

CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD
KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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TITLE
**VERNON G. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1195, et al**

CHARACTER OF CASE
**Obstruction of Justice
(Endeavor to deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash)**

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd reported to be frequently visiting his wife, Ruby Floyd, and their son Jackie at 223 North B Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

[redacted] informed that he is in constant touch with Floyd who is hiding out in the Cookson Hills, Cherokee County, Oklahoma; claims he is willing to assist in the apprehension of Floyd for the reward of his capture. Fails to cooperate when arrangements were made to effect Floyd's apprehension.



REFERENCE

Letter from Kansas City office dated 10-14-33.

DETAILS:

On October 14, 1933, L. J. Higgins, detective, Police Department, Fort Smith, Arkansas, informed the writer that he had a confidential informant who advised him that Mrs. Ruby Floyd, the wife of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and her son Jackie were residing at 223 North B Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas; that Floyd frequently visited his wife and son at this address under cover of darkness, and comes and goes as he pleases without fear of being noticed by the police authorities of Fort Smith.

DETAILS:

Subsequent to the interview with detective Higgins, Captain I. M. Means of the Missouri State Highway Patrol called at the Oklahoma City office advising Acting Special Agent in Charge C. G. Schenken that he was interested in the capture of Floyd and that his investigation revealed that Floyd was in the jurisdiction of the Oklahoma City office, and was frequently visiting Floyd's wife and child at Fort Smith, Arkansas. This information was conveyed to Agent at Fort Smith who later got in touch with Captain Means who advised

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that one of his men, Nathan Massie, had been making an investigation for the purpose of locating Floyd, and had learned that Floyd was in and out of Fort Smith where he had been visiting his wife; that State Highway Patrolman Massie was working under cover, and had met and talked to Floyd's wife as well as some of her relatives, and through this connection it was assumed that the exact location of Floyd would be learned.

Enclosed with reference letter was a copy of a letter from Post Office Inspector F. M. McConnell, Fayetteville, Arkansas, which embodied the information that Henry Wilson, Sheriff of Carroll County, Berryville, Arkansas, had a confidential informant at Muskogee, Oklahoma who is willing to cooperate in the apprehension of Floyd for the reward of his capture. In view of the information of Inspector McConnell, Agent contacted Sheriff Wilson at Berryville, Arkansas who advised that the informant in this matter was [redacted] that

[redacted] advised him that he had been in contact with Floyd for the past year and a half and, as a matter of fact, had recently delivered to Floyd food and articles of clothing. He stated that [redacted] in his estimation, was thoroughly reliable and would be willing to go through with any proposition to effect the apprehension of Floyd. On October 20, 1935, the writer accompanied by Otto Vietz, a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, who was working with Captain Means in this matter, proceeded to Muskogee, Oklahoma where [redacted] was contacted.

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[redacted] has visited various people in the Cookson Hills who were the neighbors of his father, and on these visits invariably has seen Floyd who was hiding out in that vicinity. He stated that Floyd and he became very good friends and that Floyd has the utmost confidence in him, and practically every time that he met Floyd he would give [redacted] money to purchase articles of clothing, food, and ammunition which he, [redacted] would deliver to Floyd at a designated place in a canyon located in the Cookson Hills.

[redacted] stated that he was in need of money and was willing to put Floyd on the spot for the reward but it would be necessary for him to first go to the Hills in an automobile to see if Floyd was there.

[redacted] appeared to be sincere in his statements, and as a consequence it was agreed that on the following day Agent would again contact him and furnish him with an automobile for the purpose of proceeding to the Cookson Hills where he would endeavor to locate Floyd.

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On October 21, 1935, the writer, accompanied by Captain Means heretofore mentioned, proceeded to Muskogee, Oklahoma where [redacted] was again contacted. [redacted] advised the writer in the presence of Captain Means that on two different occasions he had placed Floyd on the spot for the Sheriff at Tulsa, Oklahoma who failed to go through with the arrangements made by him,

to effect the capture of Floyd; however, it was his earnest desire to place Floyd on the spot for the reward as he needed the money. During this conversation, [redacted] appeared to be sincere and was truthful in his statement, and as a consequence Agent hired a car from the Hunt Rent-a-Car Company at Muskogee, Oklahoma, which was placed in the possession of [redacted] for use in locating Floyd.

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About 5:30 P. M. that date, [redacted] reported to Agent and Captain Means that he located Floyd in the Cookson Hills, who instructed him to meet him at a designated spot in the Hills about 9:00 A. M. on October 23, 1933 as he had something very important to tell him. Upon being thus advised, it was agreed that [redacted] would meet the writer and Captain Means at the Baltimore Hotel at 7:00 P. M. on October 22, 1933 at which time all arrangements would be made to proceed to the Cookson Hills to effect the capture of Floyd.

After the interview with [redacted] the writer got in touch with Sheriff V. S. Cannon, Muskogee, Oklahoma, advising him of the information supplied by [redacted]. Sheriff Cannon stated that he knew [redacted] very well, who was a worthless character, unreliable and untrustworthy, and who on several occasions had induced the Sheriff at Tulsa, Oklahoma to bring men into the Cookson Hills for the purpose of apprehending Floyd, but who had failed the Sheriff in every instance; that, as a matter of fact, a few days prior to Agent's visit [redacted] related to him, Sheriff Cannon, the same story relative to being in touch with Floyd and was willing to put him on the spot for the reward. He stated that knowing that [redacted] was unreliable he did not become interested. Sheriff Cannon stated, however, that he would cooperate in every way with Agent, and that he and his deputies would be willing to accompany Agent and [redacted] into the Cookson Hills to effect Floyd's apprehension.

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About 9:30 A. M. on October 22, 1933, [redacted] advised the writer that he had a touch of ptomaine poisoning and believed he would be unable to proceed to the Cookson Hills that night, however, in event he got better, he would be willing to go through with the plans of apprehending Floyd. About noon on the same date the writer got in touch with [redacted] who advised that his condition was better and that he would meet Agent and Captain Means at 7:00 P. M. that night at the Baltimore Hotel, Muskogee. Following this interview with [redacted] the writer got in touch with Special Agent in Charge R. H. Colvin by telephone, advising him of the information supplied by [redacted] and the plans made for the apprehension of Floyd. Mr. Colvin thereupon instructed Special Agent Hollis who was at Tulsa, Oklahoma to proceed to Muskogee to assist in the capture of Floyd.

At 7:00 P. M. that night, [redacted] got in touch with Captain Means at the Baltimore Hotel, advising that all plans for the apprehension to be cancelled as he was too sick to travel, and that he did not condition would permit him to go to the Cookson Hills. Agent information by telephone to Special Agent in Charge Colvin, as to the fact that Sheriff Cannon had advised that the trip to the Cookson Hills had been cancelled.

On October 24, 1933, Jewell M. Pittman, 321 North G. Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma, employed by the Oklahoma Electric Company, 219 North Third Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma, advised the writer in the presence of Clark B. Wasson, United States Marshal, Muskogee, Oklahoma, that he has known Floyd all his life, and that they are personally good friends; that he also knows the parents of Floyd as well as a large number of Floyd's relatives; that while he was rather reluctant to have anything to do with the capture of Floyd he felt that someone eventually would put Floyd on the spot and get the reward; that it was his desire, therefore, to assist in the apprehension of Floyd so that he could secure the reward as he needed money badly. He stated that he had been working with Captain Means, party mentioned heretofore, and had supplied him with valuable information regarding the location of Floyd, and would be willing to assist the government in every way to effect Floyd's capture. It was thereupon agreed that a further contact would be made with Mr. Pittman at which time plans would be made to effect the apprehension of Floyd.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

Oklahoma City office at Muskogee, Oklahoma will again contact Jewell M. Pittman, 321 North G Street, employed by the Oklahoma Electric Company, 219 North Third Street, for the purpose of securing from him any information that he may have relative to the whereabouts of Floyd. Will also contact United States Marshal Clark B. Wasson in this matter.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of the 16th instant, enclosing a letter from Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, of Kansas City, regarding the wig of Frank Nash.

The true facts in this matter are that Mr. John Madden, who was attorney for Mrs. Frank Nash, and who had permitted his client to testify for the Government, made a demand upon Mr. Vandeventer, United States Attorney, for all the property which belonged to Nash.

Accordingly, acting in accordance with Division procedure, this property was turned over to Mr. Vandeventer for his disposition, and he in turn returned it to Mr. Madden, the attorney for Mrs. Nash. The property was not returned to Mr. Madden direct at all, but was properly turned over to the United States Attorney.

Had I any intimation at that time that the Division was planning an exhibit at Washington, in their new building, I, of course, would have endeavored to retain the wig in question for your exhibit, but not knowing your contemplated arrangements at that time, the property was turned over to Mr. Vandeventer, which appeared to be the proper procedure.

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In view of the request of the United States Attorney at Kansas City for this property, and in view of past procedure in all such cases, I frankly felt I was doing the proper thing by turning over all the property taken from Frank Nash, for proper disposition, thus relieving the Division of any criticism whatsoever.

Very truly yours,



R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

c.c. Kansas City.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated September 21, 1933, regarding the receipt of a letter from one James W. Bowers, Box 47, Register No. 35202, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, requesting that a confidential man stop in to see him.

On November 21, 1933, Prisoner No. 35202, James W. Brown, alias James W. Bowers, was interviewed by an Agent of this office at which time Brown stated that he had written the letter in order that arrangements might be made to assist him in getting a temporary parole in order that he might help in locating Wilbur Underhill, fugitive, for the Government.

Brown stated that he is a "four time loser", and is serving a ten year sentence and has two and one-half years of the same left. He asserted that his father is now deceased and that his aged mother needs his support. He declined to state where his mother is now living. He stated that he felt that if he could bargain with the Government and the State of Missouri and get a temporary parole, he could "lay a finger" upon Underhill. Questioned as to how he knew Underhill, he stated he met the man in the Missouri State Prison some years ago, but he admitted that he is not an intimate friend of the man, and he further asserted that he has not heard from Underhill, directly or indirectly, since the latter's escape from the Kansas State Prison on May 30, 1933. He further stated that he has not been in the State of Oklahoma since about 1923 and that this was his only visit to that State. He was asked why he thought he could locate Underhill since he was not a close friend and was not acquainted with Oklahoma, the reputed point of Underhill's present activities, and he replied that he could establish connections with any gang anywhere upon short notice.

Brown was advised that he was one of several hundred who had tried to better his own situation by offering to "put a finger" on an escaped prisoner in return for a parole or pardon, and that the Government could not make any bargains. He was advised that if he

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could furnish any definite information as to the whereabouts of Wilbur Underhill, the same would be kept in strictest confidence and that if such information led to the capture of the man, his assistance would be called to the attention of the Attorney-General of the United States for such action as he might deem advisable, but that the Federal Government would make him no promises whatever.

Very truly yours,



M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite 2,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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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:

The Division is in receipt of a copy of your letter dated November 20, 1933, addressed to the Chicago Office of the Division, with which was transmitted a complete collection of photographs taken at the Union Station in Kansas City, Missouri, immediately after the massacre.

You are instructed to also furnish the Division with a similar set of these photographs and, in the event it is possible to do so, obtain and forward to the Division the negatives of these photographs, which appear to be in the possession of Mr. Herle A. Gill, from which positive photographs will be produced.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI,
NOVEMBER 20, 1933.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Recently through Mr. Merle A. Gill, Forensic Ballistician of Kansas City, who is friendly toward the various Photographers of Kansas City Newspapers, a complete collection of photographs taken at the Union Railroad Station, Kansas City, Missouri immediately after the massacre in this case were secured and confidentially furnished to this office. Mr. Gill has the negatives of the various photographs, which he has to date been able to discover, and there are at present five of such photographs. If there are any others in existence, same will be secured eventually. This has been done for any possible revelations that might occur from a viewing of these photographs, as there were numerous people and automobiles on hand immediately after the shooting.

There is enclosed a photograph taken at the east door of the Union Station, directly in front of which the officers were murdered. This photograph was taken by Mr. George Cauthen, Photographer of the Journal Post Newspaper, about 7:25 AM June 17th, or about five minutes after the shooting. Mr. Gill has secured this plate and made the enlargement, which is enclosed. You will note that a woman dressed in a dark colored costume with three-quarter length jacket and wearing a white small rimmed hat, carrying a large size white leather purse under her left arm and bearing a physical description practically identical with that of Vivian Mathis, appears on the front steps of the Union Railroad Station in this photograph.

A sufficient view of the profile of the woman in this photograph is not presented in order to enable an accurate determination upon examining it in comparison with that of Vivian Mathis. While the probability is remote, it is not beyond conception that this could be a photograph of Vivian Mathis; therefore, it is forwarded to you for whatever value it may be in connection with this investigation.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
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 KANSAS CITY

November 22, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

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

There are enclosed herewith microphotographic exhibits bearing letter designations "A" to "H", inclusive, which were made by Mr. Merle A. Gill, Forensic Ballistician, Kansas City, Missouri, and are actual photographs of the evidence bullets found in connection with the instant massacre. The evidence bullets shown by these exhibits may be identified as follows:

- A. Thompson sub-machine gun bullet taken from the body of F. J. Grooms, Kansas City police officer, deceased.
- B. Thompson sub-machine gun bullet found under the body of Mr. Grooms, deceased.
- C. Thompson sub-machine gun bullet recovered from the automobile of Special Agent Raymond J. Caffrey, deceased.
- D. Thompson sub-machine gun bullet taken by surgical operation from the body of Special Agent F. J. Lackey.
- E. Thompson sub-machine gun bullet removed from the body of Chief of Police O. H. Reid, deceased.

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- F. Colt revolver bullet, .38 calibre, removed from the body of Mr. Reid.
- G. Thompson sub-machine gun bullet-jacket removed from the skull of Frank Nash, deceased.

The leaden portion of the bullet, which killed Frank Nash passed on thru his head, while the bullet-jacket remained in his skull, having become detached from the core of the bullet, because of its having first passed through the steel body of Agent Caffrey's car. The shot was fired from the rear of the car and entered the back of the head of Nash.

- H. Steel ball-bearing shotgun shell pellet, removed from the head of Special Agent Raymond J. Caffrey, deceased.

You will note that the bullet exhibits are designated by letters. Previously there have been forwarded to you microphotographic exhibits of the shell cases showing the evidence exhibits in this matter. These shell cases were designated by numbers "1" to "8," inclusive, and appropriate notations were shown, indicating the identifies of the various numbers.

In addition, there are now transmitted exhibit shell cases Numbers "9" and "10," designated as follows:

- 9. 16-gauge Remington U M C shotgun shell exploded case.
- 10. 16-gauge Remington U M C shotgun shell exploded case.

Exhibits 9 and 10 are said by Mr. Gill to have been used in a 16-gauge double-barrel shotgun. You will note that the firing pin impressions in these two exploded shell cases are

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different. They were the only exploded shotgun shells found at the scene of the massacre. It is evident, therefore, that they were used in a double-barrel shotgun, having come from the same gun using two firing pins.

These exhibits are forwarded for the information of the Division and completion of its file relative to ballistic evidence in this case. Any additional evidence secured will also be forwarded.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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

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TITLE: "Changed"
Vernon C. Miller, alias Verne Miller, alias Vincent C. Moore, alias Vern Marlin, alias V.C. Manion, alias D.J. Gross, alias Frederick C. Gleubach, alias T.C. Hayes, alias Federal Prisoner Frank Nash, alias T.C. Hayes, alias Stephen J. Gross, Fugitive, I.O. 1105, et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE: Miscellaneous - Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Miller identified as party known as Stephen J. Gross who stayed at Greenbriar Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, N. Va., 8-13-33 to 8-29-33, registering from #8 Henry Place, Mapleton, N. J., and who purchased clothing from W. W. Buran store in Greenbriar Hotel. Miller gave his home golf course as the Montclair Golf Club, upper Montclair, N. J. He was alone at the hotel, played golf mostly with Pier Donnals, Pittsburgh, Pa., left no forwarding address, made no telephone calls from the hotel and sent any telegram; had Ford car bearing New Jersey license 50857. No trace of Miller found at Hot Springs, Va.

REFERENCE: Letter from Chicago Division Office dated 11-14-33 to New York Office.

DETAILS: AT HOT SPRINGS, VIRGINIA:

With reference to the clothing found in the car of Vernon C. Miller in Chicago, Ill., bearing the trade mark "W. W. Buran, Palm Beach, White Sulphur Springs, N. Va., Hot Springs, Va.," Dan Ward, who is in charge of the W. W. Buran store in the Homestead Hotel, stated that he has not handled bathing suits of the type possessed by Miller for over one year and has not sold any riding breeches like those possessed by Miller for the last year except to guests at the hotel, whom he knows personally. He could not identify Miller's photo as anyone whom he has known around the hotel, but stated that his photo did seem familiar to him.

Mr. George Slosson, manager of the Hotel Homestead, and Mr. G. M. Shoemaker, clerk of the Hotel, stated that they could not identify Miller's photo as anyone whom they had had as a guest. A search of the list of present and past guests at the Homestead Hotel failed to show anyone by Miller's

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name or known aliases.

Mr. Clarence Criser and Mr. Andrew Cameron, liverymen, stated that they could not identify Miller's photo as anyone whom they had seen around their stables.

Mr. J. G. Leithhead, Manager of the Homestead Garage, could not identify Miller's photo, but stated that it resembled a party who recently was in Hot Springs as chauffeur for Russell Pope, a retired army officer of Long Island, N. Y., and who is known to Al Phillips, 1415 Howard Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., who is chauffeur for Eugene Myers of the Washington Post, Washington, D. C. He believes this individual's name is Charles Bruzes. However, this information would appear to be too indefinite as to identify to warrant further investigation.

Mr. H. B. Farnsworth, Chief of Police and House Detective at the Homestead Hotel, stated that he could not identify Miller's photo as anyone who had been around the Hotel, although he thought it seemed familiar.

AT WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va.

Mr. W. W. Buran stated that he does not sell riding breeches at his store in the Breakers Hotel, Palm Beach, Florida, so they must have been sold at his store here. He made a search of his sales tickets and found two tickets recording the sale of a pair of riding breeches like those possessed by Miller. One of these was sold to D. F. Flamm, who is known to the Hotel as a party who broadcasts for the N.B.C. Radio Corporation, from New York, and who was present here on October 11, 1933 attending a convention held by this Corporation, on which date the sale was made to him of the riding breeches. Flamm is also known to the Hotel as being of Jewish nationality. The second sales ticket for a pair of riding breeches like those possessed by Miller was dated August 14, 1933 and made to a party named Gross, there being no initials on the sales ticket. This ticket recorded the sale of one pair of pants D S P A \$27.50, 1 pair Jodpur riding shoes N A E \$12.50, 1 bathing suit I A \$6.00, 1 Jock strap I A \$1.00, and 1 pair bedroom shoes D G P (Daniel Green Brand) \$3.00 - total \$50.00. The letters mentioned above are the cost mark for the merchandise. This ticket had room number 213 marked thereon.

Mr. Buran and Mr. Charles Dickson, clerk, stated that they recalled making this sale together; that the goods were paid for in cash, the customer giving them three \$20.00 bills in payment for the merchandise. They both stated that they recalled this party who gave his name as Gross and that there was no question in their mind but that he is the same as Miller, judge from Miller's photo.

With reference to the pair of tan riding shoes possessed by Miller, bearing the numbers 48050 - 1788 - 77482, Mr. Buran produced an invoice dated 5-22-33 for a shipment of shoes to him from Colt Cromwell Company, Inc., 1239 Broadway, New York City, bearing lot #1788, which is his lot number for this shipment, the manufacturer's lot number being #77482 and explained that the other number 48050 indicated the size of the shoe, it being size 8D. So there appears to be no question but that these shoes were also purchased at Mr. Buran's store here.

Mr. Buran also stated that he recalled that when Miller paid for the above merchandise, he had a very large roll of money on his person.

Mr. Buran was positive that the above two sales of riding breeches of this particular kind are the only ones that he has made during the last six months to persons other than people who are personally known to him about the Hotel Greenbriar and the town. Another thing, there were no sales tickets found for the last six months which recorded a sale of a combination of goods like this one made out to Gross, except the one ticket, which further substantiates the contention that Gross and Miller are one and the same.

Mr. Herman G. Rieger, Chief Clerk of the Greenbriar Hotel, produced the registration card of Stephen J. Gross who gave his address as number 8 Henry Place, Mapelton, New Jersey. This card showed that he registered in the Hotel on August 13, 1933 and checked out on August 29, 1933. This registration card is number 4324. Mr. Rieger advised that this individual came to the Hotel alone and stayed there during this period alone, staying by himself most all the time. He could not furnish any information as to anyone he associated with at the Hotel, it being his custom to stay in his room except when he went out to play golf which he did most every day.

A check of the hotel records failed to show any record of any telephone calls made or received by this individual. After examining the photo of Miller, Mr. Rieger stated that there was no question in his mind but that Gross and Miller are one and the same.

Miller left no forwarding address at the hotel when he left.

Miller's registration card bore the notation that he came in a car. At the Hotel Garage a record was found of a car for S. J. Gross which record disclosed that he had a Ford automobile, New Jersey license #50857. The model and motor number were not given on the garage record.

A tracing of the signature "Stephen J. Gross" was taken from the hotel registration card and is being retained in the Washington Field Office file in this case.

On Miller's bill at the hotel were a number of charges for medical attention by Dr. F. H. Randall, house physician. Dr. Randall's records disclosed that Miller gave him his name as S. J. Cross, Newark, New Jersey; that he first treated him on August 16, 1933; that Miller complained of a nervous breakdown last spring following which he has been troubled with nervousness; that he came to the Greenbriar Hotel at the directions of his family physician for the purpose of going in for outdoor recreation for a period of time; that Miller claimed he was constantly constipated because of the life he led - continuously traveling on the road, eating his meals very irregularly, and getting poor food; that he also claimed to be anemic; that an examination of Miller disclosed an acid condition of the urine which was partly due to constipation and that treatment consisted of a thorough cleansing of the bowels and directions to take Nujol each night.

Dr. Randall and Dr. M. Moyer both identified Miller from his photo as being the same as Cross.

Dr. Randall advised that he did not examine or treat Miller for any venereal diseases, and that Miller did not take any of the baths. Dr. Moyer advised that Miller did take sun baths quite frequently while at the hotel, and had acquired a very tanned complexion when he left there.

Helen Walsh, maid at the Greenbriar Hotel, who tended to room 218 while Miller occupied it, identified his photo as being the same as Cross, and stated that he kept his baggage packed all the time while he was in this room and that she never saw any letters or correspondence of any nature around his room.

On Miller's bill at this hotel there was a notation that he went horseback riding once while at the hotel. Mr. Henry Dickson, liveryman, stated that while Miller's photo looked familiar he could not identify him as Cross.

Mr. U. S. Womacott, in charge of the Greenbriar Hotel laundry, looked up his records as to Miller's laundry and found that the laundry mark of work done for Miller at the hotel laundry was the letter "G", which it is noted appears on some of Miller's shirts.

Mr. Fred Martin and Mr. D. F. Curry, who are in charge of the Greenbriar Golf Club, identified Miller's photo as that of Cross.

Mr. Martin stated that Miller played golf most every day and that he himself had on a few occasions played with him. However, he stated that Miller came down to the course at first by himself and that he had paired him up with Mr. Pier Donnals of Pittsburgh, Pa., with whom he,

Miller, played most of the time, Mr. Donnals being alone also.

Mr. Martin could not recall anything in particular about Miller except that he appeared to act rather peculiarly, was very easily amused, always wore tortoise shell glasses, was smooth shaven, and stated that his home golf course was the Montclair Golf Club, in Upper Montclair, New Jersey.

Mr. Rieger, Chief Clerk at the Greenbriar Hotel, advised that Mr. Pier Donnals lives at 149 Steuben Avenue, Crafton, Pittsburgh, Pa., is a court official there and has an office in room 801 City - County Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., and is a regular guest of the Greenbriar Hotel.

Mr. Martin recalled that Mr. Donnals had remarked about Miller being a very peculiar individual, but that he played a good game of golf.

A search of all telegrams sent from Western Union during Miller's stay here failed to reveal any message sent by Miller between August 13, 1933 and August 29, 1933. No record is kept of incoming messages. The Western Union Station here is located in the hotel which fact might discourage Miller from sending any messages from there to his friends.

Mr. Paul F. Bickel, general delivery clerk, made a search for a forwarding address under Miller's name and known aliases, but could find none. He could not recall of Miller having called for mail at general delivery at any time.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The Pittsburgh Office at Pittsburgh, Pa., is requested to interview Mr. Pier Donnals for the purpose of further identifying Miller as the party as Stephen J. Gross at the Greenbriar Hotel, and for the purpose of learning what if anything Miller may have said about himself to Mr. Donnals, which would be of assistance in locating Miller.

The New York Office is requested to make appropriate investigation at #8 Henry Place, Mapelton, N. J., and at the Montclair Golf Club, in Upper Montclair, New Jersey, for the purpose of locating Miller. It is also requested that information as to the issuance of New Jersey license #50857 be obtained for the same reason.

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

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Pertinent information as to the present whereabouts of Subject Galatas and various persons with whom he may now be in communication furnished by Louise Conner. She advises she will assist the government in locating Galatas because she feels that his apprehension will absolve her from implication in this case.

DETAILS:

Upon a review of the file in the instant matter at Kansas City, Missouri, agent noted in the recent report submitted by Special Agent R. E. Peterson of the Birmingham Division office, that he had been keeping under surveillance for some time past at Memphis, Tenn, one Geraldine Lewis, whom Agent Peterson believed to be a relative of Louise Conner, a fugitive, and under indictment in this case. From Agent Peterson's report it appeared very clearly to the writer that Geraldine Lewis was none other than Louise Conner.

Agent W. F. Trainor of the Kansas City Division office, with whom agent conferred regarding this matter, fully agreed with the writer as to the above.

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Special Agent in Charge W. A. Rorer of the Birmingham Division office was communicated with by telephone and he was requested to cause the apprehension of Geraldine Lewis at Memphis, advising him at the same time that Geraldine Lewis was unquestionably the party the Division has been looking for for some time. Mr. Rorer was also requested to advise by telephone the Kansas City Division office when Geraldine Lewis was taken into custody, advising that the writer would then possibly proceed to Memphis for the purpose of interrogating her.

Mr. Vincent Hughes was similarly communicated with by telephone and he was advised of the foregoing and authorization was secured from him for the writer to proceed to Memphis in the event Mrs. Conner was apprehended.

On the morning of November 15, 1933 Acting Special Agent in Charge Hanson of the Birmingham Division office telephonically advised the Kansas City office that the apprehension of Geraldine Lewis was effected. Acting Special Agent in Charge Spear immediately communicated with Mr. Vanderventer, United States Attorney at Kansas City, and advised him of the arrest of Geraldine Lewis at Memphis, and requested that a certified copy of the indictment be made ready, indicating to him that an agent of the Kansas City Division office was to leave Kansas City for Memphis and, for the purpose of expediency, would deliver the papers in question in person to the United States Attorney at Memphis.

The same evening the writer left for Memphis carrying with him certified copy of the indictment, which upon arrival at Memphis the following morning was handed to Assistant United States Attorney Draper, in charge of the removal proceedings of Mrs. Conner to Kansas City.

In the presence of Special Agent H. E. Peterson, the writer briefly talked to Geraldine Lewis, who was at that time incarcerated in the Memphis Police Department, at which time she admitted her identity, namely, that she was Louise Conner; that up until the morning of June 18, 1933 she resided at 1101 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, Ark. and that she was the subscriber to telephone 2970, Hot Springs, Ark. At this interview Mrs. Conner disclaimed any knowledge as to who made the telephone calls from her residence at Hot Springs on June 16, 1933. She emphatically denied that she was present when these calls were made from her telephone. She said that she remembers well that she left her house at noon that day and met a Mrs. Wright and a Mrs. O'Brien, both of whom resided at the Park Hotel, Hot Springs and that she went to the Country Club with them where she played golf until about 5 P.M.

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She stated that she knew the above two parties for only a short time having met them on one occasion at the Country Club at Hot Springs. She stated that shortly after dinner, which was about 7:30 PM, she again left her house for a picture show and did not return until late. She was unable to account as to how the calls were made from her telephone to Joplin, Mo. and stated she has no idea as to who had made these calls.

She further advised that because of a suit for alienation of affection having been instituted against her by the wife of Mr. Moreman, with whom she has been intimately related, she decided to leave Hot Springs in a hurry and accordingly on Sunday, June 18th, she left Hot Springs in her Chevrolet automobile for Noble, Ark.; that upon arrival at Noble she remained there until 4 P.M. the next day, at which time she proceeded to Memphis by train; that she remained at Memphis for a day or two and then went to Chicago and registered at the Blackstone Apartments, having joined Mr. Moreman at that address. She stated she remained in Chicago until the latter part of July and then returned to Memphis where she leased the Lonely Acres Club from one Birdie Mahoney, who resides at the Gilmore Apartments at Memphis, and operated this club jointly with Frances Kerskie up to the time of her arrest by the Federal authorities.

Mrs. Conner was particularly pressed for information as to the whereabouts of Galatas, with whom, she stated, she has been friendly for a period of more than seventeen years. She insisted that she had no knowledge as to his whereabouts and added that she would under no circumstances implicate him in the Kansas City massacre even if she would have any information as to same. Mrs. Conner indicated to agent that she would think the matter over and possibly later furnish agent with the desired information as to the whereabouts of Galatas.

Following this interview Mrs. Conner was taken to the Federal Building and that afternoon arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Lester Brenner and held in \$50,000 bail. Her attorney demanded a hearing and same was set for November 17th.

Shortly afterwards, the writer received telephonic instructions from Mr. Vincent Hughes at Washington to proceed to Paragould, Ark. and there interview a sister of the deceased Frank Nash, who, through the Chief of Detectives at Hot Springs, Ark. had requested that an agent be sent to her as she desired to impart some important information. Shortly after the hearing the writer proceeded to Paragould but on his way met with an accident which resulted in his being laid up in a hospital at Jonesboro, Ark. until November 21, 1933.

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Following agent's discharge from the hospital, and in accordance with instructions received from Mr. Hughes of the Division, the writer in the presence of Special Agent Peterson of the Birmingham office, reinterviewed Mrs. Conner at the Shelby County Jail, Memphis. At this time she advised she is desirous of helping the government locate Galatas, asserting that his apprehension would in a large measure aid her in being acquitted in the event she should be brought to trial in this case. She said that Mrs. Galatas, in the event of her husband's apprehension, would unquestionably exonerate her (Mrs. Conner) from any participation in the conspiracy, thus clearly indicating to the writer that Mrs. Galatas had made the telephone calls from Mrs. Conner's residence at Hot Springs to the Farmer's residence at Joplin, Mo. following the departure of Galatas and Mrs. Nash for Joplin by airplane on June 16, 1935.

With respect to the present whereabouts of Galatas and his wife, Mrs. Conner stated that she has no personal knowledge of it. However, she stated that Mrs. Galatas had told her in confidence that she was communicating with her son, Pat Sturney, who is a student at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, Ala. by means of packages sent through the American Railway Express. She stated that Mrs. Galatas told her that this was the safest means of communication with her son and that the authorities would never think of it but instead would keep a close watch of the mails, telephone and telegraph. Every effort by the writer to ascertain from Mrs. Conner as to the time and place when Mrs. Galatas furnished her with this information was without result. She insisted, however, that those are the facts and suggested that this means of communication between Mrs. Galatas and her son be closely watched and the government would soon find out from where Mrs. Galatas is sending the packages.

St. Louis, Mo. was another source where Galatas may be in hiding at the present time, Mrs. Conner stated. She said that one Tom Carney, a well known gambler and bookie at St. Louis, is a very intimate friend of the Galatas family; that Mrs. Carney, who is particularly devoted to Mrs. Galatas, had on frequent occasions visited the Galatas family at Hot Springs. Mrs. Conner stated she does not know where Tom Carney resides at St. Louis but stated that she knows him to be a frequent visitor at the Jefferson Hotel at St. Louis. It may be stated that in a memorandum submitted by Agent H. E. Andersen during his investigative activity at Hot Springs, he was furnished with practically the same information by a confidential informant and at that time it was indicated to him that Tom Carney was residing at 416 North 12th Street, St. Louis, Mo. It is the contention of Mrs. Conner that Galatas undoubtedly if not in St. Louis at the present time, is certainly in communication with Carney and the latter knows the exact whereabouts of the Galatas family.

Mrs. Conner further stated that a lawyer, with offices at St. Louis, whose name she cannot recall at this time, but who is an ex-senator and a very influential politician, is exceedingly friendly with Galatas; that this lawyer also had on numerous occasions visited Galatas at Hot Springs, staying at the home of Galatas. Mrs. Conner feels certain that this lawyer knows where Galatas is at the present time and is most likely in constant communication with him.

Mrs. Conner, continuing, further advised that following her arrest at Memphis, she requested her attorney to immediately communicate with one John Rumer, 8121 North Harding Avenue, Indianapolis, Ind. who has a private unlisted telephone number, and to advise him of her arrest and for him to bail her out. Mrs. Conner stated that it was Rumer's wife who shot and killed her (Mrs. Conner's) husband at Asbury Park, N.J. on July 29, 1932. She stated that Rumer is a notorious character and is well known to the Indianapolis police. She ascribed her reason for calling upon him for aid because he is an intimate friend of Galatas, intimating that because of Galatas she is in trouble at the present time. She said that Rumer positively knows where Galatas is at the present time and advanced the implication that Galatas may be right there in Indianapolis under the protection of Rumer. It may be stated that Agent Peterson of the Birmingham office later advised the writer that an informant of his had told him that Mrs. Conner's lawyer did telephone to Indianapolis and there contacted a friend of Mrs. Conner, advising him of her arrest and asking him whether he would make bail for her.

Mrs. Conner several times during the interview with the writer reiterated her willingness to assist the government in locating Galatas. She stated that if she could be released on a reasonable bail following her arraignment at Kansas City, Mo., she would immediately proceed to Hot Springs, Ark, where, she feels certain, within a few days she would be in a position to obtain from various members of the underworld the exact address of Galatas, which information she stated she would immediately communicate to the Government, adding that she expected the Government would keep this information in confidence. She said that the sooner Galatas is in custody the quicker she feels she will be absolved from any implication in this case.

The Birmingham and Cincinnati Division offices were communicated with by telephone and they were promptly advised of the information furnished by Mrs. Conner to the writer insofar as the investigation to be conducted in their districts was concerned.

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

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FILE NO. **62-877**

REPORT MADE AT Jacksonville, Fla.	DATE WHEN MADE Nov. 29, 1933	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE Nov. 22, 1933	REPORT MADE BY L. E. Kingman
TITLE VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. 1195, ET AL.			CHARACTER OF CASE OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE ENDEAVORING TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Folder from National Golf Course, Augusta, Georgia, must have been obtained by Miller prior to February 1933. Miller has never played on this exclusive golf course. Sixteen thousand folders have been mailed to preferred golfers who are members of high class clubs over the United States.

REFERENCE: Letter from the Birmingham Office, dated Nov. 16, 1933, with enclosures from Chicago Office, dated Nov. 14, 1933.

DETAILS: At Augusta, Georgia,

Agent contacted J. Reed Henderson, office manager, P. J. K. Berckmans, course superintendent and Clifford Roberts, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Augusta National Golf Course (The Bobby Jones Course). Agent was informed by these gentlemen that no one could play on this course that was not a member or who had not been presented by a member; that greens fee for guests was \$3.00 for 18 holes. The register was inspected and none of the names used by Miller were reflected. Agent went over this register carefully for the entire time the course has been open, which is since November 1932. It was noticed that very few have played on this course as the average daily attendance is less than 25 players. The membership is very exclusive, at present comprising only 89 members. Robert L. Jones, Jr., of Atlanta, Georgia, famous golfer, is the president of this club. All of the persons interviewed carefully examined photographs of Miller and stated that they were certain he had never been on the course.

Agent was informed that the club had a mailing list of 16,000 golfers to whom literature had been sent. The method followed in sending this literature, is to send

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to cure the name of an outstanding golfer in the various exclusive country and golf clubs throughout the country and to ask that golfer to send in the names of the best golfers in the club, who are financially able to also hold a membership in the Augusta National. These names come in and are catalogued and filed in index cabinets and then folders are mailed together with courtesy cards inviting the recipient to come to the Augusta National Course for a trial of the course with a view toward becoming a member. Agent inspected these index cards which are filed first by states, then subdivided by cities, further subdivided by the names of the golf clubs and then divided alphabetically. Careful attention was given to all names used by Miller, also Kansas City and Chicago clubs. No one is filed under the Ballston Spa Country Club of New York. This club is not known nor recognized by the officials of the Augusta National.

Mr. Henderson examined the folder found in Miller's car in Chicago and informed agent that this folder must have been mailed out prior to January 31, 1933 as it contains a map of the course pasted in the back of the folder; that the supply of these maps had run out about January 31, 1933 and that the folders mailed subsequent to that time did not contain the map.

Agent was informed by the officials contacted that it was their belief that Miller must have secured this folder from some other person to whom it had been mailed, perhaps from some club professional, as all members of the P. G. A. had been furnished with these folders.

Mr. Henderson said it would be practically impossible for Miller to play the Augusta National Course as the rules were very strict and carefully observed; that he would have to present a courtesy card, properly endorsed by some one known to the officials of the club, or be presented and endorsed directly by a member of the club; that this course in no sense is open to the public, but that it is intended for only golfers who are proficient at the game and who are both gentlemen and sportsmen.

Agent was informed that if Miller should ever make his appearance, Augusta Police would be immediately notified.

The pamphlet "Description of the Bobby Jones Golf Course" is being attached to the Chicago Office copies of this report.

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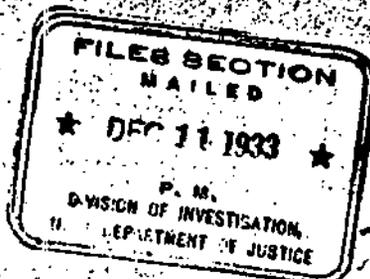
Dear Sirs:

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

With regard to your communication of November
28, 1933, concerning the Ford coupe abandoned by Vernon C.
Miller, in Chicago, and suggesting that this car be con-
fiscated for the use of the Chicago office, please be in-
formed that the Division believes that you should consult
with the United States Attorney in order to ascertain
whether there would be any obstacles which would have to
be overcome with the view in mind of having this car taken
over by your office.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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November 28, 1933

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

Dear Sir:- Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1195, et al, Obstruction to Justice (Attempt to deliver Frank Nash, federal prisoner) Chicago file 62-1649

With reference to the above-entitled matter, and particularly to the Ford coupe abandoned by Verne Miller in Chicago, I suggest that this car be confiscated to the use of this office, and if the Division approves of this action, I will have the United States Attorney here take steps to this end at the earliest possible date.

This car is a Ford V8 Coupe, 1932 model, motor #1836196, bearing 1933 New York license #8L-1469. The car is brown in color, with a white stripe, and has five wire wheels, and is said to be in excellent condition.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
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November 29, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
M. H. PURVIS

Re: VIVIAN MATHIAS with aliases; BOBBIE MOORE
with aliases
HARBORING AND CONSPIRACY TO HARBOR
A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE

As I orally informed you, after the first arraignment of Vivian Mathias and Bobbie Moore, the attorney for the defendants, Benjamin Feldman, in my presence asked Assistant United States Attorney Canaday what the United States Attorney's office would recommend if he pleaded his clients guilty. Mr. Canaday informed Mr. Feldman that the least the Government would recommend would be one year and one day for each of the defendants. After I informed you of this and at your request, I talked to Mr. Canaday and advised him that you were of the opinion that we had a perfectly good case against these defendants and that you believed a sentence of one year and one day for these defendants, who were involved in harboring a desperado like Verne Miller, was an extremely small sentence, and that you believed the ends of justice would better be served if no compromise be made with the attorney for the defendants, and that the defendants be forced to stand trial and take a chance on conviction rather than compromise with them on any agreed sentence.

Mr. Canaday stated that he had talked the matter over with United States Attorney Green, and both he and Mr. Green felt that the Government had a good case, and that a trial would probably result in conviction, but that even though they were convicted by a jury, he and Mr. Green felt that when the defendants would be brought up for sentence, the fact that both had children would be brought to the attention of the court, and that in view of the fact that the maximum penalty in this case was two and one-half years, he felt that the Judge would probably sentence them to not more than a year and a half or a year and a day, or probably less, and that he therefore still felt that a plea of guilty and a sentence of one year and one day each would be far better than going to the expense of a trial, which would necessitate bringing witnesses from Kansas City.

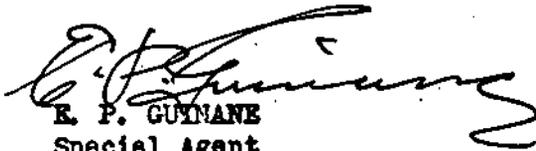
The case will again be called on Wednesday, November 29, 1933, at which time the attorney for the defendants is expected to make a motion for reduction of bail. However, I talked on the telephone to attorney Feldman yesterday, and he indicated that there would be no further action after Wednesday, which means that he expects to have the defendants enter a plea of guilty tomorrow.

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It is my opinion that we have an air tight case against the defendants and that the case would result in a conviction of both, but I do believe that considerable weight should be given to Mr. Canaday's opinion as far as the possible sentence by the Judge is concerned, as both defendants undoubtedly would endeavor to influence the judge in their behalf by bringing in the children. On the other hand, if both defendants went to trial, they would have to disclose some information concerning themselves which might be of benefit to us in our search for Verne Miller.

Respectfully submitted,


E. P. GUINANE
Special Agent

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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I O 1195; RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases, I O 1201 - FUGITIVE; WILBER 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:

Long distance telephone records Kansas City, Missouri, show calls made June 16 and 17, 1933, from Union Railroad Station to various points, including Chicago, Illinois, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, St. Louis, Missouri, San Antonio, Texas, St. Paul, Minnesota, and points within the Kansas City District, which may have bearing on this case. Long distance telephone records for June 16 and 17 to show calls from Horse Shoe Club and 85th Street Tavern, Kansas City, Missouri, not yet located.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, October 12, 1933.

DETAILS:

It was believed advisable to make a thorough investigation of long distance telephone records at Kansas City, Missouri, to secure a record of all long distance telephone calls from public telephones located at the Union Railroad Station and other pertinent telephones in Kansas City as of June 16 and 17, 1933. The purpose of this phase of the investigation is to ascertain facts regarding contacts made by those who actually participated in the instant massacre. It may be possible thru such investigation to identify the individuals at Kansas City. The public telephones at the Union Railroad Station were believed likely to have been used by the assassins, and also it was thought probable that they might have used the telephone either at 85th Street Tavern, Telephone No. Jackson 9702, or at the Horse Shoe Club, Telephone No. Jackson 9515. These latter two mentioned establishments were operated by Walt Rainey.

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and Subject Frank B. Mulloy. Accordingly, contact was had with Mr. Bert Haycock, Special Agent, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Kansas City, Missouri, in an effort to search all available records pertaining to these telephones.

Personal inspection was made by the writer at the Union Railroad Station at Kansas City, Missouri, where all public telephones in the Station were viewed, and the numbers, with respective locations of telephones, were recorded as follows:

West side, front of lobby

Grand:
9848
9042
8534
9230

East side, front of lobby

Grand:
8883
9620
8531
9619

Center, front of lobby, in alcove containing booths

Grand:
9100
9101
9102
9103
9104
9105
9106
9107
9113
9109
(for long distance only, same location)
9112
9108
9110
9111

Drug Store, U.R.R. Station

Grand 9351

East side of Waiting Room, U.R.R. Sta.

Grand 9626
Grand 9630

West side of Waiting Room, U.R.R. Sta.

Grand 9631
Grand 9633

Barber Shop, U.R.R. Sta.

Grand 9802

Through Mr. Bert Haycock, heretofore mentioned, access was had to the records reflecting, by long distance toll tickets, all long distance calls made from the above mentioned telephones at the Union Station as of June 16 and 17, 1933. It was found that in some instances, no long distance calls whatever were made on those dates from some of the respective telephones. Agent was advised that the records searched contained all of such calls from the telephones in question on those dates.

The tickets were also searched for June 16 and 17 with respect to pay station telephones at the Pickwick Hotel and at a few other places in Kansas City where pay stations are maintained, where it was believed Subject Miller or his friends might have stopped to make long distance calls on the night of June 16, 1933.

Long distance calls found to have been from telephones at the Union Railroad Station are shown as follows:

Grand 9101---Alcove booth phone.

June 17; 2:55 PM. to Beagle, Kansas, to C. L. Master res. 1 min.

June 17; 12:02 AM. to Chicago, Ill., Lakeview 8310-talked 8 min.

NOTE: On the ticket the Operator made notation *25 cent msg. chg. collected at Gr. 9108. K.C. Claims money did not go all way down. Claims telephone swapped up. Will wait at Gr. 9101.

June 16; 3:28 PM., Lawrence, Kansas, phone 1534--1 min.

Grand 9102---Alcove booth phone.

June 17; 12:01 AM. Chicago, Ill., Lakeview 8310, 2 min.

NOTE: On the ticket, the Operator made notation *75 cents msg. chg. plus 15 cent tax collected at Gr. 9101.

June 17; 4:19 PM., Lee's Summit, Mo., phone 135W, report charge 15,

Grand 9106---Alcove booth phone, LD. only

June 17; 11:17 PM. Clinton, Mo., Will Faulky res., phone 34F18, 1 min.

June 17; 7:52 PM. Ft. Leavenworth, Ka., Huff Construction Co., 1 min.

June 17; 8:52 AM., Clinton, Mo., phone 662, 1 min.

June 16; 11:04 AM., by Turner, to Chicago, Ill., phone Canal 2260, 4 min.

NOTE: First tried Canal 8200 and asked for H.R. Baker or Mr. Howell, care of the Peck Glidden Paint Co., Canal Street. Apparently talked with Baker at Canal 2260.

June 16; 2:03 PM., South Milwaukee, Wis., phone 341. 2 min.
June 16; 6:21 PM., St. Louis, Mo., phone Cabany 3195, 2 min.
June 16; 5:20 PM., Joplin, Mo., phone 1530, 1 min.

Grand 9110---Alcove booth, LD. only

June 17; 12:01 AM., St. Paul, Minn., phone Hemerson 2121, 2 min.

NOTE: Apparently this call was made by Miller or his companion to Emerson 2121, St. Paul, Minn., this being the Hollyhocks Inn, operated by Jack Pfeiffer, a henchman of Leon Gleckman, St. Paul political boss, gangster and Lieutenant of Al. Capone. Miller is a member of that gang. Evidently "Hemerson" as shown by the operator is erroneous.

Grand 9112---Alcove booth phone, LD. only

June 17; 12:05 AM., to Joplin, Mo., phone 1541W2, Ester Farmer, 4 min.

NOTE: This call already reported in this case. Made by Miller and talked on by Galatas etc. at Joplin. Call number #8 as set out in Summary Report, dated Oct. 12, 1933.

Grand 9113---Alcove booth phone.

June 16; 3:17 PM., Atchison, Ka., phone 264, 2 min.
June 16; 3:10 PM., St. Joseph, Mo., phone 60529, 1 min.
June 16; 11:18 AM., Chicago, Ill., phone Yards 4200, call by Mannotas, 4 min.

Grand 9630---East side, north end, Waiting Room.

June 16; 9:30 PM., to St. Joseph, Mo. Phone 62123, 3 min.

Long distance calls made from pay station telephones at the Pickwick Hotel (which included the Union Bus Terminal) for June 16 and 17, 1933, are shown as follows:

Grand 8553

June 17; 9:33 AM., to Nevada, Mo. phone LD 2, 2 min.
June 16; 10:04 PM., to Oak Park, Ill., phone Village 7340 - 4 min.
June 16; 5:52 PM., to Topeka, Kansas, phone 8334, 5 min.
June 16; 2:08 PM., to Belleville, Iowa, phone #96, 2 min.
June 16; 1:06 AM., to Topeka, Kansas, phone #28056, 1 min.
June 16; 7:56 PM., Buchard, Nebraska, phone #40, 3 min.

Grand 8554

June 17; 8:57 PM, Nevada, Mo., phone #2966, 2 min.
June 17; 8:35 PM, San Antonio, Texas, Fannin 3689, 2 min.

Grand 8555

June 17; 12:12 AM, San Antonio, Texas, Fannin 5866, 1 min.
June 16; 11:57 AM, Denver, Colo., Keystone 1283, call for
Ryan, Drake Hotel, 1 min.

For the period between April 1 and August 1, 1933, there are shown by the toll tickets of the Telephone Company to have been made the following long distance telephone calls from Telephone No. Jackson 9515 (Jackson 9515 was the telephone formerly situated at the Horse Shoe Club, 75th and State Line Road; is found to have been dis continued July 28, 1933, and the place is closed):

April 14; 7:43 PM., Chicago, Ill., Maywood 1893, 3 min.
April 9; 11:41 AM., Sioux City, Iowa, 2181, 5 min.
April 9; 9:49 PM., Chicago, Ill., Maywood 1893, 2 min.
April 8; 10:01 PM., St. Paul, Minn., Cedar 9942, 2 min.
April 8; 9:55 PM., St. Paul, Minn., Dale 7605, 2 min.
April 8; 9:49 PM, St. Paul, Minn., Cedar 9942, 3 min.
April 6; 12:53 AM., Branson, Mo., C. H. Higgs, res., 3 min.
April 5; 8:57 PM., Branson, Mo., Hick Res., 1 min.
April 3; 11:56 AM., Olathe, Ks., called for Sheriff Jackson
and Deputy Sheriff Cornwall, 1 min.

For the period April 1 to August 1, 1933, there are found to have been long distance telephone calls from Telephone No. Jackson 9702 as follows:

{It is noted that Jackson 9702 is the telephone number of 85th Street Tavern, and the telephone is still in use there.

Long distance call No. 4 as shown on page 15 of the reference report dated October 12, 1933 at Kansas City, Mo., was apparently received by Subject Mulloy at this number).

April 17; 8:10 PM. to J. E. Connor, c/o Sheriff, Burlington, Ks. Did not talk. (J.E. Connor is probably J.D. Connor, con-man, fake eye specialist, then in jail, state custody)

April 21; 11:50 PM Leavenworth, Ks. 1475, 1 min.
April 21; 10:59 PM., Leavenworth, Ks. 1362, John Glynn, 1 Min.
April 21; 10:28 PM., Leavenworth, Ks., 1475, 1 min.

July 11; 5:32 PM., Fulton, Kansas, #5, 1 min.
July 13; 11:24 PM., James F. Walsh, c/o Phil Graves,
Atty., 2 min., Neosho, Missouri.
July 22; 10:56 PM. Wichita, Kansas, 48688, 3 min.
July 22; 11:49 PM., Moberly, Mo., 3896, Ed Bitts, Mosher Hotel, 2 min.
July 23; 12:38 AM, Topeka, Kansas, 26956, 1 min.

It will be noted from the above that there are no long distance telephone calls shown for either Telephone No. Jackson 9515 or Jackson 9702 as of any period during the month of June, 1933. It is quite apparent that Subject Miller or his companions would have used either of these telephones to make long distance calls to other confederates on the night of June 16, 1933. The only means of securing data relative to long distance calls from these pay stations is to find the original toll tickets. The toll tickets as of June, 1933 are not destroyed by the Telephone Company and will not be for sometime. However, there were not contained in the group of toll tickets filed for the series of telephone numbers including Jackson 9702 and Jackson 9515 any long distance toll tickets for the month of June, and it is assumed that the Telephone Company has mislaid them in the record archives. Mr. Haycock stated that he would continue a search for such long distance toll tickets applying to telephone numbers Jackson 9515 and Jackson 9702 and they should be located within a short time.

From a pay station telephone shown as telephone number Grand 9310 there is found a toll ticket showing a call made on June 16, 1933, at 8:51 PM. to South Bend, Indiana, telephone number 5-25855, for a five minute period. Apparently this call might have some connection with the instant case. The telephone is a non-listed telephone and is situated at a point in the 900 block on Wyandotte Street, which is considered in the underworld section. However, to date, Mr. Haycock, heretofore mentioned, has not had an opportunity to search the records to determine whose telephone this may be. Same will be ascertained in the near future.

There were found among the toll tickets searched, none reflecting long distance calls from Telephone Number Jackson 7073, which was the telephone of "Vincent C. Moore", 6612 Edgevale Road, Kansas City, Missouri, as of the period between April 1 and July 1, 1933. This is the telephone that was assigned to Vernon C. Miller under the alias shown. Mr. Haycock of the telephone company stated that while there were some long distance calls made during April 1933 from that telephone, as he recalls having found upon a previous search, he had taken out the toll tickets and placed them in the safe in the legal department, where they are being preserved. Likewise the telephone contract of "Vincent C. Moore" is being preserved in the safe.

Due to the fact that Mr. Haycock was called out of the city on urgent business with his company, this investigation relative to telephone records is being held in abeyance until his return within the next few days. Mr. Haycock is the only source through which this information is readily obtainable and cooperates freely.

A complete check of the toll tickets of the phone of Subject Mulloy is also to be made as soon as possible. This phone number is Hiland 0852 situated at his residence, 14 E. 56th Terrace, Kansas City, Mo.

Duplicate photostatic copies were made of the front and back of each toll ticket herein set out and same are in the Kansas City file. The originals of these toll tickets are being preserved by the telephone company, pursuant to arrangement made with Mr. Haycock.

It is thought desirable to record the findings of the above search of telephone records to date, as a basis for future investigative activity in other Districts.

The following telephone calls mentioned herein appear of sufficient importance at the present time to be fully investigated immediately by offices interested:

CHICAGO OFFICE:

June 17th to Chicago, Illinois, Telephone No. Lakeview 8310;
June 16th to South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Telephone No. 341;
June 16th to Oak Park, Illinois, Telephone No. 7340;
June 16th to South Bend, Indiana, for No. 525855.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE:

June 16th to St. Louis, Missouri, Telephone No. Cabany 3195.

ST. PAUL OFFICE

June 17th to St. Paul, Minnesota, Telephone No. 2121.

It is suggested that the St. Paul office also make careful investigation of the locations, within its territory at St. Paul and Sioux City, Iowa, to which calls were made during April 1933 from Telephone No. Jackson 9515 at Kansas City, as shown herein. It is apparent that the calls from Jackson 9515 were those of Vernon C. Miller.

The telephone number Maywood 1695, Chicago, Illinois, which was called during April 1933 from Jackson 9515 is the private telephone number of Subject Stacci in Chicago.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

June 17th to San Antonio, Texas, Telephone No. Fannin 2689;
June 17th to San Antonio, Texas, Telephone Fannin 5866.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

June 16th to Joplin, Missouri, telephone number 1530;
June 17th to Joplin, Missouri, telephone number 1541W2. (This call has already been fully investigated and is found to be of pertinence in this case);
June 16th to Atchison, Kansas, for No. 294;
June 16th to St. Joseph, Mo., Telephone No. 60529;
June 16th to St. Joseph, Mo., Telephone No. 62123;
June 17th to Nevada, Mo., Telephone No. LD 2.
June 16th to Topeka, Kansas, Phone No. 8334.

The Kansas City office will give close attention also to the identity of the party named C. H. Higgs or Hick, Branson, Missouri, who was called during April, 1933, from the Horse Shoe Club, as noted above.

Also the parties at Leavenworth, Kansas, Topeka, Kansas, and Wichita, Kansas, who were called during April and July 1933 from the 65th Street Tavern, as shown above, will be investigated, by the Kansas City office.

It is suggested that the Chicago office make immediately a thorough investigation of all long distance telephone records, which may show calls to Kansas City, Missouri, on the night of June 16th, or the early morning of June 17, 1933, from that place, from telephones which may have been used by individuals who were friends of Vernon C. Miller.

The Kansas City office has reached the conclusion, due to the indications derived from investigation, that there were several long distance telephone calls from Chicago to Miller at Kansas City, in addition to the one already discovered, which was made from the O.P. Inn, Jackson 9702 at Kansas City on June 16. It is probable that telephone calls might have come from telephones in Chicago Nos. Hillside 3801 (The old Hickory Tavern at Roosevelt and Mannheim Road, Hillside, Ill.)

Melrose Park 645, the public telephone at the O. P. Inn; Maywood 1895 (the private telephone of Subject Stacci); from the telephone of Mike Stacci, telephone number not now known to the Kansas City office, or from some other connection of Subject Stacci at Chicago.

There are several golf courses adjacent to the O. P. Inn, and it is believed that from one of those telephone calls might have been placed by some of Miller's friends to that Subject at Kansas City.

The Chicago office may be in position to determine a number of other telephones which should be checked for the purpose here mentioned. It is suggested that no contact be had in this connection with any of the defendants in Chicago territory, and that an independent check of the telephone records be made for this purpose.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CHICAGO OFFICE at Chicago, Illinois, is requested to make a complete check of telephone records to determine particulars regarding the individuals who received the telephone calls from Kansas City, Missouri, set out under the name of the Chicago office in this report. Kindly pursue through investigation all details regarding these individuals and their connections with the instant case.

Also at Chicago, Illinois, thru the telephone records, ascertain all possible information relative to long distance calls made to Kansas City, Missouri, June 16 and 17, 1933, which may pertain to this case.

It is requested that such toll tickets as may be found pertinent be preserved and photostatic copies thereof made.

THE SAN ANTONIO OFFICE at San Antonio, Texas, is requested to make a complete check thru telephone records and other investigation of the individuals who received telephone calls from Kansas City as listed in the body of this report on June 17th.

THE ST. LOUIS OFFICE is requested to make investigation of the individuals who received long distance calls from Kansas City, which are mentioned under the name of the St. Louis office in this report.

THE ST. PAUL OFFICE is requested to make thorough investigation of the individuals receiving telephone calls in that territory from Kansas City, Missouri, as listed under the name of the St. Paul office herein.

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE will make investigation at various points in this territory, pursuant to the long distance calls mentioned under the name of the Kansas City office in the above details.

All offices performing investigation in connection with these undeveloped leads should check long distance telephone calls from the numbers where the telephone calls were received from Kansas City and secure records of outgoing calls to Kansas City, which may be pertinent to this case. The toll tickets should be preserved and photostatic copies made in all instances.

The Kansas City office will also pursue this matter through the Telephone Company at Kansas City, Missouri, to secure all long distance calls made from telephone Nos. Jackson 7073, Jackson 9702 and Jackson 9516 during the month of June 1933; will secure the location of telephone No. Grand 9310, Kansas City, Mo., mentioned herein.

Photostatic copies of toll tickets found will be made and the originals preserved by the telephone company.

PENDING.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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November 8, 1933.

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Locke	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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With reference to the exchange of cablegrams between Special Agent MacFarland at Honolulu and the Division concerning Subject Brady in the KANMO case, I have been advised by Mr. Renneberger of the Equipment Section that the Apprehension Order on Subject Brady was issued under date of October 12, 1933 and mailed the same date to San Francisco, which office has, since August 15, 1933, covered Honolulu.

Mr. Renneberger further advised that he has been guided by the Division's Bulletin, dated July 25th and since that date has mailed all Identification Orders and Apprehension Orders to San Francisco to be in turn transmitted by that office to the Special Agent at Honolulu.

Inquiry at the City Post Office developed the information that mail in the ordinary course of transmission would require from twelve to fourteen days from Washington to Honolulu, and from this information it appears that the Apprehension Order has had ample time to reach Special Agent MacFarland, assuming that two or three days were consumed by the San Francisco office in preparing the Apprehension Order for mailing.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



Investigation at Hot Springs, Ark. fails to disclose presence of Arthur Biehler. Owney Madden located there living at Postmaster's residence. Richard Tallman Galatas visited Hot Springs about first week in October, 1933. Information received probably hiding southeastern Arkansas at undesignated spot. Informant "A" has had contact with Galatas and will probably have another.

REFERENCE: Division letter, September 8, 1933, letters from Kansas City office to Oklahoma City office, September 8, 1933, and letter from New York City office to St. Paul office, October 24, 1933.

DETAILS:

Kansas City letter dated September 5, 1933 requested an investigation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, relative to a search being made of the telephone records with reference to the telephone of Richard Tallman Galatas, said telephone being listed under the name of Mrs. George W. Bates. Previous reference was made to the same matter in letter from the San Antonio office to the Kansas City office dated August 31, 1933, it being thought at that time that the George W. Bates mentioned might be the same Bates as connected in the Urchel kidnaping case.

At Hot Springs, Arkansas, Agent contacted Chief of Detectives Herbert Arers and questioned him as to how Richard Tallman Galatas' telephone was listed and he immediately stated that it was listed in the name of his wife, under the name of Mrs. George W. Bates and had always been listed that way. Agent, relying

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upon the intimate knowledge of Akers as to Galatas' affairs, made no further inquiry as it did not seem very pertinent anyway.

The second letter from the Kansas City office dated September 5, 1933 quoted a letter from ██████████ Hot Springs, Arkansas, in which he claimed to have very good information as to the whereabouts of Richard Tallman Galatas.

b7D ██████████ was a confidential informant formerly employed under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones and Agent Dwight Brantley when they were actively engaged on this case. Agent met ██████████ while he was so employed. It has since turned out that he is unreliable and indiscreet and that it is dangerous to discuss this case with him as he has broadcast his connections with the Government regarding his activities in this matter and has told extensively what he did under the direction of Agents of this Division. He has boasted around Hot Springs (and Agent heard this from several different sources) as to his activities with Government Agents in connection with this case. Under the circumstances, it was not thought advisable to contact him.

b7D ██████████ was introduced to this service by former Chief of Police Bill Brandenburg and Agent discussed the matter with Brandenburg, who stated that ██████████ knows nothing. Agent ascertained at Hot Springs that while ██████████ was working as an undercover informant on this case, he went into a public place in Hot Springs and openly called the Kansas City Division office and talked freely about the matter. This fact is known to a number of persons in Hot Springs, who related it to Agent. Under all the circumstances, Agent deemed it best not to interview this informant at all.

b7D Division letter dated September 8, 1933 enclosed copy of a communication received by the Department from ██████████ Hot Springs, Arkansas, in which the latter reported at length the numerous crooked practices and goings-on in Hot Springs. The Division suggested that ██████████ might be a valuable informant.

Agent interviewed ██████████ for more than an hour and found that he knows nothing definite concerning any matters of interest in this case. He does know, of course, that the "con men" and other gangsters, who have heretofore operated in Hot Springs, Arkansas, have had the protection of the city administration, which is a fact already well known to the Division. His principal object in writing the Department was apparently to endeavor to get the Department of Justice to break up the present city government at Hot Springs by some sort of general investigation. The Doctor's allegations as to crookedness in the municipality of Hot Springs are no doubt true, from information received from various sources from time to time, and from the known facts; however, he had no specific information of interest to any feature of this investigation.

The letter from the New York office to the St. Paul office dated October 24, 1933 referred to Arthur Biehler, a New York gangster, allegedly

implicated in connection with Vernon Miller and it also referred to one Owney Madden, a member of the New York "mob", with whom Biehler is alleged to associate, and that Madden was alleged to be presently at Hot Springs, Arkansas for his health. Further mention was made of Louis Buchalter, with the assumption that he was presently at Hot Springs, Arkansas and would undoubtedly be in contact with Madden. It was further thought that in view of the alleged location of Biehler, Madden and Buchalter and their importance in the criminal world, that it might be possible that Vernon Miller would be in contact with them, it also being thought that he might be receiving treatment for syphilis at some place, possibly Hot Springs, Arkansas.

An additional communication was received from the New York office indicating that Owney Madden was reported to be at 506 West Grand Avenue, Hot Springs.

In connection with this matter, Agent contacted informant "A" at Hot Springs, who stated that neither Biehler nor Buchalter had been in Hot Springs recently, that is, prior to November 1, 1933. Informant stated that he is acquainted with Owney Madden and that Madden was then in town and stopping, he understood, at the Park Hotel. Informant "A" stated that Madden appeared to be alone and was not doing anything except riding horseback and "playing around" with a Miss Demby, daughter of the Postmaster at Hot Springs; that the Demby girl was crazy about Madden and had made several trips to New York to stay with him there; that Madden had recently given this girl a \$10,000.00 bracelet; that this girl is a "fool" about gangsters and likes to be associated with the "biggest shots" in the gang world that she can find.

Agent discovered that 506 West Grand Avenue is the home of Postmaster Demby and while conversing with the latter on another case, inquired of the Postmaster if he knew one Owney Madden. The Postmaster looked quite foolish for awhile and finally stated: "Yes, I know him very well. He is infatuated with my daughter and has been for some time, but I don't think he is doing anything out of the way now. He was a big shot in the liquor business in New York, but I understand that he left there in order to escape some political inquiry which was being made into the affairs of Tammany Hall. The Postmaster seemed quite embarrassed at Agent's inquiries concerning this individual and stated that Madden was there by himself, just recuperating and not engaging in any activities of any kind and that, as far as he knew, was not contacting any other gangsters. Informant "A" had heard that Madden was supposed to leave for Houston, Texas to build a \$400,000.00 race track, but inquiry of the Postmaster resulted in the statement by him that he had not heard Madden discuss any such projects.

Agent interviewed Bill Brandenburg, Ex-Chief of Police, Hot Springs, and who is presently agitating a movement to oust the present city administration in the hopes that he will again be appointed Chief of Police. Brandenburg did considerable work with Special Agent Andersen when the latter was engaged on this matter at Hot Springs, but when Agent interviewed him, he had no very definite information to furnish. He did state, however, that he believed Richard Tallman Galatas was located not very far from Hot Springs and that he believed Marion Anderson, a Deputy Sheriff at Hot Springs, was visiting Galatas about twice a week as he was in the habit of leaving on mysterious trips on such occasions. Brandenburg stated that he had followed Anderson on one occasion for about thirty miles and that he was proceeding in the direction of Stuttgart, Arkansas. He suggested that if he were employed by the Government on the case, he felt like he could locate Galatas. The whole drift of his conversation was apparently to the end of securing a job with the Division.

A few days prior to Agent's visit to Hot Springs, Agent received a long distance telephone call from Informant "A" advising immediate contact in connection with Galatas. Informant "A" was interviewed and stated that Galatas had been back to Hot Springs once about two or three weeks prior to Agent's visit; that he had slipped into town one night in an effort to get to his safety deposit box and had sent for Informant. Informant conveyed Agent to a vacant lot in a canyon near Whittington Park and pointed this out as the spot where he had had his rendezvous with Galatas. He stated that Galatas had asked him to ascertain just what the Government had against him in connection with the Kansas City case and particularly as to whether or not there was any danger of Galatas being tried on a murder charge, indicating to Informant "A" that if he, Galatas, had been indicted only for conspiracy to obstruct justice in the Federal Courts, he would be willing to come in. Informant "A" stated that he could not ascertain definitely where Galatas is stopping but that he felt sure it was in southeastern Arkansas near Louisiana border; that Galatas told him he was where he only received newspapers about twice a week; that he was alone and was not contacting any gangsters, etc. Informant stated that Galatas was driving a new maroon colored Plymouth Coupe with Louisiana license and that he, Informant, helped Galatas change the license plates in the dark; that he was not able to read the numbers but that he felt of the plates and thought that the first three figures were either 304 or 504 and that he could tell that it was a Louisiana plate by feeling the letters "La."; that Galatas told him he would have to put these plates back on before he got home as the plates were known and he could get into where he was staying with them. Informant stated that he believed Galatas was either traveling disguised as a Catholic priest or as a woman and he was assured that within ten minutes after leaving Galatas, if he had met him again he would not have recognized him. Informant stated that Galatas had advised him that he would be back in Hot Springs within thirty days to ascertain the result of the inquiries instituted by Informant as to the attitude of the Government toward him. Agent has delayed making this report in the expectation that Informant "A" would advise Agent of subsequent contact, but nothing has been heard. Informant stated that he would not be adverse to putting Galatas on the spot, but that it would be rather difficult unless he could make immediate contact with Agents as Galatas did not advise him in advance as to when he would be in town and would no doubt leave immediately after making the contact.

Agent questioned Informant at that time as to the whereabouts of Mrs. E. B. (Lou) Conner and Informant stated that he had the impression that she was somewhere in Alabama, but that he would within a week or two ascertain definitely and advise Agent. Informant stated that W. T. Moorman of Chicago, Illinois, who is Lou Conner's "sweetie" was in the habit of contacting him by phone every week or ten days and that when he next conversed with Moorman over the phone, he would obtain Lou Conner's address under pretext. Of course, no further attention is needed in this respect owing to the apprehension of Mrs. Conner in Memphis.

Informant stated that the northern and eastern gangsters have not yet begun to congregate in Hot Springs for the winter season and that he had feared that owing to the recent publicity given the municipal government in Hot Springs, that the Mayor might shut down and not let the boys operate there this winter, but that he now understands that Mayor McLaughlin intends to let the "con men" and other gangsters operate as heretofore and that he, Informant, proposed to continue collecting from them as he had in the past.

This Agent believes that Informant "A" is perhaps in direct contact with Galatas and that if followed up and sufficiently induced, direct information might be had as to the whereabouts of Galatas. However, this Informant is a peculiar individual and will have to be handled accordingly.

Owing to the fact that Agent was en route to Washington and had to be there at a designated time, no further inquiries were made as to the various angles of the situation at Hot Springs and the possible presence there of any of the many gangsters mentioned in reports and communications from the New York office.

For the information of the office of origin and the New York office, it is stated that the busy season in Hot Springs, when most of the eastern and northern people begin to gather there, is from the first of December on and during this period most of those who are frequenters of this resort are to be found there. It would appear that the assignment of an Agent to Hot Springs who is familiar with the activities of the northern and eastern gangsters might be advantageous.

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REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-23-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11-21-23-33	REPORT MADE BY: L. M. Chipman
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1195, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



Russell Williams, Chief of Police, Forrest City, Arkansas, advises has positive information as to Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Investigation discloses that Floyd probably visited Forrest City, Arkansas, November 11, 1933 and has probable hide-away there at home of Mrs. Downey.

DETAILS: 11-23-33 AM

On November 21, 1933, Russell Williams, Chief of Police at Forrest City, Arkansas, wired the Oklahoma City office that he had positive information on "Pretty Boy" Floyd and requested that an Agent be sent there at once. This information was relayed to Agent at Little Rock by telephone by SAC R. H. Colvin and, although on sick leave, Agent proceeded to Forrest City on the afternoon of November 22, 1933 and conferred with Chief Williams, who advised as follows:

That on November 17th he received a letter from Inspector Griffin of the Memphis Police Department that he, Griffin, had information to the effect that one Slim Replogle of Forrest City is a close friend of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd and that they had played cards together at a boarding house run by Mrs. Downey at Forrest City on November 11, 1933.

Chief Williams stated that he had gone deer hunting without conveying the above information to his day officer, Jake Crigger; that when he returned and while taking Floyd's picture from off the wall of his office, Day Officer Crigger stated that he had seen Floyd on Saturday, November 18th, at the home of Mrs. Downey, while he, at Mrs. Downey's request, had gone there to kill a dog; that Crigger had identified Floyd from his picture but did not recognize him while at

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Mrs. Downey's home.

Chief Williams added that Mrs. Downey operates a boarding house and has a son by the name of Jeff Downey, who lives next door; that Jeff Downey operates a fleet of trucks out of Memphis, but is a criminal and a friend of Ex-Sheriff Jim Hooten of Lepanto, Arkansas, who associates with a band of criminals working in Tennessee and Missouri; that also living with Mrs. Downey is a "Doc" Davis, who is associated with the underworld. Williams stated that he learned from a bootlegger at Forrest City that on the night of November 18, 1933 Jeff Downey, while intoxicated, approached Slim Replogle on the streets of Forrest City and told him he wanted him to go to his home and see who he had there; that in reply to some inquiries from Replogle, Downey told him Floyd was at his place. Williams stated the bootlegger told him he heard Replogle's wife tell his wife of the above incident. Replogle is a mechanic at Forrest City and Chief Williams does not believe he would have any connection with Floyd, but in view of the above incidents, he believes that probably Floyd was at Mrs. Downey's place and may be using it as one of his hideouts; that she, as well as her son and the others above mentioned, would protect him. He stated that he knows of no way to establish a contact with the Downey residence at Forrest City, but suggested that the Government might place a man in the Downey rooming house under cover for awhile, as he believes Floyd may return or that information may be obtained as to his whereabouts.

Officer Crigger was away at the time of Agent's visit and was not interviewed, but Chief Williams said Crigger told him that as he went around the corner of the Downey house, he saw Jeff Downey and another man on the porch of Mrs. Downey's residence; that the other man went into the house and Jeff Downey followed Crigger to the barn, asking him what he wanted. Crigger thought nothing more about it until he saw Williams taking Floyd's picture from the wall, when he recognized the picture as that of the man he had seen on Mrs. Downey's porch.

Chief Williams does not know how Inspector Griffin of the Memphis Police Department procured his information above set forth.

Mrs. Downey's house is located at the end of one of the main streets of the town. On one side is the railroad and on the other is the home of Jeff Downey. At the rear are several negro houses and there are no other houses in the near vicinity. The Downey house is a large two-story frame building with a garage attached. No strange cars were there on the day of Agent's visit.

Dick Robinson, Burns Detective Agency man at Memphis, Tennessee, contacted the writer at Little Rock on November 23, 1933 and was furnished the above information. He stated that he would call on Chief Williams on his way back to Memphis and that possibly his office would stand the expense of putting a man in the Downey rooming house for a few days to see what could be developed.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE : At Forrest City Arkansas, when an Agent is again in that vicinity, will contact Chief Williams to see if any further information has developed.

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

FILE NO. **62-474**

REPORT MADE AT Salt Lake City, Utah.	DATE WHEN MADE 11-28-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-28-33	REPORT MADE BY JOHN A. DOWD - GJ
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TITLE VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. 1195, et al.	CHARACTER OF CASE OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mail cover on mail of Mrs. Rose Buchalter, 1220 Elizabeth Street, Denver, Colorado, has expired. Tracings forwarded to New York City Division office.

R.U.C.

Report of Special Agent J.D. Swenson, Salt Lake City, Utah, 11-6-33.

DETAILS:

The mail cover placed on first class mail being received by Mrs. Rose Buchalter at 1220 Elizabeth Street, Denver, Colorado, has expired. Through the maintenance of the mail cover such tracings as were received were forwarded to the New York City Division office, and there are attached to the copies of this report for that office two additional tracings, showing that she received a letter postmarked Brooklyn, New York, November 13, 1933, from Marie Richman (?) 1722 Union Street, Brooklyn, New York, and a letter postmarked New York, Station H, November 22, 1933, from H.J. Morse, 760 West End Avenue, New York City.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The NEW YORK CITY OFFICE will make the persons who directed mail to Mrs. Rose Buchalter, as above referred to, the subject of such inquiry as is believed warranted.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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December 1, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Within one month after the massacre at Kansas City, Missouri, the Chicago Office of this Division had located a woman named Martha Williams, residing at the Sherone Apartments, Chicago, who was understood to be very friendly with Miller. She was placed under surveillance, and investigation disclosed that Martha Williams was using the alias of Bobbie Moore; that she was friendly with the entire Miller gang, and is reported to have put her former husband, Jack Harris, "on the spot". Harris, who was killed in New York City about eighteen months ago, was formerly an associate of Miller's, both being members of the Uptown Masonic Lodge, Chicago, Illinois, during the years 1929 and 1930. Miller is alleged to have killed Harris at the request of Harris' wife, as she expected to collect a large sum of insurance on the life of her husband.

During July and August, 1933, the New York City Office of the Division picked up the trail of Vivian Mathis, who was associated with Betty Buchalter, wife of Louis Buchalter, one of the leading gangsters and racketeers of New York City. Vivian, during this time, accompanied Betty Buchalter to Montreal, Canada, Atlantic City, New Jersey, and other resorts, and left New York City on August 7, 1933. Shortly thereafter, she was located at the Sherone Apartments in Chicago, and was found to be associating with Bobbie Moore.

On the afternoon of October 31, 1933, Vernon C. Miller arrived in Chicago and went to the apartment of Bobbie Moore, who immediately notified Vivian that Miller was in her apartment. Miller later went to Vivian's apartment where he remained until the evening of November 1, 1933, at which time he eluded the trap which had been set for him by Agents of the Division. It appears that Miller had become aware of the fact that he was under surveillance, and arranged with Miss Moore to meet him at the entrance to the apartment in her car, with the motor running, and accordingly when he departed from Vivian's apartment, instead of taking the elevator, ran down the steps and entered Bobbie's car, and successfully escaped the gun fire trained on him by Agents of the Division and members of the Chicago Police Department. The car was found abandoned three blocks from the apartment.

Vivian Mathis was taken into custody on November 1, 1933.

On November 6, 1933, Bobbie Moore called at the office of the United States Marshal at Chicago and requested a permit to see her associate, Vivian Mathis, at which time she was taken into custody. DEC 2 1933

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On November 8, 1933, indictments were returned against both women, charging them with aiding and abetting in the escape of a fugitive from Federal justice, under Section 246, Title 18, of the United States Code, and also with conspiracy to violate this Section of the Code. On November 29, 1933, both entered pleas of guilty to both indictments, and were sentenced to six months on the first indictment and to one year and one day on the second, sentences to be concurrent.

On the evening of November 29, 1933, the body of Vernon C. Miller was found murdered on the outskirts of Detroit, Michigan. Agents of the Division are pursuing an investigation relative to this angle of the case.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
R. E. Newby.

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

November 28, 1933.

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. 1199, et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
M. W. Meekins, Detroit, Michigan, dated November 22, 1933, in
the above captioned case, wherein it will be noted that Miller
registered at the Argonne Hotel, Lima, Ohio, on October 29,
1933, under the name of F. J. Glaubach. I am enclosing here-
with the original registration. Photostatic copies of same
are being retained in this office and photostatic copies also
are being attached hereto to the Division and Kansas City
office copies of this letter.

In this connection, it is noted in the report of
Special Agent L. G. Turrou, New York, dated November 8, 1933,
that the address of Frederick J. Glaubach, at the time the
Ford V-8 coupe was purchased, was given as 1991 Crotona Avenue,
Bronx. It will be noted in the registration card of the Hotel
Argonne of Lima, Ohio, that Miller gave his address as 1991
Corona Avenue, New York City. It is noted that there is a
Corona Avenue in Flushing, New York, and it might be that
Miller did live at this address or have connections there, and
it is requested that the address of 1991 Corona Avenue, Flush-
ing, New York, be checked.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
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Dear Sir:

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

The confidential informant mentioned in the report of Agent Tracy, dated November 21, 1933, was requested to secure whatever information he could with respect to the murder of Albert Silvers or Silverman, whose body was found near Somers, Connecticut on November 20, 1933. The informant advised that the following information was secured from the mouth of Ben Kutlow:

Kutlow said that Silvers met Miller in Montreal some time last summer, Miller using the name Clarence Neal; that Gus Winkler owned a 25% interest in the Hiram Walker distillery, Montreal, Quebec, and that part of Winkler's 25% is in reality owned by Miller and this distillery is the source of Miller's income. He said that it was through Gus Winkler that Miller, under the name Clarence Neal, met Silvers. It was said that although Silvers knew Miller was a fugitive of some sort, he did not really know that he was Vernon C. Miller. It was said that Silvers then fitted up Miller or Neal with the material by which Miller could pose as the representative of an optical goods house and subsequently on October 23, 1933 bought him the Ford car in question, and that upon the arrest of Dr. Silvers it became known to the Longie mob that Silvers had been instrumental in protecting Miller, unknown to and unapproved by the Longie mob; that upon the arrest of Dr. Silvers, Longie got in touch with Albert Silvers and asked him what he did it for inasmuch as his actions tended to put the whole Longie mob into trouble and Silvers was given the alternative of dropping all connection with Miller or severing his connections

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with the Longie mob and chose the latter, whereupon he got in touch with Miller and he and Miller had an argument, with the result that Silvers was murdered either by Miller or by persons employed by Miller.

The above should be taken for what it is worth, but it is believed desirable that your office conduct an investigation with respect to the estate of Gus Winkler to determine if, in fact, he did have an interest of any sort in the Hiram Walker distillery at Montreal, and if so, whether any part of that interest is in reality the interest of Miller. In the meantime this office will make appropriate investigation at Montreal.

Very truly yours,

T. F. CULLEN
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Division
Kansas City

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224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 23, 1933

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Mr. Guy W. Shirley,
Automobile Protective & Information Bureau,
957-968 Gas & Electric Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shirley:

I wish to thank you for your confidential letter of November 17, 1933 giving me a lineup on the crime situation at Hobbs, New Mexico, with particular reference to the fact that Underhill, Davis, White Walker, Blackie Thompson and other outlaws had been making Hobbs a hide-away and lay-over place.

I have had previous experience with officer Clarence Shannon, whom I have always found to be very cooperative.

I am sending a copy of your letter under confidential cover to Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones, San Antonio, Texas, for his information and appropriate attention.

We all miss you very much in this district, both personally and officially, and would like to see you back here some time. If at any time we can be of service in matters of mutual interest, please do not fail to call on us.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-San Antonio
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November 17, 1935.

Mr. Ralph E. Colvin, Special Agent in Charge
U. S. Bureau of Investigation
Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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My dear Mr. Colvin:

Recently I had an occasion to make an investigation at Hobbs, New Mexico - probably you are familiar with the locality as it is quite close to El Paso where you were stationed for some time. I had the pleasure of meeting your old friend Alex Street at Albuquerque, and Private Investigator, Charles Kern, whom you no doubt know.

On account of conditions existing in Hobbs and Lovington, I was particular with whom I contacted for information. I finally secured the right line through the District Attorney, E. L. Reece, Jr., who advised me to interview one Clarence Shannon, former Deputy Sheriff not employed as an inspector by the State Cattle Sanitary Board and headquartering at Hobbs. What he told me regarding the conditions existing there would make the Chicago gang rule jealous - the whole regime is rotten to the core if Mr. Shannon's analysis is correct. He seems to be a very serious square shooting man, if I am any judge of character, and when he was a Deputy Sheriff, he was confined to the office as jailer and identification man for the reason that he did not acquiesce in any of the protection and goings-on of the authorities. Shannon was ousted when his Chief, Bob Beverley was ousted and they elected the present Sheriff. District Attorney Reece knowing his character assisted him in securing his present position - therefore, he was very frank in talking to me as I came recommended to him by Mr. Reece.

What I want to make you particularly acquainted with is what Mr. Shannon told me about one Underhill, who is wanted by your Bureau in connection with the Kansas City massacre. He states positively that he

knows Underhill stayed under cover at the Hobbs Hotel, and with a woman about six weeks ago. The Hobbs hotel is run by one Ed Cather, who is the political power behind the City administration. He has as his man Friday, one Pat Kilpatrick a machine gunner who harbors and looks after all such matters when these boys come in and out of there. The Chief of Police, Mayor, Constable and Justice of the Peace are proteges of Cather that is one mob. The other mob is Jack Seay, Deputy Sheriff, who plays with Ray Stiff, George Gamble and John Fields. They are harboring now, White Walker and Blackie Thompson, escaped convicts I believe out of Oklahoma. These boys are hauling dope from El Paso to Hobbs, making that place their lay-over and headquarters. Mr. Shannon advised me that they were due in there the night I was there; that he had positive information to that effect.

In talking about Underhill and the Government wanting this gentleman, he stated he would be very glad to work and cooperate with you, provided you sent the proper man there and contacted him in secrecy for the reason, that any stranger, irrespective of whom it was, coming there and contacting him was under suspicion and put themselves on the spot.

The other bandit Davis, who has not been apprehended, lived in Hobbs for a number of years prior to his being convicted and Shannon knows him quite well. Of course, Mr. Shannon is inactive as an Officer and only picks up what he observes quietly. However, he has connections where he can get information if he is in a position to work with some one like the Bureau. It is with this thought in mind that I am writing you as breaking up of this mob would not only benefit you in this specific case, if you can pick up Underhill and Davis there, but also ourselves and everybody concerned in good Government.

If you think enough of it to have this investigated on this information, I would suggest that you arrange with Mr. Shannon to meet him in secrecy and hear his story. Whoever the Government sends there will have to identify himself positively to Mr. Shannon's satisfaction before he will talk to him as from what he told me the situation is quite serious in regards to himself. He does not want to jeopardize his own life by any boners, and he states they would not hesitate a minute to bump him off if they thought he was imparting information about them.

This might be a good lead, then on the other hand it might not amount to anything, I am giving it to you for what it is worth, but I do want to caution you to carry out Mr. Shannon's instructions about contacting him for the reason stated above.

In the meantime with kindest regards and best wishes to your good self, I am

Yours very truly,

Signed
Guy W. Shirley.



420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

November 25, 1933.

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

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

Dear Sir:-

Mr. J.M. Shields, former Prohibition Agent in Charge at
Montgomery, Ala. and now Acting Investigator in Charge of the
Prohibition Unit at Dallas, Texas, today advised Special Agent C.B.
instead of this office that [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] Montgomery, Ala. when he left that city, is a
former confidential informant of his; that [REDACTED] knows the
entire history of RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, including his past family
affairs and the name of his wife, also the name of his present woman
companion and the name and address of her husband; that at one time
she gave him the whereabouts of Galatas and he then furnished that
information by letter to the Birmingham Division office but did not
give the entire details.

He also stated that there is a waiter at the Elite Cafe
on Montgomery St. in Montgomery, Ala. - whose only name so far as
he knows is "Charlie," - who can give considerable information re-
garding Galatas and probably his whereabouts.

If either of these persons is contacted by an agent, in
the event they have not already been contacted, it might be well to
advise them that Mr. Shields referred agent to them.

Very truly yours,

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F.J. Blake,
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625 Lafayette Bldg.
Detroit Michigan
November 23 1933

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1420 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

In accordance with request contained in your communication dated November 15, 1933, there are being transmitted herewith copies of a memorandum prepared by Special Agent M. W. Meekins of this office, in which it will be noted that a reward of \$1,000 will be paid by Wood County, Ohio (Bowling Green) for the arrest and conviction of Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, who has been indicted in that County for the murder of a police officer.

It will be observed that there is no reward outstanding in Toledo, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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Toledo, Ohio
November 21, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

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

REFERENCE:

Letter from Cincinnati Office to Detroit dated 11/15/33.

In an effort to determine outstanding rewards for CHARLES ARTHUR (Pretty Boy) Floyd, Agent interviewed Superintendent John Loury, Bureau of Identification, Police Department, Toledo, Ohio and he informed that he had no record of any reward, outstanding or otherwise, for the individual in question except that offered by Wood County, Ohio.

Assistant County Prosecutor Arnold Bunge, Lucas County, Toledo, Ohio, advised in connection with the conviction of FLOYD in Lucas County for Bank Robbery, and his escape en route to the Ohio State Penitentiary, that no reward had been authorized by the County Commissioners, and that none was outstanding as a result thereof. This was verified by Mr. Bunge through contact with the Secretary to the Lucas County Commissioners.

Deputy Sheriff William Bush, Bowling Green, Ohio (Wood County) was interviewed via long distance telephone, in the absence of the Sheriff, and he informed that Wood County Commissioners had authorized a reward of \$1,000.00 for the arrest and conviction of Floyd, who stands indicted in that county for the murder of a police officer, and that the reward, in that amount, was presently outstanding and would be paid by that County upon arrest and conviction.

Very truly yours,

M. W. MEEKINS
SPECIAL AGENT

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224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

November 23, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

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

Replying to your letter of November 2, 1933 inquiring as to any rewards which may be now outstanding for the apprehension of Charles Arthur (alias "Pretty Boy") Floyd, for whom there is no Federal warrant outstanding but for whom nevertheless an Identification Order has been issued.

I have to advise that there is no reward whatever offered for the apprehension of "Pretty Boy" Floyd by any authorities in Oklahoma or Arkansas. There was formerly a reward of \$1000.00 offered by the State Bankers Association, but immediately after the Division had issued an Identification Order, this offer of reward was withdrawn.

There was in 1932 a reward offered by the Governor of Oklahoma of \$1000.00 for the apprehension of Floyd, which offer specified that it would be good for six months. Inquiry at the Governor's office reveals that there is at present no reward offered by the state.

I am informed that the State Penitentiary of Ohio offers \$1000.00 for the delivery of "Pretty Boy" to that prison, but I have no authentic information as to whether or not this reward is still in effect. In any event, the fugitive would have to be delivered to the Ohio State Penitentiary in order to collect the reward.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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KANSAS CITY

November 28, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: VIVIAN MATHIAS, with aliases, et al.
MISCELLANEOUS; Harboring and Concealing a
Person for whom a warrant had been issued;
Conspiracy.
K.C. File #62-798.

Reference is made to your letter of November 20th, wherein you request that an additional certified copy of indictment against Vernon C. Miller in the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, Fugitive, IO #1195, et al, Obstruction of Justice, (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash), be forwarded by the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri, to the United States Attorney at Chicago, Ill., for use in the case against Vivian Mathias.

There is enclosed a copy of the indictment against Miller herein and also a copy of the capias for Miller, pursuant to said indictment, bearing the non est return of the United States Marshal at Kansas City, Missouri. This indictment and capias are attached together in a folder, all of which bears the certification of the Clerk of the U. S. District Court, Kansas City, Missouri.

This is being forwarded to you direct by this office in view of the fact that it is to be used as documentary evidence in a case other than the one to which the certified papers pertain. It is deemed advisable to handle the matter in this manner in view of the fact that there is no case pending against Miller in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court at Chicago, Illinois, and therefore there might be danger that the certified papers would be misplaced unless kept among the documentary evidence in the case of Vivian Mathias.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPAR

Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

November 25, 1933.

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

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

Dear Sir:-

Detectives Ed Weatherford and J.W. Swinney of the Fort Worth, Texas Police Department, advised me that they recently saw a photograph of MRS. HERBERT FARMER in the True Detective Magazine, and it is their opinion that this woman visited KATHRYN KELLY in Fort Worth and was seen by them there in the latter part of June and early July, 1933.

You are aware that the name of GEORGE KELLY has been mentioned several times in connection with the shooting at Kansas City.

I suggest that you procure and forward to this office a good photograph of Mrs. Farmer, in order that it may be exhibited to Weatherford and Swinney for further verification.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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KANSAS CITY

November 24, 1933.

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

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KANSAS CITY

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. KILLER, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I O #1196, ET AL.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
Kansas City File #62-780-

Please advise at the earliest moment what progress has been made in the search for certain telephone numbers in Chicago, Illinois, which telephones were used to call Kansas City, Missouri, on June 16, 1933. Special Agent in Charge Purvis is familiar with the specific details regarding this particular project in the investigation pursuant to a desire expressed by Special Agent in Charge Conroy recently. It is desired that the long distance telephone tickets which may be discovered be preserved and that the Kansas City office be advised as to the particulars regarding same. Photostatic copies should be forwarded to this office.

Very truly yours,

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Acting Special Agent in Charge.	
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Mr. Jones
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Mr. Nease
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Director,
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U. S. Department of Justice
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Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
I. O. #1195 - FUGITIVE, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (endeavor to
deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

Dear Sir:

The following investigation was conducted at Memphis, Tennessee, by Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin of this office relative to the accident which occurred late Tuesday afternoon November 14, the automobile being driven by Agent Leon Turrou;

Verle H. Horton, owner, Rent a Car Company stated that during the conversation that he had with Agents Turrou and Peterson concerning the automobile that was to be rented to Agent Turrou, there was no one in the office but he, Agents Peterson and Turrou and Edward Shelton, an employee; that the particular car that was rented to Agent Turrou was brought into the shop by a reporter on the Press Scimitar Newspaper and immediately serviced and delivered to Agent Turrou. He stated, however, that during the entire time that Agents Turrou and Peterson were at his place of business, Willie B. Hughes, a bootlegger, was just outside the office door; that Hughes had been in the shop for about ten or fifteen minutes before the arrival of Agents Turrou and Peterson; that it was possible for Hughes to have overheard the conversation concerning the destination of Turrou and, in fact, he is of the impression that immediately after Agents Peterson and Turrou left the shop that he and Shelton were discussing Turrou's trip and in the presence of Hughes. He stated that Hughes left the shop about five minutes after the departure of Agents Peterson and Turrou. Mr. Horton stated that he has known Hughes for the past several years and knows him to be a bootlegger but that he doubts very seriously if Hughes has any contacts with anyone other than the so called "hip pocket" bootleggers in the City. Mr. Horton also stated that no one questioned him regarding Turrou or his destination and that he is positive that Hughes is the only person that had any direct knowledge of same.

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Edward Shelton was interviewed and he reiterated the above statement of Horton and stated that no one had questioned him as to Turrou or his destination. He stated that there was only one of the negro helpers in the shop at the time and that his name is Joseph W. Dobbins.

Joseph W. Dobbins, negro helper, stated that he recalls seeing the two men in the office talking to Mr. Horton and recalls seeing Mr. Hughes sitting on a pile of books just outside the office door; that just after the two left with the Chevrolet Coupe, Mr. Hughes left the shop but that he did not remember the direction in which he went. He stated that Hughes was the only person in the shop at that time and that no one questioned him concerning where the car was going and he did not see any suspicious looking parties in the shop during the entire afternoon.

It was ascertained at the Bureau of Identification, Police Department, that William Blake Hughes had been arrested on May 12, 1923, by the Memphis Police for housebreaking and was sentenced to serve 90 days in the workhouse which he did; that on January 4, 1923, he was arrested by the Memphis Police charged with larceny, receiving stolen property and attempted highway robbery. The disposition of the latter is unknown. Photograph of Hughes was obtained and is being retained in the Birmingham File. Hughes is described as follows from the records of the Bureau of Identification, Memphis Police Department:

Name	William Blake Hughes
Age	30
Weight	144
Build	Medium
Eyes	Gray
Hair	Light brown
Complexion	Sallow
Height	5' 9 1/2"
Occupation	Diaryman
Memphis PD No.	5193

From the office of the Clerk U. S. District Court, it was ascertained that as W. D. Hughes he has the following record:

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Date of trial</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
4127	5-18-31	\$50.00
4162	11-3-31	100.00
4267	5-27-32	50.00 and auto seized.

All of the above were for the violation of the Federal

Prohibition Act.

It was ascertained from Mr. Horton that Hughes was living at 132 North Third Street in an apartment operated by Mrs. M. Poindexter and that the telephone number of this apartment is 8-5684. He stated that he is positive that Hughes cannot be located at this address during the day but he is of the opinion that he can get in touch with Hughes at any time that Agent desires to see him. He stated that Hughes generally came by the shop almost every night and he would get in touch with Agent when Hughes appeared.

On the following day Agent contacted Mr. Shelton, Rent-A-Car Company, who stated that Hughes had been at the shop for just a few minutes to use the telephone on the night before and did not stay long enough for him to contact Agent. Mr. Shelton endeavored to get in touch with Hughes but was unable to do so.

Inquiries at 132 North Third Street disclosed that Hughes had moved from this place about a week ago and left no forwarding address.

Investigation at the Log Cabin Pool Hall and Recreation Pool Hall on South Main Street disclosed that Hughes is known at those places but that he has not been seen since last Saturday.

Mr. Shelton contacted Agent and informed him that Hughes has a friend that is night watchman at Loews Palace Theatre by the name of Riddick who may be in possession of information regarding the whereabouts of Hughes, and that Hughes also worked for Harry Hall, noted bootlegger, for two or three years up to about a year ago and that Hall may have information concerning Hughes.

Contact was had in a guarded manner with Mr. Riddick at Loews Palace Theatre and he stated that he had not seen Hughes in about two weeks but that Hughes' wife worked at the Tennessee Hotel in the Coffee Shop.

Investigation at the Tenn. Hotel disclosed that no one by the name of Mrs. Hughes is employed at that hotel.

Harry Hall, 86 Beale Street, stated that Hughes was known to him as John Hughes and that John worked for him for a while up until about a year ago when he started to drinking heavily and he was compelled to discharge him; that he has not seen Hughes for some time but heard that he was still selling whiskey and generally hung out at the Log Cabin Pool Hall.

Sam Friedman, Attorney in the office of the United States Commissioner, stated that he was present during the arraignment of Lou Conner and that he did not notice but two people in the entire Court Room except Government Officials. He stated that when Mr. Turrou received the telephone call from Washington he was in the Commissioner's Office and is positive that no one except Agent Peterson heard Turrou's conversation due to the fact that he stood beside the desk in the outer office, in which the only other telephone on that line is located, and that no one listened in at this telephone. He also stated that the conversation could not be heard in the outer office. He stated that nothing occurred at the arraignment that could have made anyone familiar with the destination of Turrou; that in fact nothing was done at the arraignment except Mrs. Conner would not consent to removal to Kansas City and her bond was fixed by Commissioner at \$50,000.00 and hearing set for Friday November 17, 1933, but was later continued until Tuesday November 21, 1933, at 3 P.M.

Inquiry at the office of the Deputy United States Marshal, Elman Jester, and Jesse Berg, disclosed that the two strangers at the hearing were friends of the Chief Deputy Marshal, as were Glenn Turner and Floyd Murray who are employed at the Chip Barwick Chevrolet Company; that they had come to the Government Building to see the Chief Deputy Marshal and were told that Mrs. Conner's hearing was to be had so they stayed and were in the court room during the entire time. Deputies Berg and Jester stated that they took Mrs. Conner to the Shelby County Jail after the arraignment and on the way to the Jail Mrs. Conner asked several times that they take her out to her place, Lonely Acres Dinner Club, where she was arrested, so that she might procure her clothes; that they told her that although they would not take her out to her place they would go out there and get her clothes for her. They stated that she insisted, stating that she had some money hidden that she wished to get. They did not take her and when they reached the Shelby County Jail Mrs. Conner got to the telephone without the consent of anyone and called some party by the name of "Frank" and told him that she had been placed under a \$50,000 bond and for him to pack her clothes just as if she was going to take a week-end trip and that someone would come for them. They stated that they heard nothing in her short conversation with this Frank that would lead them to believe that she could have tipped anyone off as to where Turrou was going and in fact they don't believe she had any knowledge of Turrou's call or destination. They stated that they went to the Lonely Acres Dinner Club and were met at the door by a negro girl who stated that Mrs. Conner's clothes were in a bag in the back of the house; that Jester went into the house and got the bag. Jester stated that he did not see anyone in the house but this negro woman and that the house was unusually quiet.

Bennett Armour, Jailor, Shelby County Jail, stated that he also heard most of the conversation had by Mrs. Conner over the telephone and he stated that in substance it was merely a request that her clothes be packed and that her bond was set at \$50,000. He stated that a Mrs. Mahoney, who is a noted character of the Memphis Underworld, had been to see Mrs. Conner on the afternoon that Mrs. Conner was placed in jail and twice during the day following and that she returned this morning in company with a strange woman and asked to see Mrs. Conner but she was told that she could not see her. He stated that the woman with Mrs. Mahoney was a blond about 30 or 35 years of age, weight about 115 or 120, well built, wearing a black cloth coat with fur collar, and driving a large new sedan, make unknown.

Inquiries of Robert Ezzell, doorman, and Robert Cain, negro employee, disclosed that the woman mentioned above was driving a new Nash sedan but that they did not notice whether or not it bore Tennessee license tags or foreign tags. They described her the same as did Armour.

Captain Clegg Richards, Detective Department, Memphis Police Department, stated that Mrs. Mahoney was a noted woman in Memphis for running gambling houses and whiskey joints; that she had a daughter named Nell who had married a man by the name of Beronio and that they were living in a large fine house at 132 North Waldran Street; that Beronio is a bootlegger and is commonly referred to in Memphis as the Gin King. He stated that Nell is a very attractive woman about 30 years of age, blond, rather stout, probably weighing about 150 or 155 lbs, and about 5'3 or 4" tall. He stated that Nell Beronio formerly drove a Packard Sedan but he does not know the make of car that she owns at present. Captain Richards stated that he is of the impression that the woman with Mrs. Mahoney at the jail this morning was Nell, her daughter.

A general survey of the premises of Nell Beronio was made discreetly by Agent and it was ascertained that there was a Chrysler sedan in the back yard of the residence and a large black sedan in the garage but Agent could not see enough of the auto to determine just what kind or make it was or what license tags it bore.

Further investigation will be conducted concerning this auto belonging to Mrs. Nell Beronio.

It was ascertained from Captain Richards that Tennessee license plates beginning with the first two digits 23, if 230,000 the license would be issued in Washington or Benton counties; if 23,000 the license would be issued in Davidson County or Nashville, Tennessee. He stated that all of the license plates issued in Memphis and Shelby County start at 290,000 and go as high as 320,000.

Glenn Turner, Chip Barwick Chevrolet Company, stated that he was at the arraignment of Lou Conner and that Floyd Murray was with him; that they had gone to the Federal Building to carry the brother of Deputy Marshal Berg and to see Chief Deputy Marshal whom he has known for several years and they were informed that the arraignment of Mrs. Conner was to be held and that they stayed through curiosity; that he heard nothing at the arraignment concerning anything except Mrs. Conner was placed under \$50,000 bond and hearing was set for Friday. He stated that no one questioned him concerning the hearing.

Upon the return to Memphis, Tennessee, of Agent R. E. Peterson, who has assisted in the investigation in Arkansas at the scene of the accident, it was learned that a Mr. Van Fossen, National Cash Register Company, Memphis, Tennessee, and another party, name not known, carried Agent Turrou to the hospital in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Mr. C. L. Van Fossen, National Cash Register Company, stated that about 5:40 P.M. on November 14, 1933, he and Mr. F. J. Nichols, travelling representative for the National Cash Register Company, Dayton, Ohio, arrived at the scene of Agent Turrou's wreck which, according to Van Fossen, was about five minutes after the wreck occurred. He stated that Agent Turrou, a middle aged man, a boy and a girl were on the road and the automobile, with lights still burning, was down the embankment. Mr. Van Fossen stated that the middle aged man who was with Agent Turrou told him that he was directly behind Agent Turrou's car and saw the accident; that he was so near the car driven by Agent Turrou that he could not stop his automobile quickly enough and went a few yards past the wreck before he could stop. Mr. Van Fossen stated that he and Mr. Nichols carried Agent Turrou to the hospital in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Mr. Van Fossen stated that he did not examine the tracks or the automobile due to the darkness and therefore is not conversant as to the exact cause of the accident.

Numerous efforts to locate E. B. Hughes were unsuccessful and no trace could be found of his whereabouts. However, Verle B. Horton and Edward Shelton of the Rent-A-Car Company will continue their endeavors to locate Hughes and will notify Agent R. E. Peterson, resident agent in Memphis, should they be successful.

It was ascertained through general inquiry at the Shelby County Jail that the woman accompanying Mrs. Mahoney, as referred to above, is Mrs. Nell Beronio, the daughter of Mrs. Mahoney. The car being driven by her is a 1932 Nash sedan bearing Tennessee 1933 license number 291-517. Mrs. Beronio resides at 132 N. Waldron Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

The result of the investigation made by Agent R. E. Peterson of this office is being incorporated in the report of Special Agent L. M. Chipman or D. M. Ladd, such report being prepared in the Oklahoma City Office.

Further investigation of this matter is being left with the Kansas City Office.

Very truly yours,

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

CC: Okla. City
Kansas City
St. Louis.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **62-785**

REPORT MADE AT: Cincinnati, Ohio.	DATE WHEN MADE: 12-1-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11-14-16-22-33	REPORT MADE BY: E. J. Wynn C.E.
TITLE: FRANK C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. - 1195, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

List of all long distance telephone calls from Terre Haute House, Terre Haute, Ind., for Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Kansas City, from June 1, to November 12, 1933, obtained. Hotel is of commercial type, and no indications that Miller frequents there developed.



REFERENCE:

Letter from Chicago Office dated November 15, 1933.

DETAILS:

AT TERRE HAUTE, IND:

Mr. C. M. Ellis, is presently manager of the Terre Haute House, an Albert Pick hotel. It was necessary to contact him with reference to obtaining the following list of long distance telephone calls made from the hotel, but the nature of the inquiry was not made known to Mr. Ellis. He simply had the records of all long distance telephone calls furnished to Agent, and the following list of Chicago, Kansas City, and St. Paul and Minneapolis calls, June 1, to November 12, 1933, were taken from the record. Mr. Barnett Gordon of the local telephone company furnished the numbers called on some of the calls where same not available at the hotel. In several instances, the numbers called could not be located. It is thought that the Kansas City, St. Paul and Chicago offices can determine, from records in said respective offices, whether any of the numbers are those of known gangsters with whom Subject Miller has, or may be likely to contact, inasmuch as past investigations have developed that Miller and his associates have frequently contacted by long distance telephone.

ALL LONG DISTANCE CALLS FROM TERRE HAUTE HOUSE, TO CHICAGO, ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS, AND KANSAS CITY, JUNE 1, 1933, TO NOVEMBER 12, 1933.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Bliss Burton, Acty.</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	RECORDED AND INDEXED: DEC 4 1933
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Date	Person Calling	Room	Phone called
June, 1933.			
1	Morrison	833	Graceland 6266 - Chicago, Ill.
1	H. W. Zoleska	504	Beverley 1198 - " "
1	Curry	506	Valentine 6611 - Kansas City, Mo.
1	Henkel	506	9582 - Chicago, Ill.
1	Tony Oddo	316	8100 - " "
1	Tony Oddo	305	4926 - " "
2	Morrison	833	Canal 1770 - " "
2	McCormick	---	State 4975 - " "
4	Tony Oddo	305	Butterfield 4987 - " "
4	Isaac	803	Bar. 4441 - " "
4	Voitenbrugg	823	Fairfax 5625 - " "
4	Tony Oddo	305	Butterfield 4987 - " "
5	Lyons	---	Canal 2000 - " "
6	Owan	508	Hyde Park 3538 - (Mrs. Knapp) Chicago, Ill.
6	Rideout	828	Line. 6780 - " "
7	D. C. Curry	518	Valentine 6611 - Kansas City, Mo. Jackson 6262 - " "
9	Arthens	508	Sup. 6200 - Chicago, Ill.
10	Ritter	833	Bit. 6580 - " "
10	Helseth	703	Dupont 9012 - (Bill Tobin) Minneapolis, Minn.
10	Grim	516	Beberley 9344 - Chicago, Ill.
10	Coates	805	Longbeach 9070 - " "
11	Mrs. Stanton	711	Midway 1199 - " "
12	May	717	Har. 3800 - " "
12	Mullins	526	Hyde 7766 - " " Wab. 1641 - " "
12	Moran	---	Ci. 4787 - " "
14	Forsberg	404	B. 0004 - " "
15	E. H. Merrill	406	Longbeach 9070 - " "
16	Kemper	721	Superior 0460 - " "
18	Theme	406	So. 1116 - " "
18	Cross	317	So. 5948 - " "
19	Kanard	533	Har. 7978 - " "
19	Turnery	518	Webster 2233 - " "
21	Mrs. Lovell	428	Cal 4111 - " " McMillian 2459 - " " Prairie - " "
22	Green	402	Yar. 7420 - " "
23	Schwartz	429	Briargate 0131 - " "
23	Olson	---	K - 0052 - " "
23	Dwyer	406	Berkshire 8004 - " "
24	Collicote	528	Grand 2554 - (Edgar Berkeley) Kansas City, Mo.
26	May	812	H - 3800 - Chicago, Ill.
26	Netzger	804	State 0044 - Chicago, Ill.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Person Calling</u>	<u>Room</u>		<u>Phone called</u>
<u>June, 1933. (Cont'd.)</u>				
17	Knowles	---	Franklin	1101 - Chicago, Ill.
17	Estes	523	Suly.	0858 - (Frank Sloby, Residence Campbell St., Chicago, Ill.)
17	Knos	602	Har.	8781 - (Daghoff of Republic Coal & Coke Co., Chicago, Ill.)
27	Gilbry	428	Sup.	2266)
			Sup.	2897)
27	Ewald	406	Briargate	4375
28	Frank	602	Drex	9139
28	Gilby	---	Sup.	2897
28	Hann	1023	H -	9121
28	Wilson	511	Ber.	3203
29	Ticker	712	Ave.	1700 - (Mr. Tobin) Chicago, Ill.
29	McKee	821	Fair	8000
<u>July, 1933.</u>				
1	Smith	411	Cent.	4040
4	Moorhead	926	Ke.	1572
5	Gee	726	Web.	1641
6	Cooper	Moh.1200		(Miss Radke called Bob Cooper, Chicago, Ill.)
7	Carney	508	Bit	4680
7	Neevell	623	Bit	8000
7	Towson	824	Mid	2336
7	Woolsey	504	Hally	4196
8	Guzzy	404	Cent.	0125 - (Bismarck) Chicago, Ill.
9	Ferguson	508	Shell Brake	7798
10	DeYoung	608	Pullman	5926
11	Ross	509	?	1502)
			Sup.	2266)
			Ren.	6580)
			Ren.	4154)
11	Kraft	922	Franklin	5161
11	Schwartz	320	Vib	4060
11	Issac	822	Web	8410)
			Web	2960)
			Bit	5444)
12	Aoklin	708	Franklin	4114
12	Doring	801	Shel	0331
13	Mrs. Lindsey	1015	Div	5658
13	J. L. Berman	528	Sunnyside	0096
13	A. J. Lawson	631	M -	2336

Date	Person Calling	Room		Phone called
July, 1933. (Cont'd.)				
14	Lawson	631	Kid	2336 - Chicago, Ill.
17	Poole	708	Wa	1560 - " "
17	Jordan	808	Bitt.	4600 - " "
17	Wilkie	825	Plaza	2734 - " "
19	Arander	---	Web.	1840 - " "
20	Prewitt	717	Fairfax	7400 (Carolan Hotel, 5480 Cornell Ave.) Chicago, Ill.
21	Faulkner	703	Cal	1525 - " "
22	Olson	---	Well	0180 - " "
22	Lee	---	State	0933 - " "
24	Rodbourne	301	Lin	4249 Kansas City, Mo.
25	Boswell	722	?	6067 - Chicago, Ill.
28	McKee	702	Fairfax	8000 - " "
29	Moore	402	Web	2800 - " "
31	Alderton	408	Dearborn	8910 or 8710 - " "
31	Buzhardt	833	Triangle	7371 - " "

August, 1933.				
1	Macguire	502	Fra.	2024 - " "
1	Benning	626	Sup.	2817 - " "
1	R. H. May	1024	Har	3800 - " "
3	Buttner	503	Sup.	4610 or 4660 - " "
3	Strouse	---	Sag.	5792 - " "
3	Armstrong	516	Bar	8134 - " "
5	Henderson	524	Lin	5126 - " "
9	Macguire	823	Fr.	7150 - " "
9	Tucker	716	Bri.	1499 - " "
10	Delcour	501	Har.	2079 - " "
10	Beardsley	407	Dor.	5158 - " "
10	Hustand	421	V	1225 - " "
11	Beardsley	407	Dor.	5158 - " "
11	Macguire	509	Fr.	2024 - " "
11	Steffy	424	Bri.	8000 - " "
11	Bailey	717	?	4588 - " "
14	Crow	421	Wa.	0455 - " "
15	Dollman	633	Prog	0300 - " "
15	Byrns	525	New	1769 - " "
16	Murray	719	Com	0066 - " "
17	Schwartz	524	Sag	2598 - " "
18	Richards	924	?	1285 - " "
18	R. H. May	1023	Har.	3800 - " "
18	Burns	525	C -	8000 - " "
18	Lowenthal	M-10	Lin	1133 - " "
18	R. H. May	1023	Gen.	6580 - " "
18	Burns	525	New	1769 - " "
19	Hartman	711	Tr	7637 - " "
19	Opler	822	V1	0200 - " "
21	Tomberlin	705	Canal	7750 - " "

<u>Date</u>	<u>Person Calling</u>	<u>Room</u>		<u>Phone Called</u>
<u>August, 1933, (Cont'd.)</u>				
21	McWilliams	916	Pan	0271 - Chicago, Ill.
22	Laughlin	608	Sup.	2200 - " "
23	Love	630	Mar.	3794 - " "
24	Hough	723	Cedarcrest	1484 - " "
24	Hoffman	802	Rep.	4398 - " "
25	Cleveland	711	Whi.	4264 - " "
25	Levin	851	Fairfax	5274 - " "
26	Bader	611	New	8228 - " "
29	Ransdall	733	Frank.	0700 - " "
30	Wagner	426	Whi.	6040 - " "
30	Hoffman	428	Deb.	2635 - " "
30	Katz	M-5	Bri.	7125 - " "
31	Hoffman	428	Dea.	2638 - " "
31	Pick	--	State	4925 - " "
<u>September, 1933,</u>				
2	Smith	802	R P	1519 - " "
3	Woolsey	606	Far.	4282 - " "
3	Livingston	823	Austin	5288 - " "
5	Stansburg	617	Logan	2505 - Kansas City, Mo.
5	Goldstein	712	Briargate	6000 - Chicago, Ill.
6	Doring	715	Sh	0331 - " "
7	Spiegel	612	State	6100 - " "
9	Watts	316	Mansfield	1331 - " "
10	Curry	424	Valentine	6611 - Kansas City, Mo.
11	Watson	408	Web.	4400 - Chicago, Ill.
12	Lancaster	922	Sup.	1588 - " "
13	Browne	408	Yards	0240 - " "
13	Struble	925	"	4838 - " "
13	Stalwood	926	Austin	2583 - " "
14	Carnell	--	Hay	2141 - " "
14	Dr. Falgo	920	Pros	7012 - " "
14	McClure	508	Bit	2149 - " "
15	Keller	M-11	Franklin	0700 - " "
15	Scott	608	Franklin	5038 - " "
16	Mortimer	701	Sup.	4200 - " "
16	McGregor	701	Sup.	4200 - " "
16	Cohen	733	Shel	4567 - " "
18	Longdale	706	Cal	6760 - " "
21	Gusting	402	Dore	5999 - " "
22	Heyman	425	Fai	6000 - " "
22	Rhinehart	M-11	Clv	3404 - " "
23	Knorzen	---	C	8644 - " "
25	Fralish	619	SS	3968 - " "
26	Cord	---	Rogers Pk.	3623 - " "
26	Lohr	924	Cal	3440 - " "

Date	Person Calling	Room		Phone called
<u>September, 1933. (Cont'd.)</u>				
25	Rhinehart	M-11	Civ	3403 - Chicago, Ill.
26	Priser	426	Fra	8600 - " "
26	Smith	781	Mid	5622 - St. Paul, Minn.
27	Rhinehardt	M-11	Gen	3403 - Chicago, Ill.
27	Deming	316	Lof	6800 - " "
28	Shiffler	627	Cal	2710 - Crillon Hotel, Chicago, Ill.
<u>October, 1933.</u>				
1	J. B. Pesick	705	Lon	6788 - Chicago, Ill.
5	McDermott	511	Bev.	4715 - " "
3	Hair	818	Cent	5415 - " "
4	Leahy	502	Cent	7600 - " "
4	Levin	631	Far.	5274 - " "
4	Cahill	926	Dor	5327 - " "
5	Leahy	502	Cent.	8544 - " "
6	Noseda	511	Buckingham	6105 - " "
7	Klein	716	Bittersweet	6600 - " "
9	Armitage	821	Darnell Apt. Hotel	" "
10	Sawyer	616	H. Park	7766 - " "
10	Macguire	526	Cent	7150 - " "
10			State	6814 - " "
10	Hiscocks	418	Reg	4166 - " "
11	Silverman	515	Arm	2414 - " "
11	Forsberg	512	Bar	0084 - " "
11	Lee	423	Gen	5127 - " "
11	Macguire	---	Mid	7167 - " "
11	Rhinehardt	M-11	Cent.	3404 - " "
11	McIlvane	517	Pullman	0420 - " "
12	Rhinehardt	M-11	Cent.	3404 - " "
12	Littedale	626	Wab	2701 - " "
12	Yount	619	Har 9121 or 9127	" "
12	Ginberg	419	Willington	3995 - " "
13	Wadley	520	Hyland	9089 - Kansas City, Mo.
14	Vibbard	601	Whit	6350 - Chicago, Ill.
14	Noseda	311	Buckingham	6105 - " "
16	Newcomer	325	Fai	7006 - (644 Cottage Grove Perashng, Chicago, Ill.)
16	Kipp	401	So	1572 - Chicago, Ill.
17	McGregor	801	Al	0712 - " "
17	Kipp	401	Lin	2340 - " "
17	McGregor	801	Sup	4200 - " "
18	Greenstein	923	Alb	6012 - " "
19	Brown	601	Man	5963 - " "
19	Cohen	1023	?	5624 - " "
19	Noseda	331	Buck	6105 - " "
19	Collins	716	Plaza	5476 - " "

<u>Date</u>	<u>Person Calling</u>	<u>Room</u>		<u>Phone Called</u>
<u>October, 1933 (Cont'd.)</u>				
19	Burris	501	Cent	9200 - Chicago, Ill.
20	Knowles	420	Fra	1101 - " "
20	Yates	924	Buck	8126 - " "
20	Downing	807	Mar	6256 - " "
23	Baumgardner	420	Sta	6411 - " "
23	Rheinhardt	M-11	Sta	6410 - " "
24	McCallum	723	Can	3403 - " "
25	Stettanner	633	C -	8539 - " "
26	Kennedy	702	Plaza	0980 - " "
26	Burns	517	Bit	8716 - " "
26	Minor	804	Fra	5520 - " "
26	Tucker	716	Spa	7892 - " "
			Bir	1499 - " "
<u>November, 1933.</u>				
1	Gould	1022	Ked	2500 - " "
1	Dunn	502	Far	1453 - " "
2	Rorabeck	618	?	5320 - " "
2	Gidwitz	615	Mid	2180 - " "
2	Lowenthal	619	Lakeview	10309 - " "
2	Cleveland	510	Har	7800 - (Col C. H. Huston Union League Club) Chicago, Ill.
2	Baskett	611	?	4070 - " "
2	Barnes	504	Ham	3660 - " "
2	Cleveland	509	Ha	7800 - " "
3	Dunn	502	Far	1453 - " "
4	Salanteh	916	Brn	0462 - " "
4	Noseda	---	Buck	6105 - " "
5	Von Stratton	524	Far	5789 - " "
6	Grossman	712	Har	3800 (Jonas Waffle) Congress Hotel, Chicago, Ill.
6	Mullen	719	Hyde Park	7763 - " "
6	Curry	1017	Valentine	6611 - Kansas City, Mo.
7	Curry	1017	Valentine	6611 - " "
7	Hudson	326	Shel	9815 - Chicago, Ill.
8	Burns	1016	Triangle	0252 - " "
8	Rarrdon	1012	?	0252 - " "
8	Fataley	804	Herrinac	3422 - " "
8	Loonan	620	Bri	0187 - " "
9	Smith	533	Bit	4600 - " "
10	Pulliam	621	Ra	8633 - " "
11	Alcorn	511	Far	8382 - " "
11	Feinley	804	Hyde Park	1067 - " "
			Mer	3422 - " "

The Terre Haute House has the card registration system, and the guest cards from July 1, 1933 to November 12, 1933 were examined under the name of Subject Miller and his aliases, but nothing of value was obtained.

The hotel is the leading hotel in Terre Haute, and is strictly a commercial hotel, and is one of the Albert Pick chain of hotels. There is a garage about a block away in which most of the guests store their cars, and it is thought that if the Chicago office will furnish complete information concerning the car in which Miller was last seen, appropriate inquiry might be made at said garage.

During Agent's investigation at Terre Haute, Ind., the Chief of Detectives of the Police Department was ill, and therefore could not be contacted. However, Agent inquired generally of Detectives Conover and Haley with reference to contacts at the Terre Haute House, but it appeared that they had none.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE, at Chicago, Ill., will check over the telephone numbers of that city appearing in the body of this report and determine whether any of said numbers are of known gangsters whom Miller likely to contact with. It is thought that perhaps the Chicago Office is acquainted with the telephone numbers of such persons. If any of the numbers are of known gangsters, further check should be requested at the Terre Haute House of the person calling.

ST. PAUL OFFICE, Check the St. Paul and Minneapolis telephone numbers set out in the body of this report for the purpose of determining whether any of them are numbers of known gangsters, as indicated in the lead for Chicago, above.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE, at Kansas City, conduct similar investigation as requested above of the St. Paul and Chicago offices with reference to the Kansas City numbers called.

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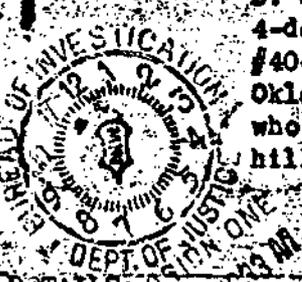
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Kansas City, Missouri**

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REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE 12-1-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-28-30-33	REPORT MADE BY C. G. Schenken
TITLE VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. #1195, et al			CHARACTER OF CASE Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

D. G. Hall, banker, Wetumka, Oklahoma, advises tan Ford 4-door V-8 bearing Oklahoma license #344-251, Motor #40-402680, purchased for cash by Blanche Cotner, Vian, Oklahoma. This car is being used by Wilbur Underhill, who was last seen at Wetumka November 25, 1933. Underhill has had hair dyed and wears shell-rimmed glasses.



DETAILS:

On November 28, 1933, Mr. D. G. Hall, Cashier, American National Bank, Wetumka, Oklahoma, called at the Oklahoma City office and reported the following facts:

About the middle of October, 1933, the son of Jess S. Littrell, "small time" bootlegger, who resides two miles south of Weleetka, Oklahoma, approached Nathan Lee, the Ford dealer at Wetumka, Oklahoma, and asked him whether he would sell an automobile for cash. Mr. Lee thought this was somewhat unusual but replied, of course, in the affirmative and later reported the matter to Mr. Hall. On October 25, 1933 Littrell and two women bought a Ford 4-door Sedan, tan in color, bearing Motor No. 40-402680, from Mr. Lee, paying therefor in cash. The numbers of this currency were examined by Mr. Hall but he was unable to identify this money as being "hot". The title to this car was taken in the name of Mrs. Blanche Cotner, Vian, Oklahoma, the title number being 1188994, and Oklahoma tag No. 344-251 was issued for this car.

Because of the circumstances surrounding the purchase of this car, Mr. Hall became somewhat suspicious and observed this car very closely. He has also

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questioned Mr. F. Carlos Garrett, mechanic at the Nathan Lee garage, concerning this car. The first indication of anything unusual about the use being made of the car was one time when Garrett observed a ten gallon bucket filled with roofing nails in the car, together with two sawed-off shot guns and one Thompson Machine Gun. The car has been brought to the Lee Garage about once each week since its purchase by a man who has since been identified by Mr. Hall and Mr. Garrett as being identical with the photograph of Wilbur Underhill on Identification Order No. 191. This man now has his hair dyed henna, wears shell-rimmed glasses and has a heavy tweed black overcoat. He carries two Boston bags in the car and has a suit on a coat hanger in the back of the car, feigning the appearance of a commercial traveling man.

During one of his visits, Underhill was told about puncture proof inner tubes and immediately had this type of tubes inserted in his tires, even paying for a telegram to Kansas City to order said special tubes. During his conversations he has mentioned having taken trips to Springfield, Missouri. About one week prior to November 25, 1933, Underhill brought this car to the Lee garage for servicing and had a hot water heater installed. When he returned on November 25, 1933, Garrett, the mechanic, noticed that he had traveled almost 3000 miles the preceding seven days. He also made some comment about the effectiveness of the heater, which indicated that he had been in a rather cold climate.

On the occasion of Mr. Hall's visit to the Oklahoma City office on November 28, 1933, he was shown several photographs, including the one of Wilbur Underhill, and he immediately identified Underhill's photograph as being the person who has repeatedly appeared at the Lee garage at Wetumka. Mr. Hall is very cooperative and has promised to notify the Oklahoma City office by telephone immediately upon Underhill's next appearance at Wetumka. He was also furnished with several Identification Order photographs and requested to exhibit the same to mechanic Garrett. On November 30, 1933 the writer met Mr. Hall at Oklahoma City and he stated that he had shown these photographs to Garrett and that Garrett had immediately picked out Underhill's photograph. He further stated that Garrett had furnished certain additional information, particularly that the automobile in question has two "Phillips 66" sticker shields on the front windshield and a similar shield on the back window. The two left fenders have been crushed and some effort has been made to straighten them out. Garrett gained the impression, from offhand conversation with Underhill, that he is probably staying in Oklahoma City with a sister of Jesse Littrell's, exact address unknown. Mechanic Garrett also commented that on November 25, 1933, exactly one month after the purchase of this car, it had traveled 10,855 miles.

The Oklahoma City office has furnished a description of the car to the Police Department at Oklahoma City, with the request that a lookout be maintained for this car.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Weleetka, Oklahoma will secure information concerning Underhill's contact with Littrell there and will arrange, if possible, a

cover of Littrell's activities, it appearing that he apparently contacts Underhill at various intervals.

At Wetumka, Oklahoma, will interview T. Carlos Garrett, mechanic, Lee Garage, to secure any further information he may have. Extreme care should be exercised to avoid any suspicion or embarrassment in connection with this interview.

At Oklahoma City, will endeavor to ascertain whether Jess Littrell has a sister living at Oklahoma City and, if so, will determine whether Wilbur Underhill is visiting said sister.

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All letters and packages addressed to inmates must contain full name and register number.
MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY
 JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

Prisoners must strictly comply with the following: They may write not to exceed two letters each week. They are not allowed to receive eatables of any kind. Newspapers and other reading matter must be received direct from the publishers, or their agents. The reward of good conduct is early release; prisoners should be encouraged to be good. All outgoing letters must be written on this stationery and not to exceed one sheet of paper, and on one side of paper only. **DO NOT SEND MONEY IN ANY OTHER FORM THAN BY POSTOFFICE OR EXPRESS MONEY ORDER, AND MADE PAYABLE TO DAN M. CARR, Secretary.**

Name Mr. John Edgar Hoover
 Relationship Business
 Street Number U.S. Department of Justice
 City Washington State D.C.

Name James W. Bowers
 Box 47. Register No. 35202 No. 2 letter this week
 Jefferson City, Mo. Nov-29-1933

Dear Sir:

Your reply of September 21st received, and a few days ago a man from Mr Courvoisier's Office was here to see me. I suppose you have his report by this time. I wish to assure you that I am absolutely sincere in every way, and there is no doubt what ever in my mind but what I can obtain result for you, I'm willing to stake the remainder of my life upon it.

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I received a letter some time ago telling me that in the past five years my father had died and the Bank had went broke in which my mother and father had had their meager savings, and that dear old Mother was keeping boarders in order to spend

Do you think Mr Hoover that any man with any conscience or self respect left would need any more than that to awaken him? If my proposition is accepted, I wish the utmost secrecy, even after results obtained. Please do not even communicate with me by mail here. I give you my word of honor as a man that I am sincere with you in every respect, and when a man says that and don't keep his word I don't consider myself part of a man.

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Obeyingly,
 J. W. Bowers

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
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November 29, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

SAC Larson called at 8:15 o'clock this evening and advised that Verne Miller's body had been found about six o'clock this evening at a spot some six miles from the center of the city, that he had apparently been hit over the head with some blunt instrument and then thrown from an automobile, that the body was entirely nude except for a blanket which had been thrown around it, and that Miller had apparently been dead several hours. The police identification bureau at Detroit have positively identified the body as that of Miller's, and a post-mortem is being performed on the body at the time Mr. Larson was calling. He is down at the police station ascertaining the details of the finding of the body and he will also examine the blanket which was wrapped around Miller to determine if there are any clues as to his murderers. He will advise the Division later of any further details.

Mr. Hughes was advised of the above. He telephoned the Chicago office and talked with Agent Newman there who advised him that the Chicago office had already learned of the news from the newspaper. Mr. Hughes informed me that he instructed Agent Newman to contact SAC Purvis and ask him to consider the advisability of again questioning Miller's wife, Vivian Miller, with a view to try to obtain some information from her which it was thought she might give upon learning of her husband's death.

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Respectfully,
C. E. Kleinkeuf
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*We absolutely certain
it is Verne Miller. Do not
merely accept the word of
the police. 12/1/33 J. C. H.*

*Fingerprints
by us. Newman
12/1/33
W.H.*

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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November 30, 1933.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

SAC Larson phoned at 12:20 AM and further advised that Vern Miller had not been shot, but that his head had been struck and mashed by a blunt instrument, probably a hammer, at least eight or nine times. He also advised that photographs of the body, and another set of finger prints would be taken and forwarded to the Division.

No further information was available, and the details of the case would be sent to the Division by Air-mail this morning.

Respectfully,

Thomas J. Connor
Thomas J. Connor.



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December 1, 1933.

Mr. Nathan	✓
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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Lester
Mr. Locke

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

Dear Sir:

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

There are enclosed herewith two copies of a memorandum by Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated November 26, 1933, pertaining to information furnished by Deputy Warden Graham and Mr. L. A. Laws of the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas. It is noted that the facts as alleged implicate Fred and Lloyd Barker, et al, in the slaying of the officers and Frank Nash. I consider this information vitally important; while it does not coincide with the major facts heretofore developed, there seems, however, to be no inconsistency between the possible truth of the statements made by Lyman Ford of the Kansas State Penitentiary to the officials there and the other evidence developed to date in this case.

I have considered the advisability of interviewing Mrs. Frances Nash in connection with this matter and have decided that it is probably not at this time advisable, in view of her apparent lack of sincerity and truth when interviewed previously in this matter. I believe that an interview with her at this time might serve to impede success in developing the actual truth regarding the implications of Barker, et al. Investigation will be held in abeyance at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, for the present, since there is apparently a chance that the information regarding guilt of the Barkers and their companions in this case might be further developed by investigation to better advantage if no search is begun for them.

Special Agent Harold E. Anderson and another Agent from this office will be in the Oklahoma territory within a short time. The facts mentioned by Deputy Warden Graham and Mr. Laws of the Kansas State Penitentiary will be borne in mind when investigation is made at Hot Springs and other points in the future.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY

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November 26, 1935.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1105
ET AL
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash)

Deputy-Warden Graham, Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, together with Mr. L. A. Laws, Guard at the same institution, personally appeared at the Kansas City office today, pursuant to telephonic appointment made by long distance by Mr. Graham. They considered their information of importance and, therefore, came here especially to impart same.

Mr. Laws informed this Agent that Lyman Ford, noted bank robber, serving life sentence at the Kansas State Penitentiary, life-long friend of Frank Nash, approached him yesterday in a "white heat," informing him that he had secured information from prisoner Jim Lawson, who was admitted within the past few days to the institution, that Fred Barker, Lloyd (Doc) Barker, Volley Davis and a fourth man, whose identity is not yet known to Ford, killed the officers and Nash at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933.

Lawson was an associate of these desperadoes and was convicted at Independence, Kansas, very recently and sentenced to serve 20 to 45 years for being a "fourth time loser," charged with Highway Robbery in the last conviction. Lawson is evidently the same man who was apprehended at San Francisco, California, September 14, 1933, San Francisco PD #50069--See report of Special Agent Wm. J. Ramsey, Jr., San Francisco, California, September 19, 1933.

The Lawson apprehended at San Francisco was a friend of the Barkers. Ford was informed by Lawson that he was with these outlaws at Hot Springs, Ark., about three days before June 17th. That Nash and his wife (Frances Nash) were also in Hot Springs at that time. That the Barkers, Volley Davis and the fourth man, in Lawson's presence, confronted Frank Nash in a house there, where Mrs. Nash was in the other room, and asked him if he were intending to kill his wife, or whether or not they would have to do it, as they wanted her out of the way, since she knew too much about the deeds of the gang. Nash informed them that he did not intend to kill his wife, and that he would not permit them to harm her. That they were themselves to blame for her knowledge and that she was without protection or friends and that he would not desert her.

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Ford was told by Lawson that these same four men followed Nash to Kansas City immediately upon his apprehension and killed the officers and Nash. That they wish to kill Mrs. Nash and will if they have such opportunity.

Mr. Laws will pursue this information further through Ford. He has promised him to help in securing a pardon if it is proved true. He suggests no interview with Ford by others for the present. Lawson is said by Ford not to be suitable for interview by an officer.

Ford informed Laws that the Barkers, Volley Davis and the fourth man mentioned are hiding out at the home of Wick Karnes, brother-in-law of T. C. Hill at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. Karnes is said to operate a hide-out there at his residence, which is a large white house on the left hand side of the road to South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, proceeding from Coffeyville, Kansas.

Maggie (Hill) Karnes is a sister of T. C. and Sandy Hill, noted outlaws. This may be the place where Francis Sharp reported that the Barkers hang out, when he was interviewed on September 12, 1933, in connection with the kidnapping of Governor Landon's daughter.

Sharp reported that the home was that of the father-in-law of Jess Doyle, former Kansas State Penitentiary inmate.

Volley Davis, mentioned herein, is said to be former inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, and a friend of the Barkers, having been a fellow inmate with Fred Barker and Frank Nash at that institution. We have no other record of this person at present.

We have a complete criminal history, fingerprints and photographs of the Barker brothers who are mentioned here. They have a close friend and companion, Alvin Karpis, whose record we have, who may be the fourth man referred to by Lawson in his statements to Lyman Ford.

While the details mentioned herein regarding the Union Station Plaza Massacre do not coincide with the main theory developed through investigation thus far, they are not wholly inconsistent with same. Nash was with the Barkers and Karpis in the house on Vernon Avenue in St. Paul a very few days before June 17, 1933, according to the statements of Mrs. Nash to Agents of this Division. The latent fingerprints of Nash were found there. Nash then went to Hot Springs where he was apprehended. We have never thought to ask Mrs. Nash (if she would admit it, did she know) whether or not the Barkers and Karpis might have been also in Hot Springs June 16, 1933. The Essex Terraplane sedan purchased at Kansas City from the Hudson Erace Motor Co. was at the house occupied by the Barkers in St. Paul a few days before June 15, 1933, as was fully developed through investigation of the Hamm Kidnaping Case. This links Miller and his activities with the Barkers, etc., about the time in question.

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Other facts developed by this investigation show that Miller was intimately connected with the Barkers, their mother and Alvin Karpis in Chicago, Ill. This theory may not be untenable.

Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis and Felix Donald are wanted for the murder of the Sheriff at West Plains, Missouri.

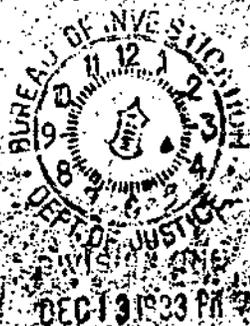
Contact will be maintained with Deputy Warden Graham and Mr. Laws of the Kansas State Penitentiary in connection with this matter. Mr. Laws was the man, incidentally, whom Bailey, Underhill, etc., kidnaped when they escaped on May 30, 1933. They also took along the then Warden, Kirk Prather. Underhill wanted to kill Laws, but no one wished to harm the warden, according to Laws, who implies that the warden rode comfortably because he may have had advance notice of the plan.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. TRAINOR
Special Agent.

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December 9, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Kindly refer to letter from the Kansas City office
dated December 6, 1933, addressed to the Cincinnati office.

It is requested that your office make immediate
investigation at Red Bank, Asbury Park, and Trenton, New Jersey,
in order to verify the death of Escar B. (Eddie) Conner. In con-
nection therewith, develop any information which might possibly
lead to the apprehension of Richard Galatas.

Very truly yours,

E. A. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge.

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November 29, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Carusi telephoned at 12:00 o'clock tonight. He said he had just heard the report about Verne Miller's death and wanted to know if it was true. I informed him that it was. He said a Detroit newspaper had called him and asked him for a statement as to whether the Department would take a hand in trying to determine the persons who committed the murder. Mr. Carusi said that he informed the newspaper man that while he could not state definitely just what action we would take, we would doubtlessly be interested. Mr. Carusi wanted you to be advised of the above.

Respectfully,

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Suite 1, Federal Building
Kansas City

December 2, 1933

Director,
Division of Investigation,
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I C #1195, ET AL; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (En-
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Reference is made to Division letter dated November 27, 1933.

There are enclosed herewith six photographic prints size 8 x 10 showing various camera views snapped immediately after the massacre which occurred at the Union Railroad Station, Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933. In all cases where possible the names of persons whose likenesses are shown are indicated on the back of the photographs. There is also enclosed a similar air photograph taken from the air several years ago showing very accurately the view of the Union Railroad Station plaza at Kansas City, Missouri. This photograph indicates the same view, which at present obtains at that location, and an "X" mark is shown to indicate the spot where former Agent Caffrey and the officers and prisoner Nash were slain.

There are transmitted also herewith, size 8 x 10, photographic negatives. The original negatives could not be secured, as they are the property of the Kansas City Journal-Post newspaper and are retained in the archives of that institution. These photographs were secured confidentially through the assistance of Mr. Kerle A. Gill, Forensic Pathologist at Kansas City, Missouri, who made the negatives in size 8 x 10 from the original plates, which were of smaller dimensions.

There were two additional photographs taken at the Union Railroad Station on June 17th. However, they were only close-up views of a policeman and of a taxi driver.

Very truly yours

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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Director,
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Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Special Agent William T. Morton arrived at Kansas City, Missouri, on November 26, 1933, at 8:05 a.m. and departed from Kansas City for Memphis, Tennessee at 7:10 p.m. November 26, 1933.

Agent Morton accompanied Louise^o Connors, Subject in the case captioned Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, IO #1195, Fugitive, Obstruction of Justice, etc., to Kansas City, Missouri, at the time of her removal here.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR EQUIPMENT SECTION
UNIT FOUR

Transmitted, herewith, is a memorandum containing data for Apprehension Order No. 367 on Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, Identification Order No. 1195.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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APPREHENSION ORDER
No. 1195-287

Dear Sir:

In Re: VERNON C. MILLER, aliases
VERNE MILLER, VINCENT C. MOORE,
VERN MARLIN - Subject of I. O.
No. 1195

Identification Order No. 1195 on the above named subject
is hereby cancelled as he was found dead at Detroit, Michigan, on
November 29, 1933.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover,

Director.

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December 1, 1933



Director, **VISION ONE**
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Dear Sir:

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

On November 14, 15 and 16, Special Agent W. F. Trainor, accompanied by Special Agent N. E. Marshall, transported to Lansing, Kansas, and Leavenworth, witnesses for the purpose of having them view prisoners James Clark and Robert G. Brady at the Kansas State Penitentiary, and Harvey J. Bailey and Albert L. Bates at the U. S. Penitentiary Annex, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. The following individuals were taken to Leavenworth for this purpose:

Mrs. Lottie West, employed by the Travelers' Aid, Kansas City, Missouri; D. A. Solomon; V. I. Bell; G. W. Lee; J. D. Jamison, Jack Clark, H. Bouse, J. E. Wallace and C. C. Clancy, all employees of the Union Railroad Station Master, Kansas City, Missouri; Alva Parman; H. L. Orr and C. L. Ellis, all employed by the Yellow Cab Company, Kansas City, Missouri; W. D. Rouzier, Manager of Fred Harvey's Cafe, Union Railroad Station, Kansas City, Mo.; Robert D. Woods, employed as a street car operator by the Kansas City Public Service Company.

There are yet to be taken to Lansing and Leavenworth for the purpose of viewing these prisoners, the following individuals:

Samuel E. Link, 3213 Kensington, Kansas City, Missouri; W. E. Gregory, Room 2011 Telephone Building, Kansas City, Missouri; Charles Moore, Care the Steuben Club, E. Armour Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri; Mrs. Margaret Turner (colored), Olathe, Kansas, and C. T. Brown, transient, formerly of the Bellmore Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri.

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The witnesses viewed the prisoners in a manner that would not unfairly expose any of the prisoners to identifications unless actually recognized by the witnesses. Arrangements were made with the wardens to have the prisoners in question mingle with a dozen other men of similar ages and descriptions. Care was taken to have no prisoners in the group, other than Clark, Brady, Kelly, Bates and Bailey, who were not in the penitentiaries as of June 17, 1933. At each of the institutions visited, the wardens caused the various prisoners to file in individually, stand for an instant before the witnesses, turn the profile and front views and then leave the room. After this procedure, all of the prisoners filed into the room in groups. It is believed that the process used afforded all reasonable opportunity possible for the witnesses to make identifications. None of the witnesses could make positive identifications of any of the prisoners. Except as shown hereafter, the witnesses did not make any identifications, at all.

Mrs. West stated that Kelly looked familiar to her, but she could not place him as having been seen at any definite time in the past. She did not recall having seen Bailey or Bates except that she had seen their likenesses in the press photographs. She recalled seeing and meeting Brady, but could not place him as a participant in the instant massacre. She believed she had waited on Brady at the Travelers' Aid Desk at the Union Station sometime in the recent past. Mrs. West is highly temperamental, and she wept practically all of the time on the return trip to Kansas City. She was not interviewed in the presence of anyone else, in order to insure a reliable statement from her without fear that her statement might be known to others.

Jack Clark tentatively identified Kelly as a man who had boarded the elevator at the Union Station, which Clark operated on the morning of June 17th shortly after the massacre. He stated that the individual had traveled back and forth to his elevator in a nervous and excited manner on that morning; that he was dressed in brown trousers and a tan shirt, and that he had called the attention of Mrs. West to his appearance at the Union Station that morning. However, Clark could not be positive in his identification of Kelly as the individual mentioned.

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Jack Clark also stated that Brady looked like a man whom he saw standing near the automobile of Mrs. West, which was parked in front of the Union Railroad Station, a few minutes before the massacre on the morning of June 17. He stated that he had at that time called the attention of Mrs. West also to the individual standing near her car. It happens that Jack Clark operates an elevator not more than ten feet from the desk occupied by Mrs. West at the Union Station. At the time Mrs. West was interviewed, her attention was called to the substance of these statements by Clark, but she stated she could not identify either Brady or Kelly in the connections mentioned.

Jack Clark also stated to Agent Trainor that immediately after the massacre, he was on the side-walk in front of the east door of the Union Station, when three men approached him. One of the men acted as spokesman, while the other two remained silent. The man who talked asked him whether or not he had seen the shooting, and he stated that he had. The man then asked him whether or not he could identify anyone who had done the shooting, and he stated that he did not know for sure. The individual then informed him that if he could so identify, it would behoove him to remain silent at all times, and he pointed to the dead body of Frank Nash lying in the car of Agent Caffrey and stated that Nash had done too much talking, which was the cause of his having been killed. Clark stated that the man who had addressed him resembled very closely James (Fur) Sammons, frequently mentioned in this case, and who is now in custody at Crown Point, Indiana. He stated that he viewed Fur Sammons personally at the office of the Sheriff, Kansas City, Missouri, during the latter part of June, 1933, at which time Sammons was in custody. That at the time in question, he believed that Sammons was the man who had addressed him in a manner of intimidation at the Union Station, as herein mentioned, but he did not disclose this fact for fear of publicity which was probable thru State authorities. He described the individual who had addressed him, and whom he believed to be Sammons, as a man about forty-five years of age, about five feet, seven inches in height, weighing about one hundred sixty pounds, with dark complexion, small black mustache and black hair. He stated that the man was hatless and wore a brown knitted golf sweater and no necktie.

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H. Bouse, who is a red cap at the Union Railroad Station, stated that he could not recognize any of the prisoners viewed as having participated in the shooting at the Union Station. However, he stated that he did not get a good view of those who operated the guns in the shooting. However, he related facts practically identical with those mentioned by Jack Clark in regard to having been approached by three men who sought to intimidate him and to keep him from informing officers of any identifications of the men who had done the shooting. He also described the man who did the talking to him in a manner similar to the description of James (Fur) Sammons and stated that he personally viewed Sammons at the office of the Sheriff in Kansas City, as did Jack Clark, and that it is his opinion that Sammons is the man who threatened him.

Both Clark and Bouse stated that they were approached by these three men separately and within a period of not more than ten minutes after the shooting had occurred on the morning of June 17, 1933. Bouse stated that he was standing behind the car of Agent Cafrey, not more than ten feet away from the car at the time he was approached, and that there was a large crowd of people around at that time.

Photographs by newspaper photographers, which were taken at the scene of the massacre, were secured recently, and there are found to be eight of such photographs in existence. Enlargements were secured, in order to endeavor to pick out any faces which might be likenesses of those of the men who sought to intimidate Clark and Bouse. However, the features of individuals are not shown in most instances in these photographs except those of local officials. There are a few likenesses of other individuals, however, in the photographs, and same are to be displayed to Clark and Bouse for identification, if possible.

It is found that throughout this investigation, the Police Department at Kansas City has reported at various times that William Weisman, a New York gangster and friend of Vernon C. Miller, participated in the shooting. The report has never been confirmed and the basis therefor has not been shown by the Police Department; however, Weisman bears a similar description to that of James (Fur) Sammons. It is found from investigation by the Chicago office, as mentioned in letter of November 13, 1933, from Chicago office to Kansas City office, that according to Maxine Mueller, a prostitute, Weisman was staying at the President Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, the period around June 1933, and was there associated with one Ward. J. W. Ward, who stayed at the President Hotel, is well known through investigation by this office to have been a close friend of Subject

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Miller. Ward sponsored Miller at the Milburn Golf Course at Kansas City, and they played there together on June 15, 1933, according to the record. Therefore, in connection with this matter, the possible implication of Weisman and Sammons are being borne in mind.

The other witnesses, who have not been yet taken to Leavenworth and Lansing, Kansas, will be brought to those places for the purpose of viewing the prisoners in question at an early date.

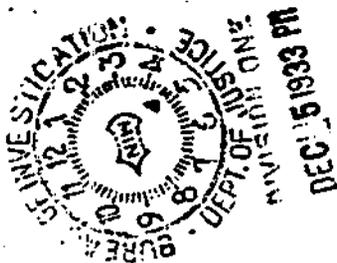
J. D. Jamison, who has hitherto identified a photograph of Harvey J. Bailey as a man who approached him on the morning of June 17th inquiring for the arrival of the train on which the Agents and Nash arrived, stated upon viewing Bailey that he does not believe Bailey is the man who approached him. He stated that Bailey appears entirely too old and of a much different complexion than the man seen by him.

Very truly yours,



E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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November 30, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Larson called again at 10:25 o'clock this morning with regard to Verne Miller. He stated that the thought occurred to him that you might wish to have one of the agents who knew Miller come over from Chicago for the purpose of further identifying him, however that Miller's fingerprints corresponded exactly with those of the dead body, that the peculiarities of both, namely the tip of one finger being off and scars on two others fitted in exactly and that there was no doubt that the murdered person was Miller, and that his, Larson's only purpose in suggesting the foregoing would be to have a further check on the identification, that the coroner wished to perform an autopsy on the body but had agreed to wait until a decision had been reached on the above.

Mr. Larson also stated that several weeks ago in talking with Mr. Keith re the Miller case, Mr. Keith had stated that it was his recollection that some time ago Miller had shot a man to obtain his insurance in colloberation with the man's wife. The significant thing about this, Mr. Larson stated, was that about three days ago, Public Enemies Nos. 1 and 2, two gangsters known as Axler and Fletcher, were found murdered for an unknown reason and the rumor had been circulating that they had been murdered for the large amount of insurance which both were known to have been carrying. He stated that you might want to consider this angle, namely that Miller might have been imported into Detroit for the purpose of killing the afore mentioned gangsters and that his murder might be linked with theirs, also because of the fact that Miller was practically a total stranger in Detroit.

Mr. Larson said that he would like to get in touch with Mr. Keith and discuss the above with him. I advised him that SAC Keith was due to be in Chicago today. Mr. Larson asked that he be advised of your decision with regard to having the agent come over from Chicago, as he was desirous of advising the Coroner in the premises.

The foregoing was communicated to Mr. Hughes. Mr. Hughes desires to advise that he called Mr. Larson at Detroit and after discussing the matter with him advised against having an agent come over from Chicago inasmuch as the identification by fingerprints was positive. He also advises that Mr. Larson intended to get in touch with Mr. Keith at Chicago and discuss the angle mentioned above.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE IDENTIFICATION UNIT
UNIT FIVE.

RE: VERNON O. MILLER, with aliases,
Identification Order No. 1195,
FUGITIVE.

Please cancel Fugitive Index Card No. 5513
on the above named subject inasmuch as he was
found murdered at Detroit, Michigan on November
29, 1933.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Department of Justice
625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.
November 30, 1933.

Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Locke

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

RE: VERNE C. MILLER, et al
Obstruction of Justice; endeavor to deliver
Federal Prisoner, Frank Neah.
Detroit File No. 62-690.

Dear Sir:

At 7:00 P.M. last evening (Wednesday, November 29) Chief of Detectives
Fred W. Frahm of the Detroit Police Department called me, stating that a nude body
of a murdered man had been found in a ditch at Cambridge and Harlow Streets, Detroit.
This location is in an isolated spot of the City, approximately 11 miles from the
heart of the City of Detroit; that the body, wrapped in blankets, was first observed
by a Mr. Vernon W. Northrop of No. 19464 Barlow Avenue about 5:30 P.M. while he, Mr.
Northrop, was on his way home. He immediately notified Detroit Police Precinct No.
14, and Patrolmen Charles Carlson and Alvin James responded to the call.

Upon reaching the place, these officers immediately notified the Homicide
Squad of the Police Department, and the following named detectives were assigned by
Chief Frahm:

- Paul Wencel
- Earl Switzer
- Harold Branton
- Harry Genshaw

Detective Charles Racey, attached to the Identification Bureau of the Po-
lice Department, also accompanied the above officers for the purpose of securing
fingerprints and making identification of the murdered man. A comparison of finger-
prints reflected that the slain person was Subject Verne Miller. The body was imme-
diately removed to the County Morgue.

I promptly contacted Russel J. McCarty, who is also a detective in the
Identification Bureau. He examined the fingerprints taken of the dead man, and
pointed out that they were identical with the fingerprints of Verne Miller, which
prints were on file at the Police Department on Identification Order No. 1195. At
the Morgue, where I viewed Miller's body, it was observed that the first joint of
the left ring finger was missing. This corresponded with the description which we
had on file. It was also observed that he was wearing a red mustache and also that
his hair had been dyed red, which corresponded with recent information furnished by
the Chicago office concerning his appearance in that city. His eyes were grey and
his complexion florid. His weight at this time is approximately 150 lbs.

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It was ascertained that Miller had been tied very securely in a jack-knife
position, with his legs drawn close to his body, and his arms pulled securely to his
sides. About 20 feet of the clothes-line had been used, and the remaining portion
had not been detached, but was dangling at the lower part of the body.

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Upon examination of the blankets which had been wrapped around him, it was observed that two were evidently brand new, being of cheap material; it being indicated that evidently the persons who took part in the slaying had purchased the clothes-line and the blankets specifically for this purpose, and had gone directly to the place of the slaying with this material. In addition to the two blankets which were tied around his body, an automobile robe of cheap material was found. There are no identification marks of any sort on either of these three blankets. It was observed that one corner of the automobile robe had been cut away, indicating that perhaps an identification mark had been removed. The only mark of identification found was that the clothes-line was purchased from an S. S. Kresge store, as a label which had been attached on the outside was near the body.

There is a deep welt around Miller's neck, indicating that evidently his slayers had used a rope around that portion of his body. However, the coroner believes that death was caused by severe blows on top of the head and on the forehead by a blunt instrument, perhaps a claw-hammer, rather than from strangulation, this opinion being drawn in the absence of considerable discoloration of the face. It is also believed at this time that Miller had been dead between 6 to 10 hours. One theory advanced was that because Miller being completely nude, he was attacked in bed, and that he was choked to a certain point to avoid making any noise, and that the blunt instrument was immediately used upon him. The nature of his wounds in his forehead to a great extent corroborate this theory.

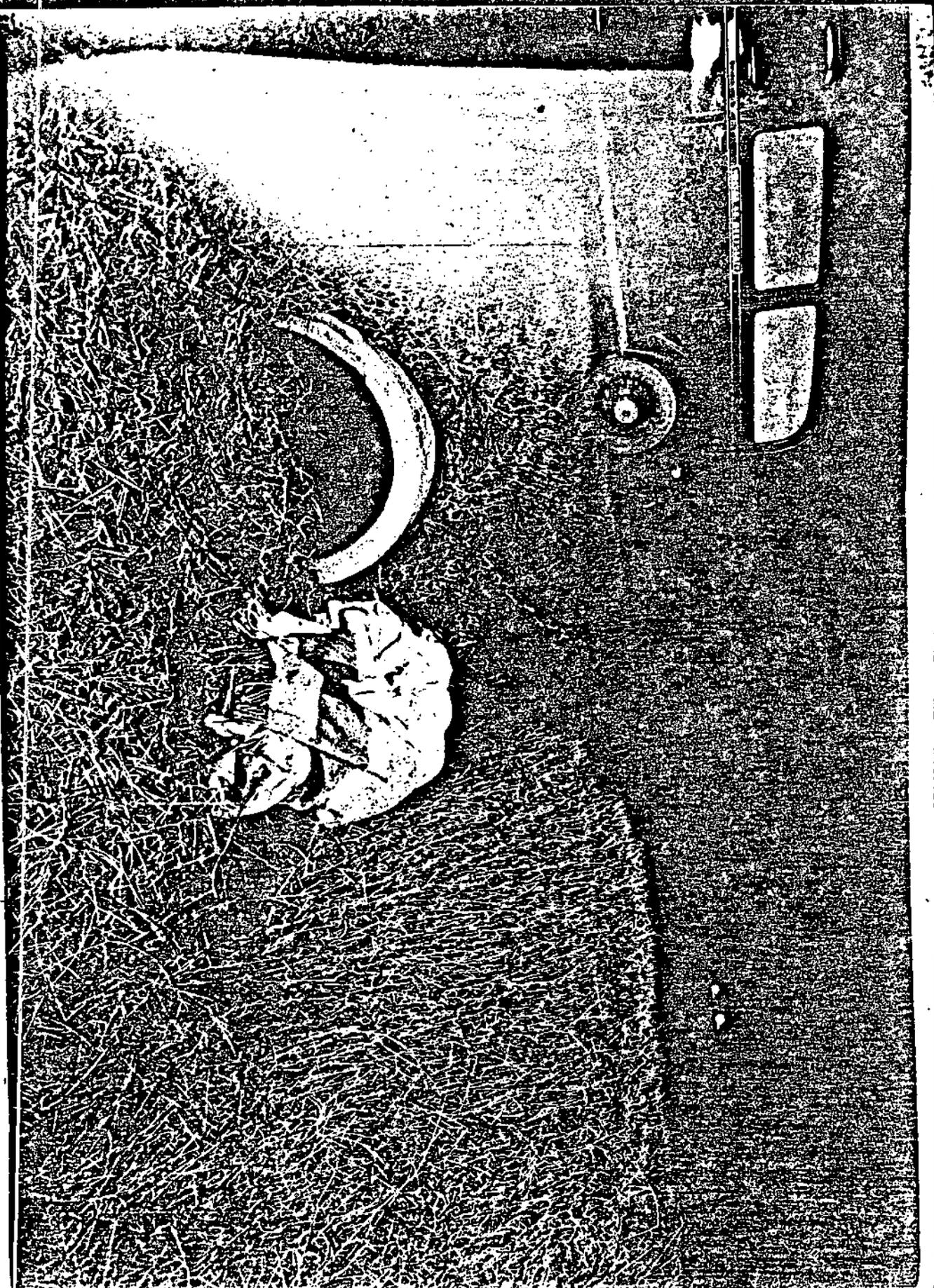
Up to this writing, no information has been obtained as to where the killing took place, or where Miller stayed while in Detroit. Along this line it is interesting to note that on Sunday morning, November 26, the bodies of Abe Axler and Eddie Fletcher, recognized as Detroit Public Enemies Number 1 and 2, were found riddled with bullets near Pontiac, Michigan. The local newspapers have carried several items to the effect that it had been rumored that associates of these two gangsters had made statements that they were out to "get" the slayers of these two men. Also the body of Walter Tylczak, who bore the reputation of a gunman and murderer, was found riddled with bullets near Detroit early Tuesday morning, November 28. In view of the sudden appearance of Miller in Detroit, there is a strong possibility that he might have been imported to exterminate the above-named gangsters, and was himself slain by their associates before he had time to leave the city.

There is being transmitted herewith to the Division fingerprints of Verne Miller which were secured last night at the County Morgue; also two photographs showing the body, wrapped in blankets, at the spot where it was found, these photographs being taken before the body had been moved. One of these photos, it will be noted, indicates quite distinctly the manner in which he had been tied. Also there is being forwarded a photograph of Miller taken last night at the Morgue, which very clearly indicates the wounds from which death was caused. At this writing, no post-mortem has been made, but it is understood that the Coroner's report will be submitted tomorrow, a copy of which will be secured and forwarded to the Division. Every effort is being made by this office and the Police Department to determine if any of Miller's associates who are known were with him in Detroit.

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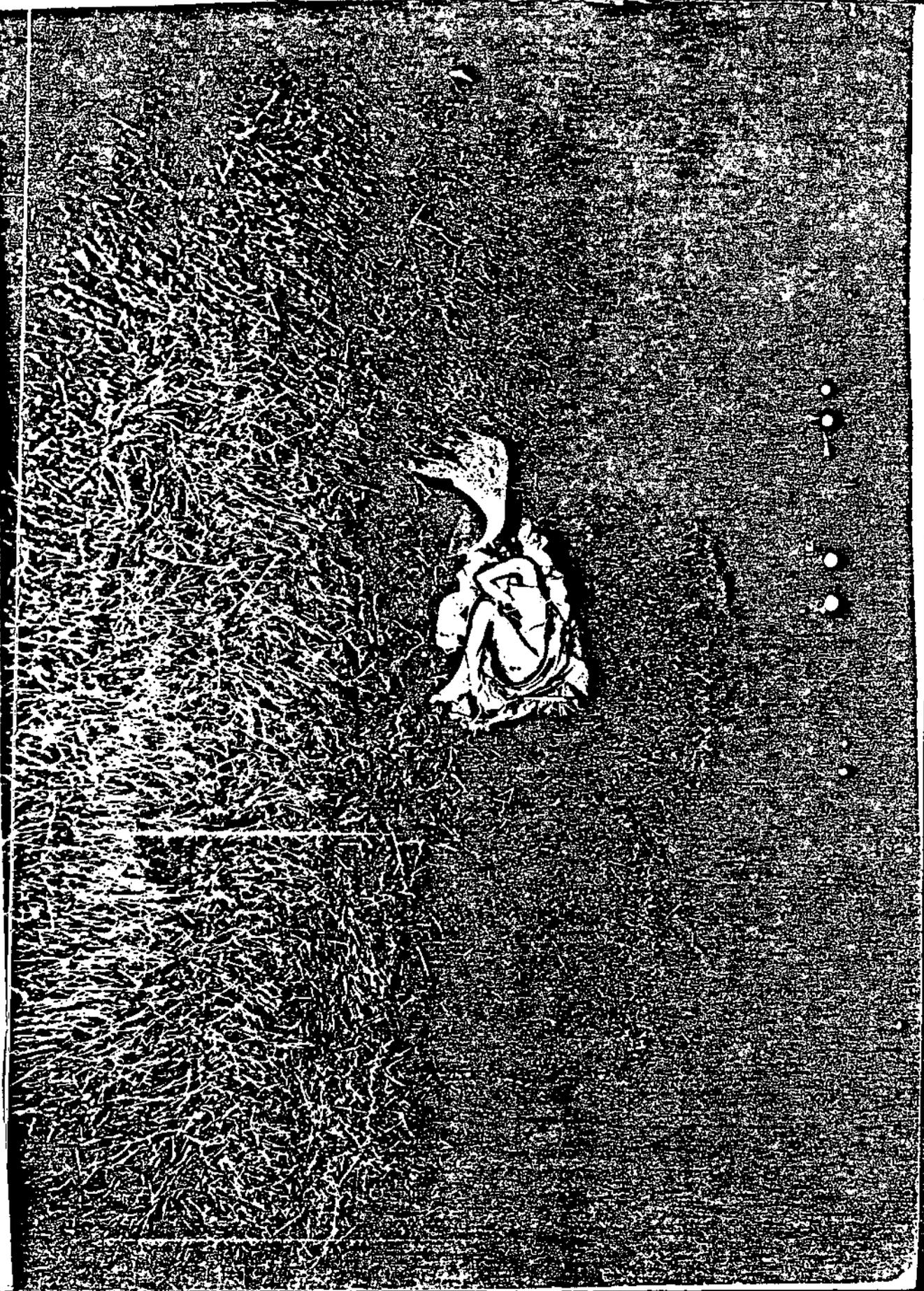
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Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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

FILE NO. **62-826**

REPORT MADE AT: Birmingham, Alabama.	DATE WHEN MADE: 12-2-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11-13, 14, 17, 18, 20, 22, 25-33.	REPORT MADE BY: R. E. PETERSON
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TITLE: (CHANGED) VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1195; RICHARD TALMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201.	CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash.)
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SUBJECTS: WILBUR UNDERHILL with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1197 MRS. E. B. CONNER with aliases - FUGITIVE - Et Al.	
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Mrs. E. B. Conner apprehended at Memphis, Tenn., 11-13-33. Fugitive complaint filed same date and Mrs. Conner arraigned 11-14-33, demanded hearing and hearing set for 11-27-33, and in default of \$50,000.00 bond she was committed to Shelby County Jail, Memphis, Tenn. Certified copies of indictment and capias received by U. S. Attorney, Memphis, Tenn., from U. S. Attorney, Kansas City, Mo. on 11-14-33. On 11-18-33, Mrs. Conner signed waiver of removal and removal order signed on 11-22-33, and she was removed to Kansas City, Mo. on 11-25-33. Mrs. Conner admitted identity and that she was in Hot Springs, Ark. on 6-16-33, but denies having any information as to telephone calls made from her apartment on that date and denies knowledge as to whereabouts of Galatas.

REFERENCE: Report of Sp. Agt. R. E. Peterson, Birmingham, Alabama, 11-7-33.

DETAILS: AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

On instructions from Special Agent in Charge W. A. Rorer, Agent contacted Inspector W. T. Griffin, of the Memphis Police Department, and made arrangements to apprehend Mrs. E. B. Conner on the morning of 11-13-33. Inspector Griffin and Agent accompanied by six other officers proceeded to the Lonely Acres Supper Club, 520 LeClere Avenue, on the morning of November 13th and Mrs. Conner was taken into custody. At the time of her apprehension only two other persons were present at the club, Mrs. Fannie Calvert Kirsky, Mrs. Conner's partner, and a colored maid. Mrs. Conner was immediately taken to Police Headquarters and was held.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *R. O. Smith* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
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incommunicado. As instructed, agent did not attempt to interview Mrs. Conner at that time, except to ask her as to her identity, and she readily admitted that she was Mrs. E. B. Conner, known as Lou Conner.

Agent filed a fugitive complaint before U. S. Commissioner Lester E. Brenner, Memphis, Tennessee, on 11-13-33 and a fugitive warrant was issued for Mrs. Conner. She was taken into Federal custody on 11-14-33 and was arraigned the same date before U. S. Commissioner Brenner, demanded hearing and hearing set for November 17, 1933, and in default of \$50,000.00 bond she was committed to the Shelby County Jail, Memphis, Tennessee.

At the time that Mrs. Conner was apprehended a search was made of her effects at 320 LeClere Avenue but very little was found that would be of any interest. A letter from Grady Swatz 1215 Bartlett Street, Apartment #4, Houston, Texas was among her effects but the contents of the letter disclosed no information of value. There were found several letters from one "Dudley" one letter being written on the stationery of the Hotel Kansas Citian, Kansas City, Missouri, one on the stationery of the Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa, and one from the Radisson Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota. These last mentioned letters contained no information of value and appeared to be from some man who was very fond of Mrs. Conner, and from the contents it is very probable that they were from Mr. W. T. Moreman, an admirer of Mrs. Conner. In a trunk were found registration cards for Chevrolet Coach, 1932 model, motor No. 3219460, Serial 2BA 07 85376 for the years 1932 and 1933, State of New York. These cards were issued to Lue B. Conner, 250 W. 103rd St. New York City. It is noted that this is the Chevrolet Coach which A. J. Conner, brother-in-law of Louise Conner, had had in his possession at Knobel, Arkansas.

Removal hearing for Mrs. Conner was continued on 11-17-33 to 11-21-33. On 11-18-33 Mrs. Conner signed a waiver of removal and on 11-20-33 she formally waived removal hearing before U. S. Commissioner Lester H. Bremer, and removal order was signed by Federal Judge H.B. Anderson on 11-22-33, and Mrs. Conner was removed to Kansas City, Mo. on 11-25-33.

Mrs. Conner was interviewed on several occasions by Special Agents L. G. Turrou and W.F. Trainor, in this agent's presence. During these interviews she admitted her identity and that she was in Hot Springs, Ark. on 6-16-33, but denied having any knowledge as to the telephone calls made from her apartment on that date, and she denied having any knowledge as to the whereabouts of Gallatas. Details as to these interviews are not being set out in this report as they are being reported by agents Turrou and Trainor.

A confidential informant advised agent that he had learned that Mrs. Conner has a safety deposit box at the First National Bank at Memphis which contains several diamonds, and some money and papers. He also advised that Mrs. Conner requested an attorney at Memphis to get in touch with one Tom Carney at the Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, Mo. or one Rumer at Indianapolis, Indiana, for the purpose of obtaining money for lawyers fees; that the lawyer called Carney at St. Louis and that Carney advised that he could not take the responsibility. The informant stated that he had been advised that Carney was supposed to be able to get in touch with Gallatas for the purpose of raising the attorney fee.

During one of the interviews with Mrs. Conner she advised that Rumer is the husband of the woman who killed her husband and furnished Agent Turrou with Rumer's address. She also advised that Carney is a good friend of Galatas; that she believes that Galatas is between Hot Springs, Arkansas, and St. Louis, Missouri. Agent Turrou contacted the Cincinnati office by telephone and suggested that they cover Mr. Rumer at Indianapolis and he will also furnish the information as to Carney to the St. Louis office with a request that Carney be covered.

Agent made investigation at the First National Bank but could not find that Mrs. Conner has a safety deposit box there, either under her correct name or aliases. Her photograph was exhibited to the man in charge of the safety deposit boxes but he stated that he does not remember ever having seen her. Inquiries were made at all other banks in Memphis but no information could be obtained to verify the statement of the informant that Mrs. Conner has a safety deposit box at Memphis.

At the office of the Southern Bell Telephone Company Agent was furnished with the following records of additional calls made from the Lonley Acres Supper Club, telephone 3-2287:

Call on 11-1-33 to Chicago, Ill, telephone Fairfax 5100, South Moore Hotel.

Call 11-2-33 to Kansas City, Missouri, Victor 6995, Washington Hotel.

Call 11-2-33 to Kansas City Linwood 7606, Mable Moreman 3120 Lowell.

Western Union Telegram 11-3-33 to Toledo, Ohio, signed "Queen".

Mr. H. A. Whitesitt, Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, made an effort to locate a copy of the telegram mentioned above but was unable to do so.

Description of Mrs. Conner as obtained from the Identification Bureau, Memphis Police Department is as follows:

NAME	LOU CONNER, alias Mrs. E.B. Conner
Age	35
Height	5' 2 1/2"
Weight	151 lbs.
Complexion	Fair
Hair	Auburn
Eyes	Dk. slate gray

Build	Medium stout.
Marital Status	Single
Residence	320 LeClair Ave. Memphis, Tenn.
Teeth	1 lower left out, several lower right gold.
Scars & Marks	Small flesh mole above left eye.
Race	White
Occupation	Night club operator
Photograph	15689 Memphis, Tenn. PD in B'hem file.
F.P.	Taken 11-13-33 and forwarded to Division
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Six photographs of Mrs. Conner were obtained from the Memphis Police Department, three are being forwarded to the Kansas City Office, two to the Oklahoma City Office, and one is being retained in the Birmingham file.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

CHICAGO OFFICE at Chicago, Illinois, is requested to make investigation at the South Moore Hotel, telephone Fairfax 5100, to determine if possible what party was called at that hotel on November 1, 1933, from the Lonley Acres Supper Club at Memphis, Tennessee.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE is requested to check telephone calls to the Washington Hotel Victor 6995 and to Linwood 7606.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE at St. Louis, Missouri, is requested to cover mail, telegrams, telephone calls, and express packages sent by or delivered to Tom Carney, Jefferson Hotel, and make such other investigation deemed advisable looking to the location of Galatas.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENE.

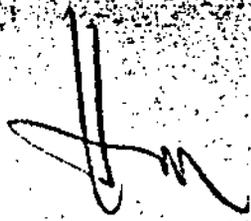
I am transmitting herewith for your information a copy of the memorandum which I have addressed to the Attorney General, concerning the indictment and conviction of Vivian Mathis and Bobbie Moore, the two women who assisted in the escape of Vernon C. Miller, at Chicago, Illinois, on November 1, 1933.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GATES, PUBLICITY OFFICER.

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I am transmitting herewith for your information a copy of the memorandum which I have addressed to the Attorney General, concerning the indictment and conviction of Vivian Mathis and Bobbie Moore, the two women who assisted in the escape of Vernon C. Miller, at Chicago, Illinois, on November 1, 1933.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

I am transmitting herewith for your information a copy of the memorandum which I have addressed to the Attorney General, concerning the indictment and conviction of Vivian Mathis and Bobbie Moore, the two women who assisted in the escape of Vernon C. Miller, at Chicago, Illinois, on November 1, 1933.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Within one month after the massacre at Kansas City, Missouri, the Chicago Office of this Division had located a woman named Martha Williams, residing at the Sherone Apartments, Chicago, who was understood to be very friendly with Miller. She was placed under surveillance, and investigation disclosed that Martha Williams was using the alias of Bobbie Moore; that she was friendly with the entire Miller gang, and is reported to have put her former husband, Jack Harris, "on the spot". Harris, who was killed in New York City about eighteen months ago, was formerly an associate of Miller's, both being members of the Uptown Masonic Lodge, Chicago, Illinois, during the years 1929 and 1930. Miller is alleged to have killed Harris at the request of Harris' wife, as she expected to collect a large sum of insurance on the life of her husband.

During July and August, 1933, the New York City Office of the Division picked up the trail of Vivian Mathis, who was associated with Betty Buchalter, wife of Louis Buchalter, one of the leading gangsters and racketeers of New York City. Vivian, during this time, accompanied Betty Buchalter to Montreal, Canada, Atlantic City, New Jersey, and other resorts, and left New York City on August 7, 1933. Shortly thereafter, she was located at the Sherone Apartments in Chicago, and was found to be associating with Bobbie Moore.

On the afternoon of October 31, 1933, Vernon C. Miller arrived in Chicago and went to the apartment of Bobbie Moore, who immediately notified Vivian that Miller was in her apartment. Miller later went to Vivian's apartment where he remained until the evening of November 1, 1933, at which time he eluded the trap which had been set for him by Agents of the Division. It appears that Miller had become aware of the fact that he was under surveillance, and arranged with Miss Moore to meet him at the entrance to the apartment in her car, with the motor running, and accordingly when he departed from Vivian's apartment, instead of taking the elevator, ran down the steps and entered Bobbie's car, and successfully escaped the gun fire trained on him by Agents of the Division and members of the Chicago Police Department. The car was found abandoned three blocks from the apartment.

Vivian Mathis was taken into custody on November 1, 1933.

On November 6, 1933, Bobbie Moore called at the office of the United States Marshal at Chicago and requested a permit to see her associate, Vivian Mathis, at which time she was taken into custody.

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On November 8, 1933, indictments were returned against both women, charging them with aiding and abetting in the escape of a fugitive from Federal justice, under Section 246, Title 18, of the United States Code, and also with conspiracy to violate this Section of the Code. On November 29, 1933, both entered pleas of guilty to both indictments, and were sentenced to six months on the first indictment and to one year and one day on the second, sentences to be concurrent.

On the evening of November 29, 1933, Vernon C. Miller was found murdered on the outskirts of Detroit, Michigan. Agents of the Division are pursuing an investigation relative to this angle of the case.

Respectfully,

Director.

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December 1, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

The attached fingerprints bearing the name of Verne C. Miller, I. O. #1195, have been compared with the fingerprints of this individual appearing in our files and they are positively identical.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

L. C. Schilder.

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Alias _____

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

Dear Sir:

Re: FRED HARRIS, with alias
HARRY MOUCHLEY, with alias
L. A. File 82-999

Please refer to your communication of the 5th instant, supplementing previous communications relative to miscellaneous investigation conducted by this office in the matter of FRED HARRIS, alias KELLER, and HARRY MOUCHLEY, alias KLINE.

This office has not conducted any substantial investigation in connection with this matter, other than to supply to the Los Angeles Police Department the information developed as a result of the inquiries conducted by your office.

I find upon conference with the head of the Gangster Detail of the Los Angeles Police Department, that Benjamin Seigel, alias "Bugs" Seigel, New York No. B-98015, and Abe Zwillman, alias "Longie", sheriff's office Essex County, Newark, New Jersey No. A-741, are both well known to that detail. In times past, they have frequently visited Los Angeles, but no information has ever been developed that they had any professional connections here. They never have been known to operate here, or to contact any underworld characters. Their visits have always appeared to be as tourists, probably for the purpose of "cooling off" when their activities in the East were under scrutiny.

I have not been able to learn that either Seigel or Zwillman have visited Los Angeles during recent months, but I am informed by the officials of the Los Angeles Police Department that in their opinion neither of these individuals have visited this city since the passage of a county ordinance which requires all felons to register with the police authorities when they come into the community.

A member of the Los Angeles Police Department, Gangster Detail, tells me that he has heard an unconfirmed rumor to the effect that some two or three months ago, Seigel visited for several days at the ranch of a prominent San Francisco attorney, the ranch being located in the San Joaquin Valley. The

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rumor is to the effect that the attorney is George J. Hatfield, former United States Attorney at San Francisco, and it is alleged that Seigel's purpose in visiting Hatfield was for the purpose of obtaining his counsel in connection with an Internal Revenue indictment now pending or in prospect in the Southern District of New York. I have been unable thus far to verify this rumor, although I am assured by my informant that it is reasonably reliable. This probably will account for the purported trip of Seigel to California in August or September this year. In this connection I think it may be definitely stated that he did not appear in Los Angeles at that time.

Los Angeles telephone number DRexel 9000 is listed to the Ambassador Hotel, one of the leading hotels of the city, and frequently patronized by the "big shots" when in this vicinity.

Los Angeles telephone number DRexel 9958 is an automatic coin box telephone, located at 918 South Eastern Avenue, a drug store.

The visit of attorney Fred Kaplan to California was probably in connection with the arrest at Los Angeles of a Detroit gangster for the Detroit police. The gangster in question was reputedly a member of the "purple gang" and rather strenuously resisted extradition to Detroit. He was, however, eventually removed.

I would respectfully request that you advise whether it is desired that this office institute investigation for the purpose of determining, if possible, the identity of the individual with whom Bonds talked with on July 28th last from the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, on a call to DRexel 9000, Los Angeles, which is above noted as the Ambassador Hotel.

Very truly yours,

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

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Washington, D. C.

December 4, 1933.

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APPREHENSION ORDER
No. 1195-287

Dear Sir:

In Re: VERNON C. MILLER, aliases
VERNE MILLER, VINCENT C. MOORE,
VERN MARLIN - Subject of I. O.
No. 1195

Identification Order No. 1195 on the above named subject
is hereby cancelled as he was found dead at Detroit, Michigan, on
November 29, 1933.

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Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover,

Director

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625 Lafayette Bldg.
Detroit Michigan
December 1, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE W. LARSON:

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Re: **VERNON O. MILLER with aliases,
I.O. #1195 - FUGITIVE, et al**

In agreement with your verbal instructions regarding the above entitled matter, the following memorandum brief is submitted:

A. The following named individuals appear to have escaped from the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas on Independence Day, 1933:

1. Robert G. Brady, with aliases, I.O. #1190
2. Harvey J. Bailey, with aliases, I.O. #1189
3. Wilbur Underhill, with aliases, I.O. #1191
4. James Clark, with aliases, I.O. #1192
5. Ed Davis, with aliases, I.O. #1193
6. Frank Sawyer, apprehended Siloam Springs, Arkansas about June 25, 1933
7. Lewis Bechtel, apprehended
8. Clifford Dopson, apprehended
9. Billie Woods - apprehended
10. Kenneth Conn - killed
11. Alvie Payton - killed

B. The following named individuals are Subjects of and suspected in the matter entitled, **VERNON O. MILLER with aliases, I. O. #1195, FUGITIVE, et al.**

1. Robert G. Brady with aliases; Bob Brady, Pat Brady, J. H. Taylor, Bob Ross, I.O. #1190. **K 351**

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(a) This individual was apprehended at Tucuman, New Mexico on October 8, 1933 after being seriously wounded. He appears presently undergoing hospitalization in that city and a detainer has been filed.

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for his removal, based on a Federal warrant in connection with pending prosecution in the instant matter at Kansas City, Kansas. This individual was one of the eleven escaped prisoners from the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas on Independence Day, Kansas State Penitentiary #3337.

8. Harvey J. Bailey with aliases; J. J. Brennan, John Brown, F. J. Bloom, J. P. Bloom, I.O. #1189. *K-711*

(a) One of the eleven convicts who escaped Independence Day from Kansas State Penitentiary. Kansas State Penitentiary #5045. Apprehended Paradise, Texas 8/12/33. Now serving life imprisonment U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kans. for UNSCHL. Kidnaping, Oklahoma City.

9. Wilbur Underhill with aliases; Wilbur Underhill, Henry Wilber; I.O. #1191. *K-399*

(a) Kansas State Penitentiary #2337. This individual was one of eleven convicts who escaped from Kansas State Penitentiary on Independence Day.

10. James Clark with aliases; Jim Clark, Jack Martin; I.O. #1192. *K-1378*

(a) Kansas State Penitentiary #2988. This individual one of eleven convicts escaping from Kansas State Penitentiary on Independence Day. Apprehended Tucumcari, New Mexico Oct. 6, 1933.

11. Ed Davis with aliases; W. E. Davis, Keith Stone, Sebron Edward Davis, George Allen, George Keith Allen, I.O. #1193.

(a) Kansas State Penitentiary #2987. This individual one of eleven convicts escaping from Kansas State Penitentiary on Independence Day.

8. Charles Arthur Floyd with aliases;
"Pretty Boy" Floyd, Frank Mitchell,
"Pretty Boy" Smith; I.O. #1194.

(a) Kansas City Police Department
#16950. K-1376

9. Melvin Ivan Barrow, Dallas, Texas
Police Department #3177.

10. Clyde Champion Barrow, F.P.C. $\frac{29}{29}$ $\frac{MO}{U}$ $\frac{2}{CS}$ $\frac{2}{2}$ K 917

11. Herbert Bleigh, Oklahoma State
Reformatory #7458. K 2239

12. Harry Carlton, Chicago Police Dept.
#C-16239

13. Kenneth Dean, Kansas State Penitentiary
#2193. K 1565

(a) This individual was one of the
eleven convicts escaping from the Kansas
State Penitentiary on Independence Day.
Now deceased.

14. William E. Engler, St. Louis Police
Department #18370. K 332

15. Jack Griffin, St. Louis Police Department
Nos. 19156 and 19841. K 905

16. Alvin Karpis alias George Haller, Kansas
State Penitentiary #8008. K 716

17. Stewart Lambert, St. Louis Police Dept.
#36078. K 1433

18. Verna G. Miller with aliases: Verna G.
Miller, V. G. Moore, Vincent G. Moore,
V. G. White, V. G. Mason, Vern Marlen,
V. G. Manion, D. J. Gross, Frederick G.
Glaubach, T. G. Eves, T. G. Hays, Stephen
J. Gross - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1193.

(a) South Dakota State Penitentiary #4840. Killed at Detroit, Michigan 11/29/33 in isolated section near City limits and identified through fingerprints taken and compared by the Bureau of Identification, Police Dept., Detroit, Michigan.

17. Bernard Phillips alias E. A. Courtney. *K 712*
I.O. #1196.

(a) U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas #26,800.

18. Alvie Payton. *K 1566*

(a) Kansas State Penitentiary #1755. This individual was one of eleven convicts escaping from the Kansas State Penitentiary on Independence Day. Now deceased.

19. Adam Richitti. *K-1665*

(a) Oklahoma State Penitentiary #25773.

20. Winsel J. Urban. *K 304*

(a) St. Louis Police Department #18978. Arrested Police Department Clayton, Missouri, June 11, 1933 and released under \$10,000 bond.

21. Edward Wilhite. *K 199*

(a) St. Louis Police Department #17734.

22. Earl Doyle *K 2222*

(a) U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kans. #23842.

23. Herbert Allen Farmer with aliases; Herbert Farmer, Herbert Black, E. A. Patton, W. H. Williams, W. H. Baker, Harry J. Garner, Harry Allen Farmer, William Hilary Baker.

(a) Kansas State Penitentiary #12790. This individual was arrested on a Federal

warrant on July 9, 1933 in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1195, and was released at Kansas City under \$25,000 bond and is now awaiting trial with several other defendants under arrest in this matter.

24. Fred Barker.

(a) Kansas State Penitentiary #9836. K-2256

25. Frank B. Malloy alias Fritz Malloy.

(a) U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas #39895. This individual was arrested on a Federal warrant in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1195, at Kansas City and was released on bond and is presently awaiting trial in connection herewith. K-1567

26. Mrs. Esther Farmer.

(a) This individual was arrested on Federal warrant, Kansas City July 9, 1933 in connection with the matter entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases, I.O. #1195 - Fugitive, et al and subsequently released under \$25,000 bond and is now awaiting trial along with several other defendants in the matter above referred to.

27. Mrs. Frances Nash with aliases; Mrs. Francis Miller alias Mrs. Francis Harrison alias Mrs. George W. Miller alias Mrs. Francis Mikulich Miller.

(a) This individual was arrested on a Federal warrant on July 11, 1933 at Kansas City in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases, I.O. #1195, Fugitive, et al, and was subsequently released under \$25,000 bond and is now awaiting trial with several other defendants in the case above referred to.

28. Richard Tallman Galatas with aliases; Dick Galatas, Richard F. Galatas, Dick Gladis, Pritchard Sheridan, Dick Sheridan, I.O. #1201 - Fugitive K-1711

(a) This individual is wanted in connection with the matter entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases, I.O. #1195, Fugitive, et al, which involves the killing of several peace officers at Kansas City on June 17, 1935.

29. Mrs. E. B. Conner with aliases; Mrs. Louise Conner alias Lou Conner alias Mary Conner - Fugitive.

(a) This individual is likewise wanted in connection with the matter entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases, I.O. #1195, Fugitive, et al.

30. Louis Stacey; aliases: Louis Stacey, Doc Stacey. K-2733

(a) This individual was arrested on a Federal warrant and released under bond at Kansas City, Kansas in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases, I.O. #1195, Fugitive, et al. and is presently awaiting trial with several other defendants arrested in connection with the above matter.

C. Of the above individuals, the following are carried as Subjects in the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, I.O. #1195, Fugitive, et al. Detroit File 62-690:

1. Robert G. Brady with aliases, I.O. #1190 - APPREHENDED
2. Harvey J. Bailey with aliases, I.O. #1189 - APPREHENDED
3. Wilbur Underhill with aliases, I.O. #1191 - AT LARGE
4. Vernon C. Miller with aliases, I.O. #1195 - DECEASED
5. Herbert Allen Farmer with aliases - APPREHENDED
6. Frank B. Mulloy with aliases - APPREHENDED
7. Mrs. Esther Farmer - APPREHENDED

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8. Mrs. Frank Nash - APPREHENDED
9. Richard Tallman Galatas, I.O. #1801 - FUGITIVE
10. Mrs. E. E. Conner with aliases - FUGITIVE
11. Louis Stassi with aliases - APPREHENDED

B. INTERESTING NOTATION:

George Kelly Barnes alias "Machine Gun" Kelly alias Bonner alias J. L. Baker alias Roy Stewart alias G. L. Johnson alias George and Albert L. Bates with aliases, apparently were friends of VERNON G. MILLER with aliases, and from time to time their photographs have been identified as participants in bank robberies, etc. in which Vernon G. Miller is thought to have participated.

Respectfully submitted,

M. W. MEEKINS - Special Agent

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HN:DSB

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F J BLAKE
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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DALLAS TEXAS

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

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Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 28th in connection with your file 62-999 entitled FRED HARRIS with alias; HARRY MOUCHLEY with alias.

This office feels that it is neither necessary nor desirable to conduct any investigation respecting the identity of the person whom Bonds called at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on July 28th.

Apparently your information as to Benjamin "Bugs" Seigel having visited former U. S. Attorney George J. Hatfield is correct, inasmuch as it is known here that in the latter part of September Mrs. George J. Hatfield and some of her friends were guests of the Seigels at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City. This was made the subject of correspondence between this office and the Director.

For your further information, your attention is directed to one Benjamin Kutlow who resides at 536 Central Park West, New York City. Kutlow is a big shot gangster and is a close friend of "Longie" and Louis Buchalter. In January of this year, Kutlow, Buchalter and "Longie" were in Los Angeles, at which time they saw a great deal of Jean Harlow, who is a particularly close friend of "Longie" and Helen Twelvetrees. In connection with the Kansas City massacre case, a list showing all toll calls made from Kutlow's telephone was secured and the same shows that on August 25th a person known as Klein telephoned Kutlow's number from HOL 9954 Los Angeles. The Klein who called is evidently not identical with Mouchley inasmuch as the record shows Klein called Kutlow's

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number from Reno, Nev. on September 4th and from Chicago on September 7th.

The Sidney Richards mentioned in my letter of September 25th is in reality Sidney Brown, the pay-off man for the gang. He has an office in the Beacon Hotel, New York City, and it is reported he is now living somewhere on Fifth Avenue.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division.

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

December 5, 1933.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Sanford Bates, Director of the Bureau of Prisons, telephoned. He stated he had received a telegram from a man by the name of Roy J. Ashley, who is in jail in Beaumont, Texas, in which he indicated that if sent to New Orleans he would furnish information concerning the Kansas City Massacre. Mr. Bates suggested that he would move him to New Orleans and I stated I would have an Agent interview him there. Mr. Bates will send the telegram to me for my information.

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

N.Y. FILE NO. **62-4949**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 12/5/33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/18-30/33	REPORT MADE BY T. H. TRACY
TITLE VERNON G. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. #1195, et al		CHARACTER OF CASE OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

This report sets forth the investigation conducted by the New York City office during the above period, which is being set forth as a matter of record inasmuch as fugitive Miller recently was found murdered in Detroit, Michigan.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent T. H. Tracy, New York City, dated 11/21/33.

DETAILS:

Following the arrest of Dr. I. R. Silvers, certain information was furnished this office by detectives attached to the 15th precinct, New York City Police Headquarters, which resulted in the following investigation:

Aaron Klein, c/o Hygrade Gem Optical Company, Inc., wholesale opticians, 40 East 23rd Street, New York City, was interviewed and informed that he knows Dr. Silvers quite well inasmuch as the doctor worked with him some years ago. He also knows the doctor's wife, maiden name Podoc.

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and that she also worked with him a few years ago. He said that on the night of August 11, 1933 Dr. Silvers came to his home at 441 Brooklyn Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, in the company of his brother, Al, and although he had heard a lot about Al and knew he was a gangster and liquor operator, he never met him before and on this occasion the doctor introduced Al to him. He said that on the night in question the doctor said that a friend of theirs was going out on the road and asked him if he would immediately give them a sample case, frames, mountings, and lenses, so forth, for the use of this individual. He said he did not want to do so unless he knew more about the individual and asked the doctor if he knew him. The doctor said he did not know him but that his brother, Al, knew him. Al then wrote on a card or paper this individual's name and address, which, as he recalls, was Stephen J. Gross, Jr., 6 Henry Place, Maplewood, N.J. Klein stated that the doctor said he would stand responsible for the cost of the outfit and that they did not want the merchandise sent to Gross, but wanted to take it with them. In order to cause a delay he told them he would consult his partner and let them know in the morning. The following morning, August 12th, he says he called the doctor at Orange, N.J. and said that he did not feel disposed to give this individual a sample case and allow him to go on the road and represent his firm unless he knew who he was and first saw him. He implied that he would like to have Gross come to New York City. He said that to this the doctor said Gross could not come to New York City inasmuch as he would have to go out on the road right away. Klein said that that day, which was Saturday, August 12th, he closed up his store about 2 P.M. and some time between that hour and 7 P.M. that night his store was burglarized and \$1500 worth of lenses and frames were stolen. He said that the merchandise was picked out. In other words, the person who did the burglary job knew just what he was going after. He examined the cases and frames which were received by this office from the Chicago office and said that none of the same is his property. He also said that on August 15th he had occasion to proceed to Maplewood, N.J. in order to see just who this man Gross was but Gross was not home and he could secure very little information from the neighbors.

Inquiry at Maplewood, N.J. developed that Stephen J. Gross, Jr. has resided at this place for the past five years. In the neighborhood it was learned that Gross is a gambler and has, so far as known, no legitimate occupation. On the night of November 21st Gross was interviewed at the office of the County Prosecutor at Newark, in the presence of Agents Soucy and Tracy and Lieutenant Dimond. When examined he stated that he owns the home at 6 Henry Place, having finished payments on the mortgage some time during the latter part of 1932. He stated that his father, S. J. Gross, and mother reside at 20 Franklin Avenue,

Maplewood, N.J.; that his wife's name is Catherine, nee Horn, and that he is the father of two children - Stephen Norvot Gross age 7, and Beatryce age 4. He likewise stated that he owns a Pontiac coupe which he purchased from the Buick agency having traded in a Cadillac on April 1, 1933, as part of the negotiation and paying \$383 cash to obtain full title to the Pontiac. He stated, in addition, that he has a joint bank account under his name, which both he and his wife use, at the Irvington Trust Company, Irvington, N.J., and that there is presently deposited thereat approximately \$600. He admits having associated with William Bernard Ise alias "Dutch" Whitey and to have been employed by him as a chauffeur up to the date of his death, which occurred February 17, 1933, having been so employed for approximately eight years. The aforementioned individual Ise was a known associate of Al Lillienthal, the big liquor operator at Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey, and was actively engaged in liquor traffic. Gross claims that he has not done anything but "knock around" for the past nine months although admitting that during the past summer he took bets on races and frequents the ball parks where he bets on the ball games working, in most instances, on a commission. However, he failed to furnish any names of those with whom he was presently associating with at Newark, N.J., claiming that he was operating for himself in a small way. He denied knowing Abe Zwillman alias "Loggie", although having heard of him. He also stated the name of Doc Rosen was unknown to him. He denied knowing any Al Silvers or Dr. Silvers and said he had never heard of either of them. When shown the photograph of Al Silvers he said he was positive he never met or saw this individual. He also said that he did not read any account in the newspapers concerning the arrest of Dr. Silvers, neither did he read his own name in the papers in connection with Dr. Silvers' arrest. He denied knowing what the examination was all about and also said that at no time during the past four months has he received any mail addressed to him which was intended for some other individual. He voluntarily brought up the fact that some time in August he had lost his New Jersey driver's license and it was necessary for him to secure a duplicate. He exhibited the duplicate which he obtained and it was noted that it was #584729, issued on August 14, 1933. Questioned concerning the loss of this driver's license, he stated that some time around August 9th or 10th, to the best of his memory, he drove his wife and the kids into New York City in order that they might see the George Washington Bridge and stopped at parks in the Bronx, so forth, and when he returned home noticed that his driver's license, which he kept in a wallet, was missing. He said that thereupon he got in touch with the Motor Vehicle Bureau at Trenton and asked for a duplicate and recalls that he had to wait over the week-end before he received the duplicate. In this con-

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nection, it may be stated that an examination of his telephone record at the office of the telephone company indicated that he telephoned the Motor Vehicle Bureau at Trenton on August 11th and sent a telegram thereto on the same date. His wife was also questioned as to details concerning the loss of this driver's license and their story did not agree. She stated she was at the home of her mother at Atlantic Highlands during that summer and she recalls she received a telephone call from her husband on Saturday, August 12th, in which he advised that he had lost his driver's license and asked her to look around and see if he had left it in the house; that she did look around and did not find it and telephoned her husband to this effect. She stated that she next saw her husband on Monday, August 14th.

It should be noted that Gross on the driver's license sets forth that he is 27, weight 150, height 5'7", hair blond, blue eyes. In other words, his description, with the exception of the age, is precisely that of fugitive Miller. His house was searched from cellar to garret for incriminating documents and possibly the eyeglasses which were stolen in New York City on August 12th, but no indication of his complicity in this case was found. It was concluded by the agents that a few days prior to August 12th Al Silvers had observed him in the hand book shops or other hang-outs for the Longie mob and observing that his description fitted that of Miller either caused his driver's license to be stolen from his pocket or else had someone pay Gross a sum of money for the same and upon securing the same decision was made for Miller to use the name Stephen J. Gross, Jr. In this connection, inquiry was made at the Motor Vehicle Bureau for New Jersey to determine if Miller did register a car in that State subsequent to August 12th in the name of Gross, with the result that it was learned 1933 registration 1-B-50857 was issued to "Stephen J. Gross, 6 Henry Place, Maplewood, New Jersey" on August 14, 1933, covering a 1933 Ford sedan, motor #284852. The Motor Vehicle Bureau advised that the certificate of registration shows the car was bought from Joseph Larson, 441 Broad Street, Garfield, N.J. on August 12, 1933. This car, therefore, is the car that Miller had in his possession subsequent to August 12th, and the Washington Field office has already established the fact that this is the car Miller had with him at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia up to August 29th.

It is recalled that Al Silvers formerly lived at 817 Chancellor Avenue, Irvington, N.J. under the name of Shore and that the superintendent of this apartment house, together with his wife and the housekeeper for Silvers, furnished certain information

which is set forth in the report of Agent Tracy, dated November 21st. Further investigation disclosed that the superintendent and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Cosgrove, were fired by the owner of the building, and that the housekeeper for Silvers, Mrs. Doris Kinnear was likewise put out of the apartment house. It was learned that these three persons are now living together at 216 Chadwick Avenue, Newark, N.J.

George Cosgrove was again interviewed and he advised that on Sunday afternoon, November 5th, when Mrs. Kinnear went to meet Al Silvers, he accompanied her even though Silvers told Doris to come alone and that he succeeded in obtaining the license number of Silvers' Pontiac car, which was E-15518. A check of this number disclosed that these plates were issued on October 17, 1933 to Larry Krug, 237 Fairmount Avenue, Newark, N.J. - a fictitious name and address - for a 1933 model Ford or Pontiac, motor #246442, serial T-4517. Cosgrove also said that he knows Abe Chait as on one occasion Al took him into New York City and he and Al went to the Jeby-Brouillard fight at the Polo grounds (August 10th) and that Abe Chait went to the fight with them and that after the fight they went to the Hollywood Restaurant where Al's girl, Genevieve Tie, was dancing. Cosgrove also said that he recalls the airplane tickets as Mrs. Kinnear asked him to write the letter to the company requesting the refund. Investigation at the United Air Lines, both at the Newark, New Jersey airport, and the New York City office, developed that on August 18, 1933 at 9:30 PM a plane left for Chicago which held Al Silvers and Frank Baker of the Riviera Hotel, Newark, for Cleveland, Ohio, and that they had round trip tickets. All the details with respect to this investigation are contained in the continuing memorandum maintained at this office. These details are not being set forth herein for the reason that it is now known Miller was at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, on the day in question and was not the Frank Baker who accompanied Al Silvers.

With respect to the bottle of medicine found in the Irvington, N.J. apartment which Silvers maintained, investigation was conducted with respect thereto inasmuch as it was felt possible that this medicine was prescribed for Miller. Details in this connection are not being set out inasmuch as both Silvers and Miller are dead but sufficient to say the investigation failed to show whether the medicine was the property of Miller or Silvers.

In connection with the suit received from the Chicago office, purported to be that of Vernon C. Miller, agent Soucy made inquiry at the office of the assistant buyer, A. F. Gustafson, Saks Department Store, Fifth Avenue, who from the lot number 15072, size 38,

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taken from the inner pocket of the coat, was unable to trace the particular sale and stated that it was a cash transaction, the suit having been sold to an individual using the name George W. Miller, who gave his address as the Hotel Picaadilly, New York City, said sale taking place on November 22, 1932. A notation on the original billing indicated that one additional suit besides the one referred to, also size 38, had been sold on this occasion, together with one overcoat and another suit, the latter two being size 42. Herbert Strauss, salesman, stated he recalls the transaction and sale of the four articles previously mentioned and when given a number of photographs for identification immediately selected that of Vernon C. Miller as being the individual who had purchased the garments in question but stated that he was of the belief that the name Miller was that of the other individual since he had had previous transactions with Miller and believed him to have used a different name on those occasions. Of the various photographs shown him he was unable to definitely identify the individual who had purchased the suit and overcoat, size 42, but was of the impression that the individual looked similar to Bernard Phillips, but from information received subsequent to this inquiry, it would appear that the person who accompanied Miller was Gus Winkler.

With further reference to Miller he stated that for some months prior to November, 1932, Miller had called at the store and purchased clothing from him and that on all occasions he had paid cash for such purchases as he made; that during these several transactions he had become quite friendly with Miller and described him as a very fine individual, possessing a pleasant personality. He recalled that during the summer of 1932 he had sold a garment to Miller which had not been properly fitted and Miller had on a subsequent occasion called to see him with regard to it and that he (Strauss) had at that time taken the matter up with Gustafson, who stated that they should provide him with a new suit and make an effort to properly fit the garment in question, and that after it had been again tailored Miller appeared to be entirely satisfied with it and purchased it together with a new suit at a good price. Strauss recalls having had short conversations with Miller during which Miller disclosed that he travelled between New York City and Chicago, Ill., however, failing to state the nature of his business on any occasion. Strauss likewise remembers having seen Miller in the store with a small bulldog of which he seemed to be quite fond. In conclusion, both Mr. Gustafson and Mr. Strauss consented to immediately notify the New York office in the event that Miller again makes his appearance at the store and for this purpose were furnished the New York office telephone number.

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No inquiry was made at the Piccadilly Hotel inasmuch as it is owned by Wasey Gordon. Furthermore, it has been previously established that Miller and Vivian Mathis lived there in the latter part of 1932 and the early part of 1933.

There was secured from the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company a list showing the toll calls made from Dr. I. E. Silvers' telephones from the period November 4 to 16, 1933. This list fails to show anything of value except that on November 15 and 16 there was called from his residence Bessie Landress, 1174 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, at Midwood 8-0538; also from the office telephone on November 9th there was called the Hygrade Gem Optical Company, Inc.

With further reference to the material sent to this office by the Chicago office, it was observed that included in the package were two shirts purchased from Macy and a quantity of ties also purchased from Macy. Inasmuch as the shirts came out of stock and Macy is a cash store, it will be unnecessary to conduct any investigation along this line.

In connection with the Corona typewriter which Miller had in his possession at Chicago, which was #424027, Mr. DeWitt of the Corona Typewriter Company, telephone Longacre 5-4200, is tracing this machine from the factory. He advised that this is an old machine and was sold over six years ago.

With regard to the clipping received from the Chicago office, this clipping was found in the Ford car which Miller had there and which car was purchased for him in Brooklyn, N.Y. on October 23, 1933. Investigation in this connection disclosed that the clipping referred to a robbery which took place on July 18, 1932 at 74 West 46th Street. Details in connection with this investigation are set forth in the memorandum as it is apparent that this clipping was in the car at the time it was purchased by Silvers.

With reference to Ben Kutlow of 336 Central Park West, apartment 17-D, telephone Riverside 9-6360, who is one of the leading mobsters in New York City and a particularly close friend of Louis Buchalter, a list of toll calls he made from his apartment from August 1st to November 1, 1933 was secured. The list shows a number of toll calls but none pertaining to this investigation.

The Chicago office advised this office under date of November 9, 1933 that Bobbie Moore, her daughter Phyllis, her husband and her small son, lived at the Haddon Hall Apartments, Montreal, Canada under the name of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harris for a period of

one year in 1931 and while there they were visited by Miller and Vivian Mathis. Investigation at Montreal, Canada by Agent Lott disclosed that F. A. Harris and family occupied a four room furnished apartment at the Heddon Hall, which is at 2150 Sherbrooke Street, from March 1, 1930 to May 1, 1931. R. A. Jacobs, the owner of the apartment, D. Delfoss, the manager, and others were interviewed but could not identify the photograph of Miller and Vivian as being identical with parties who visited the Harrises. They said that Harris was a gambler and a bootlegger and that he owned a Dodge sedan and that he left Montreal in a great hurry. Outside of the above, no further information could be secured.

The Chicago office also advised this office that at 1:59 A.M. on August 8th, a call was placed from Circle 7-2968, New York City, to the apartment of Bobbie Moore. The call was placed collect and it is noted the call was made one day subsequent to the departure of Vivian Mathis from Newark, N.J. Investigation developed that this telephone is listed in the name of Fred Adelman, 1841 Broadway. Inquiry thereat disclosed that the telephone is contained in an office which consists of three rooms wherein a turf publication is issued and hand books made. Inside the office Al Schwartz, Fred Adelman and Carl Brady, co-partners of the business, were interviewed and they said that their office closes after the last race and that none of them is in the office after 8 P.M. at night. Each of them denied making the call, nor could they furnish any information as to who might have been the person who made the call. There were at least twenty individuals in the back room of the office when agent made the inquiry.

Albert Silvers, defendant in this case, was murdered on the early morning of November 20, 1933. His body was found about 11:45 A.M., fifteen feet from a deserted road, near the village of Somers, Connecticut. The body was nude with the exception of a necktie and a clothesline around his neck. The body had been wrapped in a gaudy blanket, Beacon brand. At the time the body was found it was bleeding and the medical opinion was that he had been dead from six to ten hours. The body was found on the right hand side of the road going south. Somers, Conn. is about eight miles south of Springfield, Mass. Silvers had been stabbed twice through the heart, stabbed and beaten in the head, and strangled by means of a clothesline. This information was furnished the Division under date of November 23rd with copies to Kansas City and Chicago.

Following this murder, confidential informant mentioned in Agent Tracy's report dated November 21st, was requested to secure information respecting the murder of Silvers and he informed that Kutlow advised that Silvers gave comfort and protection to Miller without the

knowledge of the Longie mob and that when Dr. Silvers was arrested and the matter exposed, he was asked what he did it for and said that he knew Miller only as Clarence Neal and met Miller in Canada through Gus Winkler. Kutlow, according to the informant, said that the Longie mob gave Silvers the alternative of quitting Miller entirely or else ceasing to have anything to do with the Longie mob, whereupon Silvers got in touch with Miller and had an argument with Miller which resulted in Miller either killing Silvers or causing it to be done and that the Longie mob were out to get Miller for murdering Silvers.

On the afternoon of November 28th Louis Buchalter was interviewed at this office and complete report covering this interview is found in letter of this office, dated November 29th, addressed to the Kansas City office with copies to the Division, Chicago, Detroit and Oklahoma City.

The newspapers of November 30, 1933 disclosed that the body of fugitive Miller was found near Harlow and Cambridge Avenues, Detroit, Michigan on the afternoon of November 29th. The medical opinion was that he had been dead from eighteen to twenty-four hours. The newspapers set forth that he was nude, was wrapped in blankets, was tied with a clothesline in a jack-knife position, and was stabbed and killed in much the same manner as Silvers.

In view of the death of Silvers and fugitive Miller, there is no further investigative work to be conducted in this district at this time. However, the case is being maintained as pending due to the fact that prosecution has been commenced in the District of New Jersey against Dr. Irwin R. Silvers and in the Southern District of New York against Abe Chait and Herman Borenstein.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. V. BERNETT, ACTING DIRECTOR,
BUREAU OF PRISONS.

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In connection with the attached telegram from Roy J. Ashley, now being held in the Beaumont City Jail, Beaumont, Texas, offering to furnish information relative to the Kansas City massacre if transferred to the New Orleans Jail, I beg to state that I have telegraphed the Division's Dallas office to immediately interview Ashley for the purpose of ascertaining whether he possesses information of value. The Dallas office has been requested to reply telegraphically and you will be advised immediately upon its receipt.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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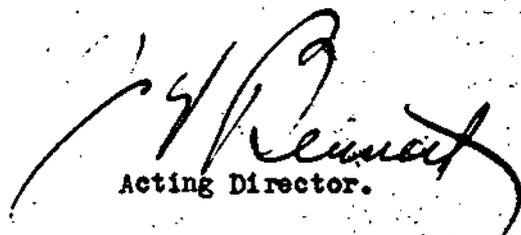
SAMFORD BATES
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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WASHINGTON

December 5, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER:

The author of the attached telegram, Roy J. Ashley, is now being held in the Beaumont City Jail, Beaumont, Texas. We will be very glad to transfer him to the New Orleans jail if you think he has any information which would be of value to your investigation of the Kansas City massacre.

Samford Bates

Acting Director.

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