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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I. O. #1195; RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201; et al -

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Local police, Government, hotel and steamship company officials interviewed, and all state that they will furnish the New Orleans office with any information obtainable relative to subject Galatas, in the event he is contacted by him. They were all furnished his description, and such officials as he would be most likely to contact were also furnished a copy of his photograph.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Kansas City Office dated July 21, 1933.

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

Memorandum by Special Agent P. M. Breed, dated New Orleans, Louisiana, July 27, 1933, reflects that he made the following contacts in connection with the investigation requested in reference letter:

DETAILS:

Inquiry at the Passport Bureau, State Department, Post Office Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, disclosed that no passport had been issued to subject Galatas.

Inquiry at the Customhouse, Room 219, disclosed that no seaman's certificate of citizenship had been issued to subject Galatas.

Mr. J. E. Trout, Inspector-in-Charge, Immigration Service,

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: R. Whitten SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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United States Customhouse, advised that all passenger lists for the past two months had been sent to the U. S. Immigration Station, Algiers, Louisiana, where it was ascertained that no one of Galatas's name or aliases had left New Orleans as a passenger.

Information was received at the office of the United States Shipping Commissioner, Customhouse, New Orleans, and at the United States Shipping Board, Sea Service Bureau, 104 Decatur Street, from Mr. P. Pozzi, that there was no record on file of anyone by subject's name or aliases having shipped from New Orleans.

Special Agent P. M. Breed also secured twelve copies of subject Galatas's picture, made by C. L. French, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Agent Breed also ascertained that the shipping companies that do a passenger business at New Orleans, Louisiana, are the following:

United Fruit Company, United Fruit Building;
Standard Fruit Company, Union Indemnity Building;
Lykes Bros.-Ripley Steamship Co., Whitney Bank Building;
Orfila & Company, agents for the French Line, St. Charles Hotel.

The other ports of entry in this district are Gulfport, Mississippi, Lake Charles, Louisiana, and Mobile, Alabama.

Reporting agent left a photograph of subject Galatas with such officials above referred to whom Galatas would be most likely to contact in the event he makes his appearance in New Orleans, or attempts to obtain passage at this port for some foreign country.

Mr. Anthony O'Boyle, Clerk, Identification Bureau, New Orleans Police Department, states that subject Galatas is unknown to the New Orleans Police, as there is no record of him in the Identification Bureau files. However, it may be stated here that a copy of I. O. #1801 relative to subject Galatas has since been forwarded to the New Orleans Police Department for their records.

Subject Galatas's photograph was exhibited by reporting agent to the managers and clerks on duty at the leading hotels in New Orleans, and his description was also furnished said employees for their ready reference in the event he registers at any of said hotels.

The following named officials of the steamship companies listed were contacted:

Mr. F. J. Cazalas, Clerk, Passenger Department,
United Fruit Company, United Fruit Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mr. P. Whatmouch, Office Assistant to Mr. William Blackwell, Assistant Passenger Agent, Standard Fruit Company, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mr. E. R. Orfila, Secretary-Treasurer, Frank D. Orfila Co., Inc., 205 St. Charles Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mr. W. T. Farrell, Clerk, Lykes Bros.-Ripley Steamship Co., Whitney Bank Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

For information, it may be stated here that above mentioned steamship companies sell tickets for passage to the foreign ports outlined below:

United Fruit Steamship Company, Havana, Cuba;
Puerto Barrios, Guatemala;
Puerto Cortez, Honduras;
Cela, Honduras;
Christobal, C.Z.;
Belize, British, Honduras;
Livingston, Guatemala;
Stann Creek, British, Honduras;
Montey River, " "
Bluefields, Nicaragua;
Puerto Castillo, Honduras;
Standard Fruit Co., Havana, Cuba;
Panama, C.Z.;
Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua;
Ceiba, Honduras;
Vera Cruz, Mexico;
Tampico, Mexico;
Alvaro Ovrigon, Mexico.

The Frank D. Orfila Co., Inc., and the Lykes Bros.-Ripley Steamship Co., Inc., both sell tickets for passage to all of the principal European and Asiatic ports.

Mr. W. T. Farrell, Clerk, Lykes Bros.-Ripley Steamship Company, Inc., Whitney National Bank Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised agent that passage will not be sold on any of their vessels unless the passenger presents his passport, and if he is an alien, it is necessary for him to exhibit a sailing permit, which is issued by the Internal Revenue Service of the Government, with offices on the second floor of the United States Customhouse Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Passenger List of above mentioned concerns covering the period from May 1, 1933, to date, were examined by agent, but subject was not listed by either his right name or any of his known aliases.

The Government officials and employees of the steamship companies

above referred to, all promised to be on the alert for anyone resembling subject Galatas, and advised that they would immediately notify the New Orleans Office in the event any individual makes an attempt to leave this country or to obtain passage on any of the vessels of said companies, who in their opinion may possibly be identical with subject Galatas.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE: At Gulfport, Mississippi, Mobile, Alabama, and Lake Charles, Louisiana, will contact the local police, Government officials, managers of leading hotels, and officials of steamship companies operating passenger vessels to foreign ports, furnishing description of subject Galatas, and also exhibit his photograph so that he may be readily identified in the event he is contacted by any of said officials, as it is thought that he may attempt to make his departure for some foreign country at one of above ports.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City, Missouri FILE NO. 62-877

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Jacksonville, Florida	Aug. 15,1933	Aug.9-12,1933	J. J. Perkins

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. NUMBER 1195; et al	OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (ENDEAVOR TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: E. M. Goldman unknown to R. A. Barlow, Miami, Florida, V. R. Rousseau, West Palm Beach, Florida, and P. J. Franklin, Homestead, Florida. All above parties state that unknown parties called them by long distance telephone from Kansas City, Missouri, for the purpose of having them place bets on race horses, which they declined to do.

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REFERENCE: Letter from the Kansas City Office to the Saint Paul Office with enclosure, dated August 2, 1933.

DETAILS: AT POMPANO, FLORIDA:

Investigation at Pompano, Florida, not Pampana, disclosed that R. A. Barlow was formerly employed as manager of the Kilgore Seed Company at Pompano, but had left the employ of said company June 6, 1933, and was located at 1869 Southwest Seventeenth Street, Miami, Florida.

DETAILS: C. E. Smith, present manager of the Kilgore Seed Company, Pompano, advised the writer that R. A. Barlow was discharged by said company for being short in his accounts. He stated that Barlow had the reputation of being a gambler and played the race horses a good deal which he believed was the cause of him being short in his accounts.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Acting Special Agent in Charge

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AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:

L. K. Denning, Manager of the Kilgore Seed Company, Miami, advised the writer that he employed R. A. Barlow as manager of the Kilgore Seed Company at Pompano, Florida; that he came well recommended and appeared to be thoroughly honest in every way. He stated that about June 1, 1933, an audit was made of the books of the Kilgore Seed Company, Pompano, which disclosed that Barlow was short in his accounts between Ten and Eleven Thousand Dollars; that Barlow was bonded and the bonding company would no doubt make the loss good, and would institute prosecutive action against Barlow.

R. A. Barlow, 1869 Southwest Seventeenth Street, Miami, stated that he was formerly employed as manager of the Kilgore Seed Company, Pompano, Florida; that the telephone number of this company at Pompano was 2351. He stated that he has played the races and on several occasions parties have called him by long distance telephone for the purpose of placing bets on a horse that they would name which would be scheduled to win a certain race on a designated date. He stated that on June 6, 1933, he left the employ of the Kilgore Seed Company and on the eighth of June left Pompano for Miami, where he has resided ever since; that he does not know anyone by the name of E. M. Goldman and could not recall ever receiving a long distance telephone call from anyone by that name.

AT KELSEY CITY, FLORIDA:

Investigation at Kelsey City disclosed that V. R. Rousseau, not V. O. Raseau, was formerly Superintendent of the Seminole Golf Club, Kelsey City, but had recently severed his connection with the club and had moved to 830 Twenty-Seventh Street, West Palm Beach, Florida.

AT WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA:

V. R. Rousseau, 830 Twenty-Seventh Street, West Palm Beach, stated that he was formerly Superintendent of the Seminole Golf Club, Kelsey City, Florida. He stated that he has frequently placed bets on race horses, especially during the racing season of 1933 at Miami, Florida. He stated that on several occasions parties, giving different names, have called him by long distance telephone for the purpose of having him place a bet on a certain horse that was supposed to win a certain race and if the horse won, one-half of the bet would be forwarded to the party that named the horse. He stated that on each occasion he has cussed out the

party that called him and without any hesitation informed them that they could not use him for a sucker and not to call him again. He stated that he remembers very well a party calling him by long distance telephone from Kansas City, Missouri, on June 15, 1933, to place a bet on a certain horse that was scheduled to win and after informing this party, whose name he could not recall, that he was not placing bets on horses that way and not to call him again the party very abruptly hung up; that he did not know anyone by the name of E. M. Goldman.

H. E. Motter, Deputy Sheriff, West Palm Beach, advised the writer that he has known V. R. Rousseau for many years and considers him a thoroughly honest and upright man in every respect and one that commands the respect of all that know him. He stated that he was informed that Mr. Rousseau severed his connection with the Seminole Golf Club to accept a better position elsewhere.

AT HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA:

P. J. Franklin, Homestead, stated that on June twelfth and June 14, 1933, a party whose name he could not recall, called him by long distance telephone from Kansas City, Missouri, advising him that he was an operator; that he asked this party what kind of an operator he was and the party replied: "I want you to place $500 on a race and if you win send me $250"; that the party further informed him that if he did not believe the deal was on the square he would let him listen in while the race was being run; that he informed this party that he did not do business that way and not to call him again. He stated that he does not know anyone by the name of E. M. Goldman.

Doc Slagle, Chief of Police, Homestead, advised the writer that P. J. Franklin was one of the leading business men of Homestead and operated a grocery store for many years; that he was a highly respected citizen and to his knowledge conducted himself properly at all times.

PENDING.

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

Mr. Frank F. Wilson
Assistant United States Attorney
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 9, 1933, wherein you furnish information relative to the probable location of Charles Arthur Floyd, alias "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Allow me to express my appreciation for your kind cooperation in this matter. The information contained in your letter will be given prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

R. T. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

WFT:B

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

VWH:DSS

August 15, 1933.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called New York this morning with reference to developments in the effort to re-locate the woman in the Verne Miller case. Agent Guinane stated that he had received a call from Agent Tracy at Montreal at one o'clock this morning stating that this woman had left New York either on the 9th. or 10th. for Chicago. Tracy's informant at Montreal spent the week-end with the woman, Betty, who was the companion of the woman under surveillance at Plattsburg and this woman checked into the hotel at Montreal where Tracy is stopping early this morning. The informant feels that he can gain further information as to the present whereabouts of the party in question in the Verne Miller case. Agent Guinane stated they still have several Agents working in New Jersey and New York endeavoring to obtain information.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes.

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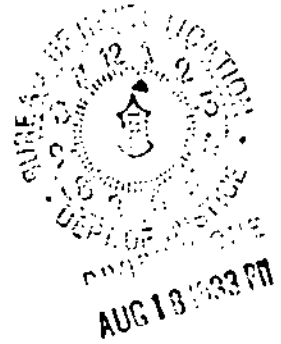

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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

Pursuant to telephone conversation had with Mr. Hughes yesterday, under my instructions, today, Special Agent W. F. Trainor, of this office, filed complaint in the State Court against Harvey J. Bailey, charging that on June 17, 1933, Bailey murdered Special Agent Raymond J. Caffrey.

This complaint was issued with authorization of T. J. Mastin, Prosecutor of Jackson County, and warrant was issued by Louis J. Mazuch, Justice of the Peace.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Dallas
Oklahoma City

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OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
BAYFIELD COUNTY

HJALMAR FROSTMAN, SHERIFF
H. A. KENNEDY, UNDERSHERIFF

WASHBURN, WISCONSIN

Aug. 12th. 1933

U.S. Dept. of Investigation,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Your circular on Harvey Bailey escaped from Kansas State prison, may be the Lee A. Bailey that we have tried to locate . He is a bad actor and has been in several times. We have now located him at 1814-15th. St. R3 Fulton Ill. This may be the man you want.

Yours truly,

H A Kennedy
under sheriff.

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August 16, 1933.

Mr. H. A. Kennedy,
Undersheriff,
Bayfield County,
Washburn, Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

In reply to your letter of August 12, 1933, concerning Harvey Bailey, I am glad to advise that Bailey was taken into custody at Paradise, Texas on August 12, 1933.

I wish to thank you for your cooperation in this and other matters.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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August 16, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of July 10, 1933, concerning the payment of a bill for the repair of the automobile of former Special Agent R. J. Caffrey, and to Division letter of July 11, 1933, suggesting that a copy of the paid bill covering the expenses for the funeral of former Chief of Police Otto Reed of McAlester, Oklahoma, be forwarded to the Division.

It is desired that you communicate with the Division and furnish any information that may be available relative to these matters.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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420 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.

August 14, 1933.

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

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

Dear Sir:-

I am sending you under separate cover by registered, air mail, a number of shells and bullets fired from the machine gun taken from HARVEY BAILEY and the 45 calibre automatic pistol taken from Bailey, together with shells and bullets fired from a 45 calibre automatic pistol taken from the home of R.C. Shannon, where Bailey was arrested.

Please have the ballistic expert, Mr. Gill, compare these with the latent bullets and shells in the Union Station shooting case.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge - SA

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August 16,1933

WERNER HAMNI
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING
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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED THIS DATE FROM NEWYORK QUOTE KANMO QUOSQUEP FURCATE APPARENTLY LEFT NEWYORK FOR CHICAGO AUGUST NINTH OR TENTH STOP ENDEAVORING LEARN DEFINITE DESTINATION FURTHER DETAILS STOP ADVISE STPAUL UNQUOTE MATTER GIVEN ATTENTION CHICAGO SUGGEST NECESSARY ACTION YOUR DISTRICT

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

August 16, 1933.

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

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

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed with this letter a so-called group photograph of Subject Bernard Phillips with aliases, I. O. 1196. This group picture was taken by the Chicago Police on November 23, 1930, and bears Chicago group picture No. 2333. It is reported to be an excellent likeness of Subject Phillips and shows him standing at full length.

It is suggested that the Division prepare photographic copies of this picture for transmission to the various Division offices in connection with the search being made for Subject Phillips. The original picture forwarded with this letter should then be returned to the Chicago office for use in this case.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS
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 dated August 16, 1933, in the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, Identification Order No. 1195, et al - Obstruction of Justice (Attempt to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

There is returned herewith the original photograph of Bernard Phillips, as requested in your letter, together with five copies of same. Photographic copies of this photograph of Phillips are also being furnished each field office.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Inclosure No. 661280.

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Washington, D. C.

August 17, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In connection with the case of RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, Identification Order #1201 [redacted]

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Based upon the information relative to the Flint, Michigan arrest of this person as Dick Sheridan, it has been determined that this person as A. A. Perry, alias Glen Morris, alias G. T. Richards, #1955, was arrested by the Police Department at Miami, Florida, on December 10, 1927, charge investigation - con man.

The above confirms my telephonic conversation with Mr. Cowley on August 16th.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

MS.VEA - Oklahoma City, Okla.
62-456 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)

John Wolsey, Chief of Detectives, Muskogee, Oklahoma, contacted this agent with a man who gave the following information. The name and address of the informant is in confidential file in possession of Special Agent in Charge Colvin.

Informant stated that he is a law-abiding citizen and can give references to that effect. Informant stated that he leased a ranch in the vicinity of Blair Mountains to raise cattle and hogs; that his ranch is located a short distance from that of Ewing Jollips where Charles Floyd stays and meets his wife every other Wednesday; that he got well acquainted with Charles Floyd in August 1932 when Floyd and Birdwell robbed the bank at Stonewall, Oklahoma; that Charlie Floyd was shot twice in the breast and the left leg and Birdwell took Charlie to Ewing Jollips' place in Blair Mountains near Outlaw Springs to recuperate. Informant stated that everyone who lives in that vicinity is an outlaw and could not go for a doctor to come and attend to Floyd. Informant volunteered to go and get a doctor and he went to Vinita, Oklahoma and got a doctor whose name he declined to give as he stated that he promised the doctor not to tell his name. The doctor attended to Charlie Floyd and Jollips paid the doctor $500.00 and gave informant $100.00 for the trip.

Informant stated that Charlie Floyd stayed at the Jollips place from August to October 1932 until he got well and during that time his wife, Mrs. Floyd, used to come and see him every other Wednesday; that she drove a 1929 Ford Coupe, dark green color; that during that time he got well acquainted and gained the confidence of Charlie Floyd; that the last time he saw and talked to Charlie Floyd was about a month ago when he was at the Jollips place.

Informant described Jollips' place as being in the bottoms between two mountains and stated that Charlie Floyd drives his car to the top of the mesa, leaves the car and then comes to the edge of the cliff and hoots like an owl three times. If everything is okay, the people at Jollips' place answer, then he comes down. If they do not answer he does not come down. Informant stated that the Italian-looking man who is with Floyd always stays in the car; that Floyd is now driving a 1933 Chevrolet Sedan; that Floyd has two hiding places - one in Blair Mountains at Jollips' place and the other at Black Gum Mountain.

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Informant further stated that there is no use for any stranger to go there and try to get any information; that 95% of the people who live in that vicinity are outlaws and as soon as they see a stranger they send out runners to tell the others and it is dangerous for any stranger to visit those places; that it is a hiding place for outlaws to cool off.

Informant stated that he is not acquainted with Wilbur Underhill, Jim Clark, Hervey Bailey or any of the others connected with the murder of officers at Kansas City on June 17, 1933. Informant stated that if the government wants to get Charlie Floyd he is willing to take with him any Bureau agent in disguise as a driver and he will go and camp on Floyd's trail under the pretext of buying hogs and believes that he can put him on the spot within 30 to 60 days.

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Informant can be located [redacted] He requested that his name be held in confidence as it is very dangerous for him if the information leaks out that he is trying to help the government.

H. Sorola
Special Agent.

U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

224 Federal Bldg.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

August 15, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

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

Your letter of August 11, 1933 inclosing copies of letter dated August 3, 1933 from Mrs. Sadie E. Rhea of Commerce, Oklahoma has been received.

It is not thought that the matter warrants any attention on the part of this office for the reason that Mrs. Rhea had previously written the Bureau a somewhat similar letter, which was investigated by an Agent of this office, and who reported that it was his distinct impression that Mrs. Rhea was not competent mentally. Therefore, unless directed to the contrary, the matter will have no further attention.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

cp: Kansas City

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

Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of a letter postmarked Healdton, Oklahoma, August 8, 1933, from one A. W. Crawford of Healdton.

This letter is, in the most part, illegible but Mr. Crawford advises that he is a "detective." He indicates that he is familiar with law violators in that locality and particularly "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and that he has previously referred this matter to the Oklahoma City Office.

Mr. Crawford is being instructed to transmit any information of value to the Oklahoma City Office.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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August 17, 1933

Mr. A. W. Crawford,
Healdton, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated August 7, 1933 concerning your knowledge of law violations and law violators in the vicinity of Healdton.

Any information that you consider of value should be submitted to the Oklahoma City Office of this Division, located at 224 Federal Building, Oklahoma City.

Your interest is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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August 15, 1933.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL - MR. BLAKE.

Mr. Blake advised that at the time of this call Mr. Gus Jones was talking with Harvey Bailey. I requested that Mr. Jones call me just as soon as he finished with Harvey Bailey as there was a matter in his own district I wanted him to personally handle as soon as possible by telephone. Mr. Blake said they had sent bullets fired from the machine gun in the possession of Harvey Bailey to Kansas City for comparison with the bullets fired in the Kansas City massacre.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL TO MR. CHARLES W. SHAW
Houston, Texas - Telephone,
Capitol 2151.

I advised Mr. Shaw that with regard to the attempted kidnaping of young Rockefeller, about which Colonel Woods spoke to me this morning, I was having an Agent of this Bureau call upon him at Houston, with whom he could feel free to discuss the matter freely. I suggested that it might be well for the party coming North to proceed via a southern route rather than via Chicago, as planned, and probably could take a plane from Atlanta to New York.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL - MR. JONES

Mr. Jones advised it was impossible to make Harvey Bailey talk.

I instructed Mr. Jones to leave immediately for Houston for a day or so, to see Mr. Charles Shaw, President of the Humble Oil Company at Houston, Texas; that the son of Mr. Rockefeller, Jr. is at Houston. Mr. Jones stated that one Bennett, a former Ranger, who is helping guard young Rockefeller had telephoned him a few minutes previously to this conversation from Houston and had advised there was a rumor that there was a plot at hand to kidnap young Rockefeller, and gave him the names of five men the Police at Houston arrested several days ago at the Rich Hotel on suspicion as they had in their possession a number of $100 bills; namely, Sam Cooperman, Houston PD#13110; Frank Lauer, Houston PD#13108; Ted Garillio, Houston PD#13109; Sam Battaglia, alias Joe Rock, Houston PD#13107; John Walker, alias J. J. Parks, Houston PD#13111. Bennetts believes that the reason the kidnaping did not take place as planned was because these five men were picked up by

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the Police Department on suspicion. Bennetts also advised they had an under-cover informant in Houston, and were given the following names: Joe Lake, of Houston; Mike Salabio, of Houston, and Victor Haddi. Mr. Jones stated he advised Bennetts to contact Agent Murphy in Houston immediately and give him all the details and have Murphy telephone Mr. Jones. I instructed Jones to proceed to Houston immediately and contact Mr. Shaw and Bennetts. Bennetts had advised Jones they were day after tomorrow taking young Rockefeller to New York, and I advised Jones of the suggestion I had made to Mr. Shaw about taking a southern route. I requested that Jones secure for me the itinerary of young Rockefeller, in order that the local office at the point where he changes planes can be on the job to see that he is thoroughly protected. I requested that I receive a confidential report tomorrow morning on this matter.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOSEPH B. KEENAN,
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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 committedd this cowardly deed, when apprehended.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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

August 14, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called Kansas City and suggested that a warrant charging Harvey Bailey with murder be issued at that point. Mr. Vetterli stated he would take this action immediately and that he would also send by air mail a summary of the evidence against Bailey in the Kansas City murders.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes.

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MONTIFUE, Milton J.
No. 42011-A.

MOORE, James R.
No. 42935-A.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION:

Letters have been received through the Prisoners' Mail Box from the above-named prisoners at Atlanta stating that they have information of value which they wish to give to an Agent of the Department of Justice. This matter is referred to you for such attention as it appears to you to warrant. Montifue states that he has information about a mail robbery planned by a prisoner recently released. Moore states that he has information which might assist in the apprehension of "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Montifue requests that he be transferred to one of our camps as soon as he has been interviewed and Moore requests not only that he be given a pardon but also that a detainer held against him in Virginia be removed. In view of the reward which they request for giving information it is a matter of question how much of value they have to divulge. Obviously we could not make any promises to these prisoners. If they are interviewed they request that it be done with the greatest possible secrecy.

J. V. BENNETT,
Acting Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called the Dallas office with reference to the proposed prosecution of the persons captured in Texas charged with the Urschel kidnaping and suggested to Agent in Charge Blake that he discuss the matter with Agent in Charge Colvin, of Oklahoma City, and that they endeavor to reach a determination as to which would be the best district in which to charge these individuals, indicating that the trial might be at either Texas or Oklahoma under the Federal law and inasmuch as neither of these states have the death penalty for kidnaping, the Federal Court would probably be the best tribunal to try the matter. I also suggested that Agent in Charge Colvin proceed to his office at Oklahoma City just as soon as he had completed matters, either late today or tomorrow morning in order to arrange for possible prosecution in that district. I advised Agent in Charge Blake that Kansas City would file a murder warrant against Bailey.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes.

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL - MR. NATHAN.

Mr. Nathan thinks that today will be his last day at Dallas. He advises that the case is alright against everybody except the young girl. I advised that Mr. Keenan was leaving this evening by airplane and is stopping off at St. Louis, then to Kansas City to look into the matter of Police Commissioner Reppert and also the Harvey Bailey indictment; then to Oklahoma City to confer with the Special Assistant on the Urschel case. I requested that Mr. Nathan go back to Kansas City and meet Mr. Keenan there, and be there on Sunday, and work with him on the indictment of Bailey for murder, and also, accompany Mr. Keenan to Oklahoma City. I advised that Mr. Keenan is then proceeding to St. Paul and Minneapolis. I suggested that Mr. Nathan accompany Mr. Keenan over this entire trip, and keep me posted of developments by telephone.

Mr. Gus Jones gave the following additional itinerary in connection with the trip of young Rockefeller--Leave Chicago 7:45 a.m. tomorrow via United Air Lines; arrive Toledo 10:00 a.m.; arrive Cleveland 10:46 a.m.; arrive New York e.s.t. 1:35 p.m. (Newark airport).

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

801 Title Guaranty Bldg.
Saint Louis, Missouri
August 18, 1933

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

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

Dear Sir:

On August 15, 1933, one Charles Shank, of 405 Commercial Street, Danville, Illinois, called at the United States Marshal's office at Danville, Illinois, and requested that Special Agent Allen of this office call at his home, inasmuch as he was in possession of valuable information.

Special Agent F. W. Allen accordingly interviewed Charles Shank, who stated that in May, 1930 he was confined to the Lucas County Jail at Toledo, Ohio; that his cellmates in that institution were "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Nathan King; that he knew Floyd under the name of Frank Mitchell; that about the middle part of June, 1933 he met Floyd in front of the Palmer National Bank in the Square at Danville, Illinois; that at this time Floyd told him that he was just passing through Danville on his way to St. Louis; that about the latter part of July, 1933 he again met Floyd in about the same place; that this was sometime in the afternoon and that Floyd told him that he would call at his, Shank's, home in Danville at about nine o'clock that evening in order that he, Shank, could look over the engine in his Lincoln Sedan, which he had parked around the city. Shank also stated that he did not ask Floyd any questions; that he has always called him Frank Mitchell; that as soon as he could get in touch with Chief Freeman of the Danville, Illinois Police Department, he notified him that Floyd was expected to call at his house at nine o'clock that evening; that he waited for Floyd but that he did not appear. Shank also stated that Floyd did not talk very much during the time he was confined in the County Jail at Toledo, Ohio, and that he was not in possession of any information which would be of value in locating Floyd.

Chief of Police George E. Freeman of Danville stated that Shank told him about the same story; that they laid out all night waiting for Floyd to put in his appearance, but he failed to show up; that he believes that Shank may have known Floyd in the County Jail

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in Toledo but does not believe that he has ever seen him in Danville. Chief Freeman also stated that he has arrangements made with Shank whereby Shank is to call him either at his home or at Police Headquarters if Floyd is again seen around Danville.

Earl Rumbaugh, of the Danville Police Department, who is also Captain of the local Militia Company, stated that he has made the necessary arrangements to secure shotguns and machine guns to use in the event Floyd is again seen in Danville.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Kansas City

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
August 18, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge
United States Secret Service
Kansas City, Missouri

Attn: Mr. Davenport.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith photograph of James Allen Woodruff, alias Clyde Limerick, which you kindly furnished to this office several weeks ago for use in the investigation in the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, et al - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

I wish to thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Mr. Clegg
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August 21, 1933.

MEMORANDUM.

I advised Mr. Cullen by telephone that Agent Turrou, who was in my office, was proceeding to New York to take charge of the Verne Miller investigation in the East, and that Agent Turrou was very familiar with this whole case; that we have good reason to believe that Gallatis is with Miller. Mr. Cullen advised that he had several men on the case at the present time and I instructed that these men should be kept on the case and that Agent Turrou should take charge of the investigation.

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL, MR. NATHAN

With reference to the report that our Agent looked at the number on the radio in Given's possession and ascertained that it was not identical with that of the stolen radio, Mr. Nathan advised that the Agent had looked at the wrong number; that he and Dewey, the man who called the number off to Agent McIntire, had found the correct number; that Dewey had called the Lot Number off to McIntire; that he, Mr. Nathan, has ascertained that the list issued by the insurance company was incorrect in so far as this number is concerned, as the number which the Police have listed is 99538, but the number listed by the insurance company is 99338, undoubtedly a typographical error; that they can be sure about this in an hour or so as they have asked Philadelphia to check and determine where 99338 is; that all of the other recovered radios checked with the list; that the Police say the reason the radio taken from Given was not returned with the rest of the recovered radios to the United States Attorneys, was that it was overlooked, and Reppert now says that after the way it has turned out he is glad they did not give this radio over to the United States Attorney with the rest; that this radio, taken from the house, is the only one which really tied in with Given; that inasmuch as it is probably this discrepancy is only a typographical error, when the list was compiled, it appears that the radio found in the possession of Given was a stolen radio. I instructed Mr. Nathan that even though the list from the insurance company was in error, he should inform Mr. Keenan and the United States Attorney of the mistake made by our Agents.

With regard to the statement by Reppert that he would suggest that a stolen radio be planted in place of the one supposed to be owned by Given, Mr. Nathan advises that he contacted someone in the Police Department and ascertained that despite the fact that Reppert had said he had seen none of our Agents, he, Reppert, had told him he wanted to see Agent McIntire and that he had taken McIntire to Reppert and introduced him to him; that the man who gave him, Mr. Nathan, this information is one of Reppert's appointees, and that it is probable that if it becomes known that he gave out this information he will lose his position; that, he, Mr. Nathan, believes this should be kept in confidence. I advised Mr. Nathan that, however, this information should be given to the United States Attorney and to Mr. Keenan.

Mr. Nathan advised he believed Gus Jones should proceed from Dallas to Oklahoma City today, as the Grand Jury there is set for Wednesday. I advised that this would be satisfactory, and suggested that these instructions should be sent by wire.

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Mr. Nathan advised that last night Mr. Keenan made the statement he thought he would leave Kansas City tonight. I advised that before he left Kansas City

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I wanted arrangements made to try Harvey Bailey there for murder. Mr. Nathan advised that last night Mr. Keenan talked this over with the two local prosecutors and decided that we should call the witnesses in this morning; that there are but three witnesses. I asked about Mrs. Nash and Mr. Nathan stated he did not think she would have any connection with this angle of the case. I advised that from the complete summary sent in from Kansas City I gathered that she would be called. He stated he would check this up. I requested that he have someone at the Kansas City office get all the facts together in order that Mr. Keenan might go over them, and he stated this had been done but that he would check to see they had not overlooked anything. I stated that I wanted Bailey tried immediately, and he remarked that he would see what he could do with the two State's Attorneys, but that Keenan had been talking with them. I stated that if there was any doubt about the matter, I desired that he have Mr. Keenan call me.

I instructed Mr. Nathan to accompany Mr. Keenan to Oklahoma City and see that the indictment there is returned promptly and that the trial is begun as soon as possible. I advised Mr. Nathan that although the United States Attorney at St. Paul had ordered the four persons being held, released, they are all to be re-arrested and indicted at Oklahoma City. I suggested that inasmuch as the Grand Jury meets Wednesday of this week, Mr. Keenan should be there before the indictments are returned as he should check them over and make sure they are okay.

I advised Mr. Nathan I desired to find out from Frank Blake how the story got out about the airplane in connection with the Urschel case, and Mr. Nathan stated that the theory is that it got out through one of the police officers who worked with the Agents on the case at Oklahoma City. I advised that I also wanted it ascertained from Dallas how the information leaked out about young Rockefeller coming through; also, how it got out that Urschel accompanied the Agents to Texas and identified the house. Mr. Nathan stated that the two police office at Fort Worth, who gave us the information regarding the participation of Kelly in this case, had incurred considerable expense in connection with our investigation, and in fact because of threats from the underworld because of their participation they have had to move their families from the suburbs of Fort Worth into Fort Worth. Mr. Nathan inquired whether I would approve the payment of $250 to each of these men for confidential information received regarding Kelly. I stated that offhand I thought this would be alright, and Mr. Nathan advised he would have Mr. Blake request this reimbursement and that I could consider it further in the meantime.

Mr. Nathan advised that the Chief of Police at Kansas City, Mr. Phelan, , has made the statement, it is reported, that in a few weeks Reppert, the Director of Police, is going to be dropped, and that he was told by Prendergast; that Phelan has asked Vetterli for a letter from him, Vetterli, thanking Phelan, Thurman, and a man by the name of Beatty, a detective, for cooperation given to the Kansas City office of the Division of Investigation in connection with the Kansas City murder. I stated that I knew Thurman gave us cooperation, but that I did not know about Phelan. Mr. Nathan stated that Phelan was to see him soon and offered to do anything he could, but that so far as he knows Beatty gave no cooperation at all. Mr. Nathan advised that it appears that they wanted Beatty's name in because the line-up is, after Reppert is fired, that Phelan is to remain as Chief of Police, and will be a real Chief of Police and not merely a figure-head, as at present; that Thurman is to go back on the detective force and Beatty is to be made Chief of Detectives. I advised Mr. Nathan I did not want the Division of Investigation to get into any local controversy out there. He stated that he thought it would be alright for Vetterli to write a letter to Phelan and Thurman, thanking them for assistance rendered. I advised this would be satisfactory with me.

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K#1 Box 16.
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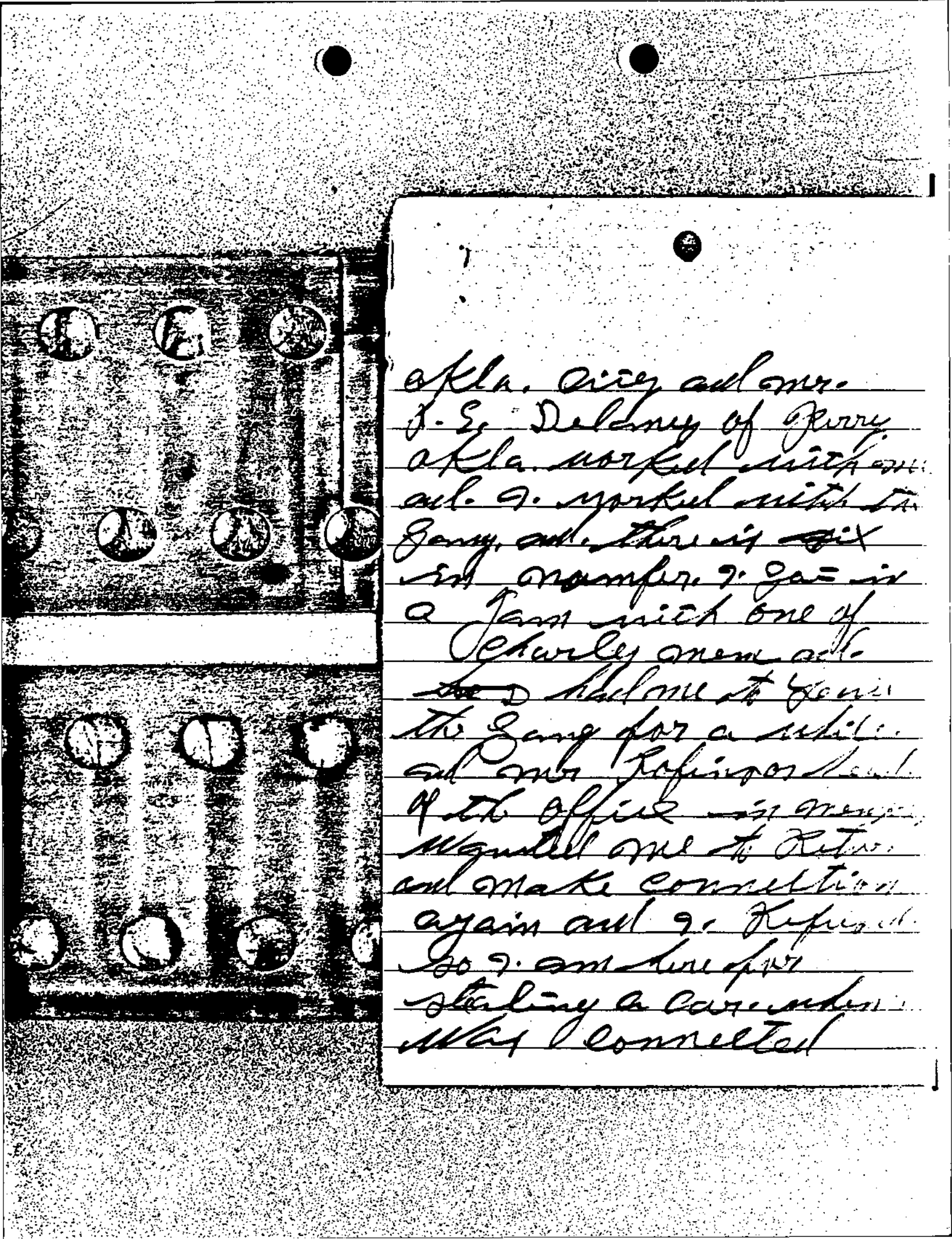

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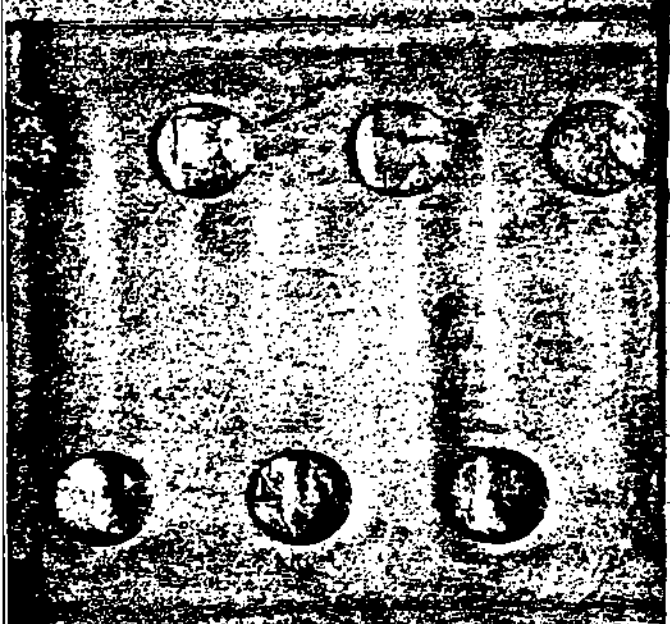

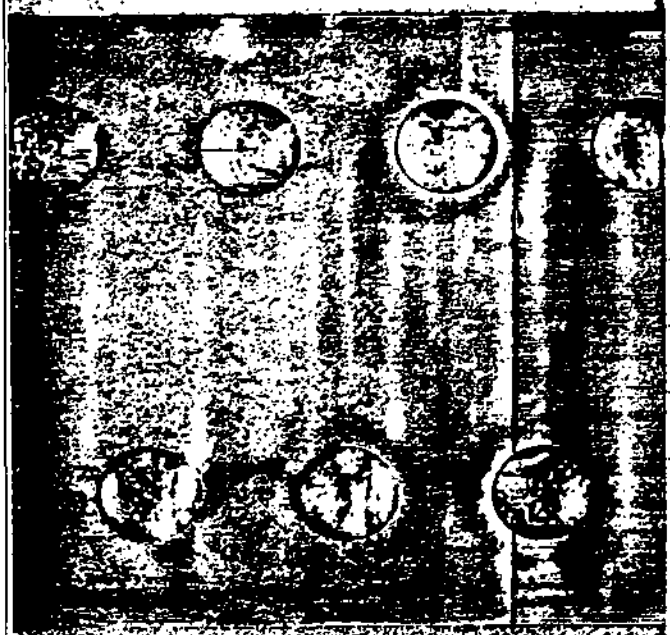

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled VERNON S. 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 11, 1933, from John G. Moore, a prisoner at Alexander, Arkansas, in which it will be noted that he states he has information which might lead to the apprehension of Charles A. Floyd and other criminals. It is requested that an agent of the Oklahoma City Office interview the prisoner for any information he may have concerning the individuals referred to.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Inclosure No. 661237
on Kansas City

Room 1403
670 Lexington Avenue
New York City

August 22, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that Special Agent L. [illegible] Turrou upon his return from a special assignment in Kansas City, turned in the gun which had been issued to him by this office and is now in possession of his personally owned revolver, which is a Colt 38 Police Positive Special No. [illegible], which gun was presented to him by Sheriff Thomas B. [illegible] of Jackson County, Kansas City, Missouri, having been [illegible] confirmed from Fur Commons by the sheriff.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge

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August 22, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, Endeavor to Effect Release of Frank Nash, Federal Prisoner. The Division is in receipt of the summary report concerning Harvey J. Bailey.

It is requested that similar summaries be prepared at your earliest convenience on Verne C. Miller, Richard Tullman Galatas, and all the suspects who may be prosecuted in connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
August 19, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

There are submitted herewith two expense accounts in the amounts of $127.18 and $334.68, for periods June 1st to June 30th and July 1st to July 21st. These accounts are submitted with blue slips covering confidential items for payment to the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in the amounts stated.

It is respectfully requested that an effort be made to secure immediate payment of these accounts.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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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:

I have been somewhat disturbed since receiving telephonic advice from Mr. Keenan, at Kansas City, that while he felt the state would secure a conviction in the Bailey case, at the same time he thought that some further investigation should be conducted insofar as the identification is concerned.

I wish that you would promptly advise me in what respect the investigation is lacking and as to what was overlooked by the Agents. If any suggestions have been made by Mr. Keenan, of course, I desire that you promptly conduct the necessary investigation.

Kindly advise me immediately.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

August 21, 1933.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL - MR. KEENAN.

Mr. Keenan advised he has interviewed the three witnesses in the Bailey case; that the colored girl is very good and that the porter is also very good, but neither saw Bailey with a machine gun, and that Link did see Bailey come in with a machine gun; that Link has served time in the penitentiary, but tells a very good story; that he believes he can get the local authorities to take the case, although they were reluctant to do it in the beginning because they believed there was not a very strong case so far as identification was concerned; that he believes we will get a conviction, but that he thinks some more investigation could be conducted so far as the identification is concerned.

Mr. Keenan stated he is giving out the following statement in writing: "Referring to recent charges made against Guy Given and others, the evidence concurrent therewith will be presented to the Federal Grand Jury. With further reference to any matters collateral thereto the inquiry already conducted and concluded indicates no need for any Further Federal action and the incident is closed."

Mr. Keenan advised he is going to Oklahoma City tonight and talk with Special Assistant to the Attorney General Salter, then to Minneapolis, and then returning to Washington, probably about Thursday or Friday.

Harvey Bailey

Kansas City 8/22/33 OWH

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,

Kansas City, Missouri.

August [illegible], 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to Division letter dated August 18, 1933, there is being transmitted herewith a bill made to Mrs. R. J. Caffrey covering repairs on the automobile of former Special Agent R. J. Caffrey in the aggregate sum of $[illegible], the bill being properly marked "Paid."

Concerning the Division's request for information relative to the paid bill for funeral expenses of former Chief of Police Otto Reed of Mc Alester, Oklahoma, please be advised that the Oklahoma City office has been requested by letter to ascertain and furnish the Division with the desired information.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Vivien Mathis as Mrs. V. Allen registered at Ritz Carlton Hotel, Atlantic City, N.J. 8/4-7/33 with Louis Buchalter, wife and others. Telephone covers at Ritz Carlton Hotel failed to reveal pertinent data. Mrs. V. Allen last seen at Newark, N.J. on 8/7/33 in company of Buchalter, wife and a stranger thought to be one M. Martini following trailing of Buchalter auto from Atlantic City, N.J. Records of Hotel Pierre, New York City, indicate Mrs. V. Allen and Buchalters, under name Seffer, registered 7/31/33; Mrs. V. Allen checked out 8/7/33; Buchalters are still maintaining suite. Telephone records of Hotel Pierre reveal Clarence Allen called Mrs. V. Allen telephonically 8/3 and 7/33 without receiving connection. Data received from [redacted] indicates Mrs. V. Allen has returned to Chicago, Ill.; that she is to communicate with Mrs. B. Buchalter in near future. Telephone surveillance being maintained at Hotel Pierre. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Buchalter are apparently same persons who stopped at Hotel Arlington, Hot Springs, Ark. in February, 1933 under name Seffer.

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REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agents T. H. Tracy, New York City, dated 8/5/33; W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Mo. dated 7/28/33 and 8/11/33.

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DETAILS:

The present report represents investigative activity on the part of Special Agents J. M. O'Leary, T. H. Tracy, E. A. Soucy, G. J. Starr, H. E. Andersen, R. A. Sinsel, L. W. Arms, and the writer.

On the afternoon of August 3, 1933 it was learned through confidential informant that the Buchalters had removed two trunks from their residence in the Majestic Apartments, New York City. Investigation at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, through the cooperation of the Pennsylvania Railroad Police Department, revealed that at one P.M. on August 3, 1933 the Baggage Transfer Corporation brought two trunks to the station on checks #A-11727-28, to be held for shipment for Mrs. R. Buchalter, Essex Junction, Vermont. The trunks also had cards attached marked from Camp Allegro, Milton, Vt. It was ascertained that one of these trunks was picked up by the Baggage Transfer Corporation in response to a telephone call received August 2, 1933 and was secured from apartment 8A, 760 West End Avenue, from a person named Morse. The request to pick up the second trunk came in at the same time as that with respect to the first trunk and same was picked up from room 804, Hotel Beacon, New York City, from a person named Moss. Surveillance was maintained on these two trunks by Agents O'Leary and Starr, which resulted in learning that a party of seven, which included Mr. and Mrs. Louis Buchalter and Mrs. V. Allen, took the 12:20 P.M. train for Essex Junction, Vermont. Agents boarded the same train and traveled with the party to Essex Junction, Vt. and upon their arrival at that point at 6:19 A.M. it was noted that a party of seven entered an automobile which met them at the station. It was necessary for agents to get under cover immediately as Essex Junction is a small station and any strangers would be very noticeable. Agents learned from the baggage agent at Essex Junction, Vt. that the car which had picked up the party at the station was from Camp Allegro, a camp for Jewish girls, located between Burlington and Milton, Vt.

While Agents O'Leary and Starr were at Essex Junction, Vt. they were directed to proceed to Lake Placid, New York and communicate with Chief of Police Canfield as the latter had telephoned to the New York office stating that he had valuable information. Agent Starr communicated with Captain Charles Broadfield, New York State Troopers, Malone, New York, and by arrangements with him agents were met at Ausable Chasm by Sergeant King and Trooper Kleroth with an automobile. Accompanied by the above named officers, agents went to Lake Placid, located Chief Canfield and were informed by him that he had been notified on the previous night by Joe Williams, proprietor of "The Fawn" and "The Barn", two roadhouses near Lake Placid, that persons whom he identified as Galatas and Vivien Allen had been seen by him on the

previous night at "The Barn" and that Canfield himself had visited "The Barn" and from such observation as he could make he was also inclined to believe that the persons in question were Galatas and Vivian Allen. They drove a Ford sedan, South Carolina license plates B-33765. The Chief was unable to follow them when they left the roadhouse.

By arrangements between the police and agents, a meeting was had later that night and Agent Starr and Trooper Klaroth went into "The Barn," met Williams and were placed by him at a table in the balcony from which point an effort was made to observe the persons in the premises. Owing to the dim lights, it was difficult to make a careful study, but Agent Starr and the Trooper were satisfied that there was no one in the premises resembling Galatas, Vivian Allen or Vernon Miller. Williams made at least three rounds of all the tables and reported back that he could not observe the persons whom he had seen there the previous night. These roadhouses do not cater to stag parties and for that reason Agent Starr and the Trooper, being unaccompanied by women, were somewhat conspicuous and therefore, after arrangements to have Williams communicate by telephone with agents' hotel in the event the parties referred to or anyone resembling them appeared on the premises, the troopers and agents returned to their hotel but no telephone call was received.

On the following day, while agents were waiting to communicate with Williams at his unlisted telephone, Lake Placid 789, a telephone call was received from Trooper Klaroth asking agents to meet him in front of the stadium immediately. Upon arriving at that point it was found that Trooper Klaroth had detained for investigation on account of lack of registration certificate, a Ford sedan bearing South Carolina license plates B-33765. The parties occupying this car were questioned by agents without identifying themselves and it was found that one of them was H. W. Struever of 517 West St. Louis Street, Nashville, Ill., a partner in the ownership of the National Circulation Company, 17 West 45th Street, New York City. He stated he had up until that day been residing at the Adirondack Apartments, Lake Placid. Accompanying him was J. W. Harrison, his partner, an Englishman, who had been residing at the St. Regis Hotel, Lake Placid, and whose permanent home is in Chatham, England. These men stated they and the persons accompanying them were engaged in the house to house selling of high class magazines and were enroute to Glens Falls, New York.

It was Struever who had been identified by Williams and Chief Canfield as resembling Galatas and a blond young woman accompanying him had been identified as Vivian Allen. Upon careful

observation Agent O'Leary was satisfied that these were not the subjects of this investigation, although there was sufficient similarity to justify Williams' and Canfield in believing that they might be Galates and Vivian Allen. The party was allowed to proceed on its way by Trooper Elsroth.

On the evening of August 4, 1935 Special Agent E. A. Soucy, who had been conducting inquiries in this matter at Atlantic City, N.J., communicated with the New York office telephonically and advised that Mrs. Vivian Allen, Mrs. Betty Buchalter and son, Louis Buchalter and a party named Weiser had checked into the Ritz Carlton Hotel that afternoon. This information had been received from Assistant Manager Peterson of the hotel, who also advised that he thought it quite possible that Weiser might be subject Vernon Miller. In connection with the above information, Agents Andersen, Arms, Sinsel and McKee proceeded to Atlantic City, N.J. on the night of August 4th and registered in the Ritz Carlton Hotel.

The records of the Ritz Carlton Hotel indicated that Mrs. B. Buchalter and her husband, Louis Buchalter, registered into the hotel at 5:42 P.M. August 4, 1935, together with Mrs. Vivian Allen and Master H. Buchalter. Immediate contact was made with David B. Peterson, Assistant Manager of the Ritz Carlton Hotel, for a complete cover on all telephone calls emanating from rooms 1519 and 1520, occupied by the aforementioned individuals. In connection with the above telephone cover, the arrangements were such that agents were able to listen to all calls. In view of other information obtained from Mr. Peterson with respect to known associates of Mrs. Buchalter, it was thought advisable to place additional telephone covers on the rooms hereinafter set forth occupied by the individuals whose names appear opposite the room numbers:

Room 1427-1428 - Harry Stromberg alias Rosen and wife. (Believed to be associated with or controlling liquor racketeers at Philadelphia, Pa. Rosen is said to be true name.)

Room 1429 - Messrs. Grosser and M. Martini.

Room 1430 - Morris Weiser.

Assistant Manager Peterson advised that these individuals associated with Mrs. Buchalter during her previous visit at the Ritz Carlton. An additional telephone cover was had on rooms 927 and 926, occupied by one Sam Freeman of Boston, Mass., who is also known to be an associate of the Buchalters. The telephone covers will be treated later in this report.

It was learned through Assistant Manager Peterson that the Buchalters and their friends had made reservations for beach chairs in front of the Ritz Carlton Hotel. In this connection, Agent Soucy and the writer made arrangements with Assistant Manager Peterson to reserve two beach chairs on the beach in front of the hotel in order to maintain a surveillance on the Buchalters, Mrs. Vivian Allen and their associates. The beach chairs of the Buchalter party were situated directly in front of the chairs reserved by agents and approximately ten feet away.

On Saturday morning, August 5th, agents donned bathing suits and occupied the chairs which had been reserved. At that time it was noted that Mr. and Mrs. Buchalter were occupying the chairs situated directly in front of agents. In company with the Buchalters were three other men, two of whom were of Jewish extraction, and three other women, two of whom were of Jewish extraction. A young boy, about eight years of age, who was thought to be the son of Mrs. Buchalter, was also present. One of the women in this group was thought by agents to be Mrs. Vivian Allen, her description differing from the description available in the detail that her hair was of a henna color instead of blond. This woman appeared to be between 25 and 30 years of age, weighed about 125 pounds, was about 5'7" in height and had henna colored hair which she wore in a Greta Garbo fashion, and was of a medium slender build. She wore a wedding ring set in diamonds on the ring finger of her left hand and also wore a wristwatch on her left arm, which was of either white gold or platinum, set in diamonds. She wore no ring on her right hand. It was noted that although this woman wore a bathing suit and beach trousers, she at no time entered the water.

The above group of people occupied the beach chairs in question during the major portion of Saturday and Sunday, August 5th and 6th, 1933, and agents were able to observe all of them to the extent that they feel they will be able to make an identification at a subsequent time.

Through telephone covers, it was learned that the occupants of rooms 1519-1520 carried on several inter-room conversations with the occupants of rooms 1427 to 1430 inclusive.

Long distance calls made prior to a complete cover on the parties in question were checked and are listed as follows:

On August 5, 1933 room 1428 at 4:45 p.m. called Market 8-8000, Newark, N.J.

On August 5, 1933 room 1430 at 9:49 a.m. called Trafalgar 7-7800, New York City.

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On August 5, 1933, room 1430 at 1:28 P.M. called Trafalgar 7-0700, which was later ascertained to be the Chalfonte Hotel, 200 West 70th Street, New York City.

On the following day, August 6, 1933, arrangements were made to provide for a complete cover on all telephones situated in rooms 1519-1520, and 1427 to 1430 inclusive. The resultant chart of calls is as follows:

On August 6, 1933 a telephone call was made from room 1427 to Wickersham 2-0200 to room 1601 at the latter mentioned telephone. The individual speaking from 1427 identified herself as "Sylvia" and is believed to be Sylvia Rosen alias Stromberg. On this occasion she talked to an individual known as Esther and she asked Esther "how things were going", making further inquiry as to who was with Esther and receiving the reply from Esther that her brother was with her, together with * * * (The foregoing asterisks indicate hesitancy on the part of Esther definitely stating who was in her company other than her brother). However, Sylvia apparently followed the insinuation and said in reply, "Oh, well, how are they? Why don't you plan on visiting us. We expect to be in Atlantic City for at least another week," Esther replying to the effect that she could not plan definitely on leaving New York City.

On August 6, 1933 at 2 P.M. room 1427 called long distance Oyster Bay 1497 and asked for Sidney, advising Sidney that the individual talking from the Ritz Carlton was Moe. In brief, the conversation consisted of asking the listener at Oyster Bay 1497 how things were going on and resulted in the reply that the situation was unchanged and they envied his position in Atlantic City for the week-end. Several persons were apparently at Oyster Bay 1497 and identified themselves when talking to the party at the Ritz Carlton as Shippy, Tom, and Harry. At this time the individual Moe at Atlantic City advised that he expected to be back in New York City some time during the week of August 6, 1933.

On August 6, 1933 room 1427 at 3:15 P.M. called Great Neck, Long Island, 1676, the party making the call from the Ritz Carlton being Sylvia Rosen alias Stromberg and using on this occasion the name Sylvia Stromberg. The call was station to station and on being connected with Great Neck 1676 she made inquiry as to the whereabouts of Mrs. Lasky. On being advised that Mrs. Lasky was out, Sylvia left a message with the party who answered the telephone to advise Mrs. Lasky that Sylvia had called. No other information was left or discussed with the party contacted.

Additional information obtained from a review of the hotel bill with reference to Mrs. B. Buchalter and Mrs. V. Allen during their stay at the Ritz Carlton Hotel during July 1st to the morning of July 6th, 1933 reflects telephone calls to have been made during this period by these individuals to the following numbers:

On July 1, 1933 a local call was made to 4943 at 3:55 P.M., which was later ascertained to be the Beacon Hotel, 146 South Tennessee Avenue.

On July 1, 1933 a local call was made to 4-4958, which was later learned to be John's Hair Dressing Salon, Brighton Avenue and the Boardwalk.

On July 2, 1933 a local call was made to 5-9380 at 7:43 A.M., later ascertained to be Sipers Cafe, 4 South Missouri Avenue.

On July 2, 1933 a local call was made to 5-4141, the Ambassador Hotel, Atlantic City, and to this same number, namely, the Ambassador Hotel, various other local calls were made from July 1st to 5th inclusive, totaling fourteen in number. Efforts were made to ascertain the identities of the individuals speaking at the Ambassador Hotel, but it was not possible to do so since the operators at the Ritz Carlton Hotel immediately break their connection when the answering operators complete the call for their parties.

On July 3, 1933 a local call was made to 5-3151 at 6:28 P.M. This number was later ascertained to be the Traymore Hotel. A check in this instance failed to disclose the party spoken to at the Traymore.

On July 3, 1933 a local call was made to 4-1051 at 6:27 P.M. This number was later ascertained to be the Modern Salon, Interior decorators, Indiana Avenue and Boardwalk.

On July 3, 1933 a local call was made to 4-7002 at 5:11 P.M. This was later ascertained to be Louis Rome, 3808 Ventnor Avenue, a tailor.

On July 3, 1933 a long distance call to Endicott 2-0669 New York City, was made at 5:50 P.M. This long distance call appears to have been made to the New York City residence of Mrs. B. Buchalter at the Majestic Apartments, 115 Central Park West.

On July 4, 1933 a local call was made to 4-3151 at 2:29 A.M. This was later learned to be the Breakers Hotel, New Jersey Avenue and the Boardwalk.

On July 5, 1933 a long distance call was made to Vanderbilt 3-3755, New York City, at 1:28 P.M., a station to station call.

On July 5, 1933 a long distance call was made by Mrs. V. Allen to Columbus 5-4907, New York City, at 3:56 P.M. This call was a person to person call, Mrs. Allen calling P. Gottelib.

On July 5, 1933 Mrs. Allen made a long distance call to Schuyler 4-4329, New York City, at 8:15 P.M., a station to station call. This telephone is listed in the name of Max Zweibel, 115 West 86th Street, New York City.

With reference to the bill of Mrs. B. Buchalter and Mrs. V. Allen, it is to be noted that a tailoring charge of $2.50 is recorded thereon. A note reflecting that amount to have been paid to the Home Tailors, the telephone number of which, together with the address, has been previously set forth herein.

It is to be further noted that on July 5, 1933 a hair dressing charge of $1.00 was recorded, said amount having been paid to the hair dresser at the Ritz Carlton. Inquiry made at this establishment led to the identification of Mrs. Allen by means of her photograph as being the person whom the hair dresser had catered to and whose hair had been bleached.

A little before 12 o'clock noon, August 7, 1933, it was learned through the telephone surveillance at the Ritz Carlton Hotel that Louis Buchalter and his party were checking out. Arrangements had been made for the hiring of two automobiles. At 12 o'clock noon Buchalter, his wife and son, Mrs. Vivian Allen, and the man who had been seen among the group on the beach who was not of Jewish extraction, entered Buchalter's Lincoln sedan, which had been brought to the hotel door. This car bore 1933 New York registration plates 3-C-7860. The baggage of this party consisted of two large, canvas colored bags, brown in color, and two small leather bags, one black and one brown, which were tied on the trunk rack in the rear of the car. Two agents were driving a Packard sedan and another agent with a chauffeur occupied a second Packard sedan. The subject car was immediately trailed, followed by the two cars at appropriate distances. This procedure was followed until all parties arrived in Lakewood, N.J. at approximately 1:20 P.M., at which time all of the parties in the Buchalter car stopped at either the Taylor Pharmacy or the Monterey Inn, located in the business district of Lakewood, N.J. The party stayed there for approximately twenty minutes and then proceeded on their way to New York City. The same procedure of surveillance was followed until the cars arrived at Elizabeth, N.J.,

at which time the car in which the two agents were riding became overheated and it was found that it could not keep up the fast pace at which the Lincoln sedan was traveling. At this juncture, agents motioned to the car which was being driven by the chauffeur to cover the subject car.

A short distance outside of Elizabeth, N.J. the Lincoln car stopped and the unknown individual relieved Vivian Allen, who had been driving. A circuitous route was taken from outside of Newark, N.J. to the Robert Treat Hotel, the car being followed by the car occupied by agent and the chauffeur. It should be noted here that the average speed maintained by the Lincoln sedan was between sixty-five and seventy miles per hour, the trip from Atlantic City to Newark, N.J. being made in approximately two and a half hours.

When the party reached the Robert Treat Hotel, the doorman of the hotel removed several bags and the entire party went into the hotel. Shortly thereafter, Mr. and Mrs. Buchalter and son left the hotel without Vivian and her companion. The agent who was covering the hotel at this point felt that Mrs. Allen was placed for the time being in the hotel and deemed it advisable to ascertain the route being taken by the Buchalter car and he accordingly trailed same until he felt positive that it was headed for the Holland Tunnel route into New York City.

Advice as to the route being taken by the Buchalter car was communicated telephonically to the New York office of the Division and several agents endeavored to trail same from the New York side of the Holland Tunnel, but after maintaining the trail for a short distance dropped same as it was obvious that the occupants of the car were aware of the fact that they were being followed.

The agent returned to the Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, N.J. where it was learned that Mrs. Vivian Allen and her companion had departed after remaining at the hotel for approximately twenty minutes.

Ed Davis, Assistant Manager of the hotel, after examining the photograph of Mrs. Allen, identified it as a likeness of the woman who entered the hotel some time after three o'clock on the afternoon of August 7, 1933 with a short, swarthy man with curly hair. He stated that he noticed them come in and saw them depart, at which time the man was carrying a piece of luggage in the nature of a valise trunk of small size.

The photograph of Mrs. Vivian Allen was likewise exhibited to David Harrison, doorman at the hotel, but he was unable to make a positive identification. He recollected, however, that on the afternoon of August 7, 1933 he carried a piece of luggage from the Lincoln sedan to the hotel

lobby where he turned it over to a bell boy. As he remembered, this luggage was handed to him by a short, dark man, who was accompanied by a very tall, blond woman. He recollected that some other people were in or around the Lincoln sedan but said he did not pay any particular attention to them. He related that twenty or twenty-five minutes after the dark man and blond woman entered the hotel, they emerged, the man carrying the suitcase or grip. He did not notice which direction they took but seemed fairly positive they did not hail a taxicab. Harrison did not appear very certain of the details he furnished but recollected that he had been contacted by someone regarding the arrival and departure of the woman.

Thomas LaBelle, bell boy at the Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, N.J., examined the photograph of Vivian Allen and advised that he had carried a grip for a man who appeared at the hotel with her on the afternoon of August 7, 1933. He said that the luggage was brought to the door by the doorman and that under the direction of Mrs. Allen's companion, a short dark man who said "Take this and watch it for me," he set the bag down near the checking room. He observed the man and woman pass through the lobby of the hotel and go downstairs towards the washroom or rest room. About twenty minutes later they returned and the man asked for his bag. They then left the hotel, the man carrying the luggage. LaBelle advised that he had never seen either individual before, to the best of his recollection.

In view of the fact that Mrs. Allen and her companion had gone to the basement of the hotel and remained for twenty minutes, it appeared probable that they might have stopped for refreshments in the restaurant, which is located beneath the lobby. Accordingly, inquiry was made at the Robert Treat Hotel coffee shop. Miss Ellen Talley, waitress in the coffee shop, advised after viewing the photograph of Mrs. Allen that the latter was in the coffee shop during the afternoon of August 7th and she recollected Mrs. Allen was accompanied by a big man and a short, heavy set individual, also a dark Jewish looking woman of small though heavy stature. As Mrs. Allen's party entered the coffee shop the tall man, apparently Buchalter, asked for some change to make a telephone call. He then left the others at the table and went towards the washroom, outside of which are located two telephone booths. After remaining in the coffee shop for fifteen or twenty minutes the party left, all passing through the door opening out on the barber shop and washroom in the rear. Miss Talley could not recollect that she had ever seen any of the four individuals before. She had no recollection of seeing a small boy (the Buchalter child) in the eating place. However, she called attention to the fact that she would not have paid any attention to Mrs. Allen had it not been for the fact that she was a noticeable blond and taller than the average woman.

In order to establish whether any telephone calls had been made from the two telephone booths near the washroom in the Robert Treat Hotel, inquiry was made at the telephone company. Through the courtesy of A. J. Bittig of the Legal Department, New Jersey Bell Telephone Company, Newark, N.J., it was ascertained that there had been but two toll calls made between two and five on the afternoon of August 7th. The telephone booths in question carry numbers Market 2-8627 and Market 2-8816. At 3:21 P.M. a call was placed from Market 2-8627 to Stuyvesant 9-7571, New York City, and a call from Market 2-8627 at 4:30 P.M. to Chelsea 3-7276.

Through the New York Telephone Company it was established that Stuyvesant 9-7571 is listed to H. M. Goldberg, 71 East 8th Street, New York City. The other call was not traced for the reason that it does not appear to be related to this matter.

It should be noted that the Yellow Taxicab Company has a concession at the Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, N.J. and accordingly it was deemed advisable to have the photograph of Vivien Allen exhibited to various drivers to determine whether she had left the hotel in a taxicab on the afternoon of August 7th. Through the courtesy of C. L. Sinnott, superintendent of the cab company, Mrs. Allen's photograph was exhibited to all of the taxi drivers who were in the vicinity of the Robert Treat hotel on the afternoon in question. However, none were able to identify the photograph, nor did anyone recollect having hauled Mrs. Allen or her companion from the hotel or at any other time.

Inquiries were made at the Riviera Hotel, Newark, N.J. and a check was made of all registrations for August 7th and 8th, 1933, the records having been made available by George R. Anderson, manager, but it was learned that the records failed to reveal a registration under any name which might be connected with the persons involved in this case.

Following the departure of the Buchalter party and agents from Atlantic City, inquiry was made at the Postal and Western Union Telegraph offices, Atlantic City, N.J. in an effort to determine whether any telegraphic money transfers had been received by any of the occupants of rooms 1519-1520 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, and in particular Mrs. V. Allen. The records at both offices failed to disclose data to that effect.

Additional inquiry was likewise had at the telephone company, where a check of telephones 4-9729, 5-9818, and 4-9928 were made to determine whether any long distance calls had emanated from any of the aforementioned places, it being noted that these three telephones were located in the lobby of the hotel and there was some indication that Mr. Louis Buchalter had walked in the vicinity of these

coin booths at the time of his departure on Monday, August 7, 1933. This review, however, failed to reflect any long distance telephone calls from the booth numbers so listed.

The manicurist mentioned in the report of Agent T. M. Tracy, dated August 5, 1933, namely, Miss B. Morgan at the Ambassador Hotel, was again contacted, at which time both she and her employer, Mr. Arnold Fitton, were furnished the address of the New York office of the Division, as well as the telephone number and were requested to communicate immediately in the event the individual thought to be subject Vernon Miller made another appearance at the barber shop located at the Ambassador Hotel. In order to clarify this reference, mention is made to the fact that the individual referred to is the one described as having had missing the ring finger on his left hand during his appearance at the barber shop during the early part of July, 1933 and at a later date during the same month.

Mr. David Peterson, Assistant Manager of the Ritz Carlton Hotel, furnished the following addresses of known acquaintances of Mrs. B. Buchalter:

Mrs. R. Zweibel, 115 West 86th Street, New York City
Mrs. M. Stromberg, 172 East 4th Street, New York City
Blyth Paige, 320 Central Park West, New York City.

Mrs. Zweibel, the first named, was registered at the Ritz Carlton from May 26th to June 5, 1933, a great part of which period Mrs. Buchalter was also a resident. Mrs. Zweibel was likewise registered at the Ritz Carlton from July 1st to July 4th, 1933, also a period during which Mrs. Betty Buchalter was residing there. In view of this, the writer made examination of the long distance telephone calls made by Mrs. Zweibel during her residence, determining that she had on July 5th at 12:58 A.M. called long distance Riverside 9-9496, New York City.

In connection with telephone number Riverside 9-9496, New York City, it was ascertained through the New York telephone company that the above number is listed in the name of the 2530 Broadway Cigar Company, same being located at 2530 Broadway. The above address appears in the address telephone directory under the name of the Sidney Cigar Company.

In connection with the name Mrs. Zweibel, which appears in the report of Special Agent Tracy dated August 5th, 1933, it is to be noted that this woman is evidently the wife of Max Zweibel, 115 West 86th Street, New York City, telephone Schuyler 4-4329, which number has been noted at several points in this investigation.

Reference is made to telegram received from Special Agent in Charge Purvis, Chicago, Ill. under date of August 8th in which it was suggested that the report of Special Agent J. D. Glass, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated June 27, 1932, in the file entitled "Francis L. Keating with aliases, Fugitive, I.O.1129; Thomas Holden with aliases, Fugitive, I.O.1127; Frank Nash with aliases, Fugitive, I.O.1166" be examined for data indicating that Verne Miller as T. C. Ryan had made numerous telephone calls to New York City and Montreal, Canada during the summer of 1931.

An examination of the report of Agent Glass was made and it was noted that the alias T. C. Ryan referred to Charles Preston Harmon, now deceased, a former associate of Miller, Nash, et al. It was noted that Harmon under the name of Ryan, was occupying an apartment in St. Paul, Minnesota, with his wife and that during the same period Verne Miller was occupying an apartment in the same building. The telephone numbers referred to have been noted and will receive appropriate attention.

Under date of August 7, 1933 the New York office was in receipt of a letter from Chief of Police Francis J. Canfield, Lake Placid, New York, in which he advised that a post office clerk had identified the photograph appearing on Identification Order #1201, namely of Richard Tallman Gelatas, as being that of a person who had called for mail at the local post office and had left a forwarding address as William A. Sheridan, 8041 Kilpatrick Avenue, Niles Center, Illinois.

In this connection, Mr. G. A. McMorrow, postmaster at Lake Placid, N.Y., was communicated with and he agreed to forward the card bearing the forwarding address of William A. Sheridan to the New York office of the Division, in order that same might be photostated. The above data was referred to the Chicago office of the Division for appropriate investigative attention.

On Monday evening, August 7, 1933, Fred J. Tompkins alias "Red" Carmody, 2864 Grand Avenue, Bronx, New York City, called at the New York office of the Division and conferred with Agent J. J. Manning relative to the parties responsible for the recent massacre at Kansas City, Mo. and the slaying of former Special Agent Ray Caffrey. Ted Tompkins, the brother of Fred J. Tompkins, accompanied the latter on his visit to the New York office.

Fred Tompkins advised that he was released from the Leavenworth Penitentiary on June 18, 1933 after having served a four year term for mail robbery; that while he was incarcerated in the penitentiary he had for a short time Frank Nash as a cell mate. Tompkins said also that he was well acquainted with Bob Brady, Verne Miller, Harvey J. Bailey alias J. J. Brennan and William Underhill, former inmates of the Leavenworth Penitentiary and believed to have had some connection with the Kansas City slaying.

From the statements of Fred Tompkins, it appears that while confined in the Leavenworth Penitentiary, he had numerous conferences with Ray Caffrey and further, that Caffrey, well acquainted with the domestic affairs of Tompkins, was in sympathy with him and at times Caffrey would send a few pieces of clothing and possibly a few dollars to Tompkins' children. In view of that, states Tompkins, he liked Caffrey immensely and feels now that if at all possible he would like to assist the Bureau in putting his finger on the parties responsible for the slaying of Ray Caffrey especially. It might be well to state here that Tompkins will later seek to obtain the restoration of his civil rights and if successful in putting his finger on the trigger-man in the Kansas City slaying, he will ask the recommendation of the Bureau in that regard.

Tompkins stated that if there is any person in the East who has knowledge of the present location of Verne Miller and the Kansas City mob, it will be a racketeer in Newark, N.J. by the name of Pete McCarthy. Tompkins states that some years back he pulled a bank job with Pete McCarthy and one Eddie Stevens, also a racketeer in Newark, N.J., at Montreal, Canada; that through his criminal activities with Pete McCarthy and Eddie Stevens a relationship has grown up which impels any of these three individuals, McCarthy, Stevens and Tompkins, to trust each other. Tompkins felt that if he could get Pete McCarthy in the proper atmosphere and drink a few beers with him, he could undoubtedly find out from McCarthy the present location of Verne Miller and "the boys."

Accompanied by Special Agent George J. Starr of the New York office, Fred J. Tompkins, his brother Ted Tompkins, and Agent Manning journied to Newark, N.J. in Ted Tompkins' Chevrolet car. Agent Manning furnished Fred Tompkins with a small sum of money with which to purchase a few beers and it was decided at Newark that Tompkins and his brother should locate Pete McCarthy and/or Eddie Stevens and have a chat with them. Neither Manning nor Agent Starr accompanied Tompkins and his brother on their quest to locate and have a talk with McCarthy or Stevens. About two hours after the arrival of the Tompkins brothers, Agent Starr and Agent Manning at Newark, the two Tompkins brothers met Agents Starr and Manning near Park Place, Newark, and advised that both Pete McCarthy and Eddie Stevens were on that evening attending a fight

which was scheduled to take place at Dreamland Park on that evening. Agent Manning thereupon learned from newspaper dispatches that a boxing match was in fact scheduled at Dreamland Park that evening.

Fred Tompkins feels satisfied that McCarthy is in possession of material information concerning the whereabouts of the Kansas City outfit and stated incident thereto that Pete McCarthy was the man suspected by the Newark police as having put his finger on Max Hassel and Max Greenberg in the Elizabeth Carteret Hotel at Elizabeth, N.J. Tompkins, then under the influence of liquor, stated that there was a party in Asbury Park, N.J. by the name of Jimmy Bassone, an old time racketeer, who ought to have information concerning the whereabouts of the Kansas City outfit, Tompkins stating at that time that he was certain that Verne Miller and his accomplices were residing at or in the vicinity of Brielle, N.J.

About midnight, August 7, 1933, the two Tompkins brothers, and Agents Starr and Manning proceeded in Tompkins' car to Asbury Park and upon arriving there Agents Starr and Manning left the Tompkins brothers to make a few contacts among the underworld. In about an hour the Tompkins brothers returned and advised that Jimmy Bassone is now serving a life sentence for murder in the State Penitentiary at Trenton, N.J. and that Joe Bassone, his brother, who seems to have control of the disorderly houses in Asbury Park, was not available for discussion. However, stated Fred Tompkins, he met a few of Joe Bassone's Italian associates, who advised him that within recent date a few strange men, believed residing at Brielle, had made a visit to Asbury Park and were frequenting a black and tan night club in the colored district of Asbury Park known as "The Pail and Bucket Club" located on Springwood Avenue and A Street, Asbury Park. Agents Starr and Manning, without disclosing their identity, made casual inquiry from a patrolman on the beat on Main Street, Asbury Park, and were advised that Jimmy Bassone is presently serving a term in the State Penitentiary at Trenton and that his brother, Joe Bassone, has the disorderly house racket pretty well sewed up in Asbury Park.

At about 2:30 A.M. August 8, 1933 the Tompkins brothers, Agent Starr and Agent Manning returned to Newark. The Whitehouse Restaurant and Caberet on Halsey Street, operated by Pete McCarthy, was not open for business. However, Eddie's Grill on Halsey Street, which is operated by Eddie Stevens, was lighted up, still open for business, although it appeared that the place was about to close up for the night. Fred Tompkins left his brother Ted, Agent Starr and Agent Manning a few blocks from Eddie's Grill, came back to this place and had a few beers. In about fifteen minutes he returned to the car and stated that "some of the boys had been in inquiring for Tompkins, although he, Eddie, did not know the identities of the visitors, although it was believed by Eddie that Pete McCarthy knew them by their first names." The Tompkins brothers, Agents Starr and Manning thereupon returned to New York City.

Fred Tompkins feels that if he can meet Pete McCarthy within the near future at Newark and sit down and drink a few beers with him, he can undoubtedly ascertain the exact location of Verne Miller and his outfit. He promised to return to the New York office of the Division and discuss the matter further with Agents Starr and Manning.

In this connection, it is reasonable to assume that Tompkins since he served time with many of the fugitives in the Kansas City massacre at the Leavenworth Penitentiary may possibly be in a position to learn the locations of the parties responsible for the slaying of Ray Caffrey.

Fred Tompkins is not quite satisfied that Dick Sheridan alias Richard Tallman Galatas is the finger-man or the killer in the Kansas City case. He stated that a photograph of Earl Tannerhill, a former inmate of the Leavenworth penitentiary, resembles Galatas to such an extent that the parties who have heretofore identified the picture of Galatas as a participant in the Kansas City slaying may be in error. It is suggested therefore that a photograph of Earl Tannerhill be secured and compared with a likeness of Galatas in order to remove any doubt which may possibly exist in the identification of Galatas' picture as one of the slayers.

On August 8, 1933 a wire was received from the Director indicating that a party named Steinhart had received a letter at the Plantation Inn, White Bear, Minnesota, postmarked 5 A.M., Ocean City, N.J., in the handwriting of Verne Miller. Agents Soucy and Tracy proceeded to Ocean City, N.J. and conducted an investigation through postal authorities, telegraph companies, hotels, news stands and golf courses but were unable to establish the fact that subject Verne Miller had been living at Ocean City, N.J. or visiting in that vicinity.

Postmaster Young, Ocean City, N.J. interviewed all fourteen carriers working out of his office and checked them for the names V. C. Miller, Moore, or Clarence Allen. It was felt desirable that he do this rather than the agents so that no importance would be lent to the inquiries and in order that discussion among the carriers might be obviated. No information was secured through this source. A number of persons by the names of Moore and Allen were discussed but in each case they proved to be families who had been coming to Ocean City for a number of summers.

Arrangements were made whereby if any letter addressed to Steinhart, White Bear or White Bear Lake, Minnesota, was picked up from any of the ninety-nine boxes by the night collector or received from the post office depository, agents would be immediately notified. The address and telephone number of the New York office of the Division was left with the postmaster for use after the departure of agents.

Mrs. Barton, general delivery clerk, could add nothing to the above except that about two weeks prior to the date of interview at about 7:30 A.M. a surly looking man came and asked for his mail. Mrs. Barton could not recall the last name of this person but said his initials were "V.C.". She said this man was dark and stout and did not look like Miller; further, that she had not seen him since the morning in question. The other general delivery clerk, a Miss Lynch, could add nothing.

At the Postal Telegraph Company all incoming telegrams were gone over from July 1, 1933 to August 9, 1933 but no material items were noted. There were no messages from the states of Missouri, Arkansas, or Minnesota within the period. It should be noted that outgoing telegrams are sent to Philadelphia for transmittal to New York and could not be seen. All money orders, both outgoing and incoming, were examined without result. The photograph of Subject Miller could not be identified by the girl at the Postal Telegraph Company.

The records of the Flanders Hotel, Ocean City, N.J. were checked but with negative results. Manager Wilson advised that the photograph of Subject Miller was unfamiliar and he was sure that he had not been a guest at the hotel during the present season.

It was learned that no out of town newspapers are sold at news stands in Ocean City, N.J. and that none are delivered by the local distributor.

The registrations at the Ocean City Golf club, the only golf course located at this resort, were examined from July 1st to date but without result.

The Western Union Telegraph Company has two offices in Ocean City, N.J., one being located on the boardwalk, but the photograph of Subject Miller could not be identified at these places. Outgoing telegrams to points in Canada, Minnesota, Illinois and Arkansas were called for but none was found which seemed to be pertinent to the present inquiry. No money orders are handled from the office located on the boardwalk. At the main office the photograph of Subject Miller could not be identified and all incoming money orders, outgoing money

orders and telegrams sent to points related to the present inquiry were gone over without results.

At Atlantic City, N.J. it was ascertained that no Kansas City, Mo. or St. Paul, Minn. newspapers are distributed to residents. It was learned that there are four news stands on the boardwalk at which out of town newspapers may be purchased. Arrangements were made whereby papers from the above cities would be withdrawn from all of the stands except two. A surveillance was maintained over these stands from August 12th to August 14th, 1933. The stands were covered until closing time, which is approximately one A.M. In connection with the cover on the news stands, it is deemed appropriate to state that same met with negative results insofar as the present investigation is concerned.

At the Atlantic City Airport, the photograph of Subject Miller could not be identified. The list of persons using plane travel out of this city since July 1, 1933 was gone over without result.

The photograph of Subject Verne Miller was exhibited to Seaview, Lynwood and Northfield Golf Courses but same could not be identified by anyone at the above clubs. The registrations of guests since July 1, 1933 were checked at the above golf courses but in no case did the name of Subject Miller or any of his aliases appear.

Inquiry was made at the Ritz Carlton Hotel and it was learned that Stromberg alias Rosen was still a registrant, as was also M. Weiser. The hotel records indicated that the Buchalters and Mrs. V. Allen checked out at 11:16 A.M. August 7, 1933, and that M. Martini and Grosser checked out of room 1429 at 11:49 A.M. on the same date. Interview with Assistant Manager David Peterson of the Ritz Carlton Hotel revealed that M. Martini is the person who left Atlantic City with the Buchalters and Mrs. Allen in the car which went to Newark, N.J.

A list of all the golf courses located in the State of New Jersey was secured through the Golfers Year Book, Inc. 6 East 45th Street, New York City, and inquiries will be made at such courses as are located in the portion of New Jersey where it is thought Subject Miller might possibly be located.

On August 10, 1933 agents O'Leary and McKee contacted Inspector John Lyons, Police Headquarters, New York City, relative to the advisability of placing a telephone cover on the telephone located at the Frances Beauty Salon, 149 West 47th Street, New York City, as well as the telephone located at the residence of Max Zweibel, 115

West 86th Street, New York City. Inspector Lyons informed that a cover had been in effect on the telephone of Zweibel for the past few days but that to date results have been negative. Inspector Lyons advised against placing a cover on the telephone at the Frances Beauty Salon for the time being, suggesting that same be held in abeyance pending the further cover on the Zweibel telephone.

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Agents McKee contacted Inspector Donovan of the Bureau of Identification relative to examining photographs of associates of Buchalter who had been suggested by Inspector Lyons, these associates being Louis Shapiro, Louis Holtz, Benjamin (Bugs) Siegel and Irving Bitz. The purpose of examining these photographs was to endeavor to learn the identity of the persons who spent the week-end of August 5-6 at Atlantic City in company with Louis Buchalter. The photograph of Holtz was not available but the pictures of the remaining men, along with other photographs of well known racketeers in New York City, were examined but none of them could be identified as the persons who were seen with Buchalter at Atlantic City.

Agents then interviewed Acting Post Office Inspector in Charge Tronsegarde relative to securing closer cooperation of the Post Office Department in the covering of the mail addressed to Betty Buchalter at 149 West 47th Street, New York City. Inspector Tronsegarde assigned the matter to Inspectors John Butler and J. M. Graham, who, in turn, summoned Superintendent Edward Smith of Post Office Sub-Station G to their office, where it was agreed that Mr. Smith would personally supervise the tracings of all mail addressed to the Frances Beauty Salon, 149 West 47th Street, and also that when any letter was to be delivered to that address Mr. Smith would advise Inspectors Butler and Graham of the fact, who in turn would notify the New York office of the Division in order that the Frances Beauty Salon might be covered in an effort to learn if the letter was being immediately forwarded. In the event that anyone was observed to place the letter in any of the boxes in the vicinity of the Frances Beauty Salon, Mr. Smith or his assistants were to be contacted by telephone at Columbus 5-5673 in order that they might immediately send someone to open the box in question and take out the mail for inspection.

At the time Inspector John Lyons was interviewed he furnished agents with the following known hang-out places of Louis Buchalter and his associates:

Restaurant at 77 Fifth Avenue
Fourth Avenue Hotel, 429 Fourth Avenue.

The above hang-out places of Buchalter are in addition to those which appear in the report of Agent Tracy, dated August 5, 1933.

J. H. Stonebridge, Assistant Manager of the Corn Exchange Bank, 72nd Street and Columbus Avenue, New York City, was interviewed with respect to the bank account carried by Mrs. Betty Buchalter in that institution. It was learned that Mrs. Buchalter, under the name B. L. Buchalter opened a checking account during the forepart of 1932, giving her address at that time as 115 Central Park West. The records of the bank indicate that this account has been carried along until the present time; that the last activity in the account was a withdrawal under date of July 11, 1933 of $250 by check made out to Mark A. Flaherty, Inc. in payment of rent. The present balance of this account is $4.11. It was learned from Mr. Stonebridge that Mrs. Buchalter has been in the habit of calling personally at the bank for statements; that she last secured such a statement on June 30, 1933 but that on July 12, 1933 she called at the bank and asked to have the statement mailed to her at 115 Central Park West, which was done on the following day. The address and telephone number of the New York office were furnished to Mr. Stonebridge as well as the name of the writer and Special Agent E. P. Guinane and he promised to advise the NewYork office immediately of any activity in this account.

On the morning of August 10, 1933 Agent O'Leary called telephone number Endicott 2-0669 and was connected with the special operator, who asked if agent were calling P. Buchalter, and upon being informed in the affirmative, stated that telephone Endicott 2-0669 had been discontinued and that she had no further information on that number.

Mr. Knight of the Legal Department of the New York Telephone Company, was contacted relative to the account of P. Buchalter, Endicott 2-0669 and informed that the records of the telephone company indicated that the service had been discontinued and that the company had been directed to forward a bill to 149 West 47th Street, New York City. Mr. Knight informed that the bill was in process of being made up and in all probability would be forwarded within the next two or three days. Mr. Knight stated that the records do not indicate that a further application for telephone service has been made by the Buchalters.

Inspector John Lyons, New York Police Department, was communicated with on the morning of August 11, 1933, at which time he stated that the woman operative of the Police Department had called at the Frances Beauty Salon and in response to inquiry had been advised that no address was available for Mrs. Betty Buchalter but that Mrs. Buchalter called at the beauty shop from time to time and obtained mail

and messages. Inspector Lyons suggested that the best possible means to get information concerning the present residence of Mrs. Buchalter would be through the maintenance of a surveillance on the Frances Beauty Salon. [redacted]

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Agents McKee and O'Leary have both contacted reliable informants who have worked in the vicinity of 47th Street and Seventh Avenue for a number of years and an effort was made to obtain all possible information which would lead to the location of the present residence of Mrs. Betty Buchalter in view of the fact that it was thought that Mrs. Buchalter would be in communication with or living with Mrs. Vivian Allen.

On August 13, 1933 Agent O'Leary and the writer, through the confidential informant of Agent O'Leary, contacted manager J. H. McCarthy of the Hotel America, 47th Street between Sixth and Seventh Avenues, in which the Frances Beauty Salon is located and through his cooperation arrangements were made to enter the Frances Beauty Salon in order to obtain any information of value which might be contained in an appointment book maintained by the salon.

Agents, accompanied by Mr. McCarthy, examined a small note book written in pencil, which apparently was the only appointment book kept at the Frances Beauty Salon. The only notation which appeared in the book which might possibly be concerned with Betty Buchalter and Vivian Allen was the notation "Vy and B, July 21, 1933 - $5.00." A thorough examination of the book failed to indicate any further information concerning the parties sought.

In connection with data furnished by Agent T. H. Tracy from Atlantic City, N.J. to the effect that M. Weiser, a companion of Louis Buchalter, who was then registered at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, is driving a 1933 Lincoln Sedan, bearing 1933 New York registration plates 3-C-8625, it was ascertained that these plates are listed in the name of one Nathan Spill, 3129 Cropsey Avenue, for use on a 1933 Lincoln sedan, motor number KA-255. This car was purchased from the Waterman Motors, Inc. 640 East Fordham Road, Bronx, New York City. It was learned that the original license plates issued for use on this car were #7U-4847 but that one of these plates was lost on June 20, 1933, license plates 3-C-8625 being issued in their stead. It was also learned that the handwritings which appear on the two applications for registration herein appear to be different.

Fred A. Wachter of the firm Frederick Wachter, Inc., 305 East 63rd Street, New York City, was interviewed for information concerning the present residence of Mrs. Betty Buchalter. Mr. Wachter advised that on July 18, 1935 Mr. L. Zuch of Zuch's Inc., furniture dealers at 305 East 63rd Street, brought into the cleaning establishment of Wachter seven pairs of gauze curtains to be cleaned and delivered to Mrs. Buchalter at 115 Central Park West during September, 1935. It was stated that the curtains upon examination were found to be in a tender condition and for that reason a letter was addressed to Mrs. Buchalter requesting advice as to whether she still wished the cleaning to take place. According to Mr. Wachter, his letter was returned by the post office for the reason that the addressee had moved leaving no forwarding address. Mr. Wachter stated that he endeavored to secure the address of Mrs. Buchalter through the Majestic Apartments and also through the telephone company but could get no information. He also said that he has been trying to obtain her address from Mr. L. Zuch but has been unable to find Mr. Zuch inasmuch as he travels a great deal.

Mr. Wachter stated that he would communicate with the New York office if he is able to secure the address of Mrs. Buchalter and for this purpose the telephone number of the office, as well as the names of Special Agent E. P. Guinane and the writer were furnished to him. Mr. Wachter was requested to treat the instant interview in confidence and he advised that he would be glad to do so.

Agent McKee interviewed confidential informant and learned that the informant was well acquainted with Louis Buchalter and his associates. He stated that the best known hang-out place of Buchalter is a restaurant located at 77 Fifth Avenue. It was stated in connection with the above hang-out place that Buchalter and his associates usually leave the city on Friday afternoons to spend the week-ends at such places as Atlantic City, N.J., South Fallsburgh, N.Y. and various pleasure resorts located near New York City. Informant stated that he was not acquainted with Mrs. Betty Buchalter and had no idea where she could be residing at the present time. He promised to try to learn her present place of residence through underworld sources.

Inspector John Lyons, New York Police Department, was again contacted for information with respect to the telephone cover which has been going on in connection with telephone number Schuyler 4-4329 in the name of Max Zweibel, 115 West 86th Street, New York City. He advised that the above cover had been terminated in view of the fact that it was unproductive of information of value.

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[redacted] on August 14, 1935, Agent T. H. Tracy learned that Mrs. Betty Buchalter registered at the Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal, Canada at 8:57 A.M. August 12th and took suite 4126-27. Arrangements were made whereby all incoming and outgoing telephone calls could be listened to; also whereby incoming letters and telegrams will be routed to agent.

Agent Tracy contacted [redacted] b7D at which time the following was said:

"I received a telephone call from Betty from Atlantic City on Friday, August 4th. She said Vivian had her hair changed to red. This was said casually in line with making conversation. Betty called me next on the night of August 9th from New York City. She said, among other things, that Vivian had gone back to Chicago. She called me again from New York City on the night of August 11th. She said she was coming up by train as she did not want to drive alone. I met her Saturday morning, August 12th and we drove to our camp where a group of us had a week-end party. She returned to Montreal and registered at the Mount Royal Hotel on the night of August 14th.

Betty said she had been to Atlantic City with her husband and boy and Vivian and also to Deal, N.J. where friends of hers own a large house. She said she moved from the Majestic Apartments into the Hotel Pierre as she could not get a reduction in the rent. She said nothing about being trailed and has acted as natural as ever. Notwithstanding the fact she has been drunk a great deal the past few days, she has given no information regarding herself and Vivian. I asked her about her husband and she merely said she was a woman who is not misunderstood. Further about herself, she said she had English connections and I saw her passport which she said she keeps renewed at all times in order to make a trip to England, if necessary.

When she checked into the Mount Royal Hotel on the night of August 14th a wire was there for her from a girl in Deal, N.J. She tried to get this girl to come to Montreal but the girl could not make the trip.

Betty is being joined on August 15th by her sister-in-law, the wife of the doctor and her friend. There is to be a party on the night of the 14th, the women are going shopping the 15th and a party is scheduled for the night of the 15th. They have not announced their plans after that.

Betty has four pieces of luggage, plenty of clothes and is spending as freely as ever. I have been unable to learn what her Montreal angle is. She has no friends here except mine and she sees no one uknown to me."

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It was stated [redacted] that Deal, N.J. is a wide open town and that the friends there which Betty referred to are professional gamblers and presumably run the game there.

Contact was maintained [redacted] b7D and he kept advising that he had been unable to secure any additional information with respect to the whereabouts of Vivian. He said that when he asked Betty about her the second time, Betty stated that Vivian was in Chicago and that she did not know her address but that she did expect to hear from her within a few days. [redacted] said that he had tried to find out the name of the other man who had accompanied the Buchalters and Vivian from Atlantic City but advised that all he could find out from Betty was that it was the chauffeur.

Through telephone calls made by Betty and information furnished by [redacted] it was learned on the afternoon of August 15th, 1933 that Betty's plans took shape as follows:

In the early part of the afternoon Betty decided to go to New York City by way of Milton, Vermont, where at the girls' camp there was her sister-in-law Rhea, presumably the wife of Dr. Buchalter. Rhea telephoned from Milton, Vermont to Betty and told her that her boy was sick and she could not drive to Montreal so as to pick up Betty. Betty then decided to return to New York City by train, but later telephone conversation with Rhea developed that Rhea's son was not as sick as it was thought at first. Betty said that she would come to Milton and would try to fine someone in Montreal to drive her to St. Albans, Vermont, and Rhea would drive up and meet her at that point. She did not find anyone to drive her to the border so she telephoned to Rhea again and said she would take the 4:35 standard time train out of Montreal and Rhea would drive up to St. Albans and meet her there and then they would have dinner on the road and return to the girls' camp. At this time Rhea advised that the 4:35 train out of Montreal stopped at Milton and suggested that Betty should take the train all the way to Milton, Vt. which was agreed. It was undecided just how Betty was to come to New York City from Milton, Vermont, it being stated that she might come by train or that Rhea might drive her down. However, she expected to be in New York City the night of August 16th.

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[redacted] also stated that during Betty's stay in Montreal she had not contacted any persons unknown to him; that all telephone calls she has made were made from the hotel with the exception of one made on the night of August 15th while they were out sabereting and she went to a pay station and made a call which, he believes, was to New York City as she had but a small amount of change with her when she went to the telephone and when she returned she mentioned something about calling New York City.

No effort was made to trail Betty on her departure from Montreal, Canada as it was thought such action would be extremely undesirable. It was also felt that a trail would be undesirable inasmuch as it was certain that she was merely stopping off at Milton, Vermont enroute to New York City.

Prior to the departure of agent from Montreal, Canada it was learned that the telegram which Betty received at the Mount Royal Hotel on the night of August 14th in reality arrived in the afternoon of the same day while Betty was at the camp at Plattsburgh, New York. She telephoned the mail clerk and asked him to call her in the event any telegrams came to her. The mail clerk recalled receiving a telegram and telephoning it to her at Plattsburgh. The clerk could not recall where the message was from but from recollection said the telegram was as follows: "Dear Bessie, Regret that I will not be able to meet you" signed "Rhoda."

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In connection with the information supplied by Agent Tracy [redacted] on August 15, 1933, to the effect that Mrs. Betty Buchalter had been living at the Hotel Pierre, New York City, subsequent to her return from Atlantic City, N.J. on the week-end of August 5-6, 1933, Manager Buescher of the Hotel Pierre was interviewed, as well as Assistant Manager Charles A. Choquet.

The registration records of the hotel were checked from July 31st through August 15th for the name of Louis Buchalter and Betty Buchalter, with their known aliases, but without success. Photographs of Mrs. Vivian Allen, as well as Vernon Miller with aliases, were displayed to Messrs. Buescher and Choquet, and Mr. Choquet recognized the picture of Mrs. Vivian Allen as having been one of a party of three who registered at the hotel at 1:15 P.M. on July 31, 1933.

The registration records of the party of three in question were located by Mr. Choquet, and they revealed that Mrs. B. Saffer and L. Saffer, giving their addresses as New York City, and Mrs. V. Allen, address Chicago, Ill. registered into the hotel at the time set out above and were assigned to room 2901 and 2902.

It was learned through the hotel records that Mrs. V. Allen was checked out of the hotel at 7 P.M. August 7, 1933 and that on that date Mr. and Mrs. Saffer were transferred from Rooms 2901 and 2902 to Rooms 3607, 3608 and 3609, which were made up into a suite for them. The registration records of the Saffers indicate that their stay is to be indefinite. It was learned through Mr. Buescher that Mrs. Saffer left the hotel on August 11, 1933, stating at the time that she would be gone for approximately ten days on a pleasure trip.

The local and long distance telephone calls made by the Saffers and Mrs. Allen from the time of their arrival at the hotel to date were obtained from Mr. Buescher, and will be found listed below, along with the names of the subscribers to the various telephones, which were obtained from the New York Telephone Company:

LOCAL

Room 2901 - 02

July 31, 1933	Bryant 9-9556	Tourneur Powder Shop 580 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.C.
	Bryant 9-0636	Frances Beauty Salon 149 West 47th Street, N.Y.C.
	Watkins 9-7957	Perfection C. T. Front Manufacturing Co. 16 West 19th St., N.Y.C.
	Bryant 9-0636	
	Watkins 9-7957	
	Riverside 9-2642	Maxwell J. Morse 760 West End Avenue, N.Y.C.
August 1, 1933	Deal, N.J. 3705	Louis R. Goldwyn 146 Norwood Avenue, Deal, N.J.
August 2, 1933	Riverside 9-2642	
August 3, 1933	Circle 7-1488	Madam Julius Corset Shop 106 West 57th Street, N.Y.C.
	Wickersham 2-4871	Lourent Inc. 683 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C.
	Riverside 9-2642	

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August 3, 1933	South 8-4955	Unpublished phone in name of Walter Jenkins 531 Carroll Street Brooklyn, N.Y.
August 8, 1933	Butterfield 8-2030	Madam Gillette Inc. 173 East 87th Street, N.Y.C.
	Butterfield 8-8753	Phil Cooper 1163 Madison Avenue, N.Y.C.
August 9, 1933	Butterfield 8-8753	
	Circle 5-4907	Was learned through telephone company to be vacant line.
August 11, 1933	Butterfield 8-8753	
	Butterfield 8-8753	
	Wickersham 2-4900	Club Auto Renting Service 222 East 55th Street, N.Y.C.
	Regent 4-7625	Schwarz & Forger 684 Madison Avenue, N.Y.C.
	Butterfield 8-2030	
	Murray Hill 2-5740	Railway Express Agency 230 Park Avenue New York City

Note: It should be noted that the Saffers checked out of Rooms 2901 and 2902 on August 11, 1933. The hotel records failed to reflect that any outgoing calls have been made from Rooms 3607, 3608 and 3609 from August 11, 1933 to date.

The hotel records reflect the following long distance telephone calls from Rooms 2901 and 2902 on August 1, 1933:

Mrs. Allen at 12:43 A.M. called A. Adelman at Plateau 7777, Montreal, Canada.

On August 3, 1933 Mrs. Saffer at 7:29 P.M. called M. Weiser at Atlantic City 4-7151.

On August 7, 1933 Mrs. Allen at 2:50 A.M. called A. Adelman at Plateau 7777, Montreal, Canada.

On August 11, 1933 Saffer at 12:30 P.M. put in a station to station call to telephone number 86, Fallsburgh, N.Y.

On August 11, 1933 Mrs. Saffer at 4:48 P.M. put in a station to station call to 8015 R11 Milton, Vermont.

The incoming telephone vouchers for the Hotel Pierre were obtained by agents and an examination of same from July 31, 1933 to date revealed the following calls which are of interest to the present investigation. It should be stated, however, that there were many completed local calls to Rooms 2901 and 2902 which are not susceptible of being traced.

On August 1, 1933 long distance operator #617, Philadelphia, Pa. placed a call for Saffer in Room 2901-02. On August 2nd this call was canceled.

On August 3, 1933 at 10:10 P.M. Mr. Allen called Mrs. V. Allen in Room 2901-02.

On August 5th, at 8:10 P.M. a call was received and message as follows left for Mrs. Allen: "Rhoda tomorrow at 12 at Deal, N.J."

On August 7th at 12:20 P.M. Mrs. Allen was called at Room 2902 and when she did not answer the following message was left for her: "Clarence telephoned and will call Tuesday morning."

Note: The telephone operator who received this call at the hotel was interviewed and she advised she believed the call was of local origin.

On August 8, 1933 a call was received for Mrs. Allen at Room 2901 and same was referred to the desk, at which time the person who was calling was told that Mrs. Allen was not registered. In this connection, it should be noted that several other local calls were received at Room 2901-02 on the same day.

On August 9, 1933 Mrs. Saffer received a call at Room 2902 and when she did not answer the following message was left: "Sonny phoned."

Note: Telephone operator who received this message was interviewed, and she advised that the calling person was a woman.

It was further ascertained from porter at the hotel Pierre that on August 12, 1933 Mrs. Saffer had sent a package via American Express to Mrs. Rhea Buchalter, Camp Allegro, Milton, Vermont,

and that porterage charges of 84¢ were paid by the hotel in this connection. This item no doubt explains the call placed on August 11, 1933 to the American Express Agency.

Arrangements were made with Mr. Buescher, manager of the Hotel Pierre, to notify the New York office in the event Mrs. Saffer returned to the hotel.

Agents Soucy and Lott are conducting an investigation at Deal, N.J. in connection with the telephone call made to that place and through the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company at Newark, N.J. will secure a list of all outgoing telephone calls from the phone listed in the name of Louis R. Goldwyn, 146 Norwood Avenue, Deal, N.J. which is telephone number Deal 5705.

In connection with information secured by Mr. Guinane from Agent Tracy at Montreal, Canada, on the afternoon of August 16, 1933 to the effect that Mrs. Betty Buchalter alias Saffer was checking out of the Mount Royal Hotel at that time in order to return to New York City, Agents O'Leary and McKee are checking into the Hotel Pierre, New York City, on the evening of August 16, 1933 in order to maintain a surveillance on the telephones of the Buchalters or Saffers.

Arrangements have been made with the management of the Hotel Pierre to have all incoming and outgoing telephone calls for Rooms 3607, 3608 and 3609 transmitted to agents in another room at the time the conversations take place.

From the information obtained at the Hotel Pierre, New York City, it would seem that the L. Saffer and Mrs. B. Saffer, who registered at the Hotel Arlington, Hot Springs, Arkansas during February and March, 1933 in company with Messrs. Long, Kutlow and Spitzle are in fact Mr. and Mrs. Louis Buchalter.

Agent J. M. O'Leary is endeavoring through confidential informant to secure information in connection with a group of Chicago gangsters who are said to occupy the entire floor in the Picadilly Hotel, New York City.

The New York office of the Division is continuing investigation in this matter.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT KANSAS CITY, MO.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Philadelphia telephone number Sherwood 1587 listed in name of Mrs. Anna Caplin, 5863 Delancey Street, who contends she did not receive any calls from Kansas City, Mo., on the dates mentioned in reference report. Dr. Paul Correll, Easton, Pa., remembers distinctly that the party who called his office on June 17, 1933, stated he was a "Mr. Bailey", but did not have any conversation with the doctor.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Kansas City Office, 8-2-33

DETAILS: It was ascertained from Mr. John Devine, Special Agent of the Bell Telephone Company, Philadelphia, that Sherwood 1587 is listed in the name of Mrs. Anna Caplin, 5863 Delancey Street.

Prior to the interview with Mrs. Caplin, agent examined the records of all outgoing calls of the Sherwood exchange, and noted that, from April to July, no long distance calls were recorded from Mrs. Caplin's number.

DETAILS: Mrs. Caplin was interviewed by Special Agent A. Schroeder and the writer. She informed that she had received no telephone calls from Kansas City at any time she could remember; further, that her daughter, Miss Anna Caplin, who resides with her, has no friends in Kansas City, to the best of her knowledge. It was ascertained that the Caplins have a roomer, A. Cohen, who rented a room at this address in June, 1933. Mrs. Caplin readily informed, during the interview, that she has a wayward son, David Caplin, whom she has not heard from for at least a year. She was

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questioned closely as to whether she is acquainted with E. M. Goldman or a Mr. Anderson, as well as the parties who are connected with this case, but denied emphatically knowing any of them.

Mr. A. Cohen was questioned, and informed that he did not receive any telephone calls from Kansas City, but readily admitted that he had just returned from Los Angeles, at which place he resided for a period of six months prior to June 12, 1933, at 913 Kirkwood Avenue, with a Mr. R. Garfield, then moving to the Imperial Hotel, residing at this place for three weeks, then returning to Philadelphia. He denied that he had ever stopped at Kansas City, or that he knows anyone connected with this case. He is a tailor by trade, and well known in Philadelphia.

Miss Anna Caplin was interviewed at her residence, mentioned above, and stated that she has received no telephone calls from Kansas City and that she knows no one whose name appears in this case. She informed that the last time she heard from her brother he was at Atlantic City, N.J., adding that he rarely writes home, but often makes telephone calls. She stated that she has never known him to be west of the Mississippi River.

The Caplins have lived in the vicinity of Delancey Street for the past 12 years and bear a good reputation, according to local residents.

Dr. Paul Correll, 404 First National Bank Building, Easton, Pa., states that he remembers distinctly receiving the call on June 15 from Kansas City; that, it being in the morning, he answered the call from the Easton Hospital operating room; that the party on the other end, he is quite positive, mentioned the name "Bailey"; that he asked this individual what he desired, but received no answer; that there was quite an interim between the time the receiver was taken from the hook and the pronouncement of the name "Bailey"; that he had no conversation whatsoever with the individual, and thought it was merely a case of the wrong number; that, again, on June 17, 1933, a similar call was placed to his office, quite a long period of time elapsing before the party in Kansas City answered the call; that he is quite positive the party making the call had the wrong number; that he does not remember the names mentioned in the case as being patients of his, and that he never worked in New York City. Dr. Correll could give no further information as to why the call was made to his office in Easton.

Agent made inquiry of Detective Menikheim, as well as the Easton Police Department, as to whether there are any other Corrells living in Easton, and was informed that, apparently, Dr. Correll is the only inhabitant by that name; further, that he bears an excellent reputation, is considered the outstanding surgeon of the community, and is a leader in civic affairs in Easton.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: PHILADELPHIA OFFICE at Mount Joy, Pa., will check the telephone call made to F. B. Kolp, Mount Joy 182, on June 13, 1933, at 11.04 a.m., period of conversation not known.

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Hopkins, Mo.,
Aug. 17, 1933

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U. S. Bureau of Inv.
Dep't. of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs.

Please send photos or descriptions of men wanted in recent K C killing.

A queer acting transient with Nebr. license is staying in town here temporarily.

He may be innocent but if guilty, would like to aid in capture.

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Yours very truly,

Leo L. Ross,
Rural Carrier #2
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August 24, 1933.

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Mr. Leo L. Ross,
Rural Carrier #2,
Hopkins, Missouri.

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Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 17, 1933, requesting Identification Orders on the subjects whose arrests are desired in connection with the Kansas City killing of Federal and State officers.

There are enclosed herewith Identification Orders Nos. 1190, 1191, 1192, 1193, 1194, 1195, 1196, and 1201, relative to subjects Robert G. Brady, Wilber Underhill, James Clark, Ed Davis, Charles Arthur Floyd, Vernon C. Miller, Bernard Phillips, and Richard Tallman Galatas, respectively.

Your interest is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Bureau of Investigation

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

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United States Bureau of Investigation,
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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
Obstruction of Justice
Delivery of Federal Prisoner Nash.

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Reference is made to Bureau telegram requesting to be advised in detail as to the surveillance maintained in this case yesterday at Newark, N. J.

At approximately 11:50 A. M., on August 7, 1933, Special Agents Andersen, Soucy, Arms, Sinsel and McKee obtained information that Mr. and Mrs. Louis Buchalter and their small son and Vivian Miller, alias Vivian Allen, and an unknown individual who was at Atlantic City with these persons, were going to depart from the Ritz Carlton Hotel where Agents had been maintaining a surveillance since Saturday afternoon, August 5th. The Agents had been instructed to hire two cars in order to maintain surveillance of the Lincoln Sedan which the Buchalters and Vivian were using.

At 12:00 o'clock noon on August 7th, Louis Buchalter and his wife and small son, and Vivian with the unknown individual, left the Ritz Carlton Hotel and proceeded to their Lincoln Sedan. Agents McKee and Arms were in one Packard sedan, and Agent Sinsel was in another Packard sedan, with a chauffeur. The subject car was immediately trailed by Special Agents McKee and Arms and their car was followed by the car in which Agent Sinsel was riding, driven by the chauffeur. This procedure was followed until all parties arrived at Lakewood, N. J., at approximately 1:30 P. M., at which time all parties in the Buchalter car stopped at either the Taylor Pharmacy or the Monterey Inn, located in the business district of Lakewood, N. J. The parties stayed here for approximately twenty minutes and then proceeded on their way toward New York. The same

procedure of surveillance was followed until the cars arrived at Elizabeth, N. J., at which time the car in which Arms and McKee were riding in became overheated and it was found that they could not keep up the fast pace that the Lincoln car was traveling at. Arms then signalled Sinsel to cover the Lincoln car.

Shortly outside of Elizabeth, N. J., the Lincoln car stopped and the unknown individual in the car relieved Vivian Allen at the wheel. A circuitous route was taken from outside of Newark, N. J. to the Robert Treat Hotel, Agent Sinsel following the Lincoln car to this hotel.

It is noted here that the average speed maintained by the Lincoln was between sixty-five and seventy miles per hour, the trip from Atlantic City to Newark, N. J. being made in approximately two and one-half hours.

At 3:10 P. M., Agent McKee called Mr. Guinane at the office and advised that he and Arms had been forced to give up the chase because of car trouble, but that Sinsel had followed the car in the general direction of the business district at Newark. McKee was instructed to proceed to the hotel district at Newark and to the Riviera Hotel to see whether they could locate the car, and to telephone the office immediately upon arrival at the Riviera Hotel.

At 3:15 P. M., Sinsel telephoned from Newark and stated that he had followed the car to the Robert Treat Hotel and that the Lincoln Sedan was parked double outside the Robert Treat and that he was quite positive that the parties in the car would become suspicious of the car he was riding in and also of him, and he was advised by Mr. Guinane to cover the hotel and to follow Vivian in a taxi if she left, and that Agents McKee and Arms would be sent over to assist him as soon as they telephoned.

At 3:45 P. M., Sinsel again telephoned the office and advised Mr. Guinane that Vivian and a man had left the car at the Robert Treat Hotel and had gone into the hotel with baggage, and that the Lincoln had headed back for New York.

At 3:50 P. M., McKee called from Newark, and he and Arms were instructed to proceed to the Robert Treat and to assist Sinsel in covering that hotel and to trail Vivian if she left the hotel.

Agent Moran was instructed at the office to proceed immediately to the Robert Treat Hotel to contact Sinsel, McKee

and Arms, and to assist them in maintaining a surveillance at the hotel, particularly in the lobby, as it was felt that Vivian might recognize the other Agents who had been at Atlantic City.

At 4:05 P. M., Sinsel telephoned the office and stated that after Vivian and the unknown individual had left the Lincoln and had gone into the hotel, that he had decided to attempt to learn which direction the Lincoln took after leaving the Robert Treat Hotel with Mr. and Mrs. Buchalter and their son; that he had followed the Lincoln down the street four or five blocks, and upon his return to the hotel, and after meeting McKee and Arms at the hotel, it was determined that Vivian and the unknown individual, whom she was with, had left the Hotel.

Agent Sinsel stated that the Lincoln car, followed by him, arrived at the Robert Treat Hotel at approximately 3:30 P. M, the Lincoln car being parked double in front of the hotel; that he then advised the New York office of this fact and remained in the doorway of Child's Restaurant, about one hundred feet from the hotel entrance. At approximately 3:40 P. M., the doorman of the Robert Treat Hotel removed several bags from the Buchalter automobile and went into the hotel. Shortly thereafter, Mr. and Mrs. Buchalter and son left the hotel without Vivian and her companion. During the time the Buchalter car was parked in front of the hotel, Sinsel noted that a 1933 dark blue, six wheel Buick sedan, bearing New Jersey license tags, a 1932 dark blue Buick coupe, bearing New Jersey license tags, and an old model sedan whose make could not be ascertained, bearing Michigan license tags, were parked directly in front of the hotel. Agent Sinsel states that as it was felt that Miss Allen was placed for the time being in the hotel, he deemed it advisable to ascertain the route of the Buchalter car and he trailed the car to the corner of Harrison and Passaic Avenues, Newark, N. J., where the car was seen to go in the general direction of the Holland Tunnel; that he immediately notified the New York Bureau Office of this fact and returned to the Robert Treat Hotel at approximately 4:04 P. M., at which time he was met by Special Agents Arms and McKee. Agent Arms interviewed the desk clerk, with whom he had previous contact, the doorman, the porter and the bellhops, from whom he ascertained that Vivian Allen and her companion had come into the lobby with the bags and set the bags down in the lobby; that Vivian had gone into the women's rest room and that her companion had gone downstairs in the coffee shop; that both Vivian and her companion met in the lobby in about fifteen or twenty minutes, picked up their bags and left the hotel. The doorman recalled Vivian and her companion leaving the Lincoln and coming into the hotel, but has no

recollection whatsoever of them leaving the hotel. They did not register and had no conversation with any of the help.

Further questioning at the hotel indicated that when the party first came in that Buchalter and the unknown man, and Mrs. Buchalter and Vivian, had gone in the coffee shop and that Buchalter obtained change to make a telephone call. This is being checked. The taxicab operators at the hotel have no recollection of taking Vivian or her companion from the hotel. The other cab operators in that vicinity are being interviewed.

At the time that information was received from Atlantic City that the party had left the Ritz Carlton Hotel, arrangements were made to have Agents O'Leary, Starr and Reed rent a car and cover the New York entrance of the Holland Tunnel. When word was received from Agent Sinsel that the car was proceeding to New York, these Agents were communicated with by telephone at the Holland Tunnel and advised of this, and shortly thereafter the Lincoln Sedan was observed coming out of the Tunnel and was followed for several blocks by Agents O'Leary, Starr, and Reed, but the occupants of the car, namely, Mr. and Mrs. Buchalter, were apprehensive of being followed and it was noted by the Agents that Mrs. Buchalter appeared to be reading the license plates on the car in which the Agents were riding. The Lincoln car deliberately slowed up several times and the car was lost in the traffic due to a dip in the road, and could not be located again.

Telephone calls made by the party from Atlantic City to points in New York are being investigated; and a forwarding address left by Mrs. Buchalter from the Majestic Apartments in New York to the Frances Beauty Shop, 149 West 47th St., New York City, is being covered to determine where Mrs. Buchalter is now living. Mrs. Buchalter and Vivian have been associated together for the past several weeks.

Agents Tracy and Soucy proceeded to Ocean City, N. J., immediately upon receipt of telephonic information from the Bureau that a letter had been received at the Plantation Inn, White Bear, Minnesota, addressed to a party named Steinhart, the handwriting of which was identified as being that of Verne Miller, the letter being postmarked Ocean City, N. J., August 4, 1933.

Very truly yours,

T. F. Cullen

T. F. CULLEN
Special Agent in Charge

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TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNE C. MILLER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, et al	OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Additional mail tracings received from cover placed at 761 Gaviota Avenue, Long Beach, forwarded herewith to the Kansas City Bureau office. Surveillance of the residence of Luther Raines unproductive of any information relative present whereabouts of subject Galatas. Telephone conversations to and from Raines' residence being checked.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent C. D. White, Los Angeles, 7-29-33.

DETAILS:

The following tracings resulting from the cover placed on the mail at 761 Gaviota Avenue and 524 East State Street, Long Beach, California, have been received and are attached to copies of this report for the Kansas City office.

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Winigan, Mo.
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Mrs. A. J. Posey
761 Gaviota Ave.
Long Beach, California

Gady-Babcock
Liquidators
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Canisteo Jul 31
2 P M N.Y.

Mrs. Angie Raines
524 East State Street
Long Beach, California

W.R.Webb
1022 Union Bnk Bld
Los Angeles

(Typewritten)

Luther Raines
524 E. State
Long Beach, Cal.

Charles Ramage - MD
314 F. & M. Bld

Long Beach Aug. 1 8 P.M.

Mrs. L. Raines
524 E. State St.
City

From 12850 Ventura Blvd
No. Hollywood Cal.
C/o I.U.Novinger

Van Nuys Cal.
8/12 - 5:30 PM

Mrs. & Mrs. H. W. Schuster
761 Gaviota Ave.
Long Beach, Calif.

Long Beach 8-1-. 11:30

Mrs. L. Raines
524 E. State
City

(Typewritten)

Equitable Ins. Co.
of Calif.
415 Chester Williams Bld
Los Angeles -
(Typewritten)

Los Angeles
Aug. 2 - 1 P.M.

Luther Raines
524 E. State
Long Beach, Cal.

1900 E. Ocean
Long Beach, Cal.

(Typewritten)

Mrs. L. Raines
524 E. State
City

The Liberty Life Ins. Co.
535 Kansas Ave.
Topeka, Kan.

(Typewritten)

Luther Raines
524 E. State
Long Beach, Cal.

B. Wedelstadt
320 Pine
Long Beach, Cal.

Long Beach July 31
8 P.M.

Mrs. H. M. Martin
524 E. State
City

No return

Stewart, Minn.
8-6-33 - 6:30 P.M.

Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Schuster
761 Gaviota Ave.
Long Beach, Calif.

In view of the arrest of subject Bailey, the mail cover at the 761 Gaviota Avenue address has been discontinued.

A constant surveillance of the residence of Luther Raines, 524 East State Street has been maintained, and no movements of any importance have been observed during the surveillance concerning the instant matter.

Through cooperation being received from Assistant Vice President C. E. Johnson of the Associated Telephone Company, Long Beach, California, arrangements have been made whereby all incoming and outgoing telephone conversations and calls from the Raines' residence are being checked. As a result of the above, it has been determined that the family of Luther Raines, exclusive of himself and the mother of subject Galatas, are presently vacationing at Lake Elsinore, located approximately one hundred and twenty miles from Los Angeles. The Luther Raines residence is presently being occupied by Mrs. Galatas, Luther Raines and one William, whose identity to date has not been determined.

Informants previously mentioned in report of reference have as yet been unable to determine who, if anyone, accompanied the mother of subject Galatas from Hot Springs, Arkansas to Long Beach, California, and the location of the farm supposedly owned by subject Galatas, mentioned in reference report.

Informants advised that they will again contact the Raines family in an effort to determine the above.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE will continue surveillance of the Raines' residence at 524 East State Street, Long Beach, California.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

905 Federal Reserve Bank Building

Kansas City, Missouri.

PERSONAL.

August 24, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant reciting that Mr. Keenan telephonically advised you that he felt that some further investigation should be conducted with reference to the Harvey Bailey case at Kansas City, Missouri.

Please be advised that the investigation as made is not lacking in any respect. There were two suggestions made by Mr. Keenan; one was that an effort be made to check the belt buckle in possession of Harvey Bailey, now in Dallas, Texas; Margeret Turner, a negro woman witness, states that at the time she saw Harvey Bailey at the Union Station, he had a prominent belt buckle, described as "a square within a square;" Dallas has been written to cover this; his second suggestion was that a letter from a cousin of the witness, Margeret Turner, and a wire also forwarded to Margeret Turner, be secured from the latter at Olathe, Kansas. This letter and wire will simply give the reason why Margeret Turner was at the Union Station on the morning of June 17th to meet a train.

Mr. Keenan suggested that cab drivers, station ushers and other people at Union Station be interviewed to see if some further identification could be made of Bailey. However, I respectfully invited Mr. Keenan's attention to the fact that we had interviewed every conceivable taxi driver, usher and every other employee at the Union Station, with a view of securing the full particulars in this case.

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I can conscientiously report that the investigation was not lacking in any respect, nor were any possibilities overlooked by the Agents. I frankly feel that you have no reason at all to be disturbed. I have again reviewed this matter within the last few days, and find that there are two other remaining angles, which, while they may have been covered by Agents, I am unable to find specific reference to them at the present time. There was a night officer on duty at the Union Station on the morning of the shooting until 7:00 a.m., at which time he was relieved by Officer Fanning; of course, the shooting took place at 7:15 or 7:20 a.m.; however, I am having this night officer interviewed today by Special Agent Trainor to see if, perchance, he knows anything. In addition, I am having a further check made in the vicinity of 6612 Edgevale Road where Miller lived, to ascertain if, perchance, anyone saw Bailey's Reo car at that address, or in that vicinity, after the shooting at Union Station, and I am also instructing Agent Trainor to have Bailey's photograph presented to all the neighbors in that vicinity to ascertain if, perchance, they may have seen Bailey frequenting the rented residence of Miller, particularly, on the night prior to the shooting.

We have interviewed hundreds of witnesses - three claim they saw Bailey at the station. While perhaps at first blush it might appear that others no doubt saw Bailey, unfortunately, we must rely on what the witnesses did see, and what they can testify to. We must be governed by the facts as they exist and not by mere conjecture.

I assure you that a most careful, minute and thorough inquiry has been made into every single angle in this case, other than those outlined above, which will be followed up. I am equally positive that if Mr. Keenan were to sit down and go through our entire file in this matter, he, too, would be absolutely convinced that no bet has been overlooked.

Respectfully,

R. E. Vetterli

R. E. VETTERLI
Special Agent in Charge.

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518 Hawes Building
San Francisco, California.

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Aug. 25, 1933.

MEMORANDUM:

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

Everett H. McKee, Inspector, California Highway Patrol, a traffic officer, who resides at the Tahoe Inn, at Tahoe City, California, reported to this Agent on July 28, 1933, that one Dr. L. E. Farmer, a woman physician, practicing and residing at Homewood, California, recently reported to him that she treated a man, who, she believed, resembled the appearance and description of Charles A. Floyd, with aliases.

Dr. L. E. Farmer was interviewed at her home in Homewood, California, in the presence of Inspector McKee, on July 28, 1933. Dr. Farmer advised that a young man, who gave his name as Bill Mulvaney, called at her office at about 10 A.M., on July 18, 1933, for emergency medical treatment to his hands, the backs of which were badly blistered. Mulvaney explained that he had been employed as a dishwasher by Mr. Dave H. Chambers, at Chambers Lodge, California, and had scalded both of his hands on his first day of employment (2 days previous to the time of his calling for treatment). Dr. Farmer stated that both of Mulvaney's hands were soft, and had the appearance of never having done a hard day's work during his life. Mulvaney claimed that his home was in Oklahoma, but informed Dr. Farmer that his next address would be Albuquerque, New Mexico, and that he was going to hitch-hike there by way of Bishop, Calif. Dr. Farmer stated that four fingers on the back of Mulvaney's right hand, were badly blistered (all but the thumb), and that three of his fingers on the left hand (second, third and fourth fingers) were badly blistered. Mulvaney wore two silver rings on his left hand, one of which had a large green stone set therein. This ring had to be clipped off, because of the blisters, and when it was removed, Mulvaney snatched it away, and placed it in his inside pocket, explaining rather excitedly that it was his dead sister's ring. 62-29915-479

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Dr. Farmer stated that she warned Mulvaney that he should have his blistered hands dressed again on July 18th, and Mulvaney informed her that he would have it done on his way to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dr. Farmer explained that she saw a photograph and news item concerning Charles A. Floyd, alias "Pretty Boy Smith", in the Sacramento "Bee" of July 22, 1933, the said article containing a photograph and description of Charles A. Floyd. Dr. Farmer advised that when she saw this photograph she felt reasonably certain that the young man above referred to, as Bill Mulvaney, greatly resembled the photograph and description of Charles A. Floyd, alias "Pretty Boy Smith", which she saw in the Sacramento "Bee". Dr. Farmer described Bill Mulvaney as follows:

Age:	About 24 years
Height:	About 5' 7 or 8"
Weight:	About 160 to 170 lbs.
Hair:	Dark blond
Eyes:	Steel-blue or gray.
Complexion:	Fair (somewhat tanned)

Dr. Farmer stated that Mulvaney wore a light brown cap; a calico shirt, and a brown suede jacket when she saw him. Mulvaney appeared to be very sullen, and very bitter to the entire world.

Agent displayed a photograph of Charles A. Floyd, as contained on Identification Order No. 1194, to Dr. Farmer, and, after examining the same with a magnifying glass, she stated that she is reasonably certain the man she treated, under the name of Bill Mulvaney, strongly resembled the said photograph.

Dr. Farmer further advised that she addressed a communication to Chief of Police Quinn of the San Francisco Police Department on or about July 24, 1933, submitting the above facts.

Agent interviewed Dave H. Chambers, owner of Chambers Lodge, in the presence of Inspector McKee. Mr. Chambers advised that he employed Bill Mulvaney on or about July 14, 1933, as a dishwasher, who, when employed, stated that his home was in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mr. Chambers stated that Bill Mulvaney spoke in a slow, drawling sort of manner, which gave him the impression that he was from Texas. Mr. Chambers explained that Bill Mulvaney scalded his hands during the course of his employment as a dishwasher, and thereupon went to Dr. Farmer for medical attention.

Mr. Chambers, and one of his employees by the name of Mr. Calder, described Bill Mulvaney, as follows:

Age:	About 22 years.
Height:	About 5' 8".
Weight:	About 135 lbs. to 140 lbs.
Hair:	Light blond
Eyes:	Brown

When Bill Mulvaney left, according to Messrs. Chambers and Calder, he claimed he was going to hitch-hike his way to Las Vegas.

Agent displayed Identification Order Nos.1189 to 1196 inclusive, to Messrs. Chambers and Calder, and both were certain that Bill Mulvaney did not resemble the subjects of any of the said Identification Orders. They were particularly requested to examine Identification Order No. 1194, being that of Charles A. Floyd, with aliases, and both advised that, in their opinion, the said photograph did not in any manner resemble that of Bill Mulvaney, who was formerly employed by Mr. Chambers.

ALBERT MILLER,
Special Agent.

c.c. Division
c.c. Kansas City

203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

August 22, 1933.

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O./1195; et al. OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to deliver Frank Nash, Federal Prisoner).
St.Paul File No. 62-888.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting to you, herewith, a letter received from one JACK BURBECK, Nebraska Penitentiary No. 11598, which letter is self-explanatory.

I wish to state that BURBECK is well acquainted with VERNE MILLER and undoubtedly could be of some assistance in locating MILLER; however, I wish to indicate here that BURBECK is a confirmed criminal and has been involved in liquor running, car stealing, narcotics and frauds of all sorts, and upon each conviction he has professed his intention of reforming upon release. BURBECK, to my knowledge, has been confined or violated law ever since 1921, and I have little faith in his statement that the present confinement will conclude his criminal career.

It would not be amiss, however, to have an Agent of your office, when next in Lincoln, Nebraska, to interview BURBECK with a view of soliciting some information from him that may be helpful.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,

Kansas City, Missouri.

August 22, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER,
with aliases - FUGITIVE; IO. #1196, ET AL
Obstruction of Justice(Endeavor to deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
K.C.File #62-760-

Margaret Turner, a witness, who identified Subject Bailey the morning of the shooting at the Union Station, states that he had a very prominent belt buckle and has drawn a description since, which is attached hereto. She describes the design as "a square within a square."

Will you please ascertain if Bailey does have any such belt buckle in his possession, or is wearing one like it?

When Bailey was arrested at the time of the Keating and Holden apprehensions, he also had a prominent belt buckle. This apparently is a fad of his, and it is co-incident that this witness, Margaret Turner, should make mention of a prominent belt buckle as part of her identification of Bailey at the Union Station.

Please let us have an immediate reply on this.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI
Special Agent in Charge.

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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

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August 23, 1933

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

Re: Verne C. Miller with aliases,
I.O. 1195 - Fugitive, et al
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor
to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank
Nash)

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above case, it was learned that long distance telephone operator #517 at Philadelphia, Pa. on August 1, 1933 called a person named Saffer in Room 2901, Hotel Pierre, New York City. This call was never completed and was canceled on August 2, 1933.

It is desired that an appropriate investigation be conducted through the telephone company for the purpose of learning the identity of the person who put in the above call.

Very truly yours,

T. F. CULLEN
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Division

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
August 23, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
203 Post Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

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 62-960

It has been ascertained through inquiry at Kansas City that Miller is an intimate friend of parties named Ode Buxton and Tommy Hardiman, who have been residents of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. It is believed that Hardiman's father is prominent in local politics at Sioux Falls. Also it is reported that Ode Buxton and Tommy Hardiman each served terms in the State Penitentiary at Stillwater, Minnesota. These individuals are believed to be in Kansas City, Missouri, at the present time and it is desired that their photographs be secured.

In this connection it is also requested that your office interview or contact in an indirect manner as the case may require, the wife of Vernon Miller namely Peggy Miller whose last known address was 319 West 7th Street, Sioux City Iowa. It is reported to sources here that Vernon Miller supports Peggy Miller and that she is of the gold digger type and was originally the cause of Miller having joined the underworld. It is believed that careful watching might develo information of value through her.

Also, it is suggested that through an indirect source of contact at White Lake, South Dakota, the father of Vernon C. Miller be interviewed, if deem advisable, for information regarding whereabouts of this fugitive.

Please cause mail covers to be maintained on the mail of Peggy Miller and also Miller's father for an indefinite period.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTELLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 21, 1933, in which you advise that a tracing had been received bearing the return address of 41 West 10th Street, New York City.

Special Agents T. H. Tracy and S. K. McKee interviewed Mail Carrier #361 of Station "O" who advised, in response to inquiries, that the apartment house located at 41 West 10th Street is managed by a Mrs. W. Travis Miller. The carrier stated that there have been only two recent tenants at the apartment in question; that most of the occupants have been at this address for several years; that so far as he was able to recall he has not delivered any mail at the apartment house from points in the south and that he had never heard the name Sturney or Galatas or Duncan in connection with mail delivered to this address. He also advised that the managerof the apartment was very strict about posting the names of the occupants on their mail boxes. He advised further that he thought it would be entirely safe to make any inquiries through Mrs. W. Travis Miller.

Agents endeavored to interview Mrs. Miller but learned that she is away from the city and will not return until September 3, 1933. Miss Barbara Bronson, her niece, who is presently in charge of the apartment house, upon interview furnished information with respect to all of the present tenants. She stated that with the exception of two young girls all of the tenants have resided at the apartment for periods of from four to eight years. She advised that the two

girls in question occupy second floor front; that their names are May Atwood and Helen Friedman; that they have been at the apartment for about two months. She said that the only information she could furnish regarding these two girls is that they are from some town in Alabama and that the father of the Friedman girl is engaged in the cotton business. With respect to Helen Friedman, it was stated that she was not of Jewish extraction.

Agents also examined the mail boxes situated at 41 West 10th Street and found that the names shown thereon agreed with the names of the tenants as furnished by Miss Bronson.

The apartment house in question is a four story walkup in the fashionable section of Greenwich Village.

It is suggested that the letter in question, which was addressed to Mr. Paul Duncan, 109 Woodley Terrace, Montgomery, Alabama, was probably written to a son or some other relative of Mrs. Myrtle C. Duncan, with whom Pat Cardella Sturney formerly made his home.

Very truly yours,

T. F. CULLEN
Special Agent in Charge

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
August 23, 1933

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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801 Title Guaranty Bldg.
Saint Louis, Missouri
August 23, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, et al, Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

I am attaching hereto a copy of a memorandum which was furnished to this office by Mr. Peterson of the Crime Investigating Bureau of St. Louis. He stated that the Jack C. Hoff who is referred to in this memorandum was known to him under that name; that he answers the description and bears a striking likeness to the photograph of Richard Galatas, alias Richard Sheridan, and it is possible that these parties are one and the same.

He suggested that if inquiry is made at the Homesteader's Life Insurance Company in Kansas City, Missouri, that it may be readily ascertained if Hoff is in fact Galatas.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CIB.
St. Louis, Missouri.
August 21, 1933.

SUBJECT: RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with numerous aliases, "WANTED" by the United States Bureau of Investigation.

INFORMANT STATES:

That a man known as JOHN or JACK C. HOFF, recently employed by the Homesteaders Life Insurance Company, Room 221 Dwight Building, Kansas City, Missouri answers the description and bears a strong resemblance to RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, (United States Bureau of Identification order No. 1201 dated August 1, 1933) wanted in connection with the murder of OTTO REED, Chief of Police of McAlester, Oklahoma; WILLIAM J. GROOMS and FRANK E. HERMANSON, Police Officers of Kansas City, Missouri; RAYMOND J. CAFFREY, Special Agent of the United States Bureau of Investigation, and their prisoner FRANK HASH at Kansas City, Missouri on June 17, 1933.

INFORMANT FURTHER STATES that the photograph of RICHARD GALATAS, alias PRICHARD SHERIDAN, (published on Identification order number 1201) has been shown to several persons personally acquainted with JACK HOFF, and after viewing GALATAS' picture have stated that if HOFF and GALATAS are not the same man they look enough alike to be twin brothers. HOFF in the past, who has always been a flashy dresser, has been engaged in promoting different schemes which border on "confidence games" has also been engaged as an Insurance salesman. It is stated he owns a large farm in Iowa and a residence in or near Kansas City, Missouri.

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U.S. Bureau of Investigation,
St. Louis, Mo.

224 Federal Bldg.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

August 23, 1933

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Mr. Thomas J. Allen, Jr.
Supt. Hot Springs National Park
Hot Springs
Arkansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 22nd containing information regarding Dick Gelatas, for which I sincerely thank you.

I am, never-the-less, somewhat constrained to believe that the informant is in error, as I do not think that Gelatas would dare show in Hot Springs at this time. However, the matter will receive careful attention in the very near future; in fact, I hope to visit Hot Springs myself shortly, at which time I will see you personally.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Director

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August 26, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request of Mr. Nathan, there is enclosed herewith a copy of the statement obtained by the Oklahoma City office which bears the thumb prints of Bailey, Underwood and other escapes from the penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. 676193.
AIR MAIL.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City L. A. FILE NO. 62-964

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Los Angeles	8-23-33	8-18-33	E. J. Goehan T

TITLE: VERNON H. 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: WILLIAM ERICKSON JENSEN, short-time resident of San Diego, Calif., enjoys good reputation there. Appears to be living off income from his mother who is separated from husband; both making their homes in Kansas City.

REFERENCE: Letter from Kansas City Office dated August 2, 1933, and letter from San Francisco Office dated August 15, 1933.

DETAILS: AT SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

Investigation at San Diego developed that WILLIAM ERICKSON JENSEN occupied a rented cottage at 718 Kingston Court, Misson Beach for about three months, leaving there about June 1, 1933, with his wife, EDNA JENSEN, for Kansas City, Missouri, where his parents reside; that he said he expected to return to San Diego early in September and resume occupancy of the above cottage, the tenants there now having rented the premises with this understanding.

DETAILS: JENSEN bought Dodge Sedan, Motor #DP-2658, Serial #3580408, California license #9-Z-4344, from C. A. GRAY, dealer, 501 West Broadway, San Deigo, on Feb. 28, 1933, exchanging a Ford Sedan and paying $30.00 and contracting to pay $30.00 per month to April 9, 1934, and on this date the balance of $283.38; that Gray offered him a big discount if he paid the whole amount by April 8, 1933; that a $300.00 payment was made on March 18, 1933, and that on April 8, 1933, Jensen could not meet the full balance and paid $150.00, which is the last payment and the $321.00 balance is not due until April 9, 1934.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: J. E. P. [signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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MR. GRAY stated that his business dealings with JENSEN were quite favorable to the latter, who appeared to be a clean-cut young man who stated that he was associated in some way with the Ryan School of Aeronautics at Lindbergh Field, San Diego, and claimed to be an aviator; that his mother, MRS. NELLIE JENSEN, resided at 2648 East 28th Street, Kansas City; and that Jensen's home address is 2634 Victory Street, Kansas City. Jensen did not mention his father and intimated that he was receiving a small income, presumably from his mother.

T. CLAUDE RYAN, proprietor of the Ryan Aeronautical School, stated that Jensen had been a student at his school for about three months, and had not quite finished his course when he left San Diego about June 15, 1933, for Kansas City, stating that he would return in September and resume his flying instructions. Mr. Ryan stated that he was very favorably impressed with Jensen and had understood from him that his mother and father are separated, although both live in Kansas City; that the mother had inherited an estate or funds and that she was paying Jensen's training course. Mr. Ryan knew nothing about Jensen or his family except what he learned through conversations with the latter.

Inquiry in the neighborhood of Kingston Court, Mission Beach, elicited the information that Jensen and wife are not very well known at this resort; that the tenants in these beach cottages change quite frequently during the summer months and that the immediate neighbors consist of two other cottages in the same group near the beach. The present tenants in 718 Kingston Court, MR. and MRS. C. L. CAIN, have known the Jensens only a short time and stated they were a very nice couple and added that the Jensens had gone to Kansas City on a visit and were expected to return in September.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Washington, D. C.

August 24, 1933.

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APPREHENSION ORDER
No. 1189-274

Dear Sir:

In Re: HARVEY J. BAILEY, aliases
J. J. BRENNAN, JOHN BROWN,
Subject of I. O. No. 1189

Identification Order No. 1189 on the above named subject is hereby cancelled, as he was apprehended near Paradise, Texas, on August 12, 1933.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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

August 26, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan called and requested that a photostatic copy of a letter written by Bailey, Underwood and several other of the escapes from the Lansing Penitentiary, which was obtained by the Oklahoma City office several weeks ago and which contained the thumb prints of the individuals signing same be forwarded to the Kansas City office by air mail today. It appears that the Oklahoma City office did not retain copies of this letter when they forwarded the same to Washington. This will be done.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. FILE NO. 62-826 JWH

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Birmingham, Alabama.	8-28-33	8-23,24-33	A. PAUL KITCHIN

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, IO #1195-FUGITIVE; RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS with aliases ---FUGITIVE; ET AL.	OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash.)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No record attendance Eddie or A. J. Conner at University of Mississippi. Investigation at Oxford, Mississippi and vicinity disclosed that one Jack Conner married Annie Eliza Burrows, who bore him two sons, Escar and A. J. Conner, whose present whereabouts are unknown. Lucille Hunt Conner, former wife of Escar Conner, and her son, Robert, now reside at Bay St. Louis, Miss., where she is practicing law with Gex Brothers. Escar Conner last seen in Oxford, Miss., in spring, 1931. It is rumored that after Escar Conner deserted his wife he remarried at Earl, Arkansas.

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REFERENCE: Report of Sp. Agt. W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Mo., 7-28-33; Letter from S. A. C., New Orleans, Louisiana, 8-19-33.

DETAILS: AT UNIVERSITY, MISS.

At the University of Mississippi, University, Miss., Agent, with the assistance of Miss Mary Betsy Maltby, Secretary to the Chancellor, ascertained details from the records on file in that office, that no Eddie or A. J. Conner has attended the University since 1899. The list of all students by the name of Conner or Connor who have entered the University of Mississippi was checked but did not reveal the names of Eddie or A. J. Conner.

Miss Mary Johnson, Secretary to the Registrar, informed Agent that no one by the name of Conner or Connor was registered last year (1932) or during Summer School, 1933; that the records of the Chancellor contain registrations up to 1932.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28915-474	RECORDED AND INDEXED: AUG 30 1933
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AT OXFORD, MISS.

Miss Ella Wright, Superintendent, Oxford High and Public Schools, searched her records as far back as 1911, but could find only one Conner as having been enrolled in either high or public (grammar) school and that he was Thomas Conner, Como, Miss. She stated that she knows Thomas Conner and that he is at present a reputable dentist in Atlanta, Ga. Miss Wright stated that she recalled having a boy by the name of Escar Conner in school, about 1910, before the present record system was inaugurated, and that she is of the impression that he was the son of Jack Conner, who was in the grocery business at Oxford about 25 years ago. She stated that she knew nothing concerning the family, but that Mr. Tom Word, College Hill Street, could probably tell Agent about Escar, as he lived about three or four doors from the Conners and was somewhat intimate with them.

Mr. J. O. Ramey, College Street, stated that he recalls having known Jack Conner years ago and that when he first knew him he was living at a little place called Tula, Miss., about ten miles from Oxford; that Jack Conner married a sister of Rube Burrows, a noted bandit and train robber; that the Burrows were from some place in Alabama; that Jack Conner had a son by her, named Escar, who turned out to be a pretty bad character. He stated that after the death of his first wife, Jack married a woman, name not recalled, from Water Valley or Tupelo, Miss., but that he did not live with her long and when they separated he married a woman in Sumner, Miss., and moved there to live; that a few years after he moved there he was taken ill and died in a hospital in Memphis, Tenn.; that during the time when Jack was living with his second wife, Escar left Oxford and went to Memphis, Tenn., where it was reported that he was killed while bootlegging in Memphis. He stated that he does not recall the relatives of Jack or the names of relatives of his first wife and suggested that Agent contact Joe Powell, who lived in the Tula section about the same time that Jack and his first wife were living at that place.

Joe Powell, Powell's Filling Station, stated about the same as did Mr. Ramey, but added that Jack Conner's initials were A. J. Conner, and that he had two children by Annie Eliza Burrows, his first wife; they were Escar B. Conner and A. J. Conner, Jr.; that the Conners moved to the town of Oxford about 1909, and Jack went into business in Oxford. He stated that he does not recall what became of Escar and A. J., Jr., but he had heard that Escar had later moved to Memphis, Tenn., and was in the whiskey business on a large scale and got killed in a gun fight. He also stated that Jack Conner had no relatives that he knew of, but that Annie Eliza Burrows, Jack's first wife, and the mother of Escar and A. J., Jr., has a niece and a nephew living at present by the name of Mrs. Worth Gualt (nee Raymer Burrows), Delay, Miss., and Lee Burrows, who is somewhere in Texas, but the exact place is unknown. Mr. Powell suggested that Agent contact Mr. H. L. Tate.

H. L. Tate, Tates Dyr Goods Store, stated in substance that when Jack Conner was living with his second wife, first name Nell, but last not recalled, Escar was living in Memphis, Tenn.; that on one occasion Escar came back to Oxford and visited his father. While at Oxford someone robbed Nell

Conner of her jewels and it was thought that Escar had done the job, due to the fact that he left during the night of the robbery and has not been seen since. He stated that he did not know the address of Lee Burrows and would not advise Agent to interview Mrs. Gualt; that he would endeavor to ascertain Lee's exact address from some other source. He also stated that Tom Word could probable tell Agent more than anyone else in town concerning the Conners.

Tom Word, carpenter, College Hill Street, stated that Escar Conner married the daughter of Dr. W. R. Hunt in 1912 or 1913, and that they had one child; that they moved to Memphis, Tenn., and later were separated, his wife and child coming back to Dr. Hunt; that Dr. Hunt is at present practicing in Tupelo, Miss.; that he does not recall the name of the girl Escar married. He also stated that Mrs. Ira Purvis, formerly a very close friend of Escar Conner, had stated to him that Escar had been at Oxford, Miss. within the past two years; that he had some other people with him and was driving a big automobile.

Mrs. Ira Purvis, Depot Street, stated that in the spring of 1931, Escar came to her home and came into the house alone, but he had some people out in the car with him; that he asked her if she would tell him the location of his mother's grave, as he wanted to have it fixed up and would thank her if she would attend to the work to be done on the grave; that he did not stay long and did not say where he was going or where he had come from, but did make the statement that A. J. Conner, his brother, was in Memphis, Tenn., and that he was living with him; that when he left her house she went to the gate with him and saw that he was driving a big car, possibly a Buick, with red wheels, and had three other people with him, another man and two women. Mrs. Purvis gave Agent a letter that was received by her from Escar concerning his mother's grave. The original is being forwarded to the Kansas City Office for comparison with any handwriting specimens of A. J. Conner that may be on file. Mrs. Purvis stated that she knows of no one who may be in touch with Escar or A. J., due to the fact that when they were living in Oxford no one associated with them, and that A. J. was just a baby about four years old; that she does not know who took care of A. J. during his early years, but is of the impression that he was with the last Mrs. Jack Conner in Sumner, Miss., which is in the Delta section, somewhere near Tunica.

General inquiry at the Sheriff's Office and Post Office failed to disclose any further information concerning the Conners or their relatives.

AT TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI.

Dr. William R. Hunt, Medical Arts Bldg., stated that he is the father of Lucille Hunt Conner, the former wife of Escar Conner; that they were married in November 1912; and had a son, Robert Escar Conner, commonly known as Bob, who is 19 years of age and is at present with his mother in Bay St. Louis, Miss., where she is engaged in the practice of the Law with Gex Brothers Law Firm; that shortly after they separated, he wrote to the Chief of Police, Memphis, Tenn., regarding the general status and whereabouts of Escar and received a reply stating that Escar Conner was "pimping" for several prostitutes in the City of Memphis,

and had been ordered to leave town. Dr. Hunt stated that this was about 1914, and that he has not heard of Escar since that time and is sure that his daughter hears nothing from Escar as she is very bitter towards him. He stated that there was no photograph of Escar Conner available unless his daughter had one in Bay St. Louis, Miss. He also stated that information had come to him, from some unknown source, that Escar Conner had moved to Earl, Arkansas, and had married some girl, a native of that town.

The following descriptions were obtained from the above interviews:

NAME	ESCAR CONNER alias E. B. Conner
Age	41
Height	5'11"
Weight	190 or 195
Hair	Dark brown and wavy
Eyes	Dark brown or black
Build	Heavy
Peculiarities	Slightly freckled; holds head down when talking; walks with toes turned out.
Relatives	Brother: A. J. Conner, address unknown; Stepmother: Mrs. Jack Conner, Sumner, Miss. Cousin: Mrs. Worth Gualt, Delay, Miss. Cousin: Lee Burrows, thought to be in Dallas, Tex. Former wife: Lucille Hunt Conner, Bay St. Louis, Miss. Son: Robert Escar Conner, with Lucille Conner.

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NAME	A. J. CONNER
Age	24
Hair	Dark auburn or black
Eyes	Dark

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE - Is requested to conduct proper investigation at Earl, Arkansas, endeavoring to ascertain the truth or falsity of the report that E. Conner married in Earl, Arkansas, and, if so, ascertain the relatives and possible whereabouts of E. Conner and wife.

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE - Is requested to interview Mrs. Lucille Hunt Conner at the offices of Gex Brothers, law firm, Bay St. Louis, Miss., ascertaining such information as she may possess, and secure, if possible, a photo of E. Conner.

P E N D I N G

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
Room 1405
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

THT:SH
62-4949

August 28, 1933

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

AUG 30 1933 PM

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases,-Fug.
I.O.1195, et al
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to deliver Fed. Prisoner Frank Nash)

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate Date Fingerprints forwarded Bureau of Investigation.	Fingerprint Classification.
GUS BERGER	Newark, N.J. PD #17473 N.Y.C. PD #71767		
RUBEN HASS or BASS	St.Louis, PD. 7549 Newark, N.J. PD #9232		
MOLLIE RUNNELS alias MOLLIE ROSEN	Newark, N.J. PD#10755		
RAY REYNOLDS alias JAMES RUNNELS	Police Dept. number unknown but wanted by Police Dept. Tulsa, Oklahoma as Ray Reynolds for theft of trunk of jewelry from salesman.		
ALFRED CASSONE	N.Y.C. PD #71766		
JAMES REAGAN alias SPOT REAGAN	St. Louis PD #		

Very truly yours,

T. F. CULLEN
Special Agent in Charge.

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SEP 8 1933

September 6, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1405,
New York, New York.

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of August 28, 1933, regarding the above entitled case, please be advised that the following are the criminal records of Ruben Bass, Mollie Runnels, and Alfred Cassone, as reflected by the Division's fingerprint files:

Ruben Bass

As Ruben Bass, #17562, received SP, Jefferson City, Mo., Oct. 30, 1915, from St. Louis City, crime larceny from person; sentence 3 years.

As Ruben Bass, #7549, arrested PD, St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 14, 1920, charge whiskey burglar - suspect.

As Rubin Bass, #9232, arrested PD, Newark, N.J., Oct. 17, 1925, charge atrocious assault and battery and robbery (stick-up).

Notations: "Term Boonville Ref., #5366 Co. H.
July, 1911, in Circuit Court, this city, charge burglary and larceny; sentenced to 5 years in Missouri Training School - escaped about Sept., 1913 - re-arrested and returned to institution. October 26, 1915, C.C. 10, this city, charge robbery 1st degree, pleaded guilty to larceny from the person and sentenced to 3 years in Missouri SP. (Above two notations appear on print #7549).
WANTED for payroll stick-up - if located arrested will extradite from any part of country, Chief of Police, Newark, N.J.
WANTED: As Ruben Bass, for violation Chapter 552 Statutes of 1927, a felony (possession of machine guns). If apprehended notify PD, Los Angeles, Calif."

Mollie Runnels

Subject as Mollie Rosen, #10755, arrested PD, Newark, N.J., April 21, 1928, charge grand larceny (shop). Notation: "On 5-16-28, fined $200.00."

As Marion Reese, #B-65223, arrested PD, New York, N.Y., Sept. 7, 1929, charge petty larceny - shoplifting.

As Mrs. Grace Nores, #19674, arrested PD, Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 30, 1931, charge violation Section 523 Code.

As Mary Newman, #24428, arrested PD, Toledo, Ohio, Aug. 13, 1932, charge petty larceny.

Additional notations:

"1-18-18, as Minnie Rosen, New York City, petty larceny; discharged. (Prisoner's statement).
1-26-18, as Minnie Rosen, New York City, burglary - 5-16-18, indictment dismissed and sentenced to Jewish Protectory.
9-18-19, as Marion Rosenberg, New York City, burglary - 11-12-19; Bedford Ref.
5-3-26, as Mollie Rosen, New York City, petty larceny - 6-29-26; 6 months Workhouse.
6-1-29, as Mary Ross, New York City, petty larceny - bond forfeited $500 - WANTED."

Alfred Cassone

Subject as Alfred Cassone, #B-71766, arrested PD, New York City, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1928, charge robbery.

As Alfred Cassone, #B-71766, arrested PD, New York City, N.Y., April 16, 1929, charge kidnaping #41.

As Alfred Cassone, #125637, arrested PD, Philadelphia, Pa., March 19, 1932, charge extortion.

Notation: "As Orlando Conti, Newark, N.J., 6-13-27, investigation; 6-14-27, discharged."

The following is the record of one James Reagan, as reflected by the Division's fingerprint files, who is possibly identical with the James Reagan concerning whom you inquire:

As James "Spot" Reagan, #6094 PD, St. Louis, Mo., WANTED for Murder. Notify Chief of Police, St. Louis, Mo. - if apprehended.

There is transmitted herewith a copy of the criminal record of One Berger as reflected by the Division's files.

There is also transmitted a copy of the criminal record of one Ray Reynolds, as reflected by the Division's files, who is possibly identical with the Ray Reynolds mentioned in your letter cited.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enc. #662576.

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Washington, D. C.

September 5, 1933.

The following is an abstract of the fingerprint record of one John Reynolds, with aliases, on file in the Division of Investigation:

Subject as Ray B. Reynolds, #2017, PD, Little Rock, Ark., arrested Jan. 29, 1919, by Special Agent, Frisco Lines, charge pickpocket.

As Boyd Runnels, #6, arrested PD, Topeka, Kans., Sept. 10, 1919, charge pickpocket.

As John Reynolds, #6905, arrested PD, Omaha, Nebr., Sept. 22, 1920, charge investigation - pickpocket and con man; fined $25 and costs.

As Geo. Boyd, #20210, arrested PD, Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 12, 1922, charge grand larceny (pickpocket). Notation: "SO, Los Angeles, Calif., #28739, as Geo. Boyd, Jan. 13, 1922, grand larceny; released March 24, 1922.".

As John Reynolds, #26530, arrested PD, Colorado Springs, Colo., June 12, 1922, charge vagrancy - confidence game; $25 and costs - comm. - given hours.

As John Reynolds, #1554, arrested PD, Salt Lake City, Utah, July 1, 1922, charge vagrancy (bunco); sentence 6 months, City Jail, July 5, 1922.

As John Reynolds, #20783, arrested PD, Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 25, 1922, charge suspicion - pickpocket; indicted by Grand Jury - $10,000 bond.

As John Reynolds, #5390, arrested PD, San Diego, Calif., March 5, 1923, charge grand larceny - pickpocket.

As John Reynolds, alias Boyd Runel, George Reynolds, Boyd Rinel, John Runnells, Roy Renolds and P. C. Coleman, #58430, received SPr., San Quentin, Calif., Oct. 8, 1923, from San Diego, crime grand larceny; sentence 1 to 10 years. Notation: "Transferred to Highway, Feb. 18, 1925; returned from Highway, April 2, 1925. To Highway, May 16, 1925; returned from Highway, Oct. 5, 1925. Discharged Feb. 2, 1926.".

As John Reynolds, alias Ray Reynolds, #42537, arrested PD, San Francisco, Calif., March 22, 1929, charge $1000 vagrancy, (pickpocket). Notation: "San Francisco, Calif., March 22, 1929, #42537, vagrancy and pickpocket; ordered out of town.".

As John Collins, alias Jack Collins, #23470, arrested PD, Louisville, Ky., April 20, 1929, charge vagrancy.

As John W. Miller, alias J. W. Miller, #23069, arrested PD, St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 27, 1931, charge investigation - robbery.

As Jack Reynolds, #C-38495, arrested PD, Chicago, Ill., April 30, 1932, charge general principles.

Additional notations:

"Pettis County, Mo., Jan. 25, 1927, con game.
Pettis County, Mo., March 7, 1928, wanted; apprehended in Kansas City, Mo., and delivered.
Wanted: as Ray B. Reynolds, SO, Tulsa, Okla., May 29, 1929, grand larceny; if apprehended notify SO, Tulsa, Okla.
Wanted: as John Reynolds, alias John Miller, for bond forfeiture, June 10, 1932, in Chicago, Ill. Notify SO, Chicago, Ill. (Sheriff at Chicago, Ill., holds Governor's warrant for extradition to Tulsa, Okla.).
Wanted: as Ray Reynolds, alias James Runnels, (probable ident.), for grand theft; notify PD, Tulsa, Okla. (Information posted Aug. 31, 1933)."

420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Tex.

August 25, 1933.

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

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

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of 8/22/33: the belt buckle now being worn by HARVEY BAILEY is a square buckle but it does not have another square within.

There is nothing fancy about the buckle now being worn by Bailey.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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326½ Post Office Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

August 25, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Hurley-Wright Building,
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

Please refer to page twenty nine of the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated Kansas City, Missouri, 7-28-33.

It is noted on page twenty nine that on 3-6-33 a party named Connor placed a long distance telephone call, apparently from Booth 4, at the Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, to Earl Whitehill, Biloxi, Mississippi, collect, 11:50 a. m.

Investigation conducted at Biloxi, Mississippi, by Special Agent W. A. Temple of this office failed to reveal anyone residing in Biloxi by the name of Earl Whitehill, but his investigation reflected that Earl Whitehill, 2737 Devonshire Place, Washington, D. C., who is a member of the Washington Baseball Team, registered at the Biloxi Hotel, Biloxi, Mississippi, on February 22, 1933, and checked out of said hotel on March 25, 1933. Mr. George R. Stannus, Assistant Manager, was unable to locate any record of the telephone call above referred to.

It is requested that Earl Whitehill be interviewed in an effort to obtain from him any information which might be of benefit in locating Mrs. E. B. (Louise) Conner.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

62-28915

cc-Division
cc-Kansas City

420 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.

August 26, 1933.

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

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

Dear Sir:-

I forwarded to you by express yesterday the Thompson submachine gun #4907 taken at the Shannon farm at the time Harvey J. Bailey was arrested. This gun was sent to you for the purpose of having test bullets fired therefrom, and as soon as it has served its purpose you are requested to return it to the Dallas office.

I am furnishing the Kansas City office in this mail an exploded .38 calibre shell which was picked up by Detective R.L. Jones of the Dallas Police Dept. in the driveway of the Shannon farm; and also a bullet, apparently .45 calibre, picked up by Special Agent C.B. Winstead of the Dallas Division office, in the Shannon house at Paradise, Texas.

These are sent you for the purpose of determining, if possible, whether they might have any possible connection with the guns used in the Kansas City case. Each has been marked for identification purposes by the individuals finding them.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Div. One

Room 1405,
370 Lexington Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

THT:MOB
62-4949

August 28, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of July 15, 1933 addressed to the office of origin, in connection with the investigation entitled "VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1195, et al", wherein you suggest that the New York Office ascertain whether Sammy Schrager and aliases, who was associated with Fugitive Miller and one Ben Siegel in Chicago the latter part of April 1933, is a parole violator from the State of New York.

On page 43 of the report of Agent Tracy dated August 5, 1933, will be found the criminal record of Schrager as obtained from the files of the New York City Police Department.

I am this day in receipt of a letter from John P. Bramer, Chief Parole Officer, Albany, N.Y., in which he advises in substance:

" Schrager was originally released on parole from Clinton Prison as of November 21, 1925. He was returned to Sing Sing as a parole violator and was reparoled from that institution on October 1, 1929. Schrager absconded from parole supervision and was declared delinquent as of April 1, 1931, and is now wanted as a parole violator.

In Schrager's last report he stated he was living at 921 Eastwood Avenue, Chicago and working as a clerk at the same address for a Mr. Maurice Leavitt, manager of the Donmoore Hotel."

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The activities of Maurice Leavitt are, of course, well known to your office, and data with respect to this individual is set forth on pages 50, 51 and 52 of the report of Agent Keating referred to.

It is suggested that during your investigataion of this case, should your office secure any additional information with respect to the whereabouts of Schrager, appropriate action be taken. Apparently Schrager is friendly with Fugitive Miller.

It is requested that you forward this office a copy of the report of Agent Baum dated July 8, 1938.

Very truly yours,

T.F. CULLEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division
cc Kansas City.

Room 1408
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

THT:SH
62-4949

August 26, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

62-78915-5

Reference is made to your telegram of August 25th with respect to your file number 62-1649, in the matter of VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - Fugitive, I.O.1195, et al, in which you advise that one Morris Weiser, who was associated with the Buchalter party at Atlantic City, N.J. is apparently William Weisman with aliases.

During the investigation at Atlantic City, a photograph of Weisman was shown to the various persons in the hotel and it could not be identified as any person accompanying the Buchalter party. The description of Weiser does not correspond with the most recent description this office has of William Weisman. Furthermore, the Special Agents who were in Atlantic City observing the Buchalter party report that there was no one associated with the Buchalter party answering the description of William Weisman. The car that Weiser was driving is registered in the name of Nathan Spill, as reported, and investigation is being conducted with reference to the purchase of this car and the identity of the owner.

In your telegram, it was also observed that you advise Weisman is a friend of Miller and it is reported that he was the driver of one of the automobiles at Kansas City. This office has not been making any direct investigation with respect to William Weisman due to the fact that the office of origin has advised it has no information or evidence indicating that Weisman was implicated in the massacre. If information of this character is in the possession of your office, please advise for, as noted in the report of Agent Tracy, dated August 5, 1933, if Weisman is implicated in the shooting, there is a considerable amount of investigative activity to be had in this district in connection with the location of Weisman. All throughout the investigation in this district, however, a photograph of Weisman is being displayed, together with photographs of the others involved.

Very truly yours,

T. F. CULLEN
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Kan City
cc: Division

Room 1403
570 Lexington Avenue
New York City

SKM:SE
62-4949

August 28, 1933

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

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above matter and with a surveillance which is being maintained on Louis and Betty Buchalter alias Saffer at New York City in efforts to secure information regarding the whereabouts of Subject Miller, it has been ascertained that Mrs. Buchalter has communicated with a Mrs. Sam Finkel at Vallient, Oklahoma, transmitting advice that she (Mrs. Buchalter) had moved from her old address and requesting that any communications be sent in care of Zweibel, 115 West 86th Street, New York City.

It is desired that an immediate investigation be conducted at Vallient, Oklahoma with the idea of learning who Mrs. Sam Finkel is and also for the purpose of securing a list of long distance telephone calls and telegrams for the period of July 1, 1933 to date. For your information, it is indicated that Mrs. Finkel is the mother of Mrs. Betty Buchalter.

Very truly yours,

T. F. CULLEN
Special Agent in Charge

62-2915

cc: Division
Kansas City

Room 1405
570 Lexington Avenue
New York City

THT:SH
62-4949

August 28, 1933

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T. F. CULLEN
Special Agent in Charge

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August 28, 1933

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL - MR. NATHAN
St. Paul.

Mr. Nathan advised that Mr. Keenan arrived about one o'clock and probably would leave tonight for Chicago, and seems very anxious to get back to Washington. At the time of this call, Mr. Nathan advised, Mr. Keenan was conferring with United States Attorney Drill, and has talked with Sullivan who is to be the new United States Attorney, and has gone over the HAMM case rather briefly.

Mr. Nathan stated that he arranged in Kansas City on Saturday with Vetterli to get from the County Prosecutor his decision in the Bailey murder case, and told the Prosecutor they would expect to hear from him on Monday. Mr. Nathan advised he telephoned Vetterli about Noon and was informed that Mr. Mastin, the County Prosecutor, had said that he might go ahead with the case provided the witnesses could personally identify Bailey rather than his pictures; in other words, he wanted the witnesses to view Bailey, personally, rather than his photograph. Mr. Nathan stated that undoubtedly on Wednesday Bailey will be indicted in Kansas City for obstructing justice, the Federal charge, and that it will be possible to bring Bailey to Kansas City on that charge if desirable. I advised that I thought this should be left entirely in the hands of Mr. Keenan, and Mr. Nathan advised he had ascertained that Mr. Keenan thinks this should be done, but that Mr. Keenan had indicated Mr. Nathan should decide in the matter. I instructed Mr. Nathan to leave this matter entirely up to Mr. Keenan, so far as removal is concerned. Mr. Nathan stated he would get a positive opinion from Mr. Keenan. I advised that in the event they bring Bailey to Kansas City I desired that Mr. Nathan be in Kansas City when he arrives, but that he should stay with Mr. Keenan.

With regard to the BELL matter at Minneapolis, I suggested to Mr. Nathan that he contact Mr. Brown before he leaves that section of the country. He stated that Agent Devereux was leaving tonight, and had advised that Mr. Brown seemed disappointed that Mr. Nathan did not return to see him, although Mr. Nathan had no indicated in any way that he would return, but had stated he would ask Mr. Hoover to send an Agent to call upon him. Mr. Nathan stated he would call him by telephone, but had heard that he was out of the town.

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August 30, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with the case entitled VERNON C. BILLER, Identification Order No. 1195, et al - Obstruction of Justice (Attempt to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash), there are inclosed herewith photographs of Bernard Phillips, subject of Identification Order No. 1196. This picture was taken by the Chicago Police Department, on November 23, 1930, and is reported to be a good likeness of Phillips.

Copies of this photograph are being sent to each field office.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

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August 26, 1933.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan called and stated he had arrived at Kansas City this morning and had gone over the Bailey matter thoroughly with Mr. Mastin, the District Attorney, and that while Mastin had not definitely committed himself, Mr. Nathan felt that he would prosecute Bailey. Mr. Nathan stated that he had submitted some reports to Mr. Mastin and had arranged for other reports to be given to him by the office. He advised Mr. Mastin that he, Mr. Nathan, would call the Kansas City office on Monday morning from St. Paul to obtain his, Mr. Mastin's, decision. Mr. Nathan says he feels that Mastin might delay his decision for another day or two but that eventually he will decide affirmatively and will prosecute Bailey; that he seems to be impressed with the evidence against Bailey.

Mr. Nathan further stated that he was to see Mrs. Nash this afternoon for the purpose of endeavoring to obtain further evidence of the connection between Nash and Bailey; that he, Mr. Nathan, would leave Kansas City tonight and would arrive at St. Paul tomorrow, where he would remain until Mr. Keenan arrives on Monday; that he would like to go over the Hamm case with Hanni on Sunday.

He further stated that he had advised Gus Jones to go back to Dallas and from there to San Antonio for the purpose of contacting Louise Magness, the woman alleged to have been in the company of Catherine Kelly at Des Moines, Iowa, last week. He states that Louise Magness is apparently an important cog in this matter and possibly through contacting her we will be able to locate the Kelly woman. He further states that Jones knows the Magness woman and has contacts through which he can reach her.

Mr. Nathan stated that he had talked with Vetterli over the telephone relative to the report of the threatened kidnaping of the Governor of Kansas; that Vetterli had been unable to give him any information of value over the telephone as he was then talking from Brewster's office. He gathered that there is not a great deal to the matter. Vetterli will return to Kansas City this evening and Mr. Nathan will see him before he, Mr. Nathan, leaves for St. Paul.

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V. W. Hughes.

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The telephone number at Kansas City, Missouri, listed in the name of V. C. Moore was Jackson 7073. This residence was found to have been leased about two months previous to the time of the tragedy by one V. C. Moore, and to have been occupied by him, his wife and small child. It was reported that automobiles bearing Minnesota, Illinois and other state licenses were frequent callers at this house. It was reported that Moore and his family did not associate with any of the neighbors and were extremely reluctant to have their residence entered, even for the purpose of making ordinary repairs or to receive the calls of tradesmen. It was further found that Moore and his family had left this residence shortly after the massacre at the Union Station in Kansas City.

Arrangements were made by Special Agents of the Bureau of Investigation to enter this house. All articles therein were thoroughly examined and latent prints developed from certain articles found therein proved conclusively that the V. C. Moore who had leased this place for a period of one year was none other than Vernon C. Miller. There were indications that this house had recently been occupied by a person who had been either ill or wounded.

Upon request of the Kansas City Police for information concerning the developments of the investigation made in this case by Special Agents of the Bureau of Investigation, the telephonic evidence referred to in the foregoing, as well as the identity of Miller, established by the latent prints, was furnished them.

Every effort has been made to locate Miller and it is reported that he has been located at or in the vicinity of Louisville, Kentucky.

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906 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
August 28, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephone conversation with Mr. D. O. Smith, at the Chicago office, this morning, please be advised that Mr. Samuel Link, a witness in the Union Station shooting case, recites he was in Chicago on June 15th and there interviewed Mr. Brigham, of the North American Car Company, also Mr. Edgerton, of the Poultry Car Company. Witness Link is in the Frigidaire Unit business and contacted the foregoing men in connection with his Units.

It is requested that Mr. Brigham and Mr. Edgerton be interviewed immediately to ascertain if Link was in Chicago on the 15th of June.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

August 28, 1933.

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DIVISION ONE

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

Dear Sir:

In re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
CHICAGO FILE NO. 62-1649

Reference is made to the Birmingham office letter dated August 3, 1933, regarding the possible connection of one Sam "Golf Bag" Hunt with the gang with which former escaped Federal prisoner Frank Nash was associated. This letter requested that a copy of Hunt's picture be forwarded to the Birmingham office.

In compliance with this request, the latest group (full length) picture of Sam Hunt and his latest identification picture are forwarded herewith.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
August 28, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

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

An informant who has been coming to this office recently in connection with the above captioned matter, and who refuses to furnish his name but who is quite intelligent, although he admits having served a term in the penitentiary, recites an effort is being made by certain underworld gangsters to secure the release of Harvey Bailey; and he has advised this office that instead of using machine guns they plan, in their efforts to release Bailey, to use certain gasses. He recited that members of this gang have now approached a man by the name of Koranack (phonetic spelling), who is a German chemist at Minneapolis, Minnesota. The informant states that this man Koranack has been investigated by the Division.

The informant also states that they are planning on using two kinds of gasses - one Diphenylchlorasine, and, secondly, dichlorophyl sulphide. The first is known as German Blue Cross gas - deadly poison; the second is mustard gas.

He advised me he secured his information from feminine contacts, who are familiar with the gang, although, of course, he states he is not able to furnish us the names.

The informant advises he is leaving forthwith for the Pacific Coast for two months.

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This is simply submitted to you for your information. The informant also advising that if Bailey is removed by automobile a plane will sprinkle this gas on them.

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CC - Division
CC - St. Paul
CC - Oklahoma City

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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224 Federal Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
Aug. 29, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, et al
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

Reference is had to the file in the above matter and to early stages of this investigation, wherein the Kansas City office was endeavoring to locate one Max Levitt, formerly connected with the Educational Finance Corporation of Oklahoma City. I recall we developed he had left Oklahoma City and supposedly returned to Chicago.

I am now in receipt of information from the Better Business Bureau of Oklahoma City to the effect that Levitt and Mr. Barton, formerly Manager of the local office of the Educational Finance Corporation, have been separated from that company and that they are both now in Spokane, Washington, where they are organizing or attempting to promote a similar company.

If it is still desired to locate Levitt it is suggested you might cause investigation of the above lead.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan,
August 28, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S.Department of Justice,
303 Post Office Bldg.,
St. Paul, Minn.

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

Captain I. C. Marmon, Superintendent of the Michigan State Identification Division at Lansing, Mich., called at this office stating that he had secured information to the effect that Harry Brown, alias Schmidt, alias "Frisco Dutch", Jack Davenport and Jack Pfieffer, who are believed to be very close associates of Verne Miller, frequently visit White Bear Lake, near St. Paul, Minn., and while there usually can be found at the St. Francis or the West Hotel.

This information is being transmitted for such value as it may have in connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

M.W.Hoskins,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Building,
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VIA AIR MAIL

August 29, 1933.

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, et al,
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.
Chicago File No. 62-1649.

Reference is made to your telephonic conversation with Special Agent [illegible] C. Smith, of this office, on August 28, requesting certain information regarding Sam Link.

Special Agent J. L. Madala ascertained from Mr. Dixon, Secretary to Mr. E. D. Brigham, Vice-President of the North American Car Company, that he, Mr. Dixon, is positive Link has not been in the office of the North American Car Company within the past six months. Further, that Link is supposed to be an inventor and that it is believed that Link is mentally deficient.

On this date Special Agent J. D. Swenson interviewed Mr. E. D. Brigham, who advised that he is positive that he has not seen Mr. Sam Link for approximately one year; that Mr. Link is one of the strangest individuals he has ever known; that he personally believes Link to be crazy. He advised that Link worked in Kansas City promoting an ice cream vending machine equipped with dry ice, which Link is supposed to have invented. He advised that he met Link two or three years ago and that Mr. Link had been trying to secure the North American Car Company to employ his invention in refrigerator cars. He also advised that Link makes very wild statements at times and claims that he was with Teddy Roosevelt in South America and has personally met all the crown heads of Europe.

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Agent Swenson also interviewed Mr. I. V. Edgerton of the Palace Poultry Car Company, 327 South LaSalle Street. Mr. Edgerton advised that the last time he saw Link, as he recalls it, was in Kansas City in March of 1933 at the office of George Ailesworth, Board of Trade Building, where Link has been employed for the past two or three years. He stated he was positive that Mr. Link had not been in Chicago, at least to see him at his office, since the Fall of 1932; that Mr. Link was a very erratic person and made many statements which could not be relied upon.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Division.

RHC:GMH
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224 Federal Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Okla.,
Aug. 28, 1933.

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

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 had to your letter of July 26, 1933, containing information that E. C. Branson, taxi driver at Miami, Oklahoma, had some information concerning the father-in-law of Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd.

I had Agent Hollis interview Branson on August 21st, who stated his son, Floyd Branson, recently visited his father-in-law, Ed Martin, sixteen miles southeast of Neosho, Missouri, where he met a man whose name he cannot recall and who stated that "Pretty Boy" Floyd has a sister or cousin residing in the same vicinity where Ed Martin resides; that a number of large expensive automobiles have been seen going in the direction of the home of the sister or cousin of "Pretty Boy". E. C. Branson had no information to the effect that "Pretty Boy" had ever been in the vicinity of Ed Martin's home and could not vouch for the reliability of his informant. Ed Martin was formerly a peace officer in Oklahoma but recently moved to the vicinity of Neosho.

On August 25th Agent Hollis interviewed Floyd Branson, who stated that a short time ago he was visiting his father-in-law, Ed Martin, Rural Route No. 2, Stella, Mo., which is fourteen or sixteen miles southeast of Neosho, and while there Floyd Branson visited the general store at McNatt Mill near Stella, where he engaged in conversation with a farmer, name unknown, who stated that he knew Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd; that Floyd had a sister living on the creek near McNatt Mill. The farmer also advised he has seen Floyd in that vicinity and knows that Floyd visits his sister.

The above appears to be about all the information obtainable from this source at this time.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

SEM:SH
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August 29, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Burley Wright Building
Washington, D.C.

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with the investigation of the above case, which is being conducted by the New York office, it is desired to secure through the Passport Division of the Department of State a photographic or photostat copy of the photograph of one Betty Buchalter, alias Bucholtz, alias Buchhouse, alias Saffer. This office has received information to the effect that this woman holds a passport at the present time. Her residence is New York City, N.Y. and she is described as being about 36 years of age, weighing 160 pounds, having black hair and brown eyes.

I will thank you to give this matter expeditious attention.

Very truly yours,

T. F. CULLEN
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Division
Kansas City

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311 Burley-Wright Building
Washington, D. C.

August 30, 1933.

Mrs. R. B. Shipley,
Chief of Passport Division,
State Department,
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Madam:

In connection with the investigation of the above case, it is desired to secure a photographic or photostat copy of the photograph of one Betty Buchalter, alias Bucholtz, alias Buchhouse, alias Saffer. This office has received information from our New York office that this woman holds a passport at the present time.

On this date, Special Agent R. E. Smith of this office conferred with Mr. James E. McKenna at your office relative to this matter. A search of your files disclosed the only individual who might possibly be identical to Betty Buchalter was one Beatrice Buchalter, whose address was 115 West 86th St., New York City, who made application for passport in May of this year. It was further noted that this same individual had also made application for a passport in 1931. It was further noted from your file that Beatrice Buchalter is married to one Louis Buchalter.

Although the description of Beatrice Buchalter, who made application for passport, does not conform in every detail with the description we have of Betty Buchalter, it is felt by this office both are identical. Betty Buchalter, who is involved in the investigation of this case is married to one Louis Buchalter, who is a well-known gangster and racketeer in New York City. Our files further disclose that Betty Buchalter has traveled abroad on occasions and was born in a foreign country. As noted from your file, Beatrice Buchalter made application for passport in 1931, and further that she was born in London, England.

It will be appreciated if you will furnish us with a photographic of photostat copy of the Beatrice Buchalter above referred to. It will be very much appreciated if this matter is given expeditious attention.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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August 30, 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 Division's letter of August 9, 1933, advising that Mr. C. F. Willis, 509 East Young Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in a letter addressed to the Department in connection with an 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. You were requested to have Mr. Willis promptly interviewed. However, no report has as yet been received.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

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July 9, 1933

MURDER OF SPECIAL AGENT RAYMOND J. CAFFREY, POLICE OFFICERS WILLIAM J. GROOMS, and FRANK E. HERMANSON, and CHIEF OF POLICE OTTO REED; WOUNDING OF SPECIAL AGENT F. J. LACKEY.

CONNECTION OF VERNON C. MILLER WITH ABOVE.

Vernon C. Miller alias Verne Miller, Vincent C. Moore, and Verne Marlin, was received at the South Dakota Penitentiary on April 4, 1923, from Beadle County, for embezzlement of public funds, under a sentence of two to ten years, and to pay a fine of $5,200. He was also indicted at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, October 20, 1925 for violation of the National Prohibition Act. His bond was later forfeited and a nolle prosequi entered. He is known to have been an associate of Frank Nash and his gang for some time.

All of the evidence in this case may not be set forth, of course, but the following is of interest:

At 4:42 P.M. on June 16th, shortly after Frank Nash had been taken into custody by Special Agents of the Bureau of Investigation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, a telephone call was made from a certain number at Hot Springs to "Herb Farmer" at Joplin, Missouri. At 8:46 P.M., approximately 8 minutes after the Special Agents of this Bureau, accompanied by Chief of Police Reed of McAlester, Oklahoma, had left by train from Fort Smith, Arkansas for Kansas City, Missouri, a telephone call was made from Fort Smith, Arkansas to Hot Springs, Arkansas. At 10:09 P.M., a telephone call was listed from the same number at Hot Springs, Arkansas, as previously set forth, to "Herb Farmer" at Joplin, Missouri. At 10:17 P.M. a telephone call was recorded from the residence of Farmer at Joplin, Missouri to a residence at 6612 Edgevale Street, Kansas City, Missouri, occupied by a person giving his name as V. C. Moore. At 12:05 A.M. on June 17th, the day of the massacre, a telephone call was listed from the pay station at the Union Station at Kansas City to Ester Farmer, Herb Farmer's wife, at Joplin, Missouri.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI FILE NO. 62-690

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TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, I. O. #1195 - FUGITIVE; RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, et al.	OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Telephone number Garfield 3183J at Detroit, Michigan, is listed in name of Lawrence McCutchen, 1624 Putnam. Louise Conner is not known to management of rooming house at this address but there is possibility that latter knew some roomer there. -RUC-

REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agents W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, 7/28/33, and L. D. Socey, Detroit, Michigan, 7/12/33.

DETAILS: Through the courtesy of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company at Detroit, Michigan, Agent ascertained that telephone, Garfield 3183, would have to be a party line and that as such the numerals would be followed by a letter.

Telephone Garfield 3183J, it was ascertained, is listed in the name of Lawrence McCutchen, 1624 Putnam. This address it should be noted is reflected in the report of Agent Trainor on page 7, Paragraph 3.

Records of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company further reflect that this telephone number was originally Garfield 1276 but that in February 1933 the same was changed to its present listing.

Special Agent in Charge William Larson communicated with Mrs. McCutchen by telephone under an appropriate pretext and the latter advised that she does not know and has never heard of any person by the name

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of Louise Conner. She did suggest however that she is operating a rooming house at 1624 Putnam and frequently has quite a number of roomers and that some person by this name may have been communicating with a roomer of hers but that she had no way of determining this fact.

It was thought that since Mrs. McCutchen's rooming house at 1624 Putnam is in the general vicinity of where alleged houses of prostitution are operated that she may be operating a house of similar character. However, a check of vice records in the city of Detroit failed to substantiate this thought.

Leads for the Detroit office as set forth in the report of Special Agent Socey dated at Detroit, 7/12/33, are being ignored in view of Subject Bailey's apprehension.

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Benton Arkansas.
August the 27th 1933.

United States Bureau Of Investigation
Department Of Justice
Washington.D.C.

Kind Sirs.

Not knowing where the closest branch office of your department is located,I am sending this direct to that office.
I am told by a friend that lives in Hotsprings Arkansas,that one of the men that was connected with the Kansas City murder of four officers and there prisner Frank Nash.Is in hideing in and around Hotsprings Arkansas. That he was seen on the street there one day last week,and that he hangs out around the Club Houses out a short distance from Hotsprings arkansas. I am located at Benton Arkansas,33 miles from Hotsprings on the maine highway from Little Rock to Hotsprings,and I am the Night Marshal at Benton,should you have a man passing through Benton,have him look me up and I might be able to give him more information then.

Yours For Better Law Enforcement

V.L.Landers.

V. L. Landers. Night Marshal.

Benton,Arkansas.

P.S.
Dick Galatis or Prichard Sheridan is the fellows name.

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Mr. V. L. Landers,
Night Marshal,
Benton, Arkansas.

Dear Sir: RE: LOCATION OF DICK GALATAS.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of August 27, and have taken the liberty of directing the Special Agent in Charge of this Division's office at Oklahoma City to make an early inquiry into the matter.

I beg to assure you that I appreciate your kindness in so efficiently cooperating with this Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting, attached hereto, a copy of a communication addressed to the Division by Mr. V. L. Landers, Night Marshal at Benton, Arkansas, in which he refers to the location of Dick Galatis as Prichard Sheridan.

In this connection, the Division believes that it would be well for you, at the earliest possible date, to proceed to Hot Springs for the purpose of interviewing informants there in connection with the possible location of Galatas. It might be well for you, at the same time, to call upon Mr. Landers.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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September 1, 1933

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

RE: WEBB C. MILLER et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (ENDEAVOR TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH)

Dear Sir:

It is requested that inquiry be made at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to determine whether Pat Gardelle Sturney contemplates attending the University of Alabama during the coming school year, and that the Division be advised of his registration by wire.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Fugitive.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #1195, et al.,
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

Mr. Dwight Brantley, formerly of the Washington field office, at my request, located and interviewed Bennie Covell, reported to be an intimate friend of Frank Nash.

For your information, I am transmitting herewith copy of a memorandum prepared by Special Agent Brantley relative to the interview had by him with Benjamin Harrison Covell.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

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September 1, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Reference is made to the memorandum of Mr. L. C. Schilder to the Director, dated August 30, 1933, which contains the criminal record of Benjamin H. Covell, who is described as a friend of Subject Frank Nash (deceased).

Mr. Dwight Brantley of the Washington Field Office by telephonic communication advised the writer that he had located Benjamin H. Covell and interviewed him on August 31st at the field office. Mr. Brantley stated that he would incorporate in his report the criminal record of Benjamin H. Covell and the investigation desired and would forward copies of the report to the Kansas City Division office. Mr. Brantley's report will likewise include information contained in the memorandum of the Director, dated August 30th, which concerns a telephone call between the Director and Mr. Brantley on August 30.

Respectfully,

D. W. Magee

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August 30, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Brantley of the field office telephoned Mr. Coffey, inquiring if we had a record of Bennie Covell, reputed to be a friend of Frank Nash and a well known racketeer. The record of an individual possibly identical was located and the record subsequently furnished to Mr. Oliver at Mr. Brantley's request, together with three photographs of Covell. Two additional photographs have been prepared and are being retained in our file for possible future use. The criminal record is as follows:

As Benjamin H. Covell, #20641, received USP, Leavenworth, Kansas, February 1, 1924, from Washington, D. C., crime forging and uttering U.S. obligations; sentence 5 years - 9-5 years concurrently.

As B. H. Covell, #4142, arrested PD, Miami, Florida, January 5, 1931, charge investigation - con man; released.

As Ben Covell, #9036, arrested PD, Knoxville, Tennessee, February 22, 1933 charge investigation (forgery); released to Washington, D. C.

As Benjamin Harrison Covell, alias Benjamin Harrison Coville, #43462, arrested PD, Washington, D. C., February 22, 1933, charge false pretense.

As Benj. Covell, #11714-33, received asylum and Jail, Washington, D. C., March 3, 1933, charge false pretenses; held to Grand Jury - released on bond April 15, 1933.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

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They should find this man & question him closely as I am informed he was close friend of Frank Nash & has since his return to Wash. done some talking as to the K. C. massacre.

9/21/33
J. E. H.

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

August 30, 1933.

MEMORANDUM - TELEPHONE CALL, Mr. Brantley,
Washington Field Office.

I advised Mr. Brantley that there had been a notice in the newspaper that one Benny Covell was interviewed at the Willard Hotel by a Cuban in connection with the opening of a large gambling casino in Havana, and that Benny Covell had been an intimate friend of Frank Nash and in fact had been in the penitentiary with Nash at one time. I further advised Mr. Brantley that I had just received a telephone call in which I was advised that there was in town one Benny Cravell who was an intimate friend of Frank Nash, and that Cravell had said that the man they should "knock off" is a Polack at the present time in New Orleans and that he knows where this Polack is. I suggested that this Polack referred to might be Galatas, although I did not believe he was a Polack. I stated that I had also been advised that the Police would not touch Cravell because they were afraid of him. I requested that Mr. Brantley endeavor to ascertain the whereabouts of Cravell.

This information was given by Mr. Edward Shreve of the Prohibition Unit in the presence of Mr. Stanley.
8/31/33 J.E.H.

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