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OCT 27 1933

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

RHC:GMH.
62-456.

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)

Reference being had to your letter of October 23, 1933, in regard to the above captioned case, please be advised that investigation will be made at Kiefer, Oklahoma, as soon as possible. With respect to the second, third, and fourth paragraphs of your letter, relative to investigation at Hot Springs, Ark., please be advised that these matters will be covered as soon as possible. I have been instructed to make these investigations myself and as yet have not had opportunity to leave this office for even twenty-four hours. The general work at this office is in very bad shape owing to practically total cessation of field activities during the Urschel case. I hope to get to Hot Springs within the next few days.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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318 Hawes Building
San Francisco, California.

October 24, 1933.

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

Referring to your letter dated September 22, 1933, in connection with the arrest of James A. Lawson, and wife, friends of Subject Harvey J. Bailey, please be advised that a twelve gauge Winchester shot gun, No. 443010, with sawed off stock and shoulder strap, together with sawed off barrell, was the only ballistic evidence obtained by the Police, in connection with this arrest.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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313 Hawes Building
San Francisco, California.

October 27, 1933.

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

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

Reference is made to your letter of the 20th instant, regarding the above captioned matter.

As I recall, the letter to which you refer was mailed from Los Angeles, California, although I may be mistaken. I would appreciate if you would advise me why you believe Ethel Miller is now at San Francisco, and if, of course, there is any basis for your contention, I will follow up this matter immediately.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent
in Charge.

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900 Ezra Thompson Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah,
October 25, 1933

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

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Re: Verne O. Miller with aliases
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1195, et al
Obstruction of Justice
S.L. File 62-474

Dear Sir:

Mr. M. Condo, Desk Sergeant, Department of Police, Las Vegas, Nevada, informs that he was born and reared in Montgomery, Alabama, was well acquainted with a Galatas family and knew Dick Galatas, whom he states is now about 43 years old; that he attended the University of Alabama with Sidney Galatas, brother of Dick, and served with Sidney Galatas in the World War in the 167th Infantry, 42nd Division.

Mr. Condo also stated that the father of Galatas operated the Dexter Hotel, about 1½ blocks from the capitol at Montgomery and that the Galatas boys were underworld characters, crooks, and associated with notorious criminals.

Mr. Condo also stated that he went to High School with Ruth Galatas and that he knew her well. He informed that about a year and a half ago a man driving a Chrysler roadster and representing himself as a salesman for the Listeroil Soap Co., Los Angeles, California, where he made his home, called upon Mr. Condo and the latter bought a drum of soap, whereupon they entered into a general conversation, the salesman relating that Condo had a southern accent. Condo informed this salesman that he was from Alabama and the salesman, whose name he could not recall, stated he married a Montgomery girl, Ruth Galatas, and that her elder brother had visited them at Los Angeles some months prior to their conversation, but the salesman was reluctant to talk about his wife's relatives.

I submit this information for any value it may have and as a predicate of any information tending to reveal the whereabouts of Dick Galatas thru Ruth Galatas and her husband.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Division

JOHN A. DOND
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

Reference is made to your letter of October 16, 1933, wherewith you transmitted ballistic exhibits pertaining to the robbery of The Peoples State Bank, Grand Haven, Michigan, on August 18, 1933, by Earl Doyle, and others.

The exhibits mentioned in your letters on pages 2 and 3, as there consecutively outlined, were examined by Mr. Merle A. Gill, Forensic Ballistician, who rendered a report on the various exhibits. Mr. Gill's letter is quoted as follows:

"My examinations disclosed that none of the bullets received came from weapons we are after in connection with the Plaza case.

I also examined these exhibits with like evidence involved in the South St. Paul, Minn., murder of a police office; The murder of a police officer in Chicago; the North Kansas City bank robbery and two machine gun slayings here in Kansas City. None of the cases mentioned appear to be connected with the Grand Haven case.

For the information of the Grand Haven officials I have set out the standards as imprinted on the bullets in the 6 envelopes and find that the following guns were used:

Envelope #1 --- Slug from Thompson Machine gun.
Envelope #2 --- Slug from Thompson Machine gun.
Envelope #3 --- Lead-core fragments from 45 caliber slug.
Envelope #4 --- Metal jacket fragments from Thompson Gun.
Envelope #5 --- (2 fragments from mushroom rifle bullet,)
3 fragments from Belgium 44 caliber Revolver)

Envelope #8 --- 93 grain metal cased bullet from Colt's .380 Auto.

Mr. Gill has a well equipped laboratory and preserves all exhibits received by him in a systematic and scientific fashion. No mention was made in your letter that you desired these exhibits returned, and therefore they are being retained for the time being by Mr. Gill. In the event any later examination of other exhibits may be desired as a means of comparison with these, Mr. Gill will gladly perform same. Should you at any time desire the return of these exhibits they will be immediately available.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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October 25, 1933.

J.E.P. Dunn,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
619 Federal Bldg.,
Los Angeles, California.

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San Francisco, California.
October 25, 1933.

C. C. Spears,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
411 United States Court House,
Portland, Oregon.

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Bureau of Investigation

SUITE 1 FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY.

October 26, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

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

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 conducted at Green City, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

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E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge.

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OCTOBER 28, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated October 23, 1933, wherein receipt is acknowledged of a voucher in the amount of $15.00 payable to Merle A. Gill, submitted by the Kansas City Office, but advising that the statement of differences was not received by the Division.

The Division's attention is invited to letter emanating from this office under date of October 18, 1933, with which was attached an executed voucher for reimbursement to Mr. Gill of this sum of $15.00. As mentioned in that letter, which letter was transmitted by Air Mail, the statement of differences was attached to a voucher and was previously transmitted that same day, October 18th, to the Division by regular mail (not Air Mail).

It therefore appears that the statement of differences should be at the Division with the voucher submitted by regular mail, which voucher was not signed by Mr. Gill through inadvertence.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUG. I.O. #1196; RICHARD TALLMAN CLATES, with aliases - FUGITIVE, W.O. #1201; MRS. E. B. CONNER, with aliases - FUG. ~~HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases - FUG. I. O. #1198~~; WILBER UNDERHILL, with aliases - FUG. I. O. #1181, ET AL.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Wilbur Underhill apparently addressed letters to Lucille Gray, former wife, and Florence Allen, friend, both who had harbored him after his escape from Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Underhill requested Gray and Allen women to meet him at Witters Hotel, Poteau, Oklahoma, on night of October 19, 1933, stating he would send contact man to Hotel earlier in day to see whether they were there. Contact man apparently called at Hotel during afternoon of October 19th where Florence Allen was registered, stating that he and Underhill would arrive at Hotel about 8:30 P.M. Witters Hotel kept under constant surveillance entire night but Underhill did not arrive there.

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REFERENCE: Telegram Kansas City to Oklahoma City October 2, 1933.

DETAILS: Early in the morning of October 2, 1933, Mr. D. M. Lay, Chief Special Agent for the Kansas City Southern Railway, Kansas City, Missouri, by telephone advised Special Agent R. C. Suran at the Kansas City Office that Mr. Lay's office had received a telegram from Mr. George Prell, Division Special Agent of the Kansas City Southern Railway, Pittsburg, Kansas, as follows:

"LEE BARB DEPUTY SHERIFF POTEAU OKLAHOMA HAS RELIABLE INFORMATION WHICH WILL LEAD TO APPREHENDING UNDERHILL WANTS DEPARTMENT OF

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JUSTICE AGENT SEE HIM PERSONALLY BEFORE OCTOBER THIRD OR FOURTH".

Later the same day Special Agent W. E. Miller personally interviewed Mr. Lay at his office in the Kansas City Southern Building, Kansas City, Missouri, at which time he stated he had no information concerning Underhill, except as contained in the above quoted telegram. Mr. Lay further advised that he personally knows Babb and Prell as reliable officers and that they would not have sent the telegram if they had not had some information of probable value on the matter.

Immediately after the receipt of the information noted above a telegram was addressed to the Oklahoma City Office advising that the Kansas City Southern Railway Agent, Kansas City, Missouri, had advised that Lee Babb, Deputy Sheriff, Poteau, Oklahoma, had reliable information concerning the whereabouts of Wilbur Underhill. The telegram requested the Oklahoma City Office to contact Babb October 3rd or 4th.

In explanation of the above it may be noted that subsequent interviews on the part of Special Agents of the Kansas City Office with Mr. Lee Babb, Undersheriff, Poteau, Oklahoma, revealed that the Oklahoma City office, apparently because of the pressure of work in connection with the Urschel kidnaping case, did not have an Agent available to personally interview Undersheriff Lee Babb at Poteau, Oklahoma, a considerable distance from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. It was further ascertained that the Oklahoma City office, apparently using the most available resources, called upon the Oklahoma State Prison authorities to conduct an immediate investigation at Poteau, Oklahoma, it being noted that Wilbur Underhill is an escape from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary and is badly wanted by the Oklahoma State authorities. Undersheriff Lee Babb further advised that the Oklahoma State authorities, when they proceeded to Poteau, came in the high powered automobiles which were usually recognized, and brought with them bloodhounds for the purpose of tracing Wilbur Underhill. It appears that their presence there and activities precluded any successful efforts to bring about the apprehension of Wilbur Underhill.

On October 10, 1933, Special Agent Jones, of the Kansas City Southern Railway, personally called at this office and advised that Special Agent George Prell, of that organization, at Pittsburgh, Kansas, had some important information which would bring about the apprehension of Wilbur Underhill. Mr. Jones stated that Mr. Prell would not give the information over the telephone or by telegram because of the necessity of holding the information in strict confidence. He advised that Mr. Prell would arrive at Kansas City, Missouri, personally at 8:10 P.M. that night from Pittsburgh; that he desired to confer with an Agent of this office at the railroad station before returning to Pittsburg on another train that same night.

The same night Special Agent A. E. Farland, of the Kansas City Office, conferred with Chief Special Agent D. M. Lay, Special Agent George

Prell and Special Agent Jones of the Kansas City Southern Railway, at the Union Station, Kansas City, Missouri, at which time Mr. Prell furnished the following information.

Lee Babb, Undersheriff of Poteau, Oklahoma, had informed Mr. Prell, confidentially, that Wilber Underhill had been in Poteau, Oklahoma, on the night of October 5, 1933. There are two women living near Poteau at the present time, whose names Mr. Prell was unable to furnish. He stated, however, that he believed one of these was an ex-wife of Underhill. These women had three letters in their possession, mailed by Wilbur Underhill - two having been mailed on a Northbound train number 16 and one on a southbound train number 15 of the Kansas City Southern Railway. Mr. Prell further advised that Lee Babb informed him that Underhill was then going under the name of Ralph Caraway; that he was in Poteau on the night of October 5th, but that the woman whom he was to meet was unable to arrive on account of her husband being home at that time. Mr. Prell further stated that Underhill would be in Poteau, Oklahoma on October 19, 1933, to make a visit with these two women.

Mr. Prell further advised that Undersheriff Lee Babb had requested him to transmit this information to the Kansas City Division Office, and requested that an Agent from this office proceed to Poteau to personally confer with him. Mr. Prell further advised that it was the expressed desire of Undersheriff Lee Babb that the Oklahoma authorities not be advised, and that the matter be handled by the Kansas City Division Office. Mr. Prell insisted that it was for the particular reason of securing the services of the Kansas City Division Office that he had personally made the trip from Pittsburg, Kansas, to Kansas City, Missouri.

Holding in mind the potential importance of the information secured by Special Agent George Prell, of the Kansas City Southern Railway, and being unaware of the reason why the Oklahoma authorities were not to be consulted Special Agent in Charge E. K. Conroy, by long distance telephone, conferred with Assistant Director Harold Nathan, at Oklahoma City, and briefly furnished him with the information conveyed to this office by Mr. Prell. Mr. Nathan advised that there should be no delay in the matter and that the Kansas City office should handle the investigation.

Early on the morning of October 11, 1933, Special Agent A.E. Farland, of the Kansas City Office, proceeded to Poteau, Oklahoma, where he conferred with Deputy Sheriff Lee Babb. Mr. Babb called Heavener, Oklahoma, and had constable J. C. Baker and Deputy Sheriff W. B. Johnston, of that place, proceed immediately to Poteau. Upon their arrival information was received substantially as follows:

Mrs. Lucille Gray was formerly the wife of Wilbur Underhill. She lives at Heavener, Oklahoma. She has a friend, Florence Allen, an Indian

woman, who is very closely associated with her. At the time of Underhill's escape from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, the Gray and Allen women secreted Underhill and aided him in leaving the country. It appears also that after Underhill's conviction in the State of Oklahoma, and sentence to life imprisonment, his wife, Lucille, secured a divorce from him and later married a man by the name of Gray, with whom she has been living recently. It further appears, from deductions, [redacted] It will be noted that this information should be kept in strictest confidence, [redacted] has become somewhat concerned because of the fact that Underhill has been bringing his friends to Poteau where they have been staying overnight with the Allen woman at the Witters Hotel. He apparently feels that the Allen woman does not desire to trifle on him, but that she is forced to do so because of her fear of Underhill. [redacted]

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During the conference Deputy Sheriff Johnston advised Agent Farland that Florence Allen and Lucille Gray had three letters in their possession at that time from Wilbur Underhill. Agent Farland insisted that these letters be produced. The following day, in keeping with an agreement, Deputy Sheriff Johnston returned to Poteau, Oklahoma, from Heavener and brought with him two letters, photostatic copies of which are being furnished the Oklahoma City Office and the Division at Washington, with this report. Photostatic copies of these are also being retained at the Kansas City office. One of the letters addressed to Lucille Gray was on a piece of brown wrapping paper, the envelope was not available. That letter is quoted as follows:

> give this to Florence
> dear Friend go a head with
> our plans i am still safe that
> will only be better for us all
> do as i say and you will ok
> this all the paper i-the-paper
> i have as i am leving for a nother
> town dont let no one no whear you
> go when you leve i will close
>
> Ralph

The other letter produced by Deputy Sheriff Johnston was addressed to "Mrs. Florence Allen, Heavener, Okla", postmarked "Gen. Del. Rec'd Heavener, Okla. Oct 5 1933", postmarked train number 16 October 4, 1933. The other portions of the postmark being somewhat obliterated. This

letter is quoted as follows:

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dear Florence once again i will write you to see if you will ans Florence why do i trust you this way but I cant beleave you would snitch on me Florence i want you to get L. and you and her meet me at the Hotel you no wheare if anything Should Happen she cant be their you be their for i will be their if i am still out and if i am not you will no it Florence this is ofel to live this Kind of life Florence i want to see you X L to if she can for i have something i want to tell you if nothing Happens i will be at this Place the 19th of month you go Head and get you a room for i will never show up untill you get your room and i will come in it may Be late but i will be their dont be a fraid Florence for i trust you if L can come at all have her with you for would give my life to see her if she cant come you meet me for i only have something i want L--to no and i know you will tell her and i will Pay you all for your trouble. Florence whatever you do dont let no one see this letter i am your friend until you snitch on me and its to bad for the one that ever give me away why do it rite like this when i no you are my friend i am trusting you be their please you wont loos trusting you be their please you wont loos by it let L--- read this. be good and dont disipont me i am as ever

Ralph C

Deputy Sheriff Johnston advised that it was not possible to get the third letter in view of the fact that same is in the possession of Lucille Gray, who was not aware of the investigation which was being conducted, and that it might be indiscreet to attempt to have Florence secure this letter from Lucille. It will further be noted that in keeping with a request on the part of Florence Allen, the original letters have been returned to her in order that she may display them at a later date to Wilbur Underhill in the event he calls on her. This for her own personal protection.

Immediately upon receipt of the above information Special Agent A. E. Farland returned to Kansas City, Missouri. He then proceeded to the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, and secured therefrom original specimens of the handwriting of Wilbur Underhill, which were compared with the handwriting on the letters received by Florence Allen and

Lucille Gray. There appeared to be a distinct similarity between the handwritings. It may further be noted that original specimens of the handwriting of Wilbur Underhill are being retained in the file in the Kansas City office.

The above information was furnished Mr. John Edgar Hoover, the Director of the Division at Washington, D. C. over long distance telephone. He instructed Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy to personally handle the matter, and advised that the investigation was to be conducted out of the Kansas City Division Office. The Director further advised that Special Agent H. E. Andersen, who was then at Kansas City enroute to New York, could be used during the conduct of this investigation at Poteau, Oklahoma.

Special Agents A. E. Farland and H. E. Andersen on October 15, 1933, proceeded to Fort Smith, Arkansas, arriving on October 16, 1933, in order that they might effect proper arrangements at Poteau, Oklahoma. It might be noted that Fort Smith, Arkansas, is approximately 35 miles distant from Poteau, Oklahoma, and it was felt their immediate presence at Poteau, Oklahoma, might cause some suspicion as to their presence. It may further be noted they both were armed with Thompson Machine Guns.

Undersheriff Lee Babb, Deputy Sheriff Johnston and Constable Baker met the Agents at Fort Smith, Arkansas, the same evening in the Goldman Hotel. It might be noted, as a matter of information, that Constable Baker is personally acquainted with Wilbur Underhill, knows him on sight, and it was felt that his presence would be of unusual value in the investigation. He bears the reputation of being a very competent local peace officer.

That same night, in order to effect proper arrangements, Deputy Sheriff Johnston had Agents Farland and Andersen meet Florence Allen, under the cover of darkness, in the vicinity of Poteau, Oklahoma. She was driven to a point in the country where no suspicion could be aroused, where she was thoroughly questioned. A picture of Wilbur Underhill was produced and she smiled and stated that it was unnecessary to produce any picture of Underhill because she knew him personally unusually well, having aided in sheltering him after his escape from the McAlester Penitentiary. She left no doubt whatsoever regarding the identity of the individual in question. She further cautioned the Agents that Lucille Gray had no knowledge whatsoever regarding the investigation which was being conducted, and that precautions should be taken along those lines in order that she, Florence Allen, would be given proper protection during this period. Florence Allen further advised the Agents that since the escape of Wilbur Underhill from the Kansas State Penitentiary she has received several letters from him, but that she has only addressed two letters to him for some time past, one at Miami, Oklahoma, and one at Okmulgee, Oklahoma. She stated that she had always addressed her letters to him under the name of Ralph Caraway.

She advised also that Lucille Gray is somewhat illiterate and that it has been the custom for her to write all of Lucille's letters, and that on account of this circumstance she was always acquainted with any correspondence that passed between Lucille Gray and Wilbur Underhill. She did state, however, that Lucille Gray could write and read to a small extent, but that she was not at all proficient along these lines. She further advised that the maiden name of Lucille Gray was Lucille McDowell, and that the man to whom she is married at the present time is also a crook and a racketeer.

Florence Allen further advised the Agents that Wilbur Underhill had been at Poteau, Oklahoma, on October 5th looking for Lucille Gray but that he had been unable to get in touch with Lucille due to the fact that her husband was home at that time and she could not leave her home at Heavener, Oklahoma.

Holding in mind that the contents of the above quoted letter stated that Florence Allen should register early at the Witters Hotel, the Agents attempted to make arrangements whereby she would register on October 17th or 18th in order to be sure she would be there ahead of time, and also in order that her presence would be known to any of the confederates of Wilbur Underhill. The Allen woman advised, however, she preferred to follow her usual custom and only register on the date the appointment was to be made. She also advised she had already made arrangements with Lucille Gray to take the first bus out of Heavener, Oklahoma, for Poteau, Oklahoma, on October 19th. She stated that these arrangements with Lucille were for her to proceed immediately to the Witters Hotel upon arrival at Poteau, where she was to get a room. Lucille was to visit her later that day. In view of the arrangements that had already been made the Agents deemed it advisable not to disturb her.

Agents Farland and Andersen informed the Kansas City Office that appropriate arrangements had been effected at Poteau, Oklahoma, and suggested that Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy proceed to Fort Smith, Arkansas, on October 18, 1933. They also advised that in view of the construction of the Witters Hotel appropriate gas equipment would probably be essential equipment.

In view of this circumstance Agent in Charge Conroy made arrangements with Sheriff Thomas Bash and Deputy Sheriff John Kelly, of Kansas City, Missouri, to take with them their gas gun and equipment, which includes grenades, flares and gas bombs. It will be noted that Sheriff Bash is interested in this matter in view of the fact that Wilbur Underhill has been indicted in connection with the crime committed in Jackson County, Missouri. Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director of the Division, at Washington, D.C. was informed as to these arrangements and was advised as to the identity of the

identity of the persons proceeding with the investigation.

Agents Andersen and Farland during the interim had moved to Poteau, Oklahoma, under the guise [redacted] Agent in Charge Conroy, Sheriff Nash and Deputy Sheriff Kelly remained in Fort Smith until the afternoon of October 19, 1933, at the same time having kept in touch with developments at Poteau. Shortly after dark on the same evening they proceeded to the room at the Lowrey Hotel, at Poteau, Oklahoma, where Agent Farland was registered. They remained in this room in order to not cause any suspicion on the outside of the hotel. The room was located in a position of easy access and was a most logical place of operations. At this room, at such intervals as would not cause undue suspicion, various persons who had to do with the investigation were interviewed. A precaution was taken to have all persons engaged meet one another in order that a proper factor of safety could be taken in the event there was any subsequent shooting necessary.

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It may be noted that in addition to the persons mentioned above, and as a matter of policy, it was deemed necessary to advise the Sheriff, Marshall Blaylock, of LeFlour County, Poteau, Oklahoma, that the investigation was under way. He was not informed regarding the investigation until the evening of October 19, 1933, in view of the fact that the use of firearms might have become necessary. It was also deemed advisable to take into confidence Chief of Police at Poteau. It may be noted that both of these officers bear good reputations. As a matter of record, it may also be noted that Mr. George Prell of the Kansas City Southern Railway was also present.

It appears that during the course of the arrangements Florence Allen had changed her mind, and accordingly she proceeded to Poteau, Oklahoma, during the late afternoon of October 18, 1933, where she registered at the Witters Hotel and was assigned to room number 11. As a matter of information, it may be noted that this hotel is a one story building of concrete block construction. Across the entire front of the hotel is a cafe where guests also register. Through the center of the rear of the hotel is a hallway, on each side of which are the guest rooms running the entire length of the building from the cafe to the rear. None of the rooms have baths. It is understood that none of the doors to the rooms have locks and it is necessary to place a chair against the door knob in order to secure privacy. There are eight rooms on the street side of the building and seven rooms and a lavatory on the other side. As a matter of information, with a view to any further investigation, it may be noted that the sister of Mrs. Witters, the proprietor of the hotel, is of unsound mind and is located in one of the rooms in this hotel close to the dining room. This is mentioned in view of the fact that on occasions she creates a considerable disturbance during her insane moments. As a matter

of precaution during further investigation it may further be noted that during the course of the investigation at Poteau it was ascertained that the County Judge of Poteau was drunk and occupied a room next to number 11 on the night the raid was to take place. This information is incorporated into the report in order that in the future no mention will be made of any investigation to the County Judge, or any other person who has not been actively engaged in the investigation heretofore.

Further, in connection with the hotel, it may be noted that the front screen door is locked about midnight of every night. It is understood that several prostitutes ply their trade therein, two being known as more or less permanent residents.

In connection with the arrangements, it may be noted that during the morning of October 19th Floren Allen surreptitiously left the hotel as per arrangements and met Deputy Sheriff Johnston in a secluded spot in the rear of the Court House where her presence would not be uncovered. At that time she informed Mr. Johnston she was occupying room 11, and that she had pinned a small piece of wrapping paper on the curtain by which the room could be easily recognized by the Agents. She further stated that she would leave the curtain up and the light burning, and that after Underhill had arrived in the room she would pull the shade down. She further stated that in the event Lucille arrived at the room at an earlier date and pulled the shade down that she, Florence Allen, on the arrival of Underhill, would pull the shade aside and peek out in order to give the alarm. It will be noted below that these arrangements could be followed easily by the investigating Agents due to close observation of the room. It may be further noted that Florence Allen was kept under surveillance during the last day in such a manner as to not cause alarm. This precaution was taken in order that she might not upset the arrangements.

During the afternoon of October 19th the Station Agent of the Kansas City Southern Railway, reported to Special Agent George Prell, of that organization, that a roughly dressed man had come from the direction of the "jungles" situated beyond the railroad, and had proceeded towards town. The Station Agent reported that a short time later this man had returned, passed the station, and disappeared in the direction of the "jungles". It will be noted that the Kansas City Southern Railroad Station is but a block from the Witters Hotel. Sometime after this information had been received Deputy Sheriff Johnston reported that he had been informed by Florence Allen that a man had called at her room at the Witters Hotel and stated that he was sent there to ascertain whether she was there. This man was roughly dressed and informed Florence that he would be dressed differently when he returned to the Hotel with Underhill at 8:30 P.M.

As a matter of information it may be noted that the pers

who frequent the Witters Hotel could not be taken into confidence during the investigation due to their alleged bad character. This appears to be particularly so insofar as Mrs. Witters is concerned because she has a reputation for harboring criminals. It may also be noted that this man, whose identity Florence Allen did not know, inquired as to whether Lucille was at the Hotel at that time. The Allen woman advised him that she was expected there later in the evening.

It will be noted there is a bottling plant located directly across the street from the Witters Hotel, and about 40 feet distant, where three sides of the Witters Hotel could be kept under constant surveillance. Shortly after dark, through Sheriff Marshall Blaylock, arrangements were made with the owner of the bottling plant to allow access to same. He furnished the Sheriff with the key. Shortly after dark, in as inconspicuous a manner as was possible under the circumstances, Special Agent H. E. Andersen, armed with a Thompson Machine Gun, proceeded to the bottling plant. He was accompanied by Sheriff Blaylock in order to forestall any inquiries which might be made at the plant. In addition, Constable Baker of Heavener, Oklahoma, proceeded to the bottling plant because of his personal acquaintance and knowledge of Underhill. He was armed with a sawed off shotgun.

It will be noted that Agent Andersen took up an observation post at a window directly opposite room 11 of the Witters Hotel, and was in the position to observe the movements of every person in that room. It will be noted that Agent Andersen observed the movements of Florence Allen in this room continuously during the evening. She apparently followed all instructions, leaving the light burning in her room during the entire night. She left the shade raised with the light burning. It may also be noted that the investigating agents were somewhat concerned about the fact that Florence Allen might lose her nerve during the evening. Although it is not definitely known it is understood that one of the Deputy Sheriffs furnished her with a small quantity of intoxicants in order to bolster her courage.

It is noted above that the Witters Hotel could be observed on three sides from the bottling plant. In order that the other side might be properly covered an automobile was parked up the street some distance from the Witters Hotel, in front of another hotel on the opposite side of the street where it would not cause suspicion. In this place Special Agent Prell, of the Kansas City Southern Railway, and Chief of Police of Poteau, Oklahoma, remained where they could keep the building under surveillance. It may also be noted that in the bottling plant was a telephone to which Agent Andersen had access in order that he could call Special Agent in Charge Conroy and others at the Lowry Hotel, where they were available upon a moment's notice.

For the benefit of those who may be engaged on a further investigation in this same place, it may be noted that the Witters Hotel is a somewhat difficult place to apprehend a person. After giving all angles of this case most careful consideration it was decided that the most appropriate way to effect the apprehension of Underhill would have been through the outside window leading to the room which he was to occupy. It was felt that the window could be broken quickly and the shade ripped away, at which time the room would be covered with machine guns and riot guns. In that manner he would have had practically no opportunity to escape.

The vigil was kept during the entire night of October 19th. Just before dawn it was felt that the surveillance of the Witters Hotel should be discontinued in order to avoid any alarm, it being believed that on some future occasion similar arrangements like those enumerated above might be effective. Accordingly, the investigating agents departed from Poteau, Oklahoma, just before dawn on October 20th. Special Agent A. E. Farland, however, remained at Poteau during October 20th in order to ascertain why Underhill had not arrived at the hotel. His inquiries were limited in order to avoid any suspicion on the part of outsiders. It would not appear from the information he received that the presence of the investigating agents at Poteau had become generally known.

The reason for Underhill's failure to arrive could not be determined. Deputy Sheriff Lee Babb advised that in the event Florence Allen or Lucille Gray received any further communications from Underhill that this office would be furnished with the information immediately.

During the course of the above investigation information was received from Deputy Sheriff Lee Babb to the effect that he had been informed by prison officers from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary that about a week prior thereto Underhill and Pretty Boy Floyd had been encountered together on a road near Salisaw, Oklahoma. A gun fight had ensued which had crippled the car which Underhill and Floyd had been using and that the two had commandeered another car and escaped. This information is being incorporated into the report in view of the possibility that Floyd and Underhill may be together. The presumption had been reached, however, by the investigating Agents prior to this information, that Ed Davis would possibly be the companion of Underhill, it being noted that Davis escaped with Underhill from the Lansing Penitentiary on Memorial Day of this year. After the gun battle it appeared that the seat on the disabled car was covered with blood, and accordingly either Underhill or his companion may have been wounded.

Complete records of Wilbur Underhill have been secured from

the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas. This information will be incorporated into a subsequent report.

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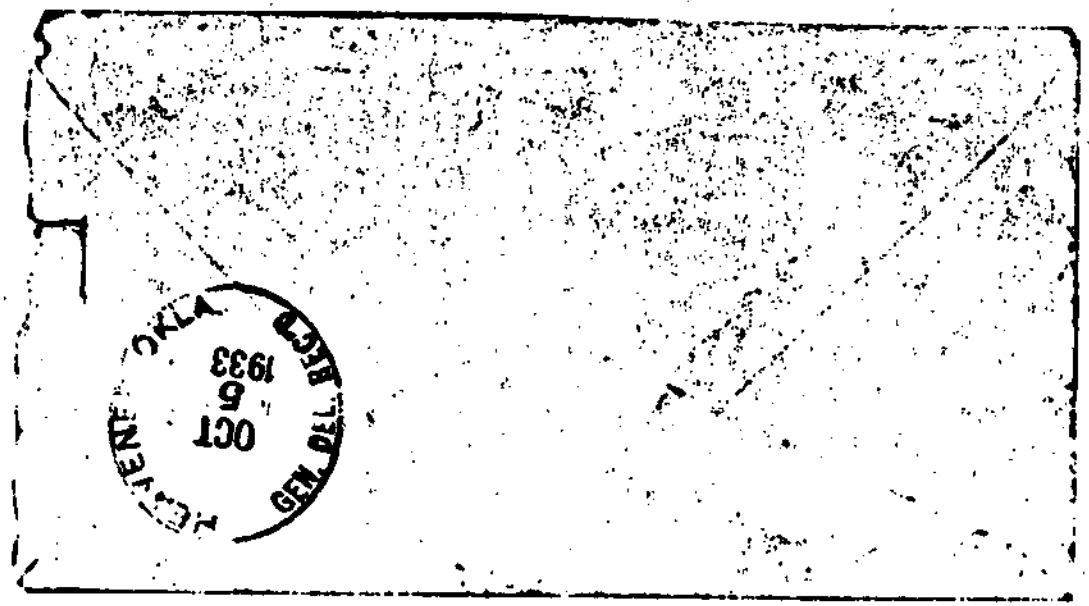
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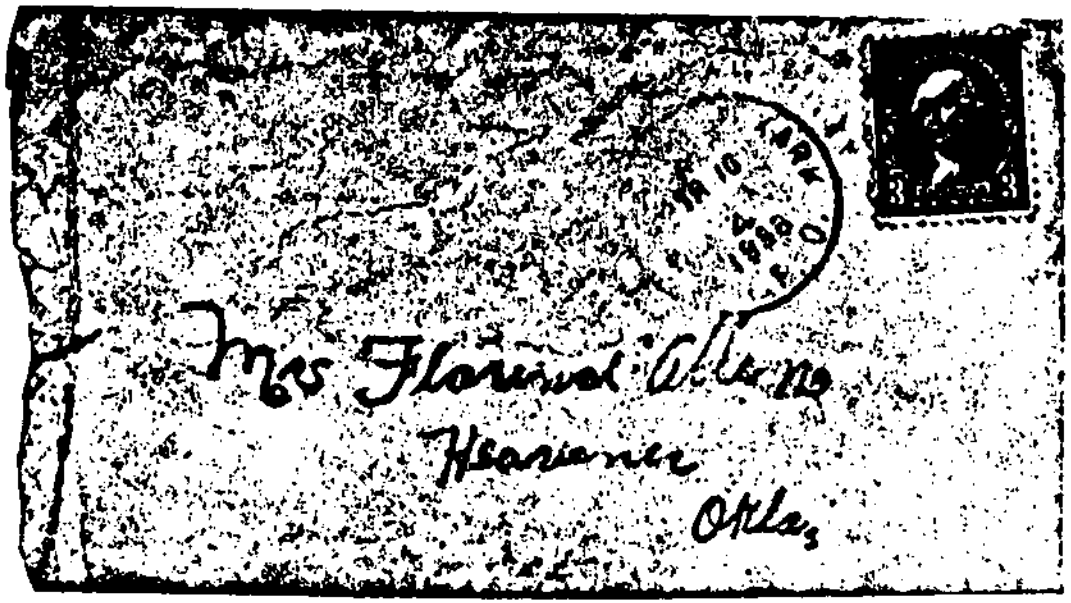
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pay you all for your trouble. Flaunce
what ever you do dont let no one see this
letter i am your friend untill you switch
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give me a way why do it kite like this
when i no you are my friend i am
trusting you be their please you wont loos
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disapoint me i am as ever

Ralph C

give this to Florence
dear Friend go a head with
our plans i am still safe that
will only be better for us all
do as I say and you will ok
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go when you leave i will close

Ralph

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REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
San Francisco, Cal.	10/25/33	9/24/33 to 10/24/33	V. E. Criss--DE

TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1195.
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201.
MRS. E. B. CONNER, with aliases - FUGITIVE.
WILBUR UNDERHILL, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1191, et al.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Photographs of Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases, and other Subjects in this investigation displayed to steamship ticket agents, passport agent, immigration authorities, and others, in the San Francisco District.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from Kansas City Division Office, dated July 21, 1933.

DETAILS: At San Francisco, California

Photographs of Vernon C. Miller, Richard Tallman Galatas, and other Subjects involved in this investigation, displayed to passport agent, Immigration authorities, steamship ticket agencies, and banks within the San Francisco District.

DETAILS:

Each person interviewed was requested to notify the San Francisco Division office, in case any of the Subjects should be identified in this district.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: R. E. Vetterl SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE 62-28915-935

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Mr. Levier
Mr. Locke

October 23, 1933.

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

Mr. Alt of the Jacksonville Office called at 8:30 PM and advised Mr. Hoover that Verne Miller had been seen and identified as being in Florida. He stated that he had received information from the Associated Press that Miller had been at a tourist camp near Ponce de Leon, Florida, in the western part of the State. Mr. Alt said that in the absence of any other agent, he had sent Agent Nance over to investigate the report and in the meantime he had requested the Associated Press not to print any word of the story, which they agreed to do. Agent Nance had telephoned Mr. Alt and reported that Miller and his wife had been reported as being at a tourist camp about five miles west of Ponce de Leon, operated by a woman named Elsie Hopkins. This woman claims to have been talking with Miller for about fifteen minutes on the 18th instant, when he stopped there in a new Ford "8" with an inverted Florida tag. She positively identified Miller, unhesitatingly, when shown his photograph, and she asserts that she knew him back in the "old carnival days" and that he had stopped to talk over old times. She also stated that she is afraid of Miller and knows what he is. This woman stated to Nance that the police officers visited her a short time after Miller had been there and inquired about him, saying they were looking for him to which she replied, "Well he was just here, why didn't you arrest him" Mr. Alt stated that apparently the police officers were afraid of Miller. Mrs. Hopkins also stated that Miller had been frequenting a tourist camp about ninety or a hundred miles west of Tallahassee, near a place called De Funiak Springs, which is situated about midway between Tallahassee and Pensacola. Mr. Alt stated that Agent Nance overheard a bootlegger tell the Sheriff at Tallahassee that Miller had been picked up at St. Petersburgh last week and was released, but Mr. Alt does not take much stock in this as he states the St. Petersburgh police are very cooperative and they would have advised him in such an event. Mr. Alt said that the police and sheriffs in the region about where Miller is supposed to be are, however, very uncooperative and are not to be trusted. Mr. Hoover instructed Mr. Alt to call in Agents Kingman and Shivers, to leave Shivers in charge of the office and to take Agent Kingman and proceed to meet Agent Nance at a place to be arranged with the latter. Mr. Hoover instructed Mr. Alt to proceed there as soon as possible in order to try to pick up the trail of Miller and not to take the police officers into his confidence.

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1216 Smith Young Tower
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October 28, 1933. GTJ/ML

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

VERNON C. MILLER et al
Fugitive;
Obstruction of Justice.

Dear Sir:

Concerning the anonymous letter addressed to J. B. Keenan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, mailed at Temple, Texas, on September 25, 1933, photostatic copy of which was furnished the Dallas office, a copy of this letter was sent to this office by the Dallas office with the suggestion that the letter be exhibited to the Postmaster and clerks in the Post Office at Temple, Texas, to determine, if possible, the identity of the writer.

Postmaster Thos. J. Darling, Temple, Texas, has been co-operating with the San Antonio Office for some time in an endeavor to observe the handwriting of any patron of his office that was in any way similar to the handwriting contained in the letter to Mr. Keenan. Mr. Darling has submitted to me certain applications for money orders filed by two patrons of his office whose handwriting to some extent bears a similarity to that in the anonymous letter.

I am attaching hereto photostatic copies of the handwriting of the patrons of the Temple Post Office and will ask that the handwriting expert of the Division render an opinion as to whether or not there is a similarity between these handwritings and that of the writing in the anonymous letter. If the opinion is positive, a further inquiry will be made.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No information of value obtained at Neeleys Landing or Jackson, Mo. Investigation at Corning and Knoble, Ark. discloses A. J. Conner, brother-in-law of Mrs. Ed. Conner, now visiting the Hanley family and is driving a 1933 Chevrolet Coach, bearing 1933 Tennessee license plates #329-177, he telling persons interviewed he came here from Memphis. Mrs. Conner before marriage was Louise Newton, and originated at West Plains, Mo. Dick Gilchrist present address can be obtained through his aunt at Oklahoma City. Mail cover again placed on Hanley family, Knoble, Ark., and A. J. Conner for period of thirty days, previous cover producing no results.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent George J. Gross, St.Louis, Mo., September 7, 1933, and letters of Kansas City Division Office dated September 23, 1933, and September 2, 1933.

DETAILS: AT NEELEYS LANDING, MISSOURI.

At the Post Office, Agent ascertained through H. E. Russell, Assistant Postmaster, that Fred Parker has resided at this town for most of his life, he now being about 30 years of age; that he is employed at night as a watchman by the Frisco Railroad and bears a very good reputation, being a married man with two children, and a person who is known to be a law abiding citizen. Mr. Russell further stated that to his knowledge Parker has not been out of Neeleys Landing for many months; that if he had been, Mr. Russell stated, he would very likely have known about it as there were only about 60 or 70 inhabitants of this town and everyone usually knows when one of the community go as far as Cape Girardeau, Missouri, a distance of about 25 miles.

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Agent noted upon entering this town that a Ford Model A 1930 Coach, same being parked on the street, bore Missouri State license plates for 1933, #498-329. Mr. Russell, above interviewed, stated that this was the property of Fred Parker.

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Under the pretext [redacted] Fred Parker was interviewed. He explained that he had formerly owned a 1930 Chevrolet Coach and had secured these plates for same; that in March or thereabouts, he traded the old Chevrolet for the Ford he is now driving, but up to the present time has not had the license plates transferred, stating that he did not have the money to spare to do so. Parker further stated that he has not been out of Neeleys Landing for possibly seven or eight months, the last trip being to Cape Girardeau, Missouri to trade his old car, explaining that his job as night watchman required that he be on the job at all times, he being employed by the Frisco Railroad. Parker further stated that he has not loaned his license plates to anyone, nor have they ever been stolen, nor does anyone ever drive his car but himself.

It was very obvious during the interview with Parker that he was telling the truth as best he could, he being a young man 30 years of age and having very little education.

AT JACKSON, MISSOURI.

At the Post Office, Agent interviewed Postmaster H. A. Illers who stated that Joe B. Gilder formerly lived in Jackson, Missouri, but had some time ago removed to Sikeston, Missouri, where he is employed by the Potashnick Truck Service Company. Mr. Illers stated that all he knew about this party was that he had a very good reputation while living in Jackson and always worked when work could be had and was never known to have been in any trouble of any kind, adding that he did not know what kind of a car this party drove.

AT SIKESTON, MISSOURI.

At the office of the Potashnick Trust Service Company, it was ascertained that Gilder was away on a long haul and would not return for several days. This party will be interviewed at a later date.

AT CORNING, ARKANSAS.

Interview was had with Deputy Sheriff R. R. Ruff, who stated that at the present time A. J. Conner, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Ed Conner and the one with whom she traveled, was in Knobla, Arkansas, visiting the Hanley family; that he was driving a new Chevrolet Coach and appeared to have plenty of money around town; that the car bore Tennessee license plates #329-177 for

1933. Ruff further stated that a man named R. E. Bailey knew this Conner boy very well and he had requested Bailey to attempt in a discreet manner to find out from A. J. Conner where he had been and where Mrs. Ed. Conner was at this time, further, that Mr. Bailey was a brother-in-law of Dick Gilchrist, of whom mention was made in report of reference of this agent; that Bailey was a highly respected citizen and very trustworthy being about 55 years of age.

AT KNOBLE, ARKANSAS.

In company with Ruff, Agent proceeded to Knoble, Arkansas, where interview was had with Mr. R. E. Bailey.

Bailey stated that A. J. Conner came to Knoble about a week or so ago for the purpose of visiting the Hanleys; that he was driving a Chevrolet coach with Tennessee plates; that one night while in the drug store in Knoble, Arkansas, he started a conversation with Conner, he having known him for a long time; that Conner stated that he had just come from Memphis, Tenn., where he had a job but did not disclose the kind of work he was doing; that when asked whatever became of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Ed. Conner, he replied that she was in Memphis part of the time and part of the time she was traveling; that Conner cut the conversation short whenever this subject was touched upon; that once during this conversation Conner stated that Mrs. Conner was now in California on a trip. Bailey further stated that Mrs. Ed. Conner, before her marriage, was Louise Newton and had several sisters, a Myrtle Newton, who is now Myrtle Kobbe and whom he understands now to reside in Dallas, Texas, stating that she did when he last heard of her, a Mary Newton, who married a man named Ernest Clark and now resides in Detroit, Mich., a Rose Newton, who married Harry Hanley and resides at Knoble, Ark., and another sister named Ada Newton, who married an ex-convict named Mosely; that this family of Newtons came to Arkansas from West Plains, Missouri, some years ago and at no time had a very good reputation, all of them always looking for some easy way to make a living, and usually succeeded in doing so, stating that Louise, now Mrs. Ed. Conner, followed the life of a gambler; that it was generally understood that her husband, Ed. Conner, who was also a gambler, had been killed in a gambling place in Hot Springs, Ark., some years ago, stating, however, that his brother-in-law, Dick Gilchrist, had told him that he had seen Ed. Conner in Oklahoma City, Okla., and that Gilchrist knew Ed. Conner very well, adding, however, that Gilchrist talked a lot and could not always be trusted. Mr. Bailey stated that he did not know exactly where Gilchrist could be located at this time but that a sister-in-law of his, named Mrs. C. G. Adams, 1218 West 26th Street, Oklahoma City, Okla., would have this information and would gladly offer same if requested.

Agent ascertained that ex-Senator Whitaker and his son, Charles, were out of the city and would be for several days and were therefore not available for interview. However, Ruff stated that he had recently seen the Whitakers and that they told him that they had not secured any further information

in this matter; that they had feared that if they should make too many inquiries, the Hanleys would realize the purpose of their interest in the whereabouts of Mrs. Conner and make any further information from this source impossible.

Interview was then had with Miss Lora Wilkerson, Postmistress, Knoble, Arkansas, who stated that just a few days before Agent's visit, she had noticed a letter addressed to A. J. Conner, care of the Hanley family, which was postmarked Memphis, Tennessee. Agent placed a mail cover on all mail addressed to the Hanley family and A. J. Conner for a period of thirty days on October 13, 1933, as it is generally understood by those persons interviewed that A. J. Conner is to remain in Knoble, Arkansas for about a month. The previous mail cover on the mail of the Hanley family produced no results.

Agent interviewed Oscar L. Graves, rural carrier, and Mrs. Evelyn Gowen, ex-Postmistress, neither of whom could offer any information of any value.

AT CORNING, ARKANSAS.

On Agent's return to Corning, interview was had with Mr. L. V. Ruff, County Clerk, who exhibited a deed to the property on which the Hanley family now reside, which shows that on November 24, 1930 this property was sold to Mrs. Lucy Todd Conner by Mr. O. B. Coats, for the consideration of $1,000.00. Mr. Ruff stated to Agent that Mr. O. B. Coats was now located in Lilbourn, Missouri, and could possibly offer some information as to the whereabouts of Mrs. Conner as there was still some notes due him from Mrs. Conner as a result of this sale.

AT LILBOURN, MISSOURI.

After several attempts to contact Mr. Coats, Agent was successful in doing so at the Swansey Hotel, at which time he advised that while he was not very well acquainted with Mrs. Conner, he had sold her this property at Knoble, Arkansas; that it was her custom every six months to mail him the money due on the property; that to the best of his memory the last payment was sent to him from Hot Springs, Arkansas; that it was a postal money order and required no forwarding of a receipt, adding that another payment would be due on November 1, 1933, and that he would advise the St. Louis Division Office as soon as he receives this, the place where same was mailed, and any additional information it might contain. The address of the St. Louis Office was left with Mr. Coats, who stated that he could be reached at the Swansey Hotel at most times.

Agent attempted, while making the above investigation, to secure from persons interviewed, and who were acquainted with Eddie and A. J. Conner,

a history of the Conner family, but was unable to find anyone who could offer any information other than they had lived in the vicinity of Knoble, Arkansas since very small children, and that their parents were dead for many years. Their origin was unknown to these persons.

Information has reached this office that Special Agent R. E. Peterson of the Birmingham Office may have an address for Louise Conner in Memphis, Tennessee.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION OFFICE at Oklahoma City will contact Mrs. C. G. Adams, 1218 West 26th Street, for the present location of Dick Gilchrist, her nephew; upon securing same will set out leads to have him interviewed in regard to the possibility of Ed. Conner still being alive; also ascertaining all information he may have as to the location of Mrs. Ed. Conner.

THE ST. LOUIS DIVISION OFFICE will report results of mail cover now pending on mail of the Hanley family, and A. J. Conner of Knoble, Arkansas. Will interview Joe Gilder, Sikeston, Missouri.

THE BIRMINGHAM DIVISION OFFICE at Memphis, Tennessee, will ascertain to whom 1933 Tennessee plates 329-177 were issued.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPT. OF JUSTICE
DIVISION ONE
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

The Division has noted that a copy of a letter addressed to it by Special Agent in Charge Conroy at Kansas City under date of October 28, in the matter of Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, has been forwarded to your office and the Division desires to invite your particular attention to the concluding two paragraphs of that letter and that you keep the Division and Special Agent in Charge Conroy intimately advised of any further contact with subject Louis Stacci so that if it is indicated that Stacci desires to furnish any further information the Division may consider the desirability of having Special Agent Conroy present.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

cc to Kansas City.

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October 28, 1933.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1195, ET AL
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE(Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

This is to confirm information, which I furnished Special Agent D. O. Smith at Chicago over long distance telephone from the St. Louis Division office on the night of October 6, 1933, regarding Louis Stacci, one of the defendants in this case.

About September 18, 1933, accompanied by Special Agent W. F. Trainor, I interviewed Stacci at the Jackson County Jail, in an endeavor to ascertain whether he might be willing to make some statement which would be of value to the solution of this case. At that time, Stacci was more or less non-committal. However, about September 25th, Stacci sent word to me at the office, requesting me to again call at the jail for purposes of an interview.

Agent Trainor and I again went to the County Jail, where we interviewed Stacci at the Sheriff's office. Stacci at that time, advised us that he was willing to make a full statement regarding his activities in connection with this case, in the event he were given a promise of immunity. He stated also that he was willing to appear as a witness at the time of trial, in event he were given this promise of immunity.

Stacci was informed, of course, that the Division's Agents were in no position to give him any promises, but that such promises would have to come from the office of the prosecutor in Federal Court on the charges of conspiracy to obstruction of justice and from the State prosecutor on the charges of murder

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In the interview with Stacci, an attempt was made, however, to ascertain how much information he might be able to convey. Stacci indicated that the information which he could convey would probably definitely fix the identity of one person who was actually involved in the shootings at the Union Station Plaza. He indicated also that his information might be able to indicate the identity of a second person who was an actual participant in the murders.

During the questioning of Stacci, I abruptly asked him whether any of the murderers had visited him at the O.F. Inn in Chicago after the shootings. Stacci did not reply. His face became flushed, and he exhibited nervousness. His only answer was that "of course, he could not give information at that time, when the Government had given him no promise as to what they might do with him."

The details of the above were furnished Mr. Harold Nathan over long distance telephone at Oklahoma City, and the matter was later discussed with him at Kansas City, Missouri, personally. It was deemed inadvisable to confer with either of the Prosecutors, in view of their past penchant for publicity. We felt that they might reveal to the newspapers that Stacci had indicated a possible desire to furnish information. This would have destroyed the availability of the information absolutely.

It may be noted as a matter of information that Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Farmer, also defendants, were released on bond a short time before Stacci sent word for me to confer with him at the County Jail. It seems that Stacci had drawn the conclusion that the Farmers had confessed their part in the activities; that subsequent thereto, a nominal bond had been furnished, and that in all probability they were to avoid prosecution. As a matter of fact, Stacci made a remark to the effect that "The Farmer angles had been handled in a very discreet manner." In reply, thereto, I made the statement that, "Of course, we could not discuss the activities of any of the other defendants."

On October 4, 1933, Mr. Henry L. Salaban, Attorney-at-Law, Chicago, Ill., and a former Assistant United States Attorney at that place, came to Kansas City, Missouri, in order to effect the release of Stacci on bond. Stacci was released on bond the following day.

It may be noted that Mr. Balaban called at this office to discuss the case against Stacci. In order to avoid any discussion of the evidence, I informed Mr. Balaban that I had only assumed charge of the office shortly prior thereto and was not entirely familiar with the evidence. I indicated to him, however, that the Government was principally interested in the actual murderers, and that the Government would probably be kindly disposed towards Stacci, in the event, he would talk freely regarding his participation in the case, and his knowledge of the persons who were involved. Later the same day, Mr. Balaban returned to the office with Michael Stacci, a brother of the defendant. At this time, Mr. Balaban informed the brother that he had always found that it was well to deal fairly with the Government, and that he thought Louis Stacci should inform the Division Agents of his entire participation in the matter. He indicated a willingness to cooperate. However, the Chicago office may be more fully advised as to the character and activities of Mr. Balaban.

Mr. Balaban and defendant Stacci's brother both indicated that after they returned to Chicago that Stacci would be willing to appear before Agents of this Division and divulge certain information. Stacci, himself, during our conferences at the jail indicated that he desired to talk to me personally. Of course, the matter may be handled by other Agents of the Division. On the other hand, I may have created a favorable impression on Stacci, which would afford a better opportunity for me to secure information from him than some other Agent of the Division who has not dealt with him in a favorable light before.

In the event that Stacci or his attorney indicate a desire to make some statement, it is requested that this office be advised immediately by telephone by the Chicago office. I believe that it would be desirable for me to be present at such an interview.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Mr. Hughes ✓
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Lester
Mr. Looke

October 28, 1933.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to letter to the Kansas City office from the Chicago office dated October 11, 1933, containing information to the effect that Gus Winkler prior to his death made a statement to the effect that he had purchased from Harvey Bailey for $35,000 bonds valued at over $600,000, which apparently had been taken in a bank robbery at Lincoln, Nebraska, these bonds later having been returned to the Nebraska authorities by Winkler, in order to avoid prosecution. The Chicago letter suggests that the information be transmitted to the proper State Officials in the State of Nebraska.

It is my opinion, especially at the present time, that the information contained in the letter from the Chicago office should not be furnished to the Nebraska authorities. I believe that the only result would be considerable publicity regarding Bailey. Bailey, altho an astute criminal, must be regarded as a potential source of information regarding the Union Station Plaza Massacre case. I believe that this Division should do nothing at the present time which might antagonize him.

Accordingly, in view of the above, the matter received from the Chicago office will not be furnished the Nebraska authorities.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1195.
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201.
MRS. E. B. CONNER, with aliases - FUGITIVE.
WILBUR UNDERHILL, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1191, et al.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

California license #8A-8503 issued to Lee Granger, as sole owner, Cristie Hotel, Hollywood, California, for La Salle Sedan, motor #900230.

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REFERENCE:

Wire from Portland Office, dated October 25, 1933.

DETAILS:

The aforementioned wire received from the Portland Office, requested the San Francisco office to ascertain immediately to whom California license #8A-8503, was issued. Also the make and motor number of the car.

Through the National Automobile Theft Bureau, it was ascertained that the license in question had been issued to Lee Granger, as sole owner, Cristie Hotel, Hollywood, California, for LaSalle Sedan, motor #900230. Accordingly a wire was immediately dispatched to the Los Angeles office, setting forth this information, and requesting that they conduct appropriate investigation at Hollywood, California, on the reputation, character, and present whereabouts of Lee Granger, and to advise the Portland Office by wire.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: L. R. O'Rourke acting SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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LOS ANGELES OFFICE: Will follow out the suggestions made in the wire from the San Francisco office, on October 25, 1933, regarding the reputation, character, and present whereabouts of Lee Granger.

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October 1933

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Rorer called this morning from De Funiak Springs, Florida. He stated that the information looked pretty good; that there is a woman running a road house about ten miles from De Funiak Springs who has known Verne Miller and his wife for several years; that he is supposed to have stopped at a tourist camp about eight miles from there, but that he, Mr. Rorer, had looked that over and saw no signs of him there. He stated that he has Special Agents Roberts and Nance with him and that they were then going to see the woman at the road house to ascertain if Miller had gone to Florida or into the New Orleans section. I instructed Mr. Rorer to leave word there for Mr. Alt, when he arrives, to stand by until he, Mr. Rorer, returned.

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November 8, 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, et al -
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor
to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank
Nash)

Dear Sir:

There are returned herewith the original notes of the telephone operators transmitted to the Division with your letter of October 27, 1933, pursuant to the arrangement which you made with Mr. Vincent Hughes during your recent visit at Washington, D.C.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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October 27, 1933.

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DEPT. OF JUSTICE
INVESTIGATION

Director,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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

About September 28, 1933, a telephone tap was arranged in the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Kansas City, Missouri, during the stay of Lillian Holden and Marj Keating at Kansas City, Missouri.

In view of certain valuable information which was received from this telephone tap, it was continued for a period of approximately two weeks. [redacted] The notes of the employees of the telephone company are, and may be in the future, very valuable for purposes of reference.

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Officials of the telephone company have just requested that the notes taken by these employees be returned. I believe that before returning them, however, photostatic copies of all these notes should be made and retained at the Kansas City office.

These notes are being transmitted herewith to the Division with request that they be photostated; that one copy of the photostat be furnished this office at the time the original notes are returned here.

I believe it appropriate to have the data in question photostated, rather than typewritten copies made, in order to avoid any discrepancies, which might be made in transcription, due to the fact that the handwritings are not the most legible in some parts.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY

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KANSAS CITY

OCT 30 1933

October 26, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

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

I am transmitting a copy of letter from this office to the Chicago office dated October 13, 1933. Inadvertently, the original and copy were forwarded to the Division, and it is understood by letter dated October 19th from the Division to this office, that the original has already been transmitted to Chicago.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge.

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KANSAS CITY

October 28, 1933.

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

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-

Recently a civilian type photograph of Silber Underhill was secured at the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas. This photograph was taken at the prison shortly before t e escape of Underhill, as of May 30, 1933. Three copies of same are enclosed for your use. It is suggested that you may desire to present one of these to the Police Department at Dallas. It is probable that officers in the vicinity of Paris, Texas, might be familiar with Underhill, since it is believed he has had a hide-out at that place.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge.

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DEPT. OF JUSTICE
DIVISION ONE
OCT 30 1933

Suite 1 Federal Building
Kansas City

October 26, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

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

I am returning herewith to you one extra photostatic copy of page 8 of the summary report from this office dated October 12, 1933, which was received here with the photostatic copy of the report. Evidently this page may have been omitted from a copy of the report to some other office.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge.

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October 26, 1933.

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPT. OF JUSTICE
OCT 30 1933
DIVISION ONE

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

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

Referring to your letter of October 21, 1933, relative to Western Union telegram sent to George Valenti, Kansas City, Missouri, on September 22, 1933, please be advised that the telegram mentioned in letter from this office dated October 19th was sent from Rochester, New York, and the symbol information on the top of the telegram is "NC 514 Rochester New York September 22, 1933, 11:15 P.M.". Inadvertently the words "Rochester, New York" were omitted from letter of the 19th. This is the entire symbol information shown on the copy of telegram.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1216 Smith Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas.
October 28, 1933.

GTJ/ML

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Lester
Mr. Lewis

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

VERNON C. MILLER, w.a.
et al; Obstruction of Justice

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 13, 1933, concerning the arrest of Bob Brady and James Clark by Sheriff Ira Allen, Tucumcari, New Mexico, and the apparent lack of cooperation between Sheriff Allen and this office in the matter of reporting this arrest to the San Antonio office.

This letter was received during my absence and I have discussed the matter with Acting SAC C R. Davis, who advised me that early the next morning after publicity was given concerning the arrest of Brady and Clark he immediately telephoned to Sheriff Allen who advised me that he had intended phoning the San Antonio office, however, he had received a telephone call from SAC R. H. Colvin, Oklahoma City, and had given Mr. Colvin the details concerning the arrest of Brady and Clark and in view of the fact that the information was in the hands of a representative of the Division he did not telephone the San Antonio office.

On the morning that the Press carried a notice concerning the arrest of Brady and Clark at Tucumcari, New Mexico, I was in Oklahoma City and was advised by SAC Colvin that a representative of the Associated Press, who was in close contact with the Oklahoma City office, due to the trial of the Urschel case, had advised him the evening before, almost immediately after the arrest of Brady and Clark that such an arrest had been made by the Sheriff at Tucumcari, New Mexico. Mr. Colvin further advised me that immediately upon receiving this tip from the Associated Press, he communicated by long distance direct with Sheriff Allen at Tucumcari, New Mexico, receiving the details concerning this arrest and had advised the Division. I at that time asked Agent Colvin if he had advised the San Antonio office upon receipt of this tip from the Associated Press and he advised me that he had neglected to do so.

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This office has close contact with Sheriff Allen at Tucumcari, New Mexico, due to the fact that Special Agent J. A. Street was formerly Sheriff of that county and is a very close personal friend of Ira Allen, the present Sheriff.

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Director, #2 October 28, 1933.

It has developed that immediately upon bringing Brady and Clark into Tucumcari, New Mexico, a newspaper representative sent an Associated Press flash over the wires, this being the flash received at Oklahoma City and conveyed to SAC Colvin who immediately called Sheriff Allen over long distance.

I am confident that the reason Sheriff Allen did not call the San Antonio office at that time was that he had already been contacted by SAC Colvin and he naturally assumed that the Division had through one of its representatives all the information desired concerning the matter.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

DEPT. OF JUSTICE
DIVISION ONE
OCT 31 1933 PM

1216 Smith Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas.
October 28, 1933.

GTJ/ML

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

VERNON C. MILLER W.C.
et al; Obstruction of Justice.

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to your letters of September 21 and October 23, 1933, both of which were received here during my absence.

You are advised that all of the information in possession now of the San Antonio office was contained in my letter under date of August 28, 1933, to the Dallas office, copy of which was furnished you. The file at this office does not reflect any additional information concerning the connection of Louise Magness alias Louise Clark in the Urschel case. However, I recall that Louise Magness returned to her mother's home at a small town in Oklahoma, the name of which is not recalled by me, and that she was under surveillance by the Oklahoma City office for some time. In fact, she was picked up by Agents of the Oklahoma City office, taken to Oklahoma City, where a detailed statement was taken from her concerning her connection with George and Katherine Kelly. She is probably still under more or less surveillance by the Oklahoma City office. Consequently, I would suggest that any further information you desire concerning this individual that you obtain same from the Oklahoma City office.

The statement of the Informant at Kansas City to the effect that Louise Clark has in her possession about $170,000.00 of the Urschel ransom money is not thought to be true, especially in view of the fact that approximately $73,000.00 of the original $200,000.00 ransom has been recovered and for the further fact that George Kelly or Albert Bates would not trust a woman of the description of Louise Magness with any considerable amount of money.

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Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Oklahoma City

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801 Liberty National Life Bldg.,
Birmingham, Alabama,
October 28, 1933.

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

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases - FUGITIVE.
Identification Order #1195, et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (ENDEAVOR TO
DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH).

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the above entitled case and the letter from the St. Louis office dated October 18, 1933 in connection therewith.

It has been ascertained from the Motor Vehicle Division of the State of Tennessee that Tennessee 1933 license plates 329-177 were issued to Myrtle Kobbe, 320 Leclerc, Memphis, Tenn., for Chevrolet Coach, Motor 3219460.

As was explained to you telephonically by Special Agent J.H. Hanson of this office on the evening of October 27, 1933, and as also was explained to Special Agent W. F. Trainor of the Kansas City Office, the Birmingham Office at the present time is endeavoring to ascertain if Louise Conner is at the present time in Memphis, information having been received that one Geraldine Lewis, with another woman named Fannie Calvert, is operating a night club in South Memphis, known as the Lonely Acres. The Calvert woman is known in Memphis as an associate of police characters.

The description of this Geraldine Lewis, who an informant claims is Louise Conner, is that she is supposed to be 37 years of age, 5'2" in height, weighing 150 pounds, and has red hair and blue eyes.

The Birmingham Office, through its surveillance of telephone and telegraph records, as well as mail covers, and through other investigation is endeavoring to ascertain more information in connection with this woman.

Very truly yours,

W. A. HORER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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October 30, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your file in the matter of VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1195, et al.

You will recall that on October 5th this office wrote you and informed that a search of the apartment of Mrs. Louis (Betty) Buchalter revealed an envelope of the Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, on which was written Sue Wolfe, 5800 Lakeshore Drive, telephone Lakeview 8527.

On October 10th you wrote this office and informed with respect to one Abe Caplan, who has been telephoning New York City and talking to J. L. Wolfe. It was learned by this office that the name of the wife of this J. L. Wolfe is Susy or Sue, and it might be that she is identical with the person whose name was found on the hotel envelope as above set forth.

It is suggested that suitable inquiry be made at 5800 Lakeshore Drive to determine if these women are identical.

Very truly yours,

T. F. CULLEN
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Division
Kansas City

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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Mr. Locke

Division of Investigation

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

VWH:DSS

October 30, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Keith called about 2:00 P. M. Sunday from Detroit and advised that they had made numerous inquiries concerning the hotel at which Verne Miller was supposed to be stopping; that this hotel is now run by two Jews and that neither they nor any of the occupants could be depended upon, consequently none of them had been approached but they have made a contact with the former manager who had been relieved only three days ago. Mr. Keith had had an opportunity to go through all of the records of the hotel and had been unable to find any record of the telephone call which led into this hotel. He therefore requested Chicago by telephone to check the telephone records at Chicago and again call him. He did not expect a response from this until today. He stated that they had the hotel well covered and that so far they had not noticed anyone coming in or going out who resembled Miller. Further, that they had exhibited a photograph of Miller to the former manager, who could not identify him. Mr. Keith had also requested investigation at Crete, Illinois, from which point the message had originated.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes.

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

Lillian Holden and Marge Keating, driving 1933 V-8 Ford Tudor Sedan, bearing 1933 Illinois license #1-246-123, followed by Special Agent Maynor and Springfield, Ill. Detective Austin Jones on 9-30-33 from Springfield, Ill. to Jacksonville, Ill., during which time no contacts made by anyone, Lillian Holden and Marge Keating proceeding apparently to Kansas City, Mo. On 10-6-33 Lillian Holden and Marge Keating sighted at about 3:30 P.M. at Pennant [illegible], two miles west of Columbia, Mo., and followed from [illegible] point on U.S.Highway #40 to intersection of U.S. [illegible] #54, thence on U.S.Highway #54 to Mexico, Mo., [illegible] Green, Mo., into the State of Illinois at Louisiana, Mo., continuing on U.S.Highway #54 and 107 to Pittsfield, Ill., and thence on U.S.Highway #36 to Springfield, [illegible] Jacksonville, Ill., arriving at Springfield at [illegible] 10-6-33. Stops made only at Pittsfield, Ill. [illegible] and Marge Keating remained at Springfield, [illegible] Abraham Lincoln Hotel on the night of 10-6-33 [illegible] from Springfield, Ill. on U.S.Highway #66 [illegible] Bloomington and Chicago, Ill., at 11:20 A.M. [illegible] and Marge Keating neither made nor [illegible] calls, telegrams or personal contacts [illegible] Columbia, Mo. to Springfield, Ill.

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[illegible] letter directed to the Kansas City [illegible] 30, 1933.

[illegible] D. O. Smith of the Chicago [illegible] Ladd, and advised that it

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had been learned that Lillian Holden and Marge Keating had left Chicago, Illinois at 8:00 A.M. on September 30, 1933 en route to Kansas City, Missouri. Further, that Lillian Holden and Marge Keating had departed from Chicago, Illinois via U.S.Highway #66, driving a dark blue 1933 model V-8 Ford Tudor Sedan, bearing 1933 Illinois license #1-246-125, and City of Chicago vehicle tag #A-405,137, mounted on the lower right hand side of the windshield. Special Agent Smith further advised that the front license plate was fastened to the right front bumper and that the rear license plate was under the tail light and in addition that the above described Ford automobile was being followed by a large Lincoln automobile the same appearing to be an ambulance, which was driven by a chauffeur; that two people were in the rear of this automobile with pillows and that the same carried 1933 Missouri license #806.

The above described Ford automobile upon its departure from Chicago, Illinois, according to Special Agent D. O. Smith, was driven by Lillian Holden, who was dressed in brown colored wool suit with a hat to match which appeared to be on the style of a beret. The collar of of Lillian Holden's dress had green and white stripes about one-half inch in width upon it. Marge Keating was dressed in a dark purple dress with a small black hat.

Special Agent D. O. Smith also related that Marge Keating and Lillian Holden were proceeding to Kansas City, Missouri, and that they had learned that these individuals intended to stay there for a day or so and then come to St.Louis, Missouri to contact Vernon Miller and his wife, Vivian; that it was believed possible that Vernon Miller and his wife Vivian were in St.Louis, Missouri at that time.

Special Agent D. O. Smith also requested that the location of the telephone at St.Louis, Missouri, Jefferson 7256, be obtained and the information furnished the Kansas City Division Office. It was learned that this telephone was issued to the Hotel Newstead or Hotel Bindell, both located at 4398 Olive Street, St.Louis, Missouri. This information was communicated by telephone to Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy at the Kansas City Division Office.

In view of the above information, Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd immediately communicated by telephone with Special Agent H. G. Maynor at Springfield, Illinois, and instructed Agent Maynor to make arrangements to pick up the Ford automobile of Lillian Holden and Marge Keating prior to its entering Springfield, Illinois, and thereafter follow the same to Jacksonville, Illinois, making sure that Lillian Holden and Marge Keating proceeded toward the vicinity of Kansas City, Missouri, and not toward St.Louis, Missouri. Pursuant to the instructions of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, Special Agent H. G. Maynor, accompanied by Detective Austin Jones of the Springfield, Illinois Police Department, picked up Lillian Holden and Marge Keating in the above described Ford Tudor Sedan at the Y-junction of Illinois Highway #4 and

U. S. Highway #66, north of Springfield, Illinois, and thereafter followed said automobile through Springfield, Illinois onto U. S. Highway #36 and into Jacksonville, Illinois, and abandoned the surveillance when the automobile of the above two named individuals continued toward Kansas City, Missouri on U. S. Highway #36. Lillian Holden and Marge Keating made no stops at Springfield, Illinois and Jacksonville, Illinois, and contacted no one en route.

On October 5, 1933 Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy of the Kansas City Division Office telephoned Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd and advised that from all indications Marge Keating and Lillian Holden would leave Kansas City, Missouri on October 6, 1933. Agent was then instructed to proceed to Columbia, Missouri, register at the Daniel Boone Tavern and await instructions, particularly to pick up Lillian Holden and Marge Keating on U. S. Highway #40 west of Columbia, Missouri, and follow them to St. Louis, Missouri in the event they came to St. Louis. Special Agent in Charge Conroy alsostated that it was his intention to follow Lillian Holden and Marge Keating from Kansas City, Missouri. At 12:20 P.M. on October 6, 1933, Special Agent in Charge Conroy advised the St. Louis Division Office by telephone that Marge Keating and Lillian Holden had left Kansas City, Missouri in the above described tudor [illegible] at which time Marge Keating was driving, and was wearing a black dress, black tam hat, and black suede shoes; further that Lillian Holden was dressed in a blue sweater, brown skirt, brown shoes, brown tam hat, and a coat with a red fox collar.

Agent was also advised of the fact that Marge Keating and Lillian Holden had left Kansas City, Missouri at about 12:20 P.M. on U. S. Highway #40 headed for Columbia, Missouri. [illegible]

At about 1:00 P.M. on October 6, 1933, Agent parked at the Pennant Hotel two miles west of Columbia, Missouri, on U. S. Highway #40 and at about 3:10 P.M. Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, accompanied by Special Agent Hurley, stopped at the Pennant Hotel, verified the above information that Marge Keating and Lillian Holden had departed from Kansas City, Miss[illegible]. At about 3:30 P.M. on October 6, 1933, while Special Agent in Charge [illegible] and Agent Hurley were at the Pennant Hotel, Marge Keating and Lillian [illegible] parked at said hotel and entered the lodge thereof for lunch, at which [illegible]al Agent in Charge Conroy and Special Agent Hurley observed Marge [illegible] Lillian Holden very closely, and proceeded on to Columbia, Missouri, [illegible]aving the Pennant Hotel and parking about one mile closer to Col[illegible]uri on U. S. Highway #40. At about 3:45 P.M., Lillian Holden and [illegible]g, driving the automobile previously described herein, passed the [illegible] Agent was parked, and proceeded on past the intersection of U.S. [illegible]nd 40, following the latter highway to the intersection of U.S. [illegible]nd 40, at which point they turned onto U.S.Highway #54, proceed[illegible]tico, Missouri. Agent immediately followed Lillian Holden and [illegible] and they did not leave the highway to enter Columbia, Missouri.

[illegible]s out of Columbia, Missouri on U.S.Highway #40, Agent noted that

Special Agent in Charge Conroy and Special Agent Hurley were following Marge Keating and Lillian Holden, however, when the latter two turned onto Highway #54 toward Mexico, Missouri, Special Agent in Charge Conroy and Special Agent Hurley continued on U.S.Highway #40 toward St.Louis, Missouri.

Agent then followed Marge Keating and Lillian Holden on U.S. Highway #54 through Mexico, Missouri, continuing on U.S.Highway #54 through Vandalia and Bowling Green, Missouri, and crossing the Mississippi River into the State of Illinois at Louisiana, Missouri. After crossing the Mississippi River, Lillian Holden and Marge Keating proceeded on U.S.Highway #54 and 107 into Pittsfield, Illinois, where they drove around the square of the village several times and stopped at a small unnamed beer parlor for only a few minutes, at which time Agent noted that they took U. S. Highway #36 from Pittsfield, Illinois, leading into Winchester, Jacksonville, and eventually Springfield, Illinois. Agent immediately followed Lillian Holden and Marge Keating, and just before leaving the city limits of Pittsfield, Illinois, noted that they were stopped at a Shell oil station getting gasoline. Agent proceeded on to Detroit, Illinois, and there parked at a gas station along the highway and while communicating by telephone with Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd at St.Louis, Missouri, Agent noted the car of Lillian Holden and Marge Keating pass by traveling at an approximate rate of speed of 55 miles per hour. Agent again followed the automobile of Lillian Holden and Marge Keating on U.S.Highway #36 into Jacksonville, Illinois, at which point they circled through the business district and a portion of the residence district, and thereafter continued on U. S. Highway #36 into Springfield, Illinois, Agent following them to the intersection of State Highway #4 and U.S. Highway #36, where Special Agent D. W. Maher, accompanied by Detective Austin Jones of the Springfield, Illinois Police Department took up the surveillance.

During the entire trip from Columbia, Missouri to Springfield, Illinois, Lillian Holden did all of the driving and averaged approximately a speed of 55 miles per hour, slowing down at all corners and driving very cautiously in the villages through which they passed, however, upon again [illegible]tting the highway, they picked up their average speed. At no time during [illegible] trip from Columbia, Missouri to Springfield, Illinois did Lillian Holden [illegible]arge Keating use the telephone or contact any individuals as far as [illegible]ceable to this Agent.

At the intersection of U.S.Highway #36 and State Highway #4 [illegible] six miles southwest of Springfield, Illinois, Special Agent D. W. Maher [illegible]pringfield, Illinois Detective Austin Jones, at 8:40 P.M., October 6, [illegible] began following Marge Keating and Lillian Holden, after which they pro[illegible] to a point about three miles east, where they stopped at what is known [illegible]lice Inn. They stayed in the Paradice Inn until about 9:30 P.M., appar[illegible]eining dinner, and then proceeded to the heart of Springfield, Illi[illegible]re they circled the business district continuously during which [illegible]ng was noted endeavoring to observe any automobiles following them.

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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, I.O. 1195-FUGITIVE; RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases-FUGITIVE; ET AL.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. Audrey Hay says she has corresponded with persons at Indianapolis, Indiana, but denies having corresponded with anyone at St. Paul, Minnesota. She denies ever having heard of Jack Pfeiffer and says she has never written him.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainer, Kansas City, Missouri, 7-28-33.
Report of Special Agent A. Paul Kitchen, Birmingham, Alabama, 9-14-33.
Letter from the Kansas City Office dated September 19, 1933.

DETAILS: AT GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI.

Mrs. Audrey Hay, nee Miss Audrey Roberts, and formerly Mrs. Raymond Knight was located at Jim's Cafe where she is employed as a waitress. She now resides at 109 North Shelby Street, Greenville. She says that she is 27 years of age, was born at Tylertown, Mississippi, has been married and divorced twice. She says she married Raymond Knight at Pensacola, Florida, in 1923, and that he later secured a divorce from her at Birmingham, Alabama. She does not remember the date or the grounds on which the divorce was granted. She next married Charles Hay at Eldorado, Arkansas, in December, 1927. His home is at Rockville, Indiana, where his father, Thomas Hay, a sawmill laborer, also resides. She says that Hay is a salesman for the Blackhawk Manufacturing Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and that she had traveled with him three or four years ago, and had made Minneapolis and St. Paul on the trips; that they stopped at the Curtis Hotel, Minneapolis, but had never spent the night at St. Paul, and had never visited night clubs at either place, and were not acquainted with anyone at the night

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: R. C. Whitley SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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clubs. She says that she and her hu band, Hay, have been separated for more than two years, and that about a year ago, Hay phoned her at Rosedale and advised her that he had gotten a divorce from her. She does not know on what grounds he secured it, but believes it was gotten at Rockville, Indiana. She has not heard from him in about 8 months, and has not written him at St. Paul or Minneapolis. She does not recall anyone she met at St. Paul, but remembers a Frank Spence at Minneapolis with whom she has not corresponded. She has spent the last two years at Rosedale, Mississippi, working in George Domas' restaurant, and came to Greenville something over a month ago because she was offered a job at shorter hours and better pay. She has a daughter, Eloise Marguerite Knight, age 8, who is with Mrs. Hay's mother, Mrs. Bertha Knight, at Rosedale, but expects to come to Mrs. Hay at Greenville in the near future. While at Rosedale she says she stayed with a Mrs. Finnermore Jackson, and that she received her mail in George Domas' box, number 328, Rosedale. She thinks George does not correspond with anyone at St. Paul, and that he only occasionally leaves Rosedale for a day or two at a time when he goes to Memphis.

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

Governor Conner was not at his office and was not available for interview on account of the serious illness of his wife.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE, at Jackson, Mississippi, will interview Governor Connor in an effort to learn more about Eddie Connor or A. J. Connor.

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Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hughes
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Lester
Mr. Locke

October 7, 1933.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL.

Mr. Dunn advised from Los Angeles that Mr. Forney, the Acting Prohibition Agent in Charge at that place, told him this morning that one of the Prohibition investigators, named William E. Dresser, yesterday received a letter from an informant in Minneapolis stating that if Dresser would come to Minneapolis the informant could put his finger on Verne Miller. Mr. Forney desired to ascertain from Mr. Dunn the correct procedure. Mr. Dunn told him he thought Mr. Dresser should give the Division the name of the informant so it could take appropriate action. Mr. Dunn stated he was expecting to have Dresser at his office in about thirty minutes at which time, Forney promises, he will attempt to have Dresser give Mr. Dunn the information in his possession with regard to this informant. Mr. Dunn states, however, that the informant who wrote to Dresser says he cannot give him any further details by mail and will not talk with anyone else.

I instructed Mr. Dunn to get the name of the informant, and have SAC Hanni at St. Paul see what he can find out about this man. I stated that I had no objection to Dresser's proceeding to St. Paul and contacting Hanni upon his arrival there, providing of course Dresser was considered entirely reliable. In this event, I stated, it would be satisfactory to have Dresser contact the informant, after talking with Mr. Hanni. Mr. Dunn stated he would advise further in the event Dresser would not provide him with the name of the informant. Mr. Dunn stated that Dresser told his Agent in Charge, Mr. Forney, last night that he could not disclose the name of his informant as the matter might be "bungled" in some way. I stated I wanted the name of the Minneapolis informant that it might be checked with the name of a man in St. Paul who has been claiming the ability to solve most of the larger outstanding cases, and if it is not this same individual I would be satisfied to have Prohibition Agent Dresser proceed to Minneapolis as set forth above. I stated we would be willing to pay for definite information as to the whereabouts of Verne Miller, but that results had to be produced before any payment would be made.

Mr. Dunn stated as soon as he has talked with Dresser he will send a telegram to the Division, or call by telephone, if he thinks that is necessary.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
October 7, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SAC Dunn called at 3:15PM. Stated that he had talked with the Prohibition Investigator Dresser and indicated to him that the Division would respect his his confidence but desired to know the name of his informant in St.Paul to determine if identical with persons we know. Dresser persisted in his refusal to name his informant. Stated that he did not want to be insubordinate but felt in duty bound to protect his informant. Claims letter from informant who is business man at St.Paul revealed that VERNE MILLER had called on him (he has known MILLER for some years) and endeavored to have him exchange some hot money. He refused, but believes he can locate MILLER. Dresser is leaving headquarters this afternoon for a week-end trip to the mountains but will return Monday morning. I told Dunn to do nothing more until he heard from the Director.

Respectfully,

V.W.Hughes

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Mr. Quinn
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Mr. Lewis

October 28, 1933.

MEMORANDUM

Agent D. O. Smith telephoned from Chicago. He advised that he believes they have located Vi Miller, wife of Verne C. Miller, in the Sherwald (?) Apartments, Apt. #211, on the Sheridan Road, where they registered two or three weeks ago under the name of C. T. H. He stated that they do not know whether Verne is there; that there is indication that he is. The apartment house is in a receivership. The Agents talked to the receiver and to the manager, showing them photographs, and they went to Vi's apartment under a pretext, and after seeing the woman informed the Agents that they believe she is Vi Miller. Mr. Smith stated that Agent Keating, who was working on this case, was scheduled to leave for New York tonight, and I instructed that he remain in Chicago. I instructed Mr. Smith not to make raid until they are absolutely certain. He stated that the ex-manager's daughter-in-law, who has been involved with gangsters for a long time, is employed in this apartment house, sometimes working on the switchboard; that all calls go through the switchboard, which would make it difficult to do any tapping; that in this connection they may need the services of Agent Nichols. I told him this would be all right. Mr. Smith suggested that Agent Madala rent an apartment in this building, there being one vacant which would be ideal for the purpose, and that there is also a second floor apartment across the street which would be ideally situated. I advised him this would be all right. Mr. Smith said they know of only one man there who knows both Verne and Vi Miller well, and that it might be necessary to call on one of the Agents in New York who knows the Millers to identify them. He does not deem it wise to advise the Chicago informant as yet.

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Watch this carefully.
10/28/33 J. E. H.

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201 Liberty National Life Bldg.,
Birmingham, Alabama,
October 30, 1933.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto are copies of two memorandums prepared by Special Agent Chapmon Fletcher dated October 18 and October 19, 1933, respectively.

The memorandum of October 19th refers to plans entered into some time ago, whereby prisoner Whetsel was placed in a cell with Harold Fontaine.

The memorandum of the 18th includes some information obtained from Frank LeRoy Hollis, and which may possibly be of aid in connection with the apprehension of Pretty Boy Floyd.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Atlanta, Ga.
October 18, 1933.

MEMORANDUM TO SAC RORER:

A. C. Aderhold, Warden, U.S.P., Atlanta, Ga., turned over to me a request from Frank LeRoy Hollis to see an agent of this Bureau. Hollis is number 43575 and is serving a sentence of two years for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. He was convicted at New Orleans, La., August 15, 1933.

Hollis informed me that after he left Biloxi, Miss. about June 4, 1933, he went to Bartlesville, Okla. He says he escaped at this time from the County Jail and wanted to know if a detainer had been placed against him for this escape and whether any other charges were now pending against him in this or any other district. I told him I was not informed as to this and referred him to the Record Clerk at the Penitentiary.

Hollis then informed me that at the time of his conviction in New Orleans Agent Breed of this division had investigated the case. He informed me that he had discussed with Agent Breed certain information he had pertaining to Pretty Boy Floyd, and that he now desired to give agent Breed additional information and wanted to know how he could reach agent Breed. I advised him to give me the information and I would put it in the proper hands.

Hollis informed me that he knew Floyd having met Floyd in the State Penitentiary eight or nine years ago at Jefferson City, Mo. He said he also had known Floyd in the County Jail at St. Louis, Mo. just before he and Floyd were sent to the Missouri Penitentiary. He said he worked as a pipe fitter in the Missouri Pen and Floyd was his helper. He says that when he got to Bartlesville, Okla. about June 4, 1933, he met on the streets a fellow known to him as Byrd who had visited Floyd in the St. Louis County Jail and that a boy with light hair about 22 or 23 years old about 5'8" weight about 150 pounds and nicely dressed was with Byrd, but he has forgotten the name of this boy. Byrd told him that if ever he was in need of a friend and wanted to get in touch with either he or Floyd that he could locate this boy through his girl who worked at a show at 5th and Walnut Streets in Kansas City, Mo. He has forgotten the name of the girl and had never seen her so could not describe her. He said that Byrd was about thirty years of age, dark hair, about six feet tall, brown eyes and weighed about 175 pounds.

Hollis said that while talking to Byrd something was said that brought up the name of Verne Miller and Byrd told him that Miller was then staying in the next town after leaving Fayetteville going up in the mountains about twenty miles from Fayetteville on a country road.

Very truly yours,
CHAPMON FLETCHER,
Special Agent.

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Atlanta, Ga.,
October 19, 1933.

MEMORANDUM TO SAC RORER:

Re: Pretty Boy Floyd.

While at the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga. on other matters, I again contacted Captain C. M. Head relative to information previously furnished me by Ernest Whetsel, No. 57298, in connection with the possible whereabouts of Floyd. As a result of a request by me Whetsel was placed in the cell with Harold Fontaine with the idea of having Fontaine furnish information to Whetsel who would pass the same on either to Captain Head or the writer. Captain Head has advised me from time to time that Whetsel had not indicated to him that he had any information of value, and that he thought it well to let the matter rest until Whetsel so indicated.

As it had been quite sometime since the above arrangements had been made, I arranged with Captain Head to have Whetsel report to his private office, which was done, and Whetsel was interviewed by me in the presence of Captain Head. Whetsel claims that he has secured no information from Fontaine and does not think that he will be able to do so as Fontaine is not the talkative kind. He said that should he have any information through this or any other source in the future he will at once get in touch with Captain Head who has promised to notify this agent.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMON FLETCHER,
Special Agent.

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Portland, Oregon	10-28-33	9-1-33 to 10-26-33	W. K. Bowling

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

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Nicholas LaVoy, Seattle, Washington, has LaSalle Sedan, California license 8A-8503 in his possession; investigation discloses above license issued to Lee Granger, Christie Hotel, Hollywood, California for LaSalle Sedan Motor # 900230. Granger unknown at Christie Hotel, Hollywood. LaVoy, associate of subject Galatas, has not received any mail at his residence since August 26, 1933; neither has any long distance telephone calls been made to or from his residence. Arrangements made through a neighbor of Nicholas LaVoy to advise agent immediately should any strangers appear at his residence.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. K. Bowling, Portland, Oregon August 31, 1933.

DETAILS: --- At Seattle, Washington ---

Agent through the mail carrier who delivers mail in the 7300 block on 31st Avenue N. W. Seattle and personal visits in the vicinity of above address by agent on an average of two or three times a week has kept surveillance over the home of Nicholas LaVoy at 7361 21st Avenue N.W. an alleged associate of subject Galatas since last report of this agent dated August 31, 1933.

Agent on October 25, 1933 while making investigation in vicinity of 7361 21st Avenue, the home of Nicholas LaVoy, found a 1932 LaSalle Sedan bearing California license 8A-8503 parked in front of the LaVoy home. A telegram was immediately forwarded to the Portland Division office.

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requesting that it be ascertained to whom California license 8A-8503 was issued, make of car and discreet inquiry be made as to reputation and present location of party to whom above license was issued. This information was relayed to the San Francisco Division office. San Francisco Division office advised that the above license were issued to one Lee Granger, Christie Hotel, Hollywood, California for La Salle Sedan Motor # 900230 and that Los Angeles Division office had been requested to make further inquiry at Hollywood as to identity of Lee Granger. On October 26, 1933 a wire was received from the Los Angeles Division office advising that Lee Granger was never a guest of the Christie Hotel, Hollywood, California; that Auto Registration Certificate was mailed to Granger at that address and when uncalled for was returned to Sacramento, California; neither was there any record of Lee Granger in city or county identification bureaus, and was not known to Hotel details or plain clothesmen at Hollywood station.

Agent kept surveillance over above mentioned LaSalle Sedan parked in front of the LaVoy home until 6 P. M. October 25, 1933 at which time Nicholas LaVoy came out of his home and placed this car in his garage in the rear of his home, at which time agent noticed this was the only car in the garage. After LaVoy had entered his home it was ascertained that no one was visiting the LaVoy home and only Nicholas LaVoy and his wife were present in the house.

Mrs. Berg, a widow who resides at 7355 21st Avenue N. W. and who agent had been advised was absolutely dependable and was not on friendly terms with the LaVoy family, was interviewed and advised she had lived as neighbor to the LaVoys for several years; that she knew absolutely nothing about this family and that none of the neighbors ever visited in their home; that the LaVoys did not associate with anyone in that neighborhood, and they were considered very peculiar people; that no one knew what Mr. LaVoy's business was but she had heard that he was in the real estate business or a bond salesman; that LaVoy would leave home and be gone for weeks at a time and that Mrs. LaVoy never told any of the neighbors where he was beyond the fact that he was away on business.

Mrs. Berg further advised that the LaSalle Sedan parked in front of the LaVoy home belonged to Mr. LaVoy and to her knowledge he had owned this car for the past year or longer; that she had never noticed what kind of license were used on the car, but that Mr. LaVoy always took this car on his trips when away from home. Mrs. Berg also advised that she had never seen any strangers around the LaVoy home or any strange cars parked in front of this address.

Arrangements were made with Mrs. Berg whereby at any time she noticed any strangers around the LaVoy home that she would immediately advise this agent.

No tracings of mail have been received from the above address of the LaVoys since August 26, 1933. Paul Humphreys who is now delivering mail in the 7300 block on 21st Avenue N. W. advised that he had not had any mail for above address, and had noticed nothing unusual at this address during his rounds of delivering mail. Arrangements are also in effect that should at any time carrier Humphreys notice anything unusual at the above address that he will immediately convey the information to Postoffice Inspector Imle who will contact this agent.

Owing to the fact that the LaVoy family has not received any mail for several weeks, the mail cover which has been maintained on all mail addressed to 7361 21st Avenue N. W. is being discontinued.

Mr. Dean, General Manager of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, seattle, was again interviewed and advised that no long distance calls had been made to or from Sunset 1592, the telephone of Nicholas LaVoy, since he was last contacted by this agent.

Lieutenants Frazier and Carroll of the Seattle Police Department were advised of the investigation being conducted by this agent at 7361 21st Avenue N. W. Seattle, the home of Nicholas LaVoy, and they stated that they would make it a point to cruise by this address at regular intervals and if they noticed anything unusual they would advise agent immediately.

It is very evident that Nicholas LaVoy has some racket, otherwise he would not be using California license plates on his LaSalle Sedan and he is somewhat of a mystery in the neighborhood where he resides. However, it is not deemed advisable to openly contact LaVoy at this time as it is possible that further investigation will develope some information that will assist in the location of La Voys alleged associate, subject Galatas.

It is the opinion of this Agent that Nicholas LaVoy is receiving his mail through some other source than his residence, but a check of the Postoffice Boxes fails to disclose any record of LaVoy having a Postoffice Box in his correct name.

Efforts are being made at this time to ascertain if LaVoy has a bank account in Seattle, as if such an account could be located it is possible that information of value could be obtained.

A check is also being made by B. F. German of the National Auto Theft Bureau, Seattle to ascertain to whom LaSalle Sedan Motor # 900230 was sold.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION OFFICE at Sacramento, California will obtain all information from the records of the License Division as to the identity of party that applied for and were issued California License 9A-8503 for La Salle Sedan Motor # 900230, and if application was made in person or by letter. Also whether there is a record of an operators license issued to Lee Granger or Nicholas LaVoy , if so, secure all available information pertaining thereto.

PORTLAND DIVISION OFFICE: at Seattle, Washington will continue all sources of surveillance over the home of LaVoys at 7361 21st Avenue N. W. and efforts will be made to ascertain if LaVoy has a bank account in Seattle; will also keep in touch with B. H. German as to whom LaSalle Sedan Motor # 900230 was sold.

Consideration will later be given to the advisability of causing a routine check to be made of LaVoy for operating a car in the state of Washington upon California license plates upon the possibility of developing information of value.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNE C. MILLER, ET AL
Obstruction of Justice
(Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
L. A. File 62-964

With reference to your communication of October 23, 1933, please be advised that Special Agent C. D. White of this office is conducting an investigation along the lines requested in the letter dated September 2, 1933 from the Chicago office, directed to the Kansas City office, relative to the location of fugitive MILLER, through connections with Texas Guinan and others.

Please be advised that Texas Guinan is out of the city at the present time attempting to make arrangements whereby she can secure the old residence of Alexander Pantages, located in Los Angeles, to be used as a night club; that she is accompanied by an individual known as Eddie Baker who answers the general description of the individual described in Chicago letter heretofore referred to as Eddie Berman.

Agent White is working in conjunction with the gangster detail of the Los Angeles Police Department, and as soon as the night club above mentioned is opened, suitable arrangements for observation of persons attending same will be made.

Mose Barnett, recently apprehended in Los Angeles, was interviewed by Special Agent White relative to fugitive Miller and Eddie Berman, Barnett advising in this connection that the only Berman known to him is one Barney Edward Berman who is alleged to have been recently incarcerated in St. Paul; that Texas Guinan is not known to him, and that, although he has heard of fugitive Miller, he has never on any occasion met him, and knows nothing concerning his present whereabouts.

A report covering investigation at this point on the instant matter will be forwarded to you in the very near future.

Very truly yours,

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

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Director,
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United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to your letter of October 12, 1933, reporting allegations of Mr. Eugene C. Reppert, Director of Police of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department.

As you are no doubt aware, when any assistance of a local character has been needed, I have always called on Sheriff Thomas B. Bash of Jackson County, Missouri, who has invariably been most cooperative. Of course, we have found it necessary during the conduct of routine investigations from time to time to make inquiries of the local police department. In addition, on several occasions, violations of the federal laws, such as that of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, have been referred to this office by the Police Department. Of course, naturally, these investigations have to be conducted in spite of the conditions which exist. The agents of this office have been instructed at all times to be most circumspect in their dealings with the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department.

About a month ago, I was called upon to make an address before the Southside Central Business Association here in Kansas City. About that same time, there was considerable publicity in the local papers having to do particularly with attacks on the police department. The day before I was to deliver my address, the secretary of the organization called me and asked whether I would object to having Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department present. I informed him that, naturally, I would not object to the presence of any person they might desire to have at their luncheon. The secretary then informed me that Mr. Higgins would not make an address of more than five minutes. To this, I informed the secretary that I did not believe it would be appropriate to have any other person on the

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program with me. I told him that, of course, we cooperated with all local police officials, but that we did not desire to take sides in any controversy which might exist. I called his attention to the publicity in the newspapers and the general attacks on the Police Department at that time and informed him that the presence of Chief Higgins on the same program with me might lead the public to believe that the Federal Government was defending the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, and as a matter of fact, insofar as the public was concerned, we desired to maintain neutrality. The secretary then advised that he was aware of my position, and, accordingly, Chief Higgins would not be invited. I believe this was the only proper attitude that I could assume under the circumstances.

You may be interested to know that Sheriff Thomas Eash has recently, almost weekly, been making addresses to luncheon clubs in Kansas City, Missouri. On each of these occasions, without making any remarks regarding the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, he has made commendatory remarks regarding the unusual cooperation which he has received from the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

The Director may be assured that I will watch this situation most carefully.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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October 30, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I received a long distance call from Special Agent in Charge Larson, advising that the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio desired that Special Agent (A) Trapani follow out certain leads in the Union Trust Company of Cleveland case in the Oklahoma City district; that he had talked with the United States Attorney but was not convinced that Trapani should make the travel; however, that he also talked to Agent Trapani and it was deemed advisable after such conversation to send Trapani, as it would take a great deal of time to write up the necessary information that he was to be questioned about, regarding all of the items which the accountants have uncovered at Cleveland. Necessary permission was granted for Trapani to make the trip to Oklahoma.

He also informed me that Special Agents (A) Risler and McCallum left for Cleveland Friday after receipt of the telegram and advised that Special Assistant to the Attorney General Pratt is out of town.

After talking to Mr. Larson, Mr. Keith asked me to inform Mr. Hughes that he expected to receive the necessary information on Verne Miller today from Chicago and that the investigative work would be completed at Detroit today. Mr. Hughes was advised.

Respectfully,

J. S. EGAN.

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

October 15, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Agent Seery called from New York at 6:35PM and stated that he had just talked to Agent Doherty in Rochester and was given the following information.

The restaurant referred to by McColl is known as the Square Lunch and is located at 208 Court Street. The waitress designated by McColl as having waited on Floyd and Baird, could not definitely recall having waited on them. She stated positively that their photographs do not resemble any of the steady customers. The neighborhood of the Square Lunch is of the type likely to be frequented by such persons as Floyd and Baird.

Pretty Rough

Lieutenant Ed Collins, Acting Chief of Detectives, at Rochester is contacting an informant through a stool pigeon and expects to hear by noon Monday if these fugitives are in Rochester. Agent Doherty is returning to Munda, New York with McColl. He can be contacted at Munda up until 9:30PM tonight in care of The Chief of Police. He will then leave Munda for Buffalo and will arrive there about 1:00AM. He is returning to Rochester Monday at noon to contact the Police and see what they have discovered through the stool pigeon.

Respectfully,

R. L. Moore

R.L.Moore

Why didn't he stay at Rochester?
10/16/33 J. C. H.

Doherty report now in. Moreno

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October 31, 1933.

MEMORANDUM

Acting Agent in Charge D. O. Smith telephoned from Chicago concerning the Verne Miller case. With reference to his telephone call Saturday, he advised that Agent Madala and his wife are occupying an apartment on the second floor of the apartment house in which they believe the Millers are located; and that telegrams and mail are being covered.

Mr. Smith stated that Agent Notesteen of the St. Paul Office knows Verne Miller personally; that they were both born and reared in Huron, South Dakota. Mr. Smith further stated that when Mr. Hanni was in Chicago Saturday he informed him that Mr. Notesteen would be available if needed in Chicago, and that he, Mr. Smith, thinks that he is now needed. I authorized Mr. Smith to call the St. Paul Office, requesting that Mr. Notesteen proceed to Chicago at once, and stated I would confirm this by telegram.

Mr. Smith also informed me that Mrs. Rogers, stenographer in the Chicago Office, is from Huron, South Dakota. He suggested that Mrs. Rogers might go to the races, with the idea in mind that Verne Miller would perhaps contact Bobby Moore and Vi Miller there. I told him this would be all right.

Mr. Smith also requested authority to keep an automatic shot gun in the apartment, suggesting that it would be more effective than a machine gun in the event they should be able to take Verne while proceeding down the hall to the elevator alone. I stated this would be O. K.

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November 1, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent D. L. Smith called from Chicago, at 5:10 A.M. in regard to Vern C. Miller. Information was received from Agent Madala, who is in Carmon, at 4423 Sheridan Road, that a man had just passed, who looked like Miller, but Agent Madala did not get a very good look at the man, as he only got a side view, but noticed he had a brown mustache, and wore thin rim glasses. He went to the apartment of a woman named Bobby Moore, and called Vi, who is "Vern's Woman", and later they joined each other. We took Mrs. Wagoner there to try and identify him, but were unable to do so as we only got a back view of the man. In the meantime we have covered the apartment, arranged a confidential telephone contact, and will advise in the morning as to his identify. Vi will also be trailed. We have about 15 men on the job.

Respectfully,
Thomas J. Connor
Thomas J. Connor.

Mr. Hughes was advised of the above, by telephone.

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Detroit, Mich.	11-1-33	10/28-31/33	J. M. Keith MT

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1195, et al	OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE MURDER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation at Detroit, Michigan, fails to identify Miller as being a guest at the Royal Palm Hotel on 10-21-33 or at any time. Arrangements made whereby identity and location of any person in Detroit calling Vivian Matthews alias Mrs. Vernon C. Miller at Chicago may be immediately determined, as well as identity of any person at Royal Palm Hotel, Detroit, who may call any one at Chicago.

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DETAILS: AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

The investigative work performed at Detroit in this case was accomplished with the assistance of Special Agents Murphy, Geneu, Hall, Meekins and Special Agent in Charge Larson, of the Detroit Office.

On 10-28-33 at 7:00 P. M., Special Agent J. L. Murphy of the Detroit Office was advised over long distance telephone by Special Agent J. J. Keating of the Chicago Office to the effect that a woman, believed to be Vivian Matthews, had been located living in Apartment #211, Sherone Apartments, 4423 Sheridan Road, telephone Long Beach 0800, Chicago, Illinois. Agent Keating informed that Vivian had registered at this address during the latter part of August as Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hays. He further informed Agent Murphy that the Sherone Apartments was known in Chicago as a "hoodlum hang-out", but that through the assistance of reliable persons connected with the Receivers of this Apartment House, information had been procured from the books of the Apartment House to the effect that on 10-21-33 at 4:30 A. M., Vivian had received a long distance telephone call from Mr. Hays at the Royal Palm Hotel, Detroit, Michigan.

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As a result of inquiry made by Special Agent Murphy, it was learned that the Royal Palm Hotel was leased about three weeks ago by parties named Shapiro and Katz, whose reliability was unknown, and that the Hotel was thought to be patronized largely by a theatrical and race track crowd. For this reason, an effort was made through Mr. G. M. Welch, General Manager of the Telephone Company at Detroit, to procure information as to the room number of Mr. Hays, who was alleged to have called Vivian at Chicago.

Full cooperation of the Telephone Company officials at Detroit was afforded and a search was made as to all toll tickets charged to Cadillac 8310, Detroit, the telephone number of the Royal Palm Hotel. No toll ticket covering any call such as that described by Agent Keating could be found and a further telephone conversation with Agent Keating revealed that the call in question had been placed at Chicago by Vivian Miller and not at Detroit by Mr. Hays. Agent Keating further stated that his information had been procured second-hand through an informant from the books of the Sherone Apartments, which showed that on 10-21-33 at 4:30 A. M., Mrs. Hays, of this apartment house, had called Mr. Hays at the Royal Palm Hotel in Detroit and that the charges were not reversed. This, of course, explained the absence of any toll ticket record of the call at Detroit. Agent Keating was requested to locate the toll ticket in question through the Telephone Company at Chicago, in order that accurate data might be obtained, but due to the lateness of the hour and the following Sunday, the desired data was not furnished until Monday, 10-30-33 at 3:55 P.M.

Police Commissioner John P. Smith of Detroit was finally located after midnight, Saturday night, and through him a conference was arranged with Mr. Fred W. Frahm, Chief of Detectives, Detroit. Through the latter, information was procured from Mr. Chittendon, Manager of the Book-Cadillac Hotel in Detroit to the effect that he was well acquainted with Mr. Rainey, former Manager of the Royal Palm Hotel, who still lived there, and representing the Detroit Trust Company, Receivers of the Hotel, had daily business there.

Mr. Rainey was located at the Hotel Eddington, Cadillac 9880, to which, it developed, he had moved within the past few days. Mr. Rainey furnished information to the effect that the hotel had been leased about three weeks ago by Helpert, Shapiro and Katz, who also operate the Dover Hotel in Detroit. Mr. Rainey further stated that the active manager of the Royal Palm for the past three weeks has been D. P. Katz, who resides at the Hotel in question. Mr. Rainey could not furnish any definite information as to the reliance which could be placed in Mr. Katz or the other lessors. He only knew that since taking over the hotel three weeks ago, Katz has discharged all the old help, except a clerk named Ray Nichols and a telephone girl by the name of Miss Stocker, both of whom work at the Hotel days.. Through Mr. Rainey information was obtained to the effect that Jack Arenson, residence telephone North 3600, is the night clerk who was on duty at the Royal Palm Hotel from 11:00 P. M. to 7:00 A. M., on October 20 - 21, 1933. Mr. Rainey did not know the reputation of Arenson or what credence could be placed in him, and other available sources of information were to the same effect.

Through Chief of Detectives Frahm, Lieutenant James Neville, telephone Redford 4972 R, was contacted. Lieut. Neville is a member of the Hotel Squad at Detroit and is entirely reliable. He was of the opinion that while Katz of the Royal Palm might be a rather shrewd business man and not entirely ethical as to pecuniary matters, he knew of no reason why Katz should refuse to cooperate in a matter of this kind.

However, it was considered advisable not to reveal to Katz the nature of these inquiries unless absolutely necessary.

Katz was approached by the writer and Lieut. Neville with the statement that we were seeking to locate in Detroit a large heavy-set confidence man, whose right hand was afflicted with the palsy and whose handwriting we could identify. Katz was told that many hotels in Detroit were being canvassed for the purpose of examining the writing on registration cards in the hope that this confidence man might be located under whatever assumed name he might be using. Katz was very courteous and cooperative and immediately turned over to the writer the registration cards of all guests at the Hotel during September and October. Out of the presence of Katz, the writer made an examination of each of these registration cards with the result that no person named Hays was found to be a guest at the Royal Palm during either September or October.

Such surveillance of the guests as could be maintained without exciting suspicion resulted in the location of no person who in any way resembled Vernon Miller or other Subjects in this case.

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[redacted] at a time when Jack Arenson, the night clerk, who received the call from Chicago, was on duty. Larson called the Royal Palm, [redacted] and asked for Mr. Hays. Arenson, after making a search of his records, informed Larson there was no such guest at the hotel. Larson insisted that further inquiry be made as the call was quite urgent. After further search, Arenson informed Larson over the telephone that there had been a guest at the hotel by the name of Hays on 8-7-33 but that he had remained one night only. Arenson suggested that Larson, [redacted] try several other hotels in Detroit which carry the word "Palm". This already had been done without results. After an interval, Larson again called Arenson at the Royal Palm informing him of the negative results of these other hotels, but was assured by Arenson that the Royal Palm had had no such guest as Hays since 8-7-33.

Further inquiry revealed that the only other hotel employee on duty between midnight and 7:00 A. M. on 10-21-33 was the night elevator operator, Al Richardson, colored, of 516 E. Elizabeth Street, telephone Cherry 5946. After further conferences with Chief of Detectives Frahm and Lieut. Neville, it was agreed that no direct approach should be made to either Arenson or Richardson until definite information as to the exact nature of the call was obtained from our Chicago Office.

At 3:55 P.M., Detroit time, on 10-30-33, Special Agent J. J. Keating of the Chicago Office informed the writer over the long distance telephone that the toll ticket in question had finally been located by the telephone company at Chicago; that according to the toll ticket, Mrs. Hays, room #211, Sherone Apartments, telephone Long Beach 0800, had at 4:28 A.M., on 10-21-33, placed a station to station long distance call to Cadillac 8310, Detroit, the telephone number of the Royal Palm Hotel; that Mrs. Hays had talked on this call for thirteen minutes. Agent Keating further stated that Vivian, under the name of Hays, had called one Thomas Young of the Lincoln Field Jockey Club at Crete, Illinois, on 10-11-33. Agent Keating also stated that it had been definitely ascertained beyond any question of doubt that the Mrs. C. T. Hays at the Sherone Apartments in Chicago was, in fact, Vivian Matthews alias Mrs. Vernon C. Miller.

It, therefore, appearing that Vivian had not called Mr. Hays at the Royal Palm Hotel in Detroit, but merely had placed a station to station call from Chicago to Cadillac 8310, Detroit, it seemed impossible that the identity of the person to whom she talked could be established in any way other than by directly approaching Jack Arenson, the night clerk, who was on duty and who received the call. Arrangements were made whereby the Negro elevator operator, Al Richardson, was brought to the Division Office before 11:00 P.M. and was interrogated without his having an opportunity to communicate with any one at the Royal Palm. He seemed quite cooperative and was evidently a colored person of some integrity. He explained that it was quite unusual for him to answer the telephone because of his duties on the elevator. He recalled the night of 10-20-33 and the early morning of 10-21-33, but could recollect no instance in which he received a long distance telephone call from Chicago or from any other place. He could not identify the photograph of Miller or any of the other Subjects in this case as ever having been guests of the Hotel. He explained that while he recently went back to work at the Royal Palm on 10-15-33, he had worked there several times before when the Hotel was managed by Mr. Rainey. He could recall no guest by the name of Hays or any guest of a suspicious character. It was learned from him that the hotel is patronized to some extent by employees and actors of the Fox Theatre in Detroit.

Before Richardson had an opportunity to communicate with any one at the Royal Palm, Lieut. Neville and the writer interviewed the Manager, Mr. D. P. Katz, in his room at the Hotel. All registration cards were again produced and it was found that on 8-7-33 O. L. Vaden and R. C. Hayes (or Noyes, writing not legible) registered in room #808 as from Temple, Texas, at 1:45 A.M. They remained one day only. Mr. Katz was, of course, not Manager of the Hotel at this time and had no information as to these guests.

It also was learned from the cards that on 8-23-33 at 6:00 A.M. a party who wrote an illegible hand registered in room #209 remaining only one day. Both the name and the city from which this party registered are illegible. The name could be T. N. Hayes or Fr. Hagen or Hayen or Hager. Apparently this party registered as of "City", but the writing is not legible. Mr. Katz also had no information as to this guest.

So far as can be ascertained the writing on neither of these cards is that of Miller. However, they are being retained at the Detroit Office for possible future reference. The San Antonio Office has been requested by telegraph to confidentially ascertain whether O. L. Vadenand R. C. Hayes or Noyes are known at Temple, Texas.

Without having an opportunity to communicate with any one, the night clerk, Jack Arenson, was then called in. He admitted being on duty at 4:28 A.M., on 10-21-33, and said that in the course of his duties he would have received all telephone calls at Cadillac 8310 or the Royal Palm Hotel. He claimed that he could not recall any person from Chicago calling the Hotel on this particular morning, but when the name Hays was mentioned to him he described in detail the inquiry which had been made by Special Agent in Charge Larson, [redacted] the night before. Apparently, he was attempting to give any and all information in his possession. The only inaccuracy was that, according to his memory, the long distance telephone operator from Chicago the night before had called the last time between 2:00 and 3:00 A. M., whereas Larson's last call had been made shortly after midnight. After some study, Arenson stated that he believes some woman did call the hotel early in the morning about 10-21-33 asking for Mr. Hays and that, according to his best recollection, he searched the records and informed this woman that the hotel had no such guest. Arenson stated that when a station to station call is received at the Hotel, he has no way of knowing that it is long distance, because the person calling merely asks for the room or name of the guest to whom they desire to speak. He explained that it is not unusual for telephone calls to be received at that hour of the morning on account of the guests of the theatrical profession, who do not arrive at the Hotel from their work until after midnight and who sleep considerable portions of the day. He further explained that at about this hour of the morning he is engaged in the preparation of a balance sheet as to the night's business, which must be submitted to the Management before he goes off duty at 7:00 A.M. He offered this as an excuse for the alleged fact that about that hour of the morning he pays little attention to the calls received, beyond making the necessary room connections. Arenson stated that there is something familiar about the photograph of Vernon Miller, but after some thought he believed this might be due to the resemblance of Miller to Colonel Lindbergh.

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The hotel records showing names of all guests at the Royal Palm Hotel on 10-21-33 were then produced and one by one each party was considered by Arenson. His memory, however, could not be refreshed as to the call in question from Chicago beyond his brief statement that he recalled some one calling for Mr. Hays about a week previously, and also the night before, as heretofore set out.

Among the approximately one hundred and fifty guests of the Royal Palm Hotel on the night of 10-20-33 and the morning of 10-21-33, the following all-night guests could not be identified and were unknown to Arenson, Mr. Katz or other Hotel employees:

H. G. Brown ?
Ruth A. Brennan
Gene Loeb
Dan Dunlop
K. Maiby
D. A.Gauss
J. E. Parker and wife.

The handwriting on none of these registrations resembles that of Miller as shown on the Identification Order or fingerprint card, nor could any pertinent information be obtained about them from the hotel records.

Arenson and Mr. Katz both stated that a guest by the name of A. C. Davis, who had been stopping at the Hotel, as they understood, off and on over a period of more than two years, had received and made a number of long distance calls to Chicago. From their records they furnished information that Davis had called the following numbers in Chicago:

Sunnyside 5942
South Shore 5451
Oak Lawn 0785

Davis was observed by the writer and he bears not the slightest resemblance to Miller or other Subjects in this case. He is a manufacturer and salesman of automobile cigarette containers and lighters, and according to Arenson and Mr. Katz, has been having considerable trouble with his wife, who presumably lives in Chicago and who is threatening him with divorce proceedings. He is alleged to be quite a lady's man. The hotel records, however, show that Davis was not a guest of the Hotel on 10-21-33.

Other employees of the hotel were interviewed with negative results. Miss Stocker also believed that there was something familiar about the photograph of Vernon Miller, but after some study she also was of the opinion that the familiarity was the resemblance of the profile to that of Colonel Lindbergh.

Through the arrangement, heretofore mentioned with the Telephone Company in Detroit, Mr. Neil, the Chief Clerk, Trinity 2-8080, on 10-31-33, furnished information to the effect that the following calls had been made from Cadillac 8310, Royal Palm Hotel, Detroit, to Chicago:

10-28-33, 10:19 P.M., called Englewood 5095, station to station, talked four minutes.

10-29-33, 11:41 P.M., called Sunnyside 5942, station to station.

10-29-33, 11:45 P.M., called South Shore 5451, station to station.

10-30-33, 2:20 P.M., party named Barrett in pay station at Royal Palm called collect Chicago, telephone Central 3457 and talked to Mr. Graham.

The above information as to telephone calls made from the Royal Palm Hotel to Chicago was immediately furnished by long distance telephone to Special Agent J. J. Keating of the Chicago Office, who later reported that none of the above numbers has any significance in this case.

On the afternoon of 10-31-33, Mr. Niel of the Telephone Company at Detroit informed the writer that according to a further search of his records, Chicago telephone number Long Beach 0800 (Sherone Apartments) had been called at 3:09 P.M., on 10-28-33, by some party at the Seward Hotel, Detroit, telephone Trinity 2-5800; that this party had called a Mrs. W. J. Williams at Long Beach 0800 and had talked ten minutes.

By long distance telephone, the writer was informed by Agent Keating of the Chicago Office that on 10-30-33 Vivian and Bobby Moore alias Mrs. J. A. Harris had, together, secured Illinois license for an automobile under the name of Mrs. J. A. Williams. Agent Keating did not at the time know of any other party named Williams who might be living at the Sherone Apartments. Accordingly, immediate inquiry was made at the Seward Hotel, 55 Seward Street, Detroit. Information was procured from the auditor, L. J. Rork, the call in question had been made by a man, 50 years of age, gray hair, heavy set, who had registered at the Seward on 10-26-33 as William J. Williams of Chicago, and who was still occupying room #911. Mr. Rork further furnished information that on 10-28-33 this party had called Long Beach 0800, Chicago, and on 10-29-33 had called Palisade 0662, also in Chicago. Mr. Rork further stated that a second call on 10-29-33 had been made by this same party to Chicago, telephone Hermitage 9555. A further search of the records of the Seward Hotel revealed that this guest, William J. Williams, had on 4-6-33 occupied Apartment #326 of the Seward Hotel, and in connection with the rental thereof had executed a request for a monthly rate, in which he had furnished information to the effect that he was President of the Williams Products, Inc., of 920 First National Bank Building, Chicago; that he resided in Chicago at 2637 Logan Boulevard; that he kept an account in Chicago with the First National Bank. Since the description of William J. Williams in no way fitted that of Vernon C. Miller, or other Subjects in this case, and because Mr. Rork, the auditor, and the day clerk on duty, both failed to identify the photographs of any of these Subjects as Mr. Williams, further action at Detroit was delayed until this information had been furnished Agent Keating at the Chicago Office and checked.

At 6:10 P. M., on 10-31-33, Agent Keating telephoned the writer at Detroit and furnished information to the effect that William J. Williams had no connection with this case; that he has resided with his wife over a long period of time at the Sherone Apartments in Chicago and that it would, therefore, not be unusual for him to have called Long Beach 0800. Keating stated, however, that William J. Williams was not listed in Chicago Directories as President of the Williams Products, Inc., but was known to his informant at the Sherone Apartments as an inventor and as not being connected with Vernon Miller. Accordingly, this angle of the case was discontinued.

Arrangements have been made at Detroit whereby Special Agent Meekins has taken a room at the Royal Palm Hotel and will remain there until further instructed. Should the Chicago Office at any time, as a result of certain arrangements which it has made in connection with the surveillance of the Miller woman, desire any emergency action at the Royal Palm Hotel in Detroit, it may at any time of the night communicate direct with Special Agent Meekins at the Hotel. Meekins will, of course, observe all guests at the Hotel and take appropriate action should Miller show up there. As previously stated the telephone company in Detroit will furnish immediate information to Agent in Charge Larson as to any calls made from the Royal Palm Hotel to any person in Chicago and will furnish immediate information as to the identity of any person in Detroit who may call the Chicago number, Long Beach 0800.

By long distance telephone the Chicago Office already has been furnished with all information contained in this report.

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1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

October 31, 1933.

Mr. E. J. Kreutgen,
Postmaster,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation which is being conducted by this office, I would appreciate if you would place a cover, until further notice, on all mail addressed to:

Mrs. C. T. Hays,
Mrs. J. A. Harris,
Mrs. J. A. Williams,
Bobbie Moore,

who are located at the Sherone Apartments, 4423 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois. Kindly place the number 62-1649 on these tracings, which will assist us materially in our files.

Thanking you for your co-operation, I am

Very truly yours,

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

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cc: Division.

VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I.O. #1195, et al,
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash) 62-1649.

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VERNON C. MILLER, w.a. FUGITIVE I.O. 1195
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, w.a. FUGITIVE I.O. 1201
MRS. E. B. CONNER, w.a. FUGITIVE
WILBER UNDERHILL, w.a. FUGITIVE I.O. 1192
et al

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On October 6, 1933, near Tucumcari, N.M. Robert G. Brady and James Clark were apprehended by Sheriff Ira Allen and Deputies. Brady while being searched attempted to escape and was shot with two loads of buckshot by Sheriff Allen. Brady was taken to the hospital at Tucumcari, N.M. and Clark was lodged in the Quay Co., N.M. Jail. On 10-7-33 at 8 A.M. the San Antonio Office was notified and Agent proceeded from El Paso, Texas, to Tucumcari, N.M. by automobile, the quickest mode of conveyance, arriving Tucumcari 6 P.M. same date. Agent consulted Dr. Tharp who had examined subject Brady and was advised by Dr. Tharp that Brady was mortally wounded and if Agent desired to interview him it had better be done that night. Agent attempted to get some statement out of Brady but without result. Brady was later interviewed by Agents Blake and Vetterli and this Agent but he would not admit having anything to do with, or any knowledge of, the Kansas City shooting. Clark was interviewed by all three Agents with no results. Brady and Clark were removed to the Santa Fe Penitentiary for safe keeping 10-12-33. Each was taken to Lansing, Ks. Penitentiary by State authorities 10-23-33. P.

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DETAILS: Reference: Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Mo. 10-12-33.

DETAILS:

On October 7, 1933, at 8 A.M. Agent at El Paso, Texas, was advised by representative of the Press that Bob Brady and Jim Clark had been apprehended the night before near Tucumcari, N.M. by Sheriff Ira Allen. Agent immediately called Mr. Allen on the telephone and asked for confirmation of the matter. Mr. Allen stated

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that he had Brady and one other whom he could not identify. Agent requested that he give a description of the other man which he did. Agent then informed Mr. Allen that the other man from his description no doubt was Jimmie Clark and requested Mr. Allen to closely guard each of them as they were dangerous characters and badly wanted and that the Division of Investigation would have Agents there just as quickly as possible. Sheriff Allen advised that he had already given the Agent in Charge at Oklahoma City full details of the arrest. Mr. Allen also advised Agent that he had shot Brady when he attempted to escape and that Brady was not expected to live and if the Government desired to interview Brady that it should be done as quickly as possible.

Agent had just hung up the telephone when Acting Agent in Charge Davis of San Antonio called Agent and requested that Agent proceed to Tucumcari as quickly as possible and attempt to get a statement from Brady. There being no train leaving for Tucumcari until 1:30 P.M. and not arriving in Tucumcari until 11:15 P.M., Agent proceeded to Tumcumcari by automobile arriving in Tucumcari 6:30 P.M. on October 7, 1933.

Agent immediately contacted Dr. Tharp and Dr. Douty and was advised that Brady was dangerously wounded and if Agent desired to interview him it had better be done that night as Brady was likely to become unconscious at any time.

Agent attempted to interview Brady and soon detected that Brady was willing to discuss anything that had happened during his criminal career except the Kansas City massacre and to questions by Agent regarding the Kansas City shooting he invariably answered: "I do not know - I was not there" and would turn his head on his pillow and look the other way, and when the subject was changed he would turn and look Agent in the face and discuss other things freely. When questioned as to where he was June 17th he stated that he was near Hot Springs, Ark., and that Jimmie Clark was in Oklahoma City and Harvey Bailey was somewhere nursing a gunshot wound in the leg and he did not know where Edward Davis and Wilber Underhill were as he had not seen them since shortly after their escape when they arrived in Oklahoma; that he believed that none of the Lansing escape bunch was in the Kansas City deal. He denied that he knew George Kelly or Vernon C. Miller and had never had any dealings with either.

In a statement to Agent Blake and this Agent Brady later stated that on June 17, 1933, he was near Springfield, Mo.; that on the 16th of June he and Clark participated in the Black Rock, Ark. Bank robbery and on June 17, 1933, were on the River near Black Rock, Ark. as the officers were after them.

Agent interviewed Brady on two occasions Sunday - October 8, 1933, and he was complaining of his lungs hurting, however, Dr. Tharp informed Agent that he believed that Brady was not as badly wounded as he first thought he was and that it was his belief that he would attempt to escape just as soon as he thought he could get assistance, or was able to travel, and stated that if Brady

continued to improve he would release him at the end of five days. Agent made arrangements with Dr. Tharp to confidentially keep Agent informed as to his recovery in order that he might be secretly moved at the earliest possible moment to a place of safety, Agent having the Santa Fe Penitentiary in view. Guards at Brady's room were instructed to let no one except the Doctor and Nurse enter the room or talk to Brady and a guard was placed near the stairway in order that each person who attempted to come up the steps might be identified before coming to the top of the stairs.

On Sunday morning Sheriff Allen advised Agent that two women had arrived in Tucumcari from Winslow, Arizona, and claimed to be the wives of Brady and Clark. Sheriff Allen stated that he had sent a wire the day before at Brady's request to Mrs. B. L. Black, whom Brady called his wife, telling her to come that he was wounded and would likely die.

Agent proceeded to the hospital and told the guards that under no circumstances should these women be permitted to come up the stairway or talk to Brady.

Agent interviewed Leona Defer and Beula Jackson at the Elks Rooming House. Leona Defer was registered as Mrs. Bob Brady and the other was not registered. Each, at first, claimed to be the wives of Brady and Clark and that they had come from Winslow, Arizona, the day before. Leona Defer claimed to have married Brady about three years ago in Oklahoma City and Beula Jackson claimed to have married Clark about three months ago in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Agent requested that they show their marriage certificates and they stated that they had none and finally admitted that they were not married. Leona Defer stated that she had lived with Brady as man and wife for the past three years when he was not in the Penitentiary and that she had met Brady in the Timber near Shawnee, Oklahoma, the second day after his escape from Lansing and that they had been together most of the time since; that Brady, Bailey, Clark and she were all together in Paris, Texas, if she remembers correctly, in the latter part of June, 1933, for a couple of weeks and that she and Brady spent some time in Oklahoma City and lived at 210 West Tenth Street under the name of B. L. Black and purchased the Ford DeLuxe Coupe that she and Beula Jackson were driving in Oklahoma City on July 7, 1933, and had bill of sale and certificate of title to instant car. Each stated that they did not receive a telegram from Sheriff Allen; that they had just arrived in Winslow, Arizona, from Phoenix, Arizona, and saw in the papers that Brady and Clark were arrested and Brady dangerously wounded and they immediately started for Tucumcari. Beula Jackson finally admitted that she was not Clark's wife and stated that she had only been with Clark for the past three months but would not give any address, stating that she had no home and had been around Tulsa and Oklahoma City; that she does not know anything about their past history and would not tell if she knew.

-A check of the Ford DeLuxe Coupe was made, which the women were driving, which revealed motor #243736, Texas license (1933) plates #392-109, and Certificate of Title to B. L. Black, address 210 West Tenth Street, Oklahoma City, Okla.,

purchased July 7, 1933. Leona Defer claimed that they had lost their original tag at Wichita Falls, Texas, and obtained the Texas plates there and had certificate showing this to be true. In searching the turtle-back of the car the following license plates were found: Oklahoma, 1933, tag #473-193; Oklahoma, 1933, tag #438-040; small 1933 tag "Memphis 23017 on the Mississippi"; two Tennessee tags (1933) 139-020. When questioned regarding these tags they claimed they knew nothing about them and did not know where they came from.

At the time of Brady's and Clark's arrest they were driving a Plymouth Coupe, motor PD 91556, serial 2095878, Registration Certificate Oklahoma #538623, in the name of F. M. Atwood, 2841 N.W. 51st Street, Oklahoma City. Bill marked paid showing instant car purchased from the Reinair Brothers Motor Company, Oklahoma City, 9-26-33. Car had Texas license plates (1933) #440-321.

The Oklahoma City office advised Agent Blake by telephone that neither of the instant cars was reported stolen.

James Clark when interviewed, stated that he purchased the Plymouth Coupe under the name of F. M. Atwood at Oklahoma City on September 26, 1933, and gave his address as 2841 N.W. 51st Street, Oklahoma City, paying cash for the car.

At the time of Brady's and Clark's arrest they had in their possession two shotguns, 12 gauge, one new and one old; one New Remington Rifle; and two new .45 automatic pistols. The pistols and rifle did not look as though they had been fired. One of the shotguns, Brady and Clark each claimed, they took from one of the guards on the wall at the time they escaped from the Lansing penitentiary. These guns were examined by Special Agent F. J. Blake and he stated that it would be useless to send them to Kansas City for examination as all except the one shotgun indicated that they had been purchased since the Kansas City massacre and nothing could be gained by sending them in for test. The old shotgun which was alleged to have come from Lansing Penitentiary was taken by Agent Blake, he stating that he was going to send it to the Director.

This Agent was present when Brady and Clark were each interviewed by Special Agents Blake and Vetterli and neither of them would admit being implicated in or having any knowledge of the Kansas City Massacre. They answered most all questions by stating that they "did not know" or "they were not there". They were willing to discuss their criminal record freely except the Kansas City deal and invariably answered all questions by saying they were not in that deal and it was not any of their gang who did it.

Brady, when questioned regarding the Urschel Kidnaping, stated that he at one time had $200 of the Urschel money that he borrowed from Harvey Bailey and when he found out that it was Urschel money he was afraid to handle it and returned it to Bailey.

Brady further stated that the day before Bailey's arrest at Paradise, Texas, Bailey was in or near Oklahoma City and wanted him to drive him to Paradise, Texas, and at the time his car was in the garage for repairs and he went to the garage and they told him that it would be the next day before they could have his car repaired; that then Bailey decided to buy himself a new car and purchased a new Plymouth Coupe in Oklahoma City and he believes he paid cash for it, but does not know whether he used the Urschel Kidnaping money or not and does not know the firm's name from whom he bought the car. Brady further stated that if his car had been in shape he would have been with Bailey at the Shannon Farm the morning that Bailey was arrested; that he told Bailey that if he would wait until his car was fixed he would take him to Paradise and Bailey stated that he was in a hurry to get there and would need a car anyway so he would buy one and leave that night. Brady and Clark each admitted that they had been to the Shannon Farm on one occasion but went there with Bailey and were not acquainted with the Shannons before and that they had never seen Kelly or Bates there and only knew Kelly by sight and did not know Bates at all.

At the time of Brady's and Clark's arrest they had in their possession $3,367.00 consisting of currency and some silver - the largest bills were $20 bills. The $20 bills were checked by Agent Blake and this Agent and the numbers of all bills of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City were taken, there being 38 bills from that bank. These numbers were compared by Agent Blake with the numbers given in the Urschel Kidnaping payoff and none of the numbers compared with the Urschel list. (Agent Blake has the list of the bills taken from their possession.)

Bob Brady was identified by the bank officials of Frederick, Oklahoma, as being one of the three men who robbed the Frederick Bank on the morning of 10-6-1933, the same date that they were arrested near Tucumcari, N.M. about 7:30 P.M., but they could not identify Clark. They stated that there were three men and possibly four who participated in the Frederick Bank robbery, but only two entered the bank; that Brady was beyond a doubt one who came into the bank. They were driving a Ford Coach when they pulled the robbery and abandoned that car west of Frederick, when they picked up the Plymouth Coupe that they were driving when they were arrested at Tucumcari; that the Plymouth Coupe was seen parked in the brush near the road by some cotton pickers early that morning and two men were seen to abandon the Ford Coach and get in the Coupe about 10 A.M. that morning and drive west. The Frederick Bank officials attached the money ($3,367.00) that was found in Brady's and Clark's possession, however, each of them denied participating in the Frederick Bank robbery.

On 10-11-33 Sheriff Allen and two of his Deputies took Clark and placed him in the Santa Fe Penitentiary for safe keeping. On the afternoon of October 11, 1933, Dr. Tharp confidentially informed Agent that by the use of an ambulance there would be no danger in moving Brady and that he would

release him. Agent consulted Agent Blake and it was decided, owing to the condition at the hospital wherein Brady could not be safely guarded, he should be moved as quickly as possible. Undertaker Elton Dunn was consulted and he advised that he could have his ambulance ready on short notice.

Late that afternoon U. S. Attorney Barker and U. S. Marshal Tondre, with two Deputies, arrived in Tucumcari and a fugitive complaint was filed against Brady and he was taken into custody by the Marshal. On the morning of the 12th at 5 A.M. Brady was placed in the ambulance and Marshal Tondre and his Deputies, accompanied by Sheriff Allen and his three Deputies, Agent Blake and this Agent arrived at Santa Fe at 11:30 A.M. where Brady was placed in the Penitentiary Hospital inside the walls. Brady continued to improve and by order of U. S. Attorney Barker on October 23, 1933, Brady was released by the Government to the Kansas State authorities and he and Clark were taken in custody and removed to the Lansing Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas.

SAC Blake of Dallas, Texas, advised Agent that he would keep the Director fully advised concerning developments in this matter pending the submission of Agent's report.

No leads are set out to the Oklahoma City office as that office was advised by telephone by SAC Blake relative to the purchase of cars and the addresses given in Oklahoma City.

The file in this and the Urschel case will also reflect that the Dallas Office had already established the fact of Brady, Bailey, et al, residing in Paris, Texas.

Pending.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hughes
Mr. Quinn
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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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October 31, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Colonel Gates' office called and requested advice as to whether we are investigating a kidnaping which, according to the news dispatches, had occurred at Marshall, Michigan this morning, involving Louis E. Brooks, a wealthy jeweler, who was carried away in a machine. I advised that I knew nothing concerning it.

I immediately inquired of the Detroit Office and was advised that their information was that there was no kidnaping and that Mr. Brooks has returned to his home.

While talking to Detroit, Special Agent in Charge Keith stated that they had covered the Verne Miller matter about as thoroughly as they knew how at Detroit and were certain that Miller, himself, had not been at the hotel where the long distance call from Vi Miller was received, and because the call was a station to station call the clerk at the hotel had not identified it as a long distance call and therefore does not know to which of the guests it was directed. As a matter of fact, there are over 150 guests, mostly made up of professional people, show girls, gamblers, race horse people, et cetera. He stated that they had covered the Chicago end, Agent Keating at Chicago calling this morning, and they have supervision over the telephone going out of Vi Miller's and they also have Agents in an apartment across the hall. At Detroit arrangements have been made at the hotel to notify Mr. Larson if any similar long distance calls are received. Agent Keith states that he is proceeding to Cincinnati this afternoon and will interview applicants there tomorrow, will interview applicants at Pittsburgh on Thursday, and will report to Washington Friday morning.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes.

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Director,
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Dear Sir:

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

A copy of the summary report rendered at this office by Special Agent W. F. Trainor under date of October 12, 1933, is indicated for the United States Attorney, Kansas City, Missouri, who would ordinarily receive such copy. However, at this time, the United States Attorney's copy is being retained in the Kansas City file, and it is believed desirable to present it at such time as it may become necessary for use by the United States Attorney. In the same manner copies of other reports are being retained here.

It is not believed desirable to furnish copies of reports to the United States Attorney in this case, as is usually done under Division regulations. The reason that this action is being taken, is that the records of the United States Attorney are quite often available for the scrutiny of the representatives of the newspapers and others who are inquisitive in regard to this case. Accordingly, a copy of the report by Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated at this office 11-1-33 is not being sent to the United States Attorney at Kansas City, nor to the United States Attorney at Topeka, Kansas.

Very truly yours,

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E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge.

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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1195; RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1201; MRS. E. B. CONNER, with aliases, FUGITIVE; HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1189; WILBER UNDERHILL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1191, ET AL.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Appropriate surveillance maintained at Kansas City, Missouri, from October 2nd to October 6th on Mrs. Lillian Holden and Mrs. Marj Keating. Parties departed Kansas City, Missouri, October 6th about noon in the direction of St. Louis, Missouri, and surveillance maintained, by Agents of the Kansas City office, at a safe distance as far as Columbia, Missouri, at which point, Agents from the St. Louis office entered upon the assignment. Correspondence records and other pertinent data as to Subject Underhill and Ed Davis, his supposed confederate, secured at Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas. P.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F. E. Hurley, Cincinnati, O., 9-22-33; report of Special Agent F. F. Yearsley, St. Louus, Mo., 10-9-33; report of Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, Kansas City, Mo., 10-26-33; reports of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, 10-3-33 and 10-11-1933.

DETAILS:

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During the period from October 2, 1933, as shown in the reference report of Agent Trainor dated 10-3-33, when Lillian Holden and Marjorie Keating checked into the Pickwick Hotel at Kansas City, and on which date a vactuphone was installed in their room, #644, until their departure on October 6th, a constant vigil was maintained in the adjoining room, where Agents of this office listened to their conversation thru the vactuphone. They were also observed in the lobby of the hotel as they departed

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various times with their Italian men friends, always traveling in the Buick brougham mentioned in reference report of Agent Trainor of 10-3-33. The women spent most of their time during the nights of their stay in Kansas City at cabarets, according to their conversation as overheard on the following mornings. It was also learned through their conversation, and other indications, that these women slept with the various escorts after their return from the cabarets on the occasions mentioned. Usually one of the women and one of the men would sleep in Room 644 until about noon, and at that time, the man in the room in question would leave, and shortly thereafter, the woman therein would be joined by her female companion, who apperently had spent the night in an adjoining room, with some other man companion.

The routine activities of the women during the daytime would be to eat breakfast around noon and then depart for a short shopping tour at two or three p.m.; return to the room, and around seven p.m., they would have dinner; and around eight to nine p.m., they would again start their night of festivities.

While at the Pickwick Hotel, Marj Keating usually spent her time with "C," who is evidently the man called CIRO, mentioned in the reference report of Agent Trainor 10-3-33.

Another Italian with whom Lillian Holden apparently cohabited, was referred to in their conversations as "Phil."

These women carried on no conversation which would be indicative of the location of Miller, or other individuals sought in this case.

It, however, developed that the Holden and Keating women are very friendly with Mrs. Ruth Mc Namee, the wife of an individual named A. E. Mc Namee, 5901 Grand Avenue, Telephone - Highland 6212. Marj Keating on several occasions called Ruth Mc Namee and usually carried on a conversation indicating an acquaintanceship with her.

In one telephone conversation, Marj Keating mentioned to Ruth that she wondered when the trial of "CG" would come up and also stated that she had asked "C" about him, and that "C" told her, "Oh he'll be out in a short time." The Keating woman stated that she then felt that she should keep still, and that she, accordingly, did not ask "C" any more questions about it. It was indicated by this conversation that the Keating woman is quite intimately acquainted with the members of the Italian underworld element in Kansas City.

It is unmistakably indicated that her reference to "CG" was to Charles Gargotta, who is held in the Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri, charged with first degree murder in connection with the gang war slaying of Ferris J. Anthon several months ago; as mentioned in the reference report of this Agent 10-3-33, Gargotta is one of the trigger men of John Lazia, gangster.

It was ascertained from Mr. Bert Haycock, who is believed a very reliable individual, Special Agent of the S.W. Bell Telephone Company at Kansas City, that A. E. Mc Namee, mentioned heretofore, is a narcotic peddler and underworld crook and would very probably be a close friend of Miller and other members of this underworld group.

Several weeks ago, this Agent thru conference with Mr. Bert Haycock, mentioned heretofore, established an acquaintance ship with Emma Hitchings, who operates a house of prostitution at 1629 Central. Mr. Haycock informed that Mrs. Hitchings is a very reliable source of information, and that she delights in furnishing confidential data when she is certain that she will not be exposed. Mr. Haycock was formerly a police officer at Kansas City during past years when the police administration was considered legitimate. He stated that Emma Hitchings had on many occasions furnished him data that resulted in successful accomplishment of his ends in law enforcement. Mrs. Hitchings advised when interviewed that she knows a prostitute named Maxine Miller, whose true name is believed to be Maxine Mueller, and whose relatives reside in Dubuque, Iowa. She stated that Maxine Mueller is a known friend of Wm. Weisman, with aliases, frequently mentioned as a suspect in this case, and known to be a friend of Vernon C. Miller; she stated that Maxine formerly resided at the apartment operated by Mrs. Mamie Goss in the same building as Mrs. Hitchings - 1629 Central; that Maxine informed her a few days after the instant slayings that Wm. Wiseman had told her that he knew who was directly responsible for the slayings in this matter at Kansas City.

Mr. Hitchings also stated Maxine told her that Wiseman had departed from Kansas City hurriedly after the slayings in this case, and that he had indicated that the John Lazia gang was implicated in this matter.

Mrs. Hitchings also stated that Maxine is a known friend of Mamie Goss, and that while Mamie has never been implicated in anything very serious, only "carving up men and taking their money while they are under influence of drugs," she still believes that Mamie would not readily or willingly aid the perpetration of murder. She expressed the belief, however, that

Mamie Goss should not be approached directly in connection with this matter and stated that she thought she might be able to secure piecemeal information of value from Mamie Goss, with whom she is intimately acquainted. This she promised to do. She also stated that Maxine Mueller departed for Chicago, Illinois, sometime during July, 1933, and that her address there might be secured thru Mamie Goss. She promised to keep in touch with this matter, and as soon as Maxine returns to Kansas City, she will probably find out her location and will endeavor also to secure information from her in a discreet manner.

Maxine Mueller is said to be a treacherous and avericious prostitute, who plies her trade in a manner unethical to the practice, since she robs her Victims whenever the opportunity arises.

Frequent contacts have been made with Mrs. Hitchings, since the above interview, and to date she has stated she has not progressed further, except that she now understands that Maxine Mueller will shortly return to Kansas City, and she expects more results at that time. The Chicago and St. Paul offices have been previously notified in connection with this information and have been requested to follow this course of investigation, through letter dated September 13, 1933, addressed from this office. A further request was made to the Chicago and St. Paul offices in this same connection by letter of October 23, 1933, emanating from the Kansas City office.

This office will pursue all available information thru Emma Hitchings.

It is deemed desirable to mention the above information at this time, since it tends to show a probable connection of the Lazia group with the instant case.

The intimate friendship of Marjorie Keating and Lillian Holden with this same group seems significant for the reasons shown.

About 11 a.m. on October 6, 1933, the Keating and Holden women checked out of the Pickwick Hotel. The 1933 Model Ford Coach of Lillian Holden mentioned in this Agent's report of 10-3-33 had been parked in the Pickwick garage constantly during the occupancy of Room 644 by these women. The car was delivered to the south door of the Pickwick Hotel about 11:00 o'clock and the women's bags were placed in the check room prior to that time, in a manner which did not allow notice by the Agent listening on the vactuphone. However, as a matter of utmost precaution, Special Agent in Charge Conroy had provided a double watch on that morning, having assigned Special Agent C. F. Hurley to the vactuphone in Room 643 and Special Agent B. R. Allen to duty in the lobby of the Pickwick hotel, where he could observe the women as they checked out. Suddenly, their departure occurred. The Keating woman went to the room and brought with her the few small personal belongings that had been

left there, and the Holden woman had the bags transferred from the check room, near the south door to her Ford coach, which was waiting. Special Agent Allen notified Special Agent in Charge Conroy immediately when this activity occurred, and Agent Trainor was immediately instructed by S.A.C. Conroy to cover the movements of the women, who were apparently leaving town. Agent shadowed the Keating and Holden women at a safe distance in a car as they left the Pickwick hotel on the morning of October 6th; they first proceeded to the drug store at 128 Missouri Avenue, which is mentioned in this Agent's report of 10-3-33; after having been there for about fifteen minutes, during which time their car was parked on Missouri Avenue, a few feet west of the front of the drug store, the women again boarded their car and drove out of town.

In view of the fact that Agent had used a Buick sedan for the shadow work around the city streets on the morning of October 6th, and the fact that the women had taken a rather circuitous route to the drug store, it was not thought safe to use the same car, if they were to be followed for any distance on the highway. Therefore, Special Agent in Charge Conroy sent Special Agent Hal D. Bray with his Pontiac Coupe to the corner of Missouri and Walnut, in which direction the women had their car headed when they parked near the drug store mentioned above.

Immediately when the women departed from the drug store they were trailed after passing the intersection of Missouri and Walnut. There was, therefore, absolutely no probability of their having been suspicious of the car which followed them. This Agent followed Agent Bray at a considerable distance with the use of the Buick Sedan, which would, therefore, not be noticeable in any manner to the occupants of the Ford car driven by Lillian Holden. It was found that the women took a course toward No. 40 Highway, east. Agent Bray kept within sight of them in his car, and this Agent took a different route to the city limits, where the cars were again picked up. When the Keating and Holden women had reached a point near Leeds, Missouri, this Agent, while Agent Bray pursued the shadow, telephoned Special Agent in Charge Conroy at the Kansas City office, advising as to the route being traveled by the women. Accordingly, Mr. Conroy communicated telephonically with Special Agent F. F. Yearsley, who was stationed at Columbia at the Daniel Boone Tavern Hotel, pursuant to previous arrangement. Mr. Conroy shortly thereafter departed for Columbia, Missouri. It was, of course, not intended or necessary that Mr. Conroy perform any surveillance of the car driven by Lillian Holden and Marj. Keating, since that angle was already being covered.

The Keating and Holden women stopped for a change of oil and a supply of gasoline when they reached the Sni-bar Gardens, about fifteen miles east of Kansas City, and shortly after having passed the town of Leeds. While they were in the filling station, Agent in Charge Conroy proceeded on the highway to Columbia, Missouri, from a vantage point that could not give suspicion, Agent Bray and

this Agent both . . at that time having joined each other, in the car of Agent Bray, watched the Keating and Holden women, and when they departed from the filling station, they again proceeded on highway number 40. It would have been possible for them to have transferred to one or two other roads from the Sni-bar Gardens, as there are junction points leading to highways Nos.50 and 24 from that point. Agent Bray, accompanied by this Agent, followed at a distance of approximately one mile behind the Keating and Holden women as they proceeded from the Sni-bar Gardens to Columbia, Mo. The road is quite level and, therefore, no closer surveillance was deemed advisable. They maintained an average speed of about forty five miles an hour and gave no indication whatever that they knew they were being followed. Upon arrival at Columbia, Missouri, the women drew up at a hotel operated by the Sinclair Oil Company at the edge of Columbia;at that point,after they had entered the hotel, Agent Bray and this Agent departed and noticed Special Agent in Charge Conroy and Special Agent G. F. Hurley, who had arrived previously. Conference was arranged by Agent in Charge Conroy at a safe distance from the hotel. Special Agent Bray and this Agent, upon instructions, then returned to Kansas City, Missouri, and the matter was pursued by Special Agents from the St. Louis office from Columbia on. The matter is covered in the report by Special Agent F. F. Yearsley, mentioned in the references herein as to the activities of these women from the time they left Columbia, Missouri.

In an endeavor to secure complete information as to the family and personal record of Subject Underhill, Special Agent A. E. Farland of the Kansas City, office proceeded to Lansing, Kansas, where he examined the record of the Kansas State Penitentiary, from which institution Wilber Underhill escaped on May 30, 1933. It will be borne in mind, also, that with Underhill there escaped a prisoner named Ed Davis, Prisoner No. 2987 at the Kansas State Penitentiary. Harvey Bailey, Bob Brady and a number of others also escaped at that time, but Davis has not as yet been captured, and with Underhill is the only remaining fugitive who escaped from the Kansas State Penitentiary on the date of May 30, 1933. Therefore, the correspondence record of Davis was also secured. There is no record at the Kansas State Penitentiary showing a complete list of relatives of the prisoners there. The report by Agent Hurley dated at Cincinnati, Ohio, 9-22-33, mentioned in the references herein, discusses an individual named Bob Underhill, who is thought to be possibly the brother of Wilber Underhill. Since no information could be obtained as to the family history of Underhill at Lansing, Kansas, a further endeavor in this connection will be requested at Oklahoma State Penitentiary where the family of this Subject is better known. Other relatives of this individual shown as residing in the Kansas City territory are not being directly approached at the present time.

Agent Farland secured the following information and documents at the Kansas State Penitentiary relative to Underhill:

#2337 Wilbur Underhill 9-1-31 Term Life Crime - murder 1st Degree

Sent to:

Name	Address	Relation	Date
Mrs. Almera Underhill,	3735 Garner St,K.C.Mo.	Mother	1931
Mrs. Ethel "	%Wright Hotel, Independence, Ks.	-	"
Miss Dorothy "	220 So.Bales Ave., Kansas City, Mo.	Sister	1932
Mrs. Anna Lewis	Box 1134 Sta A Joplin, Mo.	-	1931
Mrs. Marguerite Smith	Cherryville, Ks. (? Cherryvale)	"	"
C. R. Sowers	Wichita,Ks.	Atty.	1932
Mrs. Eddie Bray	General Delivery, Kansas City, Mo.	Bus.	1933
Mr. Hugh Baine	220 Bales Ave., Kansas City, Mo.	Nephew	1932
Mrs. E. S.O'Hare	Neillsville,Wis.	Friend	"
Mrs. Lida Fitzgerald	1712 Anna Baxter St., Joplin, Mo.	"	1933
Miss Alta West	Fostum(?)Cal.Box 204 (Folsom)	"	"

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Ethel Brown	Indep.Ks.	-	1931
Dorothy Underhll	Joplin,Mo.B 1134 220 S.Bales,K.C.Mo.	Sister	1933
Dean	K.C.	-	1932
"	Atlanta,Ga.	-	"
Mrs. E. S. O'Hara	Neillsville,Wis.	-	1933
L. Fitzgerald	Joplin,Mo.	-	"

Letter written to T. C. Hill,(well known to the Oklahoma City office and the Kansas City office, and the subject of several files formerly maintained in these offices)South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, dated November 5, 1931. This letter and envelope were written and addressed in invisible ink by Underhill and by the terms thereof, Underhill requested him to furnish him $125.00 for his use in making an escape from the Kansas State Penitentiary. The letter stated that the $125.00 was to be used as part payment of a fee of $300.00, which he was paying to someone, name not mentioned, who was enabling him to escape. On the inner flap of the envelope for the notice of the penitentiary authorities, Underhill showed that T. C. Hill, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, was his uncle.

A letter addressed to former Warden Kirk Prather of the Kansas State Penitentiary, dated March 4, 1933, by Dorothy D. Underhill, sister of Subject Underhill, 220 South Bales, Kansas City, Missouri, was found. The original of this letter is preserved in the Kansas City file of this case, since it shows a specimen of the handwriting of the sister. Incidentally, she is believed to be partially responsible for the escape of Underhill, on May 30, 1933.

A letter dated April 17, 1932, by Underhill to Warden Prather, requesting that the prisoner be removed from solitary confinement, and written in the handwriting of Wilber Underhill was found. The original of this letter is maintained in the Kansas City file.

A photograph of Wilber Underhill, which was said by penitentiary authorities to have been taken during his imprisonment there about a year ago by a commercial photographer was found. It appears that prisoners are permitted the liberty of wearing civilian clothes for the occasion of having a photograph made to be sent to their relatives at intervals. This photograph shows a pose that is no doubt more natural of Wilber Underhill than the prison photograph, which has been heretofore available. It is said to be an excellent likeness of this subject. Several copies of the photograph are available to the Kansas City office. One copy of this photograph is being sent to the Oklahoma City office for its use in future investigations in that territory.

A short typewritten memorandum was found in the file of Underhill at the Kansas State Penitentiary, which is quoted, and reads as follows:

> "The Sheriff and Bob Lewis of Independence gave the following information in reference to Underhill:
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> His "gal," Mrs. Nesbit, runs a hotel at Lockwood, Missouri. Greenfield is the county seat.
>
> A filling station operator across from hotel is a good man to contact, as he knows them and can tell what is going on. However, his name could not be brought into the deal."

It is not known definitely from what source the memorandum came, but was obviously written by some of the officers at the penitentiary, pursuant to information received after the escape of Underhill as of May 30, 1933.

Also another memorandum of the same nature was found and same is quoted as follows:

"Memorandum:

Clanton, Davis and Underhill are supposed to have a temporary hideout at the place of a fellow by the name of J. J. Coast, Minnequah,(Ninnehah) Okla., Route 1."

With respect to Ed Davis, Prisoner No. 2987, his correspondence record was found and is quoted as follows:

ED DAVIS #2987 LIFE BANK ROBBERY HABITUAL CRIMINAL FROM BOURBON CO.
Age 30, laborer, sentenced 7-9-32

	SENT TO	RELATION	DATE
Mrs. Maude Long	Rush Spring, Okla.	Sister	1933
Mrs. Laura Davis	Kilgore, Texas.	Wife	1932
Mrs. Stella Clason (probably Clanton)	1521 N W 11th St., Okla.City.	-	1932
Mrs. Ruby Holcomb	709 W. 3rd St. and 711 W. Balknof, Ft. Worth, Texas.	Sister	1932
Mrs. Mary E. Davis	Rush Spring,Okla. and Quail, Texas,	- (Mo.?)	1932
Mrs. J. W. Davis	Minnehah,Okla.	-	1932
Miss Edith Clason(?)	Okla.City,1521 W.E.11th St.	-	1933
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Bernard or Fred Alered	Quail, Texas.	-	1932
Laura Davis -	Box G,340 R #8 Ok.Cy.	-	1933
Maud Lureg	Rush Sp.Okla.	St.	1933
Ruby & Jimmie	326 Oregon St. Chickasha,Okla.	St.	1933

A letter dated Oklahoma 16, 1933 by prisoner Ed Davis to the warden requesting a favor in connection with giving him his personal jewelry was found, and the original of same is preserved in the Kansas City file, being a specimen of Davis' handwriting.

As mentioned in the reference report of this Agent dated at Kansas City 10-11-33, certified copy of indictment of Harvey Bailey was forwarded by the United States Attorney, Kansas City, Mo., to the United States Attorney, Topeka, Kansas, pursuant to request from this office, in order that a detainer may be lodged against Bailey at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. After that is done the word "Fugitive" will be omitted after the name of Subject Bailey in reports.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Mc Alester, Oklahoma, is requested to secure all possible personal and family history of Subject Underhill. Same should be furnished to the Cincinnati office, which office is now conducting investigation at Louisville, Kentucky, where one Bob Underhill, presumably a brother of Subject Underhill, resides.

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Topeka, Kansas, will confer with the United States Attorney relative to the filing of detainer against Subject Bailey with the Warden of the U. S. Penitentiary Annex, Leavenworth, Kansas.

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November 2, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter dated October 24, 1933, received from Mr. W. F. Johnson, former Deputy Sheriff, Sedgwick County, Kansas, who gives his address as 438 West 14th Street, Wichita, Kansas, wherein he advises that he can furnish information relative to the relationship between Harvey Bailey and Frank Nash, who was killed in the Kansas City massacre.

You are instructed to have an Agent interview Mr. Johnson and obtain from him all the information available.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hughes
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Lester
Mr. Looke

438 West 14th. Street
Wichita, Kansas

October 24, 1933

Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Department of Justice
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

On a recent visit to Sulivan County Missouri I learned through conversation from citizens that Nash who was killed in the Kansas City masacre was identified as the brother of Harvey Baileys, by pictures appearing in the newspapers.

If this will be of any value to you I will furnish information which will contact you with persons who claim to have known Nash personally for a number of years before he was known as a criminal.

Cordially yours,

W. F. Johnson

W. F. Johnson
Former Deputy Sheriff
Sedgwick County

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November 2, 1933.

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NOV 4 1933

Mr. W. F. Johnson,
438 West 14th Street,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter dated October 24, 1933, wherein you advise that you can furnish information which will establish the fact that Harvey Bailey is a brother to Frank Nash, who was killed in the Kansas City massacre.

Please be advised that I have referred your letter to Mr. E. E. Conroy, Special Agent in Charge of the Kansas City Office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Federal Building, Suite L, Kansas City, Missouri, with the request that a Special Agent interview you in the very near future.

Thanking you for your interest in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Locke

October 31, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

On the morning of October 30, 1933, I talked with Special Agent Tracy of the New York City Office by long distance telephone, concerning the KANWO case.

Agent Tracy desired advice as to recent developments in this case and I advised him that the Division had not received any definite information as to the whereabouts of the principals in this case, since the disappearance of Vivian Mathis in New York City on August 7th last. I further advised Mr. Tracy that Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy of the Kansas City Office was at the present time making an exhaustive review of the file and setting out appropriate leads to all field offices where the investigation required attention.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby.

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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. #1195, ET AL - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash) Kansas City File 62-760-

Please refer to telegram from this office dated October 24, 1933, wherein request was made that you secure immediately all available ballistic exhibits, including bullets fired from machine guns and other weapons, at Brainerd, Minnesota, in a bank robbery which occurred about October 23, 1933 at that place. To date no reply has been received and the exhibits have not arrived at Kansas City.

Also, reference is made to my letter of October 23, 1933, calling your attention to a former request relative to securing test bullets from a machine gun found in a stream near Cannon Falls, Minnesota, and other additional investigation pending in your office in this matter.

It is imperative at this time that the ballistic exhibits be secured and forwarded to Kansas City at once, and it is requested that the other investigation be made immediately.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

October 31, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephonic conversation of even date had with your Agent Noonan, please be advised that the Director authorized having Special Agent E. N. Notesteen proceed to Chicago at once, for assistance in identifying Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, Identification Order #1195, in event he is located at Chicago.

Very truly yours,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Atlantic National Bank Building Annex,
Jacksonville, Florida.

RAA:SLH

October 23, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Due to the transfer of the War Risk Insurance Litigation cases to this Division, and the fact that always at this time of year the migration of crooks from the North to Florida increases the work of this office to no small extent, I am presently in sort of a peculiar and awkward position in handling and directing the work of the Division. A great number of the War Risk cases pending here and leads received from other offices require immediate attention because of the nearness of trial dates.

As you know, there are four agents assigned to this office. One of them, T. E. Nance, is a comparatively new employee, being in the Service only since September 16, 1933, and many of the emergency and urgent matters that require attention, because of their nature, cannot be assigned to him, due to his lack of experience. His work still requires more than the average amount of supervision. Agent Roger L. Main, Resident Agent at Miami, Florida, has been in Puerto Rico since October 1, 1933. This leaves in the district of this office only two experienced agents--R. L. Shivers and L. E. Kingman. The former is Resident Agent at Tampa, Florida, the other at Savannah, Georgia. Agent Kingman has not been in the best of health and, although not confined to his home has for some time, I think, been slowed up considerably. Agent Shivers, too, has been ill. October 20th and 21st, he informs me, he was confined to his home in Tampa with iodine poisoning. However, he is now able to be out and went to Miami on October 22nd, where he is handling the Graf Zeppelin matter.

As always, at this time of year we more frequently have calls from peace officers over the district who are holding men for Federal law violations and I have found it most difficult to give some of these cases the prompt attention they deserve. Court, too, during the past month has taken considerable toll of the time of our agents and this will continue throughout the month of November.

Last night I dispatched Agent Nance to western Florida to verify a rumor to the effect that Verne Miller, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1195,

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had been seen several days ago by a person, name now unknown, at a tourist camp near Ponce de Leon, Florida. Should information be developed that Miller actually has been in Western Florida, you will be immediately notified. I have advised peace officers to be on the lookout.

Your letter of October 19, 1933, requesting an investigation of the office of the United States Marshal for the Northern District of Florida was received on the 21st. I, of course, know that this matter should be given immediate attention. However, I am positive that the investigation should only be handled by an experienced agent, and will assign this case as soon as possible to the first agent available.

In view of the above and foregoing, I am hoping that the Division will consider the advisability of assigning one or more additional agents to the Jacksonville office as soon as this arrangement can be made possible.

Very truly yours,

(s) R. A. Alt
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letters dated October 2nd and 19th, 1933, relative to the matter of obtaining a personal history of HARVEY J. BAILEY, one of the subjects 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).

Special Agent Flood interviewed Mr. G. P. Bankus, brother-in-law of Subject Bailey, 816 18th Avenue, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Also information was secured through the Des Moines Register, Magazine Section, pursuant to an interview which was had by a representative of the Associated Press, whose name is not at this time known, with Mrs. Amanda E. Bailey, mother of this Subject, Green City, Missouri. The greater portion of this information is based on the interview with the mother by the representative of the Associated Press. The following personal history is shown:

Bailey was born on the West Fork of the Monongahela River, near Weston, West Virginia. There were seven children, five boys and two girls, in the family of Harvey Bailey's parents. The Bailey family lived on a farm in West Virginia, at the place mentioned, until Bailey was about 14 years of age, when they moved to Green City, Missouri, in the year 1902. There they settled on a 200 acre farm, three miles southwest of Green City, on which farm Mrs. Amanda E. Bailey and her widowed daughter, Mrs. Lucretia Gum, still reside. The Bailey family attended the New Zion Baptist Church at Green City, and it is said that Harvey Bailey went to church regularly. For a time the father of Bailey was a deacon of the above mentioned church.

Bailey finished the 8th grade of the Dudley Rural School, near Green City. His father died shortly after the arrival of the family at Green City.

When Bailey was 19 years of age he moved to Omaha,

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Nebraska, where two of his brothers resided. He later moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he obtained a position as fireman on the Illinois Central Railroad running from Council Bluffs to Fort Dodge, Iowa. Shortly after his employment as a fireman Bailey was married at Milan, Missouri, at the age of about 21 years, having married the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin; namely, Mattie J. Martin. The marriage ceremony took place at the home of the parents of the bride near Green City, Missouri.

Bailey worked for about six years for the Illinois Central Railroad, and was recommended for the position of engineer, but preferred to remain as a fireman. For a short time he resided at Fort Dodge, Iowa. At that time his brother-in-law, Mr. Bankus, was living at Silver City, Iowa. Bailey and Mr. Bankus established a Delivery and Automobile business at Silver City. This business was financed by Bailey, who was not, however, active in same. During this time Bailey was engaged in running liquor and became associated with a gang of Italian bootleggers at Omaha, Nebraska. He furnished beer and liquor to the German farmers in the vicinity of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Bailey is said by Mr. Bankus to have had two children, Von Bailey, who is now about 23 years of age and is residing with his mother on a farm near Richmond, Illinois. The other child, named by Mr. Bankus, was Harvey J. Bailey, Jr., who was killed at the age of 5 years. However, it will be noted from the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 8-14-33, that there are three other children supposedly those of Harvey J. Bailey, named Mildred E.,Ralston Goodloe and William Wesley. This information was secured from a review of the file of Francis L. Keating, Thomas Holden, Frank Nash, Escaped Federal Prisoners, Kansas City File 76-174. Apparently the question of parentage of these children could be verified by investigation at Richmond, Illinois, where Mattie J. Bailey now supposedly resides on a farm with her family and brother, Hadley F. Martin, and others. It was said by Mr. Bankus that the child, Harvey J. Bailey, Jr., was killed in Chicago, Illinois, by Subject Bailey himself, accidentally, when Subject ran over the child while backing his automobile from a driveway at his residence, and that Subject Bailey was grief stricken over the incident and quite often relates the same.

Mr. Bankus was one of the sureties on a bond for Bailey when the latter was arrested at Maryville, Missouri, around 1919. Bailey is said to have defaulted on this bond and the incident marked the end of the friendship between Bailey and Bankus.

Mr. Bankus advised that Bailey delighted in the sport of baseball and is fond of a game of cards. However, he stated he does not gamble to any extent; that he is very liberal with his family, relatives and friends and is loyal to them. Bailey, in turn, is said to expect the same traits in others, and it is said that he dislikes an imposter or anyone possessed of egotism. Bailey has always wanted to dominate social gatherings, according to Mr. Bankus, but is said to be not overbearing. He is said to be agreeable and entertaining, although cunning and secretive. Although Bailey is a large man, Mr. Bankus stated he is cowardly and of a peaceful disposition. He is said, however, to be deliberate in his actions and would shoot if he had the advantage over his adversary. Mr. Bankus said that it was "easy money" that made Bailey resort to bootlegging and a criminal career.

The name of Bailey's father could not be secured through the sources available.

It will be noted there is an arrest shown at Maryville, Missouri, according to Mr. Bankus, during the year 1919, which does not appear on the criminal record of Bailey. At this time a letter is being directed to the Sheriff at Maryville for the purpose of securing whatever record may be found at that place.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Chicago Office with a request that all possible family history of Bailey be secured at Richmond, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
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DALLAS, TEXAS	11-3-33	10-30-33	D. L. McCORMACK.

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

CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. Lettie Davis, Amarillo, Texas, unsound mentally. Knows nothing avout Underhill, Miller or others connected with this investigation.

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REFER: Letter from the Oklahoma City Office to the Kansas City Office, dated October 19, 1933, copy to Dallas.

DETAILS: At Amarillo, Texas

With Chief of Detectives Clark Cain of Amarillo, Agent interviewed Mrs. Lettie Davis, 1008 Harrison Street. She secretively ushered us into an upstairs room and began the story of her connection with gangsters of the Southwest. It seems her husband was in the Government Service at one time. He was commissioned as a warrant officer, but performed the duties of camp cook, and knew all the gangsters, associating with them, and told her their names. He is no longer living and Mrs. Davis avers the gangsters killed him.

She stated that about August 6, 1933, Underhill came to her house with Brady, and asked for something to eat. They didn't pretend to know her, but Underhill remarked "Your husband was a Government man, wasn't he?" They went away after she fed them, both dressed in brown colored overalls. She believes the address 508 Taylor Street, Amarillo, Texas is a gangster hangout. She lived there when first coming to Amarillo, and seems to be acquainted with the occupants, and believes it would be just the place for Underhill to stay. Her story became rambling at this point, and she told of seeing gangsters watching her house, waiting to get her if she reported them.

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It is the writer's opinion Mrs. Davis is a woman of unsound mind. Mr. Cain stated she often reports weird stories to the Police Department, and is well known to them. They believe she is mentally off and cannot be relied upon. Cain stated the address at 508 Taylor Street is a rooming house, and there is nothing to indicate it is even disreputable.

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Salt Lake City, Utah.	11-2-33	10-31-33	J.D. SWENSON - G.J.

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

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Rose Buchalter of Denver, Colorado, is in feeble health, being 72 years of age, and a widow; she resides with her son Rabbi C.H. Kauvar, and both are highly respected by neighbors. Photographs of Vivian Mathis, Verne Miller, Bernard Phillips, Wilbur Underhill, Pretty Boy Floyd and Ed Davis, not identified by Rabbi Kauvar. Essie Gruencamp unknown to him. Mail of Mrs. Rose Buchalter covered for 30 days. There is no 121 West 63rd St. in Denver, and "Limpy" unknown to Police.

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REFERENCE: Letters from New York City Office dated 9-21-33, and 10-18-33. Letters from Kansas City Office dated 9-11-33 and 10-23-33.

DETAILS: AT DENVER, COLORADO.

Agent made a neighborhood inquiry in the vicinity of 1320 Elizabeth Street, Denver, Colorado, regarding the identity and character of Rose Buchalter living there. It was ascertained that 1320 Elizabeth Street is the home of Rabbi C.H. Kauvar, son of Rose Buchalter, and that these people are highly respected by neighbors, and no strangers are seen visiting there.

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Agent interviewed Rabbi Kauvar who advised that Rose Buchalter, aged 72, is his mother; that she had married twice, the second time to Buchalter, who died 12 years ago, and that for the past three years she has lived with him and taken care of his children. He also advised that he had taken his mother, Rose Buchalter, back to Palestine with him last summer, and returned about September 1st, 1933; that he has lived in Denver for the past 32 years, and has had little to do with his step brothers who live in New York City and Brooklyn, New York. Rabbi Kauvar appeared to Agent to be a very respectable man, and one who could be trusted to tell the truth about matters involving crime, even if it involved his own family in a way.

He advised that Louis Buchalter has two brothers who are Dr. Emanuel Buchalter, who has his office at 224 Roebling St., Brooklyn, New York - Emanuel is a dentist - and Isadore Buchalter who also lives in Brooklyn, but whose address Rabbi Kauvar does not possess. He advised that Emanuel Buchalter would be able to supply the address of Isadore. As to other relatives of his step-brothers, Rabbi Kauvar stated he had very little information, and could not furnish any names or addresses. He advised that he communicated only occasionally with Emanuel, and not with the other brothers.

He was exhibited the photograph of Vivian Mathis and also the photographs of Verne Miller, Bernard Phillips, Wilbur Underhill, Pretty Boy Floyd and Ed Davis, and stated positively that none of these parties had ever visited his home or have been seen by him.

Mrs. Rose Buchalter was at home during the interview but Rabbi Kauvar requested that she be not advised of any information sought due to her aged condition. It was observed by agent that Rose Buchalter is as old as Rabbi Kauvar stated, and appears quite feeble. He also advised that he knew no one by the name of Essie Gruencamp, but that if she was a relative of Buchalters, Dr. Emanuel Buchalter would be able to supply her address probably, and would know all the relatives of the Buchalters.

Agent made inquiries in and about Denver, Colorado, in an effort to locate 121 West 63rd Street, referred to in the letter from the Kansas City Office dated September 11th, 1933, and ascertained that there is no such address or street in Denver, Colorado.

Agent furnished the information in the above mentioned letter to Detectives Nick Carter and John O'Donnell, of the Denver, Colorado, Police Department, and they advised that there was no such

address as 121 West 63rd Street, and that they knew no one by the name of "Limpy".

Arrangements were made with the Superintendent of Mails at Denver, Colorado, to place a cover for thirty days on all mail received by Mrs. Rose Buchalter at 1320 Elizabeth Street, Denver, Colorado, as a result of which the Salt Lake City office was furnished with one tracing indicating that a letter had been received by Mrs. Rose Buchalter post-marked Chicago, Ill., October 25, 1933, and bearing the return address of Mrs. T.H. Levin, 425 Hastings St. Pittsburgh, Pa. This tracing is being furnished to the New York City Office and no leads are being set out to interview Mrs. Levin, the same being left to the discretion of the New York City office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The KANSAS CITY OFFICE is requested to re-interview George Small, Investigator of the Prohibition Unit there, for the purpose of determining if he can supply additional data concerning the location of the alleged "Limpy" in Denver, Colorado, since it appears that the address he furnished at 121 West 63rd St, is non-existant. It is also possible that Mr. Small may be able to furnish information concerning how the alleged residence of "Limpy" may be reached, if the exact address is unknown.

The SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE will report the result of the cover placed upon the mail of Mrs. Rose Buchalter.

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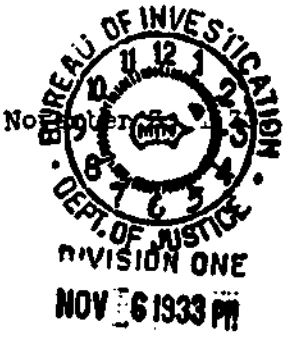

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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

There is enclosed herewith an enlarged photograph of Charles Arthur("Pretty Boy")Floyd, Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department No. 3999. This photograph is a considerable improvement over the one appearing on Identification Order No. 1194, according to parties who are personally familiar with Floyd's appearance.

Very truly yours,

M. C. Spear

M. C. Spear
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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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:

Reference is made to telephone conversation between Special Agent W. F. Trainor of the Kansas City Office and Special Agent in Charge H. A. Rorer of this office on the afternoon of November 12, 1933, when it was requested that Lou Conners be taken into custody.

Confirming telephone conversation between the writer and Acting SAC Spear, as well as Special Agent Leon Turro, on this date, this is to advise that Mrs. E. B. Conners was taken into custody in Memphis, Tennessee, at about 9 A.M. on this date. She at that time readily admitted her identity, but she is not being interrogated in connection with this case pending the arrival of Special Agent Turro at Memphis, Tennessee, his arrival being expected on the morning of November 14, 1933.

No complaint has been filed against Mrs. Conners as yet, she being held incommunicado in the city jail, but in the event it becomes necessary to file a complaint prior to the arrival of Special Agent Turro a bond in the amount of $50,000 will be requested. You will be advised immediately as to the progress in this case.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON, Acting
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TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases I. L. #1193, FUGITIVE RICHARD TAILMAN GALATIS with aliases, FUGITIVE et al	Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Armor-plated Cadillac Sedan carrying New York License Nos. 2X8966 was at Hot Springs, Ark., from Feb. 19 to about June 3, 1933 in possession of a man giving his name as Joe Saya. This party is partially identified as Mike Capola. Mrs. L. Buchalter stopped at Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs from Feb. 19 to March 19, 1933. With her was a woman giving her name as Mrs. L. Saffer. Lewis Buckholtz partially identified as being in the group that registered at the Arlington Hotel on Feb. 19, and probably using the name of Louis Saffer. E. Conner and wife not known at Earl, Arkansas and there is no record of their marriage there.

P.

REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agents T. H. Tracy, New York City, 8/5/33 and A. Paul Kitchin, Birmingham, 8/28/33.

DETAILS:

Mr. S. W. Grumbley, Assistant Manager of the Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas exhibited records which disclosed that A. Long, Ben Kutlow, A. Spitzel and Louis Saffer registered on February 19th and checked out on March 6, 1933. They occupied rooms 624 and 625 the first night, and moved then to 542, 543, 544, and 555. Mrs. Louis Saffer registered on February 27th and was assigned room 539 and was joined by her husband. When he checked out on March 6th, she moved to room 631. Mrs. L. Buchalter checked into the hotel on February 19th and was assigned to room 631. She and Mrs. Saffer, according to the records, checked out on March 19, 1933.

Mr. Grumbley stated that while the above group were at the hotel, they were joined by others and that apparently there were approximately fifteen or twenty men belonging to this group in Hot Springs at the time, and that there were always several men with the four men above mentioned who were apparently living

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at some other address in the City. Agent exhibited to Mr. Grumbley the pictures of Mike Capole and Louis Buckhouse, furnished by the New York Office, and he stated both faces looked familiar but that he was not sure as to whether they were in the above mentioned group. He stated Buckholtz resembled Kutlow and Capola rather resembled Saffer but he was not sure of the identification.

William Baber, Clerk of the Arlington Hotel stated, upon being exhibited the pictures of Capola and Buckholtz, that he believed Buckholtz was the party registered under the name of Louis Saffer, but that he does not believe that Capola was one of the group of the four men who registered on February 19th. He stated that there were several other members of the gang apparently stopping out in the City and because of the fact that they were continually coming and going with new faces appearing all of the time, he could not be sure of his identification of Buckholtz.

C. A. Fox, who operates a clothing store in the Arlington Hotel stated that he remembers the A. Long party stopping there and he sold a number of them clothes; that he is fairly certain that Capola and Buckholtz were in the group but he does not know what names they were using. He stated that there were about twenty men belonging to the gang in Hot Springs at the time and he does not remember whether Buckholtz and Capola were in the group of four registering in the Long party or whether they were living out in the City.

Ernest Taylor, Porter at the Arlington Hotel, was exhibited pictures of Capola and Buckholtz and stated that he believes both of the men were connected with the Long party but he does not know what names they were using or whether they were stopping at the Hotel; that there were so many men continually joining and leaving the group that he was unable to determine just which ones were stopping at the hotel. Tayler, in checking his baggage records advised that on March 8th, a trunk was shipped via Railway Express, to Mrs. B. Buchalter, 115 Central Park West, Apartment 17J, New York City. He stated Mrs. Saffer arranged for the shipping of this trunk, but that there was another woman occupying the room with her. He described Mrs. Saffer as being about 30 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches in height, 145 pounds in weight, dark brown hair and heavy build. It is noted that Buchalter is one of the aliases of Buckholtz.

Agent interviewed the bell boys of the Arlington Hotel, but none of them would identify Buckholtz and Capola as being of the Long group or of having been seen with them, but they all stated that their pictures looked familiar.

F. D. Reynolds, Manager of the Arlington Hotel Garage, advised that on the night of February 19th, an armored plated Cadillac Sedan, carrying New York license plates #3K8966, was left at the garage and was taken away the next day; that this car was around Hot Springs for a month or so and seemed to belong to a group of men who were living in a cottage on Lake Hamilton, near Hot Springs. He stated it appeared that this group of men was connected with the Long party that was stopping at the hotel. He, with his employees, was exhibited pictures of Buckholtz and Capola and they advised that although the faces looked familiar, they could not identify them as being connected with the Cadillac Sedan or with the Long group.

Fred Richardson, who drives a Yellow Cab at Hot Springs, stated that he is

fairly certain he was Capola driving the armored Cadillac; that this car was kept at Lake Hamilton but was also used by persons stopping at the Arlington Hotel. He stated Buckholtz's picture looked familiar but he could not identify him as being one of the group. Mr. Richardson stated that he saw the Cadillac car at a cabin on Lake Hamilton owned by Mike Sevier.

Agent interviewed Mike Sevier, 1308 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, who stated that on April 3, 1933, he rented a cabin to Joe Saya and wife; that with them were two men giving their names as Joseph Greaco, also known as "Chilly," and Blair, first name not known; that all of these people were Italians. Greaco gave his address as 44 Oak Street, New York City. The addresses of the others were not known to Mr. Sevier. He added that Saya was driving an armor-plated 12 cylinder Cadillac Sedan, carrying New York license plates, but he did not keep a record of the numbers. This car was either painted black or some other dark color. He further stated that there appeared to be about fifteen or twenty men belonging to the same gang in Hot Springs at the time, and some of them were stopping at the Arlington Hotel. He stated that he understands there was a murder committed in New York City about May 1st, and most of the gang left Hot Springs at that time. Saya and his group checked out of Mr. Sevier's cabin on June 3rd, supposedly leaving for New York City.

Mr. Sevier further stated that he rented this group a cabin upon the recommendation of Leo McLaughlin, Mayor of Hot Springs; that he informed the Mayor he did not want them as tenants if they were gangsters and the Mayor told him they were lawyer friends of his from New York. Agent exhibited pictures of Buckholtz and Capola to Mr. Sevier and he stated he believed Saya was Capola but he could not remember seeing Buckholtz with this group. He described Saya as being about 33 years of age, five feet six inches in height, 150 pounds in weight and of having a drooping left eye. It will be noted that Capola's picture indicates that he has a dropping left eye and his description fits that of Saya. Saya's wife's first name was given as Pearl. She is about 25 years of age, five feet seven inches in height, 150 pounds in weight and is of Italian descent.

Charles Malloy, who takes care of the cottages for Mr. Sevier stated that the picture of Capola resembles Saya except that Saya appeared to be a heavier man; that Saya was very short and heavy. He was unable to identify the picture of Buckholtz as being of the group that stopped at the tourist camp.

Informant A, Hot Springs, stated that he was familiar with the Cadillac car above mentioned; that while it was at Hot Springs it was being driven by a group of gangsters out of New York, and that he is fairly certain he saw Capola driving it. Agent was unable to ascertain from him whether Buckholtz was at Hot Springs with the above mentioned group of men. He added that he cannot associate the name of William Weisman as being with this group. He stated that the name of Nellie Conners is not familiar to him; that Lou Conners was the wife of Eddie Conners and that to his knowledge, Eddie Conners was not connected with any New York gang, he being a "con" man and not associated with gangsters. He added that Connor's was associated with Richard Galatis. Agent was unable to establish that William Weisman was among the group that stopped at the Arlington Hotel or that he was known there.

C. N. Buckalew, a detective of Hot Springs Police Department advised Agent that the day Frank Nash was arrested at Hot Springs, he, Buckalew, was at the Police Department when Richard Galatis came down the steps, apparently from the Mayor's office and asked for Herbert Akers, Chief of Detectives. Akers was out of the office and Galatis informed Buckalew that a man had just been kidnapped by three men out of the White Front Cafe. He requested Buckalew to call Benton and Russellville, Arkansas, and to have these men stopped at any costs and brought back to Hot Springs no matter who they were. Buckalew stated he called the Sheriffs at Perryville and Benton, Arkansas and later learned that the three men were Government Agents, so he made no further effort to stop them. He stated that at the time he did not know the identity of the kidnapped man and did not learn until later that he was Frank Nash.

Agent interviewed William Boderson, Service Manager of the Madison Smith Auto Company, Cadillac Dealers, at Little Rock, Arkansas. He stated that on June 3 and again on June 5, 1933, two men driving a 1931 model Cadillac Sedan, Motor No. 1000032, carrying New York 1933 license #3K8966, stopped at the garage and had some minor repairs done on the car; that he remembers that car because of its having armored plates. He stated that the man driving the car gave his name as Saya, according to his records, and informed him he had been stopping at Hot Springs and was on his way to New York. They had some fighting roosters in the car and stated they were entering them in a cock fight in New York City. Mr. Boderson stated he did not get a good view of the man driving the car but the party giving his name as Saya resembled the picture of Buckholtz. Mr. E. Madison, one of the owners of the Auto Company, stated that he saw the above mentioned men but did not talk to them and that Buckholtz resembled one of them. Apparently the man driving the car did not leave it and none of the employees of the garage obtained a good view of him.

In connection with the undeveloped lead for the Oklahoma City Office set forth in reference report of Special Agent Kitchin, inquiry was made of Postmaster W. W. Harris, Post Office Clerk Mrs. F. S. Head and City Marshal D. D. Peacher of Earl, Arkansas, but it could not be established that E. Connor had ever resided at Earl, or was known there. Agent checked the marriage records of Crittenden County, in which Earl is located at Marion, back to 1920, but could find no record of a marriage of Eddie or Escar Connor.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE NEW YORK CITY OFFICE will note that a trunk was shipped by Mrs. L. Saffer from Hot Springs to Mrs. B. Buchalter, 115 Central Park West, Apartment 17J, New York City on March 8th; also that Joseph Greaco, one of the men stopping at the Sevier Tourist Camp on Lake Hamilton, Hot Springs, gave his address as 44 Oak Street, New York City. It is being left to the discretion of the New York Office as to what investigation should be made at these addresses.

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

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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DIVISION ONE
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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).
K.C.File #62-760-

Recently, and on many occasions in the past, inquiries have been made of this office as to the amount of reward now outstanding for the apprehension of Charles Arthur(alias "Pretty Boy")Floyd. Since there is no Federal reward outstanding, the question is naturally evaded, in as tactful a manner as possible; first, because this office is not aware of the actual offers of rewards now pending, and, further, since it is not deemed advisable to in any manner vouch for such offers of reward made by States. However, it is desired that the Division offices, especially the Kansas City office, be informed as reliably as possible as to the present outstanding offers of cash rewards for the apprehension of Floyd.

It has been rumored, and on several occasions mentioned in the press, that rewards formerly offered for Floyd on charges of bankrobbery have been withdrawn, especially in the State of Oklahoma.

It is understood that Floyd is wanted on charges of murder or bankrobbery at Beaumont, Texas. Whether or not there is a reward there outstanding is not known to this office.

It is also reported that Floyd is wanted as an escape from a sentence of 25 years in the State of Ohio, from which he escaped during 1930. Whether or not there is a reward outstanding for him at this time on that charge is not known here.

It has been reported that some of the bank robberies charged to Floyd in the State of Oklahoma were "inside jobs," and that the rewards have been for that reason withdrawn. Most of these reports come unofficially. The reliability of most of these reports may be questionable.

The Cincinnati office, the Dallas office, the San Antonio office and the Oklahoma City office are requested to make appropriate inquiries in those territories to determine through reliable sources definite information as to the present outstanding rewards for Floyd's apprehension, and any criminal record which may be secured through those sources should be reported. It is suggested that the offices of the Governors in those states where Floyd may be wanted should be consulted for this information, and also it may be necessary to make additional inquiries in the various individual localities where the crimes were committed.

Immediate attention on the part of the offices receiving copies of this letter is requested, in view of the fact that the Kansas City office is supervising investigation to apprehend Floyd, altho no federal process is outstanding for his arrest, but he is the Subject of Identification Order No. 1194.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
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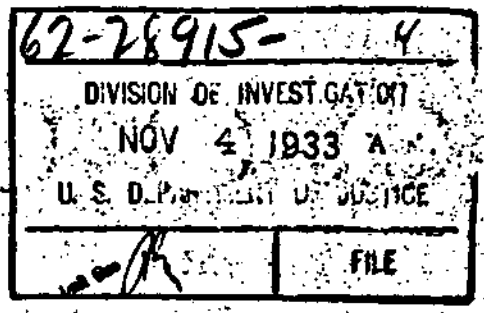

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1216 Smith-Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1195, et al.
Obstruction of Justice, Murder

Dear Sir:

Confirming the telegram directed to your office by Special Agent in Charge J. M. Keith, dated November 1, 1933, requesting to determine whether H. C. Hayes or R. C. Noyes or O. L. Vaden are known at Temple, Texas, and also referring to your reply of even date advising that Vaden conducts an automobile finance company there but that neither Hayes nor Noyes are known in that city:

Please be advised that during the course of an investigation in Detroit it was determined at the Royal Palm Hotel that O. L. Vaden and R. C. Noyes registered there on August 7. The name Noyes was not clear and it appeared perhaps that it might be Hayes. In view of the fact that Vivian Matthews, paramour of Vernon Miller, is now residing in Chicago under the name of Hayes, it was deemed advisable to determine the identity of these persons. It now appears doubtful that the persons in Temple, Texas, have any connection with the instant case in view of the fact that Vaden apparently registered for both himself and the other person whose name is either Hayes or Noyes, and apparently that person although not known in Temple, Texas, is a friend of Vaden who was traveling around with him.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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313 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
411 United States Court House,
Portland, Oregon.

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

Referring to our exchange of telegrams recently on car bearing California license #8A-8503, please be advised that this car has been traced by the National Automobile Theft Bureau at San Francisco, and I have received the following report from them, giving the history of this car:

"Answering your phone call will say the following is the history of the LaSalle car under 1933 license #8A-8503.

"On September 2, 1930, Utah issued license #92296 and title to Lee Granger, Roberts Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah, as sole owner of a 1930 LaSalle Sedan, motor #900230, serial the same. Unable to advise from whom purchased.

"On September 4, 1931 a California non-resident permit #107983 was issued to Lee Granger, Isabel Apts., El Paso, Texas, on this car, which expired on December 31, 1931. California address Napa and Texas license #13176.

"California 1931 license #927419 were issued March 2, 1931 to Lee Granger, Christie Hotel, Hollywood, on this car as sole owner. Presented as clearance his 1930 Utah certificate of registration and ownership also sworn statement before Notary Paul J. Wolff, under date of March 2, 1931 -- 'This is to certify that the undersigned is the same person shown on Utah registration covering a LaSalle motor #900230 as Lee Granger', signed Lee Granger; car examined by Mr. Howe of L.A. on March 2nd, who found the same motor and serial.

S.A.C. Portland--2.

"Renewed for 1932 under California license #9A-9771 on Jan. 8th same California address given but the plates and certificates sent to Jean Lafitte Hotel, Galveston, Texas.

"1933 license #8A-8503 issued Jan. 11th to Lee Granger, Christie Hotel, Hollywood, as sole owner of the car. No stops.

"Operator's license #B-97959 issued March 2, 1931 to Lee Granger, 6724 Hollywood Blvd., Christie Hotel, Hollywood as 50 yrs; 5'7"; 160 lbs; eyes brown; hair dark.

"The B. of I. state no criminal record."

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

c.c. Division
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c.c. Los Angeles.

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DIVISION ONE
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Mr. I. F. Hocker
Acting Postmaster
Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 26, 1933 relative to the location of Wilbur Underhill, and to thank you for your cooperation.

An investigation will be made pursuant to the information transmitted.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1195, et al
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~~MR. PARRISH, ACTING HEAD, CRIMINAL DIVISION~~

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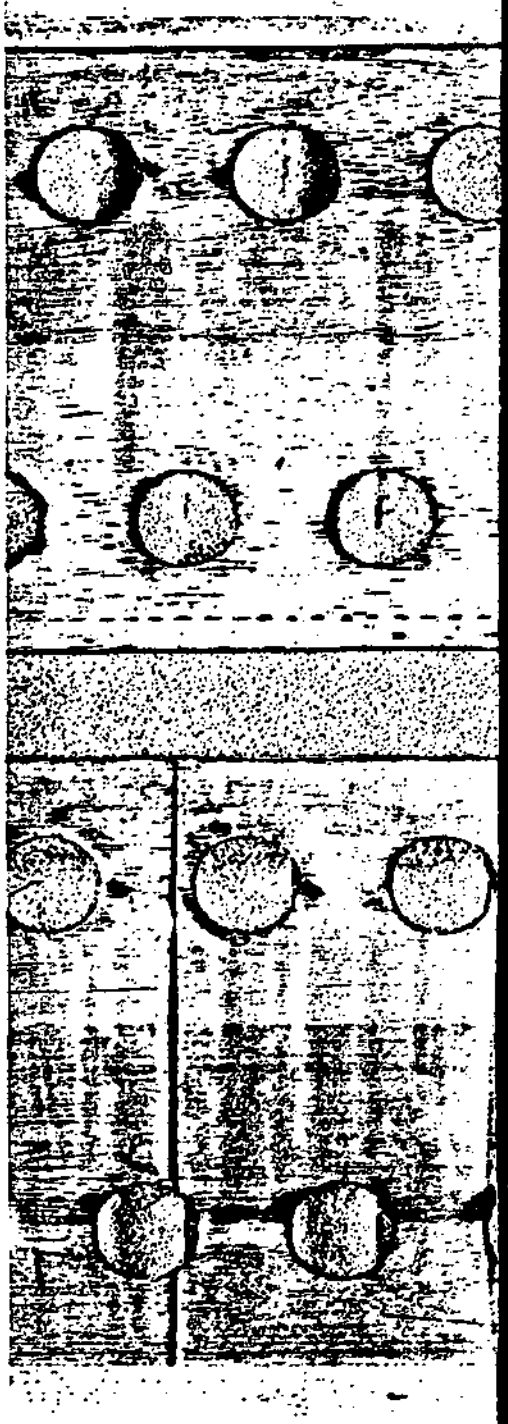

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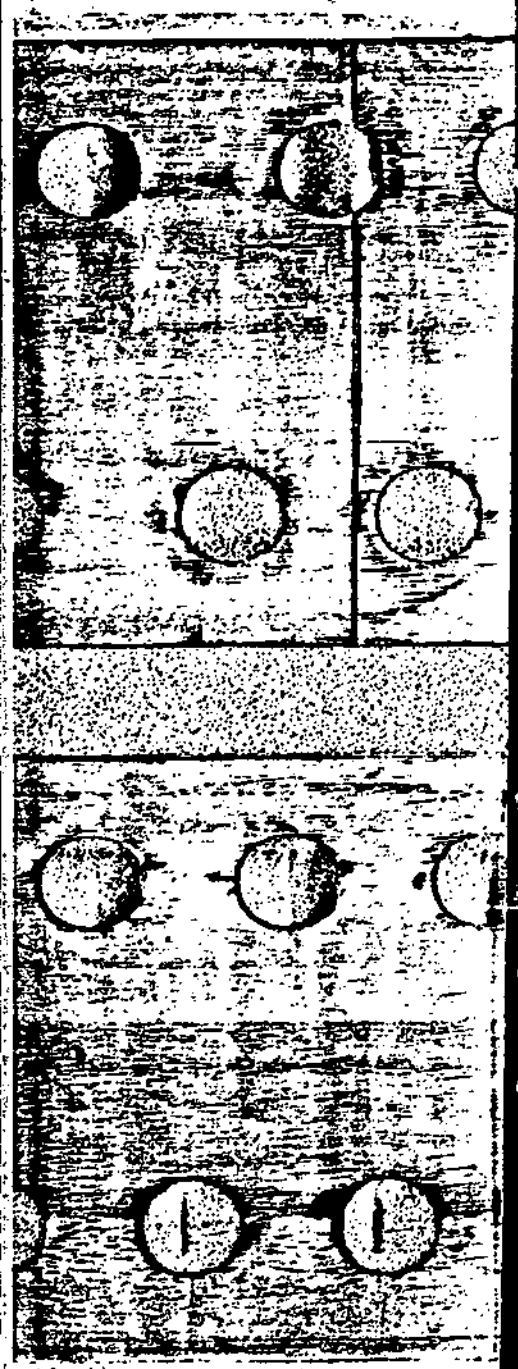

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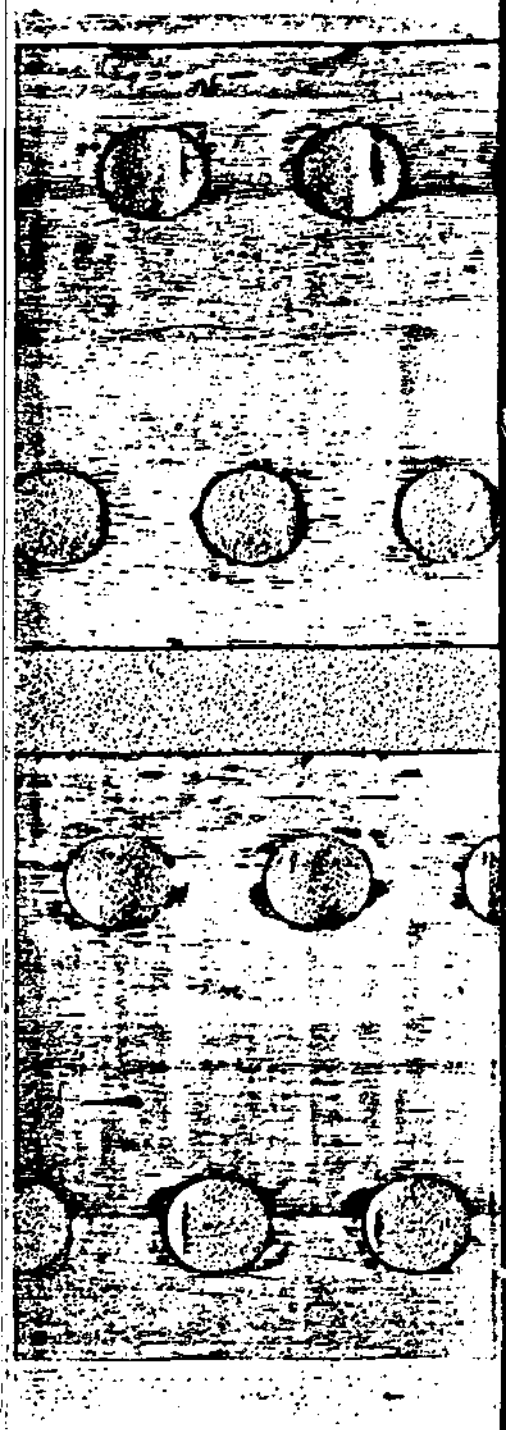

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3. personal friend of Mr. Bob. I said "In what state did Bob meet him" when before she could answer her room-mate who plays cards with Bob gave her a wire glance - hurried her out of the lobby.

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"What I say unto you I say unto all, WATCH." JESUS

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God's Law of Universal Harmony

OSCAR GRAHAM PEEKE

SHOULD an astronomer be asked how it is possible to foretell the occurrences of various astronomical phenomena, he would probably reply that by understanding and adhering to certain mathematical rules astronomical calculations can be accurately worked out. Doubtless such an answer would be accepted without question. It is not so generally believed, however, that God is the divine Principle of the real universe, and that man, created in God's image and likeness, is perfectly governed and directed by the operation of spiritual law, the order of which is illustrated by "Mazzaroth in his season" and "Arcturus with his sons."

That this fact is not apparent to mankind in general is due to the various conflicting and false concepts of Deity which are held to tenaciously. But the Science of Christianity, or Christian Science, reveals God and man as inseparably correlated. No creedal religion or philosophic reasoning can give a demonstrable understanding of this fact; and without such an understanding of God and of man's true relationship to Him individuals are unable to conceive of themselves as being harmoniously directed by immutable divine law. Consequently, they drift into the belief that their lives are largely influenced and dominated by so-called material laws and conditions which may sometimes appear to be good, and oftentimes dire.

Through the teachings of Christian Science humanity is gradually awakening to the glorious realization that man in God's lik[illegible]usly at one with his creator. Any Elisha; the same divine law that Christ Jesus so thoroughly understood and so effectively utilized. By his understanding of it Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes in order to meet the need of hungering multitudes, procured his tax money from the fish's mouth, stilled the storm, healed the sick, raised the dead, and brought himself forth from the tomb. Through Christian Science God's law of universal harmony is shown to be just as available today as it was in Bible times, in the degree that it is understood. Its modus is made plain in Science and Health, and may be utilized by any student of that book, anywhere and at any time.

Today the world presents the sad spectacle of millions of people suffering from want in the midst of plenty, of multitudes eager to work but without an opportunity to do so, of "men's hearts failing them for fear"—all because of ignorance of God's true nature and the ever available law which interprets and demonstrates "the divine Principle and rule of universal harmony." Millions in money and years of earnest endeavor are spent in various efforts to establish harmony by material means—to maintain health, to lessen poverty, to prevent crime, to promote peace among nations, to make the world a better place in which to live. Has achievement in these matters so far been particularly impressive? Treaties based on material laws—laws of health, laws for the suppression of crime, financial and economic laws—have these proved to be entirely successful in establishing and maintaining harmony in their respective fields of operation? Is not the world even now groping for a way out [illegible] maze of discord into which reliance on mat[illegible] laws has plunged it?

textbook, and in so doing charted the way which prophets and apostles had indicated all must sooner or later follow. Is it a difficult way? Certainly there are obstacles to be overcome, but the earnest student of Christian Science finds occasion for rejoicing at every step. He realizes the truth of the statement of the wise man that "the way of transgressors is hard," and learns that the way of right thinking and right living gives him power to demonstrate that "the desire of the righteous shall be granted."

Then, O weary wanderer in the desert of unrequited hopes and fruitless material desires, why delay your emergence into the fruitful land of spiritual understanding, since the way has been made clear for all mankind? Consider these significant words (Science and Health, p. 174): "The thunder of Sinai and the Sermon on the Mount are pursuing and will overtake the ages, rebuking in their course all error and proclaiming the kingdom of heaven on earth. Truth is revealed. It needs only to be practised."

How great the import of that last sentence! Blessings immeasurable are experienced by all who in humility accept the revelations of Christian Science and learn to demonstrate God's law of universal harmony.

A High Standard of Living

MARY LEE GOUGH NAY

THE expression "a high standard of living," as used in common parlance, indicates a confused sense of values. A truly high standard does not depend upon the abundance of material resources at our command or the multiplicity of mechanical devices in our households. The Bible tells us that "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." Therefore, neither does his standard of living depend upon the possession of these "things." It may be high or low in the midst of material symbols of progress. "Custom, education, and fashion form [illegible]nsient standards of mortals," writes Mrs. Eddy when [illegible] the Christian Science textbook, "Science and [illegible] Scriptures" (p. 247), to the fleeting spiritual development. Jesus said to the sinful woman, "Sin no more." Some of his disciples were fishermen and menders of nets, people of a simple mode of living. In our own time, out of a lonely life spent in the open and housed in a log cabin, with nothing that we today would call outward symbols of progress, came Lincoln; yet he had the vision which lifted the standard of living for an enslaved race. His high-hearted vision, lifting his life above trivialities and superficialities, enabled him to help lift others to a better sense of freedom.

Down through the ages, in proportion as men have developed a keener perception of the difference between right and wrong have they lifted up the standard of righteousness, and as they have applied this to the details of everyday life, they have raised their standard of living. To be sure, the symbols of outward progress of our era, now generally called the machine age, are to be appreciated, used, and enjoyed. While the development and use of machinery do not in themselves mark either a high or a low standard of living, we can and should make proper and reasonable use of the mechanical symbols of modern progress. But the symbols should not be confused with the mental progress which they represent. Morals and idealism must move ahead of material ingenuity in order that mankind may hold to true thinking and living. Not mechanization, but character, measures the true standard.

As one uses his God-given ability to think nobly, he is maintaining a high standard of living. It is maintained through spiritual means, and whether employed or unemployed, each one can avail himself of these means through the way he employs his thoughts. It is through the false estimate of the desired standard of living as dependent solely upon material requisites that men become stricken with fear over the threat of loss of this standard. But a temporary loss of material resources cannot touch the real man's status in divine Mind. Indeed, the loss of material resources may awaken one to discover true values and develop spiritual resourcefulness.

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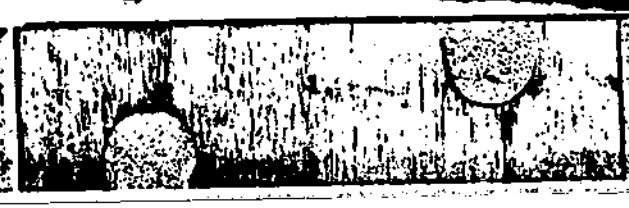

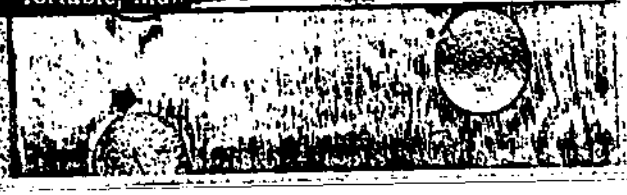

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Minister Gagged and Bound, While Robbed of $10.00

It was "lean pickings" for a robber who tackled the Rev. A. J. Vollery of Memphis, director of the Beulah Training School for Girls, in his room in the Kingsway hotel Thursday night, but that did not lessen the brutality of the crime. The minister reported to police he was bound, gagged and tied to the bed. The net loot was only $10.

Officers are convinced the robber is the same who perpetrated a similar crime in the Hotel Marion at Little Rock Wednesday night, with Ed Cost of Kansas City the victim of identical methods.

The thug engaged a room opposite the minister's and during the night entered the room, holding a pearl-handled revolver, and forcng him to lie on the bed. The robber then bound the minister with two sheets tying him securely to the bed, then forced a gag into his mouth, and robbed him of all the cash he had. The robber then checked out.

The Rev. Vollery required some 15 minutes to release himself. He declared he had an engagement with a Hot Spring Baptist minister to attend church, and was seated near the window reading the Bible, his back to the door, when he heard the noise, and thought it was his friend.

"When I turned to greet him, I looked into the barrel of the robber's revolver," he declared.

The minister described the robber as being about 30 years old, masked with a dirty handkerchief, about five feet, eight inches tall, florid complexion, and weighing about 160 pounds, wearing gray suit and brown shoes.

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Wichita Falls, Texas, U.P.—A 1[illegible] year-old boy arrested here recentl[illegible] on an automobile theft charge wa[illegible] telling an officer all about how Charles Pretty Boy Floyd, celebrated Oklahoma outlaw, maneuvers his weapons to shoot his way "through the law."

"How come you know so much about it?" a policeman asked.

"I ought to," replied the [illegible] "I'm his cousin."

talked with a young collegian from Mo. on Rocker fellow Hotel and he says it is the impression that Pretty Boy will not wander far from the Ozark fine hide outs. I agree with him having been thirteen years in State that the peaceful farms and Ozark Jungles are unsurpassed & they were Jesse James country.

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Mrs. Nellie Greenman,
Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Dear Mrs. Greenman:-

I received your letter in behalf of Senator Long and I am glad to have your comments about him.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Hattie W. Caraway

whole, and sinners were set free.

Answered Prayer

RUTH D. SMITH

DEAR loving, all-wise Father, when I pray
Let me not with my feeble sense of good
Outline my needs or think to plan my way;
Thy guidance must be better understood—
More wisdom, Lord, must be my prayer today.

If I am trusting wealth to make me free,
When riches keep not sorrow from the heart,
Or if I feel that opportunity
Has granted me but small and meager part,
More gratitude then must I ask of Thee.

Perhaps my prayers for happiness depend
Too much on human agencies to find
That Love alone is man's unfailing friend,
Love steadfast, tender, infinitely kind!
For faith, dear Father, may my prayer ascend.

I would not in my ignorance implore
The God who gave the whole to give again,
But I would see the undiminished store
That lies before me. How can I ask when
All that Thou hast is mine forevermore!

Could I but learn to wait more trustingly
On Him who sees beyond the present need,
To clear and light the way ahead for me,
My prayers would shun earth-bound requests, and speed
The answered prayer of true humility.

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