, was taken in 1919. There also was obtained from the

fingerprint card of Hunt, tracing of his signature, and a copy of this photograph and tracing is being forwarded to the Kansas City office, as well as to the Chicago office with its copy of this letter.

Reference to the Birmingham City Directory indicates that one Samuel H. Hunt resides at 614 St. Charles Street, which address Detective MacFarland states is in the vicinity of the Baptist Hospital in the East End section of Birmingham.

The above information is being furnished to the Kansas City Office in the event that it might be of interest in connection with the above mentioned case, and a copy of it is being transmitted to the Chicago office in the event that information might be wanted at that office as to Hunt in connection with other kidnaping cases.

The Chicago Office also is requested to furnish the Birmingham office with a more recent photograph of Hunt, which undoubtedly is available at the Police Department in Chicago, Detective MacFarland having advised that he would appreciate receiving such a photograph.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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BIRMINGHAM BUREAU OFFICE
(Name and address of Contributor)

Date 8-3-33

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

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Bureau of Investigation:

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
Birmingham P.D. #1999	Sam Hunt, alias Golf Bag Hunt.	Arrested Birmingham, Ala. 7-10-19, charge grand larceny, dismissed.

Posted 8/10/33

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

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Very truly yours,

J.H.HANSON, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.
(Official Title)

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318 Howes Bldg.,
San Francisco, California.

WAR:EE.
Refer file
#62-1111.

August 7, 1933.

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

Dear Sir: Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases -
FUGITIVE, et al.
Obstruction of Justice.
(Endeavor to deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash).

In confirmation of the telephone conversation between us on the morning of August 7, 1933, I am forwarding you herewith a copy of the memorandum prepared by Special Agent T. P. Geraghty, concerning an interview with W. H. Oliver, 94 South 7th Street, San Jose, California, and Mrs. M. M. Cheney, concerning "Charles Arthur Floyd, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1194", a suspect in the above entitled case.

As suggested, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Airhart, 10808 San Antonio Street, South Gate, Los Angeles, should be interviewed in this matter.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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518 Hearst Bldg.,
San Francisco, California.

August 4, 1933.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE:

W. H. Oliver, residence 94 South 7th Street, San Jose, California, accompanied by Mrs. M. M. Chaney, called at the Bureau office, and stated that about July 18, 1933 he and Mrs. M. M. Chaney, and her son, about 6 years of age, left Corpus Christi, Texas, in his auto, for San Jose, California, via Carlsbad, New Mexico, El Paso, Texas, and Los Angeles, California; that at Carlsbad, New Mexico a Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Airhart asked for transportation in his auto as far as Los Angeles; that a few miles outside of Carlsbad he had tire trouble, and went back to Carlsbad to get some new tires, and during his absence Airhart told Mrs. Chaneythat he (Airhart) and his wife had been residing at Artesia, New Mexico for past several months, and that a week prior (about July 13, 1933) he had seen and talked to Charles Arthur Floyd, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1194, at Artesia; that he drove Airhart and his wife to Los Angeles where they own a home, and reside at 10808 San Antonio Street, South Gate, Los Angeles.

Mrs. M. M. Chaney, residence 94 - 7th Street, San Jose, California, stated that while en route from Carlsbad, New Mexico, to San Jose, California, W. H. Oliver, in whose auto she was riding, picked up at Carlsbad, New Mexico, a Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Airhart, and whom they had not known before; that Airhart and wife wanted to go to Los Angeles; that a few miles out of Carlsbad the car had tire trouble, and Oliver left to get new tires; that during the absence of Oliver, J. L. Airhart stated that he and his wife had been living at Artesia, New Mexico for past several months; that Mrs. Airhart had a brother-in-law, whose name he did not mention, living in Artesia; that this brother-in-law had been a friend of "Pretty Boy" Floyd since childhood, and had gone to School with Floyd; that he (Airhart) had seen and talked to Floyd a week ago (about July 13, 1933) when Floyd was visiting the said brother-in-law in Artesia, New Mexico, and that Floyd had made several visits to Artesia to visit the brother-in-law, about that time (conclusion of Mrs. Chaney was that Floyd had escaped in the mountains in the vicinity of Artesia); that Airhart further stated that Floyd had a large green colored touring auto, with canvas cover spread between front and back seats, and under the cover Floyd had three machine guns set up; that Floyd stated to him, Airhart, that he would never be taken alive, as he had killed too many men, and that he kept a "gun-man" under the cover with the guns; that Floyd showed him the guns, and also mentioned that he had been in Kansas City at the time of the killing of Nash and the officers; that Airhart said that the brother-in-law at Artesia was in the wood sawing business, and was using

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the engine of an old Dodge auto for power to operate the saw.

Mrs. Cheney further stated that she does not know how much reliance to place in the statements of Airhart, but that he appeared sure that he was telling the truth.

Mrs. Cheney appeared to be intelligent and responsible.

Description of J. L. Airhart furnished by W. H. Oliver:

Age	35 years.
Height	5'6 or 7".
Weight	145 lbs.
Complexion	Light.
Hair	Light brown, tinged with grey.
Eyes	Blue.
Marital Status	Married, no children.
	Sharp features.
Occupation	Truck driver-hauls fruit.
Residence	10508 San Antonio Street, South Gate, Los Angeles, California.

Description of Mrs. J. L. Airhart:

Age	35 years.
Height	5'6".
Weight	155 lbs.
Build	Stout.
Complexion	Blond.
Hair	Blond.
Eyes	Grey.
Occupation	Formerly worked for Firestone Tire Co., Los Angeles.

T. P. GEMMETT,
Special Agent.

420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

August 9, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Hurley-Wright Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of June 25, 1935, concerning an interview had by Special Agent M. D. Traub with Vertner M. Culledge and his information on "Pretty Boy" Floyd, investigation has been conducted at Port Arthur, Texas, and it was ascertained that Culledge, alias Harry Morris, Port Arthur P.D. No. 414, arrested Feb. 10, 1924 for aggravated assault and fined $100.00 and costs, is a well known character at Port Arthur. He is a machinist by occupation but is engaged mainly in bootlegging. He was arrested two years ago for violation of the National Prohibition Act, and on March 1, 1935, Deputy United States Marshal Abernathy at Beaumont, Texas, made his last return "not found". This case was dismissed on March 25, 1935, by Federal Judge Bryant in United States District Court. There are no pending charges against Culledge at Beaumont or Port Arthur at the present time.

Chief of Police Baker at Port Arthur, Texas, states he is well acquainted with Culledge, who is a native of Selma, Arkansas, and comes from a good family; that he has a wife now residing in one of the Carolinas, and is an unusually smart man; that he probably would be a first class man for kidnappers to contact and believes he is acquainted with gangsters in the kidnapping racket. Chief Baker believes that Culledge might possibly know "Pretty Boy" Floyd's lady friend if Floyd has one at Port Arthur, for the reason that he knows all the underworld characters and associated with them while he lived at Port Arthur. He has not been in the vicinity for about two years. There seems to be little question about his knowing members of the underworld and especially local hoodlums around Port Arthur; however, it is extremely doubtful if he could be of any material assistance to the Government since he probably is not "big time" enough to be associated with the present day kidnappers.

Very truly yours,

D. L. McCORMACK, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

MS.VLA
62-486

Oklahoma City, Okla.,
August 9, 1933

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1195, et al
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

Reference is made to the letter from Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, Kansas City Office, dated July 19, 1933, with inclosures.

In connection with the above agent contacted C. A. Mason, 420 Equity Building, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Mr. Mason stated that J. F. Ford, a negro, told him of a trip that he made last September to Park Hills vicinity to fix a broken car and what he saw while there, at what appears to be a camp of a gang of outlaws and bootleggers.

J. F. Ford, 320 South 2nd Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma, was interviewed. He stated that in September 1932 he had a garage shop at Muskogee and that a man named Stone, whose first name and address are not known to Ford, came to him and said that he had loaned his car to a woman to go to Fort Gibson, Oklahoma; that the car was broken down and the woman caught a ride back to Muskogee and he wanted Ford to take this woman in his car to where the car had been broken down, fix the car so she could drive it back to Muskogee. Ford stated that he and this white woman left Muskogee in his car and drove to Fort Gibson, past the Park Hill Highway, left the highway and drove into the Cookson's Hill vicinity, about 25 to 30 miles from Muskogee, where the car was broken. Ford stated that the camp is on a ravine of a creek or river; that he saw about 20 to 25 men, all hard-looking and equipped with rifles, pistols and lots of ammunition; that they had several barrels of whiskey and plenty of home brew beer; that they all bunched around him when he was working on the car; that after he fixed the car, the woman paid him $16.00 in cash and they gave him one gallon jug of whiskey and one dozen bottles of beer.

Ford further stated that he was scared and wanted to get away from that camp as soon as possible. He did not hear mentioned any names and did not learn the name of the woman who went with him to the camp but it is the opinion of Ford that it is the camp or hang-out place for outlaws, bootleggers and murderers. Ford stated that he does not know Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd personally and did not hear his name mentioned while he was there.

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With reference to the information furnished by Ely to Mr. Merle Gill, ballistic expert, Kansas City, Missouri, agent interviewed S. M. Hilligoss, Undersheriff, Muskogee, who stated that he does not know any of the men mentioned in the memorandum personally but if they are located in the vicinity of Stilwell and Sallisaw there is no use to interview any of them because they will not give any information, especially to a stranger, and it serves to put them on guard and send word to Charlie Floyd that a government agent was inquiring for him; that it would do more harm to inquire from those persons mentioned than the benefit of any information they might give.

Mr. Hilligoss further stated that within a radius of 15 to 20 miles in the vicinity of Cookson Hills and the Illinois River there are hide-outs for all kinds of outlaws and no stranger can go in there and get any information.

Agent interviewed John Nolsey, Chief of Detectives, Muskogee, Oklahoma. He stated that he does not know any of the men named in the memorandum personally, but he is well acquainted with the situation in the vicinity of Stilwell and Sallisaw, Oklahoma; that with very few exceptions all the people that live in that vicinity are friendly to the outlaws and especially to Charlie Floyd; that as a rough estimate one out of every hundred persons who live in that vicinity will give any information. Mr. Nolsey stated that it will do more harm than good to see any of those people, furthermore that there are very few people who come in contact with Charlie Floyd and can give any information of value.

For the reasons set out above agent did not interview the persons mentioned on the memorandum at this time until the matter could be discussed with Special Agent in Charge Colvin for his opinion.

M. Sorola
Special Agent

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801 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama

August 10, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1195, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
Birmingham File: 62-836.

Dear Sir:

Special Agent J. M. Towler was advised by United States Marshal Thomas J. Kennemer, Birmingham, Alabama, on August 8, 1933, that he had recently been to Kansas City, Missouri, and while there had occasion to hire a taxi for the purpose of going from Kansas City, Missouri, to the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, and return; that during the trip the driver, one Edward Harvey, had told him about seeing the shooting which occurred at the time five men were killed; that it was his (Harvey's) custom to call for two negro Pullman porters at certain dates and take them to the depot for their runs and that the date of the shooting happened to be one of their dates also; that he had called at their houses for them and had just driven up to the station as the shooting began and that he and the two porters fell down in the bottom of the taxi. Mr. Kennemer stated that the driver described one of the killers as wearing a brown suit, and that said driver appeared to have seen quite a deal of the aforementioned shooting.

Mr. Kennemer stated that he could not furnish any additional information concerning the taxi driver, Edward Harvey, as Harvey must be an individual taxi driver in view of the fact that he signed the receipt for the taxi hire in his name only and not in the name of any company, which is the usual procedure.

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Mr. Kennemer stated, however, he is quite sure that the United States Marshal's Office at Kansas City, Missouri, could furnish further information concerning the location of Edward Harvey.

It is suggested that the United States Marshal's Office be contacted to determine the location of Edward Harvey so that he may be interviewed for detail information concerning the above and also that the names of the two negro Pullman porters be secured so that they, also, may be interviewed relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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B. J. FITZSIMONS, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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326½ Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.
August 10, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:-

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

On August 10, 1933, United States Attorney Philip H. Mecom, Shreveport, Louisiana, advised this office by telephone as follows; that one T. M. Tiller, of Logansport, Louisiana, which is about 45 miles west of Shreveport, and near the Texas State Line, called on Mr. Mecom on August 10th and informed him that Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd has relatives who reside in the vicinity of Logansport on the Sabine River near the Louisiana-Texas State Line; that Floyd also has numerous relatives residing in the vicinity of San Augustine and in Sabine County, Texas; that he has been visiting these relatives recently; that he only stops for brief periods; that he is reported to have a machine gun with him, and that he, Mr. Tiller, can probably obtain further information regarding this matter. Mr. Mecom stated that he had questioned Mr. Tiller at length; that he appeared to be sincere in the information that he furnished and which he, Mr. Tiller, advised had been obtained from Floyd's relative residing near Logansport, with whom he, Tiller, is well acquainted. According to information furnished Mr. Mecom by Tiller, Floyd is originally from Sabine County, Texas, where he is known as "Lucky" Britton, which is his correct family name. Mr. Mecom stated that his informant, Tiller, stated that Floyd's relative from whom he had obtained his information, and whose name he did not disclose, is apparently willing to cooperate in effecting the apprehension of Floyd, but is very much afraid and does not want to be identified with any efforts which might be made to locate Floyd, whose correct name, according to the informant, is Britton.

I suggested to Mr. Mecom that he request Mr. Tiller to obtain any further information which might be available regarding this matter, and that a representative of this Bureau will communicate with him, Tiller, in the event such action was deemed desirable.

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The above is being furnished for your information, and no further action will be taken by the New Orleans office in the absence of a request.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Oklahoma City
Dallas

1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
August 10, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:- Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases,
IO #1195, Fugitive;
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
Fugitive, et al,
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).,
Chicago File 62-1649.

Reference is made to your letter dated July 30, 1933, with attached copies of reports in instant case, for photostating and forwarding to all Bureau offices.

Please be advised that the photostatic copies of the reports in question are being forwarded today.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,

Kansas City, Missouri.

August 10, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with
aliases - - - - - - - FUGITIVE, IO #1105, ET AL
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE(Endeavor to Deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).
K.C.File #62-760-

After discussion of the instant matter with United States Attorney Wm. L. Vandeventer at Kansas City, it has been decided that a Grand Jury will be in session on August 30th at Kansas City, at which time, it is probable that indictments will be secured against Vernon C. Miller, Herbert and Esther Farrer, Richard Tallman Galatas and Louis Stacey. It is, therefore, requested that, if possible, a continuance in the preliminary hearing of Stacey in Chicago be had until approximately September 5th, and in the meantime, certified copy of indictment will be forwarded to the United States Attorney at Chicago for Stacey's removal here.

As a basis of information for your office in conduct of the preliminary hearing, you are referred to the report by Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated at this office July 29th.

The United States Attorney at Kansas City will, no doubt, desire the telephone records mentioned in that report, the names of the officials to produce same being mentioned in the addendum on Page 19, therefore, you are advised as to the approximate date that these records will be necessary, and in order that there will be no conflict in their production at the various places.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI
Special Agent in Charge.

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420 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.

August 10, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
U.S. Bureau of Investigation,
1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: Vernon C. Miller,
with aliases - FUGITIVE; et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of 7/27/33 concerning Barney Siegel, now located at Gladewater, Texas and connected with the Louisiana Iron & Supply Co.

No information could be obtained about Siegel except by direct interview, which was made by Special Agent H.T. Arterberry of this office. He stated he was born and reared in Chicago, Illinois but had not been in Chicago since August, 1932, at which time he was a guest at the Copeland Hotel, and has never stayed in the Bismarck Hotel. He does not know V. Moore or Vernon Miller.

He stated he has a brother Sam Siegel, who assists him in the management of the Louisiana Iron & Supply Co.; and another brother Bennie Siegel, employed as an insurance agent in Chicago, but the name of the company and residence address of Bennie Siegel are unknown to him. Bennie Siegel is reported as being about 32 years old, married, tall and lankey.

Barney Siegel is leaving for Chicago on 8/19/33 to attend the World Fair and visit his brother Herman Siegel at 736 Sheridan Road, who owns a dress shop at that address. He advised he would be glad to offer any assistance in Chicago that he may; and it is suggested that an agent interview him there.

I am submitting a specimen of Barney Siegel's handwriting so you may check it with the registration at the Bismarck Hotel if you desire. Barney Siegel apparently is not engaged in racketeering.

Very truly yours,

D.L. McCormack, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

August 11, 1933.

Postmaster,
United States Court House,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: VERNE C. MILLER with aliases,
I.O.1195, et al - OBSTRUCTION OF
JUSTICE (Endeavor to deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation, this office would like to have a mail cover placed on all first class mail delivered to 8400 Paxton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

This cover should be maintained for a period of thirty days, and the handling of the tracings will be facilitated if marked for attention of file number 62-1649.

Your cooperation in this regard is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge.

WCB:JMB

cc Bureau

62-1649

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RB

905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
August 11, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1195, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
K.C.File 48-760

There is enclosed report by Special Agent H. F. Trainor, dated at this office August 11, 1933, and it is requested that one photostatic copy be forwarded from your office to each field office not shown as having received copies direct.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

WFT:B

cc - Bureau

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511 Hurley-Wright Building,
Washington, D. C.
August 11, 1933

Chief,
Passport Division,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto you will find Identification Order No. 1201, issued by this department.

It is respectfully requested that you place a stop order in your files, and immediately advise this office in the event this individual makes application for a passport.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

L. P. OLIVER,
Acting Special Agent in Charge

Encl.
LPO:ps
62-2630
cc* Director
Kansas City

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1900 Bankers Bldg,
Chicago, Illinois.
August 11, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:- Re: FRANK NASH, et al,
(Attempts to deliver Federal Prisoners)
OBSTRUCTION TO JUSTICE,
CHICAGO FILE 62-1649

With regard to the above matter, it is suggested that the machine gun bullets which were taken from the bodies of the officers who were killed, and anyother machine gun bullets in this connection, be forwarded to me in order that I might have the Chicago Police Department Ballastics Expert examine them, in an effort to determine if they have a previous record of the machine gun used in this shooting.

A confidential informant advised me that it will be possible to determine this fact, inasmuch as he believes the gun used has been used previously in Chicago, and through this means, we may be able to determine whose gun it is.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

MHP/dr
CC Bureau

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DEPT. OF JUSTICE
Div. One

801 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama

August 11, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE;
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases-
FUGITIVE, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).
Birmingham File: 62-696.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Birmingham Office dated August 3, 1933, in connection with the above entitled case and wherein it was advised that telephone 1316-M at Montgomery, Alabama, was listed in the name of one Rosie Rivers, a negro of Montgomery, Alabama. A further check of the telephone company records at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, now indicates that Sturney's telephone call from Montgomery, Alabama, was actually placed to Wal-1368-W, which it will be noted from the letter of reference is the telephone of the Duncan family in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, whose relationship with Sturney and Subject Galatas was explained in the letter of reference, as well as previous correspondence from the Birmingham Office.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC: Bureau

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

August 11, 1933.

Postmaster,
United States Court House,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: VERNE C. MILLER with aliases
I.O.1195, et al - OBSTRUCTION OF
JUSTICE (endeavor to deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

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We appreciate your cooperation in this regard.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

VWH:DSS

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
August 11, 1933.

Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Hughes.....
Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Purvis called from Chicago this morning relative to the telegram from Frank J. Loesch, received yesterday, and stated that he had talked to Mr. Loesch yesterday afternoon, who had placed him in touch with a man by the name of W. Comfort Hawkins, who, in turn, claims to have an informant who is a member of the Frank Nash gang and is in the counsel of this gang at the present time. Mr. Purvis stated that this informant's name was not made known to him, but Hawkins stated he believed he could induce the informant later to contact Purvis. Purvis stated that he received no information which could be used as evidence but he did receive a great deal of background information which he felt would prove of considerable value in the further investigation of the Kansas City shooting. He stated that if he could obtain the bullets found at the scene of the shooting and have them compared by a ballistics expert at Chicago he might be able to definitely identify the machine gun used at Kansas City. This informant claimed that the machine gun is one which has been used on two prior occasions in Chicago and that the police at Chicago have bullets which were fired by that gun on those occasions, and thus it could be identified. He claims that the gun is buried now but that just as soon as it comes to light again this informant will know of that fact and probably communicate the information through channels to Purvis. It appears that the informant is desirous of a retainer of some kind and Purvis will explain the whole matter in a letter which he will write the Bureau today. He stated that Mr. Loesch did not know anything about the informant. He only knows the man Hawkins and has a great deal of confidence in him.

Relative to Doc Stacy, Mr. Purvis stated that Turrou and Brantley had come on to Chicago with a warrant for Stacy's arrest, as a result of which Stacy had been picked up, but to date he had had absolutely nothing to say. A memorandum relative to Stacy is attached hereto.

Respectfully,

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V. W. Hughes.

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FRANK J LOESCH.

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Memo to Director 8/11/33

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

SPC/AEK

August 10, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Reference is made to the attached Associated Press newspaper clipping, dated at Chicago, August 8, 1933, appearing in The Washington Post on August 9, 1933, referring to Louis Stacci, alias Stacy.

Stacy is the operator of the O. P. Inn at Maywood, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, and is well known to have been associated with a number of underworld characters.

During the search for Frank Nash, Stacy's place was raided upon information that Nash could be located there. The aforementioned raid was based upon information obtained by Special Agent R. D. Brown of the Detroit Office, which I believe was obtained from a brother of Fontaine.

A review of the obstruction of justice file indicates that Stacy was taken to the Chicago Office of the Division on July 22, 1933, by Special Agents Madala and Keating and Illinois State Police officers, and questioned concerning a telephone call made to the O. P. Inn on June 16, 1933 and a telephone call made from the O. P. Inn to Fritz Mulloy at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 16, 1933. He, at the time of the interview, however, pleaded ignorance to both calls.

It appears that a long distance telephone call was made from the telephone of Mrs. E. B. Connor at Hot Springs, Arkansas, to the O. P. Inn at Maywood, Illinois, at 2:50 P.M. on June 16, 1933, and that a telephone call was made from the O. P. Inn to Fritz Mulloy of the Horseshoe Inn at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 16, 1933. Stacy at the time of the interview denied acquaintance with Mrs. E. B. Connor, Fritz Mulloy, Verne C. Miller, Frank Nash, or other members of this mob.

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It appears, however, that Stacy is not telling the truth about his connections with these gangsters and it will be noted that Mrs. Frank Nash was at one time employed as a cook at the O. P. Inn and he admits being acquainted with her.

The file does not reflect that any prosecutive action has been taken against Stacy in connection with the obstruction of justice case at Kansas City. It does appear, however, that Stacy is a member of this gang and it is entirely possible that he received information from Mrs. E. B. Connor from Hot Springs, Arkansas, concerning Nash's arrest, and that he relayed same to Fritz Mulloy at Kansas City, who admittedly is an acquaintance of Verne C. Miller.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

S. P. Cowley.

Mr. Clegg
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hughes
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson

Prisoner Escape Plot Laid to Resort Owner

Chicago, Aug. 8 (AP).—Louis (Doc) Stacci, roadhouse operator, also known as Stacy, was named by the Federal Government today as the man who plotted the scheme to free Frank Nash, escaped convict, at the Union Station in Kansas City on June 17.

Four peace officers and Nash met death at the hands of a machine gun crew when the plot failed. Verne Miller, notorious South Dakota outlaw, is sought by the Government as the leader of the machine gunners.

What about this?
J. E. N.

62-28915-433

Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

JMO'L:IW
62-4949

August 12, 1933

AIR MAIL

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
Obstruction of Justice.
Endeavor to Deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a photostatic copy of an Order to Change Address of one William A. Sheridan, 8041 Kilpatrick Avenue, Niles Center, Illinois. Sheridan has been tentatively identified by an employee of the Post Office at Lake Placid, New York, as bearing a very marked resemblance to the photograph of Richard Tallman Galatas as contained on the Identification Order recently issued.

The Chicago office was advised of this fact by telegram on August 9, 1933.

The Kansas City office is requested to forward to the New York Bureau office available samples of the handwriting of Richard Tallman Galatas.

A photostatic copy of the Order to Change Address is also being attached to the copy of this letter which is being forwarded to the Chicago office.

Very truly yours,

Encl.

cc Bureau
cc Chicago

T. F. CULLEN
Special Agent in Charge

VWH:DSS

August 12, 1933.

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

In the early morning of August 12, Special Agents of the Division of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice closed in upon a house in a remote section of Texas, about seven miles south of the town of Paradise, coming upon the occupants before they had awakened and captured Harvey Bailey, notorious gunman wanted as an escape from the Lansing, Kansas, State Penitentiary, and for the murder of Special Agent Caffrey, of this Division, and three police officers at Kansas City on June 17, together with five other individuals who occupied this shack, namely R. G. Shannon, apparently the owner of the premises, Shannon's son, 22 years of age, his son's wife, one Brown, and one other woman. Bailey had beside him in the house a machine gun and two automatic pistols. He was captured before he had an opportunity to use any of these arms. On his person was discovered $1,100.00, $700.00 of which was promptly identified as the money used in the payment of ransom for Charles Urschel. All persons in the house were placed under arrest and immediately carried to Dallas, Harvey Bailey being placed in safe confinement.

Young Shannon admitted to the Agents that he and his father had acted as guards over Charles F. Urschel when held after being kidnaped. He identified George Kelly and one George Bates as the actual kidnapers who brought Urschel to this house. Young Shannon stated that his understanding was that his father, R. G. Shannon, was to get $10,000.00 for his part in the kidnaping.

Harvey Bailey admitted his identity as Bailey but has admitted nothing with regard to the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel.

Mr. Urschel has positively identified the premises as the place where he was held in confinement. This rendezvous was discovered after many days of painstaking search by aeroplans, machine and other means, and plans were laid to close in on it in the early morning. The plans were consummated without bloodshed, although the occupants of the house were fully prepared for an encounter with law enforcement officials.

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Mr. William Stanley. 6/12/33.

Vigorous efforts are being made to locate George Kelly at Indianapolis at this time.

Agents of the Division and police officers are stationed at the Shannon home awaiting the arrival of possible other occupants and, of course, will make a thorough search of the house and its surroundings.

Up to this time no information whatsoever has been given to the press and every effort is being made to keep the matter confidential until Kelly can be apprehended in Indianapolis.

Very truly yours,

Director.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Hughes.
Mr. Nath
Mr. Tolson.
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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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August 10, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called the New York office and was advised by Agent in Charge Cullen that they have not yet located the woman in the Verne Miller case. He stated that he had five Agents working on the matter endeavoring to pick up the other party and in that way contact the woman but to date no success has been had. He stated he will continue every effort to locate and place her under surveillance.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes.

Please press for this as it is vitally important.

9/11/33 J. E. H.

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August 11, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, Fugitive, Identification Order No. 1195, et al, Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

There are inclosed herewith copies of a letter dated August 3, 1933, from Mrs. Sadie E. Rhea of Commerce, Oklahoma, for any action you may deem advisable.

Very truly yours,

Director

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

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M H PURVIS
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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C.C. Burgan

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

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Bldg,
Chicago, Illinois.
August 11, 1933

Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to the use of photostat paper in the Chicago office, there is noted below the amounts of supplies used in connection with photostatic copies of reports made by the Kansas City Office in the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, FUGITIVE; RICHARD TALLMAN GALATOS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, et al - Obstruction of Justice:

Report No. 1 - dated 6/26/33 - 60 pages, 40 copies made:

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Report No. 2 - dated 7/3/32, 52 pages, 26 copies made:

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Report No. 3- dated 7/15/33 - 92 pages, 42 copies made:

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In view of the enormous amount of supplies used in connection with the photostating of these reports, I desire to suggest that it might be far more economical to have these reports typed.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

MHP/dr

224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 12, 1933

FSS.VEA

U. S. Employees' Compensation Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen: Re: Your File No. 363888

Pursuant to the request of the Kansas City Office of the United States Bureau of Investigation under date of July 28, 1933 that you be furnished with the facts in my possession concerning the fatal injury to Special Agent Caffrey, please be advised as follows.

On the morning of June 17, 1933 at 7:15 A.M., accompanied by Special Agent F. J. Lackey and Mr. Otto Reed, Chief of Police, McAlester, Oklahoma, we arrived at Kansas City enroute to the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth with an escaped federal prisoner, Frank Nash. We were met at the Union Station by Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli and Special Agent Caffrey and two police officers, who were there to assist us in removing Nash from the Union Station to Leavenworth Prison. Accompanied by Agent Caffrey, Mr. Vetterli and the Kansas City police officers, we left the train, passing through the station to Mr. Caffrey's automobile, which was parked opposite the Union Station and which was to be used in transporting Frank Nash to the Leavenworth Prison. When we reached the automobile, Nash was seated on the front seat. The writer, Mr. Reed and Agent Lackey sat on the back seat. Special Agent Caffrey was standing at the left front door of the car preparatory to entering same when gangsters with machine guns, in an attempt to liberate Frank Nash, opened fire on those accompanying Nash, instantly killing Agent Caffrey, the prisoner Frank Nash, Chief of Police Reed, the two Kansas City police officers and shooting Agent Lackey through the back three times and slightly wounding Special Agent in Charge Vetterli.

Special Agent Caffrey, as well as the others killed, was given no opportunity to defend himself. Agent Caffrey was assassinated while in active discharge of his duty.

Very truly yours,

F. S. Smith,
Special Agent.

cc: Bureau

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315 Old P. O. Bldg.
Portland, Ore.

August 9, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
224 Federal Bldg.
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

b7D [redacted] called at this office and reported the following information:

That he was raised in the vicinity of Sallisaw, Oklahoma and is the brother of [redacted] at Sallisaw. [redacted] stated that he has served as an informant in various parts of the country, principally in investigating violations of the Federal Narcotic Laws.

He stated that he received a letter from a woman informant at Sallisaw, Oklahoma, same having been dated at that point on the 4th or 5th of August, 1933, informing him that Pretty Boy Floyd was living with a young man at Sallisaw, who operates an abstract office in that town; that Floyd is staying with this young man, name not furnished, on a place owned by the latter, located about 12 miles out of Sallisaw; that this place consists of a shack on the bank of a river, and that anyone at Sallisaw is familiar with the person who operates the abstract office in that town, with whom Floyd is alleged to be staying.

b7D [redacted] stated that he did not care to disclose the identity of his informant, but that he was desirous of passing the information on to proper authorities for what it is worth.

b7D I am unable to furnish you any information as to the reliability of [redacted] but the above is submitted for such attention as it appears to warrant.

Very truly yours,

62-28913

C. C. Speiss,
Special Agent in Charge

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900 Ezra Thompson Building,
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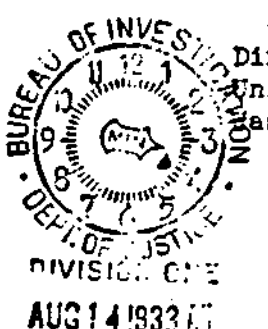

Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to deliver Federal prisoner Frank Nash)
S.L. File 62-474.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of July 7th, 1933, with which you forwarded a copy of a letter which William B. Tyre, General Delivery, Cheyenne, Wyoming, forwarded to the Governor of the State of Missouri, under date of June 22nd, 1933, permit me to advise that when Agent A.R. Gere of this office sought to contact Mr. Tyre it was learned that he had left Cheyenne, Wyoming, leaving a removal address to have his mail forwarded to General Delivery at Reno, Nevada. This forwarding order was left on July 3rd, 1933.

When an agent is next at Reno, efforts will be made to locate and interview Tyre along the lines you suggest.

Very truly yours,

John A. Dowd

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT KANSAS CITY FILE NO. 62-760

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
KANSAS CITY, MO.	8-11-33	8-1-10-33	W. F. TRAINOR B

TITLE: Changed
VERNON C. MILLER alias Verne C. Miller alias V. C. Moore alias Vincent C. Moore alias V. C. White alias V. C. Mason - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1195; HERBERT ALDEN FARMER alias Herb Farmer alias Herbert Black alias H. A. Patton alias W. E. Williams alias W. H. Baker alias Harry J. Garner alias Harry Allen Farmer alias William Hilary Baker; MRS. ESTHER FARMER; MRS FRANCES NASH alias Mrs. Frances Miller alias Mrs. Frances Harrison alias Mrs. George W. Miller alias Frances Mikulich Miller; RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS alias Dick Galatas alias Richard F. Galatas alias Dick Gladis alias Pritchard Sheridan alias Dick Sheridan - FUGITIVE; MRS. E. B. CONNER alias Mrs. Louise Conner alias Lou Conner alias Mary Conner; ROBERT C. BRADY alias Bob Brady alias Pat Brady alias J. R. Taylor alias Bob Ross, I.O. 1190; HARVEY J. BAILEY alias J. J. Brennon alias John Brown alias F. J. Bloom alias J. P. Bloom, I.O. 1189; FRANK B. MULLOY; LOUIS STACCI alias Louis Stacey alias Doc Stacey - FUGITIVE; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS

CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. Nash furnished bond instant case, Kansas City, Missouri, and murder charges here against her dismissed. She furnished additional statement implicating Galatas and showing connections Nash in New York City and Chicago, Illinois. "A. Carter" probably identical Subject Miller, may be known South Bend, Indiana. Process issued Kansas City, Missouri, for Louis Stacci. Grand Jury action instant matter expected Kansas City, Missouri, 8-30-33.

DETAILS:

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DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: R. E. Dalton SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

62-2915-439

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AUG 4 1933

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REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, 7-15-33, 7-21-33 and 7-28-33.

Report of Special Agent T. H. Tracy, New York City, 8-5-33.

Report of Special Agent J. J. Keating, Chicago, 7-31-33.

Letter from the Birmingham office to the Kansas City office, 7-17-33.

Letter from the Bureau, 7-31-33.

DETAILS: Agent discussed this matter with U. S. Attorney Wm. L. Vandeventer, Kansas City, Missouri, on 8-5-33, with reference to prosecution of the various Subjects and he advised that it is his intention to seek an indictment against Frank B. Mulloy and Louis Stacci, in addition to Subjects Herbert Farmer, Esther Farmer, Galatas and Miller. He believes that other indictments which may be secured in the case should not be sought at this time. With reference to Mrs. Nash, Mr. Vandeventer suggested that since her testimony is necessary to the conviction of various other defendants it would be advisable to omit her name from the indictments at present. However, he will confer with her attorney, John G. Madden, and arrange that she appear before the Grand Jury after waiving immunity. As will be noted hereafter in this report a certain agreement has been made by the U. S. Attorney's office with the attorney of Mrs. Nash whereby she is to furnish testimony, presumably all that she has, as a witness in this case and if the U. S. Attorney is satisfied that she has made a truthful statement, anything which she may say in addition to that which has been given by her in statements appearing in previous reports will not be used against her.

Mr. Vandeventer authorized the filing of complaint against Louis Stacci, 8-5-33, charging him as conspirator in the instant matter to cause the escape of federal prisoner Frank Nash. Agent appeared before U. S. Commissioner George B. Beardsley, on 8-5-33, at Kansas City and filed such complaint. A non est return was immediately made on the warrant and certified copies were forwarded to the U. S. Attorney, Chicago, Illinois, by the U. S. Attorney, Kansas City. The results of the arrest and questioning of Stacci in Chicago will be briefly stated hereafter in this report and a detailed report concerning that activity will be forthcoming from the Chicago office. The names of Frank B. Mulloy and Louis Stacci are being added as Subjects in this case.

Pursuant to conferences with the U. S. Attorney and other activities in this case about 7-31-33 and thereafter, the following memorandum has been rendered by Special Agents Dwight Brantley and L. G. Turron:

In a letter to the Director from the Kansas City Office, dated July 31st, it is observed that on July 31, 1933, murder charges were filed in Kansas City, Missouri, against Herbert and Aether Farmer and Frances Lace Nash, the widow of Frank Nash.

On August 1, 1933, Special Agent in Charge Vetterli and Special Agents Trainor Turrou and Brantley were served with subpoenaes to appear before a Notary Public on August 3rd for the purpose of taking depositions in this case, which is a provision of the Missouri Statute in criminal as well as civil cases. Agent in Charge Vetterli immediately conferred with United States Attorney Vandeventer, and the latter expressed the opinion that should depositions be taken that the defense counsel would obtain any and all evidence in this case against Mrs. Nash and possibly the Farmers. Thereafter, conference was had with Michael O'Hern, Assistant Prosecutor of Jackson County.

United States Attorney Vandeventer expressed the opinion that the evidence against Mrs. Nash would not be sufficient to convict, and inasmuch as she had already furnished bail on the Federal charge pending against her he believed that should she decide to disclose all information in her possession in connection with this matter, that the best interests of the Government would be served if the murder charges against her were withdrawn or dismissed.

In a conference between John G. Madden, attorney for Mrs. Nash, a representative of the United States Attorney's office, and Special Agents Turrou and Brantley, and at the suggestion of Mr. Vandeventer, it was agreed that the matter be taken up again with the Prosecutor's Office. Michael O'Hern, Assistant Prosecutor, stated that anything agreeable to the Government in the case would be acceptable to his office, and on August 2nd, upon motion of the Assistant Prosecutor, the charge of murder against Mrs. Nash was dismissed. The Farmers remain in the Jackson County Jail on the murder charges filed against them.

Mrs. Nash was released from jail, after having furnished bail in the Federal charge against her. She is to remain in Kansas City, Missouri, and available to her attorney at all times.

Pursuant to an understanding between the office of the United States Attorney at Kansas City and Mr. Madden, disclosures made by Mrs. Nash subsequent to August 1, 1933, even should the same be incriminating against her, are not to be used in evidence in a future prosecution that might be brought against her. Mr. Madden, attorney for Mrs. Nash, agreed that Agents of this office could interview Mrs. Nash at any time. She was interviewed on August 3, 1933, at which time she stated:

That sometime prior to her meeting with Frank Nash, and while she

was employed at the O P Inn at Chicago, she saw Vernon Miller, alias Mason, alias Moore, as a guest at that place. That he frequently came in to get meals after having played golf on a course nearby. That he appeared to be well known to Doc Stacey, who managed or owned the O P Inn. After her meeting with Nash she said she saw Nash and Miller together frequently, and it was her impression that they had been acquainted for sometime. She and Nash and Vernon Miller's wife, known as Vi, were out cabareting together on occasions around Chicago. After the meeting with the wife of Miller she said she saw them frequently. Nash would take her to a roadhouse on Highways 12 and 19, about 30 miles North of Chicago, known as Louie's Place, the telephone number of which is Cary 65. She stated that after she had known Miller and his wife for sometime she and Vi, on one occasion, made a trip from Chicago to St. Paul in Nash's car; upon arrival at St. Paul Mrs. Nash said she went to Aurora and that Vi went to Brainard, Minnesota, the home of her parents. After the completion of this visit she said that she joined Vi at Brainard and the two of them went to St. Paul and were joined by Frank Nash. While in St. Paul she said they went to a saloon, or joint of some kind, operated by the husband of Gladys Sawyer.

She stated that she, Vi and Frank returned to Chicago from St. Paul in the automobile together, and while enroute had an automobile accident in which Frank's arm was injured. After this accident she said that she or Vi called Doc Stacey, who immediately got a doctor whose name is Brust to render medical aid to Frank. She stated that at this time she and Frank were living in an apartment in Berwyn, near Cicero on 61st Street Court, under the name of "Mills". She said that Vernon and Vi at that time were living at the Graymere Hotel in Chicago under the name of Miller, Moore or Mason.

She said that sometime after the accident, when Frank's arm did not get along so well, Vernon Miller suggested that Frank go to New York to enter a hospital for treatment, and that Frank apparently did not want to go but Vernon, who was of a domineering disposition, induced him to do so, and that she, Frank and Verne left by train for New York and upon arrival at New York all of them registered at the Picadilly Hotel. She fixed this date as sometime prior to Thanksgiving as after Frank had entered the hospital he was discharged about a day or two before Thanksgiving.

She said that after Frank was out of the hospital he and she went to live at the Naraganset Hotel, at 94th and Broadway, under the name of George W. Miller. She and Frank remained in New York until after New Year's, and a day or two after the first of the year Verne and Vi came to New York and stopped at the Picadilly Hotel.

While in New York in early January of 1933 she said that she and Frank were introduced to some of the friends of Verne and Vi, and among them was a woman named Betty, whose husband apparently was very wealthy as they lived in a very elegant apartment near a park. She also said she met a woman friend of Vern and Vi by the name of "Sonny" but does not know her last name or her husband's name, but that the husband was very bald. She said that this "Betty" appeared to be a very good friend of Vi, but she does not know the last name, but she does know that Betty was quite accomplished and spoke of having travelled in Europe. She said she met two men friends of Verne by the name of Sammy;(that is, both of them were named Sammy) and another woman friend by the name of "Pigeon."

She stated that after remaining in New York for some time she and Frank returned to Chicago and lived with Verne and Vi in an apartment on South Boulevard, in Oak Park, Illinois, and that Lillian Holden, wife of Tom Holden, now in the United States Penitentiary, lived with them. She said they remained there for several weeks. (This apartment, no doubt, is the same one referred to in the report of Special Agent J. J. Keating of the Chicago Office 7-31-1933 on Page 57, the address of which apartment is 419 South Boulevard, Oak Park).

She said that she and Frank were frequently at Louie's Place, located out of Chicago, and she believes that on one occasion she saw James (Fur) Sammons there, and that he was known as Jimmie. She said that in March of 1933 she and Frank went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that when they left Verne and Vi were away from the apartment in Oak Park, but she does not know where they were as frequently they would make trips and be gone for a period of a few days. At this point Mrs. Nash related that while in Hot Springs in March or April she met Albert and Esther Farmer for the first time. This meeting, of course, is reflected in statements hitherto made by Mrs. Nash.

She also stated that while in Hot Springs about this time she saw Vernon Miller there.

She also stated that during the summer of 1932 she and Frank visited Vernon and Vi at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and that Vernon and Vi had a very nice cottage at the Lake.

Mrs. Nash was questioned concerning friends, associates and acquaintances of Frank Nash and Vernon Miller.

She stated that while in St. Paul on one occasion she was at a saloon or club of some kind, the name and address of which she does not know, and that she met a woman known only as "mother",

who had two sons whose names were Freddy and "Doc".

Mrs. Nash was shown a photograph of Fred Barker and she immediately identified it as the Freddy mentioned above. No photograph of "Doc" Barker, brother of Fred Barker was available, but there is no doubt but that the "Doc" in question is "Doc" Barker and that the woman in question, known as "Mother" is Kate Barker, who travels constantly with her sons, and with them very likely is Alvin Karpis. Both Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis are wanted for murder at West Plains, Missouri. Mrs. Nash said that later she saw Fred Barker and his mother around Louie's Place, near Chicago; that on one occasion while at Louie's Place there was another woman known as Helen with Mrs. Barker, and that she assisted these two women in obtaining apartments at the Home Apartment Building in Oak Park, where they both lived for some time. This, she believes, was in the late winter or early Spring of 1933. She said, however, that these woman, she believes, vacated the apartments in the Home Apartment Building and moved to a more desirable apartment building in the same locality. She does not know under what names they lived, but she is of the opinion that one of them used the name of Ferguson.

It is observed from the Kansas City File in the case of Holding and Keating and Nash, Escaped Federal Prisoners, that in Kansas City Mrs. Barker, who was living with her sons and Alvin Karpis, used the name of Kate Hunter. She is of the opinion that the Barkers, with their mother, are still living in Oak Park, Illinois.

Mrs. Nash stated that while in St. Paul, Minnesota on or about June 10, 1933, with Frank Nash, she and Frank spent the night at a residence of some friends of Frank, but the address she does not remember, but that this friend who had this house was Fred Barker and that "Doc" Barker was with him and the woman's name was Paula. She was shown photographs of Dorothy Courtney, alias Winnie Williams, the woman of Bernard Phillips, and she stated emphatically it was not the woman with Fred Barker. She said that there was a young collegiate appearing fellow at this house when she and Frank were there, but she could not positively identify a photograph of Alvin Karpis as said individual.

She stated that at Louie's Place, near Chicago, on one occasion she met a man by the name of Dougherty who lives on a farm on the Fox River, near McHenry, Illinois, and that she and Frank went there and spent about a week in a cabin. She said that Dougherty and his wife appeared to be in destitute circumstances and that she doesn't know whether he was an intimate friend of Frank or whether he was endorsed as a safe individual for Frank to associate with by some one in Louie's place. She stated that on one occasion she and Frank and Verne and Vi went to the home of Rocco (Rockie) Stacey, a brother of Louis Stacey, in Melrose Park, Illinois, and spent several days.

She stated that after she left Joplin, Missouri, on June 18, 1933, for Wenona, Illinois, she went through Chicago, and upon arrival there she called the residence of Louis Stacey and talked to his wife, Helen, and got a brother of Louis Stacey, whose name is Johnney, to drive her from Chicago to Wenona.

These circumstances are related to show that Louis Stacey is and has been intimately acquainted with Frank Nash and Vernon Miller, his statements to the contrary notwithstanding.

She said that she went several times with Frank Nash to a Road House or club by the name of Rivermore, located at 22nd and First Avenue, Riverside (probably a suburb of Chicago), and which is operated by a man by the name of Charlie Luebeker, and that Vernon and Vi and Lillian Holden accompanied them to this point, and that all were well known there.

Mrs. Nash said that when Dick Galatas came to the Tourist Camp for her in the afternoon of June 16, 1933, following the pick-up of Frank Nash, and when he took her away, he stopped enroute to his home near the railroad station and went in either to the jail or the Police Station, saying that he was going to see a Judge who had much influence in Hot Springs; that after going in the Police Station or jail Galatas came out and contacted a man who appeared to have an office in the back of a barber shop, and who supposedly was the Judge in question. That Galatas brought this man out to the car and she overheard the conversation between them, and that she heard Galatas tell this man that one of his "good boys" had been picked up, and that the man appearing to be the judge said he would see what he could do about it. Thereafter Galatas took her to his home and very shortly he took her to an apartment where she made some telephone calls - one to the O P Inn at Melrose Park, Illinois, and the other to the residence of Esther Farmer at Joplin. She said that Galatas told her that Frank Nash had told him, Galatas, that if anything should ever happen to him that "Doc" Stacey at the O P Inn should be called. Mrs. Nash said that Frank Nash had told her the same thing. She said that when Galatas told her to call Doc Stacey that he gave her the number Cary 65, at which Frank Nash told him that Stacey could be reached. She said that she then told Galatas that the place to get in touch with Stacey was at the O P Inn, whereupon she called it. She said that before leaving Hot Springs that afternoon for Joplin that Galatas told her he had obtained information from some source, she thinks from the Police Department, that Frank Nash was to be taken to Joplin, Missouri. She said also that when she was discussing going to Joplin with Galatas he told her that probably Herbert Farmer would have connections there. She recited that Galatas told her that immediately after Frank Nash was picked up in Hot Springs a car left from the White Front in pursuit of the machine the officers were using, but that this car out distanced the

pursuing car. She did not indicate who was in the pursuing machine.

Mrs. Nash again related the trip from Hot Springs to Joplin by plane, which in substance is the same as contained in her previous statements.

She said that in a telephonic conversation between Galatas and his wife that evening information was received that Nash was to be taken from Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Kansas City by train. She said that as she recalls the language used was that "the patient or party was taken sick and they have taken him by train from Fort Smith to Kansas City". She says she recalls this distinctly because when it was mentioned that Frank Nash might be sick she became alarmed and Galatas assured her that Nash was all right and this was just the method of delivering the message relative to the change in mode of travel by the officers with Nash. She said that after receipt of this call Verne Miller was contacted by telephone in Kansas City, Missouri, from the Farmer residence. She was emphatic in the statement that the call was made by Mrs. Esther Farmer at the suggestion of Dick Galatas. She said that at this time Miller was informed that the officers were taking Nash to Kansas City from Fort Smith by train. Mrs. Nash said that she did not know at this time where Miller lived in Kansas City, but that Mrs. Esther Farmer had told her in either Hot Springs in April 1933, or when she arrived at her home the afternoon of June 16th, that Miller and Vi were living in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. Nash stated that she learned during the morning of June 17th from the Farmers for the first time that the man she had married was Frank Nash.

She stated that Esther Farmer told her during the afternoon of June 17th, after the news flashes had been received by radio, of the shooting at the Union Station in Kansas City, that Verne Miller had called her, Esther Farmer, by telephone, and that Esther Farmer told her that Verne asked her where Mrs. Nash is and said that she should be told to go home immediately.

Mrs. Nash stated that all the acquaintances and intimates of Frank Nash and Verne Miller she met appeared to have respect and admiration for Vernon Miller, and that she gained the impression he was looked upon as a boss or leader and that he had a great influence over Frank Nash. She also said that on occasions, to her own knowledge, Vernon Miller had supplied Frank Nash with money.

For whatever purpose it may serve, Mrs. Nash said that Ver

Miller had a large brown pet bull dog and that the name of this dog is "Teddy".

Mrs. Nash also said that to her own knowledge Louis Stacey and Vernon Miller played golf together many times, and that Louis Stacey is a member of the Maywood Golf Club in Chicago.

With reference to the memorandum of Agents Brantley and Turrou, mentioned heretofore, it will be noted that Mrs. Nash discussed a woman named Betty, who is probably identical with Mrs. Betty Buckholtz, a resident of New York City and a close friend of Vivian Mathis, Subject Miller's paramour. The New York City office will kindly note also the names of other women, who have connections with Betty Buckholtz named "Sonny" and "Pigeon", and the names of two men whose names are each "Sammy."

It is noted in the statement recently made by Mrs. Nash that Barker brothers, Fred and "Doc" whose real name is presumed to be Arthur R. Barker, have connections in Chicago, Illinois, and are probably still there. As an aid to the Chicago office photographs of Fred Barker and Arthur R. Barker are enclosed herein. Arthur R. Barker's photograph was taken in 1920 by the Joplin, Missouri, Police Department when he was 19 years of age and, therefore, same is probably not an exact likeness at this time.

Investigation requested of the Kansas City office at Hot Springs and Little Rock, Arkansas, through the report of Agent Tracy, mentioned above, is to be conducted by the Oklahoma City office and one additional copy of that report was forwarded, with enclosures, from the Kansas City office to the Oklahoma City office on 8-9-33.

Arrangements have been made with U. S. Attorney Wm. L. Vandeventer of Kansas City to call a special session of the Grand Jury on 8-30-33. At that time indictments will be sought against the parties mentioned heretofore. The preliminary hearing of Esther Farmer and Herbert Farmer which was scheduled, after one continuance, to occur on 8-14-33, has been postponed by the U. S. Commissioner to 9-1-33. It is, therefore, seen that the indictments will be secured before the date of preliminary hearing which will obviate the necessity for divulging evidence in this case at the hearing.

The following is a brief resume of activity by Special Agents Dwight Brantley and L. G. Turrou with reference to the arrest and questioning of Subject Stacci:

Pursuant to instructions of Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli of the Kansas City office, following a telephonic conversation between him and the Director, Agents Turrou and Brantley proceeded to Chicago for the purpose of questioning Louis Stacci and other members of the Stacci family in connection with statements made concerning them by Mrs. Frances Nash.

On 8-7-33 Louis Stacci was questioned at great length in the Chicago Bureau office. The same day Mike Stacci, Rocco Stacci, Mrs. Helen Stacci (wife of Louis Stacci), Elmer Stacci (step-son of Louis Stacci), Jimmie Burns (formerly waiter at the O. P. Inn) and Mrs. Rocco Stacci were questioned. All of these people denied knowing any of the parties connected with this case with the exception of Frances Nash. The aforesaid interviews were conducted by

Agents Turrou, Keating, Medala and Brantley.

A fugitive complaint was issued in Chicago, upon authority of the U. S. Attorney, for Doc Stacci following which he was taken into custody by the Marshal and his bond fixed at $50,000.00 which he had not furnished on 8-8-33, and hearing has been set before the U. S. Commissioner of Chicago for 8-22-33.

Doc Stacci denied making any telephone calls in connection with this matter at any time. Full particulars concerning the aforesaid interviews will be incorporated in a report in this case to be rendered by the Chicago office.

In this connection, upon the return of Agents Brantley and Turrou to Kansas City Mrs. Frances Nash was reinterviewed at which time she reiterated the fact that Louis Stacci, Frank Nash and Verne Miller were together on many occasions and were more than friends. She stated that upon her arrival in Chicago from Joplin, Missouri, on 6-19-33, she proceeded to the home of Louis Stacci where she had remained for several hours; that Mrs. Stacci had accompanied her to Wanona in her automobile, driven by Johnnie Stacci, the brother of Louis Stacci; that about a week later she made a trip to Chicago and had seen Louis Stacci and in a conversation with him she reminded him of the $1,500.00 which he owed Frank Nash, at which time Stacci told her that all he owed Frank Nash was $50.00 and that he had no money to pay her. Mrs. Nash ridiculed the assertions made by Stacci that he was unacquainted with Vernon Miller or Frank Nash, and stated that they have all been pals for some time.

On page 63 of the report of Special Agent Trainor, dated 7-15-33, discussion was had of the purchase of an Essex Terraplane by one "A. Carter" believed to be either identical with Vernon C. Miller or a close connection of his.

On 8-5-33, Agents Brantley and Turrou made investigation at the Barnes-Collard Motor Company, Leavenworth, Kansas, where it was learned that on 10-29-32 a party giving the name A. Carter, address - National Military Home, Leavenworth, Kansas, appeared with a 1932 Model Chevrolet Coupe, Motor #3085590, Illinois 1932 license tags #1-022891, and traded it for a 1932 Chevrolet Sedan, Motor #330213. (The latter mentioned car is the one traded to the Hudson-Brace Motor Company for the Essex Terraplane as mentioned on page 63 of the Kansas City report, 7-15-33.) The party paid the difference in the trade of $300.00 in cash in $100.00 bills. This party had a large roll of money when he appeared there. When the Chevrolet was traded at the Barnes-

Collard Motor Company that company desired title papers and, therefore, a Kansas 1932 license for the car was purchased and A. Carter paid for the license which was bought by the Barnes-Collard Motor Company, the license number being 7-6850, Kansas, 1932. (This tag remained in possession of the Barnes-Collard Company.) No one was with A. Carter at the time of this transaction. He came in later with a man resembling a photograph of Frank B. Mulloy.

A. Carter gave a bill of sale to the Barnes-Collard Motor Company written on stationery of Stewart's Garage, 231 Lincoln Way East, South Bend, Indiana, which purports to show that on 4-15-32 Chevrolet Coupe, Motor #3085590, Serial #21 BA 0111391, was sold to A. Carter, Hotel Florence, Pullman, Illinois, for $450.00. The bill of sale being signed by Thomas Quinn.

The above document was examined by Agents Brantley and Turrou and the party from whom they received this information was C. L. Bible, salesman of the Barnes-Collard Motor Company, who handled the transaction with A. Carter. Mr. Bible was shown a photograph of Vernon C. Miller, but was not positive in his identification of that party as A. Carter.

Sam Elliott, used car manager, Barnes-Collard Motor Company, also was present at the time of the transaction and he was shown a photograph of Miller and positively identified it as a likeness of A. Carter.

In the Chevrolet Coupe which was traded by Carter was found a pair of coveralls in which Mr. Elliott found a keyring containing some keys and a metal tag on which was stamped Cloud County Bank. It was ascertained that this bank is located in Concordia, Kansas. These keys were later given to Carter when he returned to have the car serviced. He has not been in to this garage since the early part of 1933.

The office of the National Military Home, Leavenworth, Kansas, was closed when Agents Brantley and Turrou arrived there and, therefore, no inquiry has yet been made to determine whether or not a person named A. Carter, identical with the one mentioned herein, was an inmate there.

A tracing of the signature "A. Carter" from the bill of sale given to the Barnes-Collard Motor Company for the Chevrolet Coupe was made and same appears upon comparison with the known signature of Vernon C. Miller under his alias as V. C. Mason to be the identical handwriting. A tracing of this signature of A. Carter is being herewith enclosed for the Chicago office. It is believed desirable to conduct investigation at South Bend, Indiana, in order that it may be established whether or not there is another individual probably known there who used the alias A. Carter and would be a close connection of Miller.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. J. Keating wherein an undeveloped lead is set out to interview Mrs. W. T. Moreman at Kansas City. This woman was located at 724 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas, telephone Fairfax 5041, where she operates a small lingerie establishment in the same building with her brother-in-law, A. Winkler, an optometerist. She is the woman referred to in the letter from the Birmingham office to the Kansas City office, dated 7-17-33, as mentioned by Robert Perry of the U. S. Secret Service. She was interviewed by Agents Brantley and Turrou, and wanted to know immediately if Mr. Perry had furnished information concerning her. She was answered in the negative.

Mrs. Moreman advised that she and W. T. Moreman have been married eight years. He is in the amusement business and has been in Chicago some time. He formerly resided at the Del Prado Hotel at Chicago. He met Mrs. E. B. Conner, known as Lou, at Daytona Beach, Florida last winter. He fell in love with her as Mrs. Moreman learned some time ago, after which she proceeded to Chicago to look into the matter. Mrs. Moreman stopped at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago. She learned that Moreman and Mrs. Conner were residing together in Chicago while she was there, but she did not know the address. While Mrs. Moreman was in Chicago, Moreman came to Kansas City, Kansas, to get his effects as he and Mrs. Moreman had separated and decided to get a divorce. While in Kansas City, Kansas, (she ascertained) that Moreman saw the name of Mrs. Conner in a newspaper in connection with the instant case and he immediately returned to Chicago. At that time he sought to reconcile himself with Mrs. Moreman.

Mrs. Moreman also stated that she returned to Kansas City on 7-16-33 and the Monday prior thereto she ascertained that Mrs. Conner left Chicago and went to Benton, Arkansas, as she found a telegram in the possession of her husband, Moreman, from Mrs. Conner sent from Benton, Arkansas, informing him of her arrival there. She stated that Mrs. Conner has a farm near Benton; that Mrs. Conner goes with a young brother of Eddie Conner, her deceased husband.

Mrs. Moreman stated that she does not know where her husband, W. T. Moreman, is now residing, but that he is in Chicago and she sends his mail to the Lake Cigar Store, 221 North Michigan Blvd., Chicago. She received a letter from him on 8-3-33 in which he wrote he was leaving on the previous evening, 8-2-33, for Detroit, Michigan, and upon his arrival there he would furnish his address. Mrs. Moreman promised that she would keep in touch with the Kansas City office and would furnish the address of her husband when she secures it.

The Chicago office should note the connection at the Lake Cigar Store, Chicago, Illinois, from which place a forwarding address will probably be available for W. T. Moreman.

Reference is made to page 33 of the report of Agent Trainor, dated 7-28-33, wherein mention is made of one Mrs. Dial of Thayer, Missouri, then known to be in Kansas City. Through surveillance of the Post Office General Delivery window Mrs. Dial was located and it was found that she was residing at the Holland House, a middle class hotel at Kansas City, with a man named Gerald Dial. Mrs. Dial and her husband were held by the police in technical custody for a brief period during which time thorough investigation was made by Agents Brantley and Turrou and it was determined that no connection on their part to the instant matter existed, therefore, they were released. The details of their questioning being immaterial in this case they are omitted.

With reference to the letter from the Bureau, dated 7-31-33, with enclosure which was a letter from one George Dixon, a prisoner at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, addressed to the Attorney General of the United States, offering assistance in the instant matter, Agents Brantley and Turrou interviewed Dixon, on 8-5-33. Dixon is originally from Texas and has been in Louisiana and Oklahoma; prior to his imprisonment he operated a filling station on highway #71 near Conway, Arkansas, about twenty-five miles from Little Rock, Arkansas, the name of which was Cottage City Camp, according to his statement. He said he was selling liquor at one time there and got to know many of the criminals, among them "Pretty Boy" Floyd whom he saw as many as a dozen times, although he does not claim to be an intimate friend of Floyd.

Dixon stated that he has read that the Government is looking for Floyd and that with his acquaintance in Arkansas, where he knows Floyd frequents, he can, within a very short time, either apprehend or cause the apprehension of Floyd. He stated that he is interested in the rewards outstanding for the apprehension of Floyd. He does not, he says, request the Government to advance him any money, but that he does believe the Government should shorten his stay at the penitentiary and permit him to go to Arkansas to render service by causing Floyd's apprehension. He would be willing, he said, to have an officer accompany him on this mission. He stated that unless his sentence is shortened he does not think he would give the matter further consideration.

Dixon was told by Agents Brantley and Turrou that his statement would be transmitted to the proper authorities. The Agents, who interviewed this prisoner, were not favorably impressed with his sincerity. Dixon has served a previous sentence in the State Penitentiary of Texas for robbery.

Reference is made to page 17, paragraph 3 of the report of Agent Trainor, dated 7-21-33. On 8-10-33, Subject Mulloy was interviewed at the Kansas City Bureau office by Agents Brantley and Turrou. He was specifically questioned as to whether or not he is acquainted with Louis (Doc) Stacci and still vehemently denied in quite loud tones that he has ever known Stacci or that he has ever seen him or been in communication with him, to his knowledge. He has a different version of the telephone call received on 6-16-33 at telephone Jackson 97(

Kansas City, than that mentioned heretofore in the reference report. He said that he left the Kansas City office on the occasion of the former interview and upon meditating made some inquiries at the Tavern in an effort to learn particulars connected with this call. He now states that one "Lonnie", a colored porter at the Tavern, told him that about 4 P.M. the afternoon of 6-16-33 a call came to the Tavern from Chicago asking for Fritz Mulloy to get Mason and have him call a Melrose Park number which was furnished. Mulloy was not there and Lonnie called Mulloy's number, Mulloy was not there when Lonnie called him and Lonnie talked to Mrs. Mulloy. Lonnie gave Mrs. Mulloy the message for Miller, known under the alias Mason.

Mulloy now states that Mrs. Mulloy called "Mason's" residence in Kansas City, but "Mason" was not there, but she did talk to "Mrs. Mason" and gave her the message. Thereafter Mulloy saw "Mason" and asked him if he got the Chicago call and "Mason" replied that he had.

Mulloy now states that prior to 6-16-33 other calls were received at the Tavern for "Mason" one of which he recalls was from Chicago, the caller asking for the telephone number of "Mason" and he furnished it. He now states that he does not recall the date nor does he recall who did the talking from Chicago on that occasion. It is very clear that Mulloy is seeking at this time to evade the effect of his former statement as clearly appears on page 17 of the report dated at Kansas City, 7-21-33. This is probably due to the fact that he is now aware of the arrest of Stacci in Chicago. The other individuals, mentioned by Mulloy, who may be in a position to clarify his present allegation will be interviewed and thoroughly questioned since Mrs. Mulloy would very probably be implicated if his statement, as now made, were true.

Subsequent to the above interview, a negro, named Lonnie Ross, mentioned by Mulloy, upon interview at the Kansas City office by Agents Turrou and Trainor, stated in affidavit form that no such telephone call as mentioned by Mulloy had come to the 85th Street Tavern where he was exclusively employed on 6-16-33. In support of his statement he furnished an affidavit which he swore to and same is quoted as follows:

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
JACKSON COUNTY)

Before me, a Notary Public, duly authorized by law to administer oaths, personally appeared this day the undersigned, Lonnie Rose, who deposes and says, as follows:

I reside at 2542 Woodland Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. I am engaged as a porter at the 85th Street Tavern which is now owned and operated by Walter Raine and Emil Martin. I have been engaged in the capacity of porter at the above named establishment for the past three months. Before the time that I went to the 85th Street Tavern some three months ago I was employed by Frank B. Mulloy, otherwise known as Fritz Mulloy, and was under his employment, engaged as porter, at the Horse Shoe Club at 7701 State Line Road, Kansas City, Missouri. I had been employed by Frank B. Mulloy for at least nine months continuously before I went to work at the 85th Street Tavern as here mentioned.

My duties at the 85th Street Tavern included those of answering the telephone and waiting on trade who called there for food and drink. My hours of employment each day at the 85th Street Tavern were from ten in the morning to nine in the evening. I was employed in that capacity at the 85th Street Tavern on June 17, 1933, and I definitely recall the date of June 17, 1933, by the fact that I read in the papers and heard through general reports by word of mouth on June 17, 1933, that several officers had been murdered in a massacre wherein machine guns were used in front of the Union Railroad Station, Kansas City, Missouri, on that date. I definitely recall that at least two weeks prior to the date of June 17, 1933, which I have fixed as above, there was a long distance telephone call made by someone unknown to me to the 85th Street Tavern.

In connection with that telephone call I answered the telephone and the party talking on the other end of the line asked for Fritz Mulloy. I told the party that Fritz Mulloy was not present. The party then told me to get in touch with Fritz Mulloy and to tell Fritz Mulloy for him to get in touch with Mr. Miller and have Mr. Miller call a telephone number at Melrose Park. I did not know the name of the party calling nor did I know what telephone number Mr. Miller was to be instructed to be called. I do know, however, that the telephone call which I answered was a long distance call from Melrose Park. I do not know in what state Melrose Park is located, but the reason I know that it was a long distance call was that the telephone operator told me

it was long distance calling and asked whether or not the telephone where I was located was Jackson 9702, which it was. I would say that the hour of day when this telephone call was received and answered by me was between 3:30 and 4:30 in the afternoon.

I will state further that immediately after receiving the call, mentioned above, I telephoned to the residence of Frank B. Mulloy at Kansas City, Missouri, and inquired for him, but was told by a woman, who said she was Mrs. Mulloy, who answered the telephone at Mulloy's residence, that he was not in. I, therefore, delivered to the party saying she was Mrs. Mulloy the message that Mr. Mulloy had been requested through me by a party calling long distance telephone to get in touch with Miller and to have Miller call Melrose Park. Mrs. Mulloy stated that she would get in touch with her husband, Frank B. Mulloy or Fritz as he is known, and would deliver the message to him. I definitely recall that the name Miller was used both by the party who called by long distance and conversed with me and by myself at the time that I conversed with Mrs. Mulloy by telephone. She did not ask me who was meant by Miller.

I further wish to state that I have seen in the newspaper at Kansas City, Missouri, since June 17, 1933, a photograph bearing the name Vernon C. Miller and I now have shown to me a photograph of the same individual whom I identify as Vernon C. Miller. This individual appeared at the establishment known as the Horse Shoe Club at 77th and State Line Road, heretofore mentioned in this affidavit, on various occasions during the course of my employment; that as I have stated above, at all times to my knowledge while he appeared at the Horse Shoe Club he was called by his friends and associates by the name Miller as I have heard parties with him address him. At no time have I heard him addressed under any name other than Miller.

I am definitely certain and positive upon due reflection and consideration that on the day before June 17, 1933, or in other words the day before the shooting of the officers occurred at the Union Station Plaza, Kansas City, Missouri, there was no long distance telephone call answered by me for Frank B. Mulloy or Miller which came to the 85th Street Tavern where I was employed and I will state positively that the occurrence above mentioned wherein I telephoned Mrs. Mulloy pursuant to the long distance telephone call received and answered by me, did not occur on the day before the shooting occurred at the Union Station Plaza, Kansas City, Missouri.

(Signed) Lonnie Ross

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 10th day of August, 1933.

My commission expires Aug. 23, 1936. (Signed) Earle W. Frost
Notary Public

In further connection with the denials made by Mulloy, as mentioned herein, interview was had by Special Agent L. G. Turrou with Captain Charles A. Beatty, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department. He advised that about a year ago while he was in charge of the holdup squad he had a restaurant located at 31st and Main Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, kept under surveillance, this restaurant having been suspected of having been a rendezvous of Chicago hoodlums and bank robbers; that in the course of such surveillance he had on several occasions seen Fritz Mulloy and Louis (Doc) Stacci together. Captain Beatty stated that from his observation it appeared to him that Mulloy and Stacci were well acquainted with each other.

A newspaper photograph of Stacci was shown to Beatty and he readily identified same to be the person whom he frequently saw in the company of Mulloy.

PENDING

801 Liberty National Life Bldg.,
Birmingham, Alabama,
August 15, 1933.

Personal

Mr. J. M. Shields,
P. O. Box 44,
Montgomery, Ala.

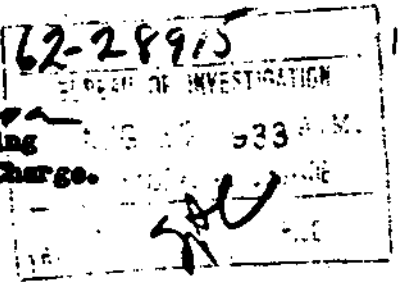
Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, IO #1195 - FUGITIVE;
Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases, IO #1201 -
FUGITIVE, et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - Endeavor to deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash. - Birmingham File 62-826.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your memoranda dated August 7th and 10th, 1933, in which you advised that you were endeavoring to secure information at Montgomery, Alabama from underworld sources concerning the whereabouts of subject Richard Galatas.

Your cooperation in this respect is sincerely appreciated, and in the event that you secure any information it will be appreciated if you will promptly forward it to this office.

Very truly yours,



J. E. HANSON, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC: Kansas City.

For the information of the Division, and of the Kansas City Office, Mr. Shields is Special Agent in Charge of the Prohibition Unit at Montgomery, Ala., and under dates of August 7th and 10th he forwarded to the Birmingham office informal memoranda, copies of which are attached. It is believed that Mr. Shields, in endeavoring to secure information concerning Richard Galatas has secured, instead, some information concerning Jules Galatas, a cousin of subject Richard Galatas, and who according to previous information furnished to the K.C. office, left Montgomery several years ago with a Jewish woman named Gerson and is reported at the present time to be in Chicago, Ill. JEH

P. O. Box 44,
Montgomery, Ala.,
Aug. 7, 1933.

Dear Hanson:

I received Identification Order No. 1201, Richard Tallman Galatas with aliases as of August 1, 1933 in connection with the murder of Special Agent Raymond J. Caffrey et al on June 17, 1933 at Kansas City.

I have, within the last three or four days, made some discreet inquiries among my underworld contacts here. I find, of course, that Galatis is a native of this section, and is quite well known here. I am hopeful of securing his exact location within the next few days. Of course I don't know this but I believe it will happen.

If we could arrange a small reward, strictly conditioned on information leading to his apprehension, it might stimulate the activities somewhat. Of course you understand that this is merely a suggestion of mine, and I have not said a word about a reward to my informants.

Galatas has quite a few friends here and I doubt if it would be wise for us to communicate by telegraph or telephone about the matter. If I need to advise you by wire, I will say, "Order accepted as per advice of August seventh", and send it commercial rate to you personally. If I send you such a message I will have him or his "woman" located.

I am writing this personally in long hand because <u>it must not leak</u>. I have absolute confidence in my stenographers and yours, but I don't want to take any chances with it. If you write me about it, send in plain envelope stamped marked "Personal".

I am very respectfully,

(Signed) James M. Shields,
Special Agt in Chg.
Montgomery Branch

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Montgomery, Ala.,
August 10, 1933.

DEAR HANSON;

According to information I consider reliable Richard Galatas left here some two years ago accompanied by a Mrs. Winters who abandoned her husband to go with him. According to this same information she and Galatas are still living together intermittently. This woman is now living at 26½ Franklin Street, Miami, Fla., and it is probable that Galatas is there some of the time. According to this same information, which I received yesterday, Mrs. Winters and probably Galatas are now visiting a Dr. McCoy at Hialeah, Florida, which is near Miami. This information comes from an underworld source, but it has been reliable for us on several occasions. I have two other "hooks" out, which I should hear from today or tomorrow. If I do, I will let you have it at once.

I am very respectfully,

(Signed) James M. Shields,
Box 44.
Tel. C-3422

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir: Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE, et al. OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash.)

On July 20, 1933 Frank Walter Wesley was arrested at Bement, Ill., on larceny and burglary charges and was interviewed by Special Agent C. B. Morris in connection with a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. William Goodman and Ernest Oglesby were also involved in this case. Goodman was shot and killed by State Officers at Bement on July 20, 1933, and Ernest Oglesby escaped.

At the time of the interview with Wesley, he stated that Oglesby is well acquainted with Charles Arthur Floyd, and Oglesby told Wesley that he saw Floyd and the Barrow brothers at Joplin, Mo., in the early part of June, 1933. Wesley is of the opinion that Oglesby is in a position to furnish considerable information regarding the activities of Floyd, the Barrow brothers, and other hoodlums operating in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Kansas.

Robert Burns, with aliases, who is being held in the City Jail at Springfield, Ill., in connection with a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, was interviewed by Special Agent C. B. Morris, at his request, and stated that in view of the fact that he is being held by the Federal Government for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, he feels that he might help his case by furnishing information which may be of benefit to the Government. In this connection he stated that he is acquainted with Harvey J. Bailey, Wilbur Underhill, and a man named Watson, whom he claims to have met in the State Prison at Lansing, Kansas. Robert Burns stated that he arrived in Kansas City, Mo., on June 12, 1933, and remained there until June 26, 1933, when he came to St.Louis; that on the morning of June 17, 1933 he was standing in front of the Plaza Hotel, which is near the Union Station in Kansas City, Mo., and saw the shooting that occurred in connection with the attempted delivery of Frank Nash; that immediately after the shooting he saw two cars driving away from the scene of the shooting, one going past the Plaza Hotel at a very high rate of speed, and the other going in the

opposite direction. He stated that while in Kansas City he saw Bailey, Underhill, and Katzen; that he cannot remember whether it was before or after June 17, 1933; that he does not remember where he saw them in Kansas City. He further stated that Charles Arthur Floyd was not involved in the shooting at Kansas City on June 17, 1933 as he, Burns, received information from Thomas McBride of Kansas City, Mo., that Floyd was at Denison, Texas on June 17, 1933. Burns stated that McBride hangs out on the 6th floor of the Sexton Hotel, and at 1106 Baltimore Street, both addresses being gambling houses in Kansas City, Mo.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

GEM:M
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cc. Division.

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
DIVISION ONE
AUG 16 1933 P.M.

1900 Bankers Bldg,
Chicago, Illinois
August 16, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
905 Federal Reserve Bldg,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:- Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, Fugitive,
I. O. 1195, et al,
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

Reference is made to your letter dated August 14, 1933, wherein you inquiry whether miscroscopic phot graphs of the bullets in question would suffice for an examination in Chicago.

In my opinion, these photographs will not suffice, and it is requested that you forward these actual bullets as soon as it is possible.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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CC Bureau

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,

Kansas City, Missouri,

August 18, 1933.

Colonel Keller,
United States Army,
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, FUGITIVE
ET AL
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
K. C. File #62-760-

Sir:

Concerning telephonic conversation between Special Agent M. C. Spear of this office and yourself today in an endeavor to obtain the service of an army plane for an official investigation by this office, please be advised that a plane was obtained here at Kansas City and, hence, Mr. Spear did not call you back again.

Thanking you for your offer of cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI
Special Agent in Charge.

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326½ Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.
August 16, 1933.

Mr. Mitchell E. McLaughlin,
Postmaster,
Leland, Mississippi.

Dear Sir:-

Complying with request contained in your letter of August 15, 1933, there is enclosed herewith another copy of Identification Order No. 1194, which was issued by this Bureau on CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, alias FRANK MITCHELL, alias "PRETTY BOY SMITH".

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am,

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Division.

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

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August 18, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your file No. 62-760 in the matter of Vernon C. Miller with aliases, I. O. #1195 - Fugitive, et al.

From the reports of Agent Trainor dated July 28th and Agent Tracy dated August 5th, it is noted that 1931 Cadillac Town Sedan, V-12, Series #370, Motor #1000032, bearing 1933 New York license tags #8-L-8966, figures in this investigation. It is also observed that this car is reported to be armor-plated. This car was in Hot Springs, Ark. in February, 1933, apparently in the possession of a group of New York City and Newark, N. J. racketeers, among whom one claimed to be Louis Saffer. The car was also seen in Memphis, Tenn. on or about June 8, 1933. It is believed that the Louis Saffer referred to above is identical with one Louis Buchalter mentioned in the report of Agent Tracy referred to, for the reason that not only were calls made to the Buchalter apartment in New York City, by the group in Hot Springs, Ark., but just a few days ago, Louis Buchalter and his wife checked into the Hotel Pierre, New York City, under the name Mr. and Mrs. Louis Saffer.

The car in question was sold to one Louis J. Basil, 172 West 97th Street, New York City, sometime in 1932, but the present whereabouts of Basil is not known, and he is believed to be a fiction.

Of further interest in connection with this car, the New York office has been advised by the A. U. D. B. that their office at Chicago, Ill. received a letter from Chief of Detectives Montgomery, Peoria, Ill., under date of January 5, 1932, asking it to check the car. The A. U. D. B. reported to this office that Sergeant R. E. Moran of the Automobile Detail, Peoria, Ill. informed it that the car was turned back to Louis J. Basil, after it was investigated

by the Police Department.

To the office of origin is suggested the desirability of having the Cadillac Motor Agency, through the Detroit office, circularize its dealers and distributors in the United States for the purpose of determining (1) Dates when and places where this particular car was serviced subsequent to January 1, 1933; and (2) to notify the nearest Division office when the car is again serviced.

Very truly yours,

T. F. CULLEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
August 17, 1953

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Room 1405,
370 Lexington Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

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August 18, 1933.

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

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Dear Sir:-

Please refer to report of Agent Keating dated July 31st, in the matter of Vernon C. Miller with aliases, I. O. #1195 - Fugitive, et al, your file No. 62-1649.

Page 56 of the report referred to sets forth that Fugitive Miller is probably in Montreal, Canada, associated with Sammy Schrager; that the informant has a telephone number through which Schrager may be reached.

It is requested that every effort be made to secure this telephone number as soon as possible, and the number be telegraphed to this office.

Very truly yours,

T. J. CULLEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division

cc Kansas City

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318 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California.

WAR:IS
Refer file
#62-1111.

August 15, 1933.

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

Dear Sir: Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1195, et al. Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter in the above matter from the Kansas City office, dated August 2, 1933, together with a copy of a letter dated August 7, 1933, from the National Automobile Theft Bureau, Sacramento, California, concerning the registration of California license #924344.

Please conduct the necessary investigation, and advise the Kansas City Office.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROBER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

August 2, 1938.

COPY

Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
318 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir: In Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, et al. - Obstruction
of Justice (Endeavor to deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
Kansas City file 62-760.

In connection with the above captioned matter, it is reported there is an individual at Kansas City, Missouri, in a Dodge Sedan, bearing California 1938 license number 924344, of whom we are suspicious, and who may not have any connection at all with this case. However, I suggest you check and advise me to whom the above license was issued, and any other data you may secure regarding the man's occupation, etc.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI
Special Agent in Charge

REV:cs
CC - Bureau

NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE THEFT BUREAU
328 Pine Street
San Francisco, California.

Sacramento, Calif.
Aug. 7th 1933

COPY

W. A. Rorer,
Special Agent in Charge,
318 Hewes Bldg.,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir: File #62-1111

Answering your letter of the 3rd, will say William Erickson Jensen, 718 Kingston Court, Mission Beach, California, secured operator's license #B863487 on January 4th 1933 as 31 yrs; 5'8"; 145 lbs; eyes blue; hair blonde. Had a license in the State of Washington during 1932.

Gave his father's name as Dr. H. Jensen and mother's Mrs. Nellie Jensen, 2648 E. 28th St., Kansas City, Mo.

The 1933 Dodge Sedan, motor #DP 2658 serial #3580498 was registered February 10th 1933 under license #9Z 4344 by W. E. Jensen, 718 Kingston St., Mission Beach, San Diego Co., Calif. Legal owner as C. A. Gray, 801 W. Broadway, San Diego.

yours very truly,

R. ASSALENA,
Sacramento Representative

cc to SF NATB

520½ Post Office Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

EW:mw
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August 18, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
FUGITIVE; et al;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (ENDEAVOR TO
DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK WASH).

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of August 10, 1938, to the Kansas City Office, copy of which was forwarded to you, relative to information furnished by United States Attorney Philip H. Mecom, Shreveport, Louisiana, regarding one, T. N. Tiller, of Logansport, Louisiana, who advised Mr. Mecom that Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd has been stopping with relatives in the vicinity of Logansport, Louisiana, and near San Augustine, Texas, in Sabine County.

I am today in receipt of a letter from Sheriff McFatter, at Mansfield, Louisiana, which is near Logansport, advising that T. N. Tiller, of Logansport, has informed that office that Buford Flores, Scott Chambers, and one, Britton, who is thought to be "Pretty Boy" Floyd, have been stopping at a farm house with a man named Lucky Britton, who lives about seven miles out of San Augustine, Texas, in the direction of Hemphill, Texas; that these parties are driving a Chrysler automobile and are supposed to have been in the vicinity of San Augustine for the past five or six weeks. The Sheriff at Mansfield, in his communication, states that Mr. Tiller, the informant, desires that the source of this information be treated as strictly confidential.

Since it is not known what the status of this matter is, no further action will be taken in the absence of a request.

Very truly yours,

62-28915

E. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division
cc-Oklahoma City
cc-Kansas City

AUG 21 1938

801 Title Guaranty Bldg.
Saint Louis, Missouri
August 19, 1933

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

In Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
FUGITIVE - I. O. #1195, et al,
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor
to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash.)

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the third instant, attaching memoranda relating to telephone calls made from the telephone of E. M. Goldman of the Ellison Apartments of Kansas City during June of 1933, and particularly relating to a telephone call made on June 17, 1933 to Sterling1748 at St. Louis, Missouri, investigation through the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company revealed that Sterling 1748 at St. Louis is the telephone of H. L. Burrill, of 6440 Southwest Avenue, St. Louis. Mr. Burrill is employed as a safety engineer by the Maryland Casualty Company, Pierce Building, St. Louis, and upon being interviewed stated that he knew of no such call having been received at his home, but that a young lady named Fay Williams had rented a room from his wife, which she occupied for about one year, and left for Chicago, Illinois, arriving the first of August, 1933, with the intention of remaining in Chicago for about two weeks; that Fay Williams telephoned Mrs. Burrill thereafter and indicated that she would probably ask Mrs. Burrill to send her clothing to Chicago, as she had a chance to go to Saratoga, New York, and probably would not return to St. Louis; that up to this time no definite address of Fay Williams has been received from her.

Mr. Burrill further stated that he remembers that Miss Williams has in the past received several telephone calls from Kansas City; that she had made a practice of following horse races, and it was his opinion that such telephone calls related to horse racing. He stated that as soon as a definite address is received from Miss Williams, he will inform this office.

For your further information, Sister Fidelis, of the Sisters of Mercy, Webster Groves, Missouri, is at present absent from Webster Groves, and is not otherwise available for interview, but will be interviewed immediately upon her return to Webster Groves.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LAIRD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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DEPT. OF JUSTICE
DIVISION NINE
AUG 22 1933

Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

THT:SH
62-4949

August 19, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telegram dated August 17th to this office in connection with the matter in which Vernon C. Miller with aliases, I.O. 1195, Fugitive, et al, is involved.

Inquiry at Newark, N.J. has disclosed that the address 224 North Broad Street is an apartment house operated by one Mrs. Thomas. It is located in the cheap section of Newark and the apartments and rooms rented are furnished.

Mrs. Thomas advised that apartment 110 is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Harry DuClause and that they moved into the apartment about one month ago. She said that the family consists of the father, mother, and a girl aged ten; that DuClause is supposed to be employed by some trucking firm in Paterson, N.J. However, she does not know this of her own knowledge, this being what he said; that DuClause does not work on a full time basis and is having a difficult time making both ends meet; that the trucking firm for which he works, the name of which she does not know, apparently does an out of town business as on some occasions DuClause is out of town three or four days and whenever he goes out of town he takes his wife and child to Jersey City, N.J. where the latter two stay with an aunt of Mrs. DuClause; that is, Mrs. DuClause has stated that she has an aunt in Jersey City with whom she stays on occasions when her husband goes out of town. She said that they are very quiet persons and are in indigent circumstances and have a hard time paying their rent, DuClause paying two or three dollars whenever he can; furthermore, that the entire family has a starved appearance and buy very little food and then in meagre quantities. She stated that she felt quite certain the DuClauses were without money and was under the belief that agent was making an investigation to determine whether they should have financial assistance from the municipality. She said that Mr. DuClause owns a car, which is an old ramshackle affair and has Indiana plates. The car was not parked outside the apartment at the time of the investigation. However, the license number will be

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obtained. She said that although the cer goes it is practically worthless. Mrs. Thomas mentioned something about the possibility of their being from Chicago, implying that they receive mail from there, although she would not commit herself on the point as to the places from which they receive mail. She also said that from what she was able to gather, the DuClauses formerly lived in Jersey City.

She described Harry DuClause as being 35 years of age, 5'9-1/2", weight 140, dark eyes, dark hair, soft spoken, thin face, stooped shoulders, emaciated appearance; Mrs. DuClause as being 30 years of age, medium height and build, dark hair, eyes and complexion.

At the post office, Newark, N.J. it was learned that Carrier Cassidy covers this route. However, it will be impossible to see him until August 21st. While at the post office, two letters were located, addressed to the DuClauses. Each was postmarked LaSalle, Ill., 9 P.M., August 16th and each apparently was addressed by the same person. Tracings were secured and are attached hereto.

This phase of the case is being further investigated. However, in the meantime, it is suggested that you advise this office as to the names of the persons in your district receiving mail from the DuClauses and whether a cover on the mail of the DuClauses is deemed advisable. The DuClauses have no visitors, according to Mrs. Thomas.

Very truly yours,

T. F. CULLEN
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Division
Kansas City

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224 Federal Bldg.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

August 18, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Verne C. Miller with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1195, et al
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

I have just received from Special Agent Butterworth at Hot Springs the following memorandum:

Mr. R. J. Denby, postmaster at Hot Springs, Arkansas advised Agent that Mr. William Seiz, Jr., 130 Liberty St., Hot Springs, Ark. was the man who proposed Richard T. Galatas for Membership in the Hot Springs Masonic Lodge No. 62 and that Mr. Seiz may be able to furnish valuable information concerning Galatas.

Mr. Denby stated that Mr. William Seiz informed Mr. Denby that A. J. Conner, Jimmie, was the brother of Eddie Conner, a racketeer, who was killed in New Jersey last year and that Mrs. Nash was the former wife of Eddie Conner. Mr. Denby said that A. J. Conner, known as Jimmie, was living in the house when Nash was apprehended and left Hot Springs, Ark. the same day that Mrs. Nash took the Air plane to Joplin, Mo.

Mr. Denby believes that A. J.Conner was the man who accompanied Mrs. Nash to Joplin, Mo. by Air plane, after Nash was taken into custody at Hot Springs, Ark.

He said that Lewis Bledsoe, substitute mail carrier in the Hot Springs Post Office delivered special delivery letters daily to Mrs. Nash at 1101 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, Ark. from the latter part of May to June 16, 1933 and that these letters were addressed to Mrs. Louise Conner, 1101 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mr. Bledsoe delivered some of the letters to Mrs. Conner and some of them to A. J. Conner. These letters all came from the same address, Del Prado Hotel, Hyde Park Boulevard at 53rd St.,Chicago, Ill. He said that on August 5, 1933 the Sentinel-Record, a newspaper published in Hot Springs, Ark. had the pictures of Mrs. Herb Farmer and Mrs. Frances Nash.

Mr. Bledsoe on seeing these pictures reported to Mr. Denby that the picture of Mrs. Herb Farmer resembled the woman to whom Mr. Bledsoe delivered the special delivery letters and that the picture of Mrs. Nash did not look like the woman who received the special delivery letters.

Agent secured a copy of the Sentinel-Record for August 5, 1933 which is attached to this memorandum.

Mr. Denby stated that when Mrs. Nash moved to 1101 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, Ark. she left an order at the Post Office requesting that none of her mail be given to any one without a written order from her and signed the order Mrs. Louise Conner.

The above memorandum is quite mixed up, as according to my understanding Mrs. Nash never lived at 1101 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, but this was the apartment occupied by Louise Conner and I think the letters delivered there were not for Mrs. Nash but were for Mrs. Conner.

The memorandum is further in error in that it states that A. J. Conner was believed to be the man who accompanied Mrs. Nash to Joplin by airplane. We know, of course, that the man who accompanied her was Celetas.

The attention of the Chicago Office is called to the address Del Prado Hotel, Hyde Park Boulevard at 53rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, indicating that someone there was corresponding with Mrs. Louise Conner. No doubt the Chicago Office will make appropriate investigation at that point if it has not already been done.

I think the memorandum is further in error in that it states that Mrs. Nash was the former wife of Eddie Conner. The truth is that Louise Conner is the former wife of Eddie Conner and that A. J. Conner is the brother of the slain Eddie Conner.

This information is submitted for such value as it may have.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Director
Chicago

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903 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
August 19, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter emanating from this office under date of July 14, 1933, enclosing a copy of Division letter dated July 11, 1933, with which was transmitted a bill from the Chaney's Funeral Home, McAlester, Oklahoma, covering the funeral expenses of Chief of Police Otto Reid.

The Division, under date of August 16, 1933, has written, referring to its former letter dated July 11th. You will note that the former letter suggested that a copy of the paid bill covering the funeral expenses of former Chief of Police Otto Reid, be forwarded to the Division. The Division has requested that it be furnished with any information that may be available relative to the above matter.

As this matter is being handled by your office, it is requested that you advise the Bureau directly.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Division.

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203 Post Office Building,
St.Paul,Minnesota.

March 21,1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: WERNE C.MILLER, with aliases,FUGITIVE,
I.C.#1195, et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE(Endeavor to Deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).
St.Paul File No.62-666.

It has been reported to this office, from underworld sources, that BERNARD PHILLIPS, I.C.#1196, is dead. One story is to the effect that PHILLIPS, after the apprehension of KEATING and HOLDEN, was suspected of being the individual responsible for the apprehension of KEATING and HOLDEN, and that he was burned to death in his automobile, as retaliation.

While W.Carter Baum, Special Agent of your office, was at St.Paul, he and Special Agent O.G.Hall, of this office, discussed the above rumor and it was believed that the rumor was without foundation. However, it appears that, some efforts should be made to establish that PHILLIPS is alive. To that end, it is suggested that WINNIE WILLIAMS, receiving mail at 6400 Paxton and, who resides with MARGARET COURTNAY in Apartment 310, at 3616 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago Illinois, be interviewed. She is the former wife, or mistress, of PHILLIPS. It appears that, since she is no longer living with PHILLIPS, she might be inclined to give some information regarding him, particularly if she were deserted by PHILLIPS for some other woman.

It is noted, in the letter of the Chicago Office, dated August 19,1933, to the St.Louis Office, that WINNIE WILLIAMS was to proceed to Los Angeles, on August 14,1933, to meet a man named ARNOLD. If it appears that WINNIE WILLIAMS is no longer in Chicago, it is requested that the Los Angeles Office be requested, by letter, to conduct the necessary inquiry.

Very truly yours,

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WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

August 19, 1933.

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~~AIR MAIL~~ - SPECIAL DELIVERY.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
801 Title Guaranty Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNE C. MILLER, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. C. #1195, et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash) Chicago file #62-1649.

Mrs. Frank Nash was recently questioned by agents of the Kansas City Office concerning friends, associates, and acquaintances of Frank Nash and Vernon Miller. She stated that while in St. Paul on one occasion she was at a saloon or club of some kind, the name and address of which she does not know, and that she met a woman known only as "mother", who had two sons, whose names are Freddy and Doc.

Mrs. Nash identified the photograph of Freddy Barker as the Freddy mentioned above. No photograph of Doc Barker, brother of Fred Barker, was available but there is no doubt but that the Doc in question is Doc Barker, and that the woman in question known as "mother" is Kate Barker, who travels constantly with her two sons, and with them very likely is Alvin Karpis and Harry Carlton, alias Larry O'Keefe.

Alvin Karpis, alias George Keller, Register #8008, Kansas State Penitentiary, and Freddy Barker, Register #9936, Kansas State Penitentiary, are both wanted for the murder of Sheriff Kelly at West Plains, Missouri, in December, 1931. Harry Carlton, Chicago Police #0-16239 is wanted at Kirksville, Missouri, for the murder, first degree, of Police Officer John Rose on the morning of November 19, 1930. The aforementioned three men are known bank robbers and murderers and known associates of the Keating, Holden, Nash, Bailey, Phillips and Miller gang. During the Keating and Holden investigation these three men were positively identified with the gang.

Mrs. Nash said that later she saw Fred Barker and his mother around Louie's Place, which is located at Cary, Illinois; that on one occasion while at Louie's Place there was another woman known as Helen with Mrs. Barker and that she assisted these two women in obtaining apartments at the Home Apartment Building in Oak Park, Illinois, where they both lived for some time. This, she believes, was in the late Winter or early Spring of 1933. She stated, however, that she believes these two women vacated the apartments in the Home Apartment Building and moved to a more desirable apartment building in the same locality. She does not know under what names they lived but she is of the opinion that one of them used the name of Ferguson.

In the Keating, Holden and Nash files, entitled Escaped Federal Prisoners, it is set out that in Kansas City Mrs. Barker, who was living with her sons and Alvin Karpis, used the name of Kate Hunter.

Mrs. Nash further stated that while in St. Paul, Minnesota, on or about June 10, 1933, with Frank Nash, she and Frank spent the night at a residence of some friends of Frank, the address of which she does not remember; that this friend was Fred Barker and that Doc Barker was living there with him with a woman named Paula. She stated that there was a young, collegiate appearing fellow at this house when she and Frank were there; that she could not positively identify a photograph of Alvin Karpis as this individual.

Investigation at the Home Apartments, 114 Home Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, disclosed that on March 16, 1933, three women came to look at furnished apartments. One woman, who appeared to be Mrs. Nash, called the elderly lady "mother", and the elderly lady rented apartment 14 on the third floor, front. At the time she rented the apartment she gave the name as Mrs. Gordon.

Louie Goodlow, the colored janitor who rented this apartment, advised that he only saw the woman, who appears to be Mrs. Nash, on the occasion on which the apartment was rented. He described her as a medium sized woman, a neat dresser, with exceptionally large feet. He described Mrs. Gordon as about 60 years of age, weight 165 pounds, 5'6" tall, grey hair, and well dressed. Immediately thereafter, two men who called this woman "ma", came to live at the apartment. He described #1 as 30 to 35 years, weight about 160 pounds, 5'7"

tall, and #2 as 35 to 40 years, weight 180 pounds, 5'10" tall. The Gordon family own a dark colored Buick Sedan, 1932 model, which they kept in a garage in the rear of the apartment building. Goodlow stated that this car bore Illinois license plates. The Gordons moved out of the apartment on June 20, 1933. The only visitors seen around this apartment was a blond haired woman of stout build and about fifty years of age. According to Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Matthews, who are the owners, this woman came from St. Louis, Missouri, to visit the Gordons. Louie Goodlow further stated that the Gordon family always acted suspiciously; that the two boys returned to the apartment frequently each day and that he had not seen them at the apartment since about June 1st, 1933. Mrs. Matthews stated that on the morning of June 20, 1933, she heard Mrs. Gordon crying and some man in the apartment told her that they had to move immediately. The Gordon family had two large trunks in the apartment which they moved themselves personally in their own automobile. The proprietor and the janitor are positive that the Gordon family moved to some other place at Oak Park or Chicago, Illinois, as when they left the Home Apartments they forgot a silver spoon and returned several days after their departure to claim this article.

The janitor, after viewing the photographs of the Barker brothers, Alvin Karpis, and Harry Carlton advised that none of these men bore a likeness to the two men living in apartment 14 with Mrs. Gordon. He positively identified the photograph of Verne Miller as a man who called at the apartment frequently.

The janitor further advised that on March 16, 1933, the third woman who was with Mrs. Gordon pretended not to know her but this woman, whom he describes as about 30 years of age, medium build with light brown hair, rented apartment seventeen on the third floor, rear. This woman gave the name Mrs. H. Ferguson, and stated that her husband was out of town. A short time thereafter a man stayed at the apartment with her for approximately one week and never made his appearance at the apartment thereafter. Goodlow further stated that when Mrs. Ferguson rented the apartment she had a Pontiac automobile which bore a foreign license, possibly Missouri, and that on or about May 1st, 1933, she purchased a new Buick Roadster, black in color, fender wells, and a rumble seat, and that she advised him that she had traded in the

Pontiac when she purchased the Buick automobile. The Pontiac and the Buick Roadster was also kept in a garage in the rear of the apartment. The garages in the rear are a part of the Home Apartment Building. Mrs. Ferguson generally stated that her husband was a traveling man and quite frequentlyshe made trips out of town for a week or more, informing the janitor that she was departing to visit her husband. On or about July 1st, 1933, Mrs. Ferguson left the apartment and did not return until July 20, 1933, at which time she paid the rent up until July 21st, 1933, and immediately moved out. Just prior to departing she had the American Railway Express Company call for two large cartons, which were forwarded collect to Mrs. H. W. Davies, 3703 Keokuk Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. The sender's name on these cartons was H. Ferguson, 114 Home Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois.

Mrs. A. K. Matthews and the janitor stated that immediately after Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Ferguson, who pretended to be strangers, rented the apartments, they commenced to associate together and were inseparable thereafter. Both women always dressed alike, generally wearing white cloth suits. The younger man in the Gordon family always drove the Buick automobile and the woman known as Mrs. Gordon always sat in the front seat with him. The older man, who seldom talked, and who generally scowled, always sat alone in the rear seat. They all wore expensive clothes and appeared to have plenty of money. They never associated or spoke to any of the tenants and failed to place their names in the mail boxes. When Mrs. Ferguson left the apartment on July 21st, 1933, the blond woman from St. Louis left with her. Both apartments were furnished apartments with complete service supplied. Mrs. Gordon paid $52.50 for the front apartment and Mrs. H. Ferguson paid $42.50 for the rear apartment.

A check at the Oak Park Post Office disclosed that neither of the women left forwarding addresses. The wife of Bernard Phillips, who is using the alias of Minnie Williams, is receiving mail at this time at 8400 Paxton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. On August 16, 1933, she received a registered letter postmarked St. Louis, Missouri, August 15, 1933, with a return address of L. Fuller, 4916 A Laclede Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. The property at 8400 Paxton Avenue is owned by one F. M. Ross. Miss Ross received a letter postmarked St. Louis, Missouri, August 14, 1933, from O. Heckenyos, 4916 Davison,

St. Louis, Missouri. F. E. Ross received a letter postmarked Los Angeles, California, August 12, 1933, from 538 May Street, Los Angeles, California.

Captain Dan Gilbert of the States Attorney's office, Chicago, Illinois, advised that Winnie Williams, although receiving mail at 8400 Paxton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is residing with Margaret Courtney and Peggie Cunn in Apt. 310 at 3618 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He further advised that on August 3rd, 1933, Winnie Williams departed for Kansas City or St. Louis, Missouri, and was expected to return to Chicago on August 14, 1933, at which time she will proceed to Los Angeles, California, where she is to meet a man named Arnold.

Winnie Williams is an associate of Bertha Engler at St. Louis, Missouri. Her husband, William Engle, is a well known bank robber.

Lillian Holden, the wife of Thomas Holden, is receiving mail at 6957 S. Hermitage Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. She now uses the alias of Jeannette Burns and has been identified as the custodian of the apartment which Verne Miller had until recently at Oak Park, Illinois.

Photostatic photographs of the Barker Brothers, Alvin Karpis, and Harry Carlton, together with fingerprint classifications and descriptions, are being attached to the copy of this letter for the St. Louis Office so that it may assist them in any investigation deemed advisable at the St. Louis addresses.

It is suggested that the Los Angeles Office establish the identities of all parties at 538 May Street, Los Angeles, California.

Very truly yours,

E. E. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Bureau
cc: Kansas City
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cc: St. Paul
cc: New York

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326½ Post Office Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.
August 19, 1933.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
201 Liberty National Life Bldg.,
Birmingham, Alabama.

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

Dear Sir:

Please refer to pages ten and seventeen of the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, July 28, 1933.

It is noted on page ten that Eddie Conner advised Dr. Jarrell, Hot Springs, Arkansas, that he was originally from the State of Mississippi, and that he was a cousin of Governor Conner of that State, and Dr. Jarrell suggested that Conner was possibly born at Tupelo, Mississippi. On page seventeen, paragraph two, it will be noted that A. J. Conner claims to be the nephew of Governor Conner of Mississippi, and that he is supposed to be a graduate of a college at Oxford, Mississippi, (evidently the University of Mississippi).

Special Agent W. A. Temple of this office advises that a party by the name of E. Conner, whose father was Jack Conner, a merchant at Oxford, Mississippi, about twenty years ago, and whose uncle was Rube Burrows, a bandit in North Mississippi, was born and reared at Oxford, Mississippi.

It is requested that appropriate investigation be made at Oxford, Mississippi, to determine if either Eddie or A. J. Conner attended the University of Mississippi, and if so, obtain all information which the records reflect at said University relative to the parents and home address. If neither of them attended the University of Mississippi, the records of the High School at Oxford should be consulted for such information. Agent Temple suggests that Mr. J. O. Ramey, a grocer at Oxford, be contacted for information relative to the E. Conner who was born and reared at Oxford, and if Mr. Ramey cannot furnish this information, he can furnish the name or names of parties who can furnish same.

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The New Orleans Office will contact Governor Conner at Jackson, Mississippi, and ascertain from him if either Eddie or R. F. Conner is related to him, and if so, where they were born and reared. This office will also conduct appropriate investigation at Biloxi, Mississippi, and ascertain from Earl Whitehill what he knows about the Conners above referred to, as it is noted from report of Special Agent Trainor dated July 26, 1933, at Kansas City, Missouri, that on 2/6/33 a party by the name of "Conner" placed a long distance telephone call at The Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, to Whitehill at Biloxi, Mississippi, at 11:60 a. m.

All of the above investigation will be conducted in an effort to locate Mrs. E. R. (Louise) Conner through any of her relatives.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division
cc-Kansas City

201 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama,
August 21, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Ill.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases;
FUGITIVE, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Bank)
Birmingham file 62-626

Dear Sir:

With reference to the above entitled case, it has been ascertained that one Pat Cardelle Sturney, alias Bill Sturney, is possibly the step-son of subject Richard Tallman Calatas, with aliases, one of the fugitives in this case; further that young Sturney at the present time is a student at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala., and until very recently he made his home with Mrs. Myrtle C. Duncan at 109 Woodley Terrace, Montgomery, Ala.

All mail being delivered to this residence has been covered by the Birmingham office for a period of weeks, in an effort to ascertain if mail is now being forwarded by Calatas to the Duncan home and in turn transmitted to Pat Sturney.

Tracing has just been received from the Postmaster, Montgomery, Ala. reflecting a letter addressed to Mrs. Myrtle Gibson Duncan, 109 Woodley Terrace, Montgomery, Ala., mailed at New London, Wisconsin on August 12, 1935, and bearing a return address of 908 Alton Ave., Appleton, Wisconsin.

It is suggested that discreet inquiry be made at this address to ascertain the writer of the letter, and any information that they may possess relative to subject Calatas.

Very truly yours,

T. D. QUINN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Division
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619 Federal Building
Los Angeles, California
August 17, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1216 Smith-Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas

DEPT. OF JUSTICE
DIVISION ONE
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Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, FUG., et al
Obstruction of Justice
(Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash)
L. A. File 62-964

With reference to the letter of Special Agent in Charge Berer, San Francisco, dated August 7, 1933, in the above entitled matter, please be advised that Special Agents Kheen and Hott of this office located Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Airhart at 6832 Evergreen Street, Southgate, California, and were advised by Airhart that for several weeks prior to July 17, 1933, he and his wife were visiting his wife's brother, E. M. Marcum who resides in Artesia, New Mexico, where Marcum is employed as a mechanic for the gas company. That shortly before informant's departure from Artesia for Los Angeles, he saw a light blue, late model Buick Sedan with New Mexico license plates, parked on the main street of Artesia; that he glanced into the automobile and noticed that the rear compartment was covered with khaki canvas held in place by fasteners; that one corner of the canvas had become unsnapped, and that he observed a machine gun under the canvas.

Continuing, Airhart stated that he disclosed what he had seen to Tom Bailey who operates the grocery store in Artesia, and that Bailey stated that the car belonged to "Pretty Boy" Floyd; that he, Bailey, has known Floyd all his life, and that there were two machine guns mounted in the rear of the automobile, instead of one.

Airhart stated that he saw the party believed to be Floyd on the streets of Artesia twice; that once this party was with one man, and later with two men; that the suspect wore a blue dress shirt, wide brimmed Stetson felt hat, shoes and khaki pants; that he was about the size of Agent Hott (5'8" tall, weight 165 lbs.) with medium complexion. Airhart

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stated that he relied mostly upon the statement of Tom Bailey that the party was Floyd. Airhart was unable to describe the facial features of the suspect.

Airhart appeared sincere in his statements, and stated that he knew of no reason why Tom Bailey should have misinformed him. Mrs. Airhart stated that she never saw the party referred to, knew nothing about the matter, and that her brother, W. M. Marcum, knew nothing concerning instant matter.

The possibility that the Buick Sedan reported by Airhart may have been a Cadillac, and that Tom Bailey may in some way be related to Harvey J. Bailey who was recently apprehended, makes it advisable to undertake an investigation at Artesia, New Mexico.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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August 30, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 11, regarding your interview with Mr. Frank J. Loesch and your later talk with W. Comfort Hawkins, who claims to have a contact in the underworld who can produce information of value in connection with our several investigations looking towards the apprehension of important fugitives.

I have noted the concluding paragraph of your communication suggesting that possibly it would be well to try Hawkins and his informant out for a while to see what they might produce in the way of information and in this connection would suggest that in dealing with persons of this character you advise them that if they produce evidence or information of value which results in some effective action by the Division, the Division will be glad to pay them a reasonable sum for such information. I do not think it advisable to place any person of this character on the rolls as an informant or to have him employed in any way by the Division. I think it preferable, by all means, to pay them for such information as it is received and in accordance with the importance of the information. Such a transaction can be taken care of through the usual confidential blue slip.

Very truly yours,

Director.

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Bldg,
Chicago, Illinois
August 11, 1933

Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to the telephone call from Mr. Vincent Hughes of the Bureau yesterday afternoon, at which time he advised me that a telegram had been received from Mr. Frank J. Loesch, with the request that I call on him.

I called on Mr. Loesch at his office at 1540 Otis Building, 10 S. LaSalle Street, and he stated that he had noticed in the newspapers of the apprehension of Lewis (Doc) Stacey, in connection with the Kansas City shooting, and he felt that he had some very valuable information concerning the background and history of this individual.

He called in Mr. W. Comfort Hawkins, whose address is 323 N. Central Avenue, Chicago, and he informed me. Mr. Hawkins had previously worked for him on many occasions, and that Hawkins had on many occasions predicted the occurence of shootings or other gangster activities as far as five days ahead of the actual happening. He stated, further, that he had received very valuable information from Hawkins, and suggested that I talk with him.

He then introduced me to Mr. Hawkins, with whom I talked at some length. It appears that during the War, he was employed by George Creel of the Creel Commission on Public Information. This was a committee operating under the United States Government. Hawkins informed me that he was made Acting Director of Mexican and South American Affairs, in connection with this committee. He speaks Spanish fluently.

In 1919, until 1929, he worked for Lewis E. Schwartz, General Counsel on Production of the Paramount Publix Film Corporation. According to Mr. Hawkins, Schwartz is now in Hollywood, and can be reached there in the event it becomes necessary to do so.

While in the employ of Mr. Schwartz, Hawkins cleared up many thefts of films.

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The information in the possession of this individual appeared to be very detailed, and in view of this fact, he dictated same to a stenographer in Mr. Loesch's office. I am enclosing herewith a copy of this memorandum dictated by him, which gives somewhat of a history of Doc Stacey, along with other matters. There were many items mentioned in this memorandum, which Mr. Hawkins stated would be completed later. I am endeavoring to have all of these matters checked, wherever it is possible.

On the last page of this memorandum his statement with regard to the machine gun which was probably used in the Kansas City shooting, should be noted. He stated that this gun at the present time, is buried, but he knows the person in Chicago who has built a secret enclosure in the house where this gun will be stored when it is brought back. He has no information at the present time as to when the gun will be brought back, but as soon as he finds out, he will inform me.

I have communicated with the Kansas City Office, and have requested that the bullets used in the Kansas City shooting be forwarded to me for the purpose of identification by the Chicago Police Department Ballistics expert.

Mr. Hawkins stated he obtains all of his information from an informant of his, who is at the present time directly connected with the Syndicate (the Capone Syndicate). He stated that he had known this person for many years, and that his informant had been present at many shootings in Chicago, but had not taken part in them. He added that his informant, in giving this information to him, is motivated by a desire to aid, if possible, in stopping the many murders and like crimes in Chicago.

Hawkins indicated to me that he had a tentative plan whereby three wealthy citizens of Chicago would possibly furnish the finances for him and his informant to work for a period of about three months, and that his plan was to gain information and turn it over to one of the attorneys for these individuals who furnish the money, who would be somewhat of a Chairman of the Committee, and who, in turn, would furnish me with any information in which he believe I might be interested, and to turn over to the State's Attorney's office such information as they believed would be of interest to him. It is my opinion that we are the best judges of the type of information in which we would be interested, and that it would be far better for this individual to give his entire information to us, directly. I therefore informed him that if he secured any information, that I would be desirous of obtaining it, personally.

Hawkins and his informant have previously been employed, as stated above, by Mr. Loesch at$10.00 per day, in addition to $10.00 per week for room rent. Incident expenses incurred by these two individuals have been paid by Mr. Loesch. The above price does not include transportation and hotels, and subsistence in the event it is necessary for these persons to leave the city. Mr. Hawkins stated that he believed he could develop a great deal of information for this office, and would do so sincerely if the Government decided to request him to do so. He stated that he believed all of the work necessary for him to do, could be performed in Cook County, in which event no transportation expense would be involved.

Mr. Hawkins stated that he was not requesting the Government to give him a position, but that he felt that as a patriotic citizen, it was his duty to furnish all information which comes to his attention. He stated that he felt if he were working for reimbursement, he could spend more time on this. He added, however, that he would probably turn over all the information coming into his possession regardless of whether he is employed.

I talked to Mr. Loesch privately again, after I had talked with Hawkins, and Mr. Loesch stated that he had faith in Hawkins, in view of the fact that he had produced valuable information for him in the past, and believed it would be advisable to employ him. Of course, it is obvious that a great deal of the information received from an informant of this type could not be used, or could not be obtained in proof form. Mr. Loesch suggested, however, that it might be termed "background" information, which might be used by investigators to connect up various missing links in cases, as well as connecting the chain of evidence.

Of course, as you know, this man Hawkins has never given me any information previously, and I have never heard of him before. It might be desirable to try Hawkins and his informant out for a while to determine what results can be gained thereby, and I will appreciate your advising me as to your opinion in this regard.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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PAST RECORD OF LOUIS (DOC) STACEY

Stacey made his first appearance around the old Chicago Red Light District when he was about seventeen or eighteen years of age. He started in as a P and has been known as one ever since. He worked for, and was identified with three very notorious houses in the old District, namely Dago Frank Lewis, Charlie Meyboum and Maurice Van Buren.

The old District was closed between 1913 and 1914 and Stacey went back to his home town, Melrose Park where he made his headquarters, but lived in Aurora most of the time. In Aurora he acted as P for the landlady for a H. of P. known as Edna. Her son who also took the name of Elmer Stacey is now with "Doc" at the O. P. Inn. Elmer Stacey, who is like his father is a notorious P but has been in a great many deals with "Doc". He makes his hang-out at the O. P. Inn. Doc Stacey also has a brother by the name of "Slug" Stacey, quite a notorious character who works at the O. P. Inn. If the three Staceys were kept apart, properly questioned, considerable might be learned as their stories would very soon differ.

1919.

When prohibition went into effect the first of July, 1919, Stacey took $500.00 that he had saved, bought liquor and started bootlegging in Aurora. He kept this up until 1921 increasing his business and making considerable money. During 1921 he returned to Melrose Park and formed a liquor syndicate with Roy Delano and George Corazo (not the Union man). Their territory was part of Cook County and Kane County and they soon controlled the alki liquor and beer business in the above mentioned territory.

Stacey who controlled this syndicate continued the same until late in 1925 or early in 1926 at which time A; Capone had taken over the syndicate in Chicago. Capone soon found that this was a lucrative territory, sent his men out, and told Stacey that he was going to take over the territory but was willing to put Stacey in as ~~aforementioned~~ manager on a 10% cut. Stacey was wise enough to give the territory up. This was the start of his downfall. His money soon went as he was a big spender. He did not take an interest in the business and the territory soon dwindled down to nothing. Early in 1928 Stacey was let out and Frank Ri@ was sent down to organize the territory.

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Stacey still received favors from the syndicate as he had stepped out gracefully and was always willing to do anything that he could for them. Shortly after this, Stacey shot a man in Melrose Park and the same was squared under the Bob Crowe regime.

The syndicate then used Stacey on and off for small jobs. He was the man that engineered the first kidnapping case of Passarello, Chief of Police of Melrose Park. Passarello disappeared for two weeks and then came back stating that he had been on a fishing trip. The second time he was kidnapped he never came back and is now in a stone quarry.

During 1929 Doc Stacey threatened a Melrose Park banker by the name of Goss. Goss was connected with the Citizens Savings Bank of Melrose Park. He has a brother who at the present time is a banker in Elgin.

This bank had some trouble. They had a number of Italian Depositors and in some way the Italian Depositors were fleeced. Just what the trouble is, I don't know, but Stacey's threat was strong enough to make Goss leave Melrose Park.

1930.

In 1930 Stacey opened a H of P known as the White House located in Cook County but near Elgin. He ran this place for about six months but had a very tough crowd of Italians there. A number of fights took place and a number of Elgin boys were badly beaten up. One Elgin boy in particular of a prominent family was so badly beaten up that his father went to Carburry, the State's Attorney and made a complaint. As the White House was located in Cook County, Carburry could do nothing, but sent the complaint to Swanson. This complaint was forwarded direct to Capone and Capone had the highway police close this joint. After this, Stacey tried to open another house, but Capone had it closed.

Stacey has been interested in the O. P. Inn I think since about 1926, 1927 or 1928. He started with a partner but now has it himself. This place has always been frequented by and a hang out of some of the most notorious gangsters of this part of the country. If wanted, I can furnish a list of twenty to thirty big shots who have hung out there. They made a practice of having messages left there, receiving telephone calls there and a great many jobs have been planned at the O. P. Inn. Charlie Cleaver, notorious mail robber was hid out there for some time.

Note: (Chauncey Reid State's Attorney of Du Page County. You can depend upon him. I think if he wants to, he can help you a lot).

Stacey was also used by the syndicate to burn several competitive H of P's in this District. I can't just give you the location of these, but if necessary later on that can be pointed out. He also burnt several speakeasies that were competitors.

"Doc" Stacey is the man who put the stick of dynamite in Pat Roche's car. Luckily Roche left the car in the garage that day to have some work done on it and the mechanic discovered the dynamite before any damage was done.

The next thing that Stacey was mixed up in was an automobile accident which happened about two A. M. July 4, 1932. That night, after a telephone call, "Doc" Stacey, Tony Bagno and Rocky DeGracia left the O. P. Inn about 1:45 in a big Cadillac with a machine gun. Stacey was driving. They were on the way to Elgin but near a place known as Owensville, they struck a small car and overturned. Stacey's nose was broken; Bagno's leg was broken, and DeGracia was badly hurt. The machine gun was planted in the filed about 20 feet from the road but one of the loaded drums was left in the car. Stacey left DeGracia and Bagno, started back towards Melrose Park, later sticking up a man in a car whom he forced to take him to Melrose Park. Later the highway police found DeGracia and Bagno. They then found the drum for the machine gun and a farmer boy who was there found the machine gun. I can give the names of these two also later on; the highway police. After considerable time the machine gun was returned (After the money was paid).

Note: (John Renelli)

(Will give you names of parties who killed four people in Melrose Park and girl).

Stacey was (Called by the name of "Jinx" back in 1928).

"Doc" Stacey and Jimmy Nuggi wre the men that planted the bomb at Judge McGoorty's home from which one boy was blinded and one girl almost killed. This happened last fall.

KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

At 2:45 P. M., the afternoon before the Kansas City Massacre, Tony DeGracie (a fugitive from justice on a charge of murder in Melrose Park when he shot a man down one Sunday morning) and two other men, one named "Curly" left Chicago in a big Cadillac. They had one machine gun, two shot guns and supposedly revolvers. No kidnapping or shooting took place in or around Chicago during that twenty-four hours. Tony DeGracie is and has always been a great friend of Doc Stacey. He is a cousin of Stacey's. There is nothing to show that this machine gun was used in Kansas City. However, shortly after being returned same was buried and is still buried. I will know when this machine gun is brought out. Later on I will be able to tell you who owns this machine gun and who gave orders to have it released here.

Addendum:-

Willie Heeney is at the head of the 3rd Faction of the Syndicate, and the 3rd Faction is the brains of the outfit.

Dennie Coonie, at the Carlton Hotel in Chicago is the head of the whole underworld in Chicago. He collects tribute fromevery prostitute in Chicago.

August 8, 1933.

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TELEPHONE CALLS - re Urschel case.

Mr. Hanni advised that he needed some additional men to help in the [illegible] of the Urschel ransom money; that the men at St. Paul have been working [illegible] hours straight, and that the additional men are needed to help interview the people they are planning to bring to the St. Paul office; that yesterday they discovered where $160 more of this ransom money had been passed; that last night [illegible] of the men in custody gave the name of the man who gave the check in connection with $1800 of this money, and that the Agents are endeavoring to locate this man. I advised Mr. Hanni I would have two men sent to St. Paul from Chicago right away, and that Mr. Nathan would be there at noon. Mr. Hanni advised that there is no doubt whatever that Verne Miller is or has been at Ocean City, N. J., as his [illegible] the handwriting on an envelope addressed to Mr. Steinhart, The Plantation, [illegible] Bear Lake, St. Paul, Minnesota; that this letter was mailed at Ocean City [illegible] August 4th addressed to "R. Steinhart", 5:29 a.m.

Mr. Cullen at New York was contacted and advised he had four men working at Atlantic City yesterday, but that they followed the woman under surveillance to Newark;; that they followed her to a hotel and that she got out of the hotel without their seeing her leave; that they lost her because the party split up and left at separate times from the hotel. I advised Mr. Cullen of the letter addressed by Verne Miller at Ocean City on August 4th at 5:29 a.m., and that it was likely, therefore, that Verne Miller was in this crowd. Mr. Cullen advised that Andersen and O'Leary were two of the Agents assigned to this matter, but he would not remember the names of the other two. Mr. Cullen says he thinks the [illegible] we lost the people was that our Agents, when the party split, endeavored to follow both parts;; that, however, they lost the first party in which the [illegible] was, and picked up the second. Mr. Cullen stated that Mr. Andersen is in charge of this angle of the case. I suggested to Mr. Cullen that he put someone [illegible] in charge. Mr. Cullen advised that these other two people in the crowd are [illegible] with whom this woman has been quite close, and are named Buchols; that [illegible] the party split two people went to Newark and two to New York, and that [illegible] who went to Newark were this woman and a man. Mr. Cullen advised that [illegible] has been directing this case from the New York office. I requested [illegible] Cullen to let me have the names of the two Agents who lost this party right [illegible]

I advised Mr. Purvis by telephone to have Agent Walls go to St. Paul [illegible]iately, and also Agent Browne.

Later, Mr. Cullen advised that when they received the flash at Atlantic City around noon that the people were to leave there, they had two cars—Agent [illegible] in one car, Arms and McKane were in the other car, and that Andersen and

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Soucy stayed in Atlantic City to check some telephone calls and do some other work; that the car in which Arms and McKeon were riding started boiling over when the car they were following was going seventy miles an hour, and they consequently could not keep up with it; that the other car in which Sinnell was riding managed to keep up with the car; that the party went to a hotel in Newark; that Sinnell waited, and the Bachelors came out, got in the car, and the porter put some baggage in that car, and they departed; that Sinnell noted the direction in which that car was going and called the office, and they endeavored to cover that car coming through the tunnel, and when Sinnell returned to the hotel the woman was gone; that they picked up the car going through the tunnel, but were unable to keep up with them; that they gave every indication of knowing they were being followed. I advised that I thought it was very unwise for Anderson to send Sinnell alone in a car to follow this party, and also that it did not seem necessary for two men to remain at Atlantic City to check telephone calls. I requested that Mr. Cullen personally conduct the remainder of this investigation and put some capable investigators on this assignment. I advised Mr. Cullen that I was considering sending through suspension orders on Agent Sinnell.

Mr. Purvis later advised by telephone that Shoemaker had provided him with a list of 157 public enemies, showing their addresses and their hangouts; that Shoemaker is going to get pictures of these individuals for Mr. Purvis. Mr. Purvis requested that when he sends these names to Washington and a list is made, he be furnished with a copy.

Mr. Purvis stated that Brown and Hall have proceeded to St. Paul, and that if another man is needed he can send Agent Swenson, but I advised that I thought he had better keep Swenson at Chicago.

With regard to the FACTOR matter, Mr. Purvis advised that Factor received another telephone call this morning at eleven o'clock, which the Agents covered, but that Factor and the caller reached no agreement; the caller is to take up with the gang the matter of accepting $1,000; that they only talked three minutes today, four yesterday, and that it takes eleven minutes to trace a call there. Mr. Purvis advised that one of the police working with the Agents had stated that Courtney had said that they had the case all set, and that he, Mr. Purvis, had been considering breaking the case right away and turning it over to Courtney by letter, but that if they do that they lose their chances of finding the man who is calling Factor. I suggested that they wait until Thursday and see what breaks by that time.

Mr. Purvis further advised that this morning Bob Lochran of the United Press came in to see him and stated he had a man who could locate Verne Miller i

three days, and inquired whether there was any reward. He was advised that there was no outstanding reward but that the man would be paid if he gave information leading to the apprehension of Verne Miller. He stated that later he discovered that Bob Lochran was a good friend of Pat Roche, who says he can locate Verne Miller. Lochran is going to endeavor to get Roche to let him tell Mr. Purvis about his leads. I advised Mr. Purvis that we knew Miller was at Ocean City, N.J. on August 4th. Lochran advised that Pat Roche's informant's wife is running around with Verne Miller's wife in Chicago at the present time. I suggested that Mr. Purvis call New York about this matter.

With further reference to the FACTOR case, Mr. Purvis advised that several days ago Factor received a card through the mails which read - "Beware, pay balance of ransom", and was signed "Rat". Mr. Purvis, however, believed this letter was sent by a "nut".

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KELLOGG
ATTENTION: MR. PARRISH.

I am attaching hereto a copy of a report prepared by Special Agent W. F. Trainor, of the Kansas City office of the Division, under date of August 14, constituting a resume of the facts concerning the implication of Harvey J. Bailey with the machine gun attack upon, and murder of, Special Agent R. J. Caffrey, of this Division, and three police officers at Kansas City on June 17, 1933. I directed that this report be prepared in order that the Department would be furnished with the evidence available to bring about the prosecution of Harvey J. Bailey, who was recently captured by Agents of this Division in north Texas in connection with the Urschel kidnaping case, for these murders at Kansas City.

I believe that in connection with the prosecution of Bailey, a representative of the Department should be assigned to cooperate with the authorities of the State of Missouri. You can be assured, of course, that every facility of this Division will be at the service of such a representative and, of course, the service of the State of Missouri in connection with this prosecution.

Bailey, as you know, is now held at Dallas, Texas, having been apprehended in a house south of Paradise, Texas, which had been used as the place of confinement of Charles F. Urschel, of Oklahoma City, who had been kidnaped. It will be necessary to extradite Bailey from the State of Texas to the State of Missouri and there may be serious difficulties encountered in connection with his transportation between these states. Also I think that the state authorities would welcome the assistance of representatives of this Department in the trial of Bailey on a charge of murder. In view of the fact that the Special Agent of this Division and the police officers who were killed were engaged in transporting a Federal prisoner to the penitentiary at Leavenworth it would seem that the Federal Government would be fully justified in assisting the state in every possible way in the prosecution of Bailey and of such others of the members of the gang who committed this cowardly deed, when apprehended.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

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Kansas City, Missouri.

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August 14, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1195, ET AL
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE(Endeavor to Deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
K.C.File #62-760-

In harmony with the telephone call received from Mr. Vincent Hughes of the Division this date, please find attached hereto three copies of a report, which deals solely with Subject Harvey J. Bailey's connection with the Union Station Massacre, according to facts developed to date. The report also briefly sets forth the association and connection of Subject Bailey with Frank Nash, as well as explanatory details to give a complete picture.

Respectfully,

R. E. VETTERLI
Special Agent in Charge.

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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1195, et al

CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Resume of facts concerning implication Subject Harvey J. Bailey indicating close association with underworld gang of Frank Nash, deceased. Bailey identified by two eye witnesses as participant in slaying of officers instant matter. Ballistic analysis to be made guns recovered from Bailey as further means of proving his guilt in this matter.

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REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, 7-15-33, 7-28-33, 7-29-33 and 8-11-33, in the instant matter.

Report of Special Agent S. W. Hardy, St. Paul, 8-9-32, in the case entitled Thomas Holden, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1127, Escaped Federal Prisoner.

DETAILS: Facts with reference to Bailey's close association with Frank Nash, the deceased prisoner undoubtedly can be developed. To date investigation along this line has not been completed due to the urgent covering of other angles in this investigation. The outline of evidence as mentioned herein will be further checked for more concrete facts. This report deals only with the evidence available against Harvey J. Bailey as a means of showing his guilt in the instant matter since he is in custody in the Dallas, Texas, territory and murder charges will be filed at Kansas City.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Fred E. Vetterli Special Agent in Charge

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Missouri, on 9-15-33. At the present time no definite details as to the place of incarceration of Bailey in the Dallas territory are available at Kansas City. It is expected they will be forthcoming soon in the form of a report from Dallas.

From the various sources of information, including the six sections of the file of Francis L. Keating, Fugitive, Escaped Federal Prisoner, I.O. 1129, et al, the following information concerning Bailey's personal history and connections has been secured.

Harvey J. Bailey, the son of Amanda Bailey, was reared on a farm in the clay hills of Sullivan County, Missouri, near Green City; his mother and his sister, named Mrs. Lucretia E. Cum, still reside near Green City. His criminal activities clearly began as early as the year 1920, but he was able through good fortune to evade detection as a gangster, gunman and racketeer until approximately the year 1930. He is believed to have been implicated in bank robberies prior to 1930 and to have been a member of a Chicago syndicate of bootleggers and racketeers prior to that time. On 3-1-30 he arrived at Twin Lakes, Wisconsin, under the alias T. E. Brennan, with his wife, Mattie (Martin) Bailey, and 17 year old son, and purchased two farms of 160 acres each, adjoining each other, in Kenosha County, Wisconsin, and Lake County, Illinois. Kit Bailey, his brother, and Hadley F. Martin and Fred M. Martin, brothers-in-law, arrived at Twin Lakes, Wisconsin, from Green City, Missouri, in April, 1931, and paid off the indebtedness on these farms. Shortly thereafter Bailey's children, Mildred E., Ralston Goodloe and William Wesley Bailey arrived from Green City. These relatives are now operating the farms near Twin Lakes, Wisconsin, and the field of activity of Bailey has continued as an outlaw. Evidently the relatives paid for the farms from loot collected by Bailey from his many bank robberies. The known offenses in which Bailey has figured as available to this office are, as follows:

In 1923 his photograph was identified as the driver of a car used in the robbery of the Federal Reserve Bank at Denver, Colorado, known as the mint robbery which occurred in February, 1923. Details of this offense are not available here, but may be secured through the Pinkerton National Detective Agency at Chicago, Illinois. Bailey's photograph was identified as a participant in the robbery of the Lincoln National Bank, Lincoln, Nebraska, which occurred 9-17-31 and at which time a sum of $2,000,000.00 was stolen which property consisted in part of bonds, securities, etc. The details of this offense are likewise not now available at the Kansas City office.

Bailey is suspected in the holdup of the American Railway Express Company at Toledo, Ohio, in which a police officer was killed, same having occurred on 9-22-30. This is mentioned in the case entitled Fred Burke, with aliases; Joseph C. Baker, with aliases; Harry Lee Davis, with aliases, Theft from Interstate Shipment, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, wherein Detroit, Michigan, is the office of origin. The Kansas City file is not complete in reference to that offense, except as to the apprehension of Burke, who was arrested on 3-26-31 by the St. Joseph, Missouri, Police at the home of Barney Porter, near Green City, Missouri, to which place Subject Harvey Bailey had brought Burke originally and introduced him as a reliable citizen. In connection with the holdup of the American Railway Express at Toledo, Ohio, Bailey's photograph was not identified, but because of his close friendship with Fred Burke it is believed that Bailey had a connection in the offense. Some of the stolen property was found at Burke's house after the offense was committed.

Bailey is suspected as a participant in the robbery of the Kraft State Bank at Menomonie, Wisconsin, 10-21-31. In this connection it is known that in 1931 Bailey and Frank Webber lived together and rented rooms from L. P. Larson at 4041 83rd Avenue South, Minneapolis. Webber, while engaged in the robbery of the Kraft State Bank was shot and killed on 10-21-31.

On 6-17-32 the Citizens National Bank at Fort Scott, Kansas, was robbed of $32,000.00 by approximately eight gunmen, who participated. There is evidence, through a party named Connor at Fort Scott, Kansas, that Francis L. Keating and Thomas Holden, who are mentioned hereafter in this report, were at Fort Scott on that day. Full details of that offense have never been investigated by this office and are unknown to the Kansas City office, but the evidence as to Keating's and Holden's presence at Fort Scott on that day were secured telephonically from Sheriff Harry Hyle from Fort Scott and same will be further checked. Bailey was identified as a participant in that bank robbery which occurred at Fort Scott and was convicted and sentenced to serve 10 to 50 years in the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, for that offense in August, 1932, after his arrest at Kansas City, Missouri, with Francis L. Keating and Thomas Holden, who were apprehended as Escaped Federal Prisoners in July, 1932, through the efforts of Agents of this Division, including Special Agent Raymond J. Caffrey, deceased. On 7-7-32 Francis L. Keating and Thomas Holden were arrested on the Old Mission Golf Course, Kansas City, Missouri, these parties had escaped from the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on 2-28-30, after having served a short part of a 25 year sentence for mail robbery. With Keating and Holden at the time of their apprehension was found Subject Bailey engaged in playing golf with these parties. It was

found through investigation that Bailey, Keating and Holden, together with others, who were never identified, had frequented the Old Mission Golf Course periodically for several weeks, always playing together in a closed group. William Witherspoon and Fred McCool, attendants at the Old Mission Golf Course, furnished this information and can testify as to same.

Charles Costello, Police Detective, Kansas City, Kansas; Captain Higgins, now Chief of Police Detectives, Kansas City, Missouri; Prime McDonough, Police Detective, Kansas City, Missouri, and Special Agent R. S. Nathan of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., can testify to the apprehension of Bailey, Keating and Holden together, as above mentioned.

The deceased prisoner, Frank Nash, is believed to have been an intimate friend of Harvey Bailey. While this is a moral certainty the question will require considerable investigation to reveal concrete facts. From the foregoing will be seen the criminal activities of Bailey with the various gangsters. Nash, Keating and Holden were known friends. These latter three were convicted of similar offenses and served in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, together. These three were known to be confederates while escaped from the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, after 2-28-30. Nash escaped 10-19-30 and Keating and Holden on 3-26-30. It can be established at this time that Bailey was a close friend of Holden, as evidenced by the fact that he played golf with him, Bailey, at Kansas City and was found in his company when arrested. Further it may be stated Bailey admitted close association with Keating and Holden to the officers who arrested him. Holden was found upon investigation to be a close associate of Vernon C. Miller, one of the principal subjects in this case.

The report of Special Agent S. W. Hardy, referred to above, shows that Holden, under the alias William McCormick, maintained phone Elkhurst 5660, St. Paul, Minnesota, at 616 Summit Avenue, Apartment 102, for a period from 9-1-30 to 8-7-31. During that time, as shown in the report of Agent Hardy, phone calls were made to Brainerd, Minnesota, phone 39-F-12, under dates of 8-11-31, 2-12-31, 8-22-31, 7-20-31, 8-5-31, 8-1-31. This telephone is known to be that of John Gibson, the father of Vivian Mathis, who is the paramour of Vernon C. Miller. Holden's phone also shows telephone calls to Kansas City, Missouri, phone number Westport 5698, on 4-20-31, V. Miller (evidently Vernon C. Miller) being the party called.

It is evident that Miller and Nash were close friends which would therefore indirectly link Nash and Bailey, through Holden, together in the same group. Mrs. Frances Nash, a witness in the instant matter, will testify as seen from the report of Agent Trainor, dated 8-11-33, that Nash and Miller were very close friends and associated together. The report of Agent Trainor, dated in this matter 7-28-33, indicates that Miller handled the funds of Frank Nash and through Miller a telegraphic money order, in the amount of $500.00, was sent on 5-15-33, to Nash at Hot Springs, Arkansas, as there noted.

The above facts are outlined to show by inference and circumstances that Nash and Bailey were friends and members of the same underworld gang and that Bailey would have a motive in his participation in the instant massacre. It will be later shown that there are eye witnesses to Bailey's participation in the actual slaying of the officers to release Nash. On 5-30-33 Bailey led a daring prison delivery at the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, where he was confined, machine guns and pistols having been used by the escapes. At that time there escaped with Bailey - Subject Wilber Underhill, Subject Robert Brady, Jim Clark, Ed Davis and others. Those in addition to the prisoners mentioned here who escaped have either been killed or apprehended. Warden Kirk Prather of the Kansas State State Penitentiary was kidnapped by the escapes, who proceeded with him in a stolen automobile to the Spavinaw Hills in Oklahoma where Prather was released. Nothing further was heard of the location of Bailey, Brady and Underhill until 6-17-33.

Frank Nash was apprehended as an Escaped Federal Prisoner at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and brought to Kansas City, Missouri, where the officers arrived about 7 A.M., 6-17-33. This is outlined in detail in the reference report from the Kansas City office, dated 7-29-33, wherein will also be found the evidence of conviction and escape from Federal custody of Frank Nash.

Incidentally it may be noted that Wilber Underhill and Robert Brady have been identified by witnesses, shown in the reference report of 7-29-33, as having participated in the actual slayings in this case. This is mentioned due to their close association, as known, with Bailey. The latter would probably be present with them and their participation strengthens the evidence that Bailey also participated.

Samuel Link, 3521 Mersington, Kansas City, Missouri, furnished a statement identifying Bailey as a participant in the actual slaying of the officers:

In substance, Mr. Link stated that about 7:15 a.m., June 17, 1933, he was proceeding north toward the business district of Kansas City, Missouri, and when he neared the Union Railroad Station, he turned on to Pershing Road, proceeding west to Main Street, then turned to his left, which would again be west and direct towards the street, which is nearest to the front entrance of the Union Station. At a point at the east end of the Union Station Plaza, he drew near to a green Reo Sedan, 1932 model, bearing a foreign license plate, which he did not recognize. The Reo was proceeding west directly beside him at the point where traffic buttons are located. As the car drew alongside of Mr. Link, he heard a voice say: "Duck, you(obscene profanity), duck!" He looked up and saw a man coming out of the left rear door of the Reo Sedan and recognized him as Subject HARVEY BAILEY. When Bailey emerged from the rear seat of the car, Mr. Link noticed he had a machine gun in his hand. Link then drew his car to the curb, which would be directly in front of the Union Station at the east end. The Reo Sedan then proceeded five or six feet west in the direction of the two entrances of the Union Station, and then came to a dead stop. Mr. Link recognized as the driver of the car Wilber Underhill, one of the recent escapes from the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas. After Mr. Link parked his car at the curb and the Reo car had come to a stop, approximately one minute elapsed when Mr. Link observed the officers with the prisoner walking from the entrance of the Union Station toward the parking zone. At this time, Link observed a man, standing approximately half way between the two main entrances of the Union Station, lift his hands high in the air as though to give a signal. At that moment, the Reo car commenced going west, and at that moment Mr. Link observed a black Chevrolet Sedan coming from the west toward the east in his direction.

As the officers and the man approached Agent Caffrey's car, Mr. Link observed the Chevrolet Sedan, mentioned above, come to a stop approximately in front of the officers and the prisoner. At this moment, Mr. Link noticed a man emerge from the rear door of the Chevrolet Sedan having a large gun in his hand. The only man Mr. Link saw in the Chevrolet car was the driver. Mr. Link then observed Bailey lift

his gun to his shoulder, and saw the man who had emberged from the Chevrolet Sedan lift his gun. At that moment Link ducked down in his car and did not see anymore of the firing, though he heard the several shots. Then he heard the motor of a car and straightened up for a moment and saw the Chevrolet going in an easterly direction. He also observed the Reo Sedan moving forward in a westerly direction, and observed the man who had stood between the two main entrances of the Union Station, and who had given the signal, run over to get in the Reo Sedan.

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Mrs. Margeret Turner, Olathe, Kansas, also furnished a written statement, which indicates that Bailey participated in the actual slaying in this case:

Mrs. Turner stated that on the early morning of June 17th, she and one Walter Berry drove from Olathe, Kansas, in order that she might meet the 5:30 a.m. train, on which a relative was arriving.

Upon arrival at Kansas City at 2:30 a.m., Berry parked the car in the plaza section in front of the Union Station facing south, and she went in to inquire as to when the train would be in from Mexico, Missouri, and was advised that it would arrive at 7:30 a.m. She then returned to her automobile and talked to Berry. During the conversation, he remarked that he did not know whether he was able to park in the place in which he was then located, so they circled around the concourse and faced their car north, looking directly at the Union Station. About the time they got into this position, which was somewhere about 3 a.m., a Reo automobile drove up and occupied their former parking place so that they were facing them directly and were only 10 or 15 feet away.

Mrs. Turner stated also that about 3 a.m., a black Chevrolet Sedan drove up near the Reo and the parties exchanged recognition. A woman got out of the Chevrolet and went to the depot. Mrs. Turner could recognize this woman if she saw her, and stated that she was of medium height, young, nicely dressed in a white dress that flared out at the bottom, a black coat and white turban hat. When

this woman entered the depot, she remained about ten minutes, and during this time, the black Chevrolet Sedan circled the plaza about three times. When the woman came out of the station, she looked to her right and then to her left and proceeded to the left, which is toward the east. Upon reaching what Mrs. Turner described as "a window that looks like a door" at the Union Station, the woman raised her hand, and(at that time the Chevrolet car was parked right in back of Mrs. Turner's car)the driver honked three times, proceeding over to the station platform and picked up this woman and disappeared. The woman was not seen after that.

Mrs. Turner stated that about fifteen minutes after every hour while she remained at the station, the Chevrolet car returned to the plaza and circled same, and the two men in the Chevrolet exchanged short recognition with two men in the Reo.

Mrs. Turner stated that she got a very good look at two of the men in the Reo and identified them as Harvey Bailey and Wilber Underhill, heretofore mentioned. She stated that Bailey got out of the Reo car and walked over to the depot on one or two occasions.

Mrs. Turner stated that about 7:30 a.m., she entered the station, and that about that time a shot entered the Union Station through the window, and the next she knew, there was a spray of bullets coming from the direction of the automobiles parked across the street. She immediately lay down on the floor and did not see the shooting.

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Mr. J. D. Jameson, 3427 Cypress, Kansas City, Missouri, will testify that early on the morning of June 17th a man, whom he identifies from photographs as Harvey Bailey, accosted him while he, Jameson, was on duty at the Union Station as a Red Cap, and inquired about the time of arrival of Missouri Pacific Train 116 from Little Rock, Arkansas. He will state that this individual told him that some of his friends wanted to go down to the station platform in order to take an invalid who would arrive on this train, but Jameson told him he would have to get permission from the Station Master.

At the residence occupied by Vernon C. Miller at 6612 Edgevale Road, Kansas City, Missouri, was found a slip of paper bearing the following addressed:

Mrs. B's address, 422 North B Street, Wellington, Kansas
Fred Martin, Route 1, Richmond, Illinois
Mrs. Brown, Twin Lakes, Wisconsin

This list of addresses was found by a boy named Wallace Eugene Williams, who resides at 6643 Edgevale Road, shortly after Miller moved out of the house at 6612 Edgevale Road, about 6-23-33. The parties whose names and addresses are shown here are unmistakeably relatives of Harvey J. Bailey. Bailey has used the alias Brown. His home is at Twin Lakes, Wisconsin, where his wife resides. Fred Martin is a brother-in-law of Harvey Bailey and receives his mail through the Post Office at Richmond, Illinois. One of the farms of Harvey Bailey is near Richmond, Illinois. This is mentioned heretofore in this report.

Merle A. Gill, Ballistician at Kansas City, Missouri, and an expert in that profession, examined the cartridge shells found at the scene of the slayings at the Union Station, Kansas City, Missouri, shortly after that occurred on 6-17-33. He also examined the leaden slugs which were taken from the bodies of the deceased officers and rendered the following report:

This letter-report pertains to the examinations of ballistic exhibits involved in the Plaza Slayings of June 17th; this report has been delayed in order that the results of certain gun examinations could be included.

The photographs you have illustrate evidence bullets and cartridge cases, found at the scene of the crime and removed from the bodies of the victims. The photographs are numbered and lettered as follows: Cartridge cases: 1 to 8. Bullets: A to E. A set of these photographs has been furnished Chief of Detectives Higgins, and Dr. Souder of your bureau of Standards.

Miscroscope examinations indicate that two Thompson Sub-machine guns, a .45 Colt Automatic Pistol, and another weapon using steel ball bearings, was used in the slayings. It is quite apparent that your Agent Caffrey was killed with a Ball bearing, while Lackey was shot with a Thompson gun. Reid, Grooms and Nash were shot with a Thompson gun, while it is apparent that Hermanson was shot with a buck-shot gun. My conclusions are based upon careful microscope examinations of the exhibits now in my keeping. Bullet holes in the two cars indicate that the gun-fire came from the front and rear.

Bullets and cartridge cases from Floyd's gun, and from the Nebraska Bank robbery, and from the North Kansas City bank robbery, as well as bullets from our Detective Carpenter shooting, all failed to be identified as being connected with the weapons used in the plaza shootings. Test bullets fired by me from the two .38 caliber Colt revolvers taken from "Fur" Sammons, failed to be identified as being connected with any local shootings.

Should you take any weapons connecting with this case, it is absolutely important that test bullets be fired from the weapons by me in order that I can identify positively the comparison slugs as well as the guns. Be sure that no one cleans the guns.

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It was discovered on August 10th by Mr. Gill, above mentioned, that a lead slug fired from a .38 caliber Colt revolver also entered the body of Chief of Police Otto Reed. This slug was compared with various other specimens in possession of Gill - especially those fired from the revolvers of "Fur" Sammons, but to date, no identification has been made.

As to the parties slain and details of the positions of the officers with reference to the assassins, reference is made to the report from the Kansas City office, dated 7-29-33, heretofore mentioned.

The criminal record of Harvey J. Bailey, as reflected by the identification files of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., is, as follows:

As Harvey J. Bailey, #6590, arrested P.D., Omaha, Nebraska, 3-23-20; charge investigation, hi-jacking and burglary.

As J. J. Brennan, #751, arrested U.S., Fort Scott, Kansas, 7-12-32; charge bank robbery (after removal from Kansas City, Missouri.)

As Harvey Bailey, #3045, received State Prison, Lansing, Kansas, 8-18-32; crime bank robbery; sentence 10 to 50 years; escaped 5-30-33.

The pistols and machine gun which were recovered upon the apprehension of Bailey of recent date are to be examined by Merle A. Gill, mentioned heretofore, and it is believed that important evidence as to his participation in the instant slayings will be thereby secured.

This investigation has for several weeks been carried on by Special Agents Dwight Brantley and L. G. Turrou, who are continuing same and additional details specifically referring to Bailey will be developed, among other things.

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311 Burley-Wright Building,
Washington, D. C.
August 11, 1933.

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Commissioner,
Bureau of Customs,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith thirty-six photographs of RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, aliases, Dick Gladis, Richard Galatas, Richard Galatis, Richard F. Galatas, Dick Galatas, Prichard Sheridan, and Dick Sheridan, who is wanted by the government 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 Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, and their prisoner, Frank Nash, at Kansas City, Mo., on June 17, 1933.

The description of Galatas appears on the reverse side of the photographs.

It is respectfully requested that you furnish these photographs to the following Collectors and Deputy Collectors of your Bureau with the request that should they receive any information as to the location of Galatas, they immediately take steps to have him apprehended and notify the Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Division of Investigation, which is nearest the place of apprehension.

Collector	-	Ogdensburg, N. Y.	Collector	-	Buffalo, N.Y.
Deputy	-	Dunkirk, N. Y.	Deputy	-	Niagara Falls, N.Y.
"	-	Albany, N. Y.	"	-	Rochester, N.Y.
"	-	Oswego, N. Y.	"	-	Alexandria Bay, N.Y.
"	-	Cape Vincent, N.Y.	"	-	Clayton, N. Y.
"	-	Malone, N. Y.	"	-	Moores, N. Y.
"	-	Morristown, N. Y.	"	-	Nyando, N. Y.
"	-	Rouses Point, N. Y.	Collector	-	Bridgeport, Conn.
"	-	Greenwich, Conn.	Deputy	-	New Haven, Conn.

Deputy -	New London, Conn.	Deputy -	Norwalk, Conn.
Collector -	Portland, Maine.	" -	Bangor, Maine.
Deputy -	Belfast, Maine.	" -	Calais, Maine.
" -	Eastport, Maine.	" -	Jonesport, Maine
" -	Portland, N. H.	Collector-	Boston, Mass.
" -	Gloucester, Mass.	Deputy -	New Bedford, Mass.
" -	Provincetown, Mass.	" -	Newark, N. J.
" -	Perth Amboy, N. J.	Collector-	Providence, R. I.
" -	St. Albans, Vt.	Deputy -	Alburg, Vt.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this matter,

I am,

Very truly yours,

L. P. OLIVER,
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Director
Kansas City

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

MS.VRA
62-456

Oklahoma City, Okla.
August 8, 1933

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1196, et al
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

Reference is made to the letter from Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, Kansas City Office, dated July 19, 1933, with inclosures.

In connection with the above Agent contacted C. A. Mason, 420 Equity Building, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Mr. Mason stated that J. F. Ford, a negro, told him of a trip that he made last September to Park Hills vicinity to fix a broken car and what he saw while there, at what appears to be a camp of a gang of outlaws and bootleggers.

J. F. Ford, 320 South 2nd Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma, was interviewed. He stated that in September 1932 he had a garage shop at Muskogee and that a man named Stone, whose first name and address are not known to Ford, came to him and said that he had loaned his car to a woman to go to Fort Gibson, Oklahoma; that the car was broken down and the woman caught a ride back to Muskogee and he wanted Ford to take this woman in his car to where the car had been broken down, fix the car so she could drive it back to Muskogee. Ford stated that he and this white woman left Muskogee in his car and drove to Fort Gibson, past the Park Hill Highway, left the highway and drove into the Cookson's Hill vicinity, about 25 to 30 miles from Muskogee, where the car was broken. Ford stated that the camp is on a ravine of a creek or river; that he saw about 20 to 25 men, all hard-looking and equipped with rifles, pistols and lots of ammunition; that they had several barrels of whiskey and plenty of home brew beer; that they all bunched around him when he was working on the car; that after he fixed the car, the woman paid him $16.00 in cash and they gave him one gallon jug of whiskey and one dozen bottles of beer.

Ford further stated that he was scared and wanted to get away from that camp as soon as possible. He did not hear mentioned any names and did not learn the name of the woman who went with him to the camp but it is the opinion of Ford that it is the camp or hang-out place for outlaws, bootleggers and murderers. Ford stated that he does not know Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd personally and did not hear his name mentioned while he was there.

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With reference to the information furnished by [illegible] to Mr. Merle Gill, ballistic expert, Kansas City, Missouri, agent interviewed S. M. Hilligoss, Undersheriff, Muskogee, who stated that he does not know any of the men mentioned in the memorandum personally but if they are located in the vicinity of Stilwell and Sallisaw there is no use to interview any of them because they will not give any information, especially to a stranger, and it serves to put them on guard and send word to Charlie Floyd that a government agent was inquiring for him; that it would do more harm to inquire from those persons mentioned than the benefit of any information they might give.

Mr. Hilligoss further stated that within a radius of 15 to 20 miles in the vicinity of Cookson Hills and the Illinois River there are hide-outs for all kinds of outlaws and no stranger can go in there and get any information.

Agent interviewed John Wolsey, Chief of Detectives, Muskogee, Oklahoma. He stated that he does not know any of the men named in the memorandum personally, but he is well acquainted with the situation in the vicinity of Stilwell and Sallisaw, Oklahoma; that with very few exceptions all the people that live in that vicinity are friendly to the outlaws and especially to Charlie Floyd; that as a rough estimate one out of every hundred persons who live in that vicinity will give any information. Mr. Wolsey stated that it will do more harm than good to see any of those people, furthermore that there are very few people who come in contact with Charlie Floyd and can give any information of value.

For the reasons set out above agent did not interview the persons mentioned on the memorandum at this time until the matter could be discussed with Special Agent in Charge Colvin for his opinion.

M. Sorola
Special Agent

2 Bureau
2 Kansas City
2 Oklahoma City

Room 1408
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

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August 11, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
905 Federal Reserve Building
Kansas City, Mo.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
AUG 15 1933 A.M.
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FILE

Re: Unknown Subjects
Obstruction of Justice
Endeavor to Deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash

Dear Sir:

Please refer to page 86 of the report of Special Agent T. H. Tracy, New York City, dated August 5, 1933, wherein reference is made to telephonic information received from the Kansas City office on July 28, 1933 indicating that Inspector Leon Lambert of the Provincial Police, Quebec, Canada, was holding a man and woman in possession of a Lincoln sedan with 1933 Arkansas plates No.119-017.

In this connection, this office is now in receipt of a letter dated August 7, 1933 from Lieutenant Colonel León Lambert, Chief of Provincial Police at Quebec, Canada, transmitting a report covering investigation concerning these parties, which investigation is entitled "C. H. Brown and Wife, Quebec, Suspected fugitives from justice in U. S. A." A photostatic copy of this report is being transmitted to your office for your information and also a report which was transmitted with a letter from Lieut. Col. Lambert relative to a Bob Barrett, Dick Richards, Mrs. Dick Richards, H. Hale and one Reid, for whom, it is stated in the letter from the Provincial Police, warrants have been issued charging these persons with conspiracy to defraud in respect to a race track swindle. The snapshop described in the letter from the Provincial Police is also being enclosed herewith, for your information to determine whether these persons might have had some connection with the Kansas City massacre and also as a matter of cooperation with the Provincial Police at Quebec to determine if the police at Kansas City and Hot Springs have any information concerning these persons which might be of value to the Provincial Police.

In connection with C. H. Brown and wife as referred to in the report of the Provincial Police, this office is in receipt of a report of Special Agent H. G. Maynor, St. Louis, Mo. dated August 9, 1933, which indicates that investigation was made at St. Louis, Mo. at the Marmaduke Apartments, 2710 South Grand Avenue, to obtain information concerning a Mr. A. B. Brown and wife, Mary M. Brown.

SAC - Kansas City
62-4949

This office does not have the details as to what this investigation relates to and is merely being called to your attention in the event that Mr. A. B. Brown may have some connection with the C. E. Brown, who is in Quebec.

Very truly yours,

T. J. CULLEN
Special Agent in Charge

Encls.

cc: Bureau
Chicago
St. Louis

6-B, Atlantic National Bank Building Annex,
Jacksonville, Florida

BAA:SLH

August 18, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases--FUGITIVE--
I.O.#1195, et al
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

Reference is made to your letter of July 21, 1933, to the Director, copies of which were indicated for various field offices, requesting that a check be made at each seaport within the jurisdiction of each office to determine whether Richard Tallman Galatas has a passport and whether he may have departed from the United States recently.

This is to advise that this matter has received appropriate attention in all seaports within the district of the Jacksonville office.

With reference to Richard Tallman Galatas, William J. Grimes, Superintendent of the Identification Bureau of the Miami, Florida, Police Department, advised that Galatas was arrested previously in Miami. His record there is as follows:

> As A. A. Perry, Miami PD #1956 - investigation - confidence game - forfeited $100.00 bond. Arrested 12-10-27 and obtained release on bond same date.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Alt,
Acting Special Agent in Charge

cc Director
Jax #62-877

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Room 1405
370 Lexington Ave.
New York City

JMO'L:IW
62-4949

August 14, 1935

Mr. G. A. McIntyre,
Postmaster,
Lake Placid, N. Y.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
Obstruction of Justice
Endeavor to Deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith Order to Change Address of William A. Sheridan, 8041 Kilpatrick Avenue, Niles Center, Illinois, which you furnished this office.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

T. F. CULLEN
Special Agent in Charge

Encl.

cc Division

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City, Mo. FILE NO. 62-785

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Cincinnati, Ohio	8-14-33	8-11-33	E. B. Klein MJ

TITLE:
VERNE C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1195;
RICHARD TALIMAN GAIATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1801, et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE:
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Telephone number Kirby 4490, Cincinnati, Ohio, listed in name of the Randall Company, engaged in the manufacture of auto bodies. H. Randall interviewed and advised he recalls the telephone call received by him from Kansas City, Mo. about 6-15-33. However, he does not know the individual who made the call, excepting that he identified himself as being connected with the horse races and the purpose of the call was to furnish a horse race tip to Mr. Randall. Randall states it is not unusual for tipsters to telephone business man supposedly furnishing them horse race information.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Kansas City Office dated 8-2-33 with enclosures.

DETAILS: AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

DETAILS: It was ascertained that telephone number Kirby 4490, Cincinnati, Ohio, was listed in the name of the Randall Company. This Company manufactures automobile bodies and other accessories in connection with auto parts and is located at 5000 Spring Grove Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio. H. Randall, President of the Company, was interviewed and stated that he did not know E. M. Goldman, who on 6-13-33 telephoned him at Cincinnati, according to the telephone records. He stated that they have no one in their employ by the name of Goldman but that he does recall that about the middle of June, 1933, he received a long distance call from Kansas City, Mo., from a race track tipster who wanted him to place a bet on a certain horse and that if this horse won he was to receive a part of the winnings.

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Mr. Randall stated that he had followed the horses for sometime and the race track tipsters soon learned the names of the various business men who frequented the races and that it is not unusual for business men to receive several telephone calls each week from tipsters who guarantee them confidential and expert information pertaining to the horse races and they usually request that so much money be bet on a certain horse and that a certain amount in addition be bet for the particular tipster; that these tipsters will give the name of a different horse to each one of the various business men and that if they can induce enough "suckers" to play their tips they can not lose as one of their horses is bound to win.

Mr. Randall stated he had no further information in this connection.

Mr. Randall appears to be of a high type of individual and is head of what appears to be a very large successful business.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

VEH:DSS

August 14, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In talking with Vetterli at Kansas City, I instructed him to immediately send in a summary of the evidence against Harvey Bailey in the Kansas City shooting. He will do so. Vetterli stated that the Kansas City Star and Post both print in their noon edition, just on the streets, the story of the raid in Texas and of the capture of Harvey Bailey by Special Agents of this Division. The story appears as a dispatch from Dallas, Texas.

Respectfully,

V.W. Hughes.

12.20 P.M.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
August 14, 1933

R E VETTERLI
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
905 FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

VERNON C MILLER WITH ALIASES REFER YOUR LETTER AUGUST ELEVEN SUGGEST TRAINORS REPORT DATED ELEVENTH BE TYPED YOUR OFFICE IN VIEW LARGE AMOUNT PHOTOSTATING TO BE DONE HERE

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
AUG 15 1933 A.M.
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
August 14, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.D. 1195, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
K.C.File 62-760

In reply to your letter of August 11, 1933, wherein you request that the machine gun bullets taken from the bodies of the deceased officers and other such bullets found in connection with this case be forwarded for examination by the Police Ballistician at Chicago, please be advised that the original bullets are necessary at this time at Kansas City, since they are being used practically every day to check against other specimens which are being recovered. At such time as they might be available, which is now indefinite, they could be sent to the Chicago office without embarrassment to the investigation here. However, it will be possible to secure microscopic photographs of the bullets in question and if this will suffice, please advise this office and same will be sent immediately.

Very truly yours,

R. W. WETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
August 14, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
370 Lexington Avenue, Room [illegible]
New York City, New York

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE
I.O. 1195, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
K.C.File 62-760

Replying to your letter of August 12, 1933, wherein you enclosed a photostatic copy of forwarding order for the mail of William A. Sheridan to 6041 Kilpatrick Avenue, Niles Center, Illinois, from General Delivery, New York City, and wherein you request specimens of the handwriting of Richard Tallman Galatas, believed to be identical with Sheridan, please be advised that this office is not in possession of any such specimens at present. The known handwriting of Galatas under an alias Pritchard Sheridan, as it appears on I.O. 1201, is the only specimen now available and same was secured by the Detroit office through the Elks Club. The handwriting appears identical with that on the forwarding order.

The Oklahoma City office is being requested by wire, today, to secure all possible original handwriting specimens of Galatas at the various banks at Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he is known to have had accounts, in order that they may be forwarded to the New York City, Chicago and Kansas City offices.

Very truly yours,

R. P. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Charles McDonald
Deputy United States Marshal
Federal Building
Joplin, Missouri

Dear Sir:

The final hearing in the case involving Mr. and Mrs. Herb Farmer which was scheduled to be held before the United States Commissioner, at Kansas City, Missouri, on August 14, 1933, has been continued indefinitely.

I will be pleased to see you and the Joplin Police Officers who assisted in this matter when you come to Kansas City for this hearing.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City, Mo. FILE NO. 62-226 BM

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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, IO #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: Louis Buckholtz is not the party who was in possession of V-12 Cadillac Sedan, Motor #1000032 at Memphis, Tenn. on 8-6-33, and no further information obtained as to the identity of the persons who were in possession of this automobile.

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REFERENCE: Report of Sp. Agt. T. H. Tracy, New York City, dated 8-5-33.

DETAILS: At Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. D. P. Bell, assistant manager of the Peabody Garage examined photograph of Louis Buckholtz and stated that he does not remember ever having seen this party. He also stated that he does not remember that a V-12 Cadillac Sedan with armour plate and bullet proof glass had been stored at that garage within the past two years, and that he is quite sure that he would have heard of it had such a car been stored there. After checking his records he advised that he has no record that a V-12 Cadillac with New York license plates No. 3-K-6966 was stored at that garage on June 8, 1933. He advised that Mike Capola resembles very much a man whom he has seen at the garage on more than one occasion; that he believes that he saw him there about a month or six weeks ago, but that he has never seen him in possession of an armoured car.

C. E. Agner of the Peabody Garage examined the photograph of Louis Buckholtz and advised that he does not remember ever having seen him, and that he does not remember having seen a V-12 Cadillac Sedan at the garage in June, which was equipped with armour plate and bullet proof glass. He stated that he believes that he has seen Mike Capola at the garage about the time that the horse

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races were on in New Orleans; that a man resembling Capola came to the garage one day in a Pierce Arrow Sedan, and in about two hours returned driving a Lincoln, which he claimed to have obtained on a trade.

B. Morgan, colored helper at the Peabody Garage, stated that he has never seen Louis Buckholtz but believes that he has seen Mike Capola; that last winter a man resembling Capola was at the garage with a Pierce Arrow sedan, and in a short while came back driving a Lincoln with the same license plates on it, which are California plates. He stated that he has not seen an armoured plated Cadillac at the garage.

At the Peabody Hotel, photograph of Louis Buckholtz was exhibited to Miss Ilma Frank, credit manager, Mr. H. A. Clark, assistant manager, and to Mr. I. F. Mims, night clerk and none of them could identify him as being the Joseph Saya who was registered at the hotel on June 8, 1933. They all stated that they cannot remember ever having seen Buckholtz.

Mr. R. R. Price, general manager, Southern Motor Car Company, 1109 Union Avenue, Cadillac dealers, advised that he saw the two men who were in possession of the armoured Cadillac V-12 sedan which was brought to their shop in June 1933, and after examining photograph of Louis Buckholtz he stated that Buckholtz is not one of the men who were in the said car. He stated that the man who owned the Cadillac V-12 Town sedan gave the name of Joseph Saya and claimed to be from New York; that he was accompanied by a younger man who was a chauffeur and body guard, and also by a big colored man. He stated that they talked trade with Saya and that the chauffeur advised them that if they did trade he could give them the name of a man in New York City who would purchase the armoured Cadillac. Mr. Price suggested that Agent interview Mr. Guerine, a salesman for the Southern Motor Car Company, who saw more of these men and would be able to furnish more information.

A. B. Guerine stated that he remembers the parties very well, who were at the Southern Motor Car Company in June 1933 with a 1931 model V-12 Cadillac town sedan, series 370A, which was equipped with armour plate and bullet proof glass. He stated that this car was brought to that garage at about 4.00 A.M. by the chauffeur, and that the chauffeur stayed right with the car; that the parties stated that they had just driven in from Hot Springs, Arkansas and had burned out a rod near Duval Bluff, Arkansas, where it had been temporarily repaired, and that they now wanted the motor put in shape. He stated that the man who claimed to own the car was an Italian, and that he was accompanied by a younger man who was also an Italian, and by a big negro; that these parties stated that they were on their way to New York. Mr. Guerine stated that he is quite sure that this car was not stored at the Peabody Garage as it was brought to the Southern Motor Car Company just after their arrival in Memphis, and that they left that afternoon. He stated that he went to the Peabody Hotel and talked to Mr. Saya about trading cars and that he there met a woman whom Saya introduced as his wife. He stated that Saya was in a sickly condition and could not stand tobacco smoke.

Photograph of Louis Buckholtz was exhibited to Mr. Guerine and

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he stated that Buckholtz is not the man who had the Cadillac sedan; that the owner of this car was a much lighter man, an Italian, and in a sickly condition; that the woman with him did not fit the description of Mrs. Buckholtz. Photographs of the various man wanted in connection with this case were exhibited to Mr. Price and Mr. Guerine but they could not identify any of them as being the man who was in possession of the Cadillac Sedan.

Mr. Guerine stated that about a week after the armour plated car had been at the garage, a doctor from Hot Springs came to the garage for some service on his car, and that he asked this doctor if he knew the people who were driving the armour plated car, and that the doctor advised that he did; that he had been Saya's doctor at Hot Springs. Guerine stated that he does not have the doctor's name, as he only had the radiator of his car flushed out, but that it should be possible to locate him at Hot Springs as he drives a model 353 Cadillac five passenger Sedan with five demountable natural wood wheels; that there are very few of this model car in this territory, and that the Cadillac dealers at Hot Springs should be able to furnish his name.

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THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE, at Hot Springs, Ark., will attempt to locate the doctor who treated Joseph Saya at Hot Springs in June, 1933, and obtain all information which he may have as to the identity of this man. The doctor can possibly be located through the Cadillac Agency as suggested above.

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