

CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD
KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

62-28915

SECTION 22

CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD
FRANK NASH
VERNE MILLER
ADAM RICHETTI
KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter, dated September 21, 1933, in the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. 1195, et al, Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash), with which was enclosed copy of a letter from Harry Thompson of Iowa City, Iowa, in which he stated that he could cause the apprehension of the man responsible for the murders at Kansas City within a period of thirty days if given employment.

Please be advised that it has been ascertained through investigation by Special Agent O. C. Dewey that Harry Thompson, above mentioned, is identical with one Homer Cleo Fanning, the latter being the subject of case file captioned Homer Cleo Fanning, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Impersonation, 26-3529. Your attention is especially directed to the report of Special Agent O. C. Dewey, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, October 15, 1933, in the last cited case.

In addition to the information set out in Agent Dewey's report, referred to hereinabove, a search of Fanning's personal effects revealed a copy of your letter addressed to him at General Delivery, Iowa City, Iowa, under date of September 21, 1933; also a letter to J. B. Keenan at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, offering to turn in the parties connected with the Urchel kidnaping. The letter directed to Mr. Keenan, as well as the original of your letter to Thompson, was obtained by Agent Dewey and are being transmitted herewith to you.

Agent Dewey further comments that while Fanning apparently has considerable information regarding various criminals and advises of his association with Ed Davis and Jim Clark, subjects of Identification Orders 1193 and 1192, respectively, Fanning appears to be very shifty and it is not believed that much faith can be placed in him.

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Stanley F. Varschell

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Fanning admitted to Agent Dewey that he had written to you under the name Harry Thompson as he was aware of the fact that the Division did not employ any individuals with criminal records.

Very truly yours,



E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 21, 1933.

Mr. Harry Thompson,
General Delivery,
Iowa City, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter concerning the individuals responsible for the slaying at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933.

With reference to your request for employment, kindly be advised that there are no vacancies in the Division of Investigation at the present time. It is suggested, however, that if you have the basic qualifications - that is, if you are an attorney or a qualified accountant between the ages of twenty-five and thirty-five years - you make request for an application, which will be given due consideration.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
Director.

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Dear Sir

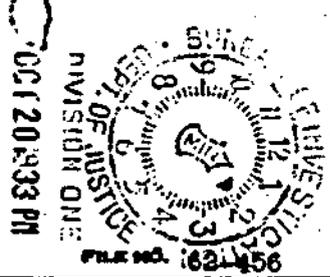
I have your letter of the 21 at hand and your advice as to what I should do as to get into the Division of Investigation and how do I get an application if I can fill all the qualifications you wrote in your letter.

Now as I told you before I can have the men responsible for the Kansas City slaying and at the present time I know the exact place where George Kelly is now. So I wish you would please write and let me know what to do now.

Yours Truly

Harry Thompson
Gen. Del.
Iowa City
Iowa

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Kansas City, Mo.**

REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE 10-16-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-8-9-33	REPORT MADE BY J. J. Perkins
TITLE VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1195, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

F. M. Atwood, 2851 W. 51st St., Oklahoma City, Okla., purchased Plymouth Coupe, Motor No. PD-91556, on 9-26-33 from the Reinsauer Motor Co., Oklahoma City, Okla., paying purchase price in cash of \$698.75. No such number as 2851 W. 51st St. in Oklahoma City and no one by the name of F. M. Atwood known in that community. On 7-5-33 the Horace Potter Motor Co., Tuttle, Okla., sold to W. L. Black, General Delivery, Oklahoma City, Okla., Ford DeLuxe Coupe, Motor No. 243736 and on same date 1933 Oklahoma license was issued to W. L. Black for above described car. B. L. Black unknown at 210 West 10th Street, Oklahoma City, Okla. Records at Police headquarters, Oklahoma City, Okla., fail to disclose auto theft report on above described cars.

REFERENCE: Wire from San Antonio office dated October 8, 1933.

DETAILS:

Upon receipt of reference telegram, Special Agent Donovan Owens telephoned to the Police Department, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and ascertained that they have no report of the theft of Ford Coupe, Motor No. 243736.

Special Agent C. G. Schenken examined the Oklahoma City directory and found that No. 210 West 10th Street is occupied by the Childrens Service Bureau with Miss Nina Ryder as Director. Agent Schenken telephoned to Miss Ryder at her home and learned that the Childrens Service Bureau has occupied the premises at 210 West 10th Street for over two years and that no one by the name of B. L. Black is known there.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28915-692	RECORDED AND INDEXED: OCT 20 1933
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REMB. 2 - Dan Glines Dallas

A summary of the above information was reported telegraphically to the San Antonio office on October 8, 1933.

On October 8, 1933, the San Antonio office telephoned to the Oklahoma City office to the effect that Brady and Clark were arrested and had in their possession a Plymouth Coupe, Motor No. PD-91556, together with title papers indicating that they had obtained the same from Fred Reinauer, salesman for Reinauer Bros. Motor Co., 25-27 West 9th Street, Oklahoma City. It was reported that the Ford Coupe above mentioned bore Oklahoma tags No. 438-040 and title thereto was supported by certificate No. 1176416.

Fred Reinauer, member of the firm of Reinauer Motor Co., 25 N.W. 9th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, stated that on September 25, 1933, Art Neff, used car dealer, 604 North Broadway, Oklahoma City, advised him that he had a prospective buyer for a Plymouth Coupe who would be around to see him, Mr. Reinauer, the following day to make the purchase. He stated that on September 26, 1933 a party giving his name as F. M. Atwood, residence 2951 N.W. 51st Street, Oklahoma City, came to his place of business and purchased a 1933 Model Plymouth DeLuxe Coupe, Motor No. PD1556, Serial #2095857, paying in cash \$698.75, the purchase price of the car.

Mr. Reinauer was unable to give an accurate description of Mr. Atwood but believed he was about 36 years old, 5 ft. 7 in. tall, weighed 175 pounds, had dark hair and wore a tan suit and was commonly dressed.

The photos of Wilbur Underhill, Ed Davis and Bob Brady were exhibited to Mr. Reinauer, who was unable to identify any of the above parties as the man Atwood who purchased car mentioned heretofore.

Art Neff, used car dealer, 604 North Broadway, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, stated that sometime during the year of 1929, while serving a sentence in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, he became acquainted with a party, who was also an inmate of this institution, whose first name was Jack, last name unknown; that Jack was better known as "Jack the Barber". He stated that during the latter part of September, 1933 this "Jack the Barber" and another man, who was introduced as Mr. Atwood, came to his place of business; that after being introduced to Atwood, "Jack the Barber" informed him, Mr. Neff, that Atwood wanted to purchase a Plymouth Coupe and he desired him, Mr. Neff, to get the commission on the purchase; that after "Jack the Barber" and Atwood left, he went to the Reinauer Motor Company, where he got in touch with Fred Reinauer, informing him that he was sending a man by the name of Atwood around to purchase a Plymouth Coupe; that he later received from the Reinauer Motor Company \$100.00 as commission on the sale of a Plymouth Coupe to Atwood.

The photos of Wilbur Underhill, Ed Davis and Bob Brady were exhibited to Mr. Neff, who failed to identify any of the above named parties as being the F. M. Atwood who was introduced to him by "Jack the Barber". However, Mr. Neff did identify the photograph of Brady as being the Bob Brady who was serving a sentence for embezzlement in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma when he was an inmate of that institution. Mr. Neff's description of Atwood was somewhat similar to that

furnished by Mr. Reinauer.

Sergeant W. J. Sterrett, in charge of the Auto Theft Bureau, Police Department, Oklahoma City, stated that upon being requested by the State Highway Department, Oklahoma City, to make a check of the Plymouth Coupe previously mentioned, he assigned Detectives Jerry Campbell and George Baker to the case, who were unable to find any such address as 2851 N.W. 51st Street, Oklahoma City, and were also unable to locate anyone by the name of F. M. Atwood, who purchased a Plymouth Coupe from the Reinauer Motor Company, being known in that locality.

Sergeant Sterrett further stated that he was also requested by the State Highway Department to investigate the purchase of a Ford DeLuxe V-8 Ford Coupe, Motor No. 243736, which bore 1933 Oklahoma license No. 438-040. He stated that investigation at the Ford Motor Company, Oklahoma City, disclosed that the above described car was sold July 4, 1933 to the Horace Potter Motor Company, Tuttle, Oklahoma; that on July 5, 1933 said motor company sold above described car to W. L. Black, General Delivery, Oklahoma City, and that on July 5, 1933 1933 Oklahoma license No. 438-040 was issued to W. L. Black for the above described car. He stated that the records of the Auto Theft Bureau failed to disclose a theft report of either the Plymouth Coupe or Ford Coupe and it was his opinion that both cars were purchased legitimately but were purchased under fictitious names.

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Mr. E. E. Conroy,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite L,
Kansas City, Missouri.

OCT 20 1933

Dear Mr. Conroy:

I am inclosing herewith a copy of a telegram sent by the Acting Director of the Bureau of Prisons to the Warden at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas and to the Warden of the United States Penitentiary Annex, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. You will, of course, exercise the privilege accorded in these instructions to the Wardens in a most circumspect manner. As I understand it, instructions have been issued so that the three prisoners, namely, George Kelly, Albert L. Bates, and Harvey Bailey, have been ordered to be held in isolation and are not to be granted any privileges or accorded the opportunity of seeing any visitors, and that the only exception to this will be when you or some one for whom you will vouch and accompany, has official business to transact requiring contact with any one of the three prisoners.

Mr. Spear has just advised me of the publicity appearing in one of the Kansas City papers today announcing the fact that a group of witnesses were to be taken to the Penitentiary to view the prisoners in connection with the Kansas City massacre. I instructed Mr. Spear to cancel all plans for this arrangement in view of this publicity, as I do not want any such spectacular or sensational atmosphere surrounding this matter.

In order to avoid any publicity in the future, I would suggest that you arrange to take two or three of these witnesses at a time to the Penitentiary and that this arrangement be made in such a manner that the witnesses will not be able to give out in advance to their friends or to the newspapers the fact that they are being taken to the Penitentiary. I realize that the whole matter could be taken care of by taking the group together, but this would attract attention and be of a spectacular character, and for this reason I believe that they should be taken in groups of two or three until all have had the opportunity of viewing these prisoners.

Very truly yours,

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Director.

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DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF PRISONS

TO
The Attorney General
Asst. Atty. General Sisson

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Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....

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October 18, 1953.

F.O. Zerbst, Warden,
U.S. Penitentiary,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Permit Agent Conroy Bureau Investigation and those
for whom he will vouch and accompany interview Kelly
STUP Our instructions yesterday modified accordingly.

Bennett Acting Director.

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October 18, 1933.

Hudspeth,
Warden, U.S. Penitentiary Annex,
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Permit Agent Conroy Bureau Investigation and those
for whom he will vouch and accompany interview Bailey
Bates and Shannon. Our instructions yesterday
modified accordingly.

Bennett Acting Director.

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10-15-33
Bennett*

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

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUG.
 I. O. #1195, ET AL - OBSTRUCTION OF
 JUSTICE (Endeavor to deliver Federal
 Prisoner Frank Nash)
 KANSAS CITY FILE 62-760-

On the morning of October 18, 1933, it was planned to take the Government witnesses in the above case to Leavenworth, Kansas, to view Kelly, Bailey and Bates in connection with this case, as you were advised by Special Agent in Charge Conroy.

About 9 o'clock A.M. Mr. Conroy received a telephone call from an individual who stated he was Mr. Smith, of the Kansas City Journal Post, and had received information concerning this contemplated trip of the witnesses and desired to know what Mr. Conroy knew about the same. Mr. Conroy refused to confirm or deny the report, but requested that the article be not printed as it would interfere with the investigation of this case. Smith advised Mr. Conroy that he could not personally pass on whether the story was to be printed or not as he was only a reporter, and he would have to refer the matter to the Managing Editor of his paper.

Believing that this information might also have been obtained by the Kansas City Star, Mr. Conroy requested me to personally call upon Roy Roberts, Managing Editor of the Kansas City Star, and request that an article concerning the contemplated trip of these witnesses to Leavenworth be not printed. Accordingly, I did call upon Mr. Roberts at his office at the Kansas City Star at approximately 9:40 A.M., and explained the situation to him and requested that the matter be not printed. Mr. Roberts expressed his opinion that the same should not be printed and agreed that he would contact his editors on the desk and request them to kill any such story which might come in.

Mr. Roberts further stated that he was willing at any time to cooperate with the Government, keeping stories from his paper which might affect an investigation being conducted by the Government.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DIRECTOR NATHAN

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I returned to the Kansas City Division Office and immediately prior to Mr. Conroy leaving the city for Fort Smith, Arkansas, on a matter concerning this case, he advised me that I should personally call upon Dick Smith, Managing Editor of the Kansas City Journal Post and endeavor to effect similar arrangements with his paper as those effected with the Kansas City Star.

Sheriff Thomas Bash, of Kansas City, Missouri, who was then at the office preparatory to leaving with Mr. Conroy, volunteered to call Dick Smith, known to him personally, and advise Mr. Smith that the undersigned was coming immediately to see him about an official matter. Accordingly, Sheriff Bash did call and thereafter I proceeded to the Kansas City Journal Post Building and talked to Mr. Dick Smith, Managing Editor of that paper, this being at approximately 10:35 or 10:40 A.M.

Mr. Dick Smith advised me he thought an article had already gone into the noon edition of the paper in this matter, and at that time went to his city desk and obtained a proof copy of the article and read the same to me. At that time I told Mr. Smith that the article absolutely should not be printed as it would materially interfere with the Government's investigation of this case. I conferred with Mr. Smith for perhaps ten minutes concerning this matter, endeavoring to point out the reasons why we did not want the article in the paper. However, he stated that the paper had gone to press; that it would be impossible to kill the article; hence, the article would be run in the noon edition of the Journal Post. He volunteered to kill the article in the later editions of the paper.

Immediately upon returning to the Kansas City Office I found that some 17 of the Government's witnesses had assembled, ready to proceed to Leavenworth to view the above named suspects. I immediately endeavored to get in touch with the Division, but at the time I was advised Mr. Nathan was out of the city, and Mr. Hughes and yourself were out to lunch.

After my conversation with you at about 1:05 P.M., Central Standard Time, I followed your instructions by calling the prospective witnesses together, advising them the trip would be cancelled in view of the unfortunate publicity which was given to the contemplated trip. The witnesses seemed to be satisfied and seemed to think that the course being pursued was the best. No arrangements at that time were made for the witnesses to return. However, pursuant to your instructions, the witnesses will be taken in the immediate future to Leavenworth to view the suspects in groups of two or three at a time,

and the plans for their transportation will be carried out with the utmost secrecy in an endeavor to prevent any publicity whatsoever being given to the trips.

I am attaching hereto a copy of the article on this matter appearing in the noon edition of the Kansas City Journal Post for October 18, 1933. The article did not appear in the later editions of the Kansas City Journal Post, and no article concerning this matter appeared in any of the editions of the Kansas City Star.

You will note that the fourth paragraph is somewhat derogatory concerning Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli. Although the reporter who called Mr. Conroy in the morning only gave his surname as Smith, not stating his given name, it is my personal opinion that the reporter in question was Gilbert Smith, who covers quite a few cases out of the Federal Building here, and who was in the Kansas City Division Office numerous times immediately subsequent to the Union Station Massacre on June 17th. Smith is an individual whom I have known personally for several years, though not intimately, and I know him to have a very unpleasant disposition. I feel quite positive that he disliked Mr. Vetterli due to the fact that Mr. Vetterli repeatedly refused to give him any news. Of course, Mr. Smith was treated by Mr. Vetterli in the same manner as any other newspaper reporters in view of the Department's and Division's policy on publicity.

During our telephonic conversation yesterday you asked me as to the source of the news appearing in the Kansas City Journal Post. During my conversation with Dick Smith he advised me the information had been obtained from some red cap or employee at the Union Station, Kansas City, Missouri.

I am attaching hereto memorandum prepared by Special Agent W. F. Trainor concerning the preparations made for the assembling and transportation of these witnesses to Leavenworth, which memorandum is self-explanatory.

Subsequent to my telephonic conversation with you the Warden at the main penitentiary, as well as the Deputy Warden at the Penitentiary Annex, at Leavenworth, were both advised the trip had been cancelled due to unfortunate publicity which had been given

the incident by local newspapers.

Very truly yours,



M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

MCS:os
ENCLS.

Kansas City, Missouri
October 19, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. 1195
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1201
WILBER UNDERHILL, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1191, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash)
K. C. File 62-760-

Pursuant to instructions of Special Agent in Charge
Conroy, the writer made arrangements, on 10-16-33, to transport
from Kansas City, Missouri, to Leavenworth, Kansas, witnesses in
this case named as follows:

H. L. Orr, driver Yellow Cab Company.
E. L. Ellis, driver Yellow Cab Company.
Robert E. Fritts, driver Yellow Cab Company.
Alva Parman, driver Yellow Cab Company.
D. A. Solomon, employed by Station Master, Union
Railroad Station.
Jack Clark, employed by Station Master, Union
Railroad Station.
J. D. Jamieson, employed by Station Master, Union
Railroad Station.
W. D. Rousier, Manager, Fred Harvey Restaurant,
Union Railroad Station.
Mrs. Lottie West, Travelers Aid, Union Railroad
Station.
W. E. Gregory, Room 2011, Telephone Building.
Robert D. Woods, operator, Kansas City Public
Service Company.

Arrangements were made with Mr. Dale Harmon, Manager of
the Yellow Cab Company, to have his employees available, and similar
arrangements were made with Mr. Lee, Assistant Station Master,
Union Railroad Station, to have the Station Master's employees
available. The other individuals were personally interviewed on
10-16-33. All parties approached in this matter were advised of
the very confidential nature of the matter, and were further re-
minded that for the best interests of themselves and the Government
absolutely no publicity should be made available in this connection.
The parties all appeared at the Kansas City office by 12:30 P.M.,

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*Station was in the Kansas City building

10-18-33, and were to be taken to Leavenworth by auto by Special Agents of this office. The matter was handled secretly in every respect.

Communication was telephonically had with the Deputy Wardens at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, both at the Annex and the main prison and arrangements were there made to have the prisoners Bailey, Bates and Kelly available for scrutiny by the witnesses. Those individuals were also informed of the confidential nature of the trip.

When at approximately 12 noon, 10-18-33 the various witnesses began to arrive at the office it was discovered that a noon edition of the Kansas City Journal-Post carried an article regarding the intended trip with the witnesses in question. It is anticipated that further comment and a copy of the article will be sent by the Special Agent in Charge to the Division.

Acting Special Agent in Charge M. C. Spear communicated telephonically with the Director at 1 P.M. advising of the appearance of the newspaper article. The witnesses were still being held at the office awaiting further decision as to whether or not the trip should be made, at the time that communication was had with the Director. Acting Special Agent in Charge Spear advised the writer that in view of the publicity which had occurred the Director had instructed that the trip be postponed. Mr. Spear therefore advised the witnesses accordingly. Immediate communication was also had at that time with the Deputy Wardens, F. J. Morrison of the main penitentiary and Hudspeth of the Penitentiary Annex, Leavenworth, Kansas, advising them of the postponement of the trip in question. Under orders from the Director the various witnesses will be taken in small groups of two and three at a time to the penitentiary to view the prisoners in question. This action will be instituted at an early date as it was not deemed advisable to take any of them on the afternoon of 10-18-33, in view of the fact that there would probably have been several newspaper cameras awaiting taking a photograph of the witnesses.

It may be stated that arrangements were perfected with the penitentiary authorities on 10-18-33 to have these prisoners available for scrutiny since it was learned that through the Director of Prisons instructions were received that same should be done. This arrangement was brought about through the Director of this Division at the request of Special Agent in Charge Conroy. Also

arrangements were made with the penitentiary authorities whereby the rule of registration of the visiting parties (witnesses) would be waived when they are brought to the penitentiary to view these prisoners. Instead of this practice the names of the witnesses will be handed to the Warden in a sealed envelope previously prepared at the Kansas City office and same will be kept in his confidential file.

It should be stated here that Mrs. Margaret Turner, colored, of Olathe, Kansas, who is considered a very important witness in this case, was found to be seriously ill and now confined in the Bell Memorial Hospital, Kansas City, Kansas, therefore, she would not be available at this time to view the prisoners. Also Walter Berry, a colored boy, who was with Margaret Turner on the night of 6-16-33, and who might have seen parties implicated in this case at the Union Railroad Station at Kansas City, was brought to this office on 10-18-33 where, after an extended interview, it was found that he could not possibly identify any prisoner or other party as being implicated since he was asleep in the car occupied by Mrs. Turner, parked near the Union Station on the night of 6-16-33. Therefore, he is not to be taken to the penitentiary to view the prisoners.

W. F. Trainor

W. F. TRAINOR,
SPECIAL AGENT

KELLY, BAILEY AND BATES IN MASSACRE QUIZ

**Witnesses of Union Station
Butchery to View Trio
at Leavenworth.**

14 WILL MAKE TRIP

**Federal Officers in Charge
of Attempt to Identify
Prisoners.**

An attempt to identify George (Machine Gun) Kelly, Albert Bates and Harvey Bailey, now serving life terms in the federal prisons at Leavenworth for their part in the Urschel kidnaping in Oklahoma City, as participants in the Union station massacre was to be made Wednesday by federal officers.

Fourteen persons who were in front of the Union station the morning of the massacre have been assembled by the government for the "show-up" of the three prisoners. They were to make the trip to Leavenworth Wednesday.

After the Union station massacre, in which four officers and their prisoner were slain in the most sensational crime in Kansas City's history, the government put a large part of its investigating organization on the case. Witnesses were interviewed and the entire investigation shrouded in secrecy.

R. E. Vetterli, at that time agent in charge of the division of investigation, department of justice, in Kansas City, started an investigation that failed to develop any arrests. Mr. Vetterli was transferred from here to the West coast.

It was known the government had the names of twelve or fifteen persons who saw at least a part of the shooting. Bailey was indicted by a grand jury here in connection with the massacre. Later developments indicated Kelly had some connection with the shooting.

If identification is made, it is expected the men identified will be tried in the circuit court here on a charge of first degree murder.

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E E Conroy
Division of Investigation
US Department of Justice
Suite 1 Federal Bldg
Kansas City Mo

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DIVISION ONE



Know following from United States Attorney Santa Fe New Mexico quote
US Marshal here willing Kansas authorities take Brady wiring Warden
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Wm J Barker
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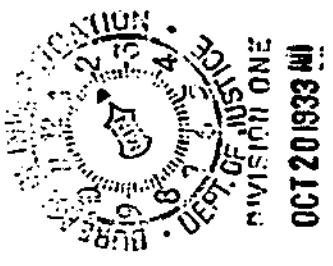
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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER

October 19, 1933

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT NEW YORK CITY

Nicholas Delsore in custody Union County, New Jersey detectives.
Indicted for killing Prohibition Agent Finiello at Elizabeth, New
Jersey, September 19, 1930. Alleged associate of William Weismann.
Reported to have resided in St. Paul, Minnesota with Weismann and Nellie
Conners, during July, 1932. Refer report Agent Tracy, New York,
August 5, 1933, page 39. Nellie Conners may be identical with Louise
Conner, under indictment in Kansas City massacre. Conduct immediate
investigation with view establishing whereabouts Weisman and Louise
Conner. Alleged Weisman close associate Verne Miller. Establish
location Delsore on June 17, 1933.

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1930 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Personal and
Confidential.

October 18, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

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

I am in receipt of your letter dated October 11, 1933,
relative to one John Hagan, who has called on you recently.

Please be advised that this individual has previously
endeavored to obtain employment here and he, of course, cannot be em-
ployed by the Division in any capacity. Your assumptions are correct
and for your information it is my opinion that it would be well to
refrain from dealing with this person in any manner whatsoever.

Very truly yours,

E. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Division
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801 Title Guaranty Bldg.
Saint Louis, Missouri
October 18, 1933

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DIVISION ONE



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

Dear Sir:

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

It is requested that you advise this of-
fice of the name and address of the party to whom
Tennessee 1933 license plates 329-177 were issued,
also the make of car for which same were issued.

These license plates have been observed
on a Chevrolet coach, and it is believed that same
is being driven by one A. J. Connors.

Very truly yours,

D. W. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

DWL:H
cc Division
cc Kansas City
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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

62-4949

October 18, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
900 Extra Thompson Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

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Dear Sir:

With reference to your file #62-476 in the matter of VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1195, et al, please refer to letter from this office dated September 21st, which requests investigation in your district with reference to one Rose Buchalter, supposedly the sister of Louis Buchalter.

No report has been received from your office as yet in response to this request.

Very truly yours,

T. F. CULLEN
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Division
Kansas City

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October 17, 1933.

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MEMORANDUM.

Mr. Conroy advised telephonically from Kansas City that the Agents had called in from Ft. Smith and advised that the Underhill lead in Oklahoma looks extremely good and there is an indication that "Pretty Boy" Floyd is with Underhill. Mr. Conroy stated that the woman they are in contact with is the woman who hid Underhill at the time he escaped from the McAlester Penitentiary in Oklahoma, and he further stated that this woman is cooperating with the Division. He stated that Underhill is supposed to arrive there sometime late Thursday night. Mr. Conroy stated he is leaving tomorrow night, and Sheriff Bash has offered to accompany him, and take one of his deputies and his gas equipment. I stated I would like to handle this ourselves if we can.

**Info. in Show as R. Bash
will be to Underhill*

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Unit One

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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

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Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hughes
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Lester
Mr. Locke

October 18, 1933.

MEMORANDUM.

Mr. Spear telephoned from Kansas City with reference to the witnesses who were to be taken to Leavenworth for the purpose of viewing Kelly, Bailey and Bates. He stated that the Kansas City Journal-Post carried an article today to the effect that fourteen witnesses were going to view the three above-named prisoners at Leavenworth; that the names of these witnesses were not set out; and that Kelly, Bailey and Bates were to be quizzed concerning the Kansas City massacre. Mr. Spear advised that he contacted the Managing Editor of the Post, at which time he was advised that the Post had gone to press ten minutes before, carrying this article, and that the information had been furnished to the Post by a "red cap" at the Union Station. Mr. Spear stated that the Kansas City Star did not carry such an article.

I told Mr. Spear that in view of the above all plans should be cancelled, and that if inquiry were made, he should merely state that in view of certain developments, the matter could not be carried through. I instructed him to arrange to take two or three of the witnesses to Leavenworth at one time rather than take all at one time, and that the matter should be handled secretly so that the newspapers will never know when they are going.

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KANSAS CITY.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
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Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Hynes.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Locke.....

October 17, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Please refer to Division letter of October 13, 1933, transmitting copy of letter from the County Attorney of Keokuk, Iowa, with reference to certain information in his possession relative to the disposal of \$50,000.00 in Liberty bonds for \$10,000.00.

There is being transmitted herewith copy of letter addressed to Mr. D. J. Mc Namara, County Attorney, Keokuk, Iowa, advising him that it will probably be a week or more before Special Agent in Charge Conroy will be able to call on him personally as instructed by the Division.

The Division's attention is respectfully directed to the fact that in keeping with long distance telephone conversation with the Director, Mr. Conroy is awaiting word momentarily to proceed to Poteau, Oklahoma on an important angle of the case in re: Verne C. Miller, Fugitive, I. O. #1195, et al, Obstruction of Justice.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Egan	
Mr. Fox	
Mr. Glavin	
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Mr. Lester	
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DIRECTOR

RE KANMO - NICHOLAS DELMORE ABSOLUTELY REFUSES ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS
ADVISE COUNSEL. COUNSEL REFUSES ALLOW HIM ANSWER QUESTIONS UNTIL
AFTER MURDER TRIAL SET FOR NOVEMBER 20TH.

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318 Howe Building
San Francisco, California.

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October 18, 1933.

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



Dear Sir:

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

I am attaching a letter received from Miss
Ethel M. Miller, sister of Subject Verne Miller, which
recites her present location, and where she can be loc-
ated in the future.

Very truly yours,

U.S. Division
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R. E. VETHELL,
Special Agent in Charge.

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San Francisco, California.

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October 18, 1933.

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



Dear Sir:

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224 Federal Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Okla.,
Oct. 19, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, FUG.,
I. O. #1195, et al
Obstruction of Justice.

Recently one Mrs. Lottie Davis, whose address is 1008 Harrison Avenue, Amarillo, Texas, was in the Veterans' administration office at Oklahoma City and imparted the following information to an Agent of this office:

She stated that her deceased husband has a brother by the name of Will Davis, who lives at Billings, Oklahoma, and who, according to Mrs. Davis, is a friend of Wilbur Underhill and Ed Davis; that Will Davis is supposed from time to time to shield Underhill and other outlaws. She advised also that her deceased husband's sister is one Mrs. Ed Thomas of Oklahoma City, who also harbors Underhill, Davis, and other criminals.

She stated further that Verne Miller has a girl friend by the name of Doris Cresco, who now receives mail at General Delivery, Sturgis, S.D., and that it is her information that this girl is in communication with Verne Miller.

Informant further stated that one Theodore Brennerick, Top Sergeant of the Guard House at Ft. Riley, Kansas, is a close friend of Verne Miller, whom he calls "Fred"; that she, Mrs. Davis, does not know the exact connection between this Sergeant and Verne Miller but according to her information they are very close friends.

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Mrs. Davis advised that there is a rooming house at 508 Taylor Avenue which is a hangout for Underhill and other criminals; that she does not recall at the present the name of the person operating this rooming house.

Copies of this letter are being furnished to the Dallas offices for appropriate attention of the St. Paul, S. D., and of the Dallas office at Amarillo, Texas.

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the ST. PAUL, MINN. DIVISION Paul office at Sturgis, OCT 25 1933 A.M.
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It is assumed that the Kansas City office will make appropriate investigation as to Theodore Brennerick at Fort Riley, Kansas.

The Oklahoma City office will give appropriate attention to Will Davis at Billings, Oklahoma, and to Mrs. Ed Thomas at Oklahoma City.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division
cc-St. Paul
cc-Dallas.

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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Room 1403, 370 Lexington Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Sir:

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

An individual named George Valenti, who is presumably connected with the underworld group of John L. Lazia of Kansas City, Missouri, resides at the Schuyler Hotel here. It is found that he makes a considerable number of long distance telephone calls to cities in the east and also to Denver, Colorado, and St. Louis, Missouri. He received a wire on September 22, 1933, quoted as follows:

WTC 514 SEPTEMBER 22 1933 11 15 PM
GEORGE VALENTI
SCHUYLER HOTEL
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

I WONT THREE MEN LOST JOES WILL LEAVE MONDAY

(Signed) MADOLINE.

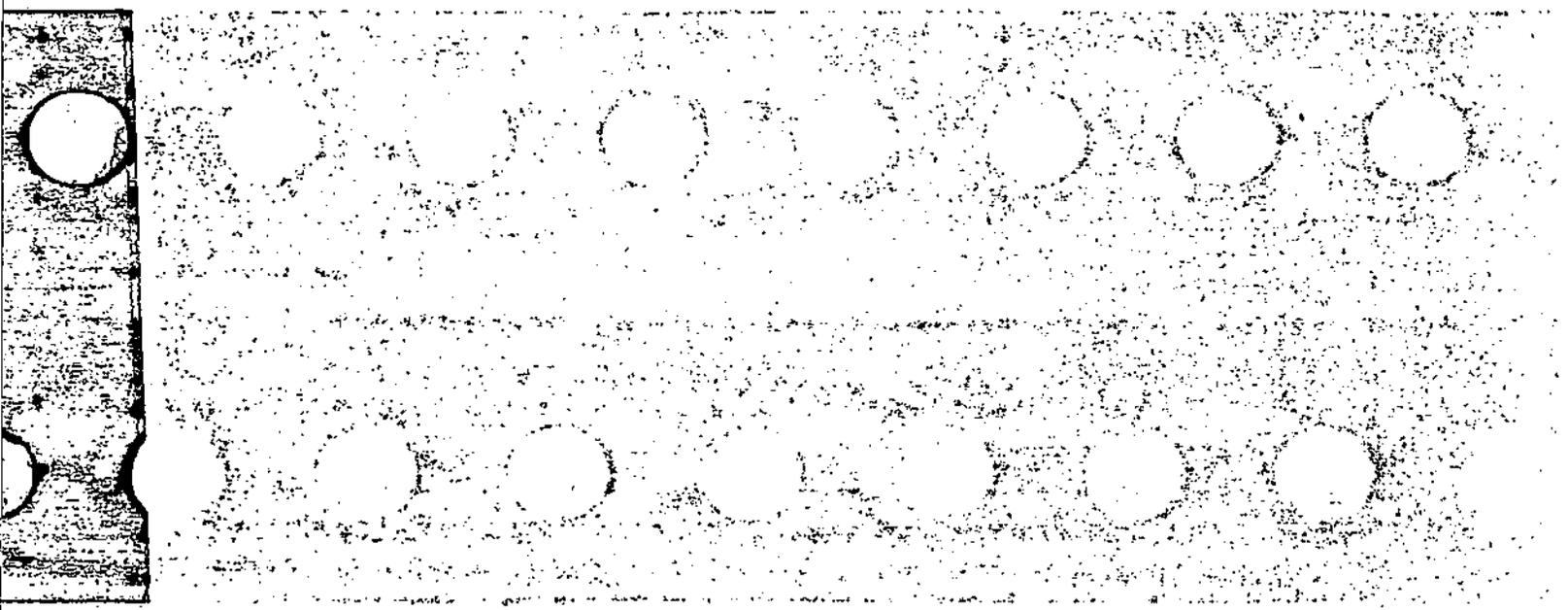
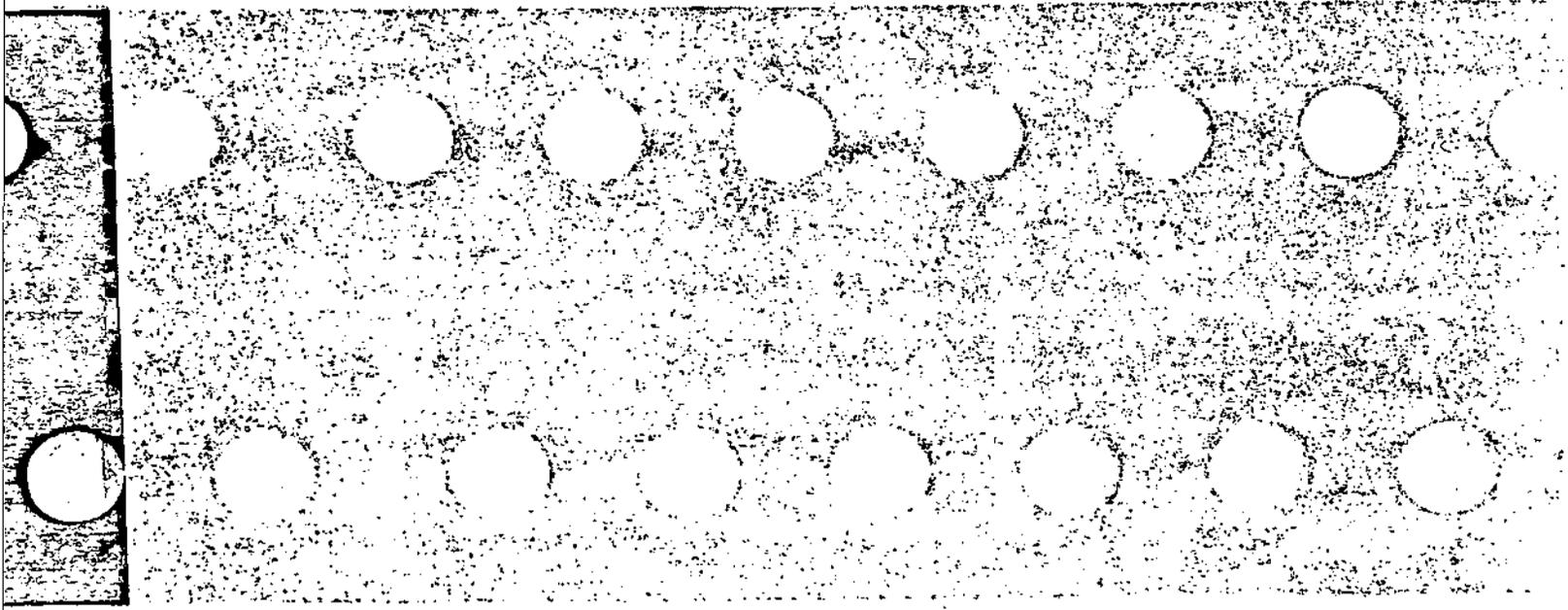
This message was sent by way of Western Union and the copy was viewed in the office of that company here.

It is requested that the identity of Madoline, who sent the telegram, be secured, if possible, through the officials of Western Union in New York City, New York, and that her connections be ascertained.

Very truly yours,

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

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October 19, 1933

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

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Dear Sir:

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This is to advise that [redacted] Springfield, Missouri, recently furnished this office with information, which he requested be held as absolutely confidential, to the effect that evidence is now available through investigation conducted by him to prove beyond a doubt that Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, I.O. 1194, and Adam Racchetti, Oklahoma State Penitentiary #25773, are the individuals who, on June 15, 1933, at Columbia, Missouri, murdered Sergeant Benjamin Booth of the State Highway Patrol and Sheriff Roger Wilson of Columbia, Missouri, in a gun battle when officers sought to arrest them.

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Booth per [redacted]
10/27/33

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[redacted] Every assistance possible has been given to [redacted] by this office in the way of furnishing him information which may lead to the whereabouts of Floyd and Racchetti in assisting him in same. It appears from all indications shown through investigation of the case of Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, et al, Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash), that Floyd and Racchetti may be traveling together.

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[redacted] stated that in view of the confidential nature of his information regarding Floyd and Racchetti he would not desire the regular wanted notices placed in the identification files of this Division at Washington. However, this information is being furnished you with the request that wanted notices be placed for these individuals and in the event of their arrest the Division will be aware of the fact that the Missouri State Highway Patrol desire custody of both Floyd and Racchetti. The manner of showing these wanted notices of record is left to your discretion under the circumstances as outlined above.



K.C. File 62-760

Very truly yours,

M. C. Fear

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

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

900 Ezra Thompson Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

October 19, 1933.

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

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE, et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).
S.L. File 62-474.

Dear Sir:

I am today in receipt of information from H.D. Harper, Chief of Police, Colorado Springs, Colorado, that the following notice appeared in Street & Smith's Western Story Magazine for September 30th, 1933:-

"Verne Miller, Smokey Reid, and Smokey Green. They were last heard from in Huron, South Dakota. Verne Miller was deputy sheriff at Huron. Where are you all? Would like to hear from any and all of you. Write to R.M. care of this magazine."

A copy of this letter is being directed to the Kansas City Division office for its attention, and it is requested that the place where this magazine is printed be determined and such action taken as will identify and locate "R.M." for any value in effecting the location of Verne Miller.

Very truly yours,

John A. Dowd

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Kansas City.

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October 26, 1933.

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Mr. H. Bradow,
Sergeant of Police,
Police Department,
San Leandro, California.

Dear Sirs:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter, dated October 17, 1933, there is enclosed herewith Identification Order No. 1194 on Charles Arthur Floyd with aliases, concerning whom you made inquiry.

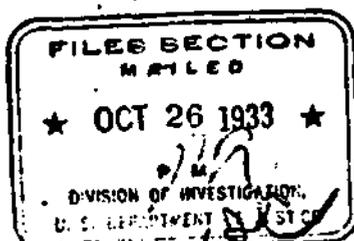
In the event you receive any information leading to this individual's whereabouts, kindly communicate with Mr. E. E. Vetterli, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 318 Hayes Building, San Francisco, California.

I greatly appreciate your offer of assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #366036



CITY OF SAN LEANDRO

POLICE DEPARTMENT

SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA

October 17, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

We have information that "Pretty Boy"
Floyd is in California, but to date we have
been unable to get any data concerning him.

If possible, I would appreciate any
information you may have, description, finger
print classification, and photo.

Thanking you for your splendid
cooperation in all matters submitted, I am

Yours Very Truly

H. Braden
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Sergeant of Police

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At the time of the Kansas City shooting, the photograph which we had of Kelly was a very poor one, and after seeing Kelly face to face, he resembles more closely the individual who was operating the machine gun, than any other individual I have viewed.

After viewing Kelly at Oklahoma City, I hastily perused the files of the Oklahoma City office, in connection with this matter, and also the Urschel kidnaping case, and ascertained where Kelly is reported to have registered at the Biltmore Hotel at Oklahoma City on June 19, 1933, two days after the shooting at Kansas City, Missouri. Kelly registered under an alias, and registered from Kansas City.

This may not be important, however, I submitted this information from Oklahoma City to the Kansas City office, and suggested they make further check at Kansas City regarding Kelly, and while at the Kansas City office I suggested to S.A.C. Conroy, and to Special Agent Trainor, who is thoroughly conversant with the Kansas City shooting case, that further investigation be made at Kansas City, and that all possible leads be again covered, and a good photograph of Kelly be shown to all individuals there, with a view of possibly placing Kelly as visiting with Verne Miller, and associating with him at Kansas City, and with a view of possibly placing Kelly at Kansas City on or about the day of the shooting, which office is being furnished a copy of this letter, and will, no doubt, investigate this angle, and submit a report in due course.

I believe it advisable that after Katherine Kelly has been incarcerated for a short period of time, that she be interviewed, and closely interrogated with respect to all information she might have with regard to the Kansas City shooting. While she apparently is quite adamant at the present time, no doubt, if she is interrogated properly after she has calmed down, some information of value might be obtained.

I also proceeded to Leavenworth, Kansas, in harmony with your instructions, and there viewed Bailey and Bates, but I am absolutely positive that neither of these two characters is the individual whom I saw at Kansas City. There is only this to be considered in my visit to Leavenworth. When I was introduced to Bailey by the Warden, Bailey remarked that he thought he had seen me somewhere.

Respectfully,



R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

c.c. Kansas City Office.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Kansas City, Missouri

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT: Butte, Montana	DATE WHEN MADE: 10/19/33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10/16-17/33	REPORT MADE BY: J. P. McCarthy
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. 1195 - ET AL.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)



SYNOPSIS: Missoula, Montana, police advise that Subject Floyd was reported to have arrived at Missoula on or about October 10, 1933. Further investigation fails to substantiate this rumor. RUC.

DETAILS: On October 14, 1933, R. E. Toll, Manager of the Federal Reserve Bank at Helena, Montana, telephoned the Butte Office and advised that he had received information from the banks at Missoula, Montana, to the effect that there is a persistent rumor about Missoula that Subject Floyd and several other men had arrived at Missoula for the purpose of burglarizing one of the two banks. Mr. Toll further advised that it had been suggested that the soldiers at Fort Missoula be called upon to guard the banks.

At Helena, Montana:

Agent interviewed R. E. Toll, who advised that the above information had been received by him from the Western Montana Bank and the First National Bank of Missoula, who had received the information from the Missoula Police Department. Mr. Toll is President of the Montana Bankers Association. He stated that at the suggestion of the Missoula banks he telegraphed the Commander of the Ninth Corps Area of the United States Army at San Francisco, California, and requested that troops from Fort Missoula be assigned to guard the banks there. This request was denied by the Army. Mr. Toll advised that he received no information regarding this matter from any other source.

Sheriff Parsons advised Agent that the only information regarding this rumor that he received was furnished by Mr. Toll. Upon receipt of advice from Toll, Mr. Parsons immediately telephoned the Sheriff's Office

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D.H. Dickason</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28915-711	RECORDED AND INDEXED: OCT 28 1933
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at Missoula and was informed that that office had no information regarding the source of the rumor and believed there was nothing to it.

At Missoula, Montana:

Mr. Goff, Vice President of the Western Montana Bank advised Agent that he was informed by the local police that information had been received that "Pretty Boy" Floyd was in town, and was instructed to be careful. He then informed Mr. Toll. He has no information from any other source concerning this Subject.

At the Police Station, Agent was advised that Officer O. T. Woodgerd had obtained the information regarding Floyd from an informant. Mr. Woodgerd, when interviewed, informed Agent that for several years he has been receiving valuable information from a local gambler named King. On October 10, 1933, King informed Woodgerd that on that date he received word that several strangers who had just arrived in town wanted to see him. King said he intended to see them that afternoon and promised to furnish further information later. At this time he did not say who the strangers were but did tell Woodgerd that he would be surprised to learn who was in town. On the following day another confidential informant advised Woodgerd that King had asked him to report that "Pretty Boy" Floyd and several others, in two cars, were in town for the purpose of burglarizing one of the banks; that he, King, was leaving for Helena and would return in two days. Woodgerd stated that King has not returned to date. The local police, since that date, have been on the lookout for strangers who might fit the description of Floyd but have developed no information of value. Woodgerd said that inasmuch as all previous information furnished by King had been reliable, he believed it necessary to furnish the local banks with the information received. With Officer Matteson, Agent interviewed several other police informants but received no additional information. Sheriff Thompson advised Agent that he had heard this rumor but had received no information to support it.

The local police are continuing their efforts to develop further information and will report any further developments to the Butte Office. Informant King will be thoroughly interviewed upon his return to Missoula, by the local officers.

Press reports indicate the presence of Floyd in or quite near Oklahoma.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

Addendum by Special Agent in Charge Dickason:

Informant King is well known to me and is not reliable in any information. A short time ago he gave, through a Prohibition Officer, a large amount of information which was found to be wholly false. Any statement by him would have to be verified by facts.



DIVISION FILE 62-456

OCT 24 1933

224 Federal Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Okla., October 19, 1933.

Mr. C. T. Zurnahly,
Post Office Inspector,
Shawnee, Okla.

Re. WILBUR UNDERHILL, Fugitive
Identification Order 1191.

Dear Sir:

Wilbur Underhill, is sought by this Division as a fugitive from Justice, being under indictment at Kansas City, Mo., in connection with the Union Station massacre.

He is at present receiving mail at Ada, Oklahoma, under the address "GEORGE FITZGERALD, General Delivery". It is respectfully requested that a close cover be maintained on all mail so addressed, and that this office be promptly advised and furnished tracings.

For your information, there is enclosed a copy of Identification Order 1191. Your prompt cooperation is respectfully requested.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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OCTOBER 21, 1933.

WILLIAM J. BARKER
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
SANTA FE NEW MEXICO

YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO INSTRUCT UNITED STATES MARSHAL TO TURN OVER BOB
BRADY TO KANSAS STATE AUTHORITIES FOR RETURN TO KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY
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WILLIAM J. STANLEY
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
318 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

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

There are being transmitted herewith to each of the offices receiving copies of this letter a card bearing micro-photographs of a portion of a lead slug and of a fired shell case which were prepared by Merle A. Gill, Forensic Ballistician of Kansas City, Missouri. These exhibits are actual photographs of the end of a shell case and a portion of one of the lead bullets which were used in the massacre in the instant case.

The exhibit cards in question are being forwarded to each office of the Division with a request that they be presented to the leading ballisticians in each of the territories. The matter should be handled in absolute confidence and no publicity should be given in regard to ballistic examinations in this matter at any time. Please request the ballisticians, who is considered by you as the proper person to whom this card should be presented, to keep same in his possession and to bear in mind the tool and flaw markings which are apparent in these exhibits, in connection with his examinations of other bullets which may come to his attention professionally.

Mr. Gill has all of the exhibits found after the slayings at Kansas City on June 17, 1935, in the event that any bullets are later discovered which bear similar characteristics an actual examination of the bullets in question should be made and a comparison performed by Mr. Gill. It is stated by Mr. Gill that the tool and flaw markings indicated in these micro-photographs are of somewhat of an unusual and distinctive nature and therefore the characteristics may have a tendency to impress

themselves upon the minds of the ballisticians who are presented with these exhibits. The portion of lead slug shown in the micro-photograph herewith enclosed is, of course, only one side of the slug and is therefore only a portion of the slug in question. Therefore, no definite identification could be made from these exhibits, but it is believed that it would be a basis for further examination of any questioned bullets which may come to the attention of the ballistician.

Personal contact should be had by the various offices with the ballisticians who are given these exhibit cards and those individuals should be requested to treat same in confidence.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CROSTY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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801 Title Guaranty Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

October 20, 1933.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter directed to the San Francisco office under date of October 17, 1933, copy of which was forwarded to the St. Louis Office enclosing photo-micrographs of a bullet and shell fired from a machine gun or machine guns, these photo-micrographs were delivered to Thomas Lewis, Research Officer of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Dept., for the purpose of comparison with machine gun shells and bullets on file and which may be submitted to him in the future.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
318 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

IN RE: ^UVERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUG.
I.O. #1195, ET AL - OBSTRUCTION OF
JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash)
KANSAS CITY FILE 62-760

Referring to your letter of October 16, 1933, wherewith
was enclosed a letter to you from Miss Ethel K. Miller, sister
of the fugitive named above, it is apparent that she is now in
San Francisco according to the wording of her letter.

However, it is believed desirable that inquiry be made
through the Post Office to secure her street address, and, if
possible, to keep in constant touch with same. A mail cover
should be maintained.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.



Dear Sir:

RE: Vernon C. Miller with aliases, FUG.
I. O. #1105, et al
Obstruction of Justice.

Responsive to your letter of October 11, 1933, I have secured from the United States Attorney certified copy of indictment against Harvey J. Bailey, et al, with certified copy of the warrant, and an enclosing same herewith in order that you may deliver them to the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Mo. I take this action in violation of the Rules and Regulations in order to expedite the safe delivery of the papers in question.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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801 Title Guaranty Bldg.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

October 20, 1933.

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

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

Dear Sir:

With further reference to my letter of the
13th instant, relating to the funeral of the late Gus
Winkler, there are submitted herewith photographs of
the pallbearers and others taken upon the occasion of
this funeral for such use as you may care to make of
them.

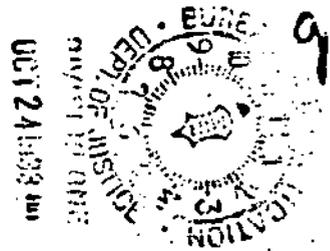
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D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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



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October 21, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated October 19, 1933 concerning a telegram sent via Western Union Telegraph Company, to one George Valenti, Kansas City, Mo., by a woman who signed herself as Madeline.

In connection with ascertaining the identity of this woman it will be necessary to have the full symbol information which appeared in the first line of the message in question. I have been advised that the following is a typical specimen of how the first line of the message should appear:

"NC 514 9 = XXX New York"

In order to trace this message it will be necessary to learn what symbol letters appear in the message in question in place of the three X's which appear in the above example.

Kindly furnish this information at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY, Assistant
Special Agent in Charge.

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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

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October 21, 1933

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

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Dear Sir:

Please refer to your file No. 62-1649 in the matter of VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1195, et al. On July 15th by means of a letter to the office of origin, you advised this office of the fact that fugitive Miller, Sammy Schrager and another person who used the name B. Siegel were registered at the Bismarck Hotel, Chicago, on April 23, 1933. The registration cards disclosed the name of the hotel as being the New Bismarck Hotel. It was noted that on April 23rd the person who used the name B. Siegel telephoned the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City, at 7 A.M. Eastern standard time and investigation by this office disclosed that a call was received at the hotel here at 6:51 A.M. and went into the suite occupied by Maximilien Stein and his nephew Arthur Kallman. It was learned that at 11:44 A.M. that day, Stein made a person to person call to Central 0123, Chicago, and talked to a person known as Pallman, but who, undoubtedly, is identical with Kallman. On July 22nd your office advised this office that the telephone number called is that of the Bismarck Hotel, 170 West Randolph Street, Chicago.

In Agent Tracy's report dated August 5th, page 42, it was requested that it be learned whether Kallman was, in fact, registered at the Bismarck and that if he was not registered there the incoming call sheets be reviewed for the purpose of determining just who did receive the call. On September 22nd you advised this office that Kallman was not registered at the New Bismarck Hotel on April 23, 1933 but Arthur Kallman of the Waldorf Astoria and Dorset Hotels was registered at the Bismarck Hotel on January 31st and April 19th and departed therefrom May 3, 1933.

It is not clear to this office whether the New Bismarck is identical with the Bismarck Hotel, and if not, whether Kallman was residing at the Bismarck Hotel continuously from April 19th to May 3rd.

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It is requested that at the hotel, of which the number is Central 0123, inquiry be made for the purpose of determining precisely whether Kallman was there on that date, and if not, the incoming call sheets be reviewed to see if it may be determined just who did receive the call.

Stein departed the Waldorf Astoria Hotel about the middle of September last and left as a forwarding address the Original Pilsner Beer Importing Company, 11 West 42nd Street. Where he is residing at the present time is not known.

You are informed that in the latter part of September Mrs. George J. Hatfield, wife of the former United States District Attorney of San Francisco, California, was the guest at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel of Benjamin (Bugs) Siegal. On September 30th she put through a call to a party named Stein at Chicago, Ill. at Diversey 4500. This call was not completed but a report charge of 70¢ was made. Whether the Stein called is identical with Maximilian Stein or Herman Stein, a cousin of Maximilian, is not known. However, it is requested that appropriate inquiry be made to determine the identity of the Stein residing at the address covered by the telephone number in question.

Very truly yours,

F. K. FAY, Assistant
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Division
Kansas City

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318 Hayes Building
San Francisco, California.

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Refer file
#62-1111.

October 19, 1933.

W. I. Madeira,
Acting Inspector in Charge,
Post Office Department,
Post Office Building,
San Francisco, California.

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

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th instant, with
enclosure, regarding "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

I desire to thank you for the information
contained therein.

Very truly yours,

B. E. VITTELLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUG.
I. O. #1195 - ET AL - OBSTRUCTION OF
JUSTICE (Endeavor to deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash)
KANSAS CITY FILE 62-760-

Please refer to the report of Special Agent J. J. Keating, dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 23, 1933, and especially to pages 14 and 15, wherein mention is made of one Clouse, also known as "Curly", a likely suspect in this case who is alleged to have come to Kansas City, Missouri, with a companion, Tony DeGrazia, about June 16, 1933.

A Dr. Farr, formerly a prominent surgeon in Kansas City, but of recent years associated with gangsters, reported on June 21st that he had been approached by a party named "Curly" in the headquarters of Cas Welch, a Democratic Factional Leader in Kansas City, with request that he, Dr. Farr, attend "one of the boys" who had been "nipped in the hip". The individual known as "Curly" gave Dr. Farr the telephone number Victor 6550 where he might be reached. Dr. Farr later met "Curly" at the same place, Cas Welch's headquarters, and was advised that "the boys are taking the wounded man to Seminole, Oklahoma".

Investigation has been made on several occasions at the Schyler Hotel, where telephone number Victor 6550 is located, and after an exhaustive search of the records and interviews with all employees no one known as "Curly" could be found as a present or past guest. The hotel in question is considered reliable, and is the residence of several of the agents and other Government employees in Kansas City.

It is requested that a photograph of Clouse be forwarded to this office immediately, and also that you secure, if possible, a photographic copy of his original fingerprints to be transmitted

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here. Further investigation will be made when these are received,
and you are requested to give the matter your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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DIRECTOR
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Memphis, Tennessee.
October 17, 1933.

MEMO FOR FILE:

Re: VERNE C. MILLER, with aliases-FUGITIVE,
I.O. 1195, et al
Obstruction of Justice.
Birmingham file 62-826

Mr. Dixon Robinson manager of the local branch of the Burns Detective Agency advised me that a Burns operative named C. W. Wood has been making investigation at Tahlequah and Salina, Oklahoma looking to the apprehension of Wilbur Underhill; that reports made by Wood on 10-9/10/11-33 reflect that Wilbur Underhill, with Charlie Cottner are driving a Buick Sedan, black or dark blue, and that they are staying at the home of Mont Cookson in the Cookson Hills out from Tahlequah, Okla.

He stated that an informant working for Wood has been spending some time in the Cookson Hills; that this informant knows Charlie Cottner and Mont Cookson and that he has identified Underhill by picture as being one of the men hiding out at the Cookson place.

He advised that it is also thought that Underhill may be staying with Charlie Dodson, a former call mate at McAlester, Okla. part of the time.

Mr. Robinson states that he is quite sure that Woods has the right dope, but that he is handicapped because of the local officials not offering the best cooperation.

I am forwarding this information for whatever value it may have.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) R. E. Peterson

Special Agent.

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Director,
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Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al.,
CHARLES F. WESCHEL - Victim
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sirs:-

KATHERINE KELLY BARNES with aliases arrived in Cincinnati, Ohio at 9:20 P.M. October 17, 1933 in the custody of U. S. Marshal W. C. Geary, accompanied by Special Agents Smith and Deaderick of the Oklahoma City Office, and was met at the station by me, with suitable police guard provided by the Cincinnati Police Department, United States Marshal Creswell also accompanying us, and she was escorted to the Cincinnati Workhouse, where she was received under date of October 17, 1933. The newspapers carried the account of the fact that she would arrive at Cincinnati, at the time indicated, on the morning of October 17, and arrangements therefore were made for Agents Wood and Nolan to meet the train at Covington, Ky., and proceed into Cincinnati with the officers, who had Mrs. Barnes in custody and in order to avoid the crowd at the Central Terminal here, arrangements were made to have the train brought in on track #4 instead of track #7 without the knowledge of anybody other than the operator of the Central Terminal Station.

Agents Smith and Deaderick advised me that during their trip up from Memphis with Mrs. Barnes, they had talked with her at length as to her possible knowledge of various situations as concerned this case, as well as any information which might assist in the location of those responsible for the murders at Kansas City, Missouri on June 17, 1933 and they indicated to me that they believed that she was in the mood to tell them some definite information, at this time and therefore immediately after her booking with the institution had been arranged confidential interview was had with her at the Hospital through Mr. Anthony Bauer Superintendent of the Cincinnati Workhouse and until approximately twelve o'clock of this particular date Agents Smith and Deaderick first talked with her, in order to see whether or not she would give us any information as to this and thereafter the situation was again discussed with her, as well as additional

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possibilities of information, and at this time she advised Agents Smith, Deaderick and myself in substance, as follows, as to various circumstances which will be set out as related by her. It is to be noted that she was in a very fatigued condition, at this time, and could not recall definitely dates and names, but indicated a willingness later, if she could think of anything to advise us further.

She indicated that the party who operates the Don Moore Hotel, Chicago is a very close friend of Verne Miller, and that there would be a possibility of possibly getting some information as to Miller through this source, although, of course, this party would not knowingly disclose any real information. She also indicates that from general conversations with Kelly and others, it was indicated that possibly Verne Miller and others, who had participated in the Kansas City killings might have been hiding out, for a time, with one Charles Stevens, she not being certain of the name, who has a place at Squaw Lake, Wisconsin, this being a summer resort where he has a number of cottages on the lake, some being in a more or less inaccessible location and it has been indicated in the past that various of the crooks had hidden out there when they were being hunted particularly; that Keating and Holden and their wives were up there with her and George Kelly for possibly a period of six weeks at one time and it would be her opinion that possibly such parties as Verne Miller might hide out, at this place.

She also indicated that Verne Miller has a number of friends in Montreal, Canada, where he spends considerable of his time and he generally hangs out at a cabaret located there, but she could not furnish the name or location of this or the name of any persons whom he contacted and she indicated that a party at Minneapolis, Minn. who runs a gambling place known as the "Plantation," one "Dutch" Weiner, who at one time was a crook engaged in the racket similar to Kelly and others, but since which time he has been out of the racket and is now apparently handling, seemingly legitimate enterprises, and who had gone to New York and had his nose remade by plastic surgery, is very friendly with various persons in the racket such as Kelly, Verne Miller and others and in fact he is a very close friend of Vern Miller and would undoubtedly assist him, if Verne Miller were to call upon him.

She advised that Tom Banks, Minneapolis, Minn., is a friend of Verne Miller and that she is satisfied that Banks probably had something to do with the turning of the money in the Boetcher case; that Abe Kaplan of Chicago and Jack Pfeiffer, she not being certain of the spelling of the name, at Minneapolis, Minn., Pfeiffer running a cabaret in St. Paul known as the "Holly Hock" with Tom Banks, are the so-called "big shots" in arranging for the handling of any paper stolen from banks, etc.; that she, together with Kelly went to Minneapolis to turn some of the money in the Urschel case and that Kelly did arrange to turn some of this for good money, although she can not say exactly with whom he made the exchange, but she believes it was arranged primarily through Tom Banks.

She advised that she believes Kelly had \$100,000.00 of this money as after they had departed with their share of the proceeds, they were stopping at the Sheridan Hotel in Chicago and she had stepped out for some shopping and upon returning to the room, Kelly had himself locked in and when he admitted her, he had this money lying out on the bed in small brown packages and Kelly said to her "Would you like to see a hundred thousand dollars?" indicating to her that apparently he had that amount of this money. She indicates that she did not see him give Banks any money but it was her understanding that they were going to Minneapolis for this purpose, that is, to have Banks arrange for the changing of the money for good money, and that she knows that Banks did call them from Minneapolis at the Sheridan Hotel, Chicago and ask them to go out to dinner with him; that Kelly knew this party would handle the money as that was the place where all of the gang and others such as Kelly would get rid of their paper, silver money, etc., which had been taken in bank stick-ups; that she would class Banks and Pfeiffer at Minneapolis as being the "big shots"; that at one time they operated a hotel, which is now known as the Admiral and no longer operated by them and that she had seen in this place, rooms filled with various articles, such as dresses, etc., which had been taken by shop-lifters who operated under the direction of these two parties.

She advised that she has not seen Bernard Phillips since the time Bailey was picked up in Kansas City; that she has not heard from him since that time; that when she was first married, there were operating together Bailey, George Kelly, Bailey, being known then as Tom Brennan, Keating, Holden Frank Weber and a fellow by the name of "Harmon" known as "Little Charley"; that Frank Weber and Harmon were killed in connection with the Menomonie, Wisc., bank "stick-up", which job was pulled by two men whose names she does not know, but who were brothers; that both of these brothers, at the time Harmon and Weber were killed, were wounded and that they went to Banks at Minneapolis, Minn., who arranged to have them taken care of in their wounded condition.

Later, Kelly was associated with Bernard Phillips and Frank Nash in bank "stick-ups," at this time she living at Kansas City with Kelly and Bernard Phillips and Frank Nash with their wives being located there also; that this would be about the time Nash got out of the Penitentiary; that Nash upon his release from the Penitentiary, went to see one Eddie Donovan in Chicago, Illinois, who occupies a position among crooks similar to that of Banks in Minneapolis and Donovan and Banks work in close cooperation, that is when Donovan can not place these crooks in Chicago, in connection with any work, he will call Banks and arrange for them to be placed through him at Minneapolis. Donovan is the party Kelly is supposed to have shipped the machine guns to. He is connected with some theatrical union in Chicago and the general understanding is that he had hidden Keating and Holden for thirty days at the time they escaped from the Federal Penitentiary and later sent them to Tom Banks in Minneapolis, who arranged to take care of them there; that when George got out of the Penitentiary he went to Eddie Donovan in Chicago in order to find out where Keating and Holden were; that Eddie Donovan then called Tom Banks in Minneapolis and sent George Kelly up there, but that Banks would have

nothing to do with him and would not talk with him until he received a picture from Donavan, identifying Kelly to him.

She advised that, in connection with the latter's operations in connection with bank "stick-ups," Bailey was the "big shot" and he would go out and locate the bank which was to be "knocked over" and thereafter would run the roads for approximately five hundred miles in all directions, in order to lay the ground work for their escape after the robbery; that he would then return to them and tell them that they were ready to do the job; that after they had "pulled" these bank "stick-ups" the paper would be taken to Minneapolis and handled by Banks; that last Winter, the exact time not being recalled, but during the cold weather, and snowing at the time, George Kelly had some paper taken in a bank "stick-up" which he took to Minneapolis in order to have Banks handle same and that she went with Kelly to the West Hotel where Banks maintained an office, Banks also having an office in the Dyckman Hotel, Minneapolis and that she listened to them, that is, Kelly and Banks, talk as to the handling of this paper and Banks said that he would have to call Abe Kaplan and that the following day Abe Kaplan came up from Chicago and George took something out of his bag and gave it to Abe and she did not see just exactly what this was and Abe then gave him some money; that Abe then returned to Chicago on the train, it being possible that he came to Minneapolis by aeroplane; that she was a very "swell" dresser and operates usually from a saloon at 1150 Michigan Avenue, which place is undoubtedly owned by him and operated under the name of some other party; that when one of the crooks wishes to contact Kaplan they go to this place and the bartender will arrange for Kaplan to meet them; that she understood Kaplan also has a place on the South side of Chicago; that when they were in Chicago they met Kaplan that is, during the time just before they were captured at Memphis, Tenn., and Kaplan advised them in conversation that he had to drive a considerable distance out on the South side to his place and that it would take him about forty-five minutes to get there, but she is not certain of the name of the place. Mrs. Barnes advises that she had the addresses and telephone numbers of all of these parties on a memorandum when she was arrested in Memphis, but that she tore them up and flushed them down the toilet.

Katherine advises that she believes that she could write to Kelly and he would send her the telephone numbers of any of these parties whom she might wish to contact, if she advised him she wanted a number for the purpose of having her Attorney get in touch with the party; that Kelly, of course, would send this in code and for that reason she believes he would send it to her; that Kelly usually in writing his numbers of telephones down would write the figures backwards.

Questioned as to who the contact man was at Oklahoma City and how they had located this man, she advised that Kelly had told her that a lawyer in Oklahoma City had made the contact with the finger man in this; that she does not know who this particular lawyer is, but she recalls an incident which definitely places the fact that Kelly had a definite attorney in mind, who handled his matters in Oklahoma City, as on one occasion Eddie Lorraine alias

Larue tried to dispose of a car in Oklahoma City and apparently was picked up in connection with same and Larue called Kelly, who was at her mother's place in Texas and Kelly made the remark he did not see why he should be calling him, for reason that they knew an attorney at Oklahoma City who could be seen and take care of things for them; that it is her opinion that Kelly was introduced by this attorney to Jarrett, the party who was playing cards with Mr. Urschel on the night he was kidnaped and that Jarrett, according to Kelly is the man who arranged to designate Urschel to them for kidnaping and worked with them in this case. Kelly advised that he owed Jarrett \$25,000.00 and that Kelly, at one time, addressed a letter to Jarrett and placed same inside another envelope, addressed to another party with a note that it was to be delivered to Jarrett and that she mailed this letter, which was addressed to Oklahoma City, but she is unable to recall to whom it was addressed and who acted as intermediary in delivering this letter to Jarrett; that possibly this was the Attorney who had represented them in Oklahoma City; that this letter was mailed in Chicago when they were there at the time she addressed a letter and mailed it to Mr. Keenan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General; that she went to the post office, bought two stamps and hurriedly placed same in the mail box, not paying any particular attention to the party to whom the letter was addressed; that Kelly expressed himself as to Jarrett to the effect that he did not see why this party, Jarrett, should be taking such an interest in the prosecution; that it was her understanding from Kelly that he had talked with Jarrett at least two weeks before Urschel was kidnaped; that the arrangement was for Jarrett to park his Pierce Arrow car in a certain way in front of the house which was to give them the signal as to when and if the kidnaping should take place; that when they, Kelly and Bates pushed their way into the Urschel home they made a remark to the effect "Which one is Urschel" and then said "We will take you both" and that they then looked at the billfolds of each in order to determine which was Urschel and which was Jarrett, but that this was only a stall in order to protect Jarrett, as they were thoroughly familiar with Mr. Urschel's identity; that she had written this same information in a letter addressed to Mr. Keenan as to the supposed part Jarrett had in the matter; that her information as to this situation is, as discussed with her by Kelly, who told her of this, at the time they were in Chicago; that Kelly became very incensed as to the remarks in the paper as to prosecuting them for armed robbery, especially in connection with the supposed hold-up of Jarrett; that they took the money off of both Urschel and Jarrett at the time of the kidnaping but that this was only to protect Jarrett in the matter; that in connection with the screen door Jarrett was to arrange to see that this would be open and provided he could not arrange this, they were to call through the window and make him open the screen door, however the door was open at the time they entered; that it is her understanding that George Bates and Kelly met Jarrett, as they were there for two weeks arranging this matter in Oklahoma City and that previous to this time they had been in and out of Oklahoma City stopping as much as two days at any one time and that she is definitely satisfied that Kelly was thoroughly familiar with and did know Mr. Urschel when he saw him.

Reverting again to the activities of Tom Banks at Minneapolis, Minnesota she advised that she believes he knows more real crooks than any other man in the United States; that he has a number of so-called "set-ups" in Minneapolis through which he works; that the parties who were convicted in connection with the handling of the money at Oklahoma City were only the "fall" guys for Banks, who if they had any of the "hot" money obtained same from and through Banks; that the usual thing for a crook when he returns to Minneapolis is to be sent to some other fellow to be taken care of, if he is too "hot" to remain and that when they were in Chicago Abe Kaplan told Kelly that he knew he was very "hot" but "You can go out with your wife to my apartment and lay out for a time; also Winkler wants to fix you up if he can help you."

She advises that Lee Turner alias "Little Lee" from St. Louis, Mo., the former flyer, who has had both legs broken in accidents, and a reputed former member of the Colbeck gang, was at one time associated with Kelly in bank robberies; that at this time a party known as "Big" Homer, other name not being recalled, was the leader and there were also associated with them at this time Eddie Bens and Eddie Larue, and the hang-out was a small cabaret known as the "Island" at Burnham, close to Hammond, Indiana.

She advises that Frank Nash, when in Chicago, usually was located around the Don Moore Hotel, which is one of the places that she was associated with him, while with Kelly; that she does not know of any connections of these parties in Detroit and that she never heard of any connections in Hot Springs, Arkansas, but it was generally reported that Hot Springs was a right town, meaning that the law would not bother them; that she does not know Galatas. She advises that when they were in Indianapolis, Indiana, that is Kelly, herself and her daughter, they stopped at the Antlers Hotel, this being sometime during the past summer and that it was at this time, there was also in Indianapolis Eddie Larue and George Bates and they were figuring on a "stick-up" of a bank in Northern Indiana, Bates and Larue at that time apparently stopping at the Claypool Hotel. They did not "pull" this job as apparently they got into an argument among themselves. She does not know where Eddie Larue is, at the present time, as she understood Bens was arrested in connection with the Colfax, Washington bank robbery; that he was tipped off by the police that he was to be arrested but ignored this and did not leave and was thereafter arrested, placed on \$50,000.00 bond, which he skipped and is now still at large as to this; that Bens lives in Tacoma, where he has a sister; that she understands Clyde Hays represented Bens in this case and apparently had some bonding company sign the bond.

She advised that there is a little hotel on State Street, 745 S. State, known as the Hayes Hotel, operated by Frank Hayes, who is a very close friend of George Bates and that any time they wished to get in touch with the two Eddies, that is Eddie Larue or Eddie Bens, they would communicate with Hayes at Chicago and he would locate them for them; that Hayes when called at the hotel always requested them to call him on his unlisted telephone, as he believed his listed telephone was tapped; that she believes Hayes has, at

different times loaned money to Larue, Bates, Kelly and Bens; that she believes he is a very close friend of George Bates and that she believes Bates paid \$1800.00 he owed him with the "hot" Ureschel money; that Bates when he was in Minneapolis told Kelly, according to statements of Kelly to her, that he had paid Frank Hayes about \$1800.00 but that he did not know if he could use it, indicating to her that apparently it was the "hot" money; that Bates is supposed to have stated that he just bundled up \$1800.00 and mailed it to Hayes, telling him to be careful; that Bates also had a considerable number of friends and connections in Denver, Colorado; that Bates, at one time was supposed to have told her that Hayes was also handling stolen diamonds, etc., that if she wished to buy any diamonds, Bates could get some from Hayes very cheaply.

She advises that Bailey and Verne Miller were only fair friends, but that Miller and Nash were very close friends; that the friendship of Miller and Nash dated back before the time of the Menomoxie, Wisc., bank robbery; that there was a party at Kansas City known as Solly Wiseman, who was also working with Miller and Nash and that it was her opinion that possibly Miller recently robbed a mail truck in Denver, which robbery occurred about one month ago, she seeing notice of same in the papers when they were in Chicago, previous to her arrest.

She advises that on the day of the killings in Kansas City, June 17, 1933 she and Kelly were at the home of her mother in Texas and that they drove into Dallas and on this day Kelly called Larue from the Baker Hotel, to some place in Chicago, possibly through Frank Hayes and at that time apparently Larue did not know anything about the Kansas City transaction, as no mention was made of it to Kelly; that they thereafter purchased a paper and noticed an account of the fact that Frank Nash had been captured; that George Kelly did not like Nash and in fact had made a remark that he was going to kill him, and George was apparently glad that they had gotten Nash; that on the following day George and her step-father Shannon went to Wichita Falls, Texas and brought back with them the papers indicating the details of the killings at Kansas City and George Kelly made the remark that he knew Verne had done this or at least he thought he had and that thereafter George was in Chicago and when he came back to Texas he told her that Verne Miller had done the job and that all of the parties, such as himself, were very much incensed over this as it put the "heat" on everybody; that she, herself, did not hear the discussion in her various travels as to who was responsible for this job at Kansas City, but that later in conversation Bailey indicated he was very mad that this had occurred, and at that time Bailey told Kelly that he was "hot" and that Kelly was not to say anything to anybody as to where he could be reached, as he did not want Verne Miller to contact him; that Bailey made the remark that he was over in Arkansas robbing a bank when this happened. Bailey did not further advise just why he did not want Verne Miller to contact him or know where he was, nor did he mention that he was wanted in connection with the Kansas City killing; that George Kelly and Bailey were very good friends and that they worked together most of the time except when George was working with the Lee Turner outfit or occasionally when they would become separated for an individual job; that, however, these

various organizations were close enough to each other to know what was going on among the various gangs; that George Kelly worked one job with Verne Miller that is, the Sherman, Texas bank robbery, which was about two years ago; that they were all then in Kansas City, Verne Miller and his wife, herself and Kelly; that Kelly left her in Kansas City at this time and indicated that he was going to Miami, not telling her he was going out to rob a bank; that later he wired her \$400.00 from Dallas, Texas telling her to come to him; that after she arrived in Dallas, she met him at the Adolphus Hotel, and he indicated he had just driven in from Hot Springs, where he left Bailey who was then drinking some beer and at this time he had a lot of money; that she asked him about the bank robbery and he would not tell her; that Bailey and George Kelly had left Kansas City on this occasion, together and Verne Miller had left a few days later, apparently to join them; that Verne Miller was accompanied by Keating and Holden and presumably all joined up before robbing the bank indicated; that Kelly and Bailey drove in her Cadillac; that a party was associated with Verne Miller in Kansas City at this time, known as "Sammy" from New York City about whom Tom Banks had made the remark recently that "Sammy" was now with the Federals and that should she meet him on the street or anything she was to have nothing to do with him, she not being certain as to just what "Sammy" was doing; that he is a Jew with black eyes, 5' 5" in height, age 33, weight about 150 lbs; that she can not recall his name; that she associated with him some in Kansas City in fact she and George Kelly, together with Sammy and his wife played golf together; that she would be unable to say who was working with Verne Miller at the present time, as she has not seen him since the above indicated occasion about two years ago at Kansas City; Kelly, however told her that he had seen Verne Miller in Chicago when they were there just previous to their arrest in Memphis; that Kelly indicated Verne asked him to go to New York City with him, but that she persuaded Kelly not to go with him, in fact, she indicated at that time she desired to return to Texas to give herself up; that Verne Miller is well known in New York, as she has heard his wife, Vi, talk of the cabarets that they had visited and the people they knew, but she could not advise as to any of those, that she is satisfied that Verne's wife knows where he is at the present time.

As to Bernard Phillips, she advised she does not know where he is at present and has not seen him for about two years; that he has been working with some mob out of Minneapolis and might have been with Verne Miller, possibly having been connected through Tom Banks; that Eddie Donovan sent Phillips to Minneapolis for the reason that they had too many men in Chicago and Donovan could not place him; that she believes the wife of Verne Miller is now at Brainerd, Minn., where she has her daughter; that Kelly advised her in Chicago that when he talked with Banks in Minneapolis, Banks had told him that Verne had written his wife a letter to Minnesota from Atlantic City, indicating that possibly he was only passing through and that the "Federals" had this information, according to Banks; that Banks knows everything the "Federals" are doing in Minneapolis; that Banks apparently has an "in" at this place and that she is very fearful that any statements she makes as to this information may go to Minneapolis; that it is her understanding that Banks knew the Federal men

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were in Minneapolis working on the Urschel case before anybody else knew it and that the Federal man was supposed to let him know on the afternoon that the matter broke, for further details as to this; that Banks has been obtaining this information for years; that he received information immediately that any search was made for Keating and Holden in Minneapolis; that she believes somebody in the Federal Government was giving him this information as to the fact that they were looking for Keating and Holden, as Banks has boasted that he elects the Mayor and others in the city and he is also supposed to have elected the Sheriff in one of the counties, as one time he made the remark to George Kelly, if he wished to go up in this County and hide it would be perfectly safe.

She indicated she did not know who the so-called "big shots" were in Dallas or St. Louis, but that she understood Verne Miller had a friend in Joplin, Mo., a deaf and dumb fellow, whose wife's name is Blanch; that Bailey had some hide out in Arkansas, but she does not know the location of this. She advised that Bailey and Underhill robbed the Kingfisher Oklahoma Bank and that possibly Brady was in on this; that these same parties had also robbed a bank at Black Rock, Arkansas; that they had a hide-out in Oklahoma City where a man from St. Louis has a house and this place was apparently close to where the Urschel kidnaping occurred as Bailey later made the remark that he had missed by just one night being apprehended at this place, when the "heat" was on as to the Urschel kidnaping; that Bailey in talking of this kidnaping advised them that their action in doing this very nearly caused him to be caught at the place where he was stopping. She advised that George Kelly advised her in Chicago, after Bailey had been apprehended with some of this money in his possession, that he had given Bailey \$1,000.00 and he did not understand why he was "damn fool" enough to keep this money on him, knowing from where it came; that she does not believe Bailey participated in the actual kidnaping of Urschel, but that he was at the Arnon place while Urschel was being held and that she believes Kelly had Bailey there for the purpose of watching him and to see that nothing went wrong. However, possibly they had in mind to give Bailey additional money when they had the Urschel money changed for good money.

She advised that Kelly made some remarks to the effect that Solly Wisconsin and Verne Miller had something to do with the killings at Kansas City, Missouri; that it would be her opinion that possibly Phillips also was with them, but that she never heard this mentioned; that as to Phillips; his wife is always with him; that she understood Bernard Phillips was with Verne Miller on some recent robbery in Wisconsin where a bank messenger was held up. She could not recall the details as to the place where this occurred. She advises that if she were placed in the position of desiring to locate Verne Miller she would go to Banks in Minneapolis and that if he could not have Miller come to her, he would take her to Miller, if this could be arranged under conditions different from the present. She advised that while they were in Dallas during the recent past, she noticed where an armored truck in Denver had been robbed and \$33,000.00 obtained and Kelly, at this time, remarked to her that he believed

Verne Miller had "pulled" this job, as Verne Miller had previously talked to him as to the possibilities of "pulling" this particular job; that she believes Miller possibly discussed this with Kelly when they were in Chicago and Kelly is reported to have met Miller, according to his wife's statements, but this job was about one month ago. She advised that it would be very difficult for anybody to get information out of such parties as Banks and Donovan, as occasionally when Kelly would go to see them he would have to wait for two or three days before they would see him.

She advised that the outfit with which Eddie Donovan is associated in Chicago, Illinois, that is, the theatrical union undoubtedly "pulls" a number of jobs in association with these crooks in order to handle the proceeds obtained from their robberies; that Tom Malloy, the head of one of the theatrical unions is a very good friend of Kelly; that Eddie Donovan, formerly operated the Tivoli Grill at 63rd and Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, Ill., now located apparently somewhere on the North Side.

Copies of this letter are being furnished to the Oklahoma City office, with the suggestion that same be considered in connection with any and all information in developments known to the office, in connection with the Urschel case and that they advise us, if desirable, as to any particular subject matter they wish discussed further with Katherine Kelly Barnes, it being noted that due to the conditions under which this first interview was had, she was not possessed of a clear head, in order to definitely recall dates and circumstances, which may come to her later.

Copies of this letter are also furnished to the Kansas City Office for the same reason.

Copies are furnished the Chicago office for their information and such instructions as the office of origin indicate to you. It is possible that this Frank Hayes is the same who was previously involved with Druggan and Lake at Chicago, Ill., and who were sentenced as income tax evaders there, and also associated, to some extent with Al Capone.

Copies are furnished the above offices and one copy furnished the St. Paul office for their information, all of these going forward under personal and confidential cover, air mail, special delivery, today in order that all offices concerned may advise us as to the significant parts referring to their particular districts and as to any further desirable interview with this woman, as it is believed that she is inclined to be cooperative at this time in furnishing information, insofar as she is able to tell same. In fact she indicated particularly to Agent Smith, when we were leaving that she would be very glad to talk further as to this.

However, it is to be noted much of her information is based upon what Kelly has told her. She is, of course, very fearful that should any of this information get back to the parties whom she has discussed, they would not hesitate to kill her.

Very truly yours,

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

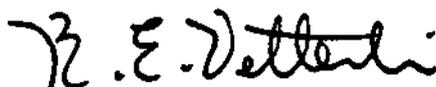
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We scoured the hills for miles around Monterey, owing to the fact that several rumors had been received that Floyd was in that vicinity, but did not get a line on him at all.

Accordingly, we left Monterey around 10 a.m., today, and arrived back in the San Francisco office at about 2:15 p.m.

Very truly yours,



R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
619 Federal Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Calif.
October 19th, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

In re: VERNON C. MILLER, with
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of Justice (Endeavor to De-
liver Federal Prisoner Frank
Nash) LA File 62-964

With reference to telegram from the Division dated October 2nd, 1933, advising that one Fred Peterson, Ventura, California, claims to know the whereabouts of Subject Richard Galatas, I. O. No. 1201, please be advised that Special Agent H. J. Kneen of this office, in company with Sheriff Howard Durley, Ventura, California, contacted Fred Peterson at his residence, 645 East Santa Street, Ventura.

Mr. Peterson stated that for the past several weeks he had been living at the Palace Hotel, having left his residence on Santa Street; that adjacent to the Palace Hotel is a restaurant called the "Mission Inn", and that he believes the proprietor of said restaurant is identical with Richard Galatas, Subject of I. O. No. 1201. He produced a copy of said identification order, which he stated he had found on the bulletin board in the Post Office at Ventura.

Mr. Peterson, in his conversation with Agent Kneen, was incoherent and rambling and mentioned the fact that a good many people thought he was insane, stating that no one realized the wonderful faculty he had for locating criminals.

Sheriff Durley advised that he has had Mr. Peterson under observation for some time due to the fact that he is convinced Mr. Peterson is insane, and that the Board of Supervisors has authorized the issuance of a ticket to transport Mr. Peterson to his home in Omaha.

Sheriff Durley informed Agent Kneen that he is well acquainted with the proprietor of the "Mission Inn", one Mr. Hahlis, who has operated that place of business for approximately seven years.

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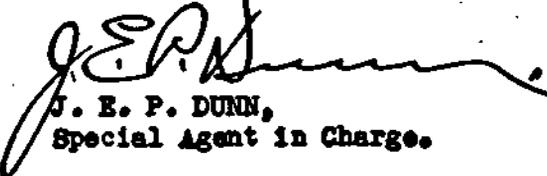
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Agent observed Mr. Hahlis at his restaurant, who in no way re-
sembled Subject Galatas.

Very truly yours,


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

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cc Kansas City

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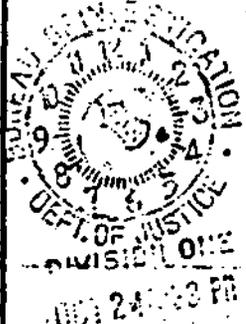
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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. 1195; et al	CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Wash)
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Two women, one of whom used the name of Lona Black, of Bonham, Texas, believed to be the wives of Subjects Brady and Clark, driving V-8 Ford Coupe, Texas License 392109, registered to B. L. Black, stayed at Bright Angel Camp, Grand Canyon, September 22nd; White Auto Camp, Holbrook, Arizona, September 29th and 30th and Bazell Auto Camp, Winslow, Arizona, the night of October 6th, 1933. Both checked through Arizona Highway Patrol, Holbrook, October 1, 1933, destination Flagstaff. No evidence found that women contacted Subject Underhill.



REFERENCE:

Telegrams dated October 6, 1933, from SAC F. J. BLAKE, Amarillo, Texas; telegram from Kansas City dated October 8th, 1933.

DETAILS:

This is a joint report of Special Agents C. J. Endres, C. D. White and H. J. Kneen.

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AT WINSLOW, ARIZONA:

Agents contacted Deputy Sheriff GEORGE DONNELLY, Winslow, Arizona, who advised that he had received a telephone call from the Sheriff at Tucumcari, New Mexico, advising that Subject BRADY, who had been shot at Tucumcari, was sending a telegram to his wife at Winslow, addressed to a Mrs. BLACK; that he contacted Western Union on the morning of October 7th and found that a telegram had just been received, addressed to Mrs. LONA BLACK, Keyton Auto Camp, advising her to come at once to Tucumcari; that he immediately checked the Keyton Auto Camp but found no one registered there under that name; that he then checked the Bazell Auto Camp and found that a woman registered there under the name of Mrs. LONA BLACK, accompanied by an unknown woman, had departed a few minutes before for parts unknown; that the Auto Camp records reflected that these women were driving a Ford V-8 Coupe, Texas license No. 392109, address Bonham, Texas.

Agents checked the records at the Bazell Auto Camp and found said records to be as described by Deputy Sheriff DONNELLY. The proprietor of said auto camp advised that the two women, mentioned above, checked in at his camp early in the afternoon of October 6th and spent the remainder of the day in their cabin with the shades closed; that he did not see them have any visitors, nor did they ask any questions concerning the whereabouts of anyone; that the woman with LONA BLACK was small and had red hair. He was unable to give any other description concerning the two women.

A complete check was made of all the auto camps, hotels and rooming houses at Winslow. No other information was found concerning the two women, nor was anyone found who recognized the photographs of Subjects BRADY, CLARK or UNDERHILL.

All telegraphic messages were checked at Western Union, but no outgoing or incoming messages were found, other than the telegram referred to above by Deputy Sheriff DONNELLY.

AT HOLBROOK, ARIZONA:

The records of the Arizona Highway Patrol at Holbrook, Arizona, disclosed that at 11:25 A. M., October 1st, 1933, a Ford V-8 Coupe, Texas license No. 392109, was checked through said station by LONA BLACK and an unidentified woman - destination, Flagstaff, Arizona; that said automobile was registered to B. L. BLACK, Bonham, Texas. G. A. ASE, Highway Patrol Officer, stated that he checked said car and that a sixty-day Visitor's Permit was issued to them.

The records of the White Auto Camp, Holbrook, Arizona, disclosed that LONA BLACK, Bonham, Texas, and sister, registered on September 29th, 1933, and occupied Cabin No. 5 and checked out on October 1st, 1933. SCOTT MURRAY, employe at said camp, described these women as one being tall and one being short. He could not identify photographs of Subjects BRADY, CLARK or UNDERHILL as photographs of persons ever having stayed at the above camp.

The other auto camps, hotels and rooming houses were checked without result.

At Flagstaff, and Williams, Arizona, a complete check was made of all the auto camps, hotels and rooming houses, without result.

The Park Ranger, PERRY E. BROWN, Grand Canyon, Arizona, checked the Park register and found that on September 22nd, 1933, LONA BLACK of Bonham, Texas, checked through with a V-8 Ford Coupe, Texas license No. 362109.

A check of the auto camps and hotels, Grand Canyon, was made and it was found that LONA BLACK and sister registered at the Bright Angel Camp on the evening of September 22nd, and occupied Cabin No. 124. No other information concerning them could be ascertained.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

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KANSAS CITY

October 18, 1933.

Kansas City File #66-230

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated October 14, 1933 with which was transmitted a check in the amount of \$85.00, payable to Mr. Merle A. Gill of Kansas City, for expert ballistic analysis.

Today, in the regular mail, I transmitted a new voucher together with statement of differences, indicating Mr. Gill as payee in the sum of \$15.00, pursuant to suggestion in your letter. However, I have now ascertained that through inadvertence the original of the voucher transmitted was not executed by Mr. Gill.

Accordingly I have transmitted herewith (via air mail) a new voucher covering this \$15.00 item, which is properly executed by Mr. Gill. It is respectfully requested that the statement of differences attached to the voucher, which is unexecuted by Mr. Gill, be attached to the new voucher submitted herewith.

Very truly yours,



M. C. SPEAR
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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October 23, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the voucher in the amount of \$15.00, payable to Merle A. Gill, which was submitted by your office to reclaim the amount suspended from his previous account. You are advised that the Statement of Differences was not received by the Division, and accordingly, you are requested to transmit it to the Division as soon as possible, in order that this voucher may be submitted to the Division of Accounts of the Department for appropriate action.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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October 23, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HUGHES

On Saturday night the office advised me that Mr. Stanley was desirous of communicating with me. I communicated with him by telephone, and he informed me that the Department was in receipt of a telegram from Mr. William J. Barker, United States Attorney at Santa Fe, New Mexico, requesting authority to have the United States Marshal turn over to the Kansas State authorities Bob Brady, recently arrested in New Mexico. Mr. Stanley inquired of me as to what action I thought should be taken, and I informed him that while Brady was a suspect in connection with the Kansas City massacre case, I did not believe the case was in such condition at the present time as would warrant the Federal authorities insisting that Brady be held on that charge, particularly in view of the fact that Brady had a long term of years to serve in the Kansas State Penitentiary. I therefore suggested that Brady be turned over to the Kansas State authorities for removal to the Kansas State Penitentiary, where he would be available in the event we should desire him in connection with the Kansas City massacre case. Mr. Stanley approved the suggestion, and suggested that I draft a telegram to the United States Attorney at Santa Fe and dispatch it to him, signing Mr. Stanley's name. I am attaching hereto a copy of a telegram which was sent on October 21 concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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OCTOBER 21, 1933.

WILLIAM J. BARKER
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
SANTA FE NEW MEXICO

YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO INSTRUCT UNITED STATES MARSHAL TO TURN OVER BOB
BRADY TO KANSAS STATE AUTHORITIES FOR RETURN TO KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY
LANING KANSAS

WILLIAM J. STANLEY
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

*copy Mr. Hughes
10-23-33
just*

*9:30 pm
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Edwards	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Hughes	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Lester	_____
Mr. Locke	_____
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October 23, 1933.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN MR. HOOVER AND MR. RORER:

Mr. Hoover telephoned Mr. Rorer and instructed him to contact Acting Special Agent in Charge Alt of the Jacksonville Office with respect to the information that Verne Miller is reported in the Western part of Florida, about one hundred miles west of Tallahassee. Mr. Rorer was instructed to take another agent and proceed to meet Alt at a place to be arranged between them, and that he, Rorer, was to take charge of matters as the matter should not be delayed any longer. Mr. Hoover instructed Mr. Rorer further to take machine guns and to proceed fully armed and try to pick up the trail of Miller. Mr. Rorer said that he thought he would be able to pick up Agent Fletcher on the way and Mr. Hoover said this would be O.K.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Room 1403, 370 Lexington Avenue,
New York, New York.

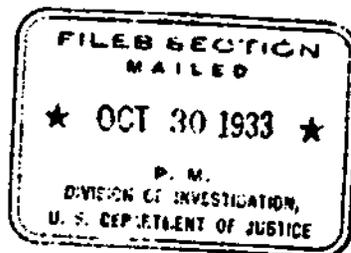
Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of October 24, 1933, relative to the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - Fugitive, Identification Order #1195, et al; Obstruction of Justice, you are advised that upon the basis of the information which you have furnished, it has not been possible to identify Arthur Biehler alias James Ward in the files of the Identification Unit.

Should you be in a position to furnish additional information, particularly a copy of his fingerprints, I shall be glad to have a further search made.

Very truly yours,

Director.



U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

**Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City**

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October 24, 1933

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

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above entitled matter, kindly advise if the records of the Identification section of the Division contain any more recent criminal record or photograph of Arthur Biehler alias James Ward, New York City Police Department number B-31899 than the photograph taken by the above agency on November 30, 1914 in connection with a manslaughter charge on which he was later sentenced to serve a term of eighteen years in Sing Sing Prison.

Very truly yours,

F. X. Fay
F. X. FAY, Assistant
Special Agent in Charge

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November 3, 1933.

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

Dear Sirs

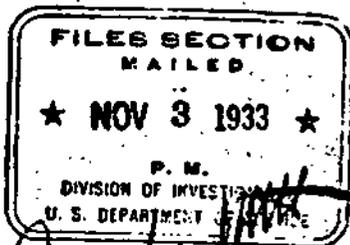
The Division is in receipt of a letter from William H. Sparry, 2216 1/2 East 6th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, dated October 23, 1933, in which he advises that he is in possession of information concerning Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

You are instructed to have an Agent interview Mr. Sparry in the near future and obtain from him all information he has in his possession concerning Floyd and other individuals whose apprehension is desired by the Division.

Very truly yours,

cc - Kansas City.

Director.



Tulsa, Oklahoma,
October 23rd 1933.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Gurnea.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Nease.....
Mr. Gandy.....

Hon. J. E. Hoover,
Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

S i r:

About three weeks ago I was instrumental in having Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd placed where he could have been easily arrested and because of the personal reason of the party in whom I had placed confidence, the arrest was not made, although it could have been done without firing a gun.

The purpose of this letter is to ask that you have issued to me a Deputy United States Commission out of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, so that I may be in position to do such things as should be done in connection with the apprehension of criminals. At this time I am personally and closely acquainted with Floyd and also Harry Underhill and others, and the information I get I would expect to turn over to the proper officers at Oklahoma City and would expect them to take prompt action.

Because I expect to go into the hill country around November 1st, 1933, I will appreciate having word from you concerning the commission.

So that you may know something about my standing in this community, I refer you to First National Bank & Trust Co., also to your United States Marshall, John P. Logan, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and to Congressman Wesley E. Disney. I am now 46 years of age and have lived in Tulsa all my life.

Respectfully,

William H. Sperry
(WILLIAM H. SPERRY,
2216-1/2 East 6th Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.)

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Mr. William H. Sperry,
2216 1/2 East 6th Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

This Division is in receipt of your letter dated October 23, 1933, wherein you advise that you have information concerning the whereabouts of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd and in that connection requested the issuance of a Deputy United States Commission in order that you might effect the apprehension of Floyd.

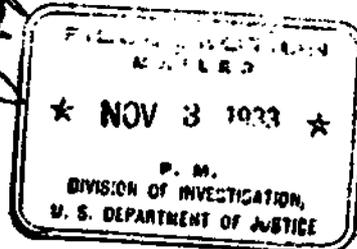
Please be advised that this Division is not in a position to issue such commissions, but in the event you desire to disclose the information in your possession you are requested to submit such information to Mr. R. E. Colvin, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 224 Federal Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Thanking you for your interest in the work of this Division, I am

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE
F.O. #1195, ET AL - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank
Kash) Kansas City File 62-760-

A review of this file indicates the following additional requests which are being made of your office for investigation at this time.

Please refer to page 18 of the report of Special Agent T. H. Tracy, dated at New York City 10-4-1933. In this connection a photograph of William Weisman, bearing his description, is being transmitted to the St. Louis Office. It is quite well established that Weisman is an intimate friend of Fugitive Miller and therefore his location should be sought.

Several weeks ago an informant named Emma Hitchings, of Kansas City, Missouri, stated that a prostitute named Maxine Miller, who is shown, incidentally, through the investigation of the Urschel kidnaping matter to be a friend of Albert L. Bates, is a close friend of William Weisman. Mrs. Hitchings stated that Weisman frequented the apartment where Maxine Miller lived and was there a very few days before the slayings which occurred at Kansas City on June 17th in this matter. She also stated that Maxine Miller informed her that Weisman told her immediately after the massacre that he knew the individuals who were implicated therein. Mrs. Hitchings stated that Weisman immediately left town at that time. It is very apparent that he may have a personal connection with the instant case.

Reference is made to the letter from the St. Louis office dated September 5, 1933. It is requested that you advise what further action has been taken by your office relative to the identification of Helen Ferguson. It is suggested that a most careful scrutiny be had by your office of this party through all available means, including telephone, mail, etc. It is quite well established

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that Helen Ferguson has a connection with Fred Barker and Lloyd Barker, who are known to be close friends of Miller.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent George A. Gross, dated at St. Louis, Missouri, September 7, 1933, showing investigation at Corning and Knobles, Arkansas, relative to the location of Louise Conner, who is a fugitive in this case.

It is requested that the investigation mentioned in the report of Agent Gross be further pursued at those places, and that you secure all possible personal history of Louise and Eddie Conner, and cause same to be followed with a searching investigation at whatever point same may be necessary. In this connection you may be advised that the Kansas City Office desires to prepare an individual Summary concerning Mrs. Louise Conner, and for that reason all of her personal history is desired.

Letter addressed to the St. Louis office from Kansas City, dated September 2, 1933, requests investigation at Neely's Landing and Jackson, Missouri, relative to the identification of certain license tag numbers, one of which may have been used in the instant massacre. The report of Special Agent M. H. Rhodes, dated at St. Louis 9-23-33, shows investigation relative to another one of these license tags at Elmer, Missouri. It is requested that the remainder of the investigation in this connection be expedited.

Very truly yours,

E. K. Conroy

E. K. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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OCTOBER 23, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403
New York City, New York

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1195, ET AL - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank
Nash). Kansas City File 62-780-

Referring to your letter of October 4th relative to the location of Vivian Mathis, please be advised that there is no indication that this individual is located in the vicinity of Chicago, Illinois, or Kansas City, Missouri, at present, and her location is not known to this office. Accordingly, it is deemed advisable to continue the search now being made for her in your District.

Very truly yours,

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E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1326 Building Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

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

Reference is made to the report by Special Agent F. E.
Hurley, dated at Detroit, Michigan, September 22, 1933.

Underhill has not served in the United States
Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, according to any informa-
tion now available. His record at the Kansas State Penitentiary,
Lawrence, Kansas, does not reveal a list of relatives except as
shown on his correspondent record. It is not believed that such
list is complete, and it may be stated that the name of Bob
Underhill is not shown thereon. However, a more complete family
history of this individual will be secured at the earliest
possible moment and forwarded to you.

Very truly yours,

L. E. Conroy
L. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Atlantic National Bank Building Annex
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1196 - ET AL., OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(ENDEAVOR TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK
NASH) KANSAS CITY FILE 62-760-

Reference is made to your letter of September 27th relative to the Ballistic Exhibit Card previously forwarded to you from the Kansas City Office.

It is suggested that you keep the exhibit card in question at the Jacksonville Office for use there in the event any specimen of a fired bullet or exploded shell case should come to your attention which appear to have a connection with this case.

In this connection it is believed advisable that the Jacksonville Office request the various Police Departments in the larger cities in that territory to transmit to the Jacksonville Office ballistic exhibits which may come to their attention. This is deemed appropriate in view of the fact that there is no regular ballisticsian located in the Jacksonville territory.

Very truly yours,

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E. E. CONROY
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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
326 1/2 Post Office Building
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER, WITH ALIASES, FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1195, ET AL - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank
Hush). Kansas City File 62-760-

Please refer to letter from the Kansas City Office
addressed to you under date of September 19th requesting in-
vestigation at Greenville, Mississippi, pursuant to the report
by Special Agent Kitchen dated at Birmingham, Alabama,
September 14th, relative to the person called by telephone
from St. Paul, Minnesota, believed to have some connection
in this matter.

It is requested that immediate attention be given this
undeveloped lead.

Very truly yours,

MOA
L. E. COIROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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OCTOBER 23, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

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

Please refer to the report by Special Agent D. L.
Nicholson, dated at Detroit, Michigan, 10-4-1933 in this matter.

It is evident that Charles Fred Vogel mentioned in that
report is a friend of Subject Galatas, who is a fugitive in this
case. A more searching inquiry into the connections of Vogel
is desired, and it is requested that if possible your office make
a complete check of his long distance calls of recent date, and
ascertain with whom he is in communication by mail.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403
New York City, New York

Dear Sir:

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

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Very truly yours,

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E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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OCTOBER 22, 1933.

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 - FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1195, ET AL - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank
Nash) Kansas City file BE-760-

Please refer to letter addressed to you from the Kansas
City Office dated September 18, 1933, wherewith was enclosed two
copies of a letter from Mr. W. T. Griffin, Chief Inspector of
Police, Memphis, Tenn., which had originally been addressed to
the Division, relative to Geraldine Conner, sister-in-law of
Louise Conner, said at that time to have been in Memphis, Tenn.

It is requested that your office secure all possible
family and personal history of Louise and Eddie Conner, and that
this undeveloped lead be given immediate attention. An individual
Summary Report concerning Louise Conner is to be rendered, and
this office desires to procure all pertinent information regard-
ing her past life.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Division

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OCT 25 1933 A.M.
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FILE

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

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1193, et al - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank
Nash) Kansas City File 62-760-

A review of the instant file develops the following additional investigation which is being requested of your office at this time.

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Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Division

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OCTOBER 23, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
619 Federal Building
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

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

Please advise immediately as to the results of investi-
gation performed by you pursuant to letter from the Chicago Office
addressed to the Kansas City Office dated September 2nd, a carbon
copy of which was furnished you, relative to the location of
Fugitive Miller through connections with Texas Guinan and others,
especially Moses Barnett, of Los Angeles, who is apparently a
friend of the Night Club Entertainer.

Very truly yours,

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E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

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

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E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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FILE

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
900 Ezra Thompson Building
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

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

Please refer to page 18 of the report by Special Agent
T. H. Tracy, dated at New York City, New York, October 4, 1933.

There is enclosed a circular issued by the Elizabeth,
N. J. Police Department, which bears a photograph, fingerprints
and description of William Weisman. It is desired that the loca-
tion of Weisman be effected since he is shown by investigation to
be a close friend of Vernon C. Miller, and also it is indicated
he has a very probable personal connection in the instant massacre.

The report of Special Agent W. Carter Baum, dated at
Chicago, Illinois, September 13, 1933, contains an undeveloped lead
for your office in regard to the identification of Gus Schaefer and
Harvey Bailey through further contact with prisoner Arthur Johnson
in the Colorado State Penitentiary. It is also requested in this
connection that any additional details concerning the parties men-
tioned by Johnson, as shown in the report of Special Agent A. R. Cere,
dated at Salt Lake City 6-26-33, be obtained.

Letter dated September 11, 1933, addressed to Salt Lake
City from the Kansas City office contains the request that investi-
gation be made at 121 West 63rd Street, Denver, Colorado, at which
place an individual named "Limpy" is said to reside and to have
possession of a machine gun which has a possible connection with the
instant case.

It is requested that expeditious action be had in this
matter.

Very truly yours,

WFT:os
cc - Division

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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DIVISION ONE

OCT 25 1933 PM

1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

October 23, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

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

In compliance with your instructions as set out in
your letter dated October 21, 1933, in the above entitled case, I
herewith enclose a Post Office Department circular of Charles P.
Clouse, alias "Curly" Clouse, which sets out photograph, description
and photographic copy of his original fingerprints.

Very truly yours,

D. O. SMITH, Acting,
Special Agent in Charge.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
OCTOBER 23, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

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

A review of the instant file indicates the following
uncompleted investigation in your territory:

Letter from the Kansas City Office dated September 21st
requests that you furnish all possible details as to Louis Clark,
who may have a connection with Harvey Bailey and others in this
matter.

According to your wire of October 7, 1933, the firearms
sized at the time of the arrest of Subject Brady and Jim Clark
were to be forwarded to the Kansas City Office for ballistic
analysis. Same have not arrived.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROYN OF INVESTIGATION
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

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62-4949

October 24, 1933

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, Fugitive,
I.O. #1198, et al
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

Dear Sir:

With further reference to my letter to you dated October 14, 1933 regarding the above captioned matter, please be advised that from the New York Telephone Company was secured a list of local telephone calls made by Mrs. J. L. Wolfe from her room at the Park Plaza Hotel, New York City, from September 28th to October 12th inclusive. The list, however, failed to reveal any information of value bearing upon the instant case.

It was further ascertained that Mrs. Wolfe is operating a Plymouth sedan automobile, bearing 1933 Illinois license plates 678-720. This car is being kept at the Ryders Garage, 210 West 77th Street, New York City.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY, Assistant
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Division
- Kansas City

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F. X. FAY

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DIVISION ONE
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
OCTOBER 25, 1933.

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

62-78915-15
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
OCT 25 1933 A.M.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FILE

Dear Sir:

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

A review of the instant file indicates the following investigation not yet completed in your District:

Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Kansas City 9-22-33, requests investigation at Kiefer, Oklahoma, relative to the location of Alvin Karpis through his Mother-in-law, believed to be residing there. In this connection it is shown through investigation in the instant matter that Alvin Karpis, who is wanted for murders at various places, including West Plains, Missouri, is a friend of Fred Barker and Lloyd Barker, and these three individuals are shown to have a close connection with Vernon C. Miller. An Essex Terraplane Sedan purchased by Miller at Kansas City under the alias of A. Carter was found at 205 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, shortly after the Hamm Kidnaping in June 1933. At that address Karpis and the two Barkers are shown as having lived while the Essex Sedan was there.

Letter from the Kansas City Office dated September 22nd requests that interview be had with William Brandenburg, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, who wrote that he had information relative to the location of Fugitive Galatas.

Letter from the Kansas City Office dated September 5th requests that interview be had with Earnest E. Hill, Hot Springs, Arkansas, who wrote this office stating he had information relative to the location of Fugitive Galatas.

Letter dated August 21st addressed to the Kansas City office from the San Antonio Office, with carbon copy to Oklahoma City, requests that investigation be made at Hot Springs, Arkansas,

Page 2.

through the telephone company to learn the identity of the party who had telephone installed at the home of Galatas under the alias Mrs. George W. Bates. You will note that there is a probable implication in this case of Kelly and Bates, Subjects of the Urschel kidnaping matter.

Very truly yours,

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E. H. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Kansas City, Missouri
October 18, 1933

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Room 1403, 370 Lexington Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Sir:

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

Referring to your letter of October 5, 1933, relative to questions asked
by Sergeant Butts, ballistic expert of the New York City Police Department,
regarding exhibit photographs forwarded from this office, the following comments
have been secured from Merle A. Gill, the ballisticians here:

1. The two dots indicated in the microphotograph of one of the
evidence cartridge cases are constant in their appearance in
each of the exhibits pertaining to the particular weapon from
which they were fired; the two raised dots in the crater of
the primer indicate cavities in the firing pin point and the
examiner should note their relationship to the weapon ejector.
2. The portion of the fatal bullet indicated in the microphoto-
graph is as stated: "Tool and flaw markings", and are located
between land impressions on the circumference of the exhibit.
Tool marks of the character shown are always apparent in the
position stated and are caused by the rifling cutter; these
particular markings appear on the bullet in question about
midway between the base and nose of the bullet, well down on
the bearing surface.
3. An enlarged photograph of the complete bullet is attached
herewith. The portion of this photograph marked with an arrow
indicates the section microphotographed for closer inspection.
4. An inspection of the complete bullet, as is attached herewith,
will indicate to the examiner that the bullet entered the
chamber of the weapon in a normal manner. Machine guns of the
Thompson make do show a slight nose-diving effect which is

caused by the bolt of the weapon as it plunges the
cartridge home and fires it before it has hardly
seated in the chamber.

The enlarged photograph mentioned in point number three above is here-
with enclosed.

Very truly yours,

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

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1420 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio



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October 25, 1933.

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

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

Dear Sir:-

With reference to the letter emanating from the Kansas City Office dated September 23, 1933 copy of which was furnished to the Cincinnati Office, together with enclosures of micro-photographic exhibits of one of the exploded shell cases, and of a portion of one of the fired lead slugs used by the assassins in this case, please be advised that a canvass has been made in the territory allocated to the Cincinnati Office, and it has been ascertained that there are no outstanding ballistic experts in this territory.

We are informed that the various police departments in this district, usually refer such matters to Professor Goddard of the Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois when it becomes necessary to employ an expert's advice in ballistic matters.

The exhibits, as furnished by the Kansas City Office, are being retained at the Cincinnati Office.

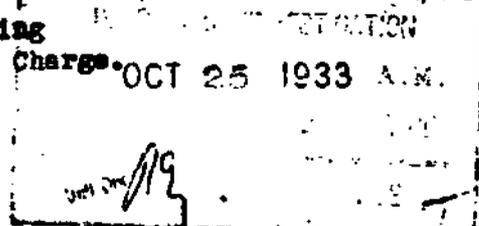
Very truly yours,

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M. B. KLEIN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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OCT 26 1933
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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPT. OF JUSTICE

326½ Post Office Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.
October 21, 1933.

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

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of September 25, 1933, relative to the above entitled case, please be advised that Special Agent James O. Peyronnia of this Office reports that the files of the Bureau of Identification and Bureau of Records, Police Department, New Orleans, Louisiana, [REDACTED] b7D

Agent Peyronnia also reports that investigation in the 900 block of Governor Nicholls Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, developed that there is no house numbered "925" and that this neighborhood is inhabited by white people only. Agent Peyronnia reports that inquiries were made of various persons in the 800, 900, and 1000 block of Governor Nicholls Street, for information [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] are not known.

The city and telephone directories, New Orleans, Louisiana, do not contain the names [REDACTED] b7D

Mr. C. E. Duvernay, Superintendent of Mails, New Orleans, Louisiana, after inquiries, advised agent that he was unable to furnish any information to assist in locating [REDACTED] b7D

Mr. J. B. Greeson, Division Supervisor, Bureau of Narcotics, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that [REDACTED] was not [REDACTED] b7D

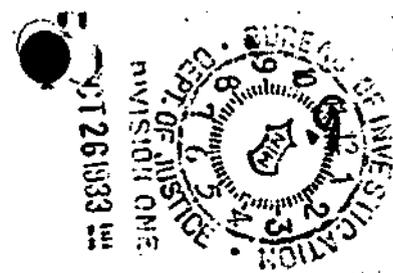
known to him, and that the records in his office do not reflect that this individual was ever an informant of his Bureau at New Orleans.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division: Pittsburgh;
Kansas City; Okla. City;
St. Paul; St. Louis;
New York City.

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



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

October 24, 1933
62-28915-19
OCT 26 1933
FILE

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE.
I.O. #1195, ET AL.
Obstruction of Justice - Endeavor to
deliver Federal prisoner Frank Nash.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to your letter of October 17, 1933, in the above case, which supplied information which had been furnished to Special Agent in Charge Warner Hanni by a confidential informant with respect to a possible contact between subject Vernon C. Miller and one Arty Bealer of New York City.

You are advised that interviews have been held with several New York City detectives who have been handling underworld matters for some years and it has been ascertained that the data furnished by the informant seems to bear every earmark of authenticity. It seems that Ownay Madden and Arthur Biehler killed one Patay Doyle in New York in 1914 and shortly thereafter were sentenced to Sing Sing Prison on charges of first degree manslaughter for terms of ten to twenty years and eighteen years respectively. Madden was released on parole about 1922, was returned to the institution for parole violation in 1932, and was again paroled during the past summer. His parole expires in 1935. Biehler was released on parole about 1926 and his parole expired during the early part of this year.

Madden, following his release on parole, entered the beer and night club rackets in New York City and is generally regarded as a "big shot". Biehler, upon his release, went to the middle west as a representative of Madden and the eastern alcohol syndicate. He is said to have made his headquarters in either Chicago or Minneapolis, and to have become acquainted with Vernon C. Miller in a place called the "Red Mill", located in one of the above cities. The "Red Mill" is supposed to have

used forty half barrels of beer per day. Soon after going to the middle west, Biehler wired Madden and inquired if he could arrange for the delivery of three carloads of alcohol per week. Miller, during this period, is said to have been in the alcohol racket.

The above data came from a confidential informant of the New York Police Department and, although his identity is, of course, unknown, it is believed that he is connected with the Madden "mob". The same informant stated that Biehler has been seen around New York City recently. He also advised that Oney Madden is presently at Hot Springs, Ark., for his health. Madden suffers from ulcers of the stomach. About a year ago, Madden and Biehler jointly occupied a penthouse apartment in "The London Terrace", 23rd Street, New York City. Biehler is described as a personal companion, body-guard and chauffeur to Madden.

In connection with the investigation being conducted by the New York Office with respect to Louis and Betty Buchalter alias Saffer, with whom Vivian Mathes, paramour of Miller, associated during the past summer, it is believed that Buchalter is presently located at Hot Springs, Ark. He would undoubtedly be in contact with Madden and both of these men are big enough in the underworld to be contacted by almost any important criminal.

In view of the location of the above individuals at Hot Springs, Ark., and in the light of the information furnished in the letter of reference to the effect that Miller might be receiving treatment for syphilis at the same place, a copy of this letter is being transmitted to the Oklahoma City office with the request that an appropriate investigation be conducted at Hot Springs, Ark. It is suggested that Buchalter would probably stop at the Hotel Arlington.

It has been ascertained from the New York State Commission of Parole that Oney Madden left New York on October 7, 1933, with the permission of his parole officer, for a visit of some five or six weeks to Hot Springs, Ark., where he can be located at 506 West Grand Avenue.

It is thought that former Chief of Police Brandenburg of Hot Springs, Ark., or the confidential informant of the Division at that point, should be in a position to furnish data regarding the present location of Louis Buchalter if he is at Hot Springs, and also information concerning Arthur Biehler.

Your office is requested to maintain contact with the informant at Sioux Falls, S.D., in order that further information of value might be secured without delay.

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The Chicago Office, which is receiving a copy of this letter, is requested to endeavor to locate the "Red Mill", and to take any action which may be deemed appropriate.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY, Assistant
Special Agent in Charge.

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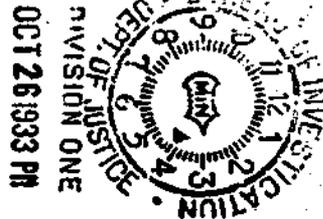
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REV/AP.
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October 20, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

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

I am attaching an article from the San Francisco "Examiner", as of this date, on "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Complete information on Floyd has been teletyped to every Law Enforcement Agency in the State of California, and they are all on the lookout for him. I believe the telephone call mentioned in this article, was simply the work of a crank. However, I shall continue to keep a close watch on this matter.

Very truly yours,
R. E. Vetterli
R.E. Vetterli,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DIRECTOR

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FILE 1

PRETTY BOY' FLOYD

HUNTED IN S.F.

Bandit Looking At Alcatraz, Says Mysterious Call

Examiner Gets Phone Message
From Man Claiming to
Be Notorious Killer

Search through northern California for Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd was intensified last night with fresh reports of the notorious Oklahoma killer's appearance.

Earlier in the day a squad of fifteen Department of Justice agents had swooped down on Monterey, on a tip that Floyd was in hiding there. They returned to San Francisco last night, however, empty handed.

TIP BY TELEPHONE

The tip was one of many in the past week that have sent State and Federal authorities hot on the trail of Floyd, bank robber, killer and kidnaper, one of the worst outlaws of his generation.

Meanwhile, in San Francisco, one of The Examiner's telephones rang about 9 o'clock last night. A voice said:

"Ray, about fifteen Federal agents went down to Monterey today looking for 'Pretty Boy' Floyd—did you know that? But we couldn't find him there, 'cause it was all a joke. He wasn't in Monterey."

"Who are you?"

"I'm Floyd."

"What are you doing here?"

"Taking a look at Alcatraz."

OFTEN TAUNTS PURSUERS

The receiver clicked and attempts to trace the call were unsuccessful.

Reed Zetterli, head of the local force of Department of Justice agents, explained that the Oklahoma desperado had often thrown taunts in the faces of law officers seeking his whereabouts.

A week ago word buzzed from San Diego to San Francisco that Floyd had been seen in Ventura, accompanied by two men and his 8-year-old daughter, driving north in a dust-gray sedan.

REPORTED IN MONTEREY

A day later he was reported to have slipped over the Monterey County line, heading in the direction of Santa Cruz. Peace officers and sheriff's possees patrolled highways in vain.

Floyd is wanted, among other charges, for participation in the Kansas City Union Station shooting last June that brought death to four peace officers and their prisoner, for the kidnaping of a Missouri sheriff, and for a bank robbery in Ballisow, Okla.

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THS:GJ
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October 20, 1933.

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

Dear Sirs

Your attention is invited to Division letter, dated September 21, 1933, relative to the request of James W. Bowers, Box 47, Register No. 35202, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, that he be interviewed in connection with a confidential matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Kansas City, Mo.

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REPORT MADE AT: Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE: 10-25-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10/17-25/33	REPORT MADE BY: N. B. Klein
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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. #1195, et al	CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

National Branch Bank, Madison, Ind., was robbed 11-12-31 by a gang of seven bandits who secured approximately \$90,000.00 including cash and registered liberty bonds. Photographs of Subjects involved in Kansas City massacre, together with photograph of Arthur Johnson, exhibited to bank officials and customers who witnessed hold-up and Albert L. Bates and Vernon C. Miller believed members of the gang who committed the robbery. Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, Chicago, Ill., has complete file on robbery.



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REFERENCE:

Reports of Special Agents A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City, Utah, dated 6-26-33 and W. Carter Baum, Chicago, Illinois, dated 9-13-33.

DETAILS:

AT MADISON, INDIANA

Agent called at the Sheriff's Office, Madison, and was advised that the present Sheriff and his Deputies, who are now holding office, had no knowledge of the robbery of the National Branch Bank, Madison, other than what was gathered at the time from newspaper accounts and what was conveyed to them by citizens of Madison; that the Sheriff, who was in office at that time, is no longer residing in Madison.

Agent talked with Mr. John W. Tevis, President, of the National Branch Bank, who advised that on 11-12-31 his bank was robbed by a gang of seven bandits; that, however, only two of the bandits entered the bank and covered himself and employees with automatic pistols and thence proceeded to ransack the

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the vault obtaining approximately \$90,000.00, consisting of about \$33,000.00 in cash, \$25,000.00 in registered Liberty bonds, and the remainder being other negotiable securities. Mr. Tevis stated that an extensive investigation in the matter has been conducted by Mr. Gerard, Chief Investigator, for the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company of Chicago, Ill., and that many photographs of suspects have been exhibited to him and the employees and customers of the bank, who witnessed the hold-up at the time. Mr. Tevis stated that he had tentatively identified the photograph of Albert L. Bates as being one of the men who held up the bank. However, Bates was never positively identified as being a participant. Photograph of Vernon C. Miller was also exhibited and Mr. Tevis advised he is quite certain that Vernon Miller was one of the men who covered him with an automatic pistol. However, he would not positively identify Miller as being the man, unless he was able to see him in person. In view of the late hour that Agent called on Mr. Tevis, many of the bank employees had left for the day and Mr. Tevis suggested that all photographs in the matter be furnished him and that the same would be exhibited to employees and customers of the bank who witnessed the hold-up on 11-12-31. Mr. Tevis stated that he is unable to identify the photograph of Arthur Johnson as being one of the bandits; that, in fact, only two of the bandits actually entered the bank and that the others, as far as could be ascertained, remained in an automobile outside of the bank and their descriptions were not obtained by any one, as far as could be ascertained.

On 10-25-33 the Cincinnati Office received a communication from the National Branch Bank, Madison, Indiana, enclosing the various photographs and advising that the Identification Orders bearing the photographs of suspects in the Kansas City Massacre, together with the photographs of Arthur Johnson, Frank Nash and Albert L. Bates were exhibited to officers, employees and customers of the bank, who were present at the time of the robbery; that while no positive identification was made, two of the employees are very strongly inclined to believe that Vernon C. Miller is one of the bandits who held up the Bank.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE at Chicago, Ill. Is requested to contact Mr. Gerard, Chief Investigator, for the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, for further information in connection with the robbery of the National Branch Bank of Madison, Indiana, on 11-12-31. There is also being attached to the Chicago copies of this report, the report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City, Utah, dated 6-26-33, same being returned in accordance with the request of the Chicago Office.

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REPORT MADE AT: New York City	DATE WHEN MADE: 10/21/33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9/28-29; 10/2, 5, 6, 12, 15, 16/33	REPORT MADE BY: S. K. MOORE
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1195. RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201. CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194. ET AL.		CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE ENDEAVOR TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">C. F. Clough, 1509 South Salina Street, Syracuse, N.Y., met Stearns through one Warren and Shook, strangers at Daytona Beach, Fla., during February, 1933, and through them lost \$30,000 on horse racing. Clough last heard from Stearns in April, 1933, from Chicago, Ill., and his present whereabouts is unknown. A. C. Pieper, Scarsdale, N.Y., stated he met Victor C. Stearns at Daytona Beach, Fla., during February, 1933, and Stearns unsuccessfully tried to interest him in betting on horse races. Chief of Police H. D. McColl, Runda, N.Y., advised that while in Rochester, N.Y., October 13, 1933, he saw a couple answering description of "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Beulah Baird in a restaurant. However, waitress supposed to have served them unable to identify photos. Hotels checked and Rochester, N.Y., police informants contacted, without procuring information of value. Speakeasy proprietor at Rochester, N.Y., identified photo of Floyd as stranger who was in place October 13, 1933 and contacted local gangsters. Further efforts being made to verify identification but no additional data received to date.</p>			
DETAILS: 			
REFERENCE: <p style="text-align: center;">Report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers, Jacksonville, Fla., dated September 26, 1933.</p>			
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DETAILS:

Investigation at SCARSDALE, N.Y., disclosed that the town is not served by a Postal Telegraph office. Inquiry at the Western Union telegraph office, Scarsdale, N.Y., resulted in learning that Postal telegraph messages for residents of the town are received through the office of that company located at White Plains, N.Y., about five miles distant from Scarsdale, whence they are either telephoned, delivered by special messenger or transmitted via Western Union wires. The manager of the Western Union office searched his files for the day of March 20, 1933, but could not locate a copy of the message sent to A. C. Piper by Victor C. Stearns from Daytona Beach, Fla. He stated that in all probability, the message was delivered by the Postal Telegraph Company.

Postmaster J. M. Lyons, Scarsdale, N.Y., upon interview referred to the postal directory and learned that no such person as A. C. Piper resides in the town. It was ascertained, however, that an August C. Pieper resides at the Cragswold Apartments, telephone 1370, and that an H. A. Pieper resides at 17 Hadden Road, telephone 1665.

Interview was had with H. S. Pearn, manager of the Cragswold Apartments. This house is operated on a cooperative basis and is located in an exclusive section of the town, which has a population of about 15,000 and is regarded as an exclusive residential community. The business section is just one block. Pearn advised that A. C. Pieper and his wife have occupied Apartment 5-H since October 1, 1932. He described Pieper as a man around 70 years of age, who lives alonewith his wife, who is apparently retired and who spent the majority of his time in and around the apartment, with the exception of periodic trips. He stated that Pieper and his wife were at that time in Chicago, Ill., but were expected to return home within two days. He advised further that the couple spent the past winter in Florida, having returned to Scarsdale during the latter part of February or early March. Pearn said that A. C. Pieper has a son, namely, H. A. Pieper, who resides on Hadden Road, Scarsdale. This son is described as being between 40 and 45 years of age, married, living with his wife and two small children. It was also stated that the son is apparently retired inasmuch as he has seen him at various times during the day at his father's apartment.

The photograph of subject Richard Tallman Galatas, as well as those of other subjects in this case, was displayed to Mr. Pearn and he picked out the picture of Galatas as resembling in some degree H. A. Pieper. He described H. A. Pieper, to the best of his

ability, and the description given by him fitted that of Galatas. However, not much credence was placed in this identification.

Miss G. M. Starr, of the Postal Telegraph Company, White Plains, N.Y., was interviewed in an effort to learn if the A. C. Pieper residing at the Cragswold Apartments in Scarsdale was in fact the recipient of the telegram from Victor C. Stearns at Daytona Beach, Fla., on March 20, 1933. Miss Starr refused to furnish any information without a proper subpoena. It was not deemed appropriate to take such steps at this time.

Mr. F. W. Brown, manager of the New York Telephone Company, White Plains, N.Y., upon interview stated that he could not furnish data as to either local or toll calls made from the telephones of A. C. Pieper and H. A. Pieper at Scarsdale, N.Y., without authorization from the Legal Department of his company. It was not deemed appropriate to take such steps at this time. However, Mr. Brown referred to the records covering the telephones listed in the names of the above persons and advised that the only toll calls shown thereon during the past several months were suburban calls to points in and around the Metropolitan Area of New York City.

Mr. Van Wert of Johnson & Egert, Realtors, Scarsdale, N.Y., was contacted for information regarding the Piepers. He referred to the records of his office which cover the rental and sale of all properties in the town and advised that the name of A. C. Pieper did not appear therein. He stated, however, that Herbert A. Pieper, during April, 1930, purchased his home at 17 Hadden Road through the office of Prince & Ripley, Realtors, New York City, at a purchase price of \$42,000.00, of which \$30,000.00 was in mortgages. He advised that the Cragswold Apartments are managed by Culver Hollyday Company, 38 East 57th Street, New York City, and that any information desired could be secured through a Mr. Kuhner of the above company.

George A. Kuhner of Culver Hollyday Company, New York City, was interviewed. He produced the records of his office relative to August C. Pieper and advised that on October 1, 1932, Pieper sub-leased Apartment 5-H from the owner, Walter C. Collet of Scarsdale, N.Y. The file in the possession of Mr. Kuhner revealed that Pieper at the time of renting his apartment furnished the Chemical National Bank, New York City, and several individuals in the way of references. The realty company made inquiry of the Chemical National Bank, 165 Broadway, and received a reply from Harry W. Hadley, Vice-President, to the effect that Pieper had

formerly resided at 47 Plaza Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.; that he had been a valued customer of the bank since 1904; that Hadley had been personally acquainted with him for many years and that he was regarded as a man of worth.

The personal references furnished by Pieper replied to inquiries by stating that they had known him for upwards of twenty and twenty-five years, and that they could vouch for him in every way. It was noteworthy that none of the references furnished any information regarding the personal or business background of August C. Pieper.

At Scarsdale, N.Y., Walter C. Collet, Harwood Building, was interviewed. Mr. Collet is an architect and builder and owns considerable property in the town. When asked for information as to A. C. Pieper, he stated that he had no knowledge of Pieper's background. He said his only contact with the man was at the time the apartment was rented to him and that the matter of investigating references had been attended to by Culver Hollyday Company. Mr. Collet was likewise asked for information regarding the son, H. A. Pieper, but stated that he did not know this man.

James Connors, mail carrier who serves the residence of H. A. Pieper on Hadden Road, was interviewed and the photograph of subject Galatas was displayed to him, and he advised that the picture, in his opinion, was not a likeness of Pieper. He was asked for a description of Pieper and furnished one which tallied with that given by manager Pearn of the Cragswold, with the exception of the details of height and hair. The mail carrier believed the young Mr. Pieper to be at least 6'2" in height and to be practically bald.

August C. Pieper and his wife were interviewed at the Cragswold Apartments. Mr. Pieper advised that he is 72 years of age and lives alone with his wife. He stated he has one son, namely, H. A. Pieper of Scarsdale, N.Y. He displayed to agent a large photograph of his son and it is deemed appropriate to state that a glance at same sufficed to indicate that it was not a likeness of subject Galatas. Mr. Pieper advised that he has been retired for the past seven years; that prior to his retirement, he operated a metal and steel business under the name of Bruce & Cook, on Water Street in New York City.

When asked for information regarding Charles Vogel, Mr. Pieper replied that he was not acquainted with any such person.

Agent inquired if Mr. Pieper knew a man by the name of

Victor C. Stearns, and he immediately stated that he had met such a man at Daytona Beach, Fla., during February, 1933. When asked for the details of his acquaintanceship with Stearns, Mr. Pieper related that he and his wife spent the winter of 1932-33 at the Breakers Hotel, Miami, Fla., and during February, 1933, began their return journey to Scarsdale, N.Y. He related that they stopped off at Daytona Beach for several days and while walking on the beach, they were approached by a stranger who, after some conversation, introduced himself under the name of McDaniel. It was stated that McDaniel introduced them to a second man whose name was not remembered, and that eventually an introduction to Victor C. Stearns was brought about. During the conversation with these three men, the subject of the stock market came up and Stearns offered to take Pieper and his wife to a broker's office where they could watch the board. Several days were spent in this way and during this time Stearns related that he was employed by a syndicate of race horse owners and at times received information regarding horses which enabled him to make large winnings.

During the several days mentioned above, according to Mr. Pieper, Stearns placed sizeable bets at a place in Daytona Beach which he called the Turf Club, and won on practically every occasion. Pieper stated that one day Stearns invited him to come to his room in a Daytona Beach hotel. Pieper and his wife went to Stearns' room where McDaniel and the second man were also present. While in the room, Stearns, McDaniel and the third man placed a \$50,000.00 bet on a horse race, McDaniel taking the money to the Turf Club. Later in the day McDaniel returned and said that his horse had won and that the amount of the winnings was \$300,000.00.

While the group was still in the room, the manager of the Turf Club came in with a small grip and turned over to Stearns what was supposed to be \$300,000.00 in currency.

Stearns told Pieper that he had a credit or identification card which enabled him to place bets at the Turf Club without putting up cash. The group left the room and went to their respective hotels.

On the next day, Stearns came to Pieper and told him that he had a hot tip and was going to bet \$500,000.00 on a certain horse. Later on this day, Stearns approached Pieper again and told him that the horse had won and that amount of the winnings was one million dollars. He related that this time the manager of

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the Turf Club would not pay the bet unless Stearns could show a sufficient amount of cash to indicate that he could have paid the \$500,000.00 in the event he had lost. Stearns stated that he was a little short of cash, that he only had the \$350,000.00 which had been involved in the betting of the previous day and did not believe that McDaniel and the third man could raise more than an additional \$100,000.00 between them. He wanted Pieper to supply the remaining cash in order that the one million dollars might be collected. Pieper told him that he did not think he could raise that much money.

Pieper related that he and his wife left Daytona Beach on the same day and returned to Scarsdale. He said that during the time he came in contact with Stearns and his associates, he had given them his name and address and that shortly after his return home he received a telegram from Stearns. He said he could not remember the substance of the message but that he did not wish to have anything further to do with Stearns and his friends and he accordingly told his son, H. A. Pieper, the story of his contact with them. Pieper said that his son communicated with a lawyer named Quinn, who was formerly the District Attorney of some county in Northern New Jersey, and told him the story and Quinn expressed the opinion that Stearns and his friends were confidence men and had been endeavoring to perpetrate a fraud on Pieper. Pieper said that he immediately wired Stearns at Daytona Beach, care of the Postal Telegraph Company, stating that he did not wish to be further annoyed and that any additional messages from him would be referred to his attorney. He said that he did not hear further from Stearns.

The photographs of subject Galatas, as well as of the other subjects of this file, were displayed to both A. C. Pieper and his wife, but they could not identify any of them as the persons with whom they had dealt at Daytona Beach, Fla.

The following memorandum, submitted by Special Agent G. V. Doherty, covering investigation made by him at Buffalo and Syracuse, N.Y. with respect to the C. F. Clough mentioned in the report of reference, is being set out:

AT BUFFALO, N.Y.

Mr. P. W. Helffenstein, Chief Record Clerk, New York State Telephone Company, Main Office, Buffalo, N.Y., upon being interviewed advised that telephone number Delaware 7076 is listed to Hugh M. McNabb, 55 Delaware Road, Kenmore, N.Y., and that Mr. McNabb has had said telephone number since July 7, 1924. Examination of all toll calls charged to said number failed to disclose any calls to Florida although there were several calls to Harrisburg, Pa. and Williamsport, Pa.

Examination of the Buffalo City Directory failed to disclose an S. F. Clough listed therein, nor was the name of S. F. Clough listed in the latest issue of the telephone book, Buffalo. The Buffalo City Directory listed H. M. McNabb as being president of the Federal Crushed Stone Company, 55 Delaware Road, Kenmore, N.Y.

Mr. L. F. Couel, Clerk, Post Office Inspector's Office, advised that there was no forwarding address on file for S. F. Clough, 55 Delaware Road, Kenmore, and that the carrier who delivers mail at that address could not recall ever having delivered mail for such a person at that address.

In the absence of Chief of Police, Lieutenant C. D. Thorpe, Kenmore Police Department, was interviewed and advised that S. F. Clough was unknown to him and said person's name did not appear in the Kenmore City Directory, nor was said person's name on the latest voting list.

Lieutenant Thorpe advised that he does not know H. M. McNabb personally but he recalls that said person has been in business in Kenmore, N.Y., for over ten years and after making discreet inquiries, advised the writer that said person had an excellent reputation in his community.

Hugh M. McNabb, 55 Delaware Road, Kenmore, N.Y., was discreetly interviewed, at which time he advised that S. F. Clough did not reside at that address but that he was his partner in the Federal Crushed Stone business; that Mr. S. F. Clough resided at 1509 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, N.Y.

AT SYRACUSE, N.Y.

Examination of the Syracuse City Directory for several years disclosed that S. F. Clough resided at 1509 South Salina

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Street for a number of years and that he is in the cement and lime and contracting business.

Discreet inquiry of several of the detectives at Syracuse Police Headquarters disclosed that S. F. Clough has been an inhabitant of Syracuse for many years and has always had an excellent reputation.

In view of the above, it was deemed advisable to contact Mr. S. F. Clough personally.

Mr. S. F. Clough, 1509 South Salina Street, Syracuse, N.Y., was interviewed by the writer and found to be a very intelligent business man of approximately 55 years of age. Mr. Clough upon being asked if he knew a man by the name of Stearns, was rather reticent to supply any information but subsequently furnished the following detailed story of his connection with Victor S. Stearns.

Mr. Clough stated that it is his custom to go south during the winter months; that he has been interested in the manufacture of trailers and took with him on this trip, which started about February 1, 1933, a new type of trailer which he intended to take orders for if he could find any purchasers; that he traveled to Little River, Fla., which is on the outskirts of Miami, Fla., and stopped at a tourist camp which he believes was operated by a man by the name of Medwood; that he unfastened his trailer and left it standing at said tourist camp while they made daily trips throughout Florida; that several times upon his return he was advised that a man had called and was anxious to find out additional information relative to the trailer and this man he subsequently met and found his name to be Howard Warren; that Howard Warren claimed to be connected with the Warren Brothers Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., which concern dealt in the destruction and salvaging of railroad cars; that Howard Warren is about 35 years of age, 6 ft. tall, 160 lbs., dark hair, smooth shaven, neat dresser; that through Howard Warren he met George Shook, who is supposed to be a brother-in-law of Warren's, and came from somewhere in Tennessee, and described him as being about 40 years of age, 5'8" tall, 150 lbs., dark hair, smooth shaven, neat dresser; that through Warren and Shook, he met Victor C. Stearns at Daytona Beach, Fla., and described him as the same man described on page 2 of reference report, as the person described as Vogel.

Mr. Clough and his wife examined the photo of Galatas and stated that while said photo in some respects resembled Stearns, they felt positive that it was not Stearns nor was it anyone that they had ever met and that they did not see anyone resembling said photo with either Warren, Shook or Stearns.

Mr. Clough stated that as a result of having met Mr. Warren, he lost \$30,000.00 and that he personally believed, at the present time, that Warren and Shook were not in any way connected, however, he lost the \$30,000.00 in the following manner which to the writer is a known confidence game and in which unquestionably Shook, Warren and Stearns were partners.

Warren met Clough with the sole purpose of purchasing the trailer, then introduced Clough to Shook, who he claimed was also interested in trailers; that thereupon all talk was concerning trailers. During this and other meetings relative to the trailers, Stearns was met and introduced as being a gambler who represented a large combination and although unknown to Warren, he forced an introduction of himself upon Stearns on the basis that he knew a judge with whom Stearns was friendly in Pittsburgh, Pa. (judge's name unknown). Warren then introduced Stearns to Clough and Shook. Stearns explained his business as betting for a syndicate with which the Rockefellers, Whitneys and several millionaires were connected and he, as agent, placed the bets at all exclusive gambling resorts and that said betting was done with credit slips after he placed a large sum of money on deposit at the club; that there was then much talk about gambling and Stearns stated he expected to lose his position due to the fact that a man had copied the name of a horse which he had written on a credit slip; that Warren and Stearns then decided to chance risking one of Stearns' credit slips in placing a side bet, not for the syndicate, on a particular horse, and according to said credit slip the amount bet on said horse was \$200,000.00, which slip Warren put in at the betting window at the exclusive club, having been passed into same on Stearns' card; that the horse bet on won the race and as odds were on same, said bet netted \$800,000.00 and as the money was about to be paid to Warren, it was noted that the credit slip was not signed in the regular manner, whereupon the manager of the club insisted that he make personal delivery of the money to Stearns.

Clough, continuing, advised that said manager, whose name he never knew, came to the hotel where Warren had hired a room and where he, Clough, his wife, Warren, Shook and Stearns were sitting, and upon advising Stearns that the credit slip was not made out in the regular manner which necessitated the signature of a missing

secretary of Stearns, he could not pay the money until same was made out correctly, thereupon Stearns advised that he was not betting said money for the syndicate but for a little pool which the occupants of said room had engaged in, and was then advised by the manager of the club that they were willing to pay the bet of \$300,000.00, but as no one in said room had credit established at the club, it would be necessary for them to prove that if they had lost the bet they could have paid \$200,000.00, and it was at this time that he, Clough, was brought into the transaction.

It was thereupon decided that each one would get as much as they could together so that they could show the manager that they had \$200,000.00 and that he, Clough, was to receive a proportionate share of the winnings equal to the amount which he was able to produce, whereupon he raised \$30,000.00 and the balance of the \$200,000.00 was raised between the other three. He believed Shook produced \$45,000.00, Warren produced \$67,000.00 and Stearns the balance; that they then met some time during March, 1933, and it was decided that Warren take the \$200,000.00 and show the manager of the club, subsequently returning with a check drawn by the club for \$300,000.00, and the only way that Stearns decided that said check could be cashed, would be by placing a bet of \$20,000.00, of his, Stearns', share of the check on a horse at said club; that Warren went to place said bet and was to return with the rest of the money but when he returned he stated that instead of placing only \$20,000.00 of the check, he bet the entire \$300,000.00 on said horse, which horse subsequently lost the race; that thereupon Stearns and Shook were terribly provoked with Warren, but Stearns agreed to try some other manner to recoup the losses; that Stearns was then called out of town by the syndicate and agreed to meet Clough and his wife in Richmond, Va.

Clough further stated that he left Daytona Beach, Fla., and while in Richmond, Va., he received a telegram on or about April 13, 1933, from Stearns advising that it would be impossible for him to meet them in Richmond, Va., and that they should return to Syracuse, N.Y.; that about April 15th he received a wire from Stearns from New York City advising that he had been unable to do anything and would communicate with them later; that on April 17th he received a wire from Stearns in Chicago advising that he had lost his position with the syndicate but as soon as connected, he would again communicate with him, and that he has not heard from him since.

Mr. Clough in conclusion stated that he felt positive that he would hear from Stearns again; that he never heard the name of the club at Daytona Beach where the bets were placed and that while he could not positively recall the name of the hotel, he believed it was the Daytona Beach Hotel; that he could recall nothing which any of

the three men said which would lead him to believe that they knew each other and the only city which was mentioned often was Chicago, Ill., although they attempted to infer that Pittsburgh, Pa. was Warren's and Stearns' permanent residence; that none of them had a room at the hotel and only hired same for a day for said transaction.

Mr. Clough was rather reluctant to believe that he was the victim of a confidence game. However, he agreed with the writer that in the event he received any communication from Stearns, Warren or Shook, he would immediately notify the New York Division office in the most expeditious manner, and in the event any of said individuals call upon him, he will likewise notify the New York office and in view of the fact that Mr. Clough was so firmly convinced that the above transaction was legitimate, it is quite possible that they will again contact him. Clough was unable to state where Stearns, Shook or Warren lived or whether they had a car in their possession.

No lead is being set out for investigation at Pittsburgh, Pa., as same is being left to the office of origin, which is in possession of all the facts in connection with instant case and the above transaction was set forth in detail as it is quite possible that they may be located in that manner rather than through a particular name. Due to the lapse of time since said telegrams were sent to Clough, no attempt was made to ascertain the origin of same, this being left to the office of origin as to whether or not same is considered necessary, but will be gladly furnished upon receipt of appropriate leads.

Special Agent G. V. Doherty conducted the following investigation at Nunda and Rochester, N.Y., with respect to subject Floyd:

The investigation at Nunda and Rochester, N.Y., was predicated upon a wire received by the Division from Chief H. D. McColl, Nunda, N.Y., and transmitted to Special Agent Doherty by the New York Division office for appropriate contact with Chief McColl.

Chief Hugh Donald McColl, Police Department, Nunda, N.Y., was interviewed by the writer at his home on Massachusetts Avenue, Nunda, at which time he advised that he also is the Deputy Sheriff of Livingston County, who has charge of the fingerprints; that in that capacity he comes in close contact with all the cards showing the persons wanted and for that reason was able to make the identification of which he notified the Division in Washington, D.C.

Chief McColl stated that on Friday, October 13, 1933, he was in Rochester, N.Y., on business and that he and his wife had supper at a restaurant on Court Street, Rochester; that while in said restaurant, a man and woman came in and sat down at a table close to him; that said couple acted very nervous and it was for that reason that his attention was attracted to them; that at first he thought that he knew the man as a friend but decided that he didn't; that while they were in the restaurant, he kept looking at them and the man shifted his chair so that he could not see him but that even so he had an excellent opportunity to observe him; that said couple left the restaurant before him and that he did not look to see what kind of a car, if any, they were driving.

Chief McColl, continuing, advised that it was not until he had arrived home that he remembered where he had seen the man and that was on a wanted card and that said man was "Pretty Boy" Floyd; that he then looked through his files and was unable to find a card but did find one in the Sheriff's files and upon close examination of same he was positive that same was "Pretty Boy"; that he further looked in the True Detective Story Magazine and saw the picture of Beulah Baird and he is positive that she was the girl he saw in Rochester, as previously stated. Chief McColl also stated that he did not know what the name of the restaurant was or its exact address; that although his wife was with him, she did not pay much attention and was unable to say with any degree of certainty whether or not said persons were identical with "Pretty Boy" and Beulah Baird.

Chief McColl accompanied the writer to Rochester, N.Y., where it was ascertained that the restaurant that he had been in was the Square Lunch, situated at 208 Court Street.

The writer and Chief McColl questioned the two waitresses who were in said restaurant and neither was able to identify the picture of "Pretty Boy" as being a regular customer. The waitress who Chief McColl stated served the persons in question, refused to give her name but it was subsequently learned that her name was Myrtle Stanley. She stated that she could not recall having served anyone resembling "Pretty Boy" or Beulah Baird on Friday night and that she could not positively recall ever having seen anyone resembling "Pretty Boy", although his picture closely resembles someone whom she has seen in the past; that she was positive that he was not a regular customer. There is no one else in the restaurant who comes in contact with the customers, said waitresses also acting as cashiers.

From the writer's personal knowledge of Court Street, it is known that this area wherein the Square Lunch is situated is frequented by gangsters and racketeers, in view of which it was deemed advisable to confer with the Police Department.

Lieutenant Ed Collins, Acting Night Captain of Detectives, Rochester Police Department, was contacted and photo of "Pretty Boy" and Beulah Baird displayed. Lt. Collins stated that he is on the streets more or less but that he has not seen anyone answering "Pretty Boy's" description; that the Square Lunch is situated in a district where gangsters and racketeers of every kind are known to loiter; that he personally has several good informants in that area and that he would make immediate contact with them to ascertain whether or not anyone answering "Pretty Boy's" or Beulah's description had been seen. Lt. Collins also instructed several of the detectives at headquarters to make similar inquiries and when later interviewed, advised that he had been unable to procure any information that said persons had been seen; that he and his men will continue their inquiries and in the event they are located, they will be taken to headquarters.

Chief McColl and the writer for a considerable period of time observed many places in the vicinity of the Square Lunch on Court Street.

Captain J. F. McDonald, Detective Headquarters, Rochester, N.Y., Police Department, was interviewed on October 16, 1933, at which time he had several copies of the picture of "Pretty Boy" and Beulah Baird made and given to all detectives with instructions to be on the look-out in all section of the city for said persons and also all informants to ascertain whether or not said persons had been seen and subsequently advised the writer that all inquiries made availed nothing but that they would continue their efforts. Captain McDonald at the time of the first interview assigned Detective C. Galloway and A. Sharpe to assist the writer.

The writer, together with Detectives Galloway and Sharpe, displayed the photo of "Pretty Boy" and Beulah to the clerks in all the principal hotels throughout Rochester, N.Y. Innumerable informants were interviewed (whose names the writer was unable to procure) and all those interviewed stated that they had not seen anyone answering either the descriptions or resembling the photographs, with the exception of one C. Hartman, who operates a bear parlor at 238 East Avenue, Rochester, N.Y.

Hartman advised Detective Galloway in confidence not in the presence of the writer, that on Friday evening a man who he is positive is identical with the photograph of "Pretty Boy", entered his establishment and sat at one of the tables with an attractive young lady; that he, Hartman, did not pay particular attention to the lady and would not have noticed the man only he was well supplied

with money and that he had ordered drinks at the bar for the house. Galloway advised that the drinks which were ordered were whiskey, cost said individual considerable money and that this was a very unusual thing to occur in Rochester.

The writer was not permitted by Hartman to hear the conversation which he had with Galloway and it should be here noted that same was given in the strictest confidence due to the fact that Hartman's place is frequented by Rochester's worst criminals and Hartman fears for his own safety in furnishing the police with any information.

Detective Galloway advised that Hartman informed him that said person whom he, Hartman, identified as "Pretty Boy", made contact in his place with some of the local gangsters whose names he would not disclose and also about the same time another man who presumably was posing as a gambler and was driving a Cadillac Phaeton, the number of which he was unable to procure but which was from New York City, also contacted "Pretty Boy", but that they appeared not to know each other; that he has not seen the man from New York City nor "Pretty Boy" since Friday night, nor was he able to furnish a description of any value concerning the man from New York. Hartman agreed to make discreet inquiries, and any information which he receives he will immediately communicate to Detectives Galloway and Sharpe.

Detective Galloway with the above information then contacted several informants who are known to frequent Hartman's place and although those contacted could not recall having seen "Pretty Boy", they were requested to be on the look-out and in the event anyone is seen who answers "Pretty Boy's" description, the Detective Bureau is to be immediately notified.

Captain McDonald was apprised of the above facts at which time he stated that he would put an immediate plant on Hartman's place and that from time to time, men would look over the occupants of said parlor and in the event any information is procured, the New York Division office will immediately be notified, and if "Pretty Boy" is located, he will immediately be taken into custody. It was also decided that it would be more beneficial to have the detectives in the ordinary course of their duties looking over the various establishments where "Pretty Boy" might frequent, and as said examinations are made by the detectives regularly, it would not arouse anyone's suspicions.

It was agreed that the writer would return to Rochester, N.Y., Wednesday, October 16, 1933, at which time further inquiries would be made and exhaustive check-up made of all possible places where "Pretty Boy" might visit.

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ADDENDUM:

Since the writing of this report, the following memorandum has been received from Special Agent G. V. Doherty covering investigation made by him at Buffalo and Syracuse, N.Y.

On October 17, the writer conferred with Commissioner Roche and Chief of Detectives Schuh of the Buffalo Police Department, and advised them of the information as to the possibility of "Pretty Boy" and Beulah Baird having been seen in the City of Rochester, N.Y., on October 13, 1933, and as Buffalo, N.Y., is the nearest large city to Rochester, it was believed advisable that they should be informed. Commissioner Roche directed Chief Schuh to have several copies of the photo of "Pretty Boy" and Beulah Baird made, and distributed among the detectives with appropriate instructions to make exhaustive inquiry throughout the city to ascertain whether or not "Pretty Boy" had ever been in the City of Buffalo or whether anyone answering his description had been seen recently.

The writer was subsequently advised by Chief Schuh that exhaustive inquiry had been made by his men but that no information had been procured, that anyone who resembled "Pretty Boy", had been in the city recently or at any time; that his men will continue to make inquiry and in the event any information is received, the writer and the New York office will be notified.

Captain McDonald and Lieutenant Collins of the Rochester Police Department advised that no information had been procured by them or their men which would definitely establish that "Pretty Boy" and Beulah Baird had been in Rochester, N.Y., on October 13, 1933, or at any time.

Detectives Galloway and Sharpe advised the writer that since last being interviewed, they had been unable to procure any information which would corroborate the statement made by Hartman, the speakeasy proprietor previously referred to, although they contacted several informants who frequent Hartman's place, but were unable to find anyone who was there on Friday evening, October 13, 1933.

Detective Galloway advised the writer that Ed. Staud, notorious bootlegger in Rochester, knows "Pretty Boy", having met him in the West, and that he, Galloway, feels certain that were "Pretty Boy" in Rochester, he would communicate with Ed. Staud, but that Staud, when discreetly interviewed, denied ever having seen "Pretty Boy" recently.

The writer, together with Detectives Galloway and Sharpe, observed for several hours various known hang-outs where persons of "Pretty Boy's" calibre frequent, but no one answering his description or that of Beulah Baird, was seen, and although innumerable confidential

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informants were questioned by the detectives, no information was procured.

Captain McDonald advised the writer that he will have all his men continue their inquiries and that further investigation will be conducted by Galloway and Sharpe, and that Hartman's place will be closely observed, and that in the event any information is procured, the New York office will be immediately notified.

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REPORT MADE AT: Birmingham, Alabama	DATE WHEN MADE: 10-25-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-24-33	REPORT MADE BY: W. A. RORER
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, FUGITIVE; I. O. No. 1195 - et al			CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Woman informant at DeFuniak Springs, Florida, who previously reported that she had seen Miller in that vicinity fails to identify photograph or to furnish any information of value. Investigation in vicinity DeFuniak Springs reveals no information concerning Miller.

DETAILS:

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

At 8 P.M. October 23, 1933, the Director telephoned the Birmingham Office that the Jacksonville Office had received information to the effect that Vernon Miller had been seen at DeFuniak Springs, Florida, or that vicinity on October 18, 1933. The Director instructed Agent Rorer to proceed to Florida with another Agent and contact Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt and conduct the necessary investigation immediately. Arrangements were telephonically made with Agent Alt whereby Agents Rorer and H. E. Roberts would proceed immediately to DeFuniak Springs, Florida, where Special Agent T. E. Nance of the Jacksonville Office would meet them and where Agents Alt and L. E. Kingman would later join Agents.

DETAILS:

AT DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, FLORIDA:

Agent H. E. Roberts arrived at DeFuniak Springs at 6 A.M. where he met Agent Rorer and Agent T. E. Nance at 9 A.M. on October 24. Nance advised that all of the information which the Jacksonville Office had received had been traced back to Mrs. Essie Gaither Hopkins of DeFuniak Springs, Florida, who had originally stated to an employe of the Florida Prison Camps that Vernon Miller and his wife had stopped at her place on the night of October 18, 1933. Agent Nance

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advised that he had interviewed Mrs. Hopkins who informed him that the parties to whom she referred as Vernon Miller and his wife had stopped at her place for a few minutes on October 18, 1933, and that she was of the opinion that they possibly stopped at the Alpine Tourist Camp located ten miles west of DeFuniak Springs.

Agents Rorer, Roberts and Nance immediately proceeded to the Alpine Tourist Camp and thoroughly looked the place over and found no cars or persons there, or in the vicinity, other than the man who operates the place and a girl employe who is approximately 15 years of age. There are only four cottages at this camp, none of which were occupied, and no automobiles were found there.

Agents then proceeded eight miles east of DeFuniak Springs to the Osceola Tourist Camp and filling station, which is also known as the Hopkins Service Station. This camp and station are owned and operated by Mrs. Essie Gaither Hopkins, a woman approximately 46 years of age and who admitted to Agents that in addition to operating a tourist camp, soft drink parlor, and gasoline service station, she maintains four girls, one of whom is her daughter, whom she works as prostitutes. She was very willing to talk concerning Vernon Miller and advised that about 8 P.M. on October 18, 1933, a new Ford Sedan, eight cylinder, with a Florida license plate turned upside down on the rear, and occupied by a man and woman, carrying no baggage, drove up to her place and called her out. She advised that she did not recognize them and that they asked for liquor, which she did not have; that these people appeared to know her and she asked their identity but in reply was told that she should know them since they once stayed with her several years previously. She stated that they remained there only some ten to twenty minutes and were also observed by a Mr. Allen, who is employed at this tourist camp; that neither of the occupants got out of the automobile; that the occupants informed her that they were living in the vicinity of Marianna, Florida, where they had been for sometime.

Mrs. Hopkins described the man occupant of the car as being about 35 years of age, dark complexion, hair at the temples turning gray, of heavy build, and wearing a moustache. She described the woman as being a blond, well dressed, about 30 years of age. She could not further describe these persons.

Mrs. Hopkins stated that a few minutes after the man and woman left in the Ford Sedan Sheriff M. H. Prescott drove up and, having seen the car depart, asked her who the occupants were; that she advised the Sheriff that she did not know their identity but that they apparently knew her and that she believed she recognized them as old acquaintances, although she could not recall their names. Mrs. Hopkins stated that the Sheriff then suggested to her that perhaps they were Vernon Miller and wife since he had heard that they were in that vicinity and that he had been trying to get a line on them; that as soon as the Sheriff mentioned the name Miller she

immediately recalled that these two persons who were in the car were named Miller and had been known to her eight and ten years ago, at which time they were both working in Carnivals; that approximately ten years ago at Monroeville, Louisiana, while she was operating a hot dog stand at the County Fair the Golden Brothers Carnival was performing; that according to her recollection the man who was driving the aforementioned Ford 8 Sedan was working in that Carnival under the name of Roy Miller; that his wife, who was known as "Gert" Miller, was living with him and also performing in the Carnival; that "Gert's" father was known as Jack Lee and also performed in said Carnival as a glass blower. Mrs. Hopkins was questioned as to whether "Gert" had claimed her parents to be named other than Lee and stated that on one occasion at Monroeville while drunk "Gert" had told her that her parents' true name was Gibson. It may be stated here that Agent Nance had previously discussed with Mrs. Hopkins the fact that Miller's paramour was named Gibson, although Agent Nance advised this Agent that the name Gibson was voluntarily given by Mrs. Hopkins prior to any suggestion on his part. Mrs. Hopkins further stated that two years subsequent to the aforementioned incidents, which was about eight years ago, while she was again operating an eating establishment in a County Fair somewhere in Florida, the name of which she could not furnish, she again saw Roy Miller and "Gert" Miller in another Carnival. She stated that as soon as Sheriff Prescott mentioned the name Miller she immediately recalled that these two persons were undoubtedly Roy Miller and his wife whom she had known as aforementioned.

Mrs. Hopkins stated that while in the Carnivals the Millers had only one child, which was a boy, then two or three years of age, but had no girl. She could furnish absolutely no further information of value, other than that Sheriff Prescott had told her he had received information to the effect that these persons had previously stopped at the Alpine Tourist Camp near DeFuniak Springs and that he had been making investigations for the purpose of locating them. She stated that since the above occurrence she has told many people that Vernon Miller and his wife had been to her place. She further advised that both she and Mr. Allen, who is employed by her, regularly read most of the detective magazines which are published and have seen photographs of Miller and other leading criminals. She was shown photographs of Miller and his paramour and stated that the photograph of Miller did not look very much like the man who stopped at her place but that the girl was undoubtedly the girl whom she knew as "Gert" Miller. She stated that she had no opportunity to see the man's hands.

Agents then interviewed Sheriff M. H. Prescott and without advising him as to why we were in that vicinity discussed general matters with him and he voluntarily stated that on Monday, October 16, 1933, Raymond Pilcher, who lives in that vicinity, had come to his office and advised that on the night previous, while at a filling station near there, a stranger had offered him a drink, which he took; that the stranger had two pistols in his belt, was driving a Ford 8 Sedan with Florida license turned upside down on the rear. The Sheriff stated that he immediately showed all of his identification orders to Pilcher and Pilcher identified the photograph of Wilber Underhill as being that of the stranger with the two pistols. Pilcher was immediately

called to the Sheriff's Office by the Sheriff and interviewed by Agents when he verified the above information and stated that this stranger had with him at that time a blond woman and also a man weighing approximately 200 lbs., dark complexion, whom he has been unable to identify from photographs. Pilcher stated that he has subsequently ascertained that the blond woman who was with this stranger was a prostitute, possibly employed by Pauline _____, who operates a house of prostitution near DeFuniak Springs. No further information of value could be obtained from Pilcher. He stated positively that the photograph of Vernon Miller did not in any way resemble the stranger, nor did the photograph of Vivian Moore resemble the woman.

Agents then proceeded to Pauline's place and found her out of the city. It was learned that only two prostitutes are employed there, both of whom are approximately 16 years of age and brunettes. Neither of them could furnish any information in this matter.

Agents then proceeded to another road house of prostitution operated by Carl Cook who was away from home. His wife was interviewed and it was found that four girls are employed by her, only one of whom is a blond and she about 16 years of age, freckled, and very fat. All of these prostitutes were observed and none of them resembled the picture of Vivian Moore and no information of value was obtained regarding the incidents related by Mrs. Hopkins. The photographs of Vivian Moore and Vernon Miller were exhibited to all of the aforementioned persons and none of them could identify them as persons whom they had seen.

Agents went to the Alpine Tourist Camp located ten miles west of DeFuniak Springs and interviewed O. N. Theisen, who, it was learned from the Sheriff was formerly from Chicago and who claims to have formerly been the sparring partner of pugilist Jack Dempsey. The Sheriff advised that this man was thoroughly reliable and a law abiding citizen. Mr. Theisen was asked whether a man and a blond woman driving a Ford 8 Sedan had recently stopped at his place and he stated that on the night of October 23, 1933, two men and a blond woman had arrived at his place at midnight in a Ford 8 Sedan bearing Louisiana license and had departed at 8 A.M. on the morning of the 24th for the East. He stated that he did not see these persons very well upon their arrival but that about 7 A.M. on the 24th one of the men and the woman came into his service station and ordered coffee; that the man was a blond, heavy set, about 5' 9", without a moustache, well dressed, of northern accent; that the woman was a blond, well dressed, weighing about 115 lbs. and not over 22 years of age. He stated that they remarked that the second man would not leave his cabin at that time and they would take the coffee to him and consequently this man was not seen by Theisen. Photographs of Vernon Miller were exhibited to Mr. Theisen, who stated positively it in no way resembled the man whom he saw. Photographs of Vivian Moore were exhibited and he stated that he could not identify it as the blond woman, although he could not say that it was not her. He was positive, however, that the blond whom he saw was not more than 22 years of age.

The two cabins which these persons occupied had been cleaned since their departure and Theisen stated that absolutely nothing had

been left by these persons in the cabins. In connection with the exhibition of the photograph of Miller to Theisen, Theisen stated that the full face of Miller looks familiar to him, but after continued questioning he could not account for the fact that it looked familiar. He stated that he will keep a look out for these persons and if any suspicious person arrives at his place he will immediately notify the Sheriff and the Jacksonville Office of this Division.

Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt and Agent L. E. Kingman arrived at DeFuniak at this time and they, together with this Agent, again interviewed Sheriff Prescott. Sheriff Prescott was interrogated relative to his conversation with Mrs. Hopkins on the night of October 18, 1933, and he stated that as he drove up to her place he saw a Ford 8 Sedan with a man and woman in it departing. He advised that he was then endeavoring to apprehend a Post Office robber by the name of McNeely, who had a few days previously, escaped from Geneva, Alabama, and who he was then informed was in that vicinity with a stolen Ford 8 Sedan. He stated that at that time he advised Mrs. Hopkins that he was looking for McNeely and asked her if the occupant was he and that she replied "No," that she knew McNeely and that it was not him, and further that the couple who had just departed had previously spent the night at her service station. The Sheriff advised that Mrs. Hopkins is a reliable informant of his whom he has known for several years, having sold her groceries when in the grocery business and that she, as far as he knows, is truthful and reliable in furnishing information. He was informed of what Mrs. Hopkins had said, but stated that she undoubtedly was confused as he asked her concerning McNeely and never mentioned Miller's name to her. The Sheriff advised that he has had no information to the effect that Vernon Miller and his wife had ever been in that vicinity and that since receiving the information from Pilcher to the effect that a two gunman, whom Pilcher believes was Underhill, had been in that vicinity he has been making every effort toward identifying and apprehending that person.

Agents Alt, Kingman and Rorer proceeded to the Osceola Tourist Camp where Mrs. Hopkins was again interviewed. She again told about the same story which she had narrated to Agent Rorer previously and stated that she is positive that the Sheriff suggested to her the names of the occupants of the Ford car who came to her camp on the 18th were the Millers. She denied that she ever heard of the name McNeely and further denied that she informed the Sheriff that the occupants of the Ford sedan ever stopped at her place. She was again shown the photograph of Vivian Moore and identified it as being that of the blond woman who came to her place on the 18th. She was shown a photograph of Vernon Miller and stated that it was of the person who came to her place-but that it did not look very much like him. She was then shown a photograph of Richard Galatas without the glasses on and she immediately was very positive that it was an excellent likeness of the person who was in the Ford sedan with the blond woman at her place on the 18th. When this picture was exhibited to her she was told that it was also a picture of Miller. She

was then shown a picture of Galatas with the glasses on and told it was not a picture of Miller and asked if he was the occupant of the car and she stated positively he was not.

Mr. Allen, who is employed by Mrs. Hopkins and who also viewed and talked to the suspects on the night of the 18th, was interviewed and stated that he regularly reads detective magazines and has kept up with the Kansas City shooting case and has seen many photographs of Miller. He was present when Mrs. Hopkins positively identified the photograph of Galatas as being Vernon Miller and the person who was at her place, and he likewise identified the photograph. Mrs. Hopkins then stated that when she knew Roy Miller in the Carnival ten years ago he had very dark hair, was approximately 5' 9" tall and weighed about 165 pounds.

From the above it was obvious to Agents that Mr. Allen and Mrs. Hopkins were not sure of their identifications and although they were correct in their statements that Mrs. Hopkins had known the occupants of the car eight and ten years ago this fact alone would eliminate the possibility they were Vernon Miller and his paramour. From the interview it appears doubtful that Mrs. Hopkins ever saw these persons previously but that she did know a Roy Miller and a Gertrude Miller ten years ago and after learning from Detective Magazines of Vernon Miller and his paramour associated them with the Millers she had known in the Carnivals.

In view of the fact that according to Agent Nance the original source of information concerning Vernon Miller having been in the vicinity of DeFuniak Springs was Mrs. Hopkins and in view of the above investigation, it was not deemed advisable to continue investigation any further.

Agent Nance advised that on October 23, 1933, while in the Sheriff's Office at Tallahassee, Florida, a bootlegger came to the Sheriff's Office and in the presence of Nance told a Deputy Sheriff that he had learned that on that date a man had been arrested by the police at St. Petersburg, Florida, who was a well known gangster and a friend of Pretty Boy Floyd; that the man arrested had lived around Tallahassee during the past summer and had frequented this bootlegger's home where he had often purchased liquor. Agent Nance stated that he immediately questioned this bootlegger as to the description of the man to whom he referred and, although the bootlegger could not give him the person's name, described a person of Vernon Miller's description and voluntarily stated that the person whom he knew had the tip of one of the fingers of his left hand missing.

At the Sheriff's Office at DeFuniak Springs it was learned that the Pensacola Newspapers had on the day previous carried an article to the effect that a man named George Morris, who was a well known criminal, had been arrested by the police at St. Petersburg, Florida, and he was thought to be a friend of Pretty Boy Floyd. It is possible that the

bootlegger who talked with Agent Nance referred to George Morris, but no further information concerning Morris could be obtained at DeFuniak Springs. Agent Alt stated that on the night of the 23rd Agent Nance telephonically advised him of the information which the bootlegger at Tallahassee had furnished and that he had ascertained that he had unsuccessfully endeavored to ascertain from the St. Petersburg police whether they had arrested any outstanding criminal there on that day. Special Agent in Charge Alt advised that he would further investigate the information furnished Agent Nance by the bootlegger at Tallahassee, Florida.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY, MO.**

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REPORT MADE AT: Salt Lake City, Ut.	DATE WHEN MADE: 10-24-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-14-33	REPORT MADE BY: A. R. GERE
TITLE: VERNE G. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. #1195, et al			CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Arthur Johnson alias Red Price, State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colo., stated that "Big Tom" is identical with Harvey Bailey; that the photograph of Gus Schafer is not a likeness of Gus Stevens; that Gus Stevens had a woman named "Ginger", who is a good friend of the wife of Gus Winkler, of Chicago, who was recently slain.

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Report of Special Agent W. Carter Baum, Chicago, Ills., Sept. 13, 1933.

AT CANON CITY, COLO.

DETAILS:

Arthur Johnson, alias Red Price, stated that "Big Tom", referred to in his previous statement to Agent, was in reality Harvey Bailey, and that "Verne" is in reality Vernon Miller; that he reads the daily papers, and that he is now of the opinion that "Big Tom" (Harvey Bailey) was not in the massacre at Kansas City, but that Vernon Miller drove the car, and is now in Canada, to the best of his belief; that another party in the massacre was "Old Fitz", alias "Charley" alias "Chuck", who was paroled from the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, about four years ago; that it will be possible to identify this man at the Lansing Penitentiary under the name of "Old Fitz"; that another party was George Ziegler, alias "Shot Gun" Ziegler, who was one of Al Capone's men, and formerly lived on the second floor of an apartment house at Scoville and West Madison Sts., Chicago, Ill., instead of at 48th Street and West Madison Streets, as previously stated by him to Agent; that "Big Homer", alias "Swede Billy", was in the Leavenworth Penitentiary 3 or 4 years ago, was a pal of Lee Turner, who was arrested in Chicago about a month ago, and also a friend of Frank Hayes, 745 South State Street,

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Chicago, Ills.; that he does not think that "Big Tom" (Harvey Bailey) was in the massacre at Kansas City because he was shot at the time he escaped from the Penitentiary at Lansing, Mich, and would have been lame at the time of the Kansas City massacre; that "Roxie", referred to in his previous statement as the proprietor of the "O.P. Inn", is Doc Stacy, who was arrested at Chicago about July 1st, 1933, and is now under a \$50,000. bond at Chicago; that Gus Stevens had a woman named "Ginger" who was a great friend of the wife of Gus Winkler, who was recently slain at Chicago.

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THE CHICAGO OFFICE AT CHICAGO, ILL.: Will ascertain from the widow of Gus Winkler the identity of the woman known as "Ginger", and from the latter ascertain the identity of Gus Stevens, and make any other investigation that the above allegations of Arthur Johnson, alias Red Price, may warrant.

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE AT LANSING, KANSAS: Will ascertain the identity of "Old Fitz" who is alleged to have been paroled from the penitentiary about four years ago.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Kansas City, Missouri

FILE NO.

62-877

REPORT MADE AT: Jacksonville, Florida	DATE WHEN MADE: Oct. 26, 1933	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: Oct. 22-25, 1933	REPORT MADE BY: R. A. ALT SAC
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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE IDENTIFICATION ORDER 1195; et al	CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, (ENDEAVOR TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH)
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information received by the Jacksonville Office that Vernon C. Miller in a new Ford V-8 sedan, accompanied by a blonde woman, had been seen at a tourist camp near DeFuniak Springs, Florida, on October 18, 1933. Investigation in the vicinity of DeFuniak Springs by Agents of the Birmingham and Jacksonville Division Offices failed to disclose that Miller had been seen in that section of the country. The source of the rumor is an ignorant, imaginative woman and her cousin, devotees of detective magazines. They operate a filling station and the Osceola Tourist Camp, which is also a place of prostitution and among the prostitutes, four in number, is this woman's own sixteen-year old daughter.



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DETAILS:

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA:

This investigation is predicated upon a letter received by the Jacksonville Division Office from Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Prisons, Tallahassee, Florida, on October 21, 1933, in which Mr. Mayo informed that a Prison Transfer Officer who had been in west Florida was given a tip that Fugitive Miller had been seen at the Osceola

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Tourist Camp, west of Ponce De Leon Springs, Florida, the night of October 18, 1933, accompanied by a woman. The officer did not get any further information, such as a description of the woman, the man, or the car in which they were traveling.

Later, in reply to a telegram from this office, by wire Mr. Mayo advised that the officer who had received this tip was H. L. Sikes, 307 West Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida.

AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA:

Special Agent T. E. Nance proceeded to Tallahassee where he interviewed Mr. Sikes. He informed that the woman from whom he had received this tip is Essie Hopkins, who operates the Osceola Tourist Camp between DeFuniak Springs and Ponce De Leon, Florida.

On October 23, 1933, Agent Nance interviewed Essie Hopkins at the Osceola Tourist Camp, which is located ten miles east of DeFuniak Springs. She informed Agent Nance that on or about October eighteenth, a man and a blonde woman stopped at her tourist camp inquiring for whiskey. She told them that she did not sell whiskey. They were traveling in a brand new Ford V-8 sedan, bearing a Florida tag which was inverted. When they arrived they spoke to her by name, calling her Essie, but she could not place them; however, after they had gone she remembered that it was Roy Miller and his wife, she having known them eight or nine years ago when they were following carnivals at county fairs in Alabama and southern Florida. At these fairs she was employed as a cook at eating stands.

She also informed Agent Nance that she believed that Miller frequented another tourist camp near DeFuniak Springs.

The photograph of Vernon Miller as it appears on Identification Order 1195, by Agent Nance, was exhibited to Essie Hopkins. She immediately identified it as the man who with a blonde woman had stopped at her filling station on October eighteenth; however, she stated that the photograph was not a good likeness of Miller. She also said that the following day Sheriff Monroe Prescott of DeFuniak Springs, Walton County, called on her and inquired for Miller; that she informed Sheriff Prescott that Miller had passed through the night before only remaining at her filling station for about fifteen minutes.

To Agent Nance, Essie Hopkins was positive and emphatic in her statements that the photograph on Identification Order 1195 was the man who had stopped at her camp and the man she had known in southern

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Alabama and southern Florida eight or nine years ago and that the woman with him somewhat resembled the photograph of Vivian Matthews alias Mrs. Vernon C. Miller.

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA:

On the night of October twenty-third, by long distance telephone, the above information obtained by Agent Nance was submitted to the Director. At this time he instructed the writer to immediately by long distance telephone contact Special Agent in Charge W. A. Rorer of the Birmingham Office, requesting that he with another agent proceed immediately to a designated point to meet the writer and Agent L. E. Kingman of the Jacksonville Office, and arrange the apprehension of Miller in the event he is located in Florida. This Agent immediately contacted Mr. Rorer by long distance telephone call and arrangements were made to meet the following morning in DeFuniak Springs at the Walton Hotel. On the morning of October twenty-fourth, Mr. Rorer and Special Agent H. E. Roberts of the Birmingham Office, arrived in DeFuniak Springs, where they met Special Agent T. E. Nance several hours before the arrival of the writer and Agent Kingman.

AT DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, FLORIDA:

These Agents made considerable investigation, interviewing the Sheriff of Walton County at De Funiak Springs, and reinterviewing Essie Hopkins at the Osceola Tourist Camp. The inquiry made will be reported by Agent in Charge Rorer.

When the writer arrived in DeFuniak Springs, and after a conference with Mr. Rorer, it was decided to again interview Sheriff Monroe Prescott, who stated that since the escape of James McNealey and Fred Johnson from the jail at Geneva, Alabama, during the middle of September, 1933, he had been making a great deal of investigation endeavoring to locate these escapes in western Florida and that on October eighteenth or nineteenth, after learning that the night before a man and a woman in a brand new Ford sedan had stopped in the filling station at the Osceola Tourist Camp, he interviewed Essie Hopkins, who operates this place. He informed her that he was inquiring for James McNealy. With reference to the persons that had stopped the night before in the new Ford sedan, Essie Hopkins told the Sheriff that these people had remained over night with her; however, she told

Agent Nance they had only remained fifteen minutes.

The Sheriff could furnish no information of value. It appears that he is an honest man, has only been an officer for a short time, previously he operated a grocery store in DeFuniak Springs and knows very little about making criminal investigations.

It was then decided to re-interview Essie Hopkins. Mr. Rorer, Agent Kingman and the writer proceeded to her filling station, where she stated in substance as follows:

That on October 18, 1933, late in the evening a man and a blonde woman in a new Ford V-8 sedan bearing an inverted Florida tag drove up to her filling station. She went out to inquire what they wanted. The man replied that he was desirous of purchasing liquor. She informed she had no liquor to sell. They called her by her correct name, but she could not place them. They remained about fifteen minutes and left. After they had gone she called her cousin, who assists her in the operation of this filling station and tourist camp, and said to him, "I couldn't call the name of those parties when they were here, but about eight or nine years ago I knew them when they were following carnivals in southern Alabama and southern Florida. I remember distinctly working in an eating stand in Monroe, Alabama, and Ocala, Florida, when these persons were with a carnival company at county fairs in those two towns; they were with the Golden Brothers Carnival Company".

She also stated to Agents that the following day the Sheriff, Monroe Prescott of DeFuniak Springs, called at her tourist camp and asked her whether she had seen a man by the name of Miller, accompanied by a blonde woman at her filling station the night before. She said she then remembered the names of the persons who had been at her filling station the night before as being Roy Miller and his wife, Gert, whom she had known ten years before when they were connected with carnivals and she furnished this information to the Sheriff. She said that Roy Miller ten years ago was a slender man; that when he had called at her filling station he was short and chunky and now wore a mustache. In further describing him she stated that he was about five feet nine inches tall, weighs about 175 pounds, had very dark hair - almost black, in fact he answered the general description of Agent Kingman; that he was very dark complected and she then stated that she was positive the woman was Gert Miller, but could not be so positive that the man who stopped at her camp was the Roy Miller she had known ten years before, as Miller ten years ago weighed only about 145 pounds.

In describing the man who had been at the Osceola Tourist Camp on October eighteenth, Essie Hopkins' cousin, one Alan, stated that he observed the man very closely but did not see the woman. The man had a very coarse beard, his hair was dark brown, he had a short mustache, was very rough looking, complexion was ruddy and he wore a blue serge suit. Alan also stated that he had seen the picture of Miller in a newspaper or a magazine, but that he could not be at all positive that the man who had stopped at the filling station resembled the photograph of Miller.

At this point Essie Hopkins became more or less talkative and she was then shown by the writer a photograph of Richard Calatas, number 9091 Columbus Police Department, which photograph in no way resembles Subject Miller. She looked at it for a long time, beckoned to Alan to whom she showed it and both stated, "This is the photograph of the man who was at our filling station on October eighteenth, rather than the man whose photograph appears on I.O. 1195."

It was apparent that Alan and Essie Hopkins would select any photographs shown to them as those of the man and woman who had stopped at her camp on the date aforementioned.

Alan readily admitted that he was a constant reader of detective magazines and that he had seen Subject Miller's photograph in a magazine or newspaper.

Essie Hopkins is a filthy, coarse, lewd, ignorant, tobacco-chewing woman. In connection with her filling station and tourist camp she has four girls who practice prostitution, one of whom is her own sixteen-year old daughter.

She admitted that on October twentieth or twenty-first she told a state officer, H. L. Sikes, who called at her place, that she had seen Vernon Miller. It is apparent that at the Post Offices in De Funiak Springs or Ponce De Leon, Florida, which places are only short distances from Essie Hopkins' filling station, that she and Alan have observed Identification Order Number 1195, which bears the photograph of Miller. Essie Hopkins added that on October nineteenth when Sheriff Prescott of De Funiak Springs called at her place, he inquired for Vernon Miller; however, the Sheriff emphatically stated to Agents that when he called at her filling station he inquired not for Miller, but for James McNeely, who escaped from jail at Geneva, Alabama, and was later apprehended at Deland, Florida, in connection with the robbery of a small post office at Sparr, Florida.

From the conflicting statements made by Essie Hopkins, it was the conclusion of Agents that no credence can be placed in anything she says. She has an imaginative mind and could be lead to answer any question negatively or positively, as the questioner desired.

AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA:

On October twenty-third, when Agent Nance was in the Sheriff's Office, he heard a bootlegger, one Howard Wilkes, tell Chief Deputy Sheriff Joe Campbell that a man had been arrested by the Police in Saint Petersburg, after which officers had found in his car a large assortment of burglar tools, nitroglycerin and a 45 Colts automatic pistol; that this man had the third finger of his left hand missing and that this man might have been Subject Miller.

After this information was received by the writer, he contacted Chief of Police R. H. Noel at Saint Petersburg, Florida, by long distance telephone. Chief Noel informed positively that no man had been arrested by the Saint Petersburg Police Department who answered the description of Subject Miller and that had Miller been apprehended or any information obtained concerning him, the Jacksonville Office would have been advised immediately.

On October twenty-fifth, at Tallahassee, bootlegger Howard Wilkes was located by Chief Deputy Sheriff Joe Campbell and was interviewed by this Agent. He stated that in June, 1935, K. M. Holland, another bootlegger of Tallahassee, brought to his home in the country, a man by the name of Lester Gilray; that Gilray purchased several quarts of whiskey from him, Wilkes; that he was accompanied by a blonde woman and at the time it was believed he was residing at the Dixie Hotel in Tallahassee. Wilkes described Gilray as being about thirty-five years of age, five feet eleven inches tall and weighing about 175 pounds. The blonde woman with him was very attractive and middle-aged. They were driving a black Chevrolet sedan. Gilray indicated that he was at liberty under a \$10,000 bond on robbery charges pending against him at Chicago; that he believed as he remembered this man had the third finger missing from his left hand, he was well dressed and appeared to be a sport.

Wilkes further stated that last Sunday morning K. M. Holland drove in to Tallahassee and informed him that Gilray had been picked up by the Police in Saint Petersburg, at which time he was driving an automobile

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in which the Police found a large assortment of burglary tools, some nitroglycerin and a 45 calibre Colts automatic pistol. Wilkes also said that Holland had told him that Gilray and he, Holland, had served a term in the Florida State Farm at Raiford.

Wilkes, who manifested a cooperative attitude, was shown photographs of all Subjects of this case. He quite emphatically stated that none of those photographs resembled Lester Gilray.

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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

October 24, 1933.

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

Re: Vernon C. Miller,
W.A. - FUGITIVE; et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter addressed to the
Tucumcari Hospital at Tucumcari, N.M. from one Olive Brady,
South San Antonio, Texas - inquiring about her brother
Marion Brady.

It is possible that this woman may be some rela-
tive of Bob Brady.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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224 Federal Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
Oct. 24, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

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)

Referring to your letter of October 9, 1933, there are
returned herewith photostatic copies of toll tickets on calls from
Hot Springs, Ark., dated June 16, 1933, referred to in the file as
telephone calls numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4.

You are advised in connection with these tickets that tele-
phone call number 1, Operator's No. 102, was handled by Mrs. Nettie
Bongers, 206 Cherokee St., Hot Springs, Ark. Telephone call No. 2,
Operator's No. 49, was handled by Nannie Belle Kennedy, 26 Hagen St.,
Hot Springs, Ark. Telephone call No. 3, Operator's No. 55, was
handled by Mrs. Freda Hanson, 717 Holton Street, Hot Springs, Ark.
Telephone call No. 4, Operator's No. 46, was handled by Edith
Rainwater, 426 Oaklawn Blvd., Hot Springs, Ark. All of the above
operators are still employed by the telephone company at Hot Springs,
Ark., and Mr. E. W. Shepard is the District Manager there.

Very truly yours,

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H. H. Volvin, Special Agent in Charge.	
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SUITE 1 FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MO

October 26, 1935

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-

Reference is made to Division letter dated
October 19th relative to the securing of a personal history of
Subject Harvey J. Bailey.

The mother of this Subject, residing near
Green City, Missouri, and also his sister, who resides there,
would probably be sources of the desired information. However,
to date, they have not been approached, since same did not seem
desirable, unless necessary. There is a brother-in-law of Bailey,
who resides at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and who has in the past shown
a desire to cooperate with Agents of this office, and, at this time,
all possible personal history is being secured through that source
by Special Agent J. L. Flood, assigned at Omaha, Nebraska. This
matter will be given prompt attention, and if complete data is not
obtained at Council Bluffs, appropriate interviews will be conduct-
ed at Green City, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge.

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SUITE 1 - FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
OCTOBER 23, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

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

A review of this file indicates the following additional investigation which is requested of your office at this time:

Please refer to letter from the Kansas City Office addressed to you under date of September 13, 1933, relative to the location of Maxine Miller, believed to be a friend of William Weisman and other parties suspected in this case.

In connection with a letter addressed to you from this office under date of October 13, 1933, relative to an inquiry as to any Geo or Chevrolet cars which may have been connected with this case and disposed of in Chicago territory, reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. J. Keating, dated at Chicago, Illinois, 9-23-33, having reference to a Chevrolet automobile bearing Illinois license tags 816-254 for 1933, driven by Lillian Holden. In this connection it is shown by letter from the St. Louis Office, dated July 29th, a copy of which was furnished your office, that the motor number of this car is 3599440, aerial JCA0429450. Investigation in this territory has been made to determine whether or not the car in question has ever been registered in Missouri, and same has not according to the records at Jefferson City. It is suggested that this car be located, if possible. It is not known whether or not the car is a Sedan or Coupe. It is just possible that same could have been the one used in the instant slayings.

A letter dated September 6, 1933, addressed to you from

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the St. Paul office indicates a list of telephone numbers from which long distance calls were made in Chicago to parties at St. Paul, Minnesota, the latter parties having a very definite connection with this matter, according to all appearances. It is requested that investigation be conducted at Chicago at an early date to establish the identities of the parties in Chicago who have been recently in communication with those in St. Paul.

Relative to the recent trip made to Chicago, Illinois, by Mr. Merle A. Gill, Forensic Ballistician of Kansas City, Missouri, at which time he examined ballistic exhibits at the Chicago Police Department for a possible identification with the evidence bullets in this case, please be advised that Mr. Gill reports that he found no such identification after examining all available specimens in the Chicago Police Department. Mr. Gill advised upon his return that he was informed by Special Agent in Charge Purvis that there was a machine gun in Chicago which was believed to have a possible connection with this matter and which would be recovered in a very short time. I would appreciate information as to this, if such is available.

Very truly yours,

MCS
E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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October 26, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan called from Cincinnati and stated he had ju
just talked to Kathryn Kelly; that she would not talk very much
and it would take a long time for her reticence to wear off; that
she remembers him as the one who put her on bread and water; that
he believes she is still lying a little; that she stated she does
not know a great deal of her own knowledge; that she got most of
her information from George Kelly; that she finally admitted that
she knew something about Tom Banks and that was the only thing she
was keeping back; that she did not want to tell it at this time; that
they agreed not to doublecross each other at this or any other time;
that he told her he would see her again; that outside of the statement
on Tom Banks she does not have anything so far as the Kansas City
case is concerned; that she thinks it was Verne Miller, Wiseman and
one other; that she stated she did not know anything about the Urschel
kidnaping until it had occurred; that Bates and Kelly were going to
kill Urschel but she prevented it.

Mr. Nathan stated that unless you object he would leave
today on the 2:35 P. M. B&O train from Cincinnati for Kansas City,
via St. Louis. His reservation is seat #3, Car 38. This train
will lay over in St. Louis for two hours.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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