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December 11, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER(DECEASED)ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

On November 12, 1933, K. E. Brewer, the Subject in Kansas City File 73-256, entitled Kenneth Earl Brewer, with aliases, origin San Antonio, Texas, wrote a letter to the Kansas City Division office, stating that he desired to furnish some information to an Agent of the Kansas City Division office.

Brewer was interviewed at the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and advised that he had been sentenced on November 26, 1933, from Houston, Texas, under a sentence of one year and one day for Impersonation. He advised that when he was placed in the City Jail at Lincoln, Nebraska, recently awaiting removal to Houston, Texas, he met one Charles Dotson, who had been extradited from Muskogee, Oklahoma, to answer a charge of robbery of a bank at York, Nebraska. Dotson told Brewer that he was well acquainted with Wilber Underhill, Fugitive, and Brewer stated that he told Dotson that he felt certain that he "could beat the Government case," whereupon Dotson told Brewer that if he were freed in the Federal case to return to see him at the City Jail at Lincoln, Nebraska, and that he would tell him how to get in touch with Wilber Underhill. Dotson further told Brewer that he would have his wife tell federal officers in the Oklahoma City office that he, Dotson, could furnish the whereabouts of Wilber Underhill, and that he should be freed on parole for that purpose, and that Dotson told him, Brewer, that all he wanted was fifteen minutes to get away from the City Jail at Lincoln, Nebraska, and that no one would find him thereafter.

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Brewer stated that he had not furnished this information for the purpose of securing a parole, for the reason that he expects to serve his sentence, which is not a long one, but that if DEC 13 1933 were de-

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desired to take him to Lincoln, Nebraska, and give Dotson the impression that he had been freed on the federal charge at Houston, Texas, he might be able to secure information from Dotson as to the whereabouts of Underhill, and that he would gladly furnish the same to the Federal Government and would not expect any favor in return.

The San Antonio and Oklahoma City offices are each being furnished with a copy of this communication for their information.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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cc-Oklahoma City
cc-San Antonio
cc-Kansas City File 73-256
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December 11, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

After consideration of the caption shown in the case of Vernon C. Miller, with aliases(Deceased), and others involved in the slayings at the Union Railroad Station, Kansas City, Missouri, June 17th, it has been decided to shorten the wording under Character of Case by showing same as "CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER." It is believed desirable to designate the title in letters as "VERNON C. MILLER(DECEASED)ET AL."

In the near future, a report from this office will carry a changed title, showing the additional names of Charles Arthur Floyd, Ed Davis and Bernard Phillips, the latter three being the Subjects of Identification Orders, issued in connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
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Post Office Building
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

You were furnished on December 8, 1933, with one copy of the report by Special Agent W. F. Freiser, dated at this office December 8, 1933, in the matter of Vernon C. Miller with aliases, et al (Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner), which report refers specifically to Subject Galatas.

It will be very much appreciated, in keeping with your offer as made on December 8, 1933, if you will have one run of this report typed at Dallas furnishing one copy each to the following offices:

Butte	Charlotte
Jacksonville	Los Angeles
New Orleans	Portland
Salt Lake City	San Francisco
San Antonio	

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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December 11, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER(DECEASED)ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Reference is made to your letter addressed to the Division dated December 5, 1933, wherewith there was transmitted to the Division a copy of the report of autopsy concerning Vernon C. Miller, whose murdered body was found near Detroit November 29, 1933; and also a photograph of Miller taken in the morgue after his death.

You are requested to immediately forward the report of autopsy, certificate of death, and copies of all available photographs of this nature to the Kansas City office.

Very truly yours,

[illegible] E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge.

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December 12, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of December 1, 1933, reporting the result of the examination of the latent fingerprints found in connection with the Ford coupe and Auburn coupe used by Vernon C. Miller. You are advised that these latent prints have also been compared with the finger impressions of the following Special Agents and in no instance were the latent prints found to be identical with any of these fingerprints:

James J. Metcalfe	John J. Keating
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Lee D. Nichols	Allen Elijah Lockerman, Jr.
H. Carter Baum	A. D. Mehegan
T. Elton Billings	Jay C. Newman
Edward P. Guinane	Julius H. Rice
John L. Madala	Virgil W. Peterson
W. C. Jamison	William C. Ryan

Very truly yours,

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

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

There are being forwarded today one copy of the report by Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri 12-8-1933, to each of the following offices:

Boston
New York
Philadelphia
Pittsburgh
St. Paul
Washington, D.C.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy /mos.

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926 Lafayette Bldg.
Detroit Michigan
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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1408
New York City, New York

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my communication of November 30 concerning the finding of the body of Verne Miller at Detroit, Michigan. Also, reference is made to letter from the New York City office dated November 29, 1933 showing the result of an interview had on the afternoon of November 28 with Louis Buchalter at New York City.

There are being transmitted herewith copies of two letters received by the Detroit Police Department from the Department of State Police at Hartford, Connecticut dated December 1 and 2 concerning principally the murder of Albert Silverman with aliases, whose body was found on November 28 near the town of Somers, Connecticut.

It will be noted in my letter of November 30 and the letter from the Department of State Police of the 1st instant that the manner in which Verne Miller and Silverman were murdered is practically identical in that both were found completely nude; that the bodies had been tied up with a clothes line and both bodies wrapped in blankets. The letter from the State Police describes the blankets as of cheap gaudy type which were wrapped around Silverman. The blankets found around Miller were also of this description. It is noted that Silverman had been struck on the head and on the face with a heavy instrument which caused his death. It will be observed that Verne Miller also died from blows on the head from a blunt instrument, perhaps a claw hammer. The communication from the State Police states that Silverman's nose was broken and that there were also cuts and wounds around the left eye. It was noted upon examination of Miller's body that the bridge of his nose had been hit by a heavy instrument and both of his eyes were discolored, apparently from blows.

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Name is mentioned in the
and Buchalter indicated
the week-end of November 19.

It is noted that Silverman's
interview had with Louis Buchalter at New York
that he was in the State of Connecticut during

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It will be noted in the letter dated December 8 from the Connecticut State Police to the Detroit Police Department that Silverman was alleged to have been closely associated with Verne Miller and that the State Police authorities traced the automobile which Silverman used when last seen in the vicinity of New York, the vehicle being described as a Pontiac, 1933 Sedan, Motor Number 946448, Serial Number 4518, bearing New Jersey registration B-15518, issued in the name of Larry Krug, 857 Fairmount Avenue, Newark, New Jersey; that both the name and address shown above are fictitious.

It has been determined that the above described Pontiac car was shipped from the Pontiac Plant to the Chevrolet Plant at Tarrytown, New York unassembled on July 18, 1933 and in turn was sent subsequently by the plant at Tarrytown to the Bronx Buick Company, Bronx, New York. The local police are extremely desirous of ascertaining the present whereabouts of the above described Pontiac Sedan and to secure any further information which will be of value in solving the mysterious killing of Verne Miller at Detroit.

I have informed the Police Department that this matter would be forwarded to your office and that they would be advised of results. It is therefore respectfully requested that this matter receive earliest possible consideration.

Assistant Director Harold Nathan has requested that the material which is being transmitted herewith be turned over to the Agents engaged in the Lindbergh investigation for such value as it might have in that connection.

Very truly yours,

M. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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CC - Division
Kansas City
Chicago

State of Connecticut
Department of State Police
100 Washington Street
Hartford, Connecticut

(COPY)

December 1, 1933

Future Reference to this subject matter should be marked Case L-6554.

Chief of Police,
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir: Re: Verne C. Miller

It is noted from the public press that the above subject recently met with sudden, violent and untimely death at the hands of persons unknown.

We are interested in this matter by reason of the fact that the deceased is said to have been closely associated in sundry matters with the late Albert Silverman, alias Al Silvers alias Jacob Lubin, etc., formerly of Brooklyn, New York and Newark, N.J.

We are concerned in this matter by reason of the fact that at about noon on November 30th Silverman's body was found about twenty feet from a back road in the town of Somers, Conn. This location is close to the Massachusetts State Line and about nine miles from the city of Springfield, Mass. The body was nude except that it was covered with a gaudy colored blanket of cheap type. Around the neck was a necktie which was so tightened that the noose had a diameter of about twelve and one-half inches. Around the neck was a piece of rope of the type used for clothes line purposes. This rope was tied with a square knot and was drawn as to be approximately twelve and one-half inches in diameter. Another piece of rope of the same material was bound around the outside of the blanket and around the legs between the hip and knees so tightly that the marks of the rope were plainly visible on the flesh. The body was on the ground except that the feet were on a barbed wire fence that was partially tipped over.

It appeared that the man had been struck on the head and on the face with a heavy instrument so applied as to produce a concussion of the brain but not a fracture of the skull. Nose was broken and there was also cut wounds around the left eye. There were also two stab wounds between the fifth and sixth ribs, both of which cut through the heart. In the opinion of the medical examiner the deceased had been dead less than twenty-four hours when found. Content of stomach indicated that the taking had been shortly after he had enjoyed a good meal.

The identification was by fingerprints which were readily recognized as those of Silverman inasmuch as he had been committed to Sing Sing on two separate occasions.

Further information relating to Silverman is that he had

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been a prominent Lieutenant of Louis Buchalder alias Louis Lepke the head of the so-called Lepke mob which engaged in matters of crime and violence extensively both in New York City and northern New Jersey.

We have been further informed that Silverman was sought by Federal Officers on charge of having concealed Miller in New York and vicinity.

It seems to the writer that there may be some common interest between the above crimes and in the investigation of the death of Miller if you find any information bearing upon the murder of Silverman we willhighly appreciate it.

Up to the present time we have no information connecting Silverman with any activity or with any persons in the State of Connecticut neither are we able to place the situs of the crime it being fully as likely to have occurred in Massachusetts as in Connecticut. However, we feel that the dignity of our laws have been seriously infringed upon by the leaving of this body in our jurisdiction and we are anxious to pursue the matter as far as may be practical.

We enclose herewith pictures of Silverman with the thought that he may be identified by his activities in your city.

Yours very truly,

(S) A. Sunderland

A. Sunderland,
Commissioner of State Police

WFS:BMS

Enc.

State of Connecticut
Department of State Police
100 Washington Street
Hartford, Connecticut

In Reply Refer To
Case No. 1-6554

December 8, 1933

Chief of Police
Detroit,
Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Referring to our letter of yesterday relative to the murder of Al Silverman who was closely associated with Verne C. Miller, will advise that we have been interested in tracing the automobile which Silverman used when last seen in the vicinity of New York.

This vehicle is described as follows: Pontiac 1933 Sedan, Motor Number 944442, Serial Number 4517, bearing New Jersey registration M-15518, issued in the name of Larry Krug, 837 Fairmount Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. The name of Krug and the address are both fictitious.

The further identifying numbers on this vehicle are: Transmission PCQ-05719, Rear Axle 421857, Key B-382.

Any information concerning this car or the placement of Silverman in your city will be highly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) A. Sunderland
Commissioner of State Police.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

December 9, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased), ET AL,
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL
PRISONER.

Kindly refer to personal and confidential letter from Special Agent H. E. Anderson, dated at St. Louis, Missouri, December 6, 1933, copies of which are being transmitted herewith to the Birmingham and Oklahoma City offices for their information. Reference is also made to letter from the Birmingham office to this office dated December 6, 1933, copy of which is being transmitted herewith to the Oklahoma City office.

Immediately after the receipt of the telephone conversation from Agent Anderson on December 6th, I conferred with Mrs. Louise Conner at the County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri, and informed her that I had received information from one of the Agents of the Division to the effect that one of her friends, Tom Kearney of St. Louis, had informed the Agent that he was willing to go her bond, in the event that it should be reduced. I stated to her that I did not feel that the Government should discriminate against her and that, accordingly, I would not oppose a reduction in bond to the extent of $2500.00, which was a bond similar to that of Mrs. Frances Nash, Mrs. Conner indicating that she was not presently acquainted with Tom Kearney, but that he was probably a friend of her husband. She inquired as to why Tom Kearney should be offering to furnish bond, and I advised her that I had no idea as to why he should do so, except as a matter of possible friendship with her husband, now deceased. I talked to Mrs. Conner for quite a long period of time, but did not press the matter, altho occasionally I would bring the conversation back to that point, in order to secure as much information from her as possible. She secured from me the address of Kearney in St. Louis, which I gave to her off-hand.

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It appears that efforts to secure the release of Mrs. Conner on bond have been made to W. T. Moreman, a friend of Mrs. Conner here

in Kansas City. He came to the office and advised that he has secured the services of a lawyer by the name of Rucker, who had had a conference with United States Attorney W. L. Vandeventer, who had indicated to Rucker that a bond of $2500.00 might be set, in the event that the Division of Investigation had no objections. Moreman further stated that Rucker had some friend who could put up a bond of $2000.00 on some property valued at $4,000.00. I informed Moreman that by placing the bond of Mrs. Conner less than that of Mrs. Nash, it might be an indication to the public that she was a lesser defendant. I informed him that it would not be proper to show that discrimination. At this same time, I advised Mr. Moreman that a friend of Mrs. Conner in an outside city had offered to go her bond in the event that same had been reduced. I also told him that I talked to Mrs. Conner relative thereto, and that she had not apparently been much interested. He stated that he could not understand her attitude and advised that he would confer with her in regard thereto. Arrangements were made to have him confer with Mrs. Conner at the County Jail.

After Moreman's visit with Mrs. Conner, he returned to this office and advised that Mrs. Conner had instructed him to get in touch with Tom Kearney over the telephone and arrange for her bond. Later, Mr. Moreman informed this office that he had made arrangements with Kearney to furnish the bond. I will be noted that shortly after Moreman left the County Jail, Mrs. Conner sent two telegrams, one to Mr. Luther Graves, Exchange Building, Memphis, Tennessee, stating: "Made arrangements here no attorney see you soon." Another telegram to Mrs. Pearl, Telephone No. 32278, Memphis, Tennessee, reads as follows: "Make no arrangements there things good shape here."

In addition a telegram was received by Mrs. Conner at the County Jail on the 8th instant, which is quoted as follows:

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MRS E B CONNER
CARE COUNTY JAILER KSC
WIRE ME CARE LUTHER GRAVES ATTORNEY EXCHANGE BLDG INSTRUCTIONS AS TO ATTORNEYS FEES AND BOND PROVIDING FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE RELEASE THINK I CAN BORROW BALANCE SPARE RIB QUEEN
J C COLLINS.

It appears that United States District Judge Albert L. Reeves, who is the only person who could reduce the bond, is out of Kansas City and will not return until December 11th. Accordingly, it would appear not possible for Mrs. Conner to be released on bond until that date.

With reference to the Birmingham letter dated December 6, 1933, I believe it advisable for the Birmingham office to maintain their contacts in that city and follow the situation closely. The matter contained in communications being transmitted herewith, however, should be held in strictest confidence.

Copies of communications are being forwarded to the Oklahoma City office for their information only, in order that they may be available in cases of emergency.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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cc-Birmingham(Encl.)
cc-Oklahoma City (Encls)

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division telegram dated December 11, 1933 requesting advice as to the disposition of an arrest of Frank Nash as Charles B. Edgar, #1596, arrested by Police Department, Joplin, Missouri, July 26, 1919, charge - Grand Larceny (auto) and Kansas City letter addressed to the Division, dated December 12, 1933 relative to the same matter.

It appears from the Kansas City letter that Nash was arrested with one W. S. Weber, alias A. C. Keller, #1597, Police Department, Joplin, Missouri; that both were tried in Justice Court at Joplin, Missouri on July 27, 1919 and both were acquitted; that they were then turned over to the Oklahoma State authorities to be tried on a charge of automobile theft but it does not appear from the Kansas City letter what disposition was made of this case and it was suggested that the record of W. S. Weber be examined for the purpose of establishing what disposition was made of the case against Frank Nash.

There are enclosed herewith copies of the criminal record of W. S. Weber, #10426, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, which reflects that he was received at that institution on May 16, 1920 to serve a sentence of five years on a charge of larceny of an auto.

You are requested to conduct appropriate investigation at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, with a view to tracing back the record of Weber in order to establish what disposition was made of the case pending against Frank Nash. It appears from the criminal record of Frank Nash, on file at the Division, that he was arrested by the Sheriff's office at Cordell, Oklahoma, October 18, 1919, charge - investigation, bank robbery, and on December 18, 1919 was

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was convicted at Cordell for burglary, by explosives, of the Corn State Bank at Corn, Oklahoma on October 17, 1919 and was sentenced to serve 25 years in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary as #10672.

Please give this matter your immediate attention and advise the Division by letter as to the results of your investigation.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. 364959

c/c Kansas City

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Suite L Federal Building,
Kansas City.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Hughes
Mr. Quinn
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Mr. Locke

December 12, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division telegram dated December 11, 1933, requesting advice as to disposition of an arrest of Frank Nash, as Charles B. Edgar, No. 1596, arrested PD Joplin, Missouri, July 26, 1919, charge - Grand Larceny.

Through telephonic communication, it was ascertained from the Joplin Police Department that Nash under that alias and number was arrested on July 26, 1919, for the grand larceny of an automobile; that at the time of his arrest, there was also arrested with him one W. S. Weber, alias A. C. Keller, Joplin, Mo., PD #1597. It is shown that both were tried in Justice Court at Joplin, Missouri, on July 27, 1919, and both were acquitted at Joplin. However, the records show that both of these individuals were turned over to Oklahoma State authorities to be tried on charge of automobile theft. It does not show to what authorities in Oklahoma the prisoners were released. However, Mrs. Tommies, Record Clerk, Joplin, Missouri, Police Department, believes from her recollection, that Nash was turned over to county authorities at Vinita, Oklahoma. In looking over her records, Mrs. Tommies found that Weber, heretofore mentioned, was sentenced in Pottawatome County, Oklahoma, on May 16, 1920, on charge of Grand Larceny and sentenced to fifteen years in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at which latter institution his prison number was 10,426. It may be possible through this history of the co-defendant of Nash to trace the history of his case in Oklahoma at that time.

Mrs. Tommies further recalled details in regard to the arrest of Nash and Weber at Joplin, she stating that on July 26, 1919, these individuals stole a new Ford touring car at Joplin and were pursued in the car by officers as far as Crestline, Kansas. At that

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time, when they deserted the stolen Ford touring car. On the following day, Nash and Weber were arrested at Joplin, Missouri, to which place they had returned after the gun battle. Nash was able to establish in the Justice Court at Joplin that the wound in his arm had been inflicted with a pitchfork, and through an alibi, both Weber and Nash were acquitted, but were held as heretofore mentioned for return to Oklahoma.

The Joplin, Missouri, police records regarding the above are incomplete and no further information there is obtainable.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Oklahoma City
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Mr. P. L. Ballard,
Deputy Sheriff,
Acadia Parish,
Crowley, Louisiana.

Dear Mr. Ballard:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter dated December 4, 1933, there is transmitted herewith Identification Order No. 1192, James Clark, whom you state to be possibly identical with one James Clark who left your District around the year 1924.

Thanking you for your interest in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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J. M. LYONS, JAILER

CROWLEY, LA.,

December 4th.
1933

Hon. J. E. Hoover, Director,
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir;

In Re; James Clark No. 1192-282 arrested at Tucumcari, New Mexico, on October 6th. 1933, will you please give me all the details of this man, his description, age and color of hairs, if he was convicted before from where and the place he lived for the last few years.

There is one James Clark, who left here about 1924, he was then around twenty years of age and the only news his parents received from him he was in New Mexico, he told them not to write as he was leaving that place and he would write to them after he left so they could have his address. He has never been heard from since and his parents are very anxious to find his where about.

Any informations you can give me on this man will be appreciated by me and his relatives who are anxious to hear from him.

Yours truly,

P. L. Bellard, Deputy Sheriff
Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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Oklahoma City	12/11/33	11/28-29/33	L. M. Chipman

TITLE: VERNE C. MILLER with aliases, et al; RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201; WILBUR UNDERHILL with aliases - ~~FUGITIVE, I. O. #1191, et al.~~

CHARACTER OF CASE: Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner, Frank Nash)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Information received from Russell Williams, Chief of Police, Forrest City, Ark., that 6 suspicious men with a Lincoln Sedan, carrying Texas license No. 116-349 was seen at Forrest City the night of Nov. 26 and 27, 1933; that they stopped at the residence of Jeff Downey and his mother, who are connected with the criminal element and he had reason to believe Wilbur Underhill, Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, or Charles Chapman were among the group. The residence of Jeff Downey and his mother was kept under surveillance the night of November 28, but the men did not return. An undercover Agent was placed in the home of Mrs. Downey by the Burns Detective Agency, Memphis, Tenn., but as yet there have been no further developments.

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DETAILS:

DETAILS: Agent, while attending Court at Jonesboro, Arkansas on November 28, 1933, received information from Special Agent in Charge R. H. Colvin to the effect that Russell Williams, Chief of Police, Forrest City, Arkansas, had called advising that he had reason to believe Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd or possibly Wilbur Underhill had stopped at Forrest City the nights of November 26 and 27 and might return that night. Arrangements were made for Agents R. N. Butterworth, C. A. Stevens, who were also attending Court at Jonesboro, and the writer to proceed to Forrest City and meet Memphis officers there, with a view of covering the town in case the above mentioned men returned.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: R H Colvin SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Upon the arrival of Agents at Forrest City, Chief of Police Russell Williams advised that his Night Marshal, Charles Gorman, informed him that on the night of November 26, he noticed, about 11:00 P. M., a Lincoln Sedan, carrying six men, drive through the town toward the home of Jeff Downey; that as they passed him, the men turned in the car and looked him over very closely; that on the night of November 27, the car returned about 1:30 A. M., and stopped at the home of Mrs. Downey, which is next door to her son, Jeff Downey; that the car left Forrest City, going West on Highway 70 about 8:00 A. M., of November 28; that Officer Gorman was not able to identify any of the men but obtained the license number of the car, which was 1933 Texas license 116-349; that he was advised through the Secretary of States Office, Austin, Texas, that the above license was issued to W. R. Rolfe, Holman Hotel, Boston, Texas, on a Lincoln Sedan, Motor No. 24829. Chief Williams added that he also contacted Dixon Robinson, in charge of the Burns Detective Agency, Memphis, Tennessee, who received information that there is no such hotel in Boston, Texas, as the Holman Hotel. Chief Williams stated that Jeff Downey is an ex-convict who now operates a fleet of trucks out of Memphis, Tennessee; that Downey's mother runs a rooming house next door to his home; that he has received several rumors to the effect that Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd had stopped at the Downey residence in the past and he was, therefore, watching it closely, as he believed if Floyd was there, that it was his intention to rob the local bank.

Night Officer Charles Gorman was interviewed and corroborated the above information, but stated that he did not know who the men were in the car. He was exhibited pictures of Charles Floyd, Wilber Underhill and Charles Chapman, but stated he was not sure any of them were in the car, but that one of the men resembled Charles Chapman.

Later in the evening, Dixon Robinson of the Burns Detective Agency, arrived from Memphis. He stated he was advised over the telephone by R. H. White, the jailer at Boston, Texas, that the Holman Hotel was located at Texarkana, Texas, and that one W. R. Rolfe resided at this hotel. Rolfe was not known to White and it was not deemed advisable to make further inquiry as to Rolfe's identity by telephone. Mr. Robinson brought with him from Memphis an undercover Agent furnished by the Burns Detective Agency, and placed him in the rooming house of Mrs. Downey for the purpose of determining if possible whether or not Charles Floyd or any other wanted criminals were using the residences of Jeff Downey and his mother as a hide-out.

The homes of Jeff Downey and his mother were kept under surveillance the night of November 28, but the group of men above mentioned did not return. Agents returned to Court at Jonesboro the following morning and were to be advised in case the men returned, but to date there have been no further developments.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

December 12, 1933.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Conroy stated that he had planned to have Special Agent Marshall, who is accompanying Andersen, proceed to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and that there he could have Marshall enter the fraternity house where the stepson of Galatas is stopping in an effort to determine whether any information can be gained from the son. I told Conroy I saw no reason why he should not stop at the fraternity on the pretext of planning to enter the school at the next term but that I saw no reason for him actually entering or registering at the school because if he did once enter and immediately quit it would perhaps cause suspicion.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes.

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December 13, 1933

Mr. W. E. Mahone,
Chief of Police,
Newport News, Virginia.

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My dear Chief:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 8, 1933, wherein you requested that you be furnished with photograph, fingerprints, and description of one George Birdwell, who has recently been reported in the press as associating with Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd in a number of hold-ups in the Middle West.

I regret to advise that it has been impossible to identify Birdwell from the information furnished by you. I am, however, taking steps to ascertain the identity of Birdwell and upon receipt of this information from the field offices of this Division you will be furnished with the data you desire in the event same is available from the files of this Division.

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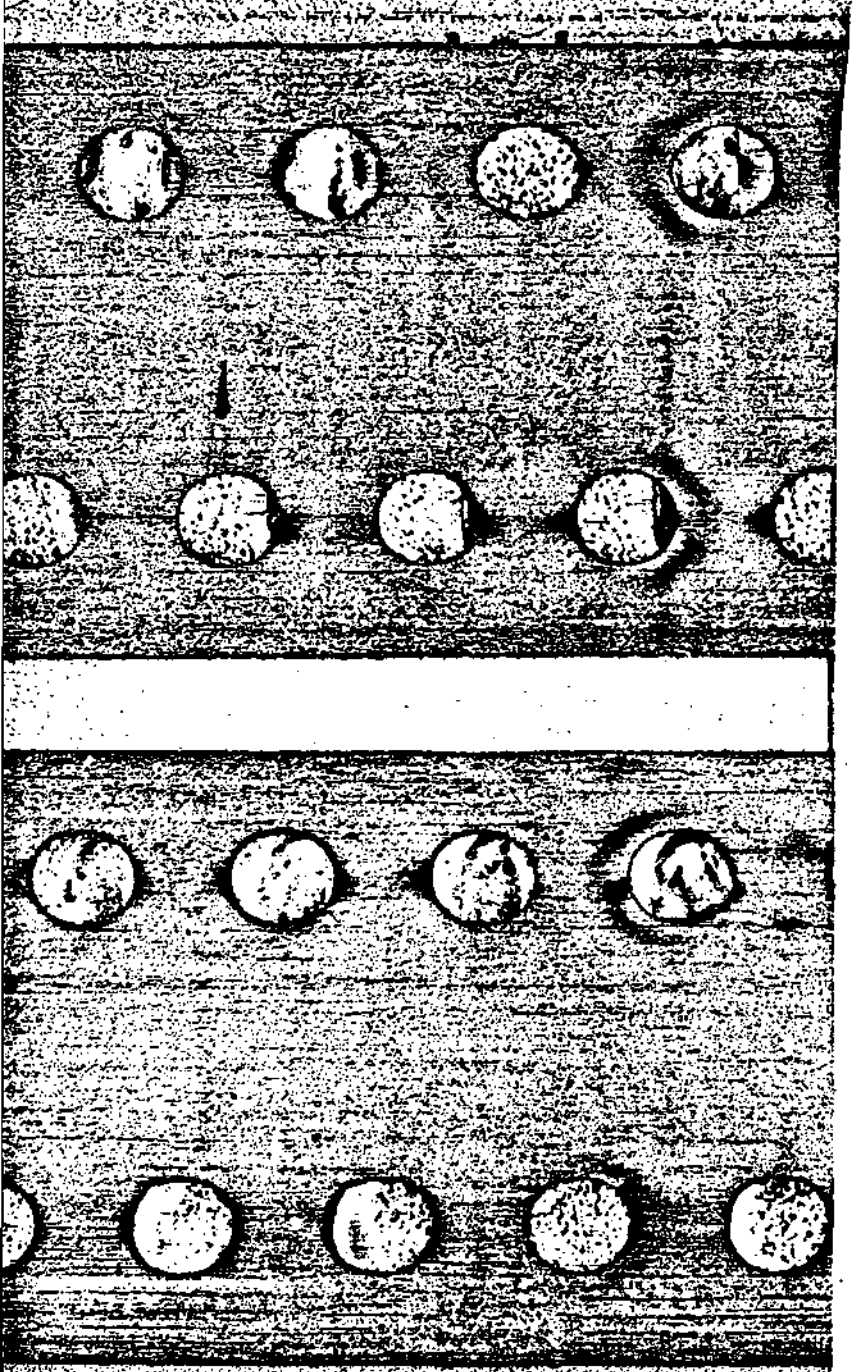
Sincerely yours,

Director.



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To: ___Director
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___Mr._____

Do you wish to handle this letter recd. today? We are unable to identify George Birdwell from the information given, altho we have a record reporting that one George Birdwell, #15889, was arrested by the Police, Charleston, S.C., on April 5, 1933, on a long distance call from the Columbia, S.C. Police Department, charged with larceny of $850.00 cash; held and returned to Columbia, S.C.; description - age, 21; 5' 7"; med. bld.; ruddy comp. light hair; 132 lbs. hazel brown eyes; no photo in our files.

L. C. Schilder.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF POLICE
NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

W. E. MAHONE
CHIEF OF POLICE

J. M. PEACH
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December 8th, 1933

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Subject: George Birdwell

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Finger Print Division,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Would appreciate your furnishing me with photograph, finger prints and description of the above subject, who is supposed to have been with Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd on a number of his hold-ups in the Mid-West.

We have information that this subject is in this vicinity and would appreciate your furnishing us with the above in order that we may have him identified. Our information is that he was with Floyd and made escape with him, when Floyd's wife was taken in custody in Tulsa, Oklahmma.

Very truly yours,

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December 22, 1933

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER (deceased),
with aliases, ET AL,
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter dated December 14, 1933, addressed to the Division by the Detroit Office relative to the photographs taken incident to the finding of Miller's body on November 29th on the outskirts of Detroit.

There is inclosed herewith one set of these photographs. Another set is being transmitted, with a copy of this letter, to the New York City Office of the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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625 Lafayette Building,
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December 14, 1933.

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

Re - VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased) et al; CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER. Detroit file #62-690

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to a letter from the Kansas City Office dated December 11, 1933, requesting a photograph of Miller taken at the County Morgue at Detroit. It has been determined that the Police do not have any available photographs at this time and in view thereof, it is suggested that one of each of the three photographs forwarded to the Division, showing the body of Miller, be forwarded to the Kansas City Office. In this connection reference is had to my communication of November 30, 1933 with which the referred to photographs were forwarded to Washington.

A copy of the report of autopsy requested in the letter of the Kansas City Office will be secured at Detroit and will be transmitted directly to that office.

Very truly yours,

Wm Larson

WM. LARSON,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc-Kansas City

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

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Cincinnati, Ohio	12-15-33	12-13-33	Bliss Morton MJ

TITLE: RICHARD TALMAN GALATAS, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I. O. #1293; WILBUR UNDERHILL, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I. O. #1191, et al

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information received that Pretty Boy Floyd is corresponding with Nathan King, Inmate #62986, Ohio Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio, probably using name King's brother and may be in Texas City, Texas.

REFERENCE: Letter from the Cincinnati Office to the Division dated 12-11-33.

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DETAILS:

For the information of the offices which did not receive copies of reference letter, U. S. Marshal Paul Creswell, Cincinnati, Ohio, informed Special Agent R. D. Brown of the Cincinnati Office that [redacted] Columbus, Ohio, had informed him she believed Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd was contacting one of the inmates of the Penitentiary. b7D

AT COLUMBUS, OHIO

b7D

Special Agent H. D. Harris of the Cincinnati Office interviewed [redacted] at Columbus. [redacted] desires that her name be held in strictest confidence in this matter. She gave Agent Harris the following information:

DETAILS:

She stated that Inmate #62986 at the Ohio Penitentiary, received under the name of Nathan King (correct name Robert Amos), was brought to the Penitentiary on the same trip during which Pretty Boy Floyd made his escape while enroute to the Penitentiary; that recently King told another prisoner who reported the conversation to her that he is corresponding with Floyd, who is using the name of one of King's brothers, and who is picking up the mail in

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Texas City, Texas; further, that Floyd had been in Columbus about two months ago, and that Floyd is making plans to effect his, King's, escape.

67D [redacted] advised that when King was received at the Penitentiary, he gave the following list of relatives:

Mother, Alice King, Cassville, Mo., R.F.D. #1.
Wife, Rose Amos, 815 Gladston Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
Sister, Flora Johnson, Butterfield, Mo.
Half-brother, John King, San Nicholas, Dominican West Indies.
Brother, Otis Amos, Maryland.

67D [redacted] advised that no mail was ever received from Otis Amos until 9-17-33 from Texas City, Texas, and that since that time there has been a regular correspondence between the prisoner and this supposed brother, and that she is confident Floyd is using the name of Otis Amos and receiving and sending mail from Texas City, Texas. She advised that all letters received from this party had been given to the prisoner, but that they contained no statements of any value, although they appeared to be in very guarded language. She further advised that upon receipt of the next letter from this party she will notify this agent and permit examination or photostating before passing it on to the prisoner.

The Cincinnati Office has no specimen of Floyd's handwriting, other than the photograph of his signature appearing on I. O. #1194.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY OFFICE. If specimen of Floyd's handwriting is obtainable it should be furnished to the Cincinnati Office as soon as possible to be compared with any letters received at the Penitentiary by Nathan King.

The suggestion is made that Nathan King's mother at Cassville, Missouri, may be discreetly approached to ascertain whether she has, in fact, a son named Otis Amos and if so, his present whereabouts.

DALLAS OFFICE at Texas City, Texas. It is suggested inquiries be made to ascertain if Floyd has been seen in this city. It might be well to contact the Post Office to locate Otis Amos with view to determining whether or not the person writing letters under the name of Otis Amos from Texas City, Texas, is Pretty Boy Floyd or whether Floyd may be using the real Otis Amos as a medium for exchanging letters with Nathan King.

CINCINNATI OFFICE at Columbus, Ohio. Will keep in touch with [redacted] and report on any further letters received by prisoner Nathan King.

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CHICAGO, ILL.	Dec. 15,1933	12/6 to 11/1933	H. H. REINECKE JMS

TITLE: VERNON C.MILLER with aliases (deceased) I.O. 1195, et al

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

J.Harris, Jefferson Hotel, South Bend, Indiana, and J.Lee, close associate , at same hotel, are not subject Galatas. J.Harris also not John Rumer, as Rumer was also at same hotel one day, driving V 8 Cadillac, Ohio license K6-029, in which he returned to Indianapolis,Ind. These individuals are confidence men, and numerous others are presently in various hotels in South Bend, but none observed were subject Galatas. Commonwealth Hotel employees at Chicago at first identified photograph of subject Galatas as being John J.Grady, who stopped at that hotel in November,1933, and drove 1931 Buick coupe Michigan license Y 4589, but they later personally observed J.Lee at South Bend, and immediately identified him as John Grady. Grady's fingerprints located at Chicago Police Department and not same as Galatas. Car mentioned is in possession of J.Lee at South Bend. Prior to clearing up above identifications, numerous phone calls and telegrams to and from Lee, Harris and associates investigated, without any leads or results in effort to locate Galatas.

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DETAILS:

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS and SOUTH BEND, INDIANA:

On December 6, 1933, Special Agent in Charge William Larson, Detroit, Michigan, called over the long distance telephone and advised that one JOHN RUMER of Indianapolis, Indiana is a friend of subject Galatas;

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that on October 8, 1933, a call was made for John Harris, Jefferson Hotel, South Bend, Indiana, from Rumer's unlisted number in Indianapolis. Mr. Larson was of the opinion that John Harris was probably an alias for Rumer. Mr. Larson further advised that he had called John Rumer's office in Toledo, Ohio, and asked for Rumer, and the person answering the phone stated he was not there. Mr. Larson then asked if "Dick G." had been there (meaning Galatas), stating "You know who I mean", and the party then stated that Dick G. had been there a few days previous, and had gone to South Bend with Rumer, and that Rumer and Dick G. were then at the Jefferson Hotel in South Bend.

This agent accompanied by Special Agents A. D. Mehegan and J. T. Hartin immediately left for South Bend, arriving there at 4:15 P.M. December 6, 1933. Special Agent W. J. Devereux joined agents at that point.

After establishing the reliability of the owners and proprietors of the Jefferson Hotel at South Bend, Charles A. Shorb, Sr. and Charles Shorb, Jr. and Calvert Shorb, owners of the Jefferson Hotel were contacted. The day clerk is Tony Link, and the night clerk is Lee Loghlin. The registration records of this hotel were checked, and it was found that J. Harris and wife registered on October 7, 1933, and were assigned Room 321. They have occupied this room ever since, although being gone for periods of a day to four days during the time of occupancy. Harris' wife was there only intermittently. The photograph of subject Galtas was exhibited to the Shorbs, and Tony Link, all of whom stated positively that Harris was not Galatas; that Harris was about 35 years old, hatchet-faced, considerably bald, and slender. Harris is supposed to drive a Ford automobile, but the exact description, license number, etc. was not known. J.Harris and wife are still registered at the Jefferson Hotel, but it was ascertained that Harris and his wife, and a Mrs. J. Lee, who will be later mentioned herein, had left South Bend in Harris' car on the morning of December 6, prior to the arrival of agents, and had not yet returned by Saturday afternoon, December 9,1933. Special Agent A. D. Mehegan spent one hour in Room 321, examining all luggage and other articles therein,but nothing indicated that Harris was Galatas, or in touch with Galatas. The hotel records reflected that Harris on November 12,1933, had placed a long distance call to telephone Number Diversey 9805, Chicago,Illinois, and a local call on November 11 to number 31181 South Bend, Indiana. This latter number proved to be that of the LaSalle Hotel in South Bend. From conversation with the Shorbs, it was ascertained that there were numerous other men in the city of South Bend, who were contacting Harris, and appeared to be in the same sort of mysterious business as Harris. One of these was

J.Lee, who was then registered at the Jefferson Hotel with his wife, in room 314. The registration records reflected that J.Lee and wife had registered into the hotel on October 6, 1933, and had never checked out, although they had occasionally left at frequent intervals, leaving part of their baggage and always returning to again take over the room assigned to them. There were no long distance or local telephone calls shown on the record of J.Lee and wife. Another such individual, according to the Shorbs, was a J. C. CLARK, who registered into the Jefferson Hotel on December 3, 1933, and was assigned to Room 318, and was still there on the afternoon of Dec. 6, 1933. His registration record reflected that he received a call on Dec. 6, 1933, from Toledo, Ohio, collect, from "Jonas". J. W. Liggett, another individual associating with this group registered into the Jefferson Hotel on October 29, 1933, and was assigned Room 406. He was still there. There were no telephone calls on his record. Another such individual was C. W. Chandler, who registered at the Jefferson Hotel on December 3, 1933, and was assigned to Room 325. His record reflected two local telephone calls to number 33200. This proved to be the office of Attorney Edward M. Doran, Union Trust Building. The Shorbs stated that Chandler had frequently been at the Jefferson Hotel prior to December.

At the Jefferson Hotel registrations were also searched for the names of Karp, Rumer, Kenton, subjects' name and aliases, Thill, and Grady, without results. A similar check was made of the registrations of the Hoffman, Oliver and LaSalle Hotels, without results. Most of the above names were supplied by Special Agent in Charge J.M.Keith, in a long distance call from Toledo, Ohio to this agent.

The Shorbs further advised that it was the general custom of these individuals to use the two booths in the lobby of the hotel in making and receiving calls, the telephone numbers of these two booths being 3-0571, and 3-0565. Through the courtesy of the manager of the telephone company at South Bend, Mr. H. E. Bolt, Agent checked the long distance slips pertaining to these two booths. The only calls of interest appeared to be two on October 31, 1933, to telephone number 4656 Toledo, Ohio, and another call on October 20, 1933, to the same number. This Toledo number was supplied to Special Agent in Charge J. M. Keith, who was then at Toledo.

This agent and Agents Hartin and Mehegan personally observed Lee and Liggett, neither of whom are Galatas. This Agent and Agent Hartin personally observed Chandler, who is not Galatas. This Agent personally observed Clark, who is not Galatas. Clark left the Jefferson Hotel late on the evening of December 6, 1933, and took a 1 A.M. bus for Detroit, Mich. This Agent had been seated in the lobby of the Jefferson Hotel until after

midnight on this day and had seen Clark come into the lobby in an intoxicated condition, and have some argument with Lee and another individual. A few minutes later Clark boarded the hotel elevator, and the elevator boy was known to suddenly jump from the car. It was learned the next morning that Clark, apparently in an intoxicated stupor, had pulled a gun on the elevator man. Agent personally observed Clark board the bus for Detroit.

Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe at Chicago ascertained that telephone number Diversey 9805 which had been called by Harris from South Bend, Indiana on November 12,1933, was the Commonwealth Hotel. There was no registration under the name of Galatas or any of his aliases at that hotel. However, Galatas' photograph was shown to numerous employees, some of whom asserted positively that it was an exact likeness of one JOHN J. GRADY, who had registered at that hotel with his wife, and occupied a room from Nov. 4 to 6, and November 10 to 14,1933. Grady and his wife at that time were driving a 1931 Buick Coupe, Michigan license 4589. A Mrs.Harris was shown by the records of the hotel to have been a guest of the Gradys one night during their stay at the Commonwealth Hotel. In view of this identification the telephone calls made by Grady and his wife to and from the Commonwealth Hotel were immediately checked, and numerous local calls in Chicago were thoroughly investigated, with a view of locating Galatas or leads pertaining to his location. These various calls are not being set out in this report in view of the mistaken identification made by the Commonwealth Hotel employees, as later herein set out. They are recorded in a memorandum by Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe contained in the Chicago file hereon.

This Agent at South Bend was advised that two long distance calls had been made by Grady from the Commonwealth Hotel to 3-3002 and 3-3056, at South Bend, Indiana. No such number as the first was found. However, the latter number is in the name of Lewis G.Keller, 716 South Michigan Street, South Bend, Indiana. This address is of an inn, and investigation at that point indicated nothing with reference to the location of Galatas.

This Agent checked two garages in the vicinity of the Jefferson Hotel at South Bend, and found at the Hudson-Essex Garage, the third floor of which is used for transient storage, from records, that Buick with Michigan license Y 4589, had been in that garage on November 15,16 and 24, 1933, and on December 2, 1933. The garage advised that their records contained a complete list of the license numbers of all cars which had been, or are now stored in this garage. The records indicated that this car was no longer in the garage. However, on December 8, 1933, Agent deemed it advisable to personally check cars at that time in the garage, despite the records, and found this Buick with the license mentioned thereon. It had been previously ascertained at the Jefferson Hotel, that J. Lee was

driving a Buick coupe. This coupe is of the four passenger type, and dark in color. In view of the location of this car, and its use by J.Lee, and other investigation later herein set out indicating that J.Lee was using the name of John J.Grady, it was felt that perhaps the employees of the Commonwealth Hotel in Chicago had been mistaken in their identification of Grady as Galatas. Special Agent in Charge Purvis was communicated with by long distance telephone regarding this situation, and he dispatched on the evening of December 8,1933, Special Agents Metcalfe and Nichols, with Carl Johler, night clerk of the Commonwealth Hotel, and Betty Rowland, to South Bend. This group arrived at South Bend shortly after midnight on Dec. 8, and J.Lee and J. W. Liggett were both still in the lobby of the Jefferson Hotel. Johler and Miss Rowland were instructed to go into the hotel and determine if the individual whom they knew as John J. Grady at the Commonwealth Hotel was therein. They spent approximately twenty minutes in the hotel, and upon coming out and being interviewed by Agent, stated that they both had immediately upon seeing J. Lee, identified him as being the same individual as John J.Grady who was at the Commonwealth Hotel during November. It should be stated here that Lee, in the opinion of this Agent and Agents Hartin and Mahegan, bore no resemblance to subject Galatas. This dissimilarity was subsequently corroborated by a comparison of fingerprints, as later herein set out.

It was ascertained through the Shorbs at the Jefferson Hotel that Lee is frequently seen visiting, and associates with one JOHN CANIFF, a gambler of South Bend. Caniff is well known to the South Bend Police, and according to the Police could not be contacted as he would tell nothing, and would disclose to his friends the inquiry and reason therefor. These confidence men gathered at South Bend, according to the Shorbs, spent considerable time at a bookie shop, betting on horses. Charles Shorb,Jr. states he frequently places a small bet on horses and goes to this shop. During Agent's stay at South Bend Shorb was frequently at this betting joint, and stated that he had never seen anyone resembling Galatas there. Agents did not go to this place by reason of the fact that Charles Shorb Jr. stated that strangers are searched before being granted admittance.

The Lincoln Hotel at South Bendhas the reputation of being a gamblers' hangout, although so far as could be ascertained none of the confidence men presently in South Bend were staying there. The records of this hotel were not checked, nor were any individuals interviewed there in view of the reputation of the place, and a statement by the Chief of Police that such inquiry and investigation would be fruitless. Special Agent Hartin, however, covered the Lincoln Hotel for some time without observing subject Galatas there. This is a small cheap hotel.

This Agent interviewed Edward Doran, attorney, Union Trust Building, South Bend, Indiana, regarding the two telephone calls received by him from G. W. Chandler, who was at the Jefferson Hotel, and an associate of the confidence men. He stated that on December 7, 1933, Chandler and a local individual whose name he did not care to disclose, called on him in an effort to secure his services in defending two confidence men who were then in jail at Elkhart, Indiana, named Carl Edwards, and wife, and Robert Miller. Mr. Doran stated that this was the first time he had ever seen Chandler. He was not retained by reason of the fact that his fee was too high, and for the further reason that he was not particularly interested in that type of case. It should be stated here that Agent, prior to contacting Mr. Doran, had through the Postmaster, and reliable attorneys in South Bend, determined the integrity of Mr. Doran. A photograph of subject Galatas was shown to Mr. Doran, who stated he had never seen this man. This Agent personally viewed photographs of Carl Edwards and Robert Miller at the South Bend Police Department, and they in no way resemble subject Galatas, nor the description furnished of J. Harris. In fact Edwards and Miller had at one time been at the Jefferson Hotel, and the Shorbs know them not to be Harris. The luggage of these individuals is still being held at the Jefferson Hotel for unpaid room rent, and it was carefully searched by this Agent without any results relative to the location of subject Galatas. Mr. Doran finally indicated that it was John Caniff who accompanied Chandler to his office.

At 11.40 A.M. on December 7, 1933, G.W. Chandler checked out of the Jefferson Hotel while this Agent and Agent Martin were present, and had his luggage placed in a V 8 Cadillac, Ohio license K-6-029. He himself entered this car and left South Bend. Chandler is described as follows:

Name: G. W. CHANDLER
Age: 55 years.
Glasses: Rimless Octagon glasses
Professional bearing; neat dresser; dark gray hat; brown shoes; gray spats; dark hair parted left side; determined mouth; thin lips; black overcoat; smokes cigars.
Height: 5 ft. 9 inches.

This information relative to Chandler was immediately supplied to Special Agent in Charge J. M. Keith at the Commodore Perry Hotel, Toledo, Ohio, who subsequently advised that this license plate was issued in the name of Bert Rumer, a brother of John Rumer. Mr. Keith also advised that this car, and the individual driving it, had been seen returning to Indianapolis, Indiana, at which point the Cincinnati office was covering the situation, and that the individual in fact was John Rumer.

After Chandler checked out of the Jefferson Hotel, a letter was found in his room by the Shorbs, which was turned over to this Agent. It appears to have been postmarked at Trenton, N.J. in November, exact date being indiscernible. It is addressed to Mr. John Rumer, 1821 North Harding Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. The letter itself is dated at Trenton, N.J. November 19,1933, Station A, and begins "My dear husband". It appears to be in the handwriting of a very young child, and the phraseology appears to be that of a very young child, or an insane person. It continuously states; "I hope this finds you in the very best of health, and I do love you". This is repeated eight or nine times, and the letter seems to have no coherence or sense. It is signed "Susan". There was found in the envelope containing this letter also the following letter, which however does not appear to have been mailed in the envelope referred to:

"Dear friend John;

On the way back from Pittsburg I passed Cleveland, I interviewed a gentleman with plenty of money who wants to sell his road house. Before I went to Pittsburgh I talk to this man more than once, and finally he decided to sell the property, So if your interested let me know at once wich is a big proposition.
I tried to get in touch with you several time but you were never at home . Before I go back in Cleveland, I would like to see you personally so I can explain this transaction to you which is very good.

Soon as you received this letter please call KENMORE 6365 possible in the morning between 8.30 or 9 o'clock.

Best of regards to all.

Angelo".

On the morning of December 7,1933,Agent was advised by the Shorbs that J.Lee had just called for a Western Union Boy and instructed him to come direct to Room 314, and that the boy had left with a telegram. Agent immediately contacted Mr. Mead, Manager of the Western Union at South Bend, who examined his records and found this telegram to John Marcus, 1109 State St.Chicago,Illinois, which stated "Take care of that matter this morning. Will call you this afternoon. - John Grady". Arrangments were immediately made with Mr. Bolt of the telephone company to cover all long distance telephone calls between South Bend and Chicago, and this was subsequently done by Special Agent W. J. Devereux.

However, no call between Lee and Marcus went through. However about 5.11 P.M. on that day a telephone call came in from Chicago to the Jefferson Hotel, for Mr. Lee, or Mr. and Mrs. Harris. None of these parties were at the hotel, and the individual calling, who gave her name as Esther, said she would call later. The Chief Operator at South Bend, at Agent's request immediately traced this call and found it was coming from Kedzie 9155. This telephone is listed in Chicago in the name of J. Gowan, 4200 West Van Buren Street. The Chicago office immediately covered this address and found it was a drug store with a pay booth therein. About 7.22 P.M. Agent Devereux listened to a conversation between Lee at the Jefferson Hotel, South Bend, and Esther at Chicago. Part of this conversation was in Pig Latin, and pertained to the telegram sent by Lee, using the name of Grady, to Marcus at Chicago. Esther told Lee he could not do business by wire and he would have to call Marcus by phone at Webster 4400. Esther also stated that she and the other were going to "scram pronto" the next day. Lee stated he would call Marcus by telephone. No call to Marcus however, went through to Chicago. It was subsequently learned by the Chicago office that Marcus, at 1107 South State St. is a bondsman. At this same time Special Agent Devereux was listening to all calls between Toledo, Ohio and South Bend, Indiana, at the request of Special Agent in Charge J. M. Keith, but no calls of any bearing on this situation apparently went through/.

On the morning of December 8, 1933, this Agent and Agent Mehegan were interviewing Charles Shorb, Jr. in this Agent's room at the Jefferson Hotel, which room afforded a full view of the main corner on which the hotel is located. J.Lee was seen to cross the street going North and throw some torn paper into the gutter. Special Agent Mehegan immediately went to the street and gathered up such portions of the paper as had not already been scattered by the wind. Upon examination it was found to have been a telegram, apparently sent from Chicago/Illinois on December 5, 1933, to John Grady, Jefferson Hotel, South Bend, Indiana. It stated:"Jim at downtown hospital please get..... as I am sick and can't do anything. - CA.....". Mr.Mead, Manager of the Western Union at South Bend, at the request of Agent, ascertained that this telegram had been handed in over a Western Union Desk in Chicago, and the sender gave the address of 1855 Loyola . It was subsequently learned that the complete signature of the telegram was "CARMAN". This telegram along with the one sent by Lee from the Jefferson Hotel at South Bend, Indiana, indicated that his name was JOHN GRADY, or at least he was using it as an alias, and further confirmed the fact that he was the individual who was seen at the Commonwealth Hotel during November.

While this Agent and Agent Hartin were seated in the lobby of the Hoffman Hotel at South Bend on December 8, 1933, two individuals who had been seen associating with J. Lee checked out. They were E. D. Roberts and J. Hart, as reflected from the hotel records, and are described as follows:

Name:	E. D. ROBERTS
Height:	6 feet
Hair:	Light brown
Weight:	190 pounds
Eyes:	Blue
Build:	Slim, stoop-shouldered
Complexion:	Sallow
Features:	receding chin
Age:	About 47 years
Dress:	Black overcoat, gray soft hat

Name:	J. HART
Age:	55 years.
Height:	5 ft. 10½ inches
Weight:	175 pounds
Hair:	Grey, almost white
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Ruddy
Glasses:	Wears glasses
Dress:	Black overcoat, light color soft hat
Build:	Stoop-shouldered

Smokes cigarettes continually.

The hotel records reflected that they checked in on Dec. 6, 1933, from Detroit, Michigan, and checked out at 1.10 P.M. December 8, 1933.

Agent followed these two individuals after they left the Hotel without their knowledge, and they went to a car parking lot about one half block away where they were seen to enter a 1933 model black Chevrolet Sedan bearing 1933 Michigan License plates 69917. They left South Bend going either east or south. This information was supplied to Special Agents in Charge J. M. Keith, and William Larson at Toledo, Ohio. Neither of these individuals bore any resemblance to subject Galatas.

At the South Bend Police Department it was found that one John J. Grady had been arrested at Chicago at the request of the South Bend Police Department in November, 1933, in connection with a confidence

game worked at South Bend previously. Upon returning to Chicago this Agent contacted the confidence game squad of the Chicago Detective Bureau, and agent was shown a photograph of John Grady, in group picture 5969, and it is positively identical with J. Lee, who is presently registered at the Jefferson Hotel in South Bend. The Chicago Bureau of Identification number on Grady is C-1610, and Grady's fingerprints were compared by Mr. Evans, in charge of the Identification Division of the Chicago Police Department against those of subject Grady and found not to be the same.

Additional photographs of subject Galatas were left with the South Bend Police Department, who stated they would be on the alertfor Galatas' appearance in South Bend, and would also keep an eye on individuals associating with the present group of confidence men in South Bend. It should be stated here that in addition to the investigation above set out, General Delivery was contacted, as well as a constant observation had of the hotels mentioned. Special Agent W. J. Devereux, who is resident agent at South Bend, will keep in touch with the situation there for any lead with reference to Galatas or his possible appearance there.

It appears now that if the information that John Rumer and subject Galatas are friends is correct and reliable, investigation relative thereto should be concentrated at Indianapolis, Indiana, to which point John Rumer is known to have returned. This Agent discussed over the long distance telephone with Special Agent in Charge Larson at Detroit, the possibility that "Dick G" might have been taken by the individual to whom Mr. Larson talked as being John Grady, who is known to be at the Jefferson Hotel in South Bend, and a close associate of J. Harris. Mr. Larson stated that he would endeavor to ascertain more definitely from the individual to whom he talked over the phone, whether this might have been the understanding, or whether this individual positively referred to subject Galatas.

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TITLE: RICHARD TALMAN GALATAS with aliases-FUGITIVE I.O. #1201;
WILBUR UNDERHILL with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. #1191;
MRS. E. B. CONNER with aliases - ~~FUGITIVE~~ et al

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No indication as yet that Galatas is being harbored by John Rumer alias John K. Thill at Indianapolis, Indiana.

REFERENCE: Letter from Detroit office dated 12-9-33.

DETAILS: AT INDIANAPOLIS AND ANDERSON, IND.

Telephone calls and telegrams charged to Talbot 2151 and Drexel 6199 have been reported. The former number is unlisted and carried in the name of Edith Elder, 1821 N. Harding St., Indianapolis, which is the home of Bert Rumer. The second number is charged to Edith Elder and Katherine Thill Box 268, Route 6, Edgewood Ave., the home of John Rumer alias John K. Thill.

b7D [redacted] who requests that it be held strictly confidential. He will furnish additional data when charges are posted for the month occurring after 12-20-33.

On 10-27-33 a Western Union Telegram was charged to the Drexel number reading as follows:

DETAILS:

"WILLIAM KARP, Phone Walbridge 1600, Toledo, O.
WILL HAVE BUSINESS FOR YOU TUESDAY MY PHONE NUMBER IS DREXEL 6199 IF ANY OTHER BUSINESS YOU CAN CALL ME AT THIS NUMBER AT MY HOME
JOHN THILL"

Andrew A. Brown, Superintendent, Western Union, agreed to hold aside all telegrams charged to both numbers as they come in but so far no additional telegrams have been charged.

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The telephone calls to Anderson, Ind., were checked there as follows:

#100	Listed to T. M. Norton Brewing Co.
#314	Listed to Madison County Lumber Co.(Winters, Mercer & Brannum).
#4919	Anderson Stove Co.
#3464-3	Terrance Meehan, Route 2 (Farmer)
H-557-J	Reported erroneously - should be 4557-J. On returning to Indianapolis it was found that this number was charged L. E. Pendleton, 3019 Pearl St., Anderson, Ind.

Harry Kelly or T. H. Kelly called for at Anderson #100 is probably Harry P. Kelly, an electrician, 1807 Fletcher Ave. according to Mrs. Lola F. Sigler, acting Postmaster in Anderson. The Norton Brewing Co. is being renovated and several workmen are there at the present time. It was thought best to postpone an interview with Kelly until later. As to Terrance Meehan Agent interviewed Mel Lawson who carries mail on this route. He stated that he knew of no strangers at Meehan's place; that he has been a farmer there for several years; that a newspaper comes there still for one H. A. Fogarty but this man has received mail there for the past two years although he does not come there very often. Photo of Galatas was shown Mr. Lawson but he was unable to recognize it, as anyone he had seen. Lawson lives at 1825 Morton St. in Anderson.

As to the identity of the persons who signed telegrams from 1821 N. Harding, Agent interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Anderson, 1814 N. Harding, who have been previously contacted in this case. They stated that Opal is a girl friend of Tracy Cox, the Fighter, for whom Bert Rumer is the manager; Edith is the name of a nurse who rooms at the Bert Rumer home. She is a specialist in Obstetrical nursing. Slotcki is unknown to the Andersons for which reason Agent checked his telegram of 10-19-33 and found it to be addressed to Capt. Edgar O'Hair, Recreation Officer, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex. It dealt with details as to a prizefight there between Slotcki and Tracy Cox; the latter it will be remembered is managed by Bert Rumer. Bert is reported by Mrs. Doan to be in a Sanitarium in Minnesota, probably that of Dr. Goodrich in Minneapolis.

The telegram signed Edith Rumer dated 9-21-33 to Omaha, Neb. reads as follows:

JOHN SLOBODSKI,
1907 N. HAPPY HOLLOW BLVD.
OMAHA, NEBRASKA
JOHN OUT OF CITY FOR FEW DAYS WRITE HIM HERE 1821 N. HARDING
(signed) EDITH RUMER

While at Anderson, Ind. Agent showed the photo of Galatas to various clerks among them C. M. Lawes, General Delivery. Mr. Lawes stated that in

his opinion he had seen the man and that he had been there a month or more ago calling a few times for his mail. Mr. Lawes could not remember any names in connection with the man and a careful search was made for a forwarding address under the known names of Galatas, without result. Agent left Galatas'name and aliases with Mr. Lawes with a request that he notify the Cincinnati office immediately should anyone call there under either of the names mentioned.

On information that Galatas might be contacting John Rumer or might be with him in Indianapolis, Agent maintained a surveillance at 1821 N. Harding and the Edgewood Avenue address which is located at Stop 8 out Madison Road. No one was at the Harding Address on Thursday 12-7-33 nor were there any cars on Edgewood. About 7:00 P.M. Agent called again at Talbot 2151 and the woman answering the telephone stated she could put Agent in touch with "John" by having him call within 10 minutes. Agent was calling under a suitable pretext and demurred to having John call. The woman finally stated that John could be reached at Drexal 6199. Agent immediately proceeded to the home of Mrs. C. A. Doan who lives across the street from John Rumer, who is known as Thill in that neighborhood. She stated that Thill had come in and she had noticed him go into the house but saw no one with him. She informed Agent as on previous occasions that no one had been staying at Thill's place all Summer except his wife and young daughter; that the only stranger she had seen there was on Sunday December 3, 1933, when she noticed early in the morning a large car back out of Thill's driveway and a few moments later Thill followed in his car and both drove away at a rapid rate of speed. She described the car as being a Sedan that looked about like the one Thill is driving which is a Cadillac V-8 Sedan, bearing Ohio license #6029. Agent noticed Thill's car in the driveway but no other car was around. Calling at 1814 N. Harding, Agent was informed by Mr. and Mrs. Anderson that just about dark John Rumer had come there in his car with the Ohio license but no one was with him. As Mr. Anderson had seen some of the people at Bert Rumer's place last Summer he was shown a photo of Galatas and stated that he could not recall anyone there recognizable from the photo or description. According to these interviews, John came in alone on 12-7-33 coming first to Bert's place and then going on home. The statement in reference letter is in error which relates that three men were seen to leave the car and enter Thill's cottage.

On Friday 12-8-33 John left in the morning alone according to Mrs. Doan and his car did not return until 12-9-33 (Saturday) about 11:00 A.M. when he was observed by Agent Malone and the writer coming South on Madison Road with a woman in the car with him. They drove at a rapid rate of speed and later the car was observed at his home. Agent arranged with Mrs. Doan that if a stranger should be seen about the premises or a strange car that she should immediately call. It is impossible to maintain a close surveillance in this neighborhood as there are but a small group of houses and at Mrs. Doan's, neighbors drop in frequently. Up to the present time Agent has observed no indication that there is anyone with John Rumer, and Mrs. Doan states that she will quickly find out either from observation or from the neighbors if any one should come there.

However, to obtain more direct information Agent called on Mr. Hugh Thompson, Principal, Edgewood School, where Lila Thill, 11 year old daughter of John Thill attends. He agreed to talk to the girl in a general way as to who

visits the family under the cloak of obtaining personal information for the school. He reported that apparently there was no one there but the little girl and immediate members of the family. He has visited the home but had not observed any strange man there. Along the same general line Agent interviewed the mail carrier on Route 6, Fred Brewer, who resides at 1579 Gilbert Ave., out Madison Road. Mr. Brewer stated that no mail is sent out from the box and that the only mail which comes there is for Mr. and Mrs. Thill. He has noticed no strangers about the place for a long time and promised to notify Agent immediately should he notice any stranger there. He promised to make note of any addresses on mail going out should this occur. A mail cover has been placed on all mail coming to the Edgewood address, Agent calling for the tracings personally at the office of Post Office Inspector, A. C. Garrigus. So far only one tracing has been secured from the Harding Street address, postmarked Dallas, Texas, 12-11-33, no return address. It is forwarded the Kansas City office herewith.

Agent checked GeneralDelivery, Indianapolis for Galatas' name and aliases without success. The down-town hotels and garages were also checked for the names of John J. Grady and Dr. W. W. Chandler without result.

On 12-12-33 Agent called Drexel 6199 and a child answered the telephone evidently Lila Thill. Agent asked if "Dick" was there and the child seemed puzzled; apparently she did not know anyone by that name. Agent excused himself as having called the wrong number. Rumer has again left town as of 12-12-33 but he goes and comes constantly. It is believed that if any strange men should come there with him that Agent would be notified. He is reported by Mrs. Doan as having a housekeeper at his home, his wife being in the Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. Mrs. Doan is on a party line with Thill, her number being Drexel 4403. However, her telephone is in such a position that listening in would immediately cause comment by visiting neighbors.

Following is a list of long distance calls from Drexel 6199 since the latter part of October, 1933:

10-27-33	to Pittsburgh, Pa.	CARNEGIE 345R
10-27-33	to Decatur, Ill.	26116
10-30-33	to Toledo, O.	WALBRIDGE 1600
10-30-33	to Fort Wayne, Ind.	A 0646
11- 6-33	to Minneapolis (telegram)	
11- 5-33	to Minneapolis	CHERRY 2188
11-12-33	to Longbranch, N.J.	2477
11-12-33	to Toledo, O.	WALBRIDGE 1600
11-13-33	to Toledo, O.	WALBRIDGE 1600

On 12-13-33 Agent called Talbot 2151 and asked to speak to "Dick" but the woman answering the telephone, apparently Mrs. Bert Rumer, did not respond to this suggestion. She apparently did not know anyone by that name and asked what number Agent was calling. Agent pleaded mistaken number to avoid suspicion and discussion. From these two calls it would appear that if Galatas has been with John Rumer in Indianapolis, he is not known as Dick.

At the present writing arrangements are being made at the Methodist Hospital through Dr. John G. Benson, Superintendent, to draw Mrs. Catherine Thill into conversation with respect to her husband's friends, in the hope that she may mention Galatas and open the way towards determining where he is. Any developments along this line will be promptly reported. She is in Isolation in #23 at the Hospital.

John Thill appears to be unknown to the City Police, Indianapolis, due, no doubt, to the fact that he lives outside the city limits and is away much of the time. He has however, been an object of curiosity to his neighbors in Edgewood for sometime according to Mrs. Doan. His occupation at the Edgewood school is given as newspaper work. Mrs. Doan reports that she believes he has some real estate property in Toledo, O., which she gleaned from conversations with him on one of his infrequent visits to her home.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY OFFICE, at Omaha, Nebraska, may wish to check on the home of John Slobodski, 1907 N. Happy Hollow Blvd., as he seems to be in communication with John Rumer.

CINCINNATI OFFICE, will continue this investigation at Indianapolis, Ind., along the lines suggested in the body of this report.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

VWH:DSS

December 13, 1933.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent Trainor called from Kansas City in the late afternoon and stated that Agent Andersen at Hot Springs had advised by telephone that they had about covered the situation there insofar as the fugitives Galatas and others are concerned; further, that ever since they arrived at Hot Springs they have been shadowed and he thought it would be advisable for both of the Agents to leave, Andersen to go to Memphis to interview Mrs. Conner further and Marshall to go to Tuscaloosa and enter the fraternity house at which young Stearney is residing. He stated that they had located the Cadillac car of Galatas' at Hot Springs which had been brought in several days ago by one Trout from St. Louis and they have advised the St. Louis office to immediately ascertain something about Trout. They have also ascertained that Galatas has a large house or winter home at Conway, Arkansas, and the Oklahoma City office has been advised of this.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER(DECEASED)ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Pursuant to long distance telephone communication had with Mr. Hughes of the Division with Special Agent W. F. Trainor of this office on December 13th, Agents Andersen and Marshal received instructions from this office that Agent Marshall should proceed to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where he will reside for a brief period of time at the Sigma Chi Fraternity House, at which place Pat Gardelle Sturney, step-son of Galatas resides. Agent Marshall is a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and, pursuant to suggestion of Mr. Hughes, Agent Marshall will reside there under the pretext that he intends to seek entrance for the purpose of completing certain courses at the University, provided he can produce proper credits from an educational institution previously attended. In this manner, he will not arouse suspicion upon a sudden departure later. He will endeavor to cultivate a confidential relationship with Pat Gardelle Sturney through this means. He is aware of all of the characteristics of Sturney as previously reported and mentioned in the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 8, 1933.

Agent Marshall will not have with him any Government property during his sojourn at the Fraternity House, as he intends to leave his baggage and credentials with Agent Anderson. He will arrange a definite means of communication upon arrival at Tuscaloosa and will make same known to Agent Andersen in order that it may be possible to reach Agent Marshall without difficulty or danger of exposing the nature of his assignment. As to this, the Division will be later notified.

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Agent Andersen is to proceed to Memphis, Tennessee, immediately where he will make further contact with Subject Louise Conner, who is now in Memphis. Agents Andersen and Marshall expected to leave Little Rock, Arkansas, on December 14th for the points mentioned; it is intended, unless the Division otherwise instructs that Agent Andersen proceed to Birmingham, Alabama, immediately after his investigation at Memphis, Tennessee, where he will endeavor through any discreet means available to obtain information relative to communications between Galatas and his step-son Sturney, through the law firm of Harris, Cowherd & Brown, Suite 629-632, First National Bank Building, mentioned Page 6, Paragraph 5, of the report by Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated Kansas City, Missouri, December 8, 1933.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased)
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE
I. O. 1801, et al.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

P. O. Box 551, Monrovia, California, owned by Mrs. J. G. Dungan, formerly of 750 East Foothill Blvd., Monrovia, California.

REFERENCE: Letter from the Kansas City, Mo., Division Office to the Chicago Division office dated October 19th, 1933.

DETAILS:

AT MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA:

The writer interviewed Postmaster Harry L. Kellog, who advised that Post Office Box 551 was rented by Mrs. J. G. DUNGAN of 750 East Foothill Boulevard, Monrovia, on December 29th, 1932; that on September 2nd, 1933, Postmaster Kellog received a communication requesting that all mail addressed to Mrs. J. G. DUNGAN, Mrs. NELL or NELLIE M. DUNGAN, or Mrs. JAMES E. DUNGAN, 750 East Foothill Boulevard, be placed in Post Office Box 551 until further notice; that a subsequent notice was received by him, requesting him to forward all mail addressed to the parties

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above designated for a period of ninety days to the Post Office at Bolivar, Missouri. Mr. KELLOG further advised that he had received specific instructions from Mrs. DUNGAN that if any inquiry were made as to the identity of the holder of Box 551, no information should be given out by him relative thereto.

Inquiry on the part of the writer through the Deputy Sheriff's office at Monrovia, Chief of Police and the Credit Association, failed to be productive of any information as to the identity of the DUNGAN family.

Review of the City Directories at Monrovia disclosed that Mrs. DUNGAN has resided at the above-named premises for a period of two years. It was ascertained that three other persons occupied the house with her - one man and two women, it not being known whether the man was her brother or her husband, and the two women were supposedly believed to be her sisters.

Discreet inquiry on the part of the writer in the vicinity was unproductive of any information as to the activities of the DUNGAN family, it being learned that they remained entirely to themselves, did not visit with any of the people in the neighborhood and did not discuss their affairs with any of the people in the vicinity; and as far as could be ascertained, were not visited by, nor did they visit, any of the people residing in the City of Monrovia.

Information was elicited to the effect that the premises at 750 East Foothill Boulevard are presently owned by Mrs. DUNGAN and are presently occupied by a renter whose name was unknown to the neighbors. The letter received by Mrs. DUNGAN at Bolivar, Missouri, is probably a rental payment on the part of the individual occupying the premises at 750 East Foothill Blvd.

The general information with respect to the whereabouts of the DUNGAN family in the vicinity of the above address is to the effect that they have gone to Bolivar, Missouri, to run a farm.

The description of the male occupant of the premises at 750 East Foothill Boulevard answers the description of the individual reflected in reference report, who is described as being 6'1" tall, medium stout build, brown eyes, 45-50 years of age, 175 lbs., dark complexion. It was thought he was intermittently employed as a cook, but no information as to any particular place of employment on his part could be obtained.

With respect to the premises at 632 North LaBrea, investigation on the part of the writer at that place disclosed that said premises were occupied by a wagon lunch stand; that a Mr. WILEY had previously had the concession for distribution of a cleaning product, but that he was no longer located at the premises and his present whereabouts was unknown to the individuals presently operating the lunch wagon at 632 North LaBrea.

It will be left to the discretion of the Kansas City Office as to whether or not a cover should be placed on the mail received at Box 551, Monrovia, California.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

LOS ANGELES OFFICE will continue investigation in this matter, particularly at Long Beach, where the mother and two sisters of Subject GALATAS reside.

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RRS:MG

December 15, 1933.

Mr. W. R. Mahone,
Chief of Police,
Newport News, Virginia.

My dear Chief:

Reference is made to my letter dated December 13, 1933 wherein I advised that it had been impossible to identify Birdwell from the information furnished by you in your letter of December 8, 1933 and further that steps were being taken to ascertain the identity of the Birdwell who has recently been reported in the press as associating with Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Please be advised that I am now in receipt of information from the Oklahoma City Office of this Division to the effect that one George Birdwell, who is reported to have associated with Floyd in his nefarious activities, was killed at Boley, Oklahoma on November 23, 1932.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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December 13, 1933

Mr. W. E. Mahone,
Chief of Police,
Newport News, Virginia.

My dear Chief:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 8, 1933, wherein you requested that you be furnished with photograph, fingerprints, and description of one George Birdwell, who has recently been reported in the press as associating with Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd in a number of hold-ups in the Middle West.

I regret to advise that it has been impossible to identify Birdwell from the information furnished by you. I am, however, taking steps to ascertain the identity of Birdwell and upon receipt of this information from the field offices of this Division you will be furnished with the data you desire in the event same is available from the files of this Division.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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FROM SAC COLVIN OKLAHOMA CITY

CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD IO 1194 STOP SO FAR DISCOVERABLE GEORGE BIRDWELL NEVER ARRESTED AND FINGERPRINTED STOP HE WAS KILLED AT BOLEY OKLAHOMA NOVEMBER 23 1932 AND POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED HIS PRINTS TAKEN AFTER DEATH ARE KEY INNER OVER OUTER PRIMARY 29 OVER 18 INNER OVER A 17 OVER 14 REFERENCE ON A AS ULNAR LOOP DESCRIPTION AGE 40 TO 45 HEIGHT SIX FEET WEIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY COMPLEXION FAIR HAIR BLONDE UPPER TEETH EXTENDED OVER LOWER SMALL AND STAINED LEFT FRONT UPPER TOOTH HAD SMALL PIECE OUT

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TITLE: CHANGED:
VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1201; ROBERT G. BRADY, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1190; HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1189; WILBER UNDERHILL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1191; ED DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1193; BERNARD PHILLIPS, with aliases, I.O. 1196; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, I.O. 1194; ET AL

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

One "Curly", unidentified, approached Dr. Farr, Kansas City, Mo., June 20, 1933, indicating wounded gangster, possibly implicated instant case, desired medical attention. Later indicated said wounded man to be transported to Oklahoma. "Curly" gave telephone number Schuyler Hotel as residence and appeared intimately connected headquarters Casimer Welch here. Indications George Lindsey, Jr., associated with "Curly". Lindsey seen Chickasha, Oklahoma, June 21st. One "Curly", friend of Subject Stacci, reported left Chicago, Ill., heavily armed June 16, 1933. Possibly identical with "Curly" who approached Dr. Farr.

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DETAILS:

REFERENCE: Division letter December 7, 1933; Letter Kansas City Office to Chicago Office October 23, 1933; Report Special Agent Wm. R. Ramsey, San Francisco, California, September 19, 1933; Report SAC R. E. Vetterli, Kansas City, Missouri June 26, 1933; Letter Oklahoma City Office to Kansas City Office June 29, 1933; Report of J. J. Keating, Chicago, Illinois, September 23, 1933.

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DETAILS:

Pursuant to investigation made at Kansas City, Missouri, a memorandum was rendered November 9, 1933, by the writer, which is paraphrased as follows:

By reference to memorandum of SAC Gus T. Jones dated June 22, 1933, quoted in the reference report of SAC Vetterli June 26, 1933, page 40, it was noted that Sheriff Thomas Bash, of Kansas City, Missouri, on June 20, 1933, was approached by a party named Dr. Farr, who informed him that he had been on that date approached by a man named "Curly". "Curly" was said by Dr. Farr to have sought his medical aid in attending a wounded gangster. It will be noted that Farr stated he met "Curly" at the headquarters of Justice of the Peace Casimer J. Welch, an underworld character and well known factional politician at Kansas City, Missouri.

A photograph of Charles P. Clouse, alias "Curly", contained on a reward circular issued by the Postoffice Department January 17, 1929, was shown to Dr. Farr by Agent Trainor on November 9th, and Dr. Farr failed to identify the photograph as a likeness of the man known to him as "Curly", mentioned in his previous conversation with SAC Jones. Dr. Farr was vague in regard to his acquaintance with the party known as "Curly" and stated he had known him for the past 15 years; that he has attended wounded gangsters and bandits for that period of time. He stated positively that "Curly" had given him the telephone number Victor 6550 as the place where he could be reached at the time he talked to him on June 20, 1933, and Dr. Farr advised he did not know any apartment number where he could reach that individual, and he was unaware that the telephone number in question was that of the Schuyler Hotel, at Kansas, which it is, as a matter of fact. He stated that he took "Curly" on June 20, 1933, after his first interview with him, to a point near a brick school house on the corner of Locust and 11th Streets, and that he did not watch that individual when he left him at that point on the afternoon of June 20th. It will be noted in this connection that the Schuyler Hotel is between 10th and 11th Street on Locust Street, and is quite close to the red brick school house mentioned by Dr. Farr to this Agent.

Dr. Farr stated that while he does not know the true name of "Curly" he knows that that individual was acquainted with one Jack Farrell, Deceased, who was a city detective on the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, and who was murdered because of some underworld grudge several years ago. He also stated that a man named Clary, an underworld character and police "fixer", was a mutual friend of Farrell and the individual known as "Curly". Dr. Farr stated that Clary committed suicide several years ago at Kansas City, Missouri.

He also advised that a man named "Lister", a lieutenant of Casimer J. Welch, knows "Curly" and the entire gang of Welch. Also that a man named Jackson is a member of the Welch faction and hangs around the office of Welch quite often. He was either unable or unwilling to furnish any additional information, and it was deemed inadvisable to press him at that time for any further data.

Dr. Farr was reached at a drug store on the corner of 30th and Benton when interviewed on this occasion. However, he is not in any professional practice at this time and appears to be financially destitute. He can be regularly reached at his home 3422 Olive Street, telephone Linwood 6927, Kansas City, Missouri.

In view of the unreliability of the higher officials in the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department no contacts were made there in this connection after interview with Dr. Farr. This Agent believes that Mr. Bert Haycock, a former police detective who was on the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department for several years up to about five years ago, is entirely reliable. He is now connected with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company at Kansas City as a Special Agent, and cooperates with this office readily. He was interviewed in connection with this angle of the investigation but was not furnished with full details of the information at hand.

Mr. Haycock stated, after much reflection, that he does not know who "Curly" might be. However, he did advise that he believes the man referred to as Jackson is none other than "Pineapple" Jackson, who operates the Gayety Cleaning Shop at 1207 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Jackson was formerly implicated, according to confidential information received from Mr. Haycock, in dynamiting and burning of buildings in Kansas City, but during recent years has become ostensibly a Christian. Mr. Haycock has many contacts, due to his former experience as a police officer, and he promised he would secure all possible information in connection with this feature of the case, which he would furnish this Agent.

Mr. Haycock appeared at the Kansas City Office subsequent to the above interview and advised he made numerous endeavors through discreet means to establish the identity of "Curly". It occurred to him, after some reflection, that there are three brothers named Lester who are henchmen of Casimer J. Welch. Welch is a Justice of the Peace and strong political leader at Kansas City, and is reported to indulge extensively in underworld activities. The three parties mentioned by Mr. Haycock are Mickey Lester, a bar tender at 1412 McGee (Telephone number at that address being Grand 9751, and the saloon being dominated by Casimer J. Welch, being under the actual proprietorship of

a man named McDougal); Arkie Lester, brother of Mickey Lester, a constable under Casimer Welch; Walt Lester, also a brother of Mickey Lester, holding a city political position as Superintendent of Swope Park. Mr. Haycock also referred to a man named Roy Shepherd, residing at 1516 Locust Street, Kansas City, Missouri, who is a constable for Casimer Welch, and is well known to Mr. Haycock as a former burglar. He stated that Shepherd has been fingerprinted and photographed by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department.

Further in connection with the saloon at 1412 McGee, Mr. Haycock stated that the telephone company has recently experienced some difficulty in shortages in the pay station telephone, number Grand 9751, at that address. Therefore he checked the long distance telephone calls made during the most recent months over that phone and found the following calls:

Long Distance call to Des Moines, Iowa, phone number 45211, October 12, 1933 - 11:55 P.M.

Long Distance Call to Des Moines, Iowa, phone number 45211, October 12, 1933 - 1:55 A.M.

Long Distance call from Des Moines, Iowa, phone number 45211 from George Lindsey, Room 518, (collect to Kansas City) October 15, 1933 - 1:19 A.M.

Long Distance call from Des Moines, Iowa, phone number 39267, October 15, 1933 - 12:54 A.M.

Long Distance call from Des Moines, Iowa, phone number 45211, October 17, 1933 - 12:42 P.M.

Long Distance call to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, phone number Waverly 8721 to Tom Carless, 5822 North 5th Street, Philadelphia, October 17, 1933 - 9:05 P.M.

Long Distance call to Boise City, Oklahoma, phone number 262 to Dr. H. Hall's residence, October 17, 1933 - 11:50 P.M.

Long Distance call to Milford Ohio (about 10 miles from Cincinnati) phone number 272 to residence of Dr. C. L. Christopher, October 18, 1933 - 12:03 A.M.

Long Distance call to Lawrence, Kansas, phone number L.D. 199 or L. D. 26, Capitol Hotel, to Asa T. Kramer, October 20, 1933 - 1:37 A.M.

Mr. Haycock stated that the man named George Lindsey was called by him at the saloon, phone number Grand 9751, and by chance Lindsey was there at the time. Mr. Haycock asked him where he had been recently and Lindsey told him he had been out of town. Mr. Haycock then stated "Yes, you have been in Des Moines, haven't you", and Lindsey stated "No, I have been in Davenport". Mr. Haycock said "Yes, and you have been in Des Moines too and stayed in Room 318". The name of the hotel in Des Moines was not at that time known. Lindsey asked Mr. Haycock at the time what the trouble might be and Mr. Haycock explained the difficulty regarding the shortages in long distance calls. Mr. Haycock received a promise from Lindsey that he would call on him, which he failed to do.

Mr. Haycock then made investigation and determined that George Lindsey, Jr., is the son of "Judge" George Lindsey, who has resided at the Schuyler Hotel. His inquiry was made in a discreet manner at the saloon at 1412 McGee where he talked with one of the other bar tenders. The bar tender at first denied he knew Lindsey but when pressed for information by Mr. Haycock gave the above.

Mr. Haycock made inquiry at the Schuyler Hotel and found that neither George Lindsey, Sr., or George Lindsey, Jr., were then at the Hotel, but that the senior Lindsey has resided there for some time, and that he was at that time at the Elms Hotel, Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

Reference is made in this connection to the letter from the Oklahoma City office dated June 29, 1953, where it will be noted that a letter was received from the Sheriff's Office at Chickasha, Oklahoma, by the Oklahoma City office, stating that on June 21, 1953, the Sheriff was called to investigate a car and its occupants about one mile south of Chickasha, where the car was seen driving away rapidly. It is shown by the reference communication from the Oklahoma City office that investigation developed that the car was a Cadillac Sedan with Missouri 1953 tags 318-398, and that the occupant of the car gave his name as "Lindsey" of Kansas City, Missouri.

A memorandum by Special Agent Harold Andersen, Kansas City, Missouri, July 10, 1953, indicates that the 1953 Missouri license tags 318-398 were issued to the Educational Aid Society, 2017 Locust Street, Kansas City, Missouri, for Cadillac Sedan bearing motor number 506750. Inquiry at the Schuyler Hotel (2017 Locust Street) at that time, by Agent Andersen, developed that the car in question was a green color Cadillac Sedan, owned by George Lindsey, Sr., who is connected with the Educational Aid Society, and who has made his home at the Schuyler Hotel. The senior Lindsey was said to have an excellent reputation, according to Agent Andersen's investigation. Facts shown in this memorandum by Agent Andersen, considered

in connection with that of SAC Jones, mentioned heretofore, furnish a reasonable basis for further investigation.

It will be noted that Dr. Farr, according to SAC Jones, advised that "Curly" informed him on June 20, 1933, that "the boys" were taking the wounded man to Oklahoma to be treated there by a doctor and that they also wished to "bump off a cop at Seminole, Oklahoma".

It will be noted in the letter from the Oklahoma City office that on June 21, 1933, a green Cadillac Sedan, belonging to Lindsey, was seen at Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Repeated inquiries at the Schuyler Hotel have failed to develop anyone known as "Curly" ever residing there. It is quite positively indicated that "Curly" did reside at the Schuyler Hotel, according to the circumstances surrounding his conference with Dr. Farr, as heretofore noted. Since it is shown that Lindsey resides at the Schuyler Hotel, it is possible that "Curly" was using Lindsey's address. It should be borne in mind, as a remotely possible point of interest, that a green sedan, thought to be a Reo, was used in the massacre which occurred in this case. Lindsey has a green Cadillac Sedan. The association of Lindsey with Casimer Welch raises somewhat of a suspicion as to his reliability.

Pursuant to the above investigation at Kansas City, Missouri, inquiry was made at Des Moines, Iowa, by Special Agent O. C. Dewey of the Kansas City Office. Agent Dewey called at the Bell Telephone Company, Des Moines, Iowa, and ascertained that telephone number 45211 is that of the Chamberlain Hotel at Des Moines, and telephone number 59267 was found to be a public booth in the Savory Hotel.

Agent Dewey interviewed Mr. J. Holmbeck, clerk at the Chamberlain Hotel, who, after searching through his registration cards, informed that on 10-7-1933 a Mr. G. Lindsey, Jr., and wife had registered from Kansas City, Missouri, address 1220 East 44th Street, and were assigned to room 319. Another registration card in the same handwriting reflected that a Mr. George M. Lindsey and wife, of St. Louis, Missouri, address 322 North Grand Avenue, had registered in on 10-7-33 and were assigned to room 318. A third registration card reflected that on 10-13-1933 a Mr. George Lindsey, Jr., of Kansas City, Missouri, address 1017 Locust Street (Schuyler Hotel address) had registered and was assigned to room 319. All three registrations appear to be in the same handwriting.

Mr. Holmbeck appeared to be quite reticent in divulging information to Agent Dewey, and therefore that Agent returned to the Chamberlain Hotel on November 22nd and interviewed Mr. Chester Hartnagle, manager of said hotel. Mr. Hartnagle searched through the records of the hotel and ascer-

tained that both couples, evidently senior and junior Lindseys, had registered on 10-7-33; that Lindsey, Jr., left the hotel on 10-9-33 but came back to the hotel on 10-13-33 alone. Mr. Hartnagle further advised his records indicated that Lindsey, Jr., on 10-8-33 had made a long distance call to Chicago. He could not state to what number in Chicago the call was made. Also he found that on 10-9-33 that party made a long distance call to Fort Wayne, Indiana, and on 10-10-33 made a long distance call to St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Hartnagle advised Agent Dewey that when Lindsey, Sr., was leaving the hotel he owed a bill of $40.00; that in payment of this bill he presented a "due bill" of the College & Private School Dormitory, and the amount of the bill was endorsed thereon. These "due bills" are merely receipts on the part of publishing companies and hotels are entitled to receive them in exchange for room rent, and in return receive free advertising by the publishing companies. It was noticed that the original of the "due bill" used by Mr. Lindsey, Sr., was previously used by Dr. L. B. Mitchell on 6-25-33 for $5.00; by Mr. W. L. Odor on 6-28-33 for $15.50.

Neither Mr. Hartnagle or Mr. Holmbeck had any distinct recollection of either of the Lindseys, nor was any information forthcoming from the employees of the hotel.

Agent Dewey returned to the Bell Telephone Company and ascertained from Mr. C. R. Dwyer that the telephone call was made on October 10, 1933 to St. Louis, Missouri and was to LaClede 8020; that the call to Fort Wayne, Indiana, on October 9th was to Ankeny 3474, both from the Chamberlain Hotel, as heretofore mentioned.

With reference to a telegram that had been reported received by one of the Lindseys on October 10, 1933, at the Chamberlain Hotel, Agent Dewey called at the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company in Des Moines, and after arranging for a subpoena, upon refusal to produce the records, the following telegram was viewed:

"CB8348 St. Louis, Mo. 9-752P
1933 Oct 9 8:04 P.M.

R. Lindsey
Chamberlain Hotel Des Moines, Iowa

SPECIAL DELIVERY LETTER WILL FOLLOW AND WILL EXPLAIN

Dr. G. LINDHORST

Inquiries made at the Savory Hotel, at Des Moines, with regard to telephone call made at phone number 39267 to Kansas City, developed that

there is no means of checking who made the call there as same is a public booth and no one named Lindsey was registered at the Hotel on 10-13-33 when the call was made.

Further investigation was made at Kansas City, Missouri, where Mr. Hawbaker, Manager of the Schuyler Hotel, was interviewed by Agent Trainor. He stated that Mr. George Lindsey, Sr., is still a regular guest at the Hotel although he is not there at this time but maintains Apartment 222 as his residence and Apartment 106 as his office. Mr. Hawbaker stated that George Lindsey, Jr., does not reside at the hotel and has not resided there. He does not know anything regarding the occupation or reputation of the younger Lindsey, but stated that George Lindsey, Sr., is a man whom he considers to have an excellent character and reputation. He stated that the business of Mr. Lindsey, Sr., is that of financing scholarships for college students on a time payment basis, and that Mr. Lindsey is the National Secretary of the Educational Aid Society. Mr. Hawbaker advised that George Lindsey, Jr., has been at the hotel on several occasions, although he does not recall anything regarding his make-up or description, but that he knows that the son of the elder Lindsey has frequently called on his father and usually that the younger man drives the green Cadillac Sedan of Mr. Lindsey, Sr.

Long distance telephone calls were checked for Mr. Lindsey's residence and office apartments for the month of June 1933 and it is found that there were no calls from either apartment on June 16th or 17th. However, during the month of June the following calls were recorded:

June 2 to St. Louis, Missouri, to Dr. Lilly, address 3950 Blaine Street.

June 7 to St. Louis, Missouri, phone number Colfax 6852.

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June 12 to Chicago, Ill. to L. B. Blaine, c/o Strand Hotel.

June 14 to Wichita, Kansas, telephone number 35267.

June 19 to Topeka, Kansas to Dr. Quinn.

June 23 to Topeka, Kansas, phone number 9850, indicated also as Dr. Quinn.

Reference is made to paragraphs 3 and 4, page 2, of the reference letter from the Division and to page 14 of the report by Special Agent J. J. Keating, dated at Chicago, Illinois September 23, 1933. It will be

noted that a man named "Curly", who was believed possibly identical with Charles P. Clouse, alias Curly Clouse, together with one Tony DeGracia and another man, identity unknown, left Chicago, Illinois, about 2:45 P.M. the afternoon of June 16, 1933, by automobile, bound for Kansas City, bearing a machine gun, two shotguns and supposedly some revolvers. DeGracia is said to be a close friend of Subject Stacci. The true identity of the man mentioned as "Curly" in the report of Special Agent Keating has not been verified and it is not known whether he is identical with Charles P. Clouse. This information may be corroborative of the information furnished by Dr. Farr, as pointed out in the Division letter referred to herein. The information seems to somewhat coincide with data with reference to Lindsey due to the telephone number of the Schuyler Hotel having been given by "Curly", at Kansas City, and the fact that he was met by Dr. Farr at the office of Casimer Welch, at which place George Lindsey, Jr., seems to be intimately connected, and as it has been heretofore pointed out a record of "Curly" could not be found at the Schuyler Hotel but Lindsey's father did live there.

With reference to paragraph 4, page 2, of Division Letter, the Kansas City Office has not been furnished with information by the Chicago office concerning the machine gun said by an informant in Chicago to have been buried apparently sometime during June 1933. While it does not appear definitely fixed that such a machine gun had a connection with the Kansas City massacre, an analysis of test bullets from that gun would be an interesting point of investigation in view of the other facts pointed out in the Division letter and stated herein.

The Kansas City Office by letter to the Chicago Office dated October 23, 1933, paragraph 2, page 2, requests information regarding a machine gun, probably identical with the one mentioned here, but same has not as yet reached the Kansas City Office.

This matter will be thoroughly pursued at Kansas City and other points, as directed in the reference letter from the Division dated December 7th, and at this time undeveloped leads are being set out for other offices, as it is believed desirable to fully ascertain connections of George Lindsey, Jr.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The Chicago Division Office - Check the identity and connections of Mr. L. B. Blaine, Strand Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, called from the apartment of George Lindsey, Kansas City, Missouri, June 12, 1933.

At Chicago, further contact should be had with the informant

mentioned in the reference report of Agent Keating, page 14. Through that individual full information should be secured, if possible, as to the identity of the party named "Curly", previously mentioned by him. Also complete data should be secured relative to the machine gun previously stated by that informant to have been buried.

At Fort Wayne, Indiana, kindly check the identity and connections of the holder of telephone number Ankeny 3474, who received a telephone call from one of the Lindseys while at Des Moines, Iowa, as mentioned in this report.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE, at Chickasha, Oklahoma, is requested to make exhaustive inquiry with reference to information contained in letter from the Oklahoma City Office to the Kansas City Office dated June 29, 1933, and mentioned herein. Full data relative to the activities of George Lindsey at Chickasha on June 21, 1933, should be secured and all possible facts which may have relation to the instant case should be fully developed at that and other points.

It is requested that inquiry by made at Seminole to determine any further data relative to the matter discussed on Page 40 of the report from the Kansas City Office dated June 26, 1933, mentioned herein.

At Boise City, Oklahoma, please check the identity and connections of Dr. Hall, who received telephone call from one of the Lindseys in Kansas City during June 1933.

THE CINCINNATI OFFICE at Milford, Ohio, is requested to check the identity and connections of Dr. C. L. Christopher, phone number 272, who apparently is a business connection or friend of George Lindsey, Sr., as mentioned in this report.

THE ST. LOUIS OFFICE, at St. Louis, Missouri, is requested to investigate the identities and connections of parties at phone numbers Colfax 6852 and LaClede 8020, and to ascertain same information relative to Dr. C. L. Lindhorst, sender of the telegram to the Lindseys at Des Moines, mentioned herein.

Also make similar investigation with reference to one Dr. Lilly, 3950 Blaine Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Kindly check identities and connections of parties at 322 North Grend Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, which address was given by one of the Lindseys during November 1933 when they registered at the Chamberlain Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa.

The investigation requested of the St. Louis Office is for the purpose of determining the possible connections of George Lindsey, Jr., or George Lindsey, Sr., with the instant matter and with members of the underworld.

THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE is requested to ascertain the character, reputation and connections of Tom Carless, address 5822 North 5th, phone number Waverly 8721, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who received a telephone call from the saloon frequented by George Lindsey at Kansas City, Missouri, as mentioned herein.

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE, at Kansas City, Missouri, will check all long distance telephone calls made during June 1933 from and to phone number Grand 9751, which is situated at 1418 McGee Street, thought to be an underworld hangout, for possible information in connection with this case.

Will ascertain the identities and connections of parties residing at 1220 East 44th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Particular attention will be given to the question of whether or not George Lindsey, Jr., resides at that address.

At Kansas City, through Mr. Bert Haycock of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, this office will pursue further information relative to the party known as "Curly" mentioned herein, through discreet inquiry now in progress by Mr. Haycock at Kansas City. Secure description and personal data relative George Lindsey, Jr., through this means.

Through Mr. Tom Bash, Sheriff, at Kansas City, Missouri, further information will be sought from Dr. Farr, 3422 Olive Street, in connection with the man named "Curly", mentioned in this report.

At Des Moines, Iowa, this office will ascertain from the telephone company the telephone number in Chicago, Illinois, to which a long distance call was made by one of the Lindseys from the Chamberlain Hotel during October 1933.

At Lawrence, Kansas, investigation will be made as to the character, reputation and connections of Asa T. Kramer, phone number L.D. 199 or L.D. 86 (probably Capitol Hotel) who received a long distance call from the saloon at 1418 McGee Street, as mentioned herein.

At Wichita, Kansas, investigation will be made of the parties residing at phone number 55257 to whom telephone calls appear to have been made during June 1933 from one of the Lindseys at the Schuyler Hotel.

At Topeka, Kansas, similar investigation will be made as to Dr. Quinn and phone number 9850 there.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter dated December 16, 1933, you are advised that ten copies of Identification Order #1189 were forwarded to your office on December 19, 1933.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

Dear Sir

Kindly furnish this office ten copies of Identification Order 1189, covering HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases - Fugitive.

Very truly yours

R. G. Harvey
Special Agent in Charge

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December 15, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER(DECEASED)ET AL
CONSPIRACY DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Investigation made at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and vicinity, from December 7 to December 13, 1933, inclusive by Special Agents Harold E. Andersen and N. E. Marshall has been reported in memorandum form by those Agents. Same is given for your information as follows:

Informant A of Hot Springs, Arkansas, whose name has been hitherto furnished to the Division was interviewed several times and stated in substance that the major crime in the United States is controlled by one Stacey of Chicago, Illinois(evidently referring to Subject Louis Stacci), and a partner of that individual, name unknown. Informant A is of the opinion that individuals like Al Capone and others are merely pawns of the crime czars. He stated that each community has its local crime head, but these individuals take orders and pay tribute to the leaders from Chicago. It is said that they have connections in Chicago with some Senator or Congressman, who is in position to secure and furnish to the underworld much information of a confidential nature.

Richard Tallman Galatas is said by Informant A to have been working for the past several years under the supervision of the two "gentlemen" from Chicago, described above, and for several years Galatas is said to have had charge of the "con racket" in Hot Springs, Arkansas. However, he is said to have paid tribute to the two gang chieftains in Chicago. One

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of the collectors for the underworld organization was said to have been a Chief of Detectives of the Kansas City, Missouri, Po lice Department, now dead. Evidently Informant A refers to Mr. Edward Boyle, who died while in office as Chief of Detectives here about three years ago. Whenever a big job was executed, according to Informant A, that party from Kansas City came to Hot Springs personally and collected the percentage due the organization.

After securing the foregoing information from Informant A, conversation turned to the location of Galatas. The Informant stated that he received a telephone call from Galatas at Hot Springs sometime around two months ago and stated that he met Galatas in a secluded spot near Hot Springs, pursuant to the telephone call. At that time, Galatas is said to have asked whether the Government would try him or whether he would be tried by the State authorities at Kansas City, Missouri, for murder. He asked Informant A that it be ascertained from the Government what its attitude would be in respect to him. Galatas expressed fear of going to Kansas City, saying that he would likely be "put on the spot" the minute he "walked out of the court room." He told Informant A that he did not fear the Government's case against him, but feared the consequences should he ever be taken to Kansas City. At their meeting place the Informant stated that Galatas had a Plymouth Coupe and was apparently alone. Inasmuch as the Division has been previously notified by the Oklahoma City office concerning the alleged meeting by Informant A with Galatas recently, the matter is not being covered in detail here.

Informant A was asked if he would "finger" Galatas for the Government. He said that he would, providing he could without anyone being aware thereof. He was promised that his name would not be made public, and that any information he might furnish would be treated in confidence. He said that he would not "spot" Galatas in Hot Springs, but would work with the Government to cause the latter's apprehension in another place. He intimated that if he again sees Galatas, he will attempt to induce the fugitive to surrender. He said that Galatas was to contact him about thirty days after his meeting as heretofore mentioned, but that he has not done so. He also said that he had not received a message from the fugitive and claimed he has no idea where Galatas may be at present.

During the interview Informant A laughingly remarked that the Government should have watched the place in Memphis, Tennessee, where Lou O'Conner(Subject Louise O'Conner) was apprehended, intimating that Galatas had been in touch with someone there. He asserted that the gangsters have a meeting place within five miles of Memphis, Tennessee, where crooks from all over the country gather. He described the place as a night club or road house, and said he believed it was operated by an individual named Miller, but that he was not sure of the name. He intimated that it is well known to Chief of Detectives Will Griffin of Memphis, Tennessee, but the informant smiled at the thought of Griffin giving any information relative thereto.

With reference to the probability of Galatas having been in contact with Mrs. Conner at Memphis, that has been quite well investigated, and that was no indication that Galatas was in communication with her or present during several days causal surveillance, which was mainatined at Memphis upon the request of this office before she was apprehended during the last month. However, it will be borne in mind that a Mrs. Mahoney of Memphis, Tennessee, who is related to one of the police detectives at Memphis, who works for Detective Griffin, owns the Lonely Acres Supper Club, which was operated by Mrs. Conner.

While Special Agent W. F. Trainor of this office was at Memphis about November 16th, he was informed by U. S. Attorney Mc Clanahan there, that Mrs. Mahoney is a consort of criminals and has been so associated for a number of years. Mrs. Mahoney is said to be married to an ex-policeman named Pearl and her real name is, therefore, not Mahoney, but Pearl, altho she is generally known as Mrs. Mahoney. Agent Andersen will be in Memphis, Tennessee, performing certain inquiries within the next few days, and he will, of course, bear this particular angle in mind.

Informant A was questioned regarding the automobiles of Galatas, and he said that the Ford Coupe had been in storage at Hot Springs until he turned it back to the Hamp-Williams Company of Hot Springs, from whom it has been purchased. He first said that he had turned the Cadillac

Sedan over to the dealer at Little Rock, but when pressed for details of how it came into his possession, he said that he had not seen the car since Galatas left town in it(about June 17, 1933). It was not thought by the Agents to be advisable to question Informant A too closely in regard to these matters, or to appear suspicious of his truthfulness.

The Informant was questioned regarding various activities of Subject Louise Conner in connection with this case. He expressed the opinion that she was innocent of any connection with the case, other than that her telephone had been used. In that connection, he said that the Conner apartment at Hot Springs was left open so that anyone could have used the telephone without her knowledge. Later, he amplified the statement to the effect that after the crimes at Kansas City, Galatas asked Mrs. Conner what she was going to do; when she remarked that she was not going to do anything, Galatas told her that she had better leave town, as her telephone had been used in placing certain calls in connection with the case. He stated that she and her brotherinlaw, A. J. Conner, then immediately got out of the apartment. The informant added that he understands Mrs. Conner has an alibi to prove she was not in the apartment when the telephone calls were made. He commented that in his opinion "Lou" knew less about what had happened than he did. This last remark may be very true, since it appears that Informant A had quite a definite connection with Galatas in assisting him after the apprehension of Nash.

It will be noted from the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated Kansas City, Mo., 11-21-33, that while in custody at Memphis, Tennessee, Mrs. Conner denied that Galatas had in any way informed her that she should leave Hot Springs, Arkansas, after the massacre of June 17th.

In reference to A. J. Conner, brotherinlaw of Subject Mrs. Conner, Informant A said that the former was "just a kid", who knew nothing about the affairs of Galatas and others, and in whom no trust was placed. He said that he understood that A. J. Conner has been living in Knobel, Arkansas.

Pursuant to information recently given by Special Agent Andersen telephonically, it appears that A. J. Conner is not "just a kid," since it appears that only recently at Hot Springs, Arkansas,

he succeeded in executing an $8,000.00 swindle, and that he now carries a pistol.

During the conversation with Informant A, he remarked that the "con men" were flocking to Hot Springs again, and said that he expected to make considerable money this season. In relation thereto, it may be noted that some of these persons interviewed, and quoted later in this memorandum, expressed the opinion that Informant A is probably directing the activities of the confidence men in Hot Springs now since Galatas has gone. (Agent Marshall's cousin expressed this opinion)

While Informant A appeared to talk freely and evinced a desire to see the instant case solved, it should be remembered that he admittedly is a friend of Galatas. His overtures did not impress the Agents as being in any manner sincere, and some doubt is felt as to whether this informant would materially aid in causing the apprehension of Galatas.

At the Hamp-Williams Company, Hot Springs, Arkansas, it was ascertained from L. S. Anderson that the Ford Coupe of Galatas was turned back to the company during the early part of November, 1933, by Informant A. The dealer, upon receiving the car, paid the balance due the C. I. T. Company at Little Rock, Arkansas. The car is question is described on Page 15 of the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 8, 1933. The records of the C. I. T. Company at Little Rock reflect that the unpaid balance due on the car was paid on November 7, 1933, by Hamp-Williams Company of Hot Springs in the amount of $258.00.

As Galatas purchased his Cadillac Sedan, also described in the report of Agent Trainor heretofore mentioned, from the Madison-Smith Company, Little Rock, Arkansas, it was deemed advisable to make inquiries there, in view of the statement by Informant A to the effect that said company was understood to now have the car. A. F. Madison of that company, when interviewed, stated that about six weeks ago, a telephone call was received at the Used Car Department requesting that someone be sent to a restaurant across from the police station for a Cadillac car.

John Harbour, an employee, went to the restaurant, where he was met by a stranger. This man asked for a receipt for a Cadillac Sedan parked outside, after telling Harbour to take the car and place it in storage "until we let you know."

The Cadillac Car, which was recognized as the Sedan belonging to Galatas has been in storage ever since the date above mentioned. Madison claims he has had no instructions or word from anyone regarding it since that time. Agents examined the machine and determined that it is the car described as the property of Galatas. Madison was furnished with the telephone number of the Kansas City office and promised to notify this office immediately should he receive any inquiries regarding this machine. He also promised to notify the Little Rock Police should anyone call for the car. Arrangements were made with Chief of Detective Pitcock, Police Department, Little Rock, to the effect that should anyone call for the car,that party will be detained and the Kansas City office will be notified. Madison when questioned said that he has no knowledge regarding the whereabouts of Galatas.

John Harbour, heretofore mentioned, in addition to verifying the statements of Madison, stated that the man from whom he secured the Cadillac appeared to be a friend of the restaurant operator. Harbour at the request of the stranger, wrote out a receipt for the car on one of his business cards. He described the man with whom he did business as being small and young.

It was determined that the restaurant described by Harbour is Jendy's Eat Shop, located at 517 W. Markham Street. Jendy Menna, the proprietor, recalled when interviewed that one Bob Prout, a friend of his, came to the restaurant on Sunday night about six weeks ago and asked for the telephone number of the Cadallic Agency. He told Mr. Menna that he had a Cadillac car he wanted to turn over to the agency. Menna called the agency and shortly thereafter a representative came to the restaurant, gave Prout a receipt for the car and departed. He advised that he and Prout had a few drinks together and that Prout later told him that the car belonged to one Galatas; that Galatas while drunk in St. Louis, Mo., had asked Prout to take his Cadillac car to Little Rock and turn it over to the dealer there; that, pursuant to the request, the car was then driven from St. Louis to Little Rock. Menna also stated that he formerly worked with Prout, who was employed as Truck Foreman by the General Material Company in St. Louis, Missouri. He advised that Prout can now be located through the Superintendent of the General Material Company, and that Prout is now working in St. Louis as an automobile tire salesman.

The above information relative to the contact of Bob Prout with Galatas and details shown herein were furnished telephonically from Kansas City on December 12, 1933, to Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd by Special Agent W. F. Trainor, who received the information from Special Agent Andersen by telephone on that evening.

It is worthy of note that when checking the Cadillac Sedan of Galatas, the entire car was thoroughly searched by Agents Andersen and Marshall. The car was found to contain certain automobile maps of St. Louis and vicinity; also maps of the States of Missouri, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi and of the Province of Quebec, Canada, as well as various official programs of the Fairmount Jockey Club, location not given. None of the above, however, was of recent date. A penciled notation "820 Maple" appears on the race program for Saturday October 3, 1931. In addition the following was found:

Claim check issued by Hearn's Auto Parks and Garages, phone Tucker 3615; address, 1885 South Grand Avenue, town not given.

Courtesy Car, Detroit-Leland Hotel, Cass Avenue at Bagley - Detroit.

Business card of Charles Bohnefeld, Hatmaker, 319 East Fourth Street, Long Beach, California.

1...20 guage Remington shotgun shell (buckshot)

End of box for .45 automatic Colt shells(Winchester)

Pamphlet on Lenten Dinners, published by The Kroger Food Foundation, 125 Government Square, Cincinnati, Ohio.

All of the above articles found, with the exception of the shotgun shell, is being sent to the Kansas City office by Agents Andersen and Marshall. In connection with the pamphlet on Lenten dinners, it is somewhat interesting to note that Informant A, while talking of Galatas remarked that the latter used to be a Catholic Priest. He was unable to offer definite information regarding this, however,and it is strongly believed that same is untrue, in view of the fact that the history of Galatas as known dates back to 1910, before which it is reported Galatas was married to a woman known as Rose.

Further data will be forthcoming from Agents Andersen and Marshal within a short time showing investigation made at Hot Springs, Arkansas, relative to verification and checking of the statement as made by Mrs. Conner, set out in the report of Special Agent W. F. Tainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, November 21, 1933, relative to her activities in June 16, 1933.

Agent Andersen also advised that it is reported by a confidential informant at Hot Springs, Arkansas, that Galatas has a hideout near Conway, Arkansas. However, it was the opinion of the Agents, which is concurred in at this office, that in view of the fact that Informant A had a spy trailing the Agents subsequent to interviews with him, it would not be advisable for them to make any personal investigation at Conway.

As has been stated heretofore by telephone to Mr. Hughes by Special Agent in Charge Conroy, Agents Andersen and Marshall located a cousin of Agent Marshall, who resides at Hot Springs, and who is acquainted with Galatas. The name of Agent Marshall's cousin is not known to this office as yet, but will be furnished to the Division later. That party has promised to exert every possible effort to aid the Agents. He believed it quite probable that Galatas may be hiding out in the vicinity of Hot Springs, and it is thought likely that he might be at Conroy, Arkansas, which is not a great distance from Hot Springs, however, Agent Marshall's cousin is securing this data and has the telephone number of the Kansas City office, with which he will communicate all information in a confidential manner.

Copies of this letter are being forwarded to the Oklahoma City office for information at this time; the St.Louis office is furnished with copy of this letter as basis for interview with Bob Prout mentioned herein; the Birmingham, Cincinnati, Detroit and Chicago offices are also being furnished with copies of this letter at this time for information only.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to Division letter dated December 7, 1933, paragraph 1, page 4. It is being borne in mind, as pointed out in your communication, that the fourth party mentioned by James Lawson, as outlined in the memorandum by Special Agent W.F. Trainor, dated November 26, 1933, might be Subject Wilbur Underhill.

However, in this connection, the most current information which has just been received from Deputy Warden Graham and Mr. Laws, Guard at the Kansas State Penitentiary, is to the effect that Lyman Ford has now secured advice from James Lawson to the effect that the fourth man was one Harry Campbell.

It is known that an outlaw named Harry Campbell is a close friend and former running mate of James Lawson. Lawson and Campbell were wanted on the same offense at Independence, Kansas, and a circular was issued by County authorities there showing their photographs together in 1932. While identification data as to Campbell is not at this time available to the Kansas City Office, same is being secured from the Police Department at Coffeyville, Kansas.

It occurs that since Lawson and Campbell were such close friends there is a probability that Lawson himself could have been present with the other individuals, if his statement to Lyman Ford is true, and might therefore have a connection with the instant massacre. For this reason a letter has been directed to the San Francisco Office referring to the report of Special Agent Wm. R. Ramsey, Jr., dated at San Francisco, September 19, 1933, and

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requesting that the San Francisco Office make a complete investigation of the whereabouts of Lawson during the month of June 1933. It will be noted from Agent Ramsey's report that Lawson claims to have been in San Francisco, California for practically one year prior to his arrest on September 14, 1933. This matter will be thoroughly pursued.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, Deceased,
et al, Conspiracy to Deliver
Federal Prisoner.

In response to your letter dated December 14, 1933, wherein you requested on behalf of Harold E. Stassen, County Attorney, Dakota County, South St. Paul, Minnesota, information whether the body of subject Miller, when found on the outskirts of Detroit, showed any evidence of having been recently wounded above the right hip, please be advised that the report of autopsy rendered by Doctors D. W. Johnston and Paul A. Klebba, Wayne County, Michigan, reflects the following description of wounds:

> "Eleven irregular shaped penetrating puncture wounds, entering skull proper, causing compound fracture of skull. Two irregular shaped (similar to above) left basal region of skull. Marked discoloration of eyes and fracture of bridge of nose. Marked strangulation marks of neck — anterior region."

A copy of this letter is being directed to the Detroit office in order that appropriate inquiry may be made in that district concerning the possible gunshot wounds on the right side of subject Miller's body which were in evidence at the time the autopsy was performed. The Detroit office is instructed to advise your office direct with respect thereto.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Dear Sir: Re: St.Paul File ~~NO 62-1A(154)~~

With reference to Director's letter of October 11,1933, enclosing copies of a letter dated October 3,1933, from Harold E. Stassen, county attorney, Dakota County, South St.Paul,Minnesota, concerning the payroll robbery in which VERNON C.MILLER and GEORGE KELLY were believed to be participants, this robbery occurred on August 30,1933, at which time an armed gang, driving a large car, stole a payroll, killed an officer, and seriously wounded another during the robbery. A few days later, a similar affair occurred at Chicago, Illinois, at which time an officer named CUNNINGHAM was killed. Ballistic experts determined that the same weapon had been used in both robberies. There were newspapers and other matters found in the car, which was abandoned at Chicago, indicating that the said car had been used in the South St.Paul robbery.

Two or three witnesses at South St.Paul tentatively identified MILLER and KELLY as being participants in this robbery; however, the identity is not certain. One circumstance, which has been kept in the strictest of confidence, which might be of some value in determining whether KELLY and MILLER participated in the robbery, was that during the robbery a clerk in the post office shot at one of the bandits as the bandit was leaving the curb to enter the automobile. The shot struck him above the right hip, according to the belief of the post office clerk. The clerk, after shooting at the bandit, became panicky and for several days did not divulge that he had shot at the bandit and it was discovered only after the county attorney, Mr.Stassen, made a survey of the premises and noticed that one of the bullets which had gone through the lead re-enforced glass of the post office had been fired from within, whereas, all the other bullets had left holes indicating that the shot had been fired from outside. Inquiry by Mr.Stassen then resulted in locating the post office clerk.

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Mr.Stassen requested Agent Hall of this office to determine if, when MILLER was found, his body showed any evidence of having been recently wounded, as described above.

Except for the information contained herein, the crime is not near a solution. This office is very desirous of cooperating with Mr.Stassen in this matter and if the Division has any information which could be given to Mr.Stassen, the receipt of same will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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December 14, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE UNIT.

The Division is in receipt of a letter dated December 8, 1933 from A.Sunderland, Commissioner of State Police, 100 Washington Street, Hartford, Connecticut, wherein he requests information from the Division's file concerning former associates of Albert Silverman, alias Al Silvers, whose nude body was found on an obscure country road near the town of Somers, Connecticut on November 20, 1933. Mr. Sunderland makes particular reference to a coterie of ten men who were arrested at various times late in 1929 on a charge of conspiracy to violate the Prohibition Law and who were sentenced in Federal Court on February 13, 1933. He specifies the information desired as follows:

(a) criminal records of the accused
(b) information concerning other big time bootleggers and gangsters who may have been concerned but not prosecuted
(c) as to whether or not the activities of any of these men took place in the State of Connecticut or in the vicinity of Springfield, Massachusetts
(d) whether the deceased in which he is interested either under the names of Al Silverman alias Silvers alias Jacob Lubin alias Albert Shaw, was in any way a party to the crime complained of

The following paragraphs from Mr. Sunderland's letter are being quoted for your guidance in preparing the information desired by him to be used in connection with an official investigation which he is conducting into the death of Albert Silverman:

"It would also be a matter of interest in this investigation to know just where this deceased stood in such investigation as you may have made concerning violations of the liquor law in northern New Jersey, particularly with reference to the activities of Louis Buchalder alias Louis Lepke.

"The following is the list of the men referred to and while it appears that they were convicted as charged we are informed that none of them have ever paid the penalty imposed and that they have

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all been at large and apparently have continued in their past occupation. We are particularly interested in the man convicted under the name of Abraham Moss of Detroit, alias Russell B. Thayer, alias Alfred Miller alias Alfred Wright alias Louis D. Baker alias Ben Johnson. This man has his office and place of business in the Mt. Royal Hotel in Montreal but has spent a considerable time in New York and Boston. The others are:

Wilfred J. Gauthier alias Frand Edwards - Detroit
Guido N. A. Carbone alias Vincent Costello - Detroit
Joseph MacEvoy alias Joseph McKay - Detroit
Samuel Davidson alias Wm. Murray - Detroit
Louie Marcello alias Thomas Russo - address unknown
Nathan Eugene alias Eugene Nathan - address unknown
Manuel Cuvier and Samuel Walton of Providence, Rhode Island,
Frank Farrell of Cleveland"

Kindly prepare the data in memorandum form and submit to me at the earliest possible date for inclusion in a letter which is being prepared at the Division setting forth other data requested by Mr. Sunderland.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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December 16, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

Mr. Hughes telephoned from home, and dictated the following information:

He had just received a call from Kansas City advising they had received a telephone call from a woman at Hot Springs who had been previously contacted by Agents Anderson and Marshall a week ago; that the woman advised that Galatas is now in Hot Springs, and staying in a building directly across the street from the place this woman resides. Conroy immediately left Des Moines for Kansas City, and will arrive there tonight, and will leave right away, with several agents, for Hot Springs. If he can go by 'plane, he will arrive in Hot Springs some time during the night. Conroy is depending on his own men, and is not taking into his confidence any of the local police at Hot Springs. However, it is possible Sheriff Bash knows of this development.

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Dear Sir:

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

The following information is being furnished for the information of the Division in connection with the recent activities of this office in an effort to apprehend Wilbur Underhill, subject of I. O. No. 1191:

On December 14th Special Agent Birch of this office, while at Ada, Oklahoma on another investigation, obtained information from the Sheriff's office that Wilbur Underhill and Bruce Brady, brother of Bob Brady, had been at Ada the previous night and that Bruce Brady displayed a large roll of bills in a store there. The Sheriff's office further informed Birch that Underhill and Brady, when leaving Ada, had departed in the direction of Seminole, Oklahoma and that the Police at Seminole were supposed to be in possession of information as to the approximate location of a hideout of Underhill. Birch was instructed to immediately proceed to Seminole, which he did in company with a Deputy Sheriff, and on arrival there found that Chief of Police Jake Sims of Seminole and the Sheriff from Ada, Oklahoma had been making inquiries at a place about fourteen miles from Ada; that Sims and the Sheriff had information that Underhill had been seen with one Houston Nash and Sims and the Sheriff went to the home of George Nash, father of Houston Nash, to ascertain from George Nash where Houston Nash's house was located; that on arrival at George Nash's house, they noticed a tan colored 4-door Ford Sedan in the rear of Nash's house and from the 1933 Oklahoma license plate No. 344-251 thereon identified it as being the same car which was alleged to have been used in the holdup of the bank at Coalgate, Oklahoma a few days previous, and that while talking to George Nash, Wilbur Underhill slipped out of the house, got in the car and drove away. Chief Sims and the Sheriff both stated that everything happened so quick and that they were not expecting to find Underhill at this house, and that they had no opportunity to shoot him.

As soon as this information was received at this office, Detectives Hurt and Ryan of the Oklahoma City Police Department were communicated with and came to the office and these officers and several agents were held in

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readiness awaiting further information, which was expected to be obtained from George Nash, as to the location of Underhill near Oklahoma City.

When Sims and the Sheriff informed Birch upon his arrival at Seminole of the escape of Underhill, George Nash was taken into custody and thoroughly questioned and at first told the officers that he knew where Underhill would go after leaving his place, but it later developed, and he admitted, that he did not have any information as to the present location of Underhill. Later that night Bruce Brady was arrested at his home near Ada, Oklahoma and taken into custody. Houston Nash surrendered to the Sheriff's office at Ada and both George Nash and Houston Nash admitted knowing Underhill and George Nash admitted harboring Underhill in his house on several occasions, stating that the reason for so doing was that he was getting material from Underhill for another party who was going to write the history of Underhill's life.

On December 15th Agent Frank Smith and other agents and officers Hurt and Ryan of the Oklahoma City Police proceeded to Ada, Oklahoma, as information had been obtained that Underhill would return to the home of Houston Nash and probably to the home of George Nash to obtain approximately $225.00 which Underhill had left behind him when he made his escape,and also that he might appear at a junk yard in Konawa, Oklahoma in order to contact Houston Nash with the money. The agents and local officers of Ada covered all these places, as well as other places which were thought to be possible hideouts for Underhill, but Underhill did not return to that vicinity.

Authority was obtained from Assistant United States Attorney Miller of Muskogee, Oklahoma to file complaints against George Nash and Bruce Brady, charging them with harboring and concealing Underhill and with conspiracy to harbor and conceal, and complaints were filed by Agent Birch before the United States Commissioner at Ada, Oklahoma on December 14th and complaint will be filed against Houston Nash today.

Previous information had been received that Wilbur Underhill was supposed to have been married at Coalgate, Oklahoma on November 18, 1933 to one Hazel Hudson, alias Connor, but investigation there and interview with the license clerk and the minister failed to indicate that Underhill was the party who was married, as all the people interviewed stated that the photograph of Underhill was not the person who had been married. Bruce Brady has now admitted that he was with Underhill and acted as best man at the wedding at Coalgate and that it was in fact Underhill who was married.

This office has information concerning several places which Underhill has visited in the past and which he may now visit and also the

location of his wife in Oklahoma City, and investigation is being continued as to this.

I will keep the Division informed of any developments in this matter.

Very truly yours,

E. P. Guinane, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

cc-Kansas City

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October 3, 1933

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Reference is made to the statements made by Eugene C. Reppert, Director of Police, Kansas City, Missouri, before the Uptown Business and Improvement Association, as reported in the Kansas City Journal-Post on October 2, 1933, with headlines as follows: "PLAZA KILLING BLAMED ON U. S.", "REPPERT ASSERTS MASSACRE DUE TO NEGLIGENCE".

It should be stated that the charges, in substance, are (1) that the massacre was due to criminal negligence on the part of the Agents of this Division in failing to notify the Kansas City police either of the identity or character of the prisoner Frank Nash, whom they were to meet at the Union Station, thus depriving the police of the opportunity to properly equip themselves, (2) that the law enforcement officers grouped about the person of Frank Nash, rather than scattering for purposes of protection, (3) that the McElroy kidnaping case might well have been investigated and prosecuted successfully without the aid of Federal Agents, and (4) that the Division of Investigation has not solved the Kansas City massacre, but that it has been solved by Chief Higgins of the Detective Bureau of the Kansas City Police Department.

With reference to the first charge, Special Agent in Charge Reed Vetterli states very definitely that on the night of June 16th, preceding the morning of the attack upon the officers with Nash, he, Vetterli, personally called the police department and talked to the Detective Sergeant on the desk, advising him that the Agents expected to meet, the following morning at Union Station, other Agents of the Division who had in custody Frank Nash, a desperate criminal and escaped Federal prisoner, who had been apprehended that day and was being transported to Leavenworth Penitentiary. The desk sergeant stated over the telephone that in view of the character of the prisoner he would make a notation for the assignment of officers from the "hot squad". The following morning two police officers put in an appearance and accompanied the Agents to the Union Station. This information absolutely refutes the charge made by Reppert.

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With reference to the charge of poor management by the grouping of law enforcement officers about the prisoner, it should be stated that Frank Nash, the prisoner, was accompanied on the train by experienced Agents of the Division and by Chief of Police Otto Reed, of McAlester, Oklahoma, and that they were met at the station by other experienced Agents of this Division and special officers from the so-called "hot squad" of the Kansas City Police Department, who had full opportunity to offer any suggestions relative to the manner of accompanying Nash across the station plaza and relative to the parking of the car, which, incidentally, Mr. Reppert mentioned. The officers accompanied the prisoner in fan-shaped formation across the station plaza, apparently believing that formation to be the best means of defense. Mr. Reppert apparently overlooks the fact that his criticism is directed to the deceased officers, as well as to the few remaining alive, and among those deceased officers were two members of the Kansas City Police Department.

With reference to the charge that the McElroy case could have been investigated without the aid of Federal Agents, it can only be stated that City Manager McElroy not only wrote to the Division, expressing his gratitude and thanks for the assistance rendered to the Kansas City police in connection with this case, but he called personally upon the Attorney General, Mr. Keenan and the Director to express his thanks. The facts of this case are well known. Special Agents of the Division at Kansas City, of course, did obtain information which led to the immediate capture of the kidnapers. They were cooperating with the police officers. In fact, an officer of the Kansas City police was along with Agent Vetterli when he discovered the telegram which led to the location of the kidnapers. Mr. Reppert, himself, was in constant contact with Agent in Charge Vetterli throughout this investigation and apparently there was nothing to mar the cooperation between the city police and the Agents of the Division at that time. The information gathered by the Agents was furnished to the State Prosecutor. Mr. Keenan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, attended this trial, and assisted the Prosecutor, and Agents of this Division likewise assisted in the prosecution.

With reference to the fourth charge, this charge is unsupported by any facts that are known to the Division. If Chief Higgins has solved the case, it would be interesting to know the identity of the persons responsible for the shooting, according to his solution, and whether or not they are in custody, and if in custody whether the facts have been furnished to the District Attorney. As a matter of fact, there are five persons now in custody, apprehended at the instance of this Division, charged with the obstruction of justice

and some of them with murder, as a result of the Division's investigation. In addition, the Division has outstanding five identification orders on individuals wanted in connection with these murders. Neither the subjects of the identification orders, nor the persons in custody, were identified as a result of any information furnished by the Kansas City police. As a matter of fact, when information was furnished by the Division Agents to the police and was later published in the papers, in spite of promises that it would not be made public, it was necessary to take steps to see that confidential information was not again furnished to the police. Perhaps the best commentary on the failure of the Kansas City police to cooperate with the Division or to conduct any vigorous investigation of this case, is that appearing in a letter received from Special Agent in Charge Conroy at Kansas City under date of September 20th. Conroy had only arrived at Kansas City, upon his transfer from Charlotte, North Carolina, a few days prior to the writing of this letter. He states: "My principal concern has to do with the Kansas City Police Department. To date they apparently have not furnished this Division with a single particle of evidence, or even information of tangible value. It is inconceivable to me that the large metropolitan police department, during the period which has elapsed since the massacre, has not received some valuable information from its vast number of underworld informants. This leads me to believe that the Kansas City Police Department has suppressed information or evidence which has been brought to its attention". Indicative of the cooperation, on the other hand, extended to the State authorities by the Division of Investigation, is the fact that on July 31, 1933, Agent in Charge Vetterli wrote the Division stating that under his instructions Special Agent Turrou had turned over to First Assistant State Prosecutor Michael O'Hearn, for his information, a copy of the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, July 29, 1933, which gives a resume of all facts pertaining to the charges on which the County Prosecutor will act, and it was definitely understood with Mr. O'Hearn that the report in question should never become public and that same was locked in Mr. O'Hearn's safe where it will remain except for examination by members of his office who are interested in the prosecution. This report furnishes a resume of all the facts collected by Division Agents indicating the persons responsible for the murder of the police officers at Kansas City on June 17th.

In addition, on August 26th, Assistant Director Nathan stated that he had gone over the entire investigation with Mr. Mastin,

the District Attorney, and while Mr. Mastin had at that time not definitely committed himself, Mr. Nathan stated that he felt that Mr. Mastin would decide to prosecute Harvey Bailey, one of the principals in the report of Agent Trainor, who is now in custody.

Information in the Division's files concerning the activities of Eugene C. Reppert, Director of Police at Kansas City, is being summarized, and will be available in that form. Likewise, information concerning one John Lazia, so-called politician, gangster and lieutenant of Reppert, is being summarized and will be available.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes.

October 3, 1933.

MEMORANDUM

Commissioner Reppert, of Kansas City, delivered an address before a business men's club in Kansas City yesterday, and is alleged to have made certain statements critical of the Agents and work of the Division of Investigation of the Department of Justice. The following are reported to have been the principal points of his remarks, with comment as to the actual facts existing:

1. Mr. Reppert is alleged to have stated that had the police authorities of Kansas City known the identity of the prisoner who was being brought into Kansas City by Government Agents and the dangerous character of that prisoner, namely, Frank Nash, the Kansas City massacre would likely not have occurred, for more Kansas City police officers would have been assigned to the matter, and would have been properly equipped with machine guns. If Mr. Reppert made this statement, he is totally ignorant of the facts in the situation. As a matter of fact, Mr. Vetterli, the Special Agent in Charge of the Division of Investigation at Kansas City, on the night before the arrival of Frank Nash, notified the Kansas City police that Frank Nash was to be brought into Kansas City the next morning, and requested the assignment of Kansas City police officers to assist in the matter. In response to this request, two police officers were so assigned.

2. Mr. Reppert is alleged to have made the statement that the handling of the transfer of Nash from the Union Station at Kansas City to the automobile for transportation to Leavenworth Penitentiary was not properly taken care of. Mr. Reppert seems to overlook the fact that not only were trained and experienced Agents of the Division of Investigation present at the Union Station, but that the Chief of Police of McAlester, Oklahoma, a trained and fearless officer, and two able and experienced police officers of the Kansas City Police Department, were likewise present, and that the judgment and experience of these officers were applied to the handling of the transfer of Nash from the train to the automobile, and that any criticism of those arrangements reflects not only upon those officers who are now living, but upon the men who were killed in the performance of their duties.

3. Mr. Reppert is alleged to have stated that the Kansas City massacre had been solved by Chief of Police Higgins of the Kansas City Police Department, and not by the Federal authorities. Mr. Reppert seems to overlook the fact that in so far as the Kansas City police authorities are concerned not a single person has been arrested in connection with this case at their instance, whereas the Federal authorities have in custody three men and two women, and in addition thereto have

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initiated a nation-wide search for additional men who are members of the gang responsible for this massacre. Furthermore, in so far as this Division knows, Mr. Reppert has not submitted to the United States Attorney any information in the possession of the Kansas City Police Department, nor has he submitted to this Division any information in possession of his Department indicating a solution of this crime by his Department. If he is actually in possession of any information which would be of value in the solution of this crime and has failed to submit this information to the proper prosecutive officials, he has then been derelict in the performance of his duties.

4. Mr. Reppert is alleged to have stated that this Division rendered practically no assistance in the case of the kidnaping of Mary McElroy; that the results obtained could have been as readily obtained by the local authorities without the assistance of the Federal authorities. Mr. Reppert seems to be totally ignorant of the facts in this matter. As a matter of fact, the assistance of the representatives of this Division at Kansas City has been publicly commended by Judge McElroy, City Manager of Kansas City, whose daughter was kidnaped and who is a superior of Mr. Reppert.

In general comment upon Mr. Reppert's remarks, it might be observed that Kansas City, Missouri, has for some time past been the Mekka and hang-out for the most vicious criminal element in the United States. Mr. Reppert in his remarks concerning the Kansas City massacre seems to overlook the fact that the gang responsible for this massacre made Kansas City their principal place of abode, and he likewise overlooks the fact that following this massacre it was at Kansas City that $200,000 of the Urschel ransom money was paid to members of the same gang.

This Division has received practically no substantative assistance or cooperation from the Kansas City Police Department since the massacre at the Kansas City Plaza, either in the way of a solution of that case, or in any other assistance incident thereto.

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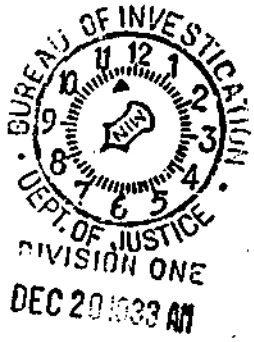

Director,
Division of Investigation,
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Washington, D. C.

Re: RICHARD TALMAN GALATAS, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201; WILBUR UNDERHILL, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I. O. #1191; et al; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

Dear Sir:

With reference to subject Richard Talman Galatas, Special Agent D. W. Magee, of this office, in conversation at New Orleans, Louisiana, with Mr. A. D. Burford, Special Agent in Charge of the Intelligence Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Headquarters at Memphis, Tennessee, secured information that may be of some value to the Division in an effort to locate and cause the apprehension of subject Galatas.

Mr. Burford advised that the Internal Revenue Service had been investigating Galatas for about a year with reference to suspected fraud on Income Tax matters. He stated, however, that the investigation had not progressed to the stage where the process had been issued on Galatas, but that his location was desired for interview in connection with his tax returns.

Mr. Burford advised that in his opinion a certain Judge in Hot Springs, Arkansas, by the name of "Leatheridge," (phonetic spelling) was in close contact with subject Galatas. Mr. Burford stated that a gambler by the name of "Jacobs" operating at Hot Springs, Arkansas, if he wanted to, could furnish information concerning the location of Galatas. He stated that Jacobs is of a different political alignment from that of Galatas, but for political reasons had hired a brother of Judge Leatheridge to work in his gambling establishment as a house man.

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Although Mr. Burford was not approached on the subject, it is

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believed he would cooperate with the Division and permit an inspection of their files at Memphis, Tennessee, relative to investigation on Galatas, if such a request was made of him.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Kansas City
cc-Birmingham

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with
aliases (Deceased) et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Special Agents H. E. Andersen and N. E. Marshall arrived in Birmingham at 7:05 A.M. December 16, 1933.

Agent Marshall departed at 11 A.M. enroute to Tuscaloosa, Ala., where he will be on special assignment for two or three days. He can be reached there at the Sigma Chi House.

Agent Andersen will depart at 3:30 P.M. enroute to Montgomery, Ala. to conduct investigation on instant case.

Very truly yours,

D. O. Smith

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

cc-Kansas City.

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Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER(DECEASED)ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Curry advised me that the confidential informant mentioned herein is [redacted] 1-23-34

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This is to confirm my long distance telephone call with the Director from Chicago, Illinois, on November 8, 1933, in connection with information furnished to me by a confidential informant, who has strong underworld connections in Chicago, Illinois. The Director will personally recall the identity of the informant.

The informant stated that Bernard Phillips, who is generally known in the underworld as "Big Phil," was killed in the East after the Indiana bank robbery last summer. It appears from the information received that the underworld is in possession of information to the effect that Bernard Phillips was the fourth man on the golf links at the time that Keating, Holden and Harvey Bailey were apprehended at Kansas City, Missouri; the underworld generally believes that Bernard Phillips tipped off Federal officers and caused the arrest of the other three. For this reason, Phillips is supposed to have been put on the spot. The informant stated that Phillips was killed with ice picks and that he fought viciously at the time that he was being killed. It appears from the information received that he was stabbed a great many times and more or less tortured to death. The informant stated that in his opinion Harvey Bailey was not one of the machine gunners at the Union Station Massacre. He informed me that Bailey and Miller, both of whom are well known to him, were at odds before Bailey was arrested on the golf

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links at Kansas City. He stated that no friendship existed between Miller and Bailey and for that reason, he did not believe they would be on the job together. He also stated that he personally at times had seen Bailey in a condition when he felt sure that he was going to kill Miller, who was also in the same room with him.

This confidential informant advised me that there had been four telephone calls to Chicago on June 16 and 17, 1933, in connection with Doc Stacci, defendant in this case. It appears that the first telephone call was made to the Opie Inn during the afternoon when Stacci was playing golf with Machine Gunner Jack Mc Gurn; that call was made from Hot Springs, Arkansas. The second call was one from Stacci to the number(Jackson 7073)which was then Miller's telephone number in Kansas City. Miller could not be located there. The third telephone call was from Stacci to the Horse Shoe Club, where Stacci got in touch with Fritz Mulloy, at which time Stacci informed Mulloy that they had Nash at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that they were endeavoring to get in touch with Verne Miller. There was a fourth telephone call made from some unknown place to Doc Stacci's residence about midnight, at which time, inquiry was made for Stacci, his wife having answered the phone. Mrs. Stacci advised the people who were calling that he was not home. The conversation apparently was a short one. The informant further advised that during the spring of this year, Doc Stacci visited Verne Miller for a period of about two weeks in Kansas City, Missouri; during this time, Stacci and Miller had dinner at the home of Fritz Mulloy on an average of three or four times a week. In addition on two different occasions, Verne Miller took Stacci to visit for a short time with John Lazia, Democratic political leader in Kansas City, Missouri.

The informant stated that Lazie in all probability knows who were the participants in the Station Massacre, in view of the fact that it is not possible for any gangster to operate in Kansas City, Missouri, without first securing permission from Lazia.

It may be noted that this informant stated that the heat was on Vern Miller. He stated that he personally would kill him if he should see him. He stated that a great many other underworld characters would do the same thing. This has apparently been verified since, due to the nature of Miller's death.

The information obtained from the informant was rather sketchy, but it is believed possible that additional information may be secured through another talk with him. This may be especially true, in view of Miller's subsequent death. In the event that I find an opportunity, I intend to take a trip for a day or two during the coming week to Chicago, Illinois, at which time, I can again confer with this informant. He is probably in possession of vital information and it is worth the time and expense of the trip to Chicago.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge.

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December 15, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Special Agent in Charge Colvin, of Oklahoma City, advised by telephone that they learned yesterday that Wilbur Underhill and his gang had perpetrated two bank robberies recently in Oklahoma, one at Harrah, Oklahoma, on December 11th, when they kidnaped the watchman and attempted to steal a safe, which was too heavy and was abandoned by them. They immediately proceeded, however, to Coalgate, Oklahoma, where they robbed another bank and this time secured $4,000.

Agent Colvin stated that they received word yesterday that Underhill might be in the home of one Bruce Brady at Ada, Oklahoma. They formed a posse and went to the house. Underhill got out of the back door and away in a car, but they arrested at the time Bruce Brady, who is a brother of George Brady, one of the Lansing, Kansas escapes who was recently captured in New Mexico, and George Nash and Herbert Nash. They are holding Brady under a charge of harboring a fugitive, as they found that Brady had acted as best man at the wedding of Underhill on November 18th.

They have not charged either of the Nashes, for reason of the fact that these men are working with them and they ascertained that Underhill had returned to this house at three o'clock this morning to obtain his overcoat, at which time he threatened Brady. However, they have obtained information concerning his proposed destination, which is about twenty-five miles outside of Oklahoma City, and a posse has been formed, and they may capture Underhill today.

Respectfully,

V.W. Hughes

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December 15, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES.

The .351 calibre Winchester Automatic Rifle No. 23999, referred to in my memorandum of December 14, 1933, as sent to the vault in the Old Southern Railway Building, has been returned to the Division and is being placed in the exhibit case in the Director's Reception Room.

The .45 calibre Thompson Sub-Machine gun, seized from the Shannon house at the time of Harvey J. Bailey's apprehension on August 12, 1933, is being removed from the exhibit case and is being sent to the Dallas office for delivery to Detectives Ed Weatherford and J. H. Swinney of the Detective Bureau, Fort Worth, Texas Police Department, in compliance with a memorandum received from Assistant Attorney General Keenan.

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

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December 18, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Spear called from Kansas City. He had been in touch with Conroy. Conroy and the men with him have left Hot Springs and have proceeded to Little Rock where they are making their headquarters at the McGehee Hotel. They will remain there until tomorrow. Spear expects to get further information from them. The indications are that at the present time Galatas is not at Hot Springs. There are some indications that there might be something happening later; that is, he may return there. Conroy also wanted to mention that Marshall and Andersen went to Tuscaloosa and found out that the boy had been dropped from the fraternity last October and had left school in December. They said he had been drinking and had not paid his bills. These two Agents did not go to the fraternity house. They secured this information otherwise. They, too, have returned and are headquartered at Little Rock.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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U. S. Department of Justice
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December 16, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

We received a fingerprint card yesterday from the Chief Special Agent of the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway, at St. Louis, Missouri, in the case of Hebe Engle Nash, alias "Cat" Nash, reporting the arrest of this person on December 11th, charged with suspicion - murder - robbery. The following statement appears on this print: "Subject is a brother of Frank Nash, who was killed at Kansas City, Missouri, June 17th, 1933. He is a drug addict. Being held in jail at Benton, Missouri for questioning in connection with the murder and robbery of Frank Roseme, Rockview, Missouri, December 7, 1933. Arrested by Sheriff's Office."

A copy of the record of this person is attached.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

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Gentlemen. some few days ago I was called on by one of your Secret Service agent. either from Little Rock. Ark. or Okla. through his talk and Inquirie I learned. he had been sent here on account of some one in this locality writing saying. that I was either an outlaw by the Name of Pretty Boy Floid. or a Dr McKenzy. an Embezeler of some sort. previous to this. I came home from Town Calico Rock. on a Sunday. afternoon. when I got within 40 yards. of my house. there was a man standing in the path. waiting for me. another squating in brush with rait gun. These men question me about where I was from and ect. and stated they were looking for. a pontiac car reported. seen coming this way. in their Inquirie they asked about my Neighbors and I answerd all questions and showed them. how to get to another Fellows place by name of Carter that bought property and moved here same time as my self [illegible] when we started from house. and got about

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out comes. other man with riot gun.
two men with Guns. did not identify them
selves. other did by showing Credintials of
State Highway patrollman. but did not do s
untill just before they left. Now at prese
time my mail is delayed. both that I send
and recieve. is this because it is beeing
read. or checked. by. W.S. Government agents ?
Now in regards. to my self. I came here
from Nebraska. in August. bought. a piece
of unimproved property. from a local
resident of Calico Rock. Ark. by the name
of. Dr. B. S. Jackson. Local Veteranary.
have been tending strictly to my own buisness
working hard to improve the property I bought.
and have bothered no one. I am not. this so
Caled outlaw previously mentioned and I am
not this Dr. McKengy. I have never been in
trouble of any Kind. and do not think. I should
be persecuted in this manner. and who ever
wrote the Department. these letters surley
knew at time of writing that I was neither of
the men mentioned I have made no enemies here

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that I know of. unless it is a United Farm agence agent by the name of John Moody. and the only reason he could be sore at me. is because he could not sell me a Farm and I bought. what I found to my liking and according to my Finances. from Mr. Jackson. Mr. Jackson and Mr Moody had some words. I was Told. over some comision. but Mr Moody was not entitled to a comission for he did not even show me this property. Neither was his Literature or adds. the Cause of me coming to Calico Rock. now he is the only man I know of that would have a dislike for me. here although I have never had a hard word of any kind with him. there has been several. Nights that I know some one has been around close to my House, that has no buisness being here. there is no road. through or bordering my land. here the house is over 1/4 mile from County road. I know I am not mistaken in this for I have at different times had to hold my Large German police dog. to keep him from going after them and he does not c[illegible] Hard or bother stock of any kind. and Nei

is he trained to hunt he will 130 lbs when in
good flesh and would be dangerous to any
stranger. for he was only trained for a watch
dog. would I be within my rights to let
him go. attact who ever this prowler may be.
and would I be with in my rights if I used
some buck shot. after asking them to come
Forward and make them selves. Known.?. havent
I the right as an american citizen to protect
my self and property.? I am here trying to make
a home for my aged and crippled mother. and
I do not think I should be persicuted by
any one as I am. please give me the name or
Names of who is having these Investigations
made. have my picture taken finger prints made
any thing you wish to satisfy your selves or
trouble minded. Neighbors. that I am not a
Fugitive from justice of any kind. people
whisper at my back as I go by. why.? because
these officers are comeing here Inquiring for
or about me. I am not afraid of Beast-man
or the Devil if I can see them but something
at my back. or something I know nothing of.
I am afraid of. so please have this matter

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Checked. and stoped. if poss'. if I have Written to the rong. Dept. please Forward letter where a complaint of this kind belongs.

Yours. Truly.

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Wm Bostick
Box 282
Calico Rock Arkansas.

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REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Kansas City, Mo.	12-20-33	11-27 & 28-33	H. H. McKEE

TITLE:
VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1201; ROBERT G. BRADY, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1190; HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1189; WILBER UNDERHILL, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1191 - ET AL

CHARACTER OF CASE:
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Joe F. Perry, Sheriff, Council Bluffs, Iowa, received information "Pretty Boy" Floyd was at McIntyre, Iowa, with his brother Frank Floyd, through the Sheriff at New Hampshire, Iowa. Mrs. Lucy Bennett, reported to be connection of Floyd, still resides at Council Bluffs, Iowa. Mr. & Mrs. Bennett not related to Floyd and know nothing of his whereabouts.

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DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon a memorandum of Special Agent O. C. Dewey, Kansas City, Missouri, dated November 24, 1933, which states he has had a conversation with Park Findley, Chief of Bureau of Investigation, State Department of Justice, Des Moines, Iowa, who advises he has received anonymous information from Cherryville, Missouri, to the effect that "Pretty Boy" Floyd was on his way to Council Bluffs, Iowa, in a red Buick Coach, 1926 Model, with Minnesota license. He was going to stay with some parties named Bennett at 715 1st Street E., who is a relative. Floyd was supposed to have been staying on a farm near McIntyre, Iowa, living with a brother of this Bennett. He was traveling with Clifford and Jesse Hoffetter and James Allen. Also had in the car a red headed woman named "Red" Eastman. Findley later advised Dewey that Verne Miller and "Pretty Boy" Floyd were together at a hangout 8 miles east of Sioux City, Iowa. Sheriff Joe F. Perry, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, advised Dewey that there was no such street as 1st Street East, but there was a Bennett family living on 1st Street, whom he believed had moved to Omaha, Nebraska. He further stated there was a connection between this Bennett family and one Marley and Coulter, who are wanted as bank robbers. Coulter has been arrested. Perry advised further that he had received information to the effect "Pretty Boy" Floyd was at McIntyre, Iowa, with his brother, Frank Floyd.

DETAILS:

This Agent interviewed Joe F. Perry, Sheriff, Council Bluffs,

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: H. H. Conroy SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Iowa, who stated he had received the information concerning Floyd being at McIntyre, Iowa, with his brother Frank, through the Sheriff of New Hampshire, Iowa. He knew nothing of itfrom his own personal standpoint. He also stated Park Findley, Chief of Bureau of Investigation, State Department of Justice, Des Moines, Iowa, and the Sheriff at New Hampshire, Iowa, had received this later information to the effect Floyd and Verne Miller were at a hangout 8 miles east of Sioux City and this was later than the report given him. Floyd had not been seen in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Sheriff Perry brought in for examination by Agent a Mr. David A. Scott and Mrs. Lucy Bennett. Mr. Scott resides on Woodbury Avenue, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Mrs. Bennett at 2735 Avenue A. This was the Bennett Sheriff Perry referred to in his conversation with Special Agent Dewey. Mr. Scott is an amateur detective and Mrs. Bennett is his assistant. They have been attempting to assist Sheriff Perry in locating one Marley and one Coulter, bank robbers. The information coming to Perry concerning Bennett had come through Scott and the Bennett referred to was this Mrs. Bennett. Neither of them knew the slightest thing about "Pretty Boy" Floyd nor Verne Miller. The Sheriff later told Agent his information from Scott had something to do with Mrs. Bennett and as the name Marley and Coulter were mentioned he thought possibly Mrs. Bennett might know something about it. Mrs. Bennett had been, for the past two weeks, residing in Omaha, Nebraska, carrying out instructions from Scott in an attempt to locate the whereabouts of Marley. This was what made Sheriff Perry think the Bennetts had moved.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE ST. PAUL DIVISION OFFICE will at McIntyre, Iowa, make appropriate inquiry to determine of "Pretty Boy" Floyd has been in that neighborhood with a supposed brother, Frank Floyd.

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

December 18, 1933.

Hon. Dwight H. Green
United States Attorney
Chicago, Illinois

Attention: Assistant, Mr. E. A. Tappy

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased),
I. O. 1195, et al. - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(ENDEAVOR TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH)

Dear Sir:

Referring to the verbal conversation had with you on December 15, 1933, by Special Agent Jay C. Newman relative to the confiscation for the use of this office of the Ford automobile abandoned by Vernon C. Miller in Chicago on November 1, 1933, I desire to submit the following history of this car, obtained as a result of investigation by this Division:

This car, 1932 model Ford V-8 coupe, motor No. 1836196, New York 1933 license No. 8-L-1469, was purchased second hand on October 23, 1933, for $425.00 cash from Nathan Klang, who conducts an open air car sales lot at 1035 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. The purchaser gave the name of Frederick J. Glaubach and address as 1991 Crotona Avenue, The Bronx, New York City, both of which were found to be fictitious.

In securing 1933 New York license plates No. 8-L-1469 for this car, the purchaser gave the same fictitious name and address as above.

The New York City motor vehicle operator's license for this car was secured under the fictitious name of "Frederick K. Glaubach" and the same fictitious address, namely, 1991 Crotona Avenue, The Bronx, New York City, was given.

Investigation has definitely proven the purchaser of this car to be one Albert Silverman, an ex-convict, who was recently murdered at Somers, Connecticut. Indications are that he secured the same for Vernon C. Miller, who at that time was a Federal fugitive from justice, wanted in connection with the attempted delivery of Federal Prisoner Frank Nash at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933, during which an agent of this Division, three police officers and Frank Nash were massacred.

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At the time Vernon C. Miller abandoned this car at Chicago on November 1, 1933, he evaded agents of this Division and police officers who were seeking his apprehension in connection with the Kansas City massacre. Subsequently, he was found murdered on November 29, 1933, on the outskirts of Detroit, Michigan.

Following the abandonment of the car in question, it was placed in storage at the Fair Oaks Garage, Broadway and Montrose Avenue, Chicago, from November 1 to 27, 1933, for which storage this Division paid the sum of $13.53. It is now held in dead storage at the Clark-Van Buren Garage in this city.

From the above it will be noted that the heirs, if any, of Albert Silverman, purchaser of this car, and/or Vernon C. Miller, who abandoned same, cannot establish legal ownership, and aside from the $13.53 storage bill already paid, the Government will be required to continue the payment of storage or eventually the car will be sold by the Clark-Van Buren Garage to cover storage charges.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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New York City	12/18/38	12/14,16/38	L. G. TURROU

TITLE: RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201.
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: Central office of the American Express Company, New York City, unable to trace any money orders or drafts received by Pat Sturney at Tuscaloosa, Ala., step-son of fugitive Galatas, unless the name of the issuing town or the serial numbers of such checks be furnished to that office.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. H. Henson, Birmingham, Ala., dated December 9, 1938.

DETAILS: In an endeavor to ascertain whether Pat Sturney at Tuscaloosa, Ala., step-son of fugitive Galatas, has been receiving drafts from his parents, agent interviewed Mr. H. Tiedt, manager of the Domestic Money Order Inspection Division of the American Express Company, 65 Broadway, New York City. Mr. Tiedt advised that it would be absolutely impossible to accommodate this office with the above desired data without first furnishing him with the name of the town issuing the drafts or the American Express travelers' checks or the serial numbers of same.

Mr. Tiedt stated that even if such checks have been received by Sturney at Tuscaloosa and cashed there, he would nevertheless be unable to trace these drafts among the hundreds of thousands received at his office, which

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checks are sorted and filed either in the order of the issuing offices or by serial numbers.

Agent Tracy and the writer conferred with Assistant U.S. Attorney Pfann, Southern District of New York, who is in charge of the prosecution of the AL SILVERS, et al, Obstruction of Justice matter. Mr. Pfann advised that he desires to give this matter further consideration before presenting it to the Federal Grand Jury. He said that the evidence does not prove to him that either of the defendants knew that Verne Miller was a fugitive from justice or that Abe Chait knew that the driver's license procured for Verne Miller through his employe, Herman Borenstein, was actually intended for fugitive Miller. He said that unless he had proof of this important phase of the case, he believes that the prosecution of the above-named defendants will be unsuccessful.

Mr. Pfann stated that although he does not intend to drop the case, he hesitates at the present time to present the matter with the evidence now at hand to the Federal Grand Jury. He said that he would confer with the Chief of the Criminal Division, United States Attorney's office, concerning further action to be taken in this matter and the advisability of presenting this matter to the Grand Jury, and that he would advise this office as to the result of his conference.

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Washington [illegible]-526

December 22, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION:

There is returned herewith voucher in favor of the Fair Oaks Garage, Chicago, Illinois, in the amount of $13.53 covering storage charges, etc., on Ford car taken into custody by the Division of Investigation alleged to have been owned by a fugitive Verne C. Miller.

The voucher indicates that the car was abandoned by Mr. Miller. In view thereof you are kindly requested to advise this office as to whether the car was the personal property of Mr. Miller or was seized because of a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. If the car was the personal property of Mr. Miller it would appear that the storage charges should be paid by him. If the car was seized because of a violation of the Dyer Act storage charges prior to the seizure cannot be borne by the Government. In connection with the charge for towing attention in respectfully invited to the fact that the charge appears to be excessive. There is also a charge of $2.00 for making one key for the car. It is understood that keys may be obtained from any Ford service station or agency for approximately 25¢.

Very truly yours,

J. W. GARDNER,
General Agent and Chief Clerk.

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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

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

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto you will find copy of letter addressed to the Detroit office concerning the Kansas City massacre case entitled RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1201, et al.

Attached hereto you will also find copy of letter from the Detroit office to this office dated December 11th, which has reference to Sammy Schrager.

From the continued investigation, it would now appear that Sammy Schrager has been in close touch with Miller for the past two or three years. You have observed from the reports that he has been in New York City with Miller subsequent to the massacre; that he was in Chicago with Miller in April, 1933; that he was in New York City with Miller and Nash in November, 1932; that he was with Miller in Kansas City about two years ago. You will note from the letter addressed to the Detroit office that Schrager is a killer attached to the Buchalter mob and that it is the opinion of this office that the only one who could successfully take Miller out for a ride is Schrager.

Schrager from his continued contact with Miller subsequent to the massacre undoubtedly knows the identity of those involved in the massacre and it might very well be that Schrager himself was in Kansas City around that time. Your office has a photograph of Schrager.

It is assumed your office is seeing to it that Vivian Mathis, Bobbie Moore and possibly Bailey and Kelly are being interviewed for the purpose of determining their attitude, so that

advantage may be taken of an attitude favorable towards the government and this office requests that it be furnished with copies of all reports covering interviews had with those already confined.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City, Missouri

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Oklahoma City, Okla.	12-18-33	12-14-16-33	T. M. Birch

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased) et al.	Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash.)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Underhill escaped from Deputy Sheriff and Chief of Police at home of George Washington Nash, Sr., near Konawa, Oklahoma, December 14, 1933. Investigation revealed several places that were contacting Underhill and these places are being watched.

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DETAILS:

On December 14, 1933, Agent, while at Ada, Oklahoma, on another investigation, obtained information from the Sheriff's office that Wilbur Underhill, Bruce M. Brady and Huston G. Nash had been at Ada the night of December 13, 1933. The Sheriff's office informed Agent that Underhill, Brady and Nash, when leaving Ada, had departed in the direction of Seminole, Oklahoma.

At this time Agent received a telephone communication from Chief of Police Jake Sims at Seminole to the effect that he had valuable information relative to a hideout of Underhill's. Agent got in communication with the Oklahoma City office by telephone and was advised to proceed immediately to Seminole, which he did in company with Sheriff Clyde Kaiser of Pontotoc County and Sheriff Walter Clark of Coal County and several deputies from both counties, and on arrival there found that Chief of Police Jake Sims of Seminole had been mistaken in his information. Chief Sims, however, stated that information regarding Underhill could probably be obtained from George Washington Nash, Sr., whose son, Huston G. Nash, had been very intimate with Wilbur Underhill. Chief Sims and Sheriff Kaiser proceeded to the home of George W. Nash near Konawa, Oklahoma, in their car, Agent and Deputy Sheriffs following in another car. Chief Sims and Sheriff Kaiser

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arriving somewhat in advance of Agent and the deputies, noticed a tan-colored 4-door Ford Sedan in the rear of Nash's house and from the 1933 Oklahoma license plate No. 344-251 thereon, identified it as being the same car which Underhill was alleged to have been using. Previous to the arrival of Agent and the deputies, a man, later identified as Wilbur Underhill, slipped out of the house, got in the car and drove away. Sheriff Kaiser and Chief Sims both stated that everything happened so fast that "we didn't know what it was all about"; that they had not expected to find Underhill at the house.

Complaints were filed on December 15, 1933 before the U. S. Commissioner at Ada, Oklahoma on December 15, 1933 against George W. Nash and Bruce M. Brady for harboring, aiding and abetting a person for whom warrant has been issued and non est return made, and conspiracy, and complaint will be filed against Huston G. Nash in the same matter (Okla. City file No. 62-479.)

On December 15th, information was received that Underhill would probably visit the junkyard of one Jacob Reddner at Konawa, Oklahoma and Agents from the Oklahoma City office and other officers were stationed at strategic points around the junkyard but Underhill never appeared.

It had been previously determined that Wilbur Underhill was married at Coalgate, Oklahoma on November 18, 1933 to one Hazel Hudson, alias Connor, alias Cottnor. This was admitted by Bruce Brady, who under the name of Merrill Brady, acted as best man at the wedding.

The Oklahoma City office is at this time having the homes of Huston G. Nash, Ada, Bruce M. Brady, Ada, George W. Nash, Konawa, the junkyard of Jacob Reddner, Konawa, and the home of the Cottnor family at Weleetka, Oklahoma watched by Deputy Sheriffs in the hope of apprehending Underhill should he appear at any of these places.

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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas,

December 18, 1933.

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

RE: Richard Talman Galatas,
with aliases - FUGITIVE; etal.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your telegram of 12/16/33 advising that James P. Dempsey of 1602 Spruce St., Texarkana, Texas, had informed the Kansas City, Kansas Police that a man and woman in a car with Kansas license were at Texarkana, and that the woman resembled the wife of "Pretty Boy" Floyd:

This information was transmitted by telephone to Chief of Police Runnels of Texarkana, who reported that the individual - whose wife is reputed to resemble the wife of "Pretty Boy" Floyd, is 50 years old and is residing in Texarkana with the Justice of the Peace and has been constantly in Texarkana since February, 1933 and cannot possibly be Floyd.

Very truly yours,

E.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Director
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Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Further reference is made to investigation recently undertaken at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and vicinity by Special Agents H. E. Andersen and N. E. Marshall. Your attention is called particularly to letters from this office dated December 15th and December 21st.

Before leaving that vicinity the Agents deemed it advisable to again make contact with Dr. William Parks of Hot Springs, Arkansas, to ascertain what progress [redacted] who is mentioned in previous communications, had been making in his endeavor to locate Subject Galatas. Both Dr. and Mrs. Parks advised that [redacted] seems very interested in solving the Galatas angle. He stated he had been busying himself recently seeking this information and has been visiting all the various hideouts around Hot Springs. They reiterated their statement that he is in position to obtain information relative to the whereabouts of Galatas if anyone in that vicinity could do so.

While at the home of Dr. Parks on this last occasion, [redacted] called and expressed the hope of securing information relative to the whereabouts of Galatas. He said that he has reason to believe Galatas has relatives in Southern Missouri whom he formerly visited, but to date [redacted] has not been able to secure the name and address of these people.

You will note in previous communications from this office of recent date, under authorization from the Division, Agent Marshall was to proceed to the Sigma Chi Fraternity House at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, in an effort to elicit information regarding the whereabouts of Galatas through Pat Gardelle Sturney. Agent Marshall proceeded to Birmingham, Alabama, on December 15th for that purpose. Prior to the arrival of Agent Marshall in Birmingham, Alabama, telephone communication was had by the Agents

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with the Birmingham Office and it was determined that Sturney was still thought by the Birmingham Office to be at Tuscaloosa, Alabama at the Sigma Chi Fraternity House. Agent Marshall had made appropriate arrangements and left all his Government property in the Birmingham Office, and was to receive his mail in plain envelope at General Delivery, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He was to receive all his communications through the Birmingham Office in order to avoid any mail or telegrams being delivered direct from Kansas City, which might give rise to suspicion on the part of individuals at Tuscaloosa.

Upon the arrival of Agent Marshallat Tuscaloosa, however, he went to the Sigma Chi Fraternity House and through casual observations and discussion, without any apparent reference to Pat Gardelle Sturney, he learned that the individual in question had not since October 10th been a resident at the Fraternity House. He learned that Sturney was expelled from the Fraternity because of failure to pay his dues and living expenses, and that he is no longer recognized as a member of that Chapter. Incidentally Agent Marshall also learned that the probable reason for the action on the part of the Fraternity Chapter was mis-conduct on the part of Pat Gardelle Sturney, who is an inveterate drinker and gambler, and who apparently paid very little attention to scholastic endeavor.

Agent Marshall also learned that Sturney had left school about December 1st, and through an indirect means Agent Marshall determined that Sturney had gone to the residence of Mrs. Myrtle Duncan, at 109 Woodley Terrace, Montgomery, Alabama. It will be noted that this is the place at which Sturney has been residing for the past two years when not at Tuscaloosa.

Agent Marshall proceeded to Birmingham, Alabama, upon learning the status of Sturney and the fact that he was no longer in Tuscaloosa. Agent Marshall arrived at Birmingham on December 16th to await a meeting with Agent Andersen.

Agent Andersen had gone to Memphis, Tennessee, after leaving Little Rock, Arkansas, and from Memphis, Tennessee by way of Birmingham, Alabama, had proceeded to Montgomery for the purpose of making contect with Agent Marshall who would be alone and without any apparent official connection while at Tuscaloosa. It was deemed advisable to handle the matter in this manner in view of the fact that Montgomery is the closest city of any appreciable size to Tuscaloosa, and through this means Agent Marshall could

make his reports to Agent Andersen within the first few days of his residence at Tuscaloosa without danger of disclosing the nature of his assignment.

On December 16th a long distance telephone call was received from the wife of Dr. William Parks, of Hot Springs, Arkansas. She called the Kansas City Office from Little Rock, Arkansas, and stated in brief terms that she believed that the man for whom this Division is searching in that vicinity was then at a place across from the High School in Hot Springs. Her contact with this office in the manner made was in pursuance to promises of her husband as made to Special Agents Andersen and Marshall.

While I was at Des Moines, Iowa on the afternoon of December 16th in attendance at a convention of Peace Officers, I was notified telephonically of the information received from Little Rock, Arkansas. I instructed Special Agent W. F. Trainor to communicate telephonically with Special Agent H. E. Andersen at Montgomery, Alabama, and notify him to proceed to Little Rock, Arkansas, immediately. Also communication was had with Agent Marshall by telegraph through the Birmingham Office and he was instructed to proceed to Little Rock, Arkansas.

On Sunday, December 17th, I proceeded to Little Rock, Arkansas by automobile, accompanied by Special Agents A. E. Farland, G. F. Hurley and W. F. Trainor. I took from the Kansas City Office two machine guns and other appropriate arms and plenty of ammunition. I assembled the various Agents at the McGehee Hotel, Little Rock, Arkansas, late on the night of December 17th. The Division was telephonically advised on the afternoon of December 16th as to the contemplated action. As will be noted, Galatas is said to go heavily armed at all times and to carry a machine gun in his car. It was the purpose in this instance to effect his apprehension and it was well known, according to all past investigation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, that that Subject is strongly entrenched with the corrupt political array of officials there located. No assistance was anticipated from any of them, and it was reasonable to expect duplicity on the part of the officials in question. There are known at this time to be numerous confidence men and criminals of the major degree concentrated at Hot Springs.

Upon arrival at Little Rock, Arkansas, several hours prior to my arrival Agent Andersen made contact with Mrs. Parks, who had furnished the information to the Kansas City Office telephonically, who stated that a few hours prior to her telephone conversation with the Kansas City Office, she had conferred with [redacted] at Hot Springs with reference to a probable hideout of Galatas in that town. She related that [redacted] told her that one Ed Spear, of 229 Orange Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, maintains a residence, the upper portion of which has been rented out in the past. Immediately after the Kansas City massacre, however, Spear, who is a confidence man and an ex-convict from the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, ceased renting apartments in this building and was seldom seen about Hot Springs thereafter.

Continuing, she said that [redacted] informed her that Spear is now back in town and associating with Frank Clark, friend of Galatas. In the company of these two a former slot machine mechanic from St. Louis, Missouri, is frequently seen. It appears that [redacted] has observed the trio together at various times and has seen the slot machine man at the Spear home under circumstances which arouse suspicion.

Previous to this interview, while Agents Marshall and Andersen were in Hot Springs, [redacted] advised Mrs. Parks the slot machine mechanic was observed by a friend of his "tailing" the said Agents. It should be noted that the three individuals mentioned above are all reported to be very good friends of the Fugitive Galatas.

[redacted] further informed Mrs. Parks that Dick Ryan, a lawyer of poor repute, of Hot Springs, recently purchased several cartons of Chesterfield Cigarettes, although he himself does not smoke. Incidentally, it is known that both Galatas and his wife are inveterate smokers of the brand of cigarettes mentioned above. Ed Spear has also been buying Chesterfield cigarettes in large quantities recently, and it was [redacted] theory that both Spear and Ryan may have purchased the cigarettes for Galatas, who, in that case, would likely be found in the vicinity of Hot Springs.

Mrs. Parks stated that after receiving the foregoing information from [redacted] she had come to the conclusion that Galatas was in Hot Springs, or thereabouts, and for that reason had driven to Little Rock, Arkansas, and telephoned the Kansas City Office as set forth above.

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Special Agent H. E. Andersen next interviewed [redacted] at the home of Dr. Parks. [redacted] stated that he had been very active in attempting to secure information regarding Galatas and furnished Agent Andersen with substantially the same information as was furnished by Mrs. Parks. He said that he felt certain in his own mind that Galatas is not at Hot Springs. He asserted, however, that he has kept the Spear residence under surveillance for several nights and has determined that there is probably some criminal activity centering around the house. He observed that the shades in the upper part of the house are always drawn and that a small light is generally burning therein during the night. He related that on one occasion recently, while his mother was visiting a relative at the Spear domicile, she heard a shuffling of feet upstairs. He said that both he and his mother are positive that the house is being used to harbor a fugitive or fugitives, or that bogus money, counterfeit bonds, or something of that nature are being manufactured there.

[redacted] stated that he deemed it very unwise to raid the house in question, stating that it would hamper him in his efforts to gain information regarding Galatas, and would undoubtedly react to the detriment of the Government in its investigation in this case. He expressed confidence in his ability to definitely determine whether Galatas is in or near Hot Springs.

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Agent Andersen then returned to Little Rock, Arkansas, after consulting with Mrs. Parks and [redacted] and upon conferring with me I decided it would be inadvisable for the best interests of the Division to make any open inquiry or raid at Hot Springs at this time. However, I deemed it appropriate to proceed with Agents Andersen and Marshall to Hot Springs, Arkansas, in order that I might be able there to make the acquaintance of the informants who are cooperating confidentially with this office.

Therefore, on December 18th with those two Agents I proceeded to Hot Springs where we interviewed Jim Polus, William Brandenberg, Dr. and Mrs. Parks and [redacted] They impressed me as being sincere in their desire to cooperate with the Government and I believe that they will render every assistance possible.

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[redacted] advised that Nat Ryan Hughes, an attorney; Ollie Watkins, known as the "Big Swede", a former policeman of Little Rock, and Henry Ives, all of Little Rock, are reported to be well acquainted with Galatas and his associates. He suggested the possibility of using these individuals in the course of the

investigation.

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As a matter of information [redacted] advised that all telephone calls to and from Hot Springs pass through the Moody Hotel, which has a tap on them. He stated that should the Government desire to use an undercover man in Hot Springs it would be advisable to consider the Moody Hotel, the Virginia Apartments and the Park Hotel.

He stated that the confidence of the proprietress of the Virginia Apartments could be easily obtained over a bottle of liquor and intimated that the wife of the manager of the Park Hotel is not amiss to taking an occasional highball. The latter, it appears, becomes extremely confidential when imbibing.

As noted in this and other recent communications from the Kansas City Office, the contacts, which are believed to be most valuable and desirable at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and vicinity, have been established. In view of the extensive ramifications of the Underworld at Hot Springs and Little Rock, Arkansas, and the fact that the informants whose cooperation has been secured are in position to gain definite information more readily than any stranger in that vicinity, I have deemed it for the immediate present advisable to withdraw Agents Andersen and Marshall from Little Rock, which has been done, and they are now engaged in this investigation at Kansas City.

There is at present pending in the St. Louis Office a very valuable lead, which is being carefully watched; namely, that of securing information either directly or indirectly from Bob Prout, formerly of the General Materials Company there. This office is keeping in close touch with the St. Louis Office in regard to that angle. The importance of apprehending the various Fugitives, particularly Galatas, is at present being borne foremost in mind, and also the question of securing all possible evidentiary facts which may be used in murder prosecutions, is being pursued. The Division will be promptly advised as to the progress being made along these lines.

Very truly yours,

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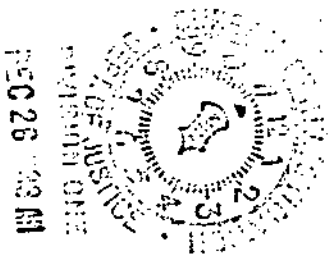

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Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, Deceased, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to letter from this office, dated December 15, 1933, outlining investigation made by Special Agents H. E. Andersen and N. E. Marshall at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and vicinity. Additional investigation has been reported by them, as follows:

Dr. William Parks, a physician of Hot Springs, Arkansas, has resided there for many years and was formerly employed by the United States Government as Superintendent of the Reservation there. Dr. Parks is a cousin of Special Agent Marshall and is a man of high repute. He was approached to determine whether he could assist the Agents by any personal knowledge or suggestion as to sources of information. His first suggestion was that the Agents avoid contact with Informant A whom he stated is furnishing protection to all criminals who frequent Hot Springs. He said he thought he could get in touch with someone there to ascertain whether or not Subject Galatas is in the vicinity of Hot Springs. At a later date he was again interviewed by the Agents at which time he introduced them to [redacted] 67D

[redacted] Although Agent Anderson had been previously told that [redacted] would be a good source of information if he could be interviewed under the proper circumstances, the surroundings had never been appropriate.

Dr. Parks, after stating that [redacted] can be trusted, advised 67D that that party of all persons in Hot Springs is probably in the best position to secure information from the underworld regarding Galatas. He pointed out [redacted] is in a position where he can mingle with all elements without arousing suspicion and because of his long residence in Hot Springs he has many contacts there.

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Interview was had [redacted] and he requested that his name be held in confidence. He advised that he would be glad to endeavor to obtain information regarding Galatas, but preferred that he be allowed to deal directly with Dr. Parks in order to obviate disclosure of his name in connection with this case. [redacted] He stated that he has heard rumors to the effect that Galatas is in the vicinity of Hot Springs, but he does not possess specific information in this connection. He said that he knows the names of two women who are "in the know" in regard to what transpires in the underworld at Hot Springs and he asserted that if given proper time he feels that he could definitely determine whether or not Galatas is or has been around Hot Springs. 67D

[redacted] said that there are but three persons who have knowledge of the conditions in Hot Springs who can be trusted. In this connection he named former Sheriff Brad Smith, Jim Polus and William Brandenberg. He said that the first two named would be of great advantage in case of emergency. He suggested that no chances be taken with Galatas in view of the fact that that Subject and his wife always carry a machine gun in their car and never go unarmed. He asked whether or not the Agents were aware that Galatas owns a farm near Conway, Arkansas. This information was not known heretofore and [redacted] at that time promised to ascertain facts in connection therewith and later reported to Agents Andersen and Marshall that he could not definitely ascertain that Galatas owns a farm in that vicinity, but instead of the location being Conway it is reported that Galatas hides around some farm near Bella Visti, Arkansas. [redacted] also advised those Agents that no trust whatever can be placed in Informant A and he recommended the avoidance of that individual. 67D 67D

During one of the interviews had by Agents at the home of Dr. Parks they were advised by Mrs. Parks that some time ago a burglar attempted to break into their home at night and as the burglar fled upon arousing the family she caught a glimse of him and later, upon seeing Informant A upon the street and having him identified by a party who knew him, she recognized that informant as the would be burglar.

In addition Mrs. Parks stated that a friend of hers had also

surprised Informant A when the latter was in the act of attempting to burglarize that friend's home. She stated that it is generally known that Informant A and Deputy Sheriff Marion Anderson of Hot Springs work as a team in prowling the homes of residents of the town.

The telephone number and address of the Kansas City office were furnished to Dr. Parks, who has pledged his assistance and will inform this office of all information secured by him.

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Bill Siez, Jr., active in the Masonic Order and prominent as a sign painter, with residence at Hot Springs, was also interviewed. He informed these Agents that he did not believe Subject Galatas has been in the vicinity of Hot Springs recently. He asserted that if Galatas had been there he would have heard of same. He was furnished with the address and telephone number of the Kansas City office and promised to relay any information he secures direct to this office. This party was known to Agent Andersen from previous experience at Hot Springs and is believed reliable. Mr. Siez expressed the opinion that Informant A, Mayor Leo McLaughlin and Frank Clark, all of Hot Springs, know the whereabouts of Galatas. With reference to the activities of confidence men in Hot Springs, Mr. Siez stated that he would not be surprised if they were working under the direction of Informant A. When asked about the references made upon seeking admission to the Masonic Order, Mr. Siez stated that this information could be best obtained from Dr. R. C. Turk, Master of the local lodge.

Dr. Turk, who is a dentist at the Wade Clinic, Master of the Hot Springs Lodge No. 62 of the Masonic Order, advised that the following individuals highly recommended Galatas for membership for the local lodge:

George W. Bourke of the Kimball Piano Company, Detroit, Michigan.

Lee H. Cady, 4501 Hamilton Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Fred J. Lawrence, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Masonic Relief, Detroit, Michigan.

Roscoe W. Babcock, street address unknown, Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. Turk advised that he would be on the alert for any information concerning the whereabouts of Galatas and if he secures same he will advise the Kansas City office through Mr. Siez , mentioned heretofore.

A copy of this letter is being directed to the Detroit office for the purpose of serving as a basis for investigation there through the references who highly recommended Galatas as noted here.

Contacts were made with Messrs. Brad Smith, Jim Polus and William Brandenberg in Hot Springs, but no information of value was elicited thereby, except that Brandenberg stated that he had heard that Galatas has stock in the U. S. Steel Corporation. Also Mr. Brandenberg expressed the opinion that in view of the influx of confidence men to Hot Springs at present it appears that Galatas is either directing their activities from a nearby point or that they are under the dominion of Informant A. Mr. Brandenberg, as well as the others, will furnish the Kansas City office, by telephone or wire, any information of value which is received.

While in Kansas City, Missouri, prior to making investigation at Hot Springs and vicinity, Agents Andersen and Marshall were in conference with Special Agent in Charge R. H. Colvin of the Oklahoma City office at which time Mr. Colvin advised that the Marshal at Benton, Arkansas, desired to make contact with one of the Special Agents assigned specifically to this case. Accordingly, the Agents interviewed W. H. McKeown, Town Marshal at Benton, Arkansas. He advised that the Night Marshal, B. L. Landers, had seen Galatas in a

cafe at Benton and also around the streets of Benton about six weeks ago. He had no additional information, but the address and telephone number of the Kansas City office were left with him and he promised to communicate direct any information which he receives which would be of value to this office.

Mr. Landers was interviewed and advised the Agents that W. F. Sims of the Lone Star Cafe at Benton told him some time ago that he had known Galatas by sight for a long time as that Subject frequently took meals at his cafe while passing through the town. Mr. Landers stated he was informed about six weeks ago by Sims that the latter had just seen Galatas ride through town in a small coupe going in the general direction of Hot Springs or Texarkana, Arkansas, on highways 67 and 70. These highways separate shortly after leaving Benton however and it would not be definitely know where Galatas was bound. Sims also told Mr. Landers that Galatas formerly had a hide out in New Orleans, Louisiana. When shown a photograph of Galatas, Mr. Landers advised the Agents that he had seen him on numerous occasions at Benton and in Hot Springs before June 17, 1933, and promised to communicate direct with the Kansas City office should he ascertain the location of this Subject. He was furnished with the telephone number and address of this office for the purpose in question.

Mr. Landers further stated that he has a friend named Clyde Gray, who is employed by the publisher of the Public Opinion, a news sheet in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mr. Gray told Mr. Landers recently that about two months ago Galatas came out of hiding and was stopping near Hot Springs in a lodge owned by Major Leo McLaughlin. It was stated that Mr. Gray told Landers that Galatas is wearing the garb of a chef and is "laying low." Gray is said to be confident that he can obtain more definite information and has intimated that he will furnish such data to Mr. Landers. Landers in turn has promised to communicate with the Kansas City office.

Subsequent to her apprehension and while at Memphis, Tennessee, Mrs. Louise Conner stated to Agents who interviewed her that she had no knowledge of the telephone messages sent from her apartment at Hot Springs on June 16, 1933, which pertain to the instant case. In addition she has maintained that she was not at home during that day

as she claimed she had been playing golf on the afternoon of June 16, 1933. She also claimed that she never locked the doors of her residence and alleged that it would have been possible therefore for anyone to have used her phone unbeknown to her. With this in view Agents Andersen and Marshall conducted investigation at Hot Springs to disprove or corroborate her statements.

The golf register at the Hot Springs Golf and Country Club bears the registration of "Mrs. W. E. Wright, Mrs. Lou Conner and Mrs. O'Brien" all of Hot Springs on June 16, 1933, and reflects that each paid a green fee of $1.00 on that date. It will be noted that Mrs. Conner made a statement to the effect that she had played golf with Mrs. Wright and Mrs. O'Brien on that date and that they resided at the Park Hotel, Hot Springs. Dave E. Woodden, caddie master, who has the records at the Hot Springs Golf and Country Club, advised that there is no way to establish the time of day when these women were at the club. He had no personal recollection of these women on that day they were at the club.

The records of the Park Hotel, Hot Springs, reflect that Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. O'Brien, 18 East 69th Street, New York City, registered on June 9, 1933, and were assigned to room 606, departing therefrom June 17, 1933. J. A. Cameron, the manager of the Park Hotel, advised that the O'Briens are unknown to him. The records of telephone calls made from that hotel are destroyed at the end of each month and therefore the June records are not available. This hotel is considered by the Agents as a rendezvous of the smart set and it is alleged by local residents of Hot Springs that Tom Kearney, well known book maker from St. Louis, Missouri, has an interest in same. Incidentally the Agents noted a photograph of Mr. Kearney, with whom they are familiar, hanging in the office of the manager of the Park Hotel.

The Park Hotel records also reflect that Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wright of Los Angeles, California, checked in to that hotel on April 17, 1933, and checked out on June 17, 1933. The Agents were advised by Mr. Cameron that Wright is a gambler by profession. It was incidentally learned from Mr. Cameron that on June 17, 1933, immediately after news of the massacre reached Hot Springs there were between one hundred and two hundred parties, believed to be racketeers, who checked out of Hot Springs rather hurriedly. He expressed the opinion that persons of that class anticipated the "turning on of the heat" at Hot Springs.

Arkie Guinn, the colored girl who acted as maid for Mrs. Louise Conner in Hot Springs up to about June 17, 1933, was located at 804 Quapaw Street there, where she is now employed as a domestic. Her residence is at 107 Daisy Street at Hot Springs. When interviewed by the Agents she advised that she worked for Louise Conner for only six weeks prior to the latter's disappearance during June, 1933. She stated that she came to work each day about 2 P.M. and left after dinner each evening; that the last time she saw Mrs. Conner was about two o'clock one afternoon when she came to work and found Mrs. Conner attired in golf togs. At that time Mrs. Conner told her she was going golfing and instructed her to inform any callers that she would return home later. About four o'clock that afternoon Mrs. Conner telephoned her to the effect that she would take dinner out and that Arkie Guinn might leave. She also told the colored girl at that time that she would not be needed and should not return until Mrs. Conner again got in touch with her. Arkie Guinn claimed that she left the house shortly thereafter and has not been in touch with Mrs. Conner since then. The Agents questioned her relative to anyone being in the house when she arrived on the last afternoon in Mrs. Conner's employ. She said that Mrs. Conner however was alone on that afternoon and she maintained that no one called at the house after Mrs. Conner departed. It was impossible to fix the exact day or date when Arkie Guinn states she last worked for Mrs. Conner and she would not even state the month as being June. She stated that upon departing from the Conner apartment each day while employed there it was her instructions and custom to lock the front door and depart through the rear exit which was left unlocked. Efforts to secure more definite information from this colored person were futile. She is a typical southern negro and relies on failure of memory.

During the conversation with Mr. Cameron of the Park Hotel he stated that it was generally understood that while at Hot Springs Galatas offered protection to those with whom he was associated. Cameron expressed the belief that because of this Galatas was forced to see that Nash was not taken to the penitentiary and had accordingly taken the action which resulted in the death of officers, as well as the prisoner, on June 17, 1933.

Milton Noble, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Hot Springs, who is a nephew of Tom Kearney, heretofore mentioned, was

again interviewed. Agent Andersen has made previous contacts with Mr. Noble and has found him helpful and apparently reliable. He said that he has received no additional information other than that about the last week in June or the first week in July he was told by a friend that the latter had seen Subject Galatas and Louise Conner together at a race track at St. Louis, Missouri.

Information had been received by the Kansas City office that A J Conner, brother-in-law of Subject Louise Conner, was in the vicinity of Knobel, Arkansas, and therefore it was deemed advisable by the Agents to conduct investigation at that point.

A J (name and not initials) Conner was located at a farm operated by H. B. Handley near Knobel, Arkansas. The log house in which the Handleys reside was formerly a depot and general rumor has it that the place is a gangster's strong hold. The Agents however ascertained that there was no evidence of an arsenal of firearms in the house. For the sake of privacy Conner was interviewed in an automobile used by the Agents. The questioning lasted for approximately three hours.

Conner said that for the last six years he has spent considerable time at Hot Springs with his brother, Eddie Conner, now deceased, and his sister-in-law Louise, wife of the deceased Eddie. He stated that he has been acquainted with Galatas for that period of time and that he has often placed gambling bets for the latter as Galatas was not in a position to do so himself. The Galatas family, he stated, often visited back and forth with the Conners and Louise Conner, he said, is a very close friend of Mrs. Galatas. When asked about the telephone calls made from the home of Louise Conner on June 16, 1933, he denied any knowledge whatever concerning them. He stated that although he was living with Louise Conner he was not on very friendly terms with her during June, 1933, due to the relations which she was having with W. T. (Bill) Moreman, a married suitor, who has been heretofore mentioned in this investigation very prominently as a friend of Louise Conner. A J Conner said that the morning of June 16, 1933, he had coffee with Louise Conner after which he left the house and did not return until about six o'clock that night when he returned to dress for a dinner date. He claimed that Louise Conner was at the residence when he arrived that evening and was still there when he left. He said that he did not return home until about four o'clock on the morning of June 17, 1933.

A J Conner maintained that on the morning of June 17, 1933, he informed Louise Conner that he was leaving for Knobel, Arkansas, and when requested by her to do so he waited until evening and she drove him to Little Rock to catch the night train. He went on to Knobel on that occasion and stopped at the Handley farm and the following day, which would be June 18, 1933, Louise Conner arrived at that place with her car and much luggage. She left some of the luggage at the Handley place and also left her car and took a train from Knobel, Arkansas, after remaining a few hours and said at that time that she was going to Memphis, Tennessee. A J Conner admitted that he went to Memphis, Tennessee, himself later to see Louise Conner. It may be noted, as previously mentioned in various reports, that Mrs. Handley is a sister of Louise Conner.

A J Conner denied any knowledge of the whereabouts of Galatas and maintained also that he did not know the true identity of Frank Nash while the latter was residing at Hot Springs, Arkansas. He said he knew Nash as Doc Williams, but had no information concerning him. He was asked as to whether the apartment at Hot Springs occupied by Louise Conner and himself was kept locked during their absence and he answered that it was. He said that both he and Louise Conner had keys. He was asked if he and Louise Conner ever talked about the killings at Kansas City and he said that they had discussed it in Memphis on the occasion that he visited her after her departure from Knobel. He claimed that they had only talked of the awful aspect of the occurrence and that the name of Galatas was not mentioned in connection with it. He was asked if Louise Conner had placed the telephone calls on June 16, 1933, and he said that she could have but that he did not know anything about it. A J Conner stated that he had not been back to Hot Springs since June 17, 1933, and does not expect to return there. He promised that he would leave his address with the Handleys in Knobel, Arkansas, if he left there in order that he might be located for further interview if so desired.

For future reference the description of A J Conner, as secured from personal observation of Agents Andersen and Marshall is set out, as follows:

Age - 24 years
Height - 6 feet
Weight - 160 pounds

Build - slender
Hair - brown
Eyes - brown
Mustache, thin, brown
Parents - dead
Born - Oxford, Mississippi
Residence - with H. B. Handley, one mile northwest of Knobel, Arkansas
Occupation - salesman and civil engineer
Education - attended University of Texas, Austin, Texas, for part of a civil engineering course, departing about seven years ago.
Photograph - secured from Conner personally and made a part of Kansas City file.

Agents Andersen and Marshall in continuing their inquiries have submitted daily memoranda of the results and the Division will be accordingly advised as to each step taken.

The New York City office is being furnished with a copy of this letter and requested to ascertain immediately whether or not Galatas and his wife have common or preferred stock in the U. S. Steel Corporation, and endeavor to trace them if this is the case. It is noted that both of these parties may use aliases as noted from the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated December 8, 1933, pertaining specifically to Galatas.

The Detroit office will note heretofore in this letter the names of references who recommended Galatas for admission to the local lodge of the Masonic Order at Hot Springs, Arkansas. These parties apparently reside at Detroit and may be reliable sources of information. Immediate efforts should be made through all possible means in Detroit to learn information concerning Galatas' whereabouts.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the following Special Agents of this office arrived back at Kansas City, Missouri, at the time designated, on December 20, 1933, these Agents having been at Little Rock, Arkansas, and Hot Springs, Arkansas, on a special investigation relative to the case entitled "VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER".

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Special Agent N. E. Marshall	9:30 A.M.
Special Agent H. E. Andersen	1:45 P.M.
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Oklahoma City, Okla.	12-18-33	12-13-18-33	T. M. Birch

TITLE:
GEORGE WASHINGTON NASH, SR.
HUSTON G. NASH
BRUCE MERRILL BRADY alias MERRILL BRADY alias
B. M. BRADY alias SLIM BRADY

CHARACTER OF CASE:
Harboring and Concealing a person for whom a warrant of arrest has been issued - Conspiracy.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Signed statements obtained from George Washington Nash, Sr. and Huston G. Nash implicating Bruce M. Brady, as well as the two Nashs, in harboring, aiding and abetting Wilbur Underhill, and conspiracy. Complaints were filed on December 15, 1933 before U.S. Commissioner, Ada, Okla., against George W. Nash and Bruce M. Brady. Hearing set for Tuesday, December 19th. In the course of the investigation to apprehend Wilbur Underhill, Agents recovered $253.30, and $5.05 taken from person of George W. Nash. Money turned over to Sheriff, Coal County, Okla. Jacob Reddner, junk dealer, Konawa, Okla., under investigation for harboring, aiding and abetting, and conspiracy. Bruce Brady identified as man who obtained marriage licence for Wilbur Underhill at Coalgate, Okla., 11-18-33.

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DETAILS:

This report is being submitted in connection with Subjects harboring and concealing Wilbur Underhill, with aliases, I.O. No. 1191, Subject of Okla. City file No. 62-456, entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases, et al., Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

On December 14, 1933, Agent, while at Ada, Oklahoma in connection with another matter, obtained information from the Sheriff's office at Ada that Wilbur Underhill, Bruce M. Brady and Huston G. Nash had been at Ada the night of December 13, 1933. Agent was further advised that Underhill, Brady and Nash, when leaving Ada, had departed in the direction of Seminole, Oklahoma.

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Agent had previously interviewed Mr. W. O. Miles, cashier of the bank at Harrah, Oklahoma in connection with a truck which was supposed to have been used by Underhill in the holdup of a bank, but no information of value in this connection was obtained from Mr. Miles with the exception that one Huston G. Nash was in contact with Underhill and that Underhill was suspected of the robbery of a bank.

Agent interviewed Chief of Police Joe Neal of Ada, Oklahoma and requested Chief Neal to bring in Huston Nash for questioning. Chief Neal was not in favor of this and stated that nothing could be gained by interviewing Nash.

Agent next interviewed Sheriff Clyde Kaiser and Sheriff Kaiser brought in Huston Nash, who was questioned concerning his connection with Underhill, but Huston Nash at this time strenuously denied any complicity with Wilbur Underhill.

At this time Agent received a telephone communication from Chief of Police Jake Sims at Seminole, Oklahoma to the effect that he had valuable information relative to a hideout of Underhill's. Agent got in communication with the Oklahoma City office by telephone and was advised to proceed immediately to Seminole, which he did in company with Sheriff Clyde Kaiser of Pontotoc County and Sheriff Walter Clark of Coal County and several deputies from both counties, and on arrival there found that Chief of Police Jake Sims of Seminole had been mistaken in his information. Chief Sims, however, stated that information regarding Underhill could probably be obtained from George Washington Nash, Sr., whose son, Huston G. Nash, had been very intimate with Wilbur Underhill. Chief Sims and Sheriff Kaiser proceeded to the home of George W. Nash near Konawa, Oklahoma, in their car, Agent and Deputy Sheriffs following in another car. Chief Sims and Sheriff Kaiser arriving somewhat in advance of Agent and the deputies, noticed a tan colored 4-door Ford Sedan in the rear of Nash's house and from the 1935 Oklahoma license plate No. 344-251 thereon, identified it as being the same car which Underhill was alleged to have been using. Previous to the arrival of Agent and the deputies, a man, later identified as Wilbur Underhill, slipped out of the house, got in the car and drove away. Sheriff Kaiser and Chief Sims both stated that everything happened so fast that "we didn't know what it was all about"; that they had not expected to find Underhill at the house.

George W. Nash was taken into custody and it developed that he had $5.00 in dimes and one nickel in his possession. He readily admitted that the man who had just left the house had given him this money and further stated that the man was sick and had a bad cold and that he had come there the night before and that he, Nash, had kept him all night, fed him, bought him medicine and otherwise harbored him. A search of the premises failed to reveal anything to implicate George W. Nash. Nash was taken to the Sheriff's office at Ada and there he

readily identified a picture of Wilbur Underhill as the man who had stayed at his house and, upon being further questioned, admitted that Underhill had given him $15.05 in small change that morning at the breakfast table, $5.05 of which he had in his possession at the time of his arrest.

In the meantime, Huston G. Nash had been taken into custody by the Sheriff's office and was again questioned and at this time he admitted that Underhill had been at his house two nights before and that in all probability he would return that night.

Huston Nash and George Nash were released by the Sheriff at 11:30 P.M., December 14th, and Huston Nash took his father to George Nash's home at Konawa, Oklahoma. Huston Nash's home in Ada was watched that night and it was noted that he returned at 2:30 A.M., December 15th. At 3:30 A.M., he was again arrested by the Sheriff, at the request of Agent, and questioned, but refused to admit anything and was held in jail until about 10:00 A.M., when he sent word that he wanted to talk to Agent and the Sheriff. At this time Huston Nash admitted that upon taking his father home on the night of the 14th, he had taken two sacks of money which Underhill had hidden at his father's home and hid this money on a road approximately six miles north of Konawa, Oklahoma. Agent and the Sheriff proceeded to this spot and obtained the money, which was counted and delivered to Sheriff Walter Clark of Coal County, Oklahoma and a receipt for this money was obtained from Sheriff Clark by Agent, which receipt is being placed in the file.

Huston Nash further stated that he was to make contact that night with Wilbur Underhill's wife at a junkyard owned by one Jacob Reddner at Konawa, Oklahoma, and it was decided to allow him to make this contact with the hope of luring Underhill to the spot. Special Agents Frank S. Smith, K. D. Deaderick and J. Massey Edgar, together with Detectives Hurt and Ryan of the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Police Department and Deputy Sheriff Bill Eads, Oklahoma City, who had arrived at Ada, Oklahoma to assist in the apprehension of this fugitive, were stationed at strategic points

around the junkyard. After a wait of about half an hour, the tan colored 4-door Ford sedan, identified as belonging to Underhill, drove into the junkyard with a boy and man in it. However, the man could not be identified as Wilbur Underhill and it was later discovered that the man was not Underhill, he having been "tipped off" by the fact that the newspapers had discovered the recovery of the $253.30, and Underhill had no motive for coming in. Huston G. Nash's home in Ada was watched that night, however, Underhill did not return.

Discreet investigation and questioning of an employee of Jacob Reddner's junkyard, one Jim Young, developed the fact that Young had at the instigation of Reddner purchased revolvers, ammunition, automobile tires, bedding and clothing in Oklahoma City for the use of Wilbur Underhill; that Reddner was at the present time negotiating the change of some money which, however, had not been delivered to him by Underhill. At the request of Agent, the Sheriff and Chief of Police are watching Reddner's place in the hope that Underhill will return.

Bruce Merrill Brady, brother of Bob ("Big Boy") Brady, taken into custody by the Sheriff at the request of Agent, on December 14th, upon being questioned admitted knowing Wilbur Underhill, having kept him at his house, having attempted to change money for him at various times, and having, in company with Huston Nash, contacted him the previous night. Brady also admitted that using the name of Merrill Brady, he was Underhill's best man at Underhill's marriage at Coalgate on November 18, 1933. Brady denied that Underhill had ever spent the night at his home, but other than this would make no statement, and stated that he would not make a written statement regarding his activities with Underhill. However, the statements made by Huston G. Nash and George W. Nash, Sr. implicated him in the harboring of Wilbur Underhill.

The following statement was made to Agents J. Massey Edgar and Frank S. Smith by Huston G. Nash showing the activities of Bruce Brady and Huston Nash:

"Ada, Oklahoma
Dec. 15, 1933.

"Met Wilbur Underhill about 3 weeks ago for first time at my home. Bruce Brady brought him there. This was about middle of afternoon. They were in Underhill's car, a brown Ford Sedan, 1933 Model. They didn't stay but a few minutes and agreed that I would follow them. They drove off, and I got in my car and followed them out about 5 miles south of town. We turned off the Tishomingo road on Bill Murray lane. Had a conversation with him about giving me his life's history. I offered him 25% royalty on sales. He didn't give me any satisfaction and wouldn't agree to it at all. We talked about 30 minutes. He left and came back through town. I followed him back to town and I went to my house. Two or three days afterwards, he came back to my house and I followed him out of town on Allen Road about 5 miles and talked about one hour or more. We talked about the same thing, e.g. about the royalty on his life's history. He came to my house often. About the third visit to my house he took dinner at my house with me. No one was with him. Bruce Brady came with him to my house three or four times. Brady never did

sat there at my home with Underhill. He came there several times before we agreed on the publishing his life's history. We finally agreed that he was to receive 50% royalty on publication. This was a few days ago. I am not positive as to whether we were at my house when we had the agreement, or out on the road. I knew he was a fugitive from justice, and was wanted by State and federal governments. I knew that my contacts and conversations with him had to be secret. When Brady introduced Underhill to me he introduced him as Hudson and said to me, 'this is the man you wanted to see'.

"About 9 days ago Underhill came to my house a little after dark and wanted to go to bed. I wouldn't let him go to bed there. My father was there at my house at the time, and I asked my father if he would take Underhill over to his house and let him sleep. My father was there at my house at the time and heard the conversation. My father said he would let him sleep there at his home that night. Underhill and my father left in about 10 minutes for his, my father's, house. I heard through my father or Underhill that he, Underhill, left there early the next morning.

"He came to my house with two men by the names of Gene Davis and Ed Davis in Underhill's car, a day or so before the Coalgate bank robbery. The same three men came back to my house the night of the Coalgate bank robbery - this was just a little after dark. Underhill was in his car, the brown Ford Sedan, and the Davis men were in a black 2 door 1933 Ford. They stayed only a few minutes. Underhill told me at this time; I ask him 'Did you rob the Coalgate Bank', and he said, 'hell Yes', and laughed. I asked him how much he got out of it, and he said 'A little over a grand apiece'. Underhill left my house and went over to my father's house. I immediately got in my car and went over and got Bruce Brady and went over to my father's home to talk to Underhill. He was there at my father's house when Brady and I got there. We stayed over there an hour or so. The Davis men weren't there. Underhill didn't say where they went. This was Wednesday. He stayed there at my father's Wednesday night and was jumped Thursday afternoon about dusk and left some silver money there, approximately $300. Left it laying on the bed that he, Underhill, was sleeping in.

"I was arrested about 9 o'clock P.M. at my home. My father and brother were also put in jail. We were all released about 12 o'clock, last night, Thursday. I took them to his home. My mother told me that fellow left some silver here, and said she threw it out in the washtub. I told her, I'd take it and dispose of it. I went out and got it. It was in two little sacks. I took it and took it over on Sulphur highway and threw it out and hid it. I went back out and showed it to Mr. Cooper, Mr. Kiser and Special Agent Birch today. This was about noon today.

"Wilbur Underhill ask me Wednesday night to go to Oklahoma City and get his wife and bring her down here to sign the contract. He said he couldn't make the contract in his name, as he couldn't appear to collect the royalty, and the contract would have to be made with his wife's and mother's name. His wife's name is Hazel Hudson. Wilbur Underhill told me her address was 936 S.W. 31st Street. I left Ada about 7 o'clock A.M. yesterday and went by my father's home and saw Underhill there in bed, and he, Underhill, told me he was about sick, and for me to go on up there and get her and come back, that he would wait there for me. I got to Oklahoma City and went to the above address, and got Underhill's wife and we left there about 4 o'clock P.M. On our way back as we passed my father's place, I saw three cars parked out at road and I knew the officers had raided it for Underhill, and I told his wife, and she said she would stop out at Bill Haven Tourist Camp and catch the bus back to Oklahoma City. She went in and called bus station and found that bus left for Oklahoma City in about 5 minutes and she would catch it. I left her there and came on to my home.

"Underhill told Brady that he could be found at Patty Littrell's, Weleetka, Bruce Brady told me Underhill could be found at Littrell's. This was about a month ago, when I was trying to contact Underhill. Underhill told me on the road out of Ada that he could be found at Johnson's, about 8 miles west of McLoud's on N. side of road near Long View filling station. Underhill also told me I could contact him about 4 or 5 miles, at a 2 story house, west of El Reno, left hand side of the road.

"I was trying to get in touch with Underhill for the purpose of getting a contract with him for his life's history. I had seen Mr. Voigt Williams, 1011 Cardova St., Dallas, Texas, about 30 days ago, and he said he could finance the publication. Williams is a partner of Toney Jaggers, a printer in Dallas.

"This statement is made to Special Agents F. B. Smith, K. D. Deaderick, and J. Massey Edgar, of the Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, and knowing them to be such Special Agents. Also, I know that same may be used against me in Court.

"This statement is made of my own free will and accord, without any threats, constraint or duress having been used to get me to make same. My right not to talk having been told me before.

(Signed) H. G. Nash

Witness:
Geo. L. Catron , Deputy Sheriff, Okla.City
Chas. Ryan, Police Dept. Okla. City
A. B. Cooper, 908 Colcord Bldg., O.C.
K. D. Deaderick, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U.S. Dept. of Justice.
Clarence Hurt, Police Dept. Okla. City, Okla.
Allen W. Stanfield, Dep.U.S. Marshal, Ada, Okla.
Tyler M. Birch, Sp.Agt. Div. of Invest. U.S.Dept. Justice
J. Massey Edgar, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U.S. Dept. of Justice

The following statement was made to Special Agent T. M. Birch by George W. Nash, Sr.:

"Ada, Oklahoma
Dec. 16, 1933

"This statement made to Tyler M. Birch special agent Division of Investigation US Dept. of Justice in the presence of Clyde Kaiser, Sheriff of Pontotoc County, Okla. by George Washington Nash, Sr. Konawa, Okla.

"I first met Wilbur Underhill at the home of my son, Huston G. Nash, 813-E. 8 St. Ada, Okla. on that night of Dec. 5th, 1933. I was at the above mentioned house waiting for someone to take me down to Atoka to see my son-in-law, John W. Scott at Wesley, Okla. My son could and did not want his wife to go with me because the tires on his car were very bad. Between 11 and 12 oclock a man drove in the yard of my son's house. My son Huston Nash introduced him to me as George Hudson who I have identified by a picture shown me by T. M. Birch as one Wilber Underhill alias Wilbur Underhill alias Henry Wilbur. My son had previously told me that because of the fact that my wife was now not going to take me to my soninlaw's place in Wesley, I could stay all night at his home, 813-E 8 st, Ada. However when George Hudson alias Wilbur Underhill alias Henry Wilbur came, my son, Huston Nash told me that if I would put George Hudson alias Wilbur Underhill up at my house, he would take me home. I agreed to this and George Hudson, alias Wilbur Underhill took me to my home near Konawa, Okla, and stayed all night. The next morning this man left my house after having eaten breakfast after having given me $4.00 in $1. bills. He gave me this money at the breakfast table.

"About one week later this man returned to my house and asked me if he could stay all night. It was about 4 o'clock when he came this time. He asked me if there was anything we needed in town. He said that Huston Nash my son had told him that I was poor, and said that he would help me. We went to town and bought about $3.50 worth of groceries at Streetman's Store in Konawa, being waited on by Henry Herring a clerk. After purchasing the groceries we returned to my home and George Hudson alias Wilbur Underhill stayed all night. The next morning he got up and had breakfast. After breakfast he left. Before leaving this time he gave me $15.05 - 3 silver dollars, 15 dollars in quarters and halves, and one 5¢ piece.

"This man next returned to my house on the night of Dec. 13, 1933 and stayed all night and the next day until about 5:30 P.M. He was very sick with a bad cold and pain in his chest and lungs and spent practically all of the time in bed. He at this time carried a Colt 45 cal. automatic. At about 5:30 P.M. Dec. 14 Sheriff Kaiser and another man came to my house to talk to me and seeing these officers Underhill ran from my house, got in his grey or tan colored ford V 8 coach and drove very fast out from the yard to the road towards Ada, Okla. All during the night and day he complained of cold and fever and Newt Herring my soninlaw went to Konawa and got some medicine for him. When

the officers left my house on Dec. 14th, 1935, my son George W. Nash, Jr. and myself were taken to Ada by Sheriff Kaiser and Mr. Birch. We were questioned and released. About 11:30 P.M. Huston Nash, my other son, took my son George and myself home. When I got home my wife told me of finding two bags of silver money in the bed. This money she had hidden in a tub of water. My wife and myself told Huston Nash that he had to take this money away which he did, leaving my house with it about 12 o'clock midnight. These two sacks had nickels dimes quarters and half dollars in them and having heard of the robbery of the bank at Coalgate I thought that this money came from there and did not want the officers to find it in my house.

"When Underhill took me to Konawa to get the groceries he carried a Colt 45 cal. automatic in his belt. In the rear of the car we rode in was a pile of blankets on the floor. I do not know what was under them. Underhill told me that he was married and that he was going to see his wife. This man I knew to 'be hot' and my wife and myself made Huston Nash take the money away for fear that we would be caught with it.

"On the night that I was questioned and released just before I went to bed, a car drove in my yard and a man 'who I figured was Underhill' asked for Huston, when I told him that Huston was headed for Ada 'and guess' you will find him at the house.

"I have made the foregoing statement to Tyler M. Birch a special agent of the Division of Investigation, U.S. Dept. of Justice with the knowledge that it can and may be used against me in court.

(Signed) G. W. Nash

Witness:
Clyde Kaiser, Sheriff, Ada, Okla.
Elmer Hodges, Jailer, Ada, Okla.

Acting SAC E. P. Guinane advised Agent that he had secured permission from the United States District Attorney to file charges of harboring, aiding and abetting under Section 246, Title 18 of the Criminal Code, and also conspiracy charge, covered by Section 37 of the Criminal Code, against George W. Nash, Sr. and Bruce M. Brady. This was done before U. S. Commissioner Edwards at Ada on December 15, 1935 and preliminary hearing and arraignment was set for December 19th, 2:00 P.M., Ada, Oklahoma. Agent was advised on December 18th to proceed to Muskogee and confer with the District Attorney regarding the three above mentioned subjects and upon putting the facts before him, he authorized Agent to file charges against Huston G. Nash for harboring, aiding and abetting and conspiracy, which will be filed on December 19th.

Description of George Washington Nash, Sr. as obtained from observation and interview is as follows:

Age	68 years
Born	in Louisiana, Nov. 12, 1865
Height	5 ft. 10½ in.
Weight	144½ lbs.
Hair	Grey
Eyes	Grey
Glasses	Wears rimmed glasses
Teeth	No teeth at all
Scars	Bullet scar right hand between thumb and forefinger
	Scar in back right side above kidney about 3 in. long
	Scar left arm about 4 in. long from wrist to elbow
Marital Status	Married - four boys, three girls
	Wife was Rosetta Rock, daughter of Pat Rock, who, according to Nash, was a famous bank robber in Missouri and Texas
Race	White
Nationality	American
Fingerprints	taken and forwarded to the Division
Criminal Record	States has never been arrested before

The following description of Bruce Merrill Brady was secured by Agent from personal observation and interview:

Age	34 years
Born	January 8, 1899 at Jesse, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma.
Height	6 feet
Weight	155-160 lbs.
Hair	Black-brown, wavy
Eyes	Blue (deep set)
Build	Slender
Mustache	Smooth-shaven
Teeth	Good
Marks or scars	Scar entirely around left wrist
	Scar on back of right hand size half dollar caused by blood poisoning
	Vac. scar left arm
Peculiarities	High cheek bones
	Has habit of closing eyes when talking
	High forehead
Army Record	Enlisted in U.S. Army at New Brunswick, New Jersey, January, 1918. Served in Air Corps at Brooks and Kelly Field, 167th Squadron Air Service. Discharged from service in January, 1919.

Occupation	Has been employed as a clerk in banks and offices. Previously employed First National Bank of Wilson, Oklahoma. Has worked in oil fields
Marital Status	Married and divorced about 14 years ago. Divorced wife married to a man named Lyons in Oklahoma City.
Relatives	Mother, Mrs. S. C. Ross, 808 E. 10th St., Ada, Oklahoma. Father - Robert C. Brady (deceased) Brother - Bob ("Big Boy") Brady Sister - Mrs. M. F. Stubbins, Tulsa, Okla. Two half-brothers, James Ross, Ada, Okla. George Ross, Ada, Okla. Half-sister, Mrs. Beatrick Griswold, Springfield, Missouri.
Residence	808 East 10th Street, Ada, Oklahoma
Education	Roswell, New Mexico - 1 yr. High School Tishomingo, Okla. - 2 yrs. High School Stonewall, Okla. - graded school Burrow, Oklahoma - graded school
Criminal Record	Admits following criminal record: Arrested January, 1933, Oklahoma City, Okla., investigation, vagrancy.

Description of Ruston B. Nash as obtained from observation and interview:

Age	30 years
Height	6 ft. 2 in.
Weight	220 pounds
Eyes	brown, small deep set
Hair	Black, long, wavy
Build	Heavy
Teeth	Good
Peculiarities	Large jowls Overhanging upper lip
Occupation	Oil field worker - wholesale bootlegger, gambler
Marital Status	Married, father three children
Education	High school
Race	White
Nationality	American

While Bruce M. Brady was incarcerated in the jail at Ada, he received a telephone call from one Jack Lloyd, the call coming from Stonewall, Oklahoma. This call was placed on December 11, 1933 about 11:00 P.M. Investigation revealed the fact that Lloyd was a man about 6 ft. tall, weighed about 180 lbs., was red complexioned, had on a grey or light, small felt hat, a brown or tan lumber jacket, had black hair, and wore a dark suit and dark gloves. This man was driving a new V-8 Ford truck with a stock rack, with 117 miles on the speedometer. This truck was purchased at the Simpson Auto Company, Oklahoma City. Investigation revealed that he gave his home as Healdton, Oklahoma and stated that the truck was purchased to be used in the dairy business at Ada, Oklahoma. When shown a picture of Gene Davis, Mr. Nelson, the storekeeper at Stonewall, Oklahoma, identified him as the man who phoned Brady and gave the name of Jack Lloyd.

On December 18, 1933, telephonic communication with Sheriff Walter B. Clark of Cole County, Oklahoma developed the fact that Bruce Brady had been identified as the man who obtained the marriage license on November 18, 1933 for Wilbur Underhill under the name of Henry Underhill. This identification was made by Patsy Grennan, Clerk of the Court of Coal County.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Konawa, Oklahoma will continue undercover investigation regarding the activities of Jacob Reddner and try to determine the exact time of Underhill's future contacts that he may be apprehended.

At Konawa will also investigate the fact that medicine was purchased at Streetman's Store by George W. Nash for Wilbur Underhill.

At Ada, Oklahoma will continue investigation of the past activities of Huston Nash and Bruce M. Brady.

Will question Mrs. S. C. Ross, 808 East 10th Street, Ada, mother of Bruce M. Brady, relative to Bruce Brady's activities in regard to Wilbur Underhill.

Will endeavor to ascertain from Huston Nash if he can make further contacts with Wilbur Underhill.

At Konawa will investigate the fact that George W. Nash, Sr. paid taxes in the amount of $9.60 in silver.

At Coalgate, Oklahoma will obtain statement from Patsy Grennan relative to the identification of Bruce Brady as the man who obtained the marriage license for Wilbur Underhill.

At Seminole, Oklahoma will interview Mr. Duvall of the First National Bank, and Mr. Hamilton of the First State Bank with regard to the alleged attempt of Bruce Brady to change 250 $1.00 bills to bills of larger denomination.

DALLAS OFFICE will interview Mr. Voit or Voigt Williams of 1011 Cardova Street, Dallas, regarding his alleged agreement to purchase book of life of Wilbur Underhill, and set out any facts that may tend to show Huston Nash's activity with regard to harboring Underhill.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON NASH, Sr., et al	HARBORING AND CONCEALING A PERSON FOR WHOM A WARRANT OF ARREST HAS BEEN ISSUED - Conspiracy.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Voyt Williams, Dallas, Texas, stated Houston Nash worked at oil well in which he and Joe Dodd and T.L. Jaggers were interested in Coal County, Oklahoma; that Houston Nash has been to Dallas and has seen Williams three times within past six months, never mentioned copyright story of Wilbur Underhill's life. Houston Nash's wife is sister of Tommy Patterson. Nash claims to know all Oklahoma bank robbers and spoke of copyrighting life story of "Pretty Boy" Floyd to Williams. Nash stated he knew Wilbur Underhill P.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent T. M. Birch, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 12-18-33.

DETAILS:

The following signed statement was obtained from Voyt Williams:

"Dallas, Texas,
Dec. 20, 1933.

DETAILS:

"Voyt Williams stated that he first became acquainted with Houston Nash when he (Williams) along about Sept. 1932 became interested in drilling an oil well in which Joe Dodd of Paris, Texas, Tommy L. Jaggers of Childs & Stovall, printers, Dallas, also were interested which they were drilling about 8½ miles North of Clarita, Okla. in Coal County; that Nash was working as a rough-neck for Dodd when he (Williams) and Jaggers put up some money; that he and Jaggers stayed up there around the well

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: E.J. Reilly SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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quite a lot, and got pretty well acquainted with Nash; that Nash told him that Patterson (Tommy Patterson) is his (Nash's) wife's brother, who was with Birdwell when Birdwell was killed trying to rob the Boley, Oklahoma, bank; and has offered to introduce him to Adam Richetti and other outlaws; that Nash talked a lot about Pretty Boy Floyd and once mentioned that he was trying to get the life story of Pretty Boy, and was going to copyright the story and put it on in motion pictures; that both he and Jaggers told Nash they would be interested in going in on a proposition of that kind if it could be done legally; that to the best of his recollection Nash worked at that oil well for about three months; that he has seen Nash a number of times at Ada since then; that they ceased operations on the well along in July, August or September, 1933; that a man by the name of Proctor was their driller, and Capt. Smiley of Oklahoma owned the rig; that about five or six months ago, Nash accompanied by two men in a 1933 Ford V-8 Coupe came to his house, in the day time; that he did not see the two men with Nash sufficiently well to distinguish their features; that on that occasion Nash asked for a loan of $20.00, and asked "Do you want to know what I want with the $20.00", and he advised Nash that he did not want to know what he wanted the money for; that this conversation only lasted a few minutes; that about three weeks after that Nash came by his (Williams) home, came to the door and handed him $20.00; that he did not talk with him on that occasion for more than a minute; that he did not see who was with Nash or what kind of car he was in at that time; that the next time he saw Nash in Dallas was one night about a month ago, when about 6: o'clock P.M. Nash called him on the phone at his home and said he wanted to see him; that he informed Nash he would be at the home of a neighbor, Mr. Bill Cooley, 5900 Bryan Parkway, and he could see him there that evening; that about 7 or 7:30 PM that evening Nash came to Cooley's and he (Williams) went out on the side walk and talked with Nash and his wife; that no one was with them that evening, and they (Mr. & Mrs. Nash) were driving a 1933 Chevrolet Coach or Sedan, he believes black in color; that he cannot recall what they talked about, but is positive Nash did not ask him to finance the publishing of a copyrighted story of the life of Wilbur Underhill; that to the best of his recollection Nash at some time stated he knew Wilbur Underhill; that Nash talked about a lot of those people, such as Underhill, Floyd, Richetti, Birdwell and Patterson in Oklahoma, but he never paid much attention to him, as he did not care to get mixed up with him.

"Made at Dallas, Texas, this 20th day of December, 1933."

(signed) VOYT WILLIAMS.

Witness:
C.B. Winstead, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice, Dallas, Texas.

Voyt Williams owns his own home at 1101 Cordova Street in Hollywood Addition, Dallas, Texas; claims that he is in the oil business and has producing acreage in East Texas; and that Joe Dodd is a cook, and their connection with him in the oil well near Clarita, Oklahoma, cost him and Jaggers about $5000.00; that they then got into a law suit and operations were ceased.

Williams' attitude when first approached and his appearance, were rather unfavorable in this Agent's estimation. He also stated that he lived a great deal at the hotel in Ada, Oklahoma during his activities in Coal County and that Houston Nash called any number of times on Dodd and him there, and that he really relied on Nash's statements that he was personally acquainted with various Oklahoma outlaws but was consistent in his denials that he had ever met any of Nash's friends of the bank robbing type.

T. L. Jaggers was not interviewed, however, he is connected with the printing company which is reported to be a reliable firm in Dallas.

Inasmuch as Harvey Bailey and Bob Brady and others had a house rented at Paris, Texas about July 1933, it is thought that some check should be made on the Joe Dodd mentioned in Voyt Williams' statement.

The signed statement furnished by Williams and quoted herein, is attached to the Oklahoma City copies of this report.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

DALLAS OFFICE will endeavor to ascertain something concerning Joe Dodd's reputation and connection in Dallas.

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RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201; WILBER UNDERHILL, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1191, et al.	OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Unable to ascertain through records of Southeastern Express Co. that Pat Gardelle Sturney is receiving funds by use of money order, through that company at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. H. Hanson, Birmingham, Ala., 12-9-33.

DETAILS: At Atlanta, Ga.

M. M. Morton, Cashier of the Southeastern Express Co., Atlanta, Ga., informed the agent, after he had checked all the records, that had been received by that company from June 1, 1933 to December 6, 1933, including money orders, that no trace could be found of any article, parcel, item, or money order that had been received at that office for Pat Sturney or any one living at 1906 University Avenue, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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on June 17, 1933, was listed in the name of the Chateau, a hotel located at 3838 Broadway, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Charles Nathan, the Receiver for this hotel, was interviewed by Agent Nichols at 823 Sheridan Road. Mr. Nathan is also Receiver for the Chateau Apartments, which are located at that address. Mr. Nathan said that the Chateau was a hotel consisting of 145 rooms. He stated that when he was appointed Receiver the owners of the building had been Mr. Sol Stern and Mr. Max Kornhauser. Mr. Nathan indicated that both of these men were known to the police in the City of Chicago and were reputed to have evil associates. He said that when he took over this hotel that he had discovered that the telephone records had been destroyed and in consequence he was unable to determine from what rooms various telephone calls had been made. He said that Max Kornhauser, he understood, was a fugitive, but that both Mrs. Kornhauser and Mrs. Stern still resided in the Chateau. In addition, he indicated that the former patronage of the Chateau had, at times, been of a rather shady nature, but that upon assuming the receivership of this building he had changed its policy and in addition that a good many of the former clerks had left the employment of the Chateau and he was unable to state where these men had gone.

Agent Nichols examined the removal records at the Lakeside Postal Station, which failed to disclose the removals of these clerks.

Through the Illinois Bell Telephone Company agent Nichols obtained a list of the long distance calls that had emanated from Lakeview 8310 to 8315, which are the numbers assigned to the Chateau, during the month of June, 1933. A list of these numbers is now on file in the Chicago Division Office. Only those numbers which were called between June 16 and June 20, 1933, will be incorporated in this report, and in addition those calls which were made to Kansas City, Missouri:

6/16/33	New York - Fordham 76407 (Mrs. Kornhauser)	5:32 p.m.
6/16/33	Clinton, Iowa, 874 (L.F.Sutton,508 Sixth Ave.)	10:46 p.m.
6/16/33	Peoria 22537	10:15 p.m.
6/16/33	Michigan City 2540	8:52 a.m.
6/18/33	Peoria 45752	7:34 p.m.
6/20/33	St. Louis - Jefferson 8787	11:58 p.m.
6/17/33	Maywood 1871	
6/17/33	Greenleaf 2547	
6/18/33	Highland Park 131	
6/18/33	LaGrange 520	
6/18/33	Greenleaf 5578	
6/18/33	Highland Park 151	
6/20/33	Indianapolis, Cherry 1064	12:48 a.m.
6/20/33	Bensonville 150 J	

In addition, on June 21 and 23, 1933, telephone calls were made to Victor 6984 in Kansas City, Missouri, which is listed as the Coates House. It is impossible, of course, to determine who placed these calls at this hotel due to the destruction of the records.

Postal Inspector McWhorter, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed by Agent Nichols, who stated that Sol Stern had been released in September, 1933, on twenty thousand dollar bond. Stern, it appeared, was implicated as a Receiver in the quarter million dollar mail robbery which occurred in the Chicago loop on Dearborn Street near the Federal Building in December, 1932. This robbery consisted of holding up a guard and two mail carriers at about seven a.m. when they were enroute from the Post Office to the First National Bank Building. A large quantity of bonds was obtained in this robbery which was effected by about five men riding in a new Ford V-8. Inspector McWhorter indicated that the evidence did not indicate that Sol Stern was implicated in the actual robbery but did show that a short time after the robbery Stern had proceeded to San Antonio, Texas, where a considerable number of stolen bonds had been delivered by Stern. Inspector McWhorter was not familiar with the record of Kornhauser.

Narcotic Agent Cummings was interviewed by Agent Nichols in the New Post Office Building, Chicago, Illinois, at which time he said that Max Kornhauser was now being sought by that Division for violation of the Harrison Narcotic Act, and that Kornhauser had been evading arrest and was a fugitive.

Inquiry at the Chicago Police Department by Agents Baum and Nichols revealed the following identification records in connection with these two men:

Name: MAX KORNHAUSER
Address: Sheridan-Plaza Hotel (March 9, 1932)
Age: 40 yrs. (Born New York City)
Height: 5'5½"
Weight: 155 lbs.
Build: Medium
Hair: Dark chestnut (bald)
Eyes: Light hazel
Complexion: Fair
Condition of Teeth: Bad
Beard: None
Nationality: American
Race: White
Occupation: Salesman
Police Number: Chicago Police Dept. #36808
F.P.C.: $\frac{32}{22}$ M $\frac{O}{A}$

Criminal Record:

As Max Hauser, May 15, 1919, arrested Philadelphia, Pa. on suspicion by police, discharged May 16, 1919.

As Max Hauser, 6/25/15, arrested New York City, disorderly conduct, 90 days in House of Correction.

As Max Hauser, 10/30/15 arrested Detroit, Mich., disorderly conduct; sentenced 90 days House of Correction.

As Max Hoonhauser 11/15/15 arrested New York City, disorderly conduct, six months House of Correction.

As Max Hauser, 5/21/19 arrested New York City, larceny; sentenced on 7/2/19 to House of Correction ten days.

As Max Hauser, 7/23/23 arrested New York City, disorderly conduct; sentenced September 26, 1923, to 60 days House of Correction.

As Morris Kauff 2/19/25 arrested New Orleans, Louisiana, police; disposition, given time to leave city.

As Harry Gordon, #30226, 9/8/30, Chicago, Illinois; discharged by Judge Hazen.

As Murray Kaplin, #2017, arrested 1/9/28 Miami, Florida, for investigation on dope charge; turned over to Federal Government to be taken to Chicago.

As Max Kornhauser #30242, 6/11/28 Leavenworth, Kansas, from Chicago, charge, violation Drug Act; sentenced four years.

As Max Kornhauser 3/9/32 U.S. Marshal, Chicago, charge, narcotics, disposition not given.

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Name: SOL STERN, alias Sol Stein, alias Sidney Stern
Address: 4901 Drexel Boulevard (1927)
Age: 30 yrs.
Height: 5'10½"
Weight: 180 lbs.
Build: Medium
Hair: Dark chestnut (bald)
Eyes: Hazel and greenish blue.

Complexion: Medium to florid
Beard: None
Nationality: American, born Chicago.
Race: White
Occupation: Salesman
Marital Status: Married
Chicago Police No. C-4881 and group #5815.
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Criminal Record:

As Sol Stein arrested Chicago, Illinois, 9/14/27, charge, fugitive from robbery with a gun. Arrested by Officers Walsh and Higgins, 30th District, and 9/15/27 turned over to Deputy Sheriff Charles Johnson of Sterling, Whiteside County, Illinois. Disposition not given.

As Sidney Stein arrested 9/10/30 Police Department, Chicago, charge, disorderly conduct; fined $100.00. Arrested by Storms and squad, Detective Bureau.

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Special Agent J. J. Keating informed agent that in his recent investigation of JACK KLUTAS, fugitive, and Subject of Identification Order No. 1179, the file in the Chicago Division Office bearing No. 26-2889, and who has been investigated in view of recent disclosures showing a number of kidnapings in the vicinity of Chicago of wealthy gamblers and bootleggers, was supposed to have registered a car in 1933 using the address, 3838 Broadway in the registration of the car. These facts have not been reported in the Klutas file, as yet, and are being set forth at this time in this report solely as an indication of the character of the associates of Stern and Kornhauser.

From the nature of the telephone calls which were made from this hotel it would appear that Stern and Kornhauser are, in all likelihood, associated in either the liquor or narcotic business. In this regard it will also be noted that the name of Gus Winkler, now deceased, was linked very closely with the handling of the stolen bonds in the mail robbery on which Stern was held, and various reports have also indicated the alliance between former Subject Miller and Gus Winkler. For this reason it would appear probable that Sol Stern may have had some connection with this gang. Inspector McWhorter said that reports had come to him that Stern was not in the city but had lately been in Hot Springs or Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mrs. Stern was interviewed on 12/13/55 at the Chateau, at which time she said that her husband was not in town but that he had recently been in Houston, Texas, where he had been unsuccessful in forming a partnership in business with some individual at that place. She said that she expected him back in a week, at which time she would suggest that he get in touch with the Chicago Division Office.

Inquiry developed that the number, Village 7340, did not exist, but that there was a number, Village 7340M, in Oak Park, Illinois, which was listed in the name of Thomas Nichol, 942 South Humphrys Street, Oak Park. Agent Nichols obtained the long distance calls and toll calls made from this number, but on checking a number of them discovered that they apparently were made either to relatives or for business purposes.

Mr. Charles F. Hardy, postal carrier who carried to this address for some time until about two weeks prior to the interview, was questioned at the South Oak Park Postal Station, 816 South Oak Park Avenue, where he stated he believed Mr. Nichol was dead, although Mrs. Nichol lived at this address and she had two sons and two daughters. One of the sons was married but he knew that the other son was a Roman Catholic Priest in Kansas City, Missouri. Father Nichol, he said, makes frequent trips from Kansas City to his home in Oak Park. In addition, one of the daughters is married to a Chicago policeman. Due to the facts recited by this postal carrier it seems very probable that the telephone call listed was made by Father Nichol to his relatives in Oak Park. Carrier Hardy indicated that the Nichol family had a good reputation in that community and were members of the Ascension Church in Oak Park.

An inquiry of the Wisconsin Telephone Company, 925½ Milwaukee Avenue, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, revealed through Mrs. Yanake that the number, South Milwaukee 341, was listed in the name of C. E. Stiehl, 1244 Fairview Avenue, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and that this telephone had been listed to this number since 1925.

Mr. F. J. Briesemeister, Chief of Police, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, informed agent that Mr. Stiehl bore an excellent reputation in the community and held a responsible position with the Bucyrus Erie Company, manufacturers of steam shovels, dredges and cranes, and has its main plant and offices in South Milwaukee, directly across from the police station.

An examination of the city directory showed that Mr. Stiehl was listed as an engineer and apparently is one of the individuals in charge of the Engineering Department of this large corporation.

Mr. C. E. Stiehl was interviewed in his office, at which time an examination of his expense accounts revealed that he had been in Kansas City on June 16, 1933, enroute to Pittsburg, Kansas, where the Bucyrus Erie Company has a number of customers for steam shovels used in strip mining for coal. Mr. Stiehl said that he did not remember making the call, in question, but that since his wife was expecting a child, which was born in July, that he had been keeping in constant touch with her when on trips and that he undoubtedly made the call in question. Mr. Stiehl was unable to identify any of the pictures of the suspects as persons whom he saw in or about the Union Station in Kansas City.

Inquiry of Mr. Bolt, Manager of the Telephone Company at South Bend, Indiana, by Special Agent H. H. Reinecke revealed that there are no six figure numbers in South Bend and consequently there is no such number as 5-25855. Mr. Bolt said that assuming the last five was a J, which would make the number, 5-2585J (it will be noted that on the dial phones J and five are located at the same spot) that this number would then have been that of Mrs. Vivian Howe, who is located at 2201 Lincoln Way East in the town of Mishawaka, Indiana, which is generally considered as a suburb of South Bend. Mrs. Howe operates a tearoom at this address. Agent Reinecke made no further investigation in connection with this matter in view of the fact that the exact number was not known. If the Kansas City Office desires further investigation in this connection it is suggested that the records of the Telephone Company in Kansas City be checked again in order to determine the exact number called from Kansas City.

It will be noted, for the benefit of the Kansas City Office, that the telephone call made to Yards 4200, was one made to Swift & Co., meat packers.

Through the Illinois Bell Telephone Company Special Agent Nichols secured a list of the long distance and toll calls made in June, 1933, from the number, Hillside 3801, which is the number at the Old Hickory Barbecue in which Subject Stacey is reported to have an interest. There was only one call made out of the State of Illinois during this month, which was a call made to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, on June 23, 1933. The telephone, Hillside 3801, is a public telephone and it was not deemed advisable to check the numerous telephone calls made from this number to Chicago numbers and to numerous suburban points. The Old Hickory Barbecue, aside from serving meals and refreshments, also conducted regular dances during the month of June, 1933, and undoubtedly the telephone was used by many persons. The numbers called from the Old Hickory Barbecue are being retained in the Chicago Division Office file, however, for future reference.

Agent Nichols also procured a list of the telephone numbers called in June, 1933, from the telephone number, Maywood 1893, which is the home telephone number of Subject Stacey. These telephone calls and the persons called are as follows:

Date	Number Called	Subscriber
6/2/33	Cary 85	Louis Cernocky, Fox River Grove, Ill.
6/10/33	Village 6139 (Unpublished)	L. Cebardi, 1114 N. Kenilworth, Oak Park, Ill.
6/10/33	Diversey 9810	Commonwealth Hotel, 2757 Pine Grove Ave., Chicago, Ill.
6/10/33	Village 6139	(See Above)
6/11/33	Village 6139	" "
6/13/33	Berwyn 4737	James Foster, 1819 Clinton Street, now disconnected.
6/14/33	Berwyn 4737	(Same as above)
6/14/33	Canal 9550	Frank Arrigo, 2023 South Racine Ave.
6/17/33	Village 9655	Rocco DeGrazia, 1040 Elmwood Avenue, Oak Park, Ill. (Unpublished)
6/18/33	Village 6139	(See Above)
6/20/33	Berwyn 4737	(See Above)
6/21/33	" "	" "
6/23/33	" "	" "
6/24/33	" "	" "
6/26/33	West Chicago 181	Theodore Wiggerman, 502 Engleton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
6/26/33	Berwyn 4737	(See Above)
6/26/33	" "	" "

In connection with these numbers which were called from Subject Stacey's phone it will be noted that the unpublished number is that of Mrs. Louise Cebardi, the former Victim of the file known as Jack McGurn, alias Vincent Cebardi; Louise Wolfe, Victim, White Slave Traffic Act, and that this man bears the nickname "Machine Gun" Jack, and is supposed to have been one of the gunners in the old Capone outfit. Reports in this file indicate an interview with this individual who was extremely friendly with Doc Stacey and who also admitted knowing former Subject Miller, although not by that name. McGurn, undoubtedly, was well acquainted with Miller, however, as he is with nearly all active members of the underworld.

The other unpublished number called was that of Rocco DeGrazia, 1040 Elmwood Avenue, Oak Park. Rocco DeGrazia was nicknamed "King of the West Side Bookmakers" and held a controlling interest in vice, gambling,

and some liquor in Melrose Park and various other West side localities. Rocco DeCrazia was at one time one of the chief lieutenants of Al Capone, so it is reported, but it appears of late that his prestige and power in that vicinity has waned. Rocco DeCrazia is a brother of Tony DeCrazia, who is wanted for murder in Melrose Park, and who is listed among various gangsters as being partially insane. A recent letter from the Kansas City Office made mention of the fact that a confidential informant had reported that Rocco DeCrazia, one Curly, probably Curly Clouse, and another man, had left Melrose Park armed with a machine gun and other weapons on June 16, 1933, and had returned later bearing the weapons and that no crime of violence had occurred in the immediate vicinity. A further attempt is being made by the Chicago Division Office to contact the confidential informant who supplied this information as suggested by the Kansas City Office's letter in order that additional information may be obtained from this source.

Louis Cernocky operates a place known as Louie's Crystal Ball Room in Fox River Grove, which is two miles East of Cary, Illinois. In the statements of Mrs. Nash and from other parties, it has been learned that Nash, Keating, Holden, Miller and others were in the habit of making regular excursions to Louie's place, where drinking bouts were held. Louie was also supposed to place men who were sought by the authorities in safe places. Considerable investigation was made in connection with Louie's place by Special Agent John L. Madala, and in connection with the Urschel kidnaping case Agent Madala made a trip to Manitowish, Wisconsin, where an interview was had with Robert Loveless, half breed manager of a camp, consisting of nine cottages on Lake Manitowish, which was financed by Louie.

Sergeant Buck Kempster of the Illinois State Police, who is now assisting the Chicago Division Office in various cases and Special Agent J. T. Martin, made an undercover inquiry through Louie, who is under the impression that these two men are criminals, at which time Louie told them that Vern Miller had called at his place in the latter part of October, 1933, before his trip to the Sherane Apartments. Louie also said that he had Big Dave hidden away in Wisconsin, which was, as far as Sergeant Kempster could learn, at some spot about sixteen miles from a town which was approximately seventy miles South of Lake Manitowish. Sergeant Kempster and Agent Martin were unable to learn the identity of the party known as Big Dave. It is extremely unlikely that Louie would give any information of any nature to anyone whom he considered connected with the authorities.

The other parties listed are unknown to agent.

The Commonwealth Hotel is a good sized hotel and is in the vicinity of hangouts of the former Gus Winkler and his gang.

In connection with the information set forth in the report of Special Agent R. E. Peterson, Birmingham, Alabama, 12/2/33, in which it is noted that telephone call was made on November 1, 1933, from the Lonely Acres Supper Club, telephone 3-3287, Memphis, Tennessee, to Fairfax 5100, Southmoor Hotel, Chicago, Agents Baum and Nichols interviewed Mr. Norman H. Pellman, Manager of this hotel. Mr. Pellman said that there would be no record at the Southmoor Hotel of an incoming long distance call unless the charges were reversed. Mr. Pellman caused a search to be made of the telephone records from October 30 to November 2, 1933, but failed to locate any call made to that hotel or charged to that hotel from Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. Pellman said, however, that he personally believed that this call was either made by or to Mr. W. A.Carter, who operated the Carter Travel Service, with offices in the Peabody Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee. During the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago Mr. Carter conducted numerous parties of visitors from Tennessee and kept constant headquarters at the Southmoor Hotel, where Carter's clients were lodged while in Chicago. Mr. Carter also had a partner, a Miss Johnson, who stayed in Memphis for the most part. Mr. Carter made frequent trips back and forth and employed in Chicago a dozen or so guides. Mr. Pellman therefore felt that this call was made by Mr. Carter to some of his assistants at the Southmoor Hotel, or else was made to Mr. Carter by some of his assistants in Memphis, who happened to be visiting the Lonely Acres Supper Club at the time. Mr. Pellman examined the pictures in the possession of the Chicago Office of Subject Galatas, and also showed these pictures to the Assistant Manager and to the Day Clerk, but all were unable to identify this man's picture.

In connection with the information set forth in the report of Special Agent E. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 12/8/33, and which was previously set forth by the Birmingham Office and which was to the effect that Julius Galatas, Jr., a cousin of Subject Galatas, had left Montgomery, Alabama, with a wealthy Jewish woman named Mrs. B.E. Gerson and had come to Chicago, where he was staying at the Morrison Hotel, and there operating a gambling establishment, Agents Baum and Nichols made a thorough inquiry at the Morrison Hotel. Mr. Thomas Sadler, Manager, did not know this party, and Mr. M. J. Dunn, house detective operating under Mr. Ed Purdy, in charge of the house detectives at the Morrison Hotel, was also unable to identify this party. These individuals, as well as a number of clerks at the hotel, were also unable to identify the pictures of Subject Galatas as a guest or a former guest.

Through Mr. John Groves, Treasurer, a list of the various permanent guests were noted, and none of these individuals appeared to be Subject Galatas, nor were the facts developed about any of them of a nature which would indicate that any of the permanent guests were Julius

Galatas. The hotel had no record of guests under the name of Galatas or Carson. The records at this hotel are kept about a year before being destroyed.

The following persons who may have associations with gamblers or operate gambling places in connection with their night club or restaurant businesses were noted as residents in this hotel:

Mr. Ed Dobkin and wife, who have been registered in this hotel since 1/4/33, having come from the Bismark.

Mr. A. J. Darrah and wife, having come to this hotel 1/31/33, and listing their former residence as Butte, Montana.

Also the Jacob brothers, Charles and Al, who are single, and Mr. Leo M. Stone, also single, both from the City of Chicago.

The two married men both have wives, who appear to be and represent themselves as of Irish extraction and do not appear to be Jewish.

Mr. Sadler stated that in 1931, when the present management took over the Morrison Hotel, that a good many persons connected with rackets and gambling in Chicago, were compelled to move from the Morrison Hotel and that most of these persons moved to the Hotel Sherman.

It is believed that the Birmingham Office can possibly secure additional information which would assist the Chicago Office in the location of Julius Galatas, Jr, if he is now located in Chicago, Illinois, so that he can be appropriately watched for the possibility that Subject Galatas may be harbored by him.

While making an inquiry at the Chicago Detective Bureau on 12/11/33 agent learned from officers of the Hoodlum Squad, led by Lieutenant Katt, that Sheriff D. K. Rocher of New Canaan, Connecticut, had wired to the Chief of Police in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to the effect that two suitcases had been expressed to Mrs. Wertz in Wilton, Connecticut, from 1115 E. 62nd Street, Chicago, Illinois. The Chief of Police at that point had requested the Chicago Police to make an investigation at that address in order to determine whether Winnie Williams was contacting Suspect Bernard Phillips. These squads went to that address and discovered that Winnie Williams had rented a room from Mrs. McQuade, 1115 E. 62nd Street, which room was located on the first floor at 1115 E. 62nd Street, and had lived there for several days when she was joined by a man who lived at that address for three days. Winnie Williams and this man left this

address on about October 8, 1933, in a dark coupe for an unknown destination. This man was described by the landlady as of medium height and as being stout, with dark hair. Reference is made to the Chicago Office letter dated September 25, 1933, setting out at length an interview that Special Agent D. O. Smith had with Winnie Williams and also to the report of Special Agent J. J. Keating, Chicago, Illinois, 9/23/33 which also incorporates briefly the information contained in the letter. It will be noted in this regard that Winnie Williams at that time was living and said that she intended to marry Gus Hackenyos, who resided at 6157 Ellis Avenue. It is possible that this individual may have been Hackenyos, since this man is described as being about 5'9 or 10" tall, being fairly stout, and having dark brown hair. The Chicago Division Office will make a suitable investigation before setting out leads for the possible location of suspect Phillips. It is significant to note, however, that Winnie Williams said that if Bernard Phillips came to Chicago that he would undoubtedly locate her at which time she would feel compelled to return to live with him.

Pictures of Sol Stern and Max Kornhauser were obtained from the Chicago Police Department and the originals are being forwarded to the Kansas City Office. The photostatic copies are being kept by the Chicago Division Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

BIRMINGHAM OFFICE: It is suggested that this office supply the Chicago Division Office with any additional information which it may develop concerning the present whereabouts of Julius Galatas, Jr., alias B. E. Gerson, who is a cousin of Subject Galatas. If Julius Galatas, Jr. is in the territory covered by the Chicago Division Office the Chicago Division Office desires to make an appropriate investigation.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE: This office will notice that the number supplied at South Bend, Indiana, is not correct and will determine if the Telephone Company can furnish the correct number. This office will also notice the pictures supplied of Sol Stern and Max Kornhauser in order to determine if these men may have been implicated in the Kansas City massacre.

CHICAGO OFFICE: In connection with this report the Chicago Division Office will display the picture of Subject Bernard Phillips to Mrs. McQuade, 1115 E. 52nd Street, Chicago, in order to ascertain whether she can identify that picture as the party who lived with Winnie Williams and will also interview Gus Hackenyos, 6157 Ellis Avenue, to determine if he was the man who stayed with Winnie Williams.

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December 19, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased),
with aliases, et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Reference is made to your letter of December 11, 1933, in which you wish to be advised if the individual known as Weiss is identical with William Weisman, frequently mentioned in this case as a suspect.

W. F. Weiss, alias W. F. Weiser, alias "Big Bill" Westerman, a former associate of Subject Miller, is identical with William Weisman, who is wanted at Elizabeth, N.J. for murder and may be implicated in this case. The present whereabouts of Weisman is unknown to [redacted] our informant No. 1. He advised recently that Weisman frequents Bradley Beach, N.J. and has contacts there with a big Irishman, name unknown, who operates a cabaret and rents some cottages in the vicinity of Bradley Beach. Informant No. 1 further advised that Weisman has connections with the booze syndicate at Hartford, Connecticut.

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Every endeavor is being made by this office to ascertain information which may locate and cause the apprehension of this fugitive. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the New York City Office for appropriate attention at Bradley Beach, N.J. and Hartford, Connecticut.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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Report No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT KANSAS CITY, MO. FILE NO. 62-1642

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.	12/20/33	12/6-14/33	W. CARTER BAUM 46511 GVT

TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; HOBERT G. BRADY, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O. #1190; RALPH J. DAILEY, with aliases, I.O. #1180; KILBER, UNDERHILL, et al.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Calls to South Milwaukee 341 from Union Station, Kansas City, and to Village 7540M, Oak Park, Illinois, from Pickwick Hotel, were of an innocent nature. Call from Union Station to Lakeview 8310, Chicago, the number of the Chateau, a small hotel, then operated by Sol Stern, alias Stein, now at liberty under bond as a Receiver of stolen bonds in the quarter million dollar Chicago loop mail robbery in December, 1932, and Max Kornhauser, now a fugitive on a narcotic charge, undetermined as to person receiving call. There is no such number in South Bend, Indiana, as 5-28855. Telephone call from club near Memphis, Tennessee, to Hotel Southmoor probably made by some member of Carter Travel Bureau of Memphis. No record was found of B. E. Gerson or Jules Galatas, Jr. at Morrison Hotel. Long distance and toll calls made from telephone of Subject Stacey during June, 1933, are listed. Winnie Williams is reported to have left Chicago on October 6, 1933, with a man resembling suspect Phillips. Copies of this report forwarded to New York and San Antonio for information only.

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DETAILS:

REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Mo., 11/28/33 and 12/6/33; report of Special Agent R. E. Peterson, Birmingham, Ala., 12/2/33.

DETAILS:

Special Agent Lew D. Nichols ascertained that the number Lakeview 8310, which was called from the Union Station in Kansas City, Missouri, at 12:02 A.M.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: M. N. Quirk SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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on June 17, 1933, was listed in the name of the Chateau, a hotel located at 3838 Broadway, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Charles Nathan, the Receiver for this hotel, was interviewed by Agent Nichols at 823 Sheridan Road. Mr. Nathan is also Receiver for the Chateau Apartments, which are located at that address. Mr. Nathan said that the Chateau was a hotel consisting of 145 rooms. He stated that when he was appointed Receiver the owners of the building had been Mr. Sol Stern and Mr. Max Kornhauser. Mr. Nathan indicated that both of these men were known to the police in the City of Chicago and were reputed to have evil associates. He said that when he took over this hotel that he had discovered that the telephone records had been destroyed and in consequence he was unable to determine from what rooms various telephone calls had been made. He said that Max Kornhauser, he understood, was a fugitive, but that both Mrs. Kornhauser and Mrs. Stern still resided in the Chateau. In addition, he indicated that the former patronage of the Chateau had, at times, been of a rather shady nature, but that upon assuming the receivership of this building he had changed its policy and in addition that a good many of the former clerks had left the employment of the Chateau and he was unable to state where these men had gone.

Agent Nichols examined the removal records at the Lakeside Postal Station, which failed to disclose the removals of these clerks.

Through the Illinois Bell Telephone Company agent Nichols obtained a list of the long distance calls that had eminated from Lakeview 8310 to 8315, which are the numbers assigned to the Chateau, during the month of June, 1933. A list of these numbers is now on file in the Chicago Division Office. Only those numbers which were called between June 16 and June 20, 1933, will be incorporated in this report, and in addition those calls which were made to Kansas City, Missouri:

6/16/33	New York - Fordham 78407 (Mrs. Kornhauser)	3:22 p.m.
6/16/33	Clinton, Iowa. 874 (L.F.Sutton, 508 Sixth Ave.)	10:46 p.m.
6/16/33	Peoria 22537	10:19 p.m.
6/16/33	Michigan City 2240	8:52 a.m.
6/18/33	Peoria 43752	7:34 p.m.
6/20/33	St. Louis - Jefferson 6787	11:58 p.m.
6/17/33	Maywood 1871	
6/17/33	Greenleaf 2547	
6/18/33	Highland Park 131	
6/18/33	LaGrange 520	
6/18/33	Greenleaf 5578	
6/18/33	Highland Park 131	
6/20/33	Indianapolis, Cherry 1064	12:48 a.m.
6/20/33	Bensonville 150 J	

In addition, on June 21 and 23, 1933, telephone calls were made to Victor 6984 in Kansas City, Missouri, which is listed as the Coates House. It is impossible, of course, to determine who placed these calls at this hotel due to the destruction of the records.

Postal Inspector McWhorter, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed by Agent Nichols, who stated that Sol Stern had been released in September, 1933, on twenty thousand dollar bond. Stern, it appeared, was implicated as a Receiver in the quarter million dollar mail robbery which occurred in the Chicago loop on Dearborn Street near the Federal Building in December, 1932. This robbery consisted of holding up a guard and two mail carriers at about seven a.m. when they were enroute from the Post Office to the First National Bank Building. A large quantity of bonds was obtained in this robbery which was effected by about five men riding in a new Ford V-8. Inspector McWhorter indicated that the evidence did not indicate that Sol Stern was implicated in the actual robbery but did show that a short time after the robbery Stern had proceeded to San Antonio, Texas, where a considerable number of stolen bonds had been delivered by Stern. Inspector McWhorter was not familiar with the record of Kornhauser.

Narcotic Agent Cummings was interviewed by Agent Nichols in the New Post Office Building, Chicago, Illinois, at which time he said that Max Kornhauser was now being sought by that Division for violation of the Harrison Narcotic Act, and that Kornhauser had been evading arrest and was a fugitive.

Inquiry at the Chicago Police Department by Agents Baum and Nichols revealed the following identification records in connection with these two men.

Name: MAX KORNHAUSER
Address: Sheridan-Plaza Hotel (March 9, 1932)
Age: 40 yrs. (Born New York City)
Height: 5'5½"
Weight: 155 lbs.
Build: Medium
Hair: Dark chestnut (bald)
Eyes: Light hazel
Complexion: Fair
Condition of Teeth: Bad
Beard: None
Nationality: American
Race: White
Occupation: Salesman
Police Number: Chicago Police Dept. #36888
F.P.C.: $\frac{32}{22}$ M O

Criminal Record:

As Max Hauser, May 15, 1919, arrested Philadelphia, Pa. on suspicion by police, discharged May 16, 1919.

As Max Hauser, 6/25/15, arrested New York City, disorderly conduct, 90 days in House of Correction.

As Max Hauser, 10/30/15 arrested Detroit, Mich., disorderly conduct, sentenced 90 days House of Correction.

As Max Hoonhauser 11/15/15 arrested New York City, disorderly conduct, six months House of Correction.

As Max Hauser, 5/21/19 arrested New York City, larceny; sentenced on 7/2/19 to House of Correction ten days.

As Max Hauser, 7/23/23 arrested New York City, disorderly conduct; sentenced September 26, 1923, to 60 days House of Correction.

As Morris Kauff 2/19/25 arrested New Orleans, Louisiana, police; disposition, given time to leave city.

As Harry Gordon, #80226, 9/5/20, Chicago, Illinois; discharged by Judge Hazen.

As Murray Kaplin, #2017, arrested 1/9/28 Miami, Florida, for investigation on dope charge; turned over to Federal Government to be taken to Chicago.

As Max Kornhauser #30242, 8/11/28 Leavenworth, Kansas, from Chicago, charge, violation Drug Act; sentenced four years.

As Max Kornhauser 3/9/32 U.S. Marshal, Chicago, charge, narcotics, disposition not given.

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Name: SOL STERN, alias Sol Stein, alias Sidney Stern
Address: 4901 Drexel Boulevard (1927)
Age: 30 yrs.
Height: 5'10½"
Weight: 180 lbs.
Build: Medium
Hair: Dark chestnut (bald)
Eyes: Hazel and greenish blue.

Complexion: Medium to florid
Beard: None
Nationality: American, born Chicago
Race: White
Occupation: Salesman
Marital Status: Married
Chicago Police No. C-4681 and group #5815.
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Criminal Record:

As Sol Stein arrested Chicago, Illinois, 9/14/27, charge, fugitive from robbery with a gun. Arrested by Officers Walsh and Higgins, 30th District, and 9/15/27 turned over to Deputy Sheriff Charles Johnson of Sterling, Whiteside County, Illinois. Disposition not given.

As Sidney Stein arrested 9/10/30 Police Department, Chicago, charge, disorderly conduct; fined $100.00. Arrested by Storms and squad, Detective Bureau.

Special Agent J. J. Keating informed agent that in his recent investigation of JACK KLUTAS, fugitive, and Subject of Identification Order No. 1179, the file in the Chicago Division Office bearing No. 26-2889, and who has been investigated in view of recent disclosures showing a number of kidnapings in the vicinity of Chicago of wealthy gamblers and bootleggers, was supposed to have registered a car in 1933 using the address, 3838 Broadway in the registration of the car. These facts have not been reported in the Klutas file, as yet, and are being set forth at this time in this report solely as an indication of the character of the associates of Stern and Kornhauser.

From the nature of the telephone calls which were made from this hotel it would appear that Stern and Kornhauser are, in all likelihood, associated in either the liquor or narcotic business. In this regard it will also be noted that the name of Gus Winkler, now deceased, was linked very closely with the handling of the stolen bonds in the mail robbery on which Stern was held, and various reports have also indicated the alliance between former Subject Miller and Gus Winkler. For this reason it would appear probable that Sol Stern may have had some connection with this gang. Inspector McWhorter said that reports had come to him that Stern was not in the city but had lately been in Hot Springs or Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mrs. Stern was interviewed on 12/13/33 at the Chateau, at which time she said that her husband was not in town but that he had recently been in Houston, Texas, where he had been unsuccessful in forming a partnership in business with some individual at that place. She said that she expected him back in a week, at which time she would suggest that he get in touch with the Chicago Division Office.

Inquiry developed that the number, Village 7340, did not exist, but that there was a number, Village 7340M, in Oak Park, Illinois, which was listed in the name of Thomas Nichol, 942 South Humphrys Street, Oak Park. Agent Nichols obtained the long distance calls and toll calls made from this number, but on checking a number of them discovered that they apparently were made either to relatives or for business purposes.

Mr. Charles F. Hardy, postal carrier who carried to this address for some time until about two weeks prior to the interview, was questioned at the South Oak Park Postal Station, 616 South Oak Park Avenue, where he stated he believed Mr. Nichol was dead, although Mrs. Nichol lived at this address and she had two sons and two daughters. One of the sons was married but he knew that the other son was a Roman Catholic Priest in Kansas City, Missouri. Father Nichol, he said, makes frequent trips from Kansas City to his home in Oak Park. In addition, one of the daughters is married to a Chicago policeman. Due to the facts recited by this postal carrier it seems very probable that the telephone call listed was made by Father Nichol to his relatives in Oak Park. Carrier Hardy indicated that the Nichol family had a good reputation in that community and were members of the Ascension Church in Oak Park.

An inquiry of the Wisconsin Telephone Company, 925½ Milwaukee Avenue, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, revealed through Mrs. Yannke that the number, South Milwaukee 341, was listed in the name of C. E. Stiehl, 1244 Fairview Avenue, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and that this telephone had been listed to this number since 1923.

Mr. F. J. Briesemeister, Chief of Police, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, informed agent that Mr. Stiehl bore an excellent reputation in the community and held a responsible position with the Bucyrus Erie Company, manufacturers of steam shovels, dredges and cranes, and has its main plant and offices in South Milwaukee, directly across from the police station.

An examination of the city directory showed that Mr. Stiehl was listed as an engineer and apparently is one of the individuals in charge of the Engineering Department of this large corporation.

Mr. C. E. Stiehl was interviewed in his office, at which time an examination of his expense accounts revealed that he had been in Kansas City on June 16, 1933, enroute to Pittsburg, Kansas, where the Bucyrus Erie Company has a number of customers for steam shovels used in strip mining for coal. Mr. Stiehl said that he did not remember making the call in question, but that since his wife was expecting a child, which was born in July, that he had been keeping in constant touch with her when on trips and that he undoubtedly made the call in question. Mr. Stiehl was unable to identify any of the pictures of the suspects as persons whom he saw in or about the Union Station in Kansas City.

Inquiry of Mr. Bolt, Manager of the Telephone Company at South Bend, Indiana, by Special Agent H. H. Reinecke revealed that there are no six figure numbers in South Bend and consequently there is no such number as 5-25855. Mr. Bolt said that assuming the last five was a J, which would make the number, 5-2585J (it will be noted that on the dial phones J and five are located at the same spot) that this number would then have been that of Mrs. Vivian Howe, who is located at 2201 Lincoln Way East in the town of Mishawaka, Indiana, which is generally considered as a suburb of South Bend. Mrs. Howe operates a tearoom at this address. Agent Reinecke made no further investigation in connection with this matter in view of the fact that the exact number was not known. If the Kansas City Office desires further investigation in this connection it is suggested that the records of the Telephone Company in Kansas City be checked again in order to determine the exact number called from Kansas City.

It will be noted, for the benefit of the Kansas City Office, that the telephone call made to Yards 4800, was one made to Swift & Co., meat packers.

Through the Illinois Bell Telephone Company Special Agent Nichols secured a list of the long distance and toll calls made in June, 1933, from the number, Hillside 3801, which is the number at the Old Hickory Barbecue in which Subject Stacey is reported to have an interest. There was only one call made out of the State of Illinois during this month, which was a call made to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, on June 23, 1933. The telephone, Hillside 3801, is a public telephone and it was not deemed advisable to check the numerous telephone calls made from this number to Chicago numbers and to numerous suburban points. The Old Hickory Barbecue, aside from serving meals and re-freshments, also conducted regular dances during the month of June, 1933, and undoubtedly the telephone was used by many persons. The numbers called from the Old Hickory Barbecue are being retained in the Chicago Division Office file, however, for future reference.

Agent Nichols also procured a list of the telephone numbers called in June, 1933, from the telephone number, Maywood 1893, which is the home telephone number of Subject Stacey. These telephone calls and the persons called are as follows:

Date	Number Called	Subscriber
6/2/33	Cary 65	Louis Cernocky, Fox River Grove, Ill.
6/10/33	Village 6139 (Unpublished)	L. Gebardi, 1114 N. Kenilworth, Oak Park, Ill.
6/10/33	Diversey 9810	Commonwealth Hotel, 2757 Pine Grove Ave., Chicago, Ill.
6/10/33	Village 6139	(See Above)
6/11/33	Village 6139	" "
6/13/33	Berwyn 4737	James Foster, 1819 Clinton Street, now disconnected.
6/14/33	Berwyn 4737	(Same as above)
6/14/33	Canal 9550	Frank Arrigo, 2023 South Racine Ave.
6/17/33	Village 9655	Rocco DeGrazia, 1040 Elmwood Avenue, Oak Park, Ill. (Unpublished)
6/18/33	Village 6139	(See Above)
6/20/33	Berwyn 4737	(See Above)
6/21/33	" "	" "
6/23/33	" "	" "
6/24/33	" "	" "
6/26/33	West Chicago 181	Theodore Wiggerman, 502 Eggleton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
6/26/33	Berwyn 4737	(See Above)
6/26/33	" "	" "

In connection with these numbers which were called from Subject Stacey's phone it will be noted that the unpublished number is that of Mrs. Louise Gebardi, the former Victim of the file known as Jack McGurn, alias Vincent Gebardi; Louise Rolfe, Victim, White Slave Traffic Act, and that this man bears the nickname "Machine Gun" Jack, and is supposed to have been one of the gunners in the old Capone outfit. Reports in this file indicate an interview with this individual who was extremely friendly with Doc Stacey and who also admitted knowing former Subject Miller, although not by that name. McGurn, undoubtedly, was well acquainted with Miller, however, as he is with nearly all active members of the underworld.

The other unpublished number called was that of Rocco DeGrazia, 1040 Elmwood Avenue, Oak Park. Rocco DeGrazia was nicknamed "King of the West Side Bookmakers" and held a controlling interest in vice, gambling,

and some liquor in Melrose Park and various other West side localities. Rocco DeGrazia was at one time one of the chief lieutenants of Al Capone, so it is reported, but it appears of late that his prestige and power in that vicinity has waned. Rocco DeGrazia is a brother of Tony DeGrazia, who is wanted for murder in Melrose Park, and who is listed among various gangsters as being partially insane. A recent letter from the Kansas City Office made mention of the fact that a confidential informant had reported that Rocco DeGrazia, one Curly, probably Curly Clouse, and another man, had left Melrose Park armed with a machine gun and other weapons on June 16, 1933, and had returned later bearing the weapons and that no crime of violence had occurred in the immediate vicinity. A further attempt is being made by the Chicago Division Office to contact the confidential informant who supplied this information as suggested by the Kansas City Office's letter in order that additional information may be obtained from this source.

Louis Cernocky operates a place known as Louie's Crystal Ball Room in Fox River Grove, which is two miles East of Cary, Illinois. In the statements of Mrs. Nash and from other parties, it has been learned that Nash, Keating, Holden, Miller and others were in the habit of making regular excursions to Louie's place, where drinking bouts were held. Louie was also supposed to place men who were sought by the authorities in safe places. Considerable investigation was made in connection with Louie's place by Special Agent John L. Madala, and in connection with the Urschel kidnaping case Agent Madala made a trip to Manitowish, Wisconsin, where an interview was had with Robert Loveless, half breed manager of a camp, consisting of nine cottages on Lake Manitowish, which was financed by Louie.

Sergeant Buck Kempster of the Illinois State Police, who is now assisting the Chicago Division Office in various cases and Special Agent J. T. Hartin, made an undercover inquiry through Louie, who is under the impression that these two men are criminals, at which time Louie told them that Vern Miller had called at his place in the latter part of October, 1933, before his trip to the Sherone Apartments. Louie also said that he had Big Dave hidden away in Wisconsin, which was, as far as Sergeant Kempster could learn, at some spot about sixteen miles from a town which was approximately seventy miles South of Lake Manitowish. Sergeant Kempster and Agent Hartin were unable to learn the identity of the party known as Big Dave. It is extremely unlikely that Louie would give any information of any nature to anyone whom he considered connected with the authorities.

The other parties listed are unknown to agent.

The Commonwealth Hotel is a good sized hotel and is in the vicinity of hangouts of the former Gus Winkler and his gang.

In connection with the information set forth in the report of Special Agent R. E. Peterson, Birmingham, Alabama, 12/2/33, in which it is noted that telephone call was made on November 1, 1933, from the Lonely Acres Supper Club, telephone 3-2287, Memphis, Tennessee, to Fairfax 5100, Southmoor Hotel, Chicago, Agents Baum and Nichols interviewed Mr. Norman H. Fellman, Manager of this hotel. Mr. Fellman said that there would be no record at the Southmoor Hotel of an incoming long distance call unless the charges were reversed. Mr. Fellman caused a search to be made of the telephone records from October 30 to November 8, 1933, but failed to locate any call made to that hotel or charged to that hotel from Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. Fellman said, however, that he personally believed that this call was either made by or to Mr. W. A. Carter, who operated the Carter Travel Service, with offices in the Peabody Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee. During the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago Mr. Carter conducted numerous parties of visitors from Tennessee and kept constant headquarters at the Southmoor Hotel, where Carter's clients were lodged while in Chicago. Mr. Carter also had a partner, a Miss Johnson, who stayed in Memphis for the most part. Mr. Carter made frequent trips back and forth and employed in Chicago a dozen or so guides. Mr. Fellman therefore felt that this call was made by Mr. Carter to some of his assistants at the Southmoor Hotel, or else was made to Mr. Carter by some of his assistants in Memphis, who happened to be visiting the Lonely Acres Supper Club at the time. Mr. Fellman examined the pictures in the possession of the Chicago Office of Subject Galatas, and also showed these pictures to the Assistant Manager and to the Day Clerk, but all were unable to identify this man's picture.

In connection with the information set forth in the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 12/8/33, and which was previously set forth by the Birmingham Office and which was to the effect that Julius Galatas, Jr., a cousin of Subject Galatas, had left Montgomery, Alabama, with a wealthy Jewish woman named Mrs. B.E. Gerson and had come to Chicago, where he was staying at the Morrison Hotel, and there operating a gambling establishment, Agents Baum and Nichols made a thorough inquiry at the Morrison Hotel. Mr. Thomas Sadler, Manager, did not know this party, and Mr. M. J. Dunn, house detective operating under Mr. Ed Purdy, in charge of the house detectives at the Morrison Hotel, was also unable to identify this party. These individuals, as well as a number of clerks at the hotel, were also unable to identify the pictures of Subject Galatas as a guest or a former guest.

Through Mr. John Groves, Treasurer, a list of the various permanent guests were noted, and none of these individuals appeared to be Subject Galatas, nor were the facts developed about any of them of a nature which would indicate that any of the permanent guests were Julius

Galatas. The hotel had no record of guests under the name of Galatas or Gerson. The records at this hotel are kept about a year before being destroyed.

The following persons who may have associations with gamblers or operate gambling places in connection with their night club or restaurant businesses were noted as residents in this hotel:

Mr. Ed Dobkin and wife, who have been registered in this hotel since 1/4/33, having come from the Bismark.

Mr. A. J. Darrah and wife, having come to this hotel 1/31/32, and listing their former residence as Butte, Montana.

Also the Jacob brothers, Charles and Al, who are single, and Mr. Leo H. Stone, also single, both from the City of Chicago.

The two married men both have wives, who appear to be and represent themselves as of Irish extraction and do not appear to be Jewish.

Mr. Sadler stated that in 1931, when the present management took over the Morrison Hotel, that a good many persons connected with rackets and gambling in Chicago, were compelled to move from the Morrison Hotel and that most of these persons moved to the Hotel Sherman.

It is believed that the Birmingham Office can possibly secure additional information which would assist the Chicago Office in the location of Julius Galatas, Jr. if he is now located in Chicago, Illinois, so that he can be appropriately watched for the possibility that Subject Galatas may be harbored by him.

While making an inquiry at the Chicago Detective Bureau on 12/11/33 agent learned from officers of the Hoodlum Squad, led by Lieutenant Katt, that Sheriff D. K. Rocher of New Canaan, Connecticut, had wired to the Chief of Police in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to the effect that two suitcases had been expressed to Mrs. Wertz in Wilton, Connecticut, from 1115 E. 62nd Street, Chicago, Illinois. The Chief of Police at that point had requested the Chicago Police to make an investigation at that address in order to determine whether Winnie Williams was contacting suspect Bernard Phillips. These squads went to that address and discovered that Winnie Williams had rented a room from Mrs. McQuade, 1115 E. 62nd Street, which room was located on the first floor at 1113 E. 62nd Street, and had lived there for several days when she was joined by a man who lived at that address for three days. Winnie Williams and this man left this

address on about October 6, 1933, in a dark coupe for an unknown destination. This man was described by the landlady as of medium height and as being stout, with dark hair. Reference is made to the Chicago Office letter dated September 15, 1933, setting out at length an interview that Special Agent D. O. Smith had with Winnie Williams and also to the report of Special Agent J. J. Keating, Chicago, Illinois, 9/23/33 which also incorporates briefly the information contained in the letter. It will be noted in this regard that Winnie Williams at that time was living and said that she intended to marry Gus Hackenyos, who resided at 6157 Ellis Avenue. It is possible that this individual may have been Hackenyos, since this man is described as being about 5'9 or 10" tall, being fairly stout, and having dark brown hair. The Chicago Division Office will make a suitable investigation before setting out leads for the possible location of suspect Phillips. It is significant to note, however, that Winnie Williams said that if Bernard Phillips came to Chicago that he would undoubtedly locate her at which time she would feel compelled to return to live with him.

Pictures of Sol Stern and Max Kornhauser were obtained from the Chicago Police Department and the originals are being forwarded to the Kansas City Office. The photostatic copies are being kept by the Chicago Division Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

BIRMINGHAM OFFICE: It is suggested that this office supply the Chicago Division Office with any additional information which it may develop concerning the present whereabouts of Julius Galatas, Jr., alias B. E. Gerson, who is a cousin of Subject Galatas. If Julius Galatas, Jr. is in the territory covered by the Chicago Division Office the Chicago Division Office desires to make an appropriate investigation.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE: This office will notice that the number supplied at South Bend, Indiana, is not correct and will determine if the Telephone Company can furnish the correct number. This office will also notice the pictures supplied of Sol Stern and Max Kornhauser in order to determine if these men may have been implicated in the Kansas City massacre.

CHICAGO OFFICE: In connection with this report the Chicago Division Office will display the picture of Subject Bernard Phillips to Mrs. McQuade, 1115 E. 62nd Street, Chicago, in order to ascertain whether she can identify that picture as the party who lived with Winnie Williams and will also interview Gus Hackenyos, 6157 Ellis Avenue, to determine if he was the man who stayed with Winnie Williams.

PENDING