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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
GEORGE WASHINGTON NASH, SR., et al.	Harboring and Concealing a Person for Whom a Warrant of Arrest has been issued - Conspiracy.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subjects George Washington Nash, Sr. and Bruce Merrill Brady arraigned before U. S. Commissioner W. C. Edwards on 12-20-33. Both men had counsel, and entered a plea of not guilty; held for action of the grand jury; bond set for $10,000.00 in each case. Huston C. Nash, other defendant, apprehended 12-24-33. Waived preliminary hearing and bond set at $10,000.00. All three men transferred to Muskogee, Oklahoma to await action of Grand Jury. Transcript of testimony at hearing placed in Oklahoma City file, together with a list of witnesses. There is also placed in the Oklahoma City file copy of application for marriage license dated Nov. 18, 1933, and issued to Henry Underhill and used by Wilbur Underhill. Investigation at Court House at Coalgate reveals that Brady obtained this license.

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

DETAILS: George Washington Nash, Sr. and Bruce Merrill Brady were arraigned before U. S. Commissioner W. C. Edwards on December 20, 1933 at Ada, Oklahoma. Both men entered a plea through their counsel of not guilty. Enough evidence was submitted to have them held for the action of the Grand Jury, and their bond was set at $10,000.00 in each case.

At the time of the hearing of these two subjects, Huston C. Nash had not been apprehended. He was apprehended on December 24, 1933, and hearing was held before U. S. Commissioner W. C. Edwards at Ada on December 26, 1933. Nash waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to await action of the Grand Jury under $10,000.00 bond.

A list of the witnesses who testified at the preliminary hearing

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: K. D. Blackburn SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Patsy Grennen, County Clerk of Coal County, Coalgate, Okla.
Rev. C. A. Magness, Minister of the Church of God, Coalgate, Okla.
Clyde Kaiser, Sheriff of Pontotoc County, Ada, Oklahoma.
Walter P. Clark, Sheriff of Coal County, Coalgate, Okla.

Additional witnesses to testify in this case are:

Jake Sims, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma.
A. B. Cooper, Burns National Detective Agency, 909 Colcord Bldg., Oklahoma City, Okla.

Reference is made in reference report to Jacob Reddner, junk dealer of Konawa, Oklahoma. The Oklahoma City office is continuing the investigation of the activities of this man, and it is thought that complaint will be filed against him in the near future.

NOTE: It is noted that a 1933 Plymouth Coupe, Texas license No. 517-775, was used by the Brady and Ross families (Mrs. Ross is the mother of Bruce and Bob Brady) in and around Ada during the past week. L. G. Phares of the Highway Department at Dallas advised that the motor number of this car was 91556, and that it was titled to Beulah Jackson McAllen, who is known to be intimate with the outlaw element in this part of Oklahoma. This information is submitted that this car can be watched.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Konawa, Oklahoma will continue undercover investigation of the activities of Jake Reddner.

At Oklahoma City, will continue investigation of the activities of Huston G. Nash, George Washington Nash, Sr., and Bruce M. Brady.

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U. S. Department of Justice
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
Bureau of Investigation

224 Federal Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Okla.,
Jan. 12, 1934.

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

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find Voucher Form 1034 for reimbursement of informant in the Underhill case. Please expedite as soon as possible the payment of this voucher as in the meantime I am having to provide a living for this informant out of my own pocket. I would appreciate the check being forwarded by air mail.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl.

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Mr. R. H. Colvin,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I have instructed Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley to proceed to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Little Rock, Arkansas for the purpose of conducting an investigation looking towards the apprehension of Galatas and conducting any further investigation which may be required subsequent to his apprehension. Mr. Brantley was assigned to this case at Kansas City and is, of course, acquainted with all the details.

I desire that you extend every possible means of cooperation to Mr. Brantley during the course of this investigation.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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JAN 18 1934

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

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing, herewith, a copy of a letter dated January 6, 1934, from Mr. George E. McKinnis, Jr., of the Robison and McKinnis law firm of Shawnee, Oklahoma, concerning the alleged damage to property occasioned by the apprehension of Wilbur Underhill.

I desire that you cause a thorough investigation to be conducted concerning all of the individuals referred to in this letter looking towards their indictment on a charge of harboring a fugitive from justice. It is also requested that a thorough investigation be conducted concerning the individuals who were in the house at the time Underhill was taken into custody and that charges of harboring a fugitive be filed against them also.

This matter must be given immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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ROBISON & McKINNIS
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW
SUITE 201-3 FIDELITY ANNEX BLDG.
SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

CLARENCE ROBISON
GEO. E. McKINNIS, JR.

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

January 6th, 1934.

Honorable J.Edgar Hoover, Director,
United States Division of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

As attorneys for the Fidelity Building & Loan Association, of this City, we desire to call your attention to the damage to our client's property occasioned by the gun battle between Wilbur Underhill and a squad of Federal Enforcement Officers on the morning of December 30th, 1933, in Shawnee, Oklahoma. The house and premises where Underhill was discovered, located at 606 West Dewey Street, were owned by our said client and rented to a tenant by the name of Hatler Smith who is a well known insurance man in this community. He claims to have sub-let the premises to strangers upon the recommendation of a friend of his, Mr. Joe Smalley, a member of the state House of Representatives. Said strangers, it seems, were allies of Underhill. At all events, it is quite apparent the matter was so carefully handled that neither the neighbors nor anyone else in town suspected the character of the occupants of this house. Under these circumstances, our client was not guilty of any contributory negligence and, therefore, is entitled to compensation for the injury to its property caused by the fire from the guns of said authorities.

Of course the damage was necessary and we do not mean to imply that said officers did not act wholly within their authority and their rights, and yet we believe that our client should not be expected to bear the expense of this damage, and that the government as a part of its normal function, should defray costs in connection with the regular items of expenses entailed in effecting this capture.

We hope that you will kindly let us hear from you as soon as convenient regarding this matter.

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Very respectfully yours,

ROBISON & McKINNIS,
By- Geo. E. McKinnis Jr.

GEMcK-Jr/b

This unmitigated nerve. See that a thorough check is made to get all who can be charged with any knowledge of this, on harboring a fugitive from justice. We certainly ought to check Smalley Smith & the client.
1/9/34 J. E. H.

Ack. 1/16/34 SPC

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to
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Mr. Hoover, Director of Investigation	✓
Mr. Hurley, Assistant Director	
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If you will forward form of approval of the attached I will recommend it
William Stanley

Memo Stanley 1-11-34

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WILLIAM STANLEY
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Department of Justice
Washington

January 11, 1934.

Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Locke
Mr. Cowley

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER, DIRECTOR,
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION.

In reply to your memorandum dated January 5, 1934, you are hereby authorized to pay a reward of $500.00 to the confidential informant who gave information as to the whereabouts of Wilber Underhill, with aliases, who was indicted at Kansas City, Missouri, on September 1, 1933, in connection with the murder of law-enforcement officers at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933.

Very truly yours,

William Stanley

The Assistant to the Attorney General.

Approved:

Homer Cummings

Attorney General.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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January 17, 1934.

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

62-28915-1104

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased)
RICHARD T. GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE.
I. O. #1201, et al
Obstruction of Justice

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the telephonic request of Mr. Newby of the Division, I had investigation conducted at Leroy, New York, to ascertain whether one Lee Cady, who is mentioned in the letter from the Detroit Office to the Division under date of January 10, 1934, is residing at that place.

Special Agent G. V. Doherty ascertained at Leroy that Lee H. Cady, his wife and three children have been living at 20 East State Street in a ten room house since about November 15, 1933. The Cady family moved to Leroy from either Canisto or Hornell, both in New York.

Inquiry revealed that Cady is operating a collection agency at 6 West Main St., Leroy, with one Roscoe Babcock, who lives at 23 E. Main Street. It was also ascertained that an individual known as K. D. Getchel, a stranger to the town, is residing at Cady's home and that this individual is very seldom seen around town.

A photograph of Subject Galatas was shown to Agent Doherty's informant, a letter carrier, who stated that the photograph resembles either Babcock or Getchel, but the informant could not be certain as he has not seen much of the two individuals mentioned.

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January 17, 1934.

This information was furnished to Mr. Newby by Agent Sackett telephonically last night.

Very truly yours,

F. X. [illegible]
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Kansas City

HP. RHS

January 16, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Please refer to Division letter dated January 8, 1934, wherein you were requested to forward the firearms received by the Division in connection with the apprehension of Wilbur Underhill.

It is requested that you expedite the shipment of these guns to the Division as much as possible.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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January 24, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to your telegram dated January 4, 1934, requesting instructions relative to the disposition of bonds aggravating $5,300.00 found in the possession of Wilbur Underhill, deceased.

In reply thereto, you are instructed to forward the bonds to the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri, to be placed by him in the custody of the United States District Court in that district to await proper proof to the court by individuals claiming ownership of the bonds.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc - Kansas City

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January 16, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER,
DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATION.

Bonds valued at $5,300.00, taken by agents of this Department from Wilber Underhill when captured recently in Oklahoma.

I have your memorandum of the 9th instant and inclosure. You ask for instructions as to your disposition of those bonds, and suggest that perhaps they should be surrendered to the appropriate State officials.

While your memorandum does not so state expressly, I presume that when Underhill was captured he was being sought for the killing of Agent Caffrey and police officers June 17, 1933, at Kansas City. You state that he was under indictment in Kansas City on a charge of obstructing justice growing out of that killing. In those circumstances, I suggest that the bonds be transmitted by your Oklahoma City office to the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri, to be by him placed in the custody of the United States District Court for that District, and to await proper proof to the Court by some one claiming the bonds.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, deceased
Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201, et al,
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

In reply to your letter dated January 7, 1934, there are transmitted, herewith, twenty glossy-finished photographs taken from the best available photograph appearing in the files of the Identification Unit of the Division of Subject Galatas.

Copies of this photograph are also being furnished the Kansas City and Chicago Offices of the Division with a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JAN 19 1934 AM

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

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases--
FUGITIVE - I. O. #1201; ET AL
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

In this case reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. Carter Baum of the Chicago Division office, dated January 3, 1934, wherein an undeveloped lead requests the Jacksonville office to conduct investigation at various race tracks now operating in Miami, Florida, and vicinity.

Special Agent Roger L. Main, Resident Agent at Miami, Florida, has a number of valuable informants who frequent these speed tracks. It is respectfully requested that the Division furnish the Jacksonville office as soon as possible about thirty of the best photographs available of Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1201.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

Jax #62-877
cc Kansas City
Chicago

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
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January 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In connection with the request made of the New York City office yesterday to determine whether Cady and Babcock, relatives of Galatas, were living at Leroy, New York, Mr. Sackett called last night and advised that Agent Doherty had been to Leroy and determined that Cady and Babcock and a third individual, known as Getchel, were occupying a ten room house in Leroy, to which they had moved on November 15, 1933. Doherty exhibited the photograph of Galatas to a mail carrier who advised that he looked very much like the third party known as Getchel. I contacted Mr. Brantley at Memphis and gave him that information. He stated that though they were making some preparations in Memphis to be prepared in the event Galatas came to that vicinity they had no definite leads there which looked promising for the immediate future. Mr. Brantley stated that he intended to go to Leroy for the purpose of interviewing Cady and Babcock. I discussed with Mr. Brantley the advisability of leaving immediately for New York in view of the information obtained from Leroy. He stated that it appeared that that was a more important lead than anything they had at Memphis and that they would proceed immediately to New York. He stated, however, that there were no planes at night and they could probably arrive in New York sooner by waiting until this morning and catching a plane, but that they would advise the Division before their departure.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation
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Washington, D. C.

January 16, 1934.

Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Cowley

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Special Agent in Charge Brantley called this morning from Memphis, Tennessee, and advised that the informant at Hot Springs, Arkansas, had no definite information concerning the whereabouts of Galatas and that he had not contacted him recently; that any contacts he had had with Galatas had been indirect and that there was nothing to indicate that Galatas was in Hot Springs or vicinity at this time. He stated that he and Agent Andersen are now in Memphis on some leads in this case and they intend to go from there to Clarksdale, Mississippi. Mr. Brantley stated that the informant had promised to communicate any information he received concerning Galatas to Mr. Colvin. Mr. Brantley wanted to know if it were all right for him and Andersen to work together on the leads at Memphis and Clarksdale. I told him that this was all right. He stated that the report submitted by Special Agent D. L. Nicholson of Detroit, under date of January 9, 1934, indicated two relatives of Galatas, Lee H. Cady and R. W. Babcock, last known to have resided at Leroy, New York, and he requested that the New York City office be requested to determine whether these individuals are still at Leroy, without contacting them. Accordingly Mr. Newby called the New York City office and requested that they determine whether Cady and Babcock are living at Leroy, and, if not, where they can be located. Mr. Brantley stated that he would call again in the morning unless something important developed this afternoon and that his address at Memphis is the Bevoy Hotel. He stated, however, that the prospects did not look promising.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley

S. P. Cowley.

Richard Tallman Galatas

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JAN 29 1934

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

Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of a letter dated January 17, 1934, from Mr. Ben Howle, Deputy Sheriff, Wichita Falls, Texas. Mr. Howle gives his address as Post Office Box 416, and requests that a Special Agent call upon him at an early date as he has important information concerning one of the four outstanding men that you want today.

It is suggested that you communicate with Mr. Howle at an early date.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Mr. Ben Howle,
Deputy Sheriff,
Post Office Box 416,
Wichita Falls, Texas.

Dear Mr. Howle:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated January 17, 1934, in which you request that a Special Agent call upon you at an early date for the purpose of securing information concerning an un-named individual, who you advise is wanted by this Division.

The Special Agent in Charge at Dallas, Texas, Mr. F. J. Blake, Post Office Building, has been instructed to communicate with you at an early date.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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WICHITA COUNTY

Wichita Falls, Texas

Jan. 17, 1934.

Mr. J. E. Hoover,
Director U.S.Dept., Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Would appreciate your having one of your best criminal investigators call on me the first time it is convenient as I have some very important information on one of the four outstanding men that you want today.

Trusting to hear from you soon, I remain

Very truly yours,

Ben Howle

Ben Howle, Deputy Sheriff
P.O.Box 416,
Wichita Falls, Texas.

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MR. CLEGG
MR. COWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. EGAN
MR. QUINN
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MR. HORER

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent Brantley called this morning from Buffalo, New York, Hotel Buffalo, and advised that he, Andersen and Doherty are proceeding to Leroy, New York, this morning, looking toward the apprehension of Galatas. He stated that he would advise the Division immediately by telephone if anything of importance developed.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley

S. P. Cowley.

Richard Tallman Galatas

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Birmingham Alabama
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PLEASE FORWARD FOUR PHOTOGRAPHS AND DESCRIPTION OF EL SPEAR CONFIDENCE MAN
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Oklahoma City, Okla.	1-16-34	12-28-33	G. A. Stevens

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased), et al	Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: E. Williams, negro doctor, Seminole, Oklahoma, received telephone call during June, 1933 from Shawnee, Oklahoma offering him $100.00 if he would meet unknown white men on road between Seminole and Shawnee to treat wounded man. Williams informed Chief of Police at Seminole he did not meet these men. Williams was under surveillance of Seminole police for one week at that time, and they are of the opinion he did not do so. Williams at present in Federal custody on narcotic charge. Descriptions of Volney Davis and Lloyd Barker contained herein, and photographs and finger prints transmitted herewith to Kansas City office.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, 12-15-33; letter from Kansas City office dated December 22, 1933.

DETAILS: At Seminole, Oklahoma.

Chief of Police Jake Sims informed Agent that the negro doctor referred to is E. Williams who, at the time in question, had his office at the corner of Wewoka and First Streets, Seminole; that when advised of the facts DETAILED set out on page forty of the report of SAC R. E. Vetterli, Kansas City, Missouri, June 26, 1933, he immediately placed Williams under surveillance, and Williams was not out of the sight of his officers for more than fifteen minutes at a time for almost a week, but nothing developed; that a few weeks later, he arrested Williams for possession of narcotics, and while in jail, he questioned Williams with reference to instant matter; that he, Williams, recalled receiving the telephone call from Shawnee from an unknown white man who offered him $100.00 if he would meet this man and a few of his friends at a point six miles from

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Seminole on the road between Shawnee and Seminole; that he, Williams, was to go there for the purpose of treating a man who had been wounded. According to Sims, Williams insisted that he had no idea as to the identity of the person who called him, and in view of the fact that said person did not disclose his identity, he, Williams, was afraid they had planned to rob or kidnap him, and did not make the trip. Sims further informed that Williams is not in Seminole at the present time, and believes that Williams was arrested by the Government on a narcotic charge and is now in jail at Guthrie, Oklahoma, or Oklahoma City.

From the records of the U. S. Attorney, Oklahoma City, it was ascertained that Williams was removed to Seminole, Oklahoma on a narcotic charge on December 8, 1933.

At McAlester, Oklahoma.

The following information with reference to Volney Davis and Lloyd Barker was obtained from the records of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester : (Description as of 1-26-25)

Name:	Volney Davis, alias Roy Green, alias Earl Stachteck
Age:	22 years (in 1925)
Height:	5'8½"
Weight:	123 lbs.
Build:	Slender
Hair:	Light chestnut
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Fair
Teeth:	Good
Race:	White
Nose:	Conv. and elevated
Occupation:	Printer
Police Number:	12808 State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.
Relatives:	Father - Rodney E. Davis, Tulsa, Okla. Sister - Bertha Williams, 2508 E. 8th St., Tulsa, Okla. Sister - Beula Porter, Tulsa, Okla.
Criminal record:	No. 12808 State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla., received 2-3-23 from Tulsa, Okla., charge murder, sentence-life. Escaped 1-8-25, returned 1-25-25. On 11-3-32 given leave of absence to 7-1-33. On 6-30-33 leave extended to 7-1-34. No. 9849 State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla., charge grand larceny; transferred to Oklahoma State Reformatory, Granite, Okla. on 7-15-20.

Signature on fingerprint card.
Fingerprints and photograph forwarded herewith to the Kansas City Office.

(Following description as of 2-10-22)

Name:	Dock Barker, alias Arthur Barker
Age:	22 years
Height:	5'3½"
Weight:	112 lbs.
Build	Short
Hair:	Chestnut
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Medium
Marks:	Flesh colored moles - one on left cheek and two on right cheek
Race:	White
Police Number:	11906 State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.
Criminal Record:	No. 11906, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla. received 2-10-22 from Tulsa, Okla., charge murder, sentence-life. Paroled 9-10-38. No. 11059, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla. received 1-31-21 from Lincoln County, Okla. for safe keeping; discharged 6-11-21 on order of court. As Arthur Barker, No. 841, arrested at Tulsa, Okla. 7-4-18, charge-larceny of U. S. Property (auto), to U. S. Courts. As Arthur Barker, No. 1740, arrested 2-19-20 at Joplin, Mo., charge-Fugitive, returned to Tulsa as escape on 2-24-21.

Fingerprints and photograph forwarded herewith to the Kansas City Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Chickasha, Oklahoma and Boise City, Oklahoma will follow leads as set out in the reference report of Agent Trainor.

At Muskogee, Oklahoma will ascertain place in which Williams is now incarcerated and interview him, obtaining such information as is possible with reference to the telephone call as set out in this report.

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U. S. Department of Justice
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Suite L -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
January 17, 1934.

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

There is transmitted herewith a registration card bearing serial number 1990 from the Netherlands Hotel, Kansas City, Mo., showing registration as of March 14, 1933, of parties recorded as "H. E. BUCHAN and A. C. CARTER."

This investigation has developed a possibility that the party known as Carter might be identical with Vernon C. Miller, deceased, or Alvin Karpis.

There are enclosed the original of a lease bearing the known signature of Vernon C. Miller, under his alias "V. C. Moore," and a photographic copy of the original signature of Alvin Karpis. It is requested that an analysis of their handwritings be made and the known specimens compared with the writing on the hotel registration card, to determine if possible which, if either, corresponds with the registration. The hotel employees have stated that the registration was done by Carter.

Please return the hotel registration card to this office, in order that it may be submitted to the hotel from which it was borrowed.

Very truly yours,

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

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NEW YORK CITY	1/19/34	1/8 & 10/34	L. G. TURROU

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased) RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE. I. O. #1201; et al	OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation disclosed that Galatas and wife own no stock of U. S. Steel Corporation. As requested by office of origin the aid and cooperation of Inspector Herbert Graham, authority on confidence men in the United States, was enlisted in locating Galatas, and he has promised to do everything possible to secure information from undercover sources as to the location of Galatas, which information he will submit to this Division.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Kansas City Office to Director, 12/21/33.
Letter from Kansas City to New York, 1/6/34.

DETAILS:

DETAILS: A careful examination of the records by Mr. E. W. Livermore, Manager of the Stock Transfer Department, U. S. Steel Corporation, 71 Broadway, New York City, failed to disclose that either Galatas or his wife, under their true names or known aliases, own common or preferred stock of the above mentioned corporation. This check by Mr. Livermore was made as far back as 1909.

With reference to the statement made by Louise Conner to the effect that she had played golf with Mrs. Wright and Mrs. O'Brien

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at the Hot Springs Country Club, Hot Aprings, Ark., during the day of June 16, 1933, in this connection and for the purpose of verifying Mrs. Conner's statement, the writer called at 18 East 69th Street, New York City, and there ascertained from the Superintendent of the house that no one by the name of O'Brien is now residing there or has ever lived there in the past.

At 18 West 69th Street it was also ascertained that no one by that name has ever lived at that address.

Post Office Inspector Herbert Graham, who is attached to the New York Division, and is a recognized authority on confidence men in the United States, upon being interviewed at his office concerning his knowledge of the whereabouts of Galatas advised that although he had not come in contact with Galatas he, nevertheless, had heard considerable about him, and he is listed in his records as one of the major confidence men in the country. Mr. Graham stated that there is a strong possibility that Galatas is in communication with one John B. Haskell, who is a State Senator of the First District, State of Missouri, and who, at the present time, resides at the Majestic Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Graham said that Haskell is a sort of intermediary for a large number of confidence men and from personal knowledge he, Graham, knows that Haskell on many occasions has been used to receive mail for confidence men who were temporarily "hot", and to whose hideouts Haskell would have their mail delivered by certain means, in order to escape detection by the authorities. Mr. Graham cautioned against a personal contact with Senator Haskell and suggested that some other appropriate means be devised in order to ascertain whether Galatas is in communication with him or whether he, Haskell, is aware of the whereabouts of Galatas.

Inspector Graham was furnished with the complete personal history of Galatas and he stated that he expects in the near future to contact several of his informants who are notorious confidence men and trusted in their respective circles, and will endeavor to ascertain from them whether they know where Galatas is at the present time, or whether they have any other information which might be of value in locating Galatas. Mr. Graham said that any information secured in this connection by him will be transmitted immediately to the New York Division Office. Mr. Graham was also requested to keep this matter in mind in the course of his extensive travels through the country, and should he by chance run across any information leading to the whereabouts of Galatas he stated that he would, depending upon the circumstances, either cause the apprehension of Galatas himself, or he would communicate the information to the nearest Division Office.

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Cincinnati, Ohio	1-19-34	1-13-34	N. B. Klein MJ

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201, et al	CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Pete Smith of Lexington, Ky., is a gambler who has resided there for the past sixteen years and is not identical with Fugitive Galatas.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Oklahoma City Office dated 1-18-34.

DETAILS: AT LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

Joe Harrington, Lieut. of Detectives, Lexington Police Department, advised Agent that one Pete Smith is known to him as a gambler; that Smith has resided in Lexington for the past fifteen or sixteen years. He stated that Smith at the present time is associated with some Night Club at Lexington and that he sees him occasionally but is unable to say as to his connections. Lieut. Harrington describes Pete Smith as being about 50 years of age, 5' 8" in height, 150 lbs. in weight, gray hair, decidedly cross-eyed and apparently English American type. A photograph of Fugitive Galatas was exhibited to Lieut. Harrington, who immediately stated that Pete Smith did not in any way resemble Fugitive Galatas.

DETAILS: In company with Lieut. Harrington, agent called at the Western Union Telegraph Office in Lexington and there the Manager exhibited a telegram which was sent by Smith on 1-6-34 addressed to Frank Clark at Hot Springs, Ark. The message was signed "Pet" Smith and bore the address of Smith as that of the Savoy Hotel, Lexington.

At the Savoy Hotel, Lieut. Harrington talked with the proprietor in the presence of Agent and he again verified the fact that Pete Smith has lived in Lexington for a number of years and is the same Pete Smith who is alleged to be a gambler and who at the present time is associated with a local

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night club. Photograph of Galatas was exhibited by Lieut. Harrington to the proprietor in the presence of Agent and he stated he has never seen any one about the hotel resembling Fugitive.

It may be noted here that the Savoy Hotel is just a small place and the proprietor acts as day clerk and manager, twelve hours of the day.

Identification Order #1201 was left with Lieut. Harrington, who stated that he will endeavor to watch connections of Smith about the Savoy Hotel with view of ascertaining whether or not Fugitive Galatas is contacting Smith.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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January 17, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

There is attached a copy of "The Public Opinion", dated January 12, 1934, published at Hot Springs, Arkansas. This paper came in the enclosing wrapper of the Majestic Hotel Company, Incorporated, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, with no individual's return address thereon.

At page 3 of this paper, under the caption "Dead or Alive", is reproduced Identification Order #1201 on Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases. It should be noted that this identification order is obviously being used for political purposes and not in the usual manner.

It is suggested that you might wish to call the attention of the Special Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City Office to this occurrence.

Respectfully,

W. H. D. Lester

W. H. D. Lester.

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Birmingham, Ala.	1-19-34	1-9,10,13,15,16, 17-1934.	G. N. Lowdon

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

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Sturney now residing at #5 Clubview Avenue, Montgomery, Ala.; employed with C.W.A. No records of express shipments by him out of Tuscaloosa, Holt or Northport, Ala. Jules Galatas now thought to be in Miami, Fla. following races. Mrs. Edw. Levi, 730 Forest Avenue, Wilmette, Ill., reported capable of furnishing information on location of Jules Galatas.

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REFERENCE: Report of Sp. Agt. W. Carter Baum, Chicago, Ill., 12-20-33; report of Sp. Agt. J. H. Hanson, Birmingham, Ala., 12-9-33.

DETAILS: At Tuscaloosa, Ala.

W. D. McKee, Clerk, American Railway Express Company, and E.F. Harrell, Agent for Southeastern Express Company, after searching their records, informed Agent that no packages had been expressed from either of these stations by Pat Gardelle Sturney from November 1, 1933 to December 24, 1933.

G. H. Graham and Richard Pearson, Southeastern Express Agents at Holt and Northport, Ala., respectively, after search of their records, informed Agent that Sturney had expressed no packages from their stations from November 1st through December 20, 1933, and no deliveries had been made by them to Sturney at any time.

Mrs. W. L. Beard, clerk, Tuscaloosa office of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, from her records informed Agent that Sturney had called from Tuscaloosa #2187 to Montgomery, Alabama, exchange number Walnut 1368 M, this being the number of Mrs. Myrtle Gibson Duncan, 109 Woodley Terrace, his guardian. This call was made on November 28, 1933. Also, from Tuscaloosa number 2187 a party

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listed by the operator as "Serny" placed a call for Birmingham number 7-3318.

At Birmingham, Ala.

After being informed by Mrs. Eva Murphy, record clerk, Southern Bell Telephone Company, that the party subscribing for this phone (7-3318) had requested that no information be given out concerning it. Agent then interviewed Mr. R. E. Simmons, District Manager of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, who stated that this number was listed to one J. C. Leach, Apartment A-10, 2830-10th Court S., this being the Highland Court Apartments.

Inquiry at the Merchants Credit Association, Exchange Building, and the Retail Credit Company, Woodward Building, disclosed that the only information secured by either of these concerns had to do with one James C. Leach, 1500 Walnut Circle, district manager of the Sanitary Specialties Corporation, reports having been made on this party in 1932. He is also the only J. C. Leach listed in the 1932 Birmingham City Directory.

At Tuscaloosa, Ala.

On January 16, 1934, Dr. Dabney S. Lancaster, Dean of Men, University of Alabama, telephonically advised Agent that he had spoken with Sturney just prior to his withdrawal from the University about the first of December, 1933, and had been unable to successfully question him with reference to the location of Galatas; that Sturney informed him that it was his intention to return to Montgomery, Alabama and seek employment there; that Sturney had worked at odd jobs during the fall in an effort to secure sufficient funds with which to remain in school, but had been unable to keep up in his financial requirements, and for this reason had resigned from the University. Dr. Lancaster further stated that no application for a transfer of grades had as yet been made by Sturney, but that all information on this case which he might receive would be immediately reported to this office.

At Birmingham, Ala.

T. E. Wood, colored postal carrier delivering to 2830-10th Court S., informed Agent that apartment 10-A has been occupied by the present residents since about the first of November, 1933; that no mail whatsoever has been delivered to this address, the shades of which are always kept drawn; that he has seen a tall one-armed man and a short, slightly stout man, both of middle age, entering and leaving the apartment on several occasions, and believes them to be occupants of this apartment, probably engaged in bootlegging, but that he has no knowledge as to the identity of these individuals. Upon examination of the photo of Galatas, Wood stated that neither of these men in any way fitted his description, and that he had seen no one in or near this apartment who might so fit the description of Galatas. Wood further stated that he would make additional inquiry near this address, and report any information which he might receive, to this office.

Mr. R. E. Simmons, Southern Bell Telephone Company, informed Special Agent D. O. Smith that he examined records of long distance telephone calls and could find no record of any such calls issuing from telephone #7-3318, above mentioned.

In this connection, it is noted that the cover maintained on the mail of Sturney while he attended the University of Alabama, disclosed that he received a letter from the law firm of Harris, Cowherd & Brown, 629-32 First National Bank Building, Birmingham, Alabama, whose telephone number is listed as 7-4801. Mr. Simmons also checked long distance calls issuing from this number, and informed Agent Smith that all such calls were made to established law firms in Montgomery, Alabama.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H.E. Roberts.

<u>At Montgomery, Ala.</u>

On January 9, 1934, [redacted] was interviewed and advised that she is not personally acquainted with any of the Galatas family, except Sidney Galatas; that she got all information which she passed on to J. M. Shields, former Prohibition Agent in Charge, from Miss Grady Clifton, who is acquainted with Sidney Galatas' wife and other close friends of the Galatas family; that she could be trusted as she has also furnished information in the past to Mr. Shields.

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Miss Grady Clifton, 26 Clayton Avenue, stated that she is very well acquainted with Jules Galatas and also knows his former wife, who is now Mrs. Henry H. Jones, 100 Forrest Avenue, Montgomery; that Jules Galatas treated her terribly and she would do anything to turn him or Richard Galatas up if she knew where they might be located, or if she could get the information. She stated that over the week end she saw a news item in the Montgomery Advertiser, stating that the Government was out to get Richard T. Galatas, dead or alive; that this has caused considerable talk among her friends; that a man in the party with her stated that Mrs. Richard T. Galatas is in Montgomery, Alabama at this time.

Agent tried to get Miss Clifton to make further inquiries of this party, but was informed that she did not want to question him too closely as he might think that she was trying to get information for some ulterior reason; that if she is given time she will try to contact this party and learn where and under what name Mrs. Galatas is living in Montgomery. In the event she does not get the information Agent will endeavor to get the name of this friend and interview him.

Miss Clifton stated that she talked with a friend today and was advised that Mrs. Sidney Galatas was in Chicago during the World Fair last summer; that Jules Galatas was operating a gambling game in the Morrison Hotel

during the entire time of the fair; that he is now spending the winter at Miami, Florida; that she did not get the name of the hotel where he may be stopping, the name he may be using, or other address. Miss Clifton stated that Jules follows the races all the time and may be around some race track constantly. She stated that she will try to see Mrs. Galatas sometime soon and try to ascertain more information concerning Jules Galatas.

Regarding Richard T. Galatas, Miss Clifton stated that her friend claimed the Galatas family does not know where he may be found. Miss Clifton advised that since the papers have carried several articles regarding Richard T. Galatas, he has become common conversation and she heard from a neighbor that Pat Sturney, step-son of Galatas, was now living at 211 Church Street. Agent is keeping in touch with Miss Clifton, who works in the Glove Department at the Montgomery Fair.

"Charlie" Brown, Elite Cafe, was interviewed, and stated that he told J. M. Shields, that he knew Jules Galatas; that Jules left Montgomery, Alabama, with Mrs. B.E.Gerson, some years ago; that they have lived in Chicago, Illinois and Florida; however, he could not say where. He stated that he is not acquainted with Richard T. Galatas, and never heard of him until he saw his name in the paper. He does not appear to have contact with anyone who might tell him where Richard T. Galatas is and did not seem willing to cooperate.

Allen Glass, Postal Carrier #5, stated that he carried mail to 211 Church Street, and was requested to have one of the residents at that address furnish the names of the persons receiving mail at that address. The list of patrons was returned with the names of Mr. Ruth Batcham, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. (Maggie) Minnis, and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace A. Tomkins and family. The name of Pat Sturney was not shown. It is noted that Pat Sturney formerly lived at this address with Hugh M. Martin, who formerly resided at this address. Martin is married to Ida Mae Galatas, a sister of Richard T. Galatas, and they are now living at Long Beach, California. Further investigation will be made in this connection.

E. H. Ligon, colored, carrier #32, Carolyn Sub-Station of the Montgomery Post Office was interviewed and stated that the people now receiving mail at 109 Woodley Terrace are Mrs. Myrtle G. Duncan, Miss Myrtle Duncan, Paul Duncan, Pat Sturney, Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Zaug; that he has not seen Pat Sturney around the place recently, but has noted Dawson Zaug there; that they have a Plymouth Coupe, bearing a 1933 Wisconsin license tag, and the Zaugs have a five year old daughter. He described Dawson Zaug as being about 35 years old; height 5'8"; 160 lbs.; blond hair, slightly bald; and a fair complexion.

A. H. Warner, Sub-Postal Clerk, Carolyn Sub-Station, Montgomery Post Office, was interviewed and stated that he formerly went to school with Pat Sturney; that he is a very good friend of Sturney's; however, that he

would gladly assist the Government in any way possible to get information through Sturney relative to the possible whereabouts of his mother and step-father. He states that he does not believe that Sturney will suspect him and may drop something. Warner was cautioned that he was to treat anything that the Government was doing in the instant case confidentially, and he stated that he knew that there was a cover on the mail of Sturney and the Duncans. He was furnished with Agent's telephone number in the event he learns anything. Mr. Warner referred Agent to Dr. Abercrombie, as being a neighbor of the Duncans who might possibly give information and treat the matter confidentially.

John W. Abercrombie, Assistant State Superintendent of Education, was interviewed and stated that he resides at 904 Fairview Avenue, which is a block away from Mrs. Myrtle G. Duncan's residence; that he is not acquainted with her, but has a niece who is married to a young lawyer, D. Eugene Loe, who resides at 116 Woodley Terrace; that he believes that if Mr. Loe is approached and told that he, Dr. Abercrombie, recommended him as being reliable and dependable, that he would not violate a confidence; that he would undoubtedly know something of the Duncan family, and may know Pat Sturney personally. Dr. Abercrombie ascertained that Mr. Harmon knew Mrs. Myrtle G. Duncan.

Arthur F. Harmon, State Superintendent of Education, was discreetly interviewed and stated that he resides at 517 Woodley Road, Montgomery, Ala.; that he has known Mrs. Myrtle G. Duncan for a number of years; that his sons at one time went out with her daughter, who is now Mrs. Dawson Zaug; that Dawson Zaug was formerly connected with the American Panel and Veneer Corporation, 1000 North McDonough Street, Montgomery; that he recently came back to Montgomery and his present occupation is unknown to him; that his home is in Wisconsin, some place. Mr. Harmon stated that Mrs. Myrtle G. Duncan left her husband and has been getting around since, and caused some talk about herself. He stated that Mrs. Zaug before her marriage was quite a "stepper" and has been in his home with his sons on numerous occasions; that he does not know Pat Sturney or Richard T. Galatas, personally, but when shown I. O. #1201, stated that he had seen him around Montgomery some years ago. He suggested that if Galatas is known around Hot Springs, Arkansas, as the newspapers stated, he would undoubtedly be very friendly with Al Reynolds, a hotelman who was born and raised in Montgomery, Alabama; that he believes that if Galatas' whereabouts is known to anyone, Reynolds would know same. He does not believe that Reynolds would tell the Government even if he knew, but suggested that some informant might get the information.

J. C. Dailey, truck driver for the Railway Express Agency, Montgomery, was interviewed and stated that about Christmas time he had one delivery to 109 Woodley Terrace; that this was a parcel valued at $250.00, to Dawson Zaug, from New London, Wisconsin. It is noted that a recent number of tracings of mail were received from the American Playwood Corporation, New London, Wisconsin, for Mrs. Dawson Zaug, and it would appear that he might still be connected with the American Panel and Veneer Corporation of Montgomery.

On January 15, 1934, Miss Grady Clifton advised that she was unable to contact the gentleman friend who mentioned that Mrs. Richard T. Galatas was located in Montgomery, Alabama. She has been unable to obtain any information of value in the instant case.

Mrs. Henry H. Jones, 100 Forest Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama, former wife of Jules Galatas, advised that Mrs. Ed Levi, 730 Forest Avenue, Wilmette, Cook County, Illinois, is a former Montgomery, Alabama, girl and is personally acquainted with Mrs. B. E. Gerson and Jules Galatas; that she may be able to furnish the name Jules Galatas is going under, and where Jules and Mrs. Gerson may be located at this time. Mrs. Jones furnished the following description of Jules Galatas.

NAME	JULES GALATAS, alias B. E.Gerson
Age	43 years
Height	5'8"
Weight	145#
Build	Medium
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Appearance	Neat and well dressed
Manner	Quiet
Speech	Southern

A. H. Warner, Jr., 505 East Third Street, who is a substitute Postal Clerk, was interviewed and advised that Pat C. Sturney, son of Mrs. Richard T. Galatas is now working on a C.W.A. project at Maxwell Field; that he does not know where he resides.

Charles Allen, interviewed at the C.W.A. headquarters, Old Post Office Building, stated that Pat G. Sturney is employed with the C.W.A.at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, work #51-2343-N; that Major Ryan, at Maxwell Field, is his superior; that S. F. Tillery, at the C.W.A. office in Hangar #4, Maxwell Field, is the timekeeper and may know him better than Major Ryan. On the registration card Sturney gave his address as #5 Club View Avenue. In this regard Mr. Warner stated that he saw Sturney one morning boarding the street car at the end of the line near #5 Club View Avenue. Mr. James L. Beech has been listed at this address in Montgomery city directory the last two years. He is shown as a conductor.

Mrs. Chlora Galatas, 1105 S. Perry Avenue, upon interview informed Agent that she was formerly the wife of J. Albert Galatas, Jr., half-brother of Richard T. Galatas; that she has no use for the Galatas boys, but is very friendly with Mrs. William (Capitola) Castleberry, half-sister of Mr. Richard T. Galatas; that Mrs. Henry H. Jones, former wife of Jules Galatas, is bitter toward the Galatas family and would gladly assist the Government.

It is her earnest desire that she not be identified greatly with this investigation, and that her name not be used.

On January 16, 1934, she informed Agent that she was recently the guest of Mrs. William Castleberry, half-sister of Richard T. Galatas, and that Mrs. Castleberry has no information relative to Richard's whereabouts or that of his wife or of Pat Sturney.

All persons interviewed were cautioned that this investigation is very confidential and promised both before and after the interviews that they would treat the inquiries confidentially.

At Birmingham, Ala.

On January 16, 1934 Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley telephonically communicated from Memphis, Tennessee with Acting Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson at Birmingham, and requested that four copies of a photograph of Ed Spear, confidence man, be secured and forwarded to him. He also desired that investigation at Montgomery, Alabama be discreetly conducted, inasmuch as it was possible that an undercover investigation would be made at a later time. He desired that it be immediately determined where Pat Sturney is living at the present time, with whom he is living, and also that there be located some person who can identify Sturney. On January 17, 1934 Acting Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson telephonically transmitted to Agent Brantley the information above mentioned, secured by Agent H. E. Roberts.

On January 16, 1934, telegraphic request was made of the Kansas City office to secure the above mentioned photographs of Spear from the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and in reply the Birmingham office was telegraphically advised by Acting Special Agent in Charge M. C. Spear, of the Kansas City office, that the only Ed Spear with a record in that vicinity, is a negro.

A review of this file has disclosed that the above mentioned Ed Spear formerly served a term at the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, and efforts are being made by this office to secure photographs from that institution.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

BIRMINGHAM OFFICE, at Atlanta, Ga., will secure photographs and description of Ed Spear from the U. S. Penitentiary.

CHICAGO OFFICE, at Wilmette, Ill. is requested to discreetly interview Mrs. Ed Levi, 730 Forst Avenue, for such information as she may be able to supply relative to Jules Galatas.

JACKSONVILLE OFFICE, at Miami, Fla. is requested to secure all in-

formation available concerning the present location of Jules Galatas alias B. E. Gerson, as indicated from the body of this report.

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224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
January 8, 1934

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PH:LJ

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

Re: RICHARD TALMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1801;
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 the above captioned case, please be advised that while Agent Hansen was recently at Chickasha, Oklahoma on another matter, he was advised by Deputy U. S. Marshal Joe Burney of Chickasha that one Oscar L. Williams, a Federal prisoner at Leavenworth, Kansas, who has been there about sixty or eighty days serving a two year sentence for a liquor violation, recently sent word to Burney that he had obtained valuable information from a prisoner by the name of Ford concerning the Union Station massacre. Burney thinks that all information given by Williams would be reliable, and suggests that the person who talks with Williams about this matter tell him Burney had asked him to give all information he could about this matter and same would be treated in a confidential manner.

It is suggested that when an Agent from the Kansas City office is next at Leavenworth, Kansas, he interview this prisoner, Oscar L. Williams, for such information as he may be able to furnish.

Very truly yours,

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R. H. COLVIN,
Special Agent in Charge.
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
JANUARY 3, 1934.

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DEPT. OF JUSTICE
DIVISION ONE
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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Building
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: - VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER
KANSAS CITY FILE 62-760-

Further reference is made to my letter of January 2nd pertaining to one "Carter", believed identical with Bernard Phillips, Subject of Identification Order number 1196, believed to be now located at Tyler, Texas.

Mr. E. L. Dye, the private detective mentioned in that letter, appeared at the Kansas City Office late on the afternoon of January 2nd and advised Special Agents W. F. Trainor and N. E. Marshall facts identical in substance with those shown in the letter of January 2nd, except that Mr. Dye stated that he had not seen Carter and his wife at Kansas City after the middle of March, 1933, until he again met "Carter" during the latter part of October last, in Kansas City. He had no information that would indicate that Carter and wife had been in this city during June 1933, or that they left here suddenly the day after the massacre.

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It is evident that this information, which originally came from police detective Phippen, was either erroneous or that Phippen's source of information was some one other than Mr. Dye. This particular angle will be followed through discreet interview with Phippen, who may furnish the source of his information although same is presumed to have been confidential to him.

Mr. Dye stated that during the time that the Carters lived at the Ambassador Hotel during the winter of 1932-1933 and the Spring of 1933, he noticed that Carter was making numerous long distance telephone calls to telephone number 3400 Hot Springs, Arkansas. He stated that he took occasion to listen in on the telephone conversations and found that they were invariably carried out in a code manner.

It will be noted that telephone number 5400, Hot Springs, Arkansas, is that of the Majestic Hotel, which is considered a gangster hangout. This information was previously in the Kansas City file in this case.

Mr. Dye also stated that Carter placed several long distance calls while he was at the Ambassador Hotel to numbers in Wichita, Kansas, Independence, Missouri, and Tyler, Texas. He does not know the telephone numbers at these places. Dye stated that after the massacre on June 17, 1933, he personally went to the Ambassador Hotel and there secured the original records of long distance telephone calls made by Carter, since he suspected that Carter was implicated in the matter or that some of his underworld connections were; that he brought the records to Mr. Thomas J. Higgins, Chief of Police Detectives, Kansas City, Missouri. He was under the impression that Mr. Higgins had probably taken the matter up with the Kansas City office.

Mr. Dye also stated that Carter had a friend who frequently called on him at the Ambassador Hotel, whose name he recalls as "Rice". He stated that Rice always carried a golf bag and that he appeared to be a bank robber. He suspects that the golf bag was a receptacle for a machine gun.

Mr. Dye also stated that the girl at the cigar counter at the Ambassador Hotel has always been a very close friend of Grace Carter, and that if anyone in Kansas City knows the whereabouts of the Carters that woman would. He was unable to furnish the name of the woman at the cigar counter, but she is evidently the same one with whom the Agents talked, as reflected in my letter of January 2nd.

Mr. Dye also advised that Carter had a close friend named O'Keefe, who accompanied him at various times while at the hotel. That after Carter departed during March 1933, he understands that he and O'Keefe participated in a bank robbery at or near St. Paul, Minnesota; that an officer was killed and that O'Keefe was caught and received a life sentence in the Minnesota State Penitentiary. O'Keefe is evidently identical with Leonard E. Carson, alias Leonard O'Keefe, alias Lawrence Davalt, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department Number 17901.

Mr. Dye stated that there is a man named Max Carnahan, who is a close friend of Carter, residing at Wichita, Kansas, and that another friend named Coffman or Hoffman resides in Hutchinson, Kansas. He also stated that there is a bellboy named Orey, formerly employed

at the Ambassador Hotel, who is now a bellboy at the Hotel Kansas Citian. That this bellboy knows practically every member of the Frank Nash gang and has waited on Harvey Bailey and others. That he will "talk" to an officer if he is sure that his name will not be divulged. Appropriate means will be taken to make the desired contact with the bellboy named Orey for any information that he may be able to divulge pursuant to instant investigation.

During the conversation with Mr. Dye care was taken not to press him closely for information since this office has been advised by Mr. Haycock, as mentioned in my letter of January 2nd, that Dye is not considered most cooperative but is probably in possession of a great deal of authentic information. Therefore, he was not pressed for the source of some of the information which he furnished.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Division
cc - St. Paul

824 Federal Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
Jan. 5, 1934.

RHC:GMH.

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DEPT. OF JUSTICE
DIVISION ONE
JAN - 9 1934 AM

Mr. G. T. Sullins,
Assistant United States Attorney,
Fort Smith, Ark.

Dear Sir:

Having reference to your letter of January 3, 1934, concerning cases investigated by Special Agent Edgar and concerning which you have not yet received reports, please be advised that since the 29th ultimo Agent Edgar has been assigned to a special detail in the Wilber Underhill matter and has been unable to submit his reports. I will endeavor to get them there, however, in time for the Grand Jury on January 8th, at which time Agent Edgar will be at Ft. Smith.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Dallas, Texas.

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

RE: Vernon C. Miller,
with aliases (Deceased); etal.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith an envelope addressed to "Pretty Boy" Floyd, c/o Attorney Vogel, Wilson Building, Dallas, Texas; mailed at Wynnewood, Oklahoma 1/3/34; enclosed in which is a yellow piece of paper on which is typewritten the following:

"FLOYD:
AFTER CLOSE CHECK EVERYTHING
JAM UP. WILL MEET YOU FOR
SCHEDULE. (Signed) PAT."

You will probably recall that R.H. Vogel, the recipient of this letter, was at one time United States Commissioner, and it is my recollection that he ceased to be such by reason of some indiscretions or irregularities. He claims that he knows nothing about Floyd and cannot understand why the letter was sent to his office.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
JAN 5 1934
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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C O P Y-dcr

1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois,
January 3, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter of December 28, 1933, enclosing the November, 1933 expense account of Special Agent (A) R. A. Knittle, together with a copy of a memorandum from the General Agent and Chief Clerk of the Department regarding this account.

In regard to the charge in said voucher for "Cash Disbursements" for storage of Ford Coupe abandoned by a fugitive from justice, 5 days at 25¢ per day, $1.25, the following explanation is set forth:

On November 1, 1933, when Vernon C. Miller escaped from the trap prepared by Special Agents of this Division, he abandoned one Ford Coupe, bearing New York licnese plates numbered 8L14-69, which was parked in the outside storage lot of E. W. Kruse, Inc., located at 4445 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois. Upon instructions of Acting Agent in Charge D. O. Smith, Agent Knittle removed the said car from the lot to the Fair Oaks Garage, 925 Fair Oaks Street, Chicago, Illinois, because of the urgent necessity that the car and its contents be immediately examined and held for clues and evidence as to the possible habitats of the fugitive. Cash payment of thestorage charges was demanded by E. W. Kruse, Inc. before releasing the car.

The said voucher is being returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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SUITE L FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY

January 5, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to report by Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 5, 1934, in the above captioned case, which deals specifically with Ed Davis, Subject of Identification Order No. 1193.

In a recent discussion of this matter had with Mr. Hughes of the Division by Special Agent in Charge Conroy of this office, Mr. Hughes expressed the desire that special emphasis now be placed on all investigative activity possible looking toward the apprehension of Ed Davis.

An exhaustive review of the voluminous file in the Kansas City office has been made for information relative to Davis, in order that proper leads might be followed. However, it is seen few details are available. Concentrated effort should, therefore, be made at this time to secure the most complete personal history available, and every avenue open should be followed looking toward the apprehension of this Subject.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

January 8, 1934.

JAN 11 1934

Dr. Arthur Van Dyke, Postmaster,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (deceased), etal.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. (Attempt to deliver Fed. Prisoner Frand Nash.)
St. Paul File No. 62-888.

This is to advise you that the mail covers maintained on first-class mail addressed to the following may be discontinued:

Harry Sawyer, 1878 Jefferson Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Jack Pfeiffer,
Hollyhocks Inn,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Thanking you for your excellent cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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(DECODE) January 10, 1934

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

RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS FUGITIVE ETAL CONSPIRACY FORWARD AIR MAIL PHOTOGRAPHS DESCRIPTIONS CRIMINAL RECORDS FRED BARKER LLOYD BARKER VOLLEY DAVIS HARRY CAMPBELL AND KARPIS REFERRED TO AGENT TRAINORS REPORT DECEMBER TWENTY SEVENTH ALSO ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPED

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

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DEPT. OF JUSTICE
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January 15, 1934

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased), et al.
Conspiracy to deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated January 9, 1934, in which you desire information from Special Agent Keating of this office relative to the possible whereabouts of one [redacted] who was an informant of Agent Keating in the Cherryvale Bank Robbery in the year 1926, and who may be of assistance in giving confidential information in the Kansas City massacre case.

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Agent Keating advised that the letter of introduction found in the file of the Montgomery County National Bank case, which is written in longhand by Lyman Ford, Midwestern bank robber, dated November 24, 1926 at El Paso, Texas, was an introduction to one Frank Daly, who was a brakeman at that time on the Southern Pacific Railroad in the vicinity of Oscura, New Mexico. You will note from the file of the Montgomery County National Bank case that Daly subsequently appeared as a witness at Kansas City, Missouri in the Cherryvale Bank case, however, he is not the informant Frank whom you desire to locate.

During the investigation of the Montgomery County National Bank case, through H. A. Dutton, Superintendent of the Burns Detective Agency at Kansas City, Missouri, Agent Keating made a contact with an ex-bank robber named [redacted] Through the cooperation of [redacted] the Cherryvale National Bank case was eventually made. Agent Keating states that [redacted] may be located through H. A. Dutton of the Burns Detective Agency, who has offices at Room 1201, Fidelity Bank Building, Kansas City,

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Missouri. In the year 1927, [redacted] who was a personal friend of Lyman Ford, was a city employee at Kansas City in the capacity of a pavement or sidewalk inspector. His wife operated a rooming house believed to be on Locust Street, Kansas City, Missouri, at that time.

The description of the informant known as [redacted] is as follows: b7D

[redacted]

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I am returning herewith the original letter written in longhand by Lyman Ford, dated November 24, 1926, introducing Agent Keating to Frank Daly, so that you may incorporate same in the file of the Montgomery County National Bank case. This letter was recently forwarded by you to the Chicago Division office, who in turn transmitted same to this office for the perusal of Agent Keating.

Very truly yours,

B. K. SACKETT,
Acting Special Agent in Charge

Encl. (1)

cc Division
cc Chicago

Suite 1
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
January 16, 1934.

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

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPT. OF JUSTICE
DIVISION ONE
JAN 19 1934 AM

Dear Sir:

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

Through a confidential informant at Hot Springs, Arkansas, the reliability of whose statement is somewhat questioned, information was recently secured that Richard Tallman Galates, Fugitive, IO 1201, is well known to some individual around Monterey, Mexico, and is alleged to have a ranch in the vicinity of that place in the section known as the "Hole in the Wall."

In the event you have any source of reliable information in that vicinity, it is suggested that such verification as is possible be made.

Very truly yours,

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

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Suite L -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri,
January 16, 1934.

Mr. Lawrence L. Trager,
Circulation Manager,
The National POLICE OFFICER,
St.Louis, Missouri.

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPT. OF JUSTICE
DIVISION ONE
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Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 11, 1934, requesting that you be furnished with a photograph, description and fingerprint classification of Richard Tallman Galatas, Subject of Identification Order No. 1201, issued by this Division for the purpose of publication in the National PEACE OFFICER, and I am glad to furnish you a copy of the Identification order, together with a glossed photograph, which is the same likeness carried on the circular.

Very truly yours,

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

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KANMO FORWARD AIRMAIL FOUR PHOTOGRAPHS ED SPEAR LEAVENWORTH PENITENTIARY

CONFIDENCE MAN NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE

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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES.

SUITE L FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
JANUARY 16, 1934.

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

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

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPT. OF JUSTICE
JAN 19 1934 AM

Dear Sir:

Information has been received from a party whose name has been made known to the Division as Confidential Informant F. at Kansas City, to the effect that he secured advice from the Italian Underworld at Kansas City that a large sum of money was sent to Italian gangsters here as payment for the assassination of the officers in this case, presumably intended originally as a means of liberating Nash.

His information is to the effect that a brother of Nash, whose name sounds like Herman, a horse race gambler, furnished the money and the original notification to the underworld gang of John Lazia at Kansas City. His information is to the effect that notice was first given on the afternoon of June 16th through a telegram in the form of a horse race tip and that it was sent by the brother of Nash from some unknown point.

It is noted from the report of Special Agent D. O. Smith, dated at Oklahoma City, December 18, 1931, that Heber Nash, a brother of the deceased Frank Nash, is a gambler of this type. However, it appears that his whereabouts have not been known for years. It is suggested that at the first opportunity contact be had with Mrs. Alice Long, sister of Frank Nash, at Paragould, Arkansas, in an endeavor to locate Heber Nash, which might be possible at this time since the death of the escaped prisoner.

The reliability of this information is not definitely known. However, the confidential informant has in the past furnished very reliable data concerning other cases, and he is of the impression that his information, which was received from an underworld source in Kansas City, may be correct. The place to which the telegram was said to have been delivered in Kansas City was 1106 Baltimore, which is a gambling establishment. Such check as can be made in the telegraph records here will be conducted.

Very truly yours,

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

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Suite L -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
January 16, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

With reference to the undeveloped lead for your office contained in the report of Special Agent T. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 27, 1933, there are enclosed photographs of the following:

JAMES LAWSON
HARRY CAMPBELL
VOLNEY DAVIS
ALVIN KARPIS
FRED BARKER
ARTHUR R. BARKER, alias "Doc" Barker.

Very truly yours,

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

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313 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California.

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January 12, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases - Fug.
I.O. 1195 - et al.
Obstruction of Justice, etc.

Mr. H. H. McPike, United States Attorney, San Francisco, under date of January 3, 1934, forwarded to this office a copy of a communication dated Nov. 6, 1933, which he received from one Harry Gove, inmate No. 52860, San Quentin Penitentiary, in which Gove stated that he had some information that he should convey to the United States Attorney, but did not think it advisable to send the information through the mail.

Harry Gove was interviewed on January 10, 1934, at San Quentin Penitentiary, and stated that he had reliable information as to where "Pretty Boy" Floyd could be located, which information he obtained from convicts now at San Quentin Penitentiary, who in the past several months had been at Oklahoma.

Gove stated that Floyd is working for one Clark at Elk City, Okla., and that Clark is in the hardware and plumbing business, and manufactures stills, which Floyd sells to bootleggers; that Clark can be further identified as he has gone on the bond of several bootleggers at Enid, Okla.; that Floyd is living in a cabin on the left of a side road, about two miles out of Miami, Okla., which side road branches off to the right from the main Tulsa to Miami highway.

This information is furnished for what it may be worth.

Very truly yours,

R.K. Vetterli,
Special Agent in Charge.

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318 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California.

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Jan. 12, 1934.

Mr. H. H. McPike,
United States Attorney,
Post Office Building,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases - Fug.
I.O. 1195 - et al.
Obstruction of Justice, etc.

Reference your letter of Jan. 8, 1934, enclosing a copy of a communication from H. E. Gove, San Quentin Penitentiary, I beg to inform you that Harry E. Gove, San Quentin Penitentiary No. 52860, was interviewed on January 10, 1934, and furnished information to the effect that he had been informed that one "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Fugitive, could be located near Miami, Okla.

Very truly yours,

R.F. Vetterli,
Special Agent in Charge.

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625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
January 10,
1934

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased), et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

Referring to copy of your communication dated January 8, 1934, directed to the Division at Washington regarding the means by which Vernon Miller's identity was definitely established, your attention is invited to my letter dated November 30, 1933, of which your office was furnished a copy, setting out that fingerprints of Miller were secured at the County Morgue and transmitted to the Division for comparison with fingerprints on file there.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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Birmingham Alabama
January 17 1934

DWIGHT BRANTLEY
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W. A. RORER
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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201 LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE BUILDING
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER(DECEASED)ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER
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RETEL ED SPEAR NO RECORD ANYONE THAT NAME FEDERAL PENITENTIARY OR ANNEX LEAVENWORTH KANSAS OR STATE PENITENTIARY LANSING KANSAS STOP ONE EDWARD SPEARS RECEIVED NINETEEN NINE STATE PENITENTIARY LANSING FROM WICHITA KANSAS CHARGE GRAND LARCENY RELEASED NINETEEN TWELVE DESCRIPTION WHEN RECEIVED AGE TWENTY ONE HEIGHT FIVE FEET FIVE THREE QUARTERS HUNDRED FORTY POUNDS NEGRO RACE MOTHER SALLIE SPEARS BRYAN TEXAS WIFE BERTHA SPEARS TWO THREE THREE NINE CHESTNUT ST.LOUIS MISSOURI ADVISE IF PHOTOGRAPH EDWARD SPEARS DESIRED

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

Dear Sir:

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

Information was received from [redacted] b7D
[redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, to the effect that he has a confidential informant, presumably a woman, who has advised him that Charles Arthur Floyd, alias "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Subject in this case, is now at the home of John and Emmett Dillon, Sioux City, Iowa.

It is alleged that the Dillons are liquor racketeers and that they have a strong association with the Sioux City Police Department, which protects them and Floyd.

The informant of [redacted] also stated that Floyd frequently goes to Quincy, Illinois, where he calls on a woman named Marie Poe, 422 North 2nd Street, phone number 1150. b7D

[redacted] wishes that his name be not mentioned in any manner in connection with this lead. b7D

The St. Paul Office and the St. Louis Office are requested to make the necessary investigation.

Very truly yours,

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M. C. SPEER, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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January 17, 1935.

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

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased) et al,
Obstruction of Justice

Dear Sir:

During the course of the investigation which was conducted by the Chicago Division office in connection with the Urschel kidnaping case, entitled George Kelly Barnes, etc., this office had occasion to make inquiry about a person living at a Chicago Hotel at that time by the name of F. W. MAURER, who was registered from Dallas, Texas. One of the employees of the hotel where Maurer was residing partially identified the photograph of subject RICHARD GALATAS as being F. W. Maurer. The Dallas office was consequently requested to check on F. W. Maurer at that point, and information was received from the Dallas Division office to the effect that F. W. Maurer had a fair reputation in that city; that he was not located there at the time the inquiry was made, and that it was believed he was in Chicago, and might possibly be connected with the McKendrie Caskill Company of Chicago.

Mr. McKendrie Caskill was recently located by this office and questioned relative to his acquaintance with F.W.Maurer. He advised that he has been acquainted with one F. W. Maurer, living at Dallas, Texas, for a number of years, and that he knows of no criminal activities on the part of Maurer, and when shown a photograph of Galatas, he stated definitely that Maurer is not identical with Richard Galatas.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge.

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318 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California.

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January 9, 1934.

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

Dear Sir: Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased),
Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases -
Fugitive, I.O. #1201, et al.
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

One Bill Barry is to be tried in the Northern District of California for Post Office robbery. He has had several associates, and in conjunction with the United States Attorney at San Francisco, I interviewed Barry, to ascertain if, per chance, he had any information on the above captioned matter at Kansas City, Missouri.

Barry, of course, had several acquaintances in Chicago, and while he did not have any direct information, he did advise me that as a general rule the confidence men in the country as a rule headquarter at Salt Lake City, Utah, during the winter months, stating that these confidence men always go to some town where the law is lax, and where the town has the reputation of being rather easy, and he stated that the confidence men headquarter at Salt Lake City owing to the fact that the Mormons there do not bother the confidence men, and they, in turn, do not bother the former.

He also stated that the confidence men who do congregate in Salt Lake City for the winter months, headquarter at the Hotel Heron, which is being operated by a former bunco man out of Denver, but who is not believed to be still in the racket.

Barry, who had been in Salt Lake City for some time, states that there is a man in Salt Lake City who was formerly in the confidence racket, and has been for the last twenty years, who came out of Paul, Minnesota; that while in Salt Lake City he was arrested last August, but he was released on bail; that he owns a big home in Salt Lake City, and is the connection for the bunco men.

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Barry also stated that when he was in Salt Lake City during August, he heard rumors to the effect that there was a man in Salt Lake City that was "hot for that thing", referring to the Kansas City shooting, "and was a friend of the key guy in Joplin where all the phone messages came from".

Further questioning brought out that the individual to whom he referred was a friend of Herb Farmer's, although he could not describe him.

In view of the fact that Richard Galatas, who is wanted in connection with the above matter, is known to be a confidence man, it may be that he, at some time, will frequent Salt Lake City, and this information is being passed on to you for such disposition as you see fit.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTELLI,
Special Agent
in Charge.

c.c. Kansas City.
c.c. Division.

900 Ezra Thompson Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah,
January 12, 1934

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

Re: S. L. File 62-543

Dear Sir:

In conformity with investigative suggestion contained in your communication to the Director dated January 9, 1934, copy of which was received here on the late night of January 10, 1934, permit me to inform that the following information was secured by Agent Val C. Zimmer of this office at Denver, Colo. on January 11, 1934:

The busiest corner in Denver, Colo., is at 16th and Champa Streets. However, there are no banks on this corner. 16th Street is the "merchandise street" of the city rather than the "banking street". 17th Street is the one on which the large banks are located and is commonly known as the "financial district".

The United States National Bank is on the northwest corner of 17th and Stout Streets while the First National Bank is on the southwest corner. The intersection of 17th and Stout Streets is unquestionaly the busiest corner in the banking and commercial center of Denver, Colo. However, the Denver National Bank, which is as large as the United States and First National Banks, is on 17th Street just across an alley from the United States National Bank and on the same side of the street. It is believed that any one of these three banks may be the bank referred to in your letter above cited. These three banks are the largest banks, not only in capital but in actual building size.

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However, in order not to overlook any bank, Agent Zimmer submits the names of the International Trust Company, which is on the corner of 17th and California Streets, just one block east

of 17th and Stout Streets, and the Colorado National Bank, which is on the corner of 17th and Champa Streets, diagonally opposite the Denver National Bank.

These five banks are the large substantial banks of Denver; any one of those banks could fit the description of a "large bank on a busy corner". However, it is believed that the Colorado National Bank and the International Trust Company are about one block out of line from the locality indicated in your communication as being the location of the bank.

I am enclosing "Statements of Condition" of each of the five named banks and the instances in which the name of the individual in charge of the Safety Deposit Vaults did not appear in the statements, the name of the person in charge of the Safety Deposit Vaults has been inserted with pen in ink. The residence addresses of the person or persons in charge of the Safety Deposit Vaults at these institutions have also been inserted. The information referred to above was secured with discretion.

Discreet consideration was given to a determination of the standing of the banks and the officers of the banks mentioned and it was reported that there can be no question of the integrity of the officers and it is believed that their assistance can be secured and relied upon in any matter that may arise.

In the past this office has had contact with Mr. Roblin H. Davis, President of the Denver National Bank, and with the auditors of each of the banks and every consideration and assistance was received.

You will note that a likeness of the bank building is on each of the "Statements of Condition". Whether or not same would be of value in fixing the bank referred to, I leave with you.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOND
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Division ✓

Salt Lake City, Utah,
January 12, 1934

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Re: S.L. File 62-543

Colorado National Bank, Denver, Colo.: Charles E. Suttle of 3181 West 34th Ave., is Manager of Savings Deposit Dept.

Denver National Bank, Denver, Colo.: N.O. Vossburgh of 655 Milwaukee Street, is Manager of Savings Deposit Dept.

International Trust Co., Denver, Colo.: John W. Ballard, of 1354 St. Paul Street, Denver, Colo. is Manager of the Savings Deposit Dept.

First National Bank, Denver, Colo.: Charles M. Woodmen of 1756 Grant St., is Manager of the Savings Deposit Dept.

United States National Bank, Denver, Colo.: Charles H. Pillsbury, of 945 Clarkson Street, is Manager of the Savings Deposit Dept.

JOHN A. DOWD
Special Agent in Charge

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
JANUARY 18, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Mr. Merle A. Gill, Forensic Ballistician, who has been examining ballistic evidence in connection with the instant case for this office, has advised that on January 16, 1934 the St. Louis Missouri Police Department picked up an individual, name unknown, in possession of a Thompson sub-machine gun and .45 caliber revolver. From the information obtained by Mr. Gill, it is believed advisable to have test bullets fired from these recovered guns, particularly the Thompson sub-machine gun, in order that a comparison may be made of the test bullets with evidence bullets in the above captioned case, which are now in possession of Mr. Gill.

Mr. Gill has suggested that contact be had with Tom Lewis, Ballistician of the St. Louis, Missouri Police Department, kindly requesting him to make the test bullets with Remington ammunition.

It will be appreciated if you will have these test bullets obtained at the earliest possible date and transmitted to this office, in order that the same may be examined by Mr. Gill.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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201 Liberty National Life Bldg.,
Birmingham, Alabama,
January 19, 1934.

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

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased);
Richard Tallman Galates, with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I.O.#1201, et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

Dear Sir:

With reference to my telegraphic communication concerning Ed Spear, dated January 16, 1934, please be advised that Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, while in Memphis on that date, requested that he be supplied with four photographs of Spear, but was unable to supply any additional information at that time.

A review of the instant file indicates that Ed Spear was formerly incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, and efforts are now being made by this office to secure the desired information from that quarter.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Suite L -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri,
January 18, 1934.

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
JAN 22 1934 AM

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telephonic request of January 17, 1934, during which you stated that you desired this office to ascertain from the appropriate officials of the State of Kansas whether the reward of $350.00 offered by that State for the arrest and delivery of Wilber Underhill, Escape from the Kansas State Penitentiary, could possibly be paid to the Division's informant concerning Underhill's location, in view of the fact Underhill was not returned to the State Penitentiary at Lansing and died prior to that time, while in the State Penitentiary at Mc Alester, Oklahoma.

Today, I communicated by telephone with Judge A. S. Foulks, State Pardon Attorney, located in the State House at Topeka, Kansas, and he advised me that the State of Kansas intended to pay a reward for Underhill's capture, but it had not been ascertained to date who would be the recipient of such reward. During my conversation with Judge Foulks, it was suggested that any information which your office might have to indicate that your informant was entitled to this reward should be furnished by letter to Judge Foulks at Topeka, together with the appropriate application for the reward.

Very truly yours,

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

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801 Liberty National Life Bldg.,
Birmingham, Alabama,
January 19, 1934.

JHH:B

Mr. A. C. Aderhold, Warden,
U. S. Penitentiary,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased)
Richard T. Galatas, with aliases- FUGITIVE.
I. O. # 1201, et al.

Dear Sir:

It will be greatly appreciated if you will forward to this office five copies of the photograph and description of Ed Spear who has been reported as having served a term at your penitentiary. No descriptive nor identifying data is in possession of this office, but Spear is reported to have been a confidence man.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and for your convenience in replying there is enclosed a self-addressed envelope requiring no postage.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON, ACTING
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Kansas City

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Saint Louis, Missouri
January 20, 1934

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPT. OF JUSTICE
JAN 23 1934
DIVISION ONE

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

In Re: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter emanating from your office on January 18, 1934, suggesting that test bullets shot from a Thompson sub-machine gun and a .45 calibre revolver recently recovered in St. Louis, Missouri be forwarded to the Kansas City office for transmittal to Mr. Merle A. Gill, Forensic Ballistician who has been examining ballistic evidence in connection with this case for your office, for his examination.

Please be advised that on January 16, 1934 this office received information from the local police department that one JOHN EDWARD TATMAN and BESSIE PATTAROZZI had been arrested in St. Louis, Missouri, at which time they were riding in an automobile, same being the property of Bessie Pattarozzi. On the floor of this automobile at the time of their arrest was found, wrapped in paper, a Thompson sub-machine gun, .45 calibre, semi-automatic carbine, serial No. 5177. This gun, upon examination by Mr. Tom Lewis of the Metropolitan Police Department, St. Louis, showed a slight bulge about two inches from the muzzle, indicating, in the opinion of Mr. Lewis, that the gun had been recently abused and probably jammed or choked. At the time of the recovery of this machine gun it was well oiled; however, the numbers thereon had been obliterated, and it was necessary for research officer Tom Lewis to apply acid to the gun in order to bring out the numbers. Mr. Lewis further developed that the condition of the abrasion caused in obliterating the numbers indicated that an emery wheel had recently been used upon the gun.

There is being transmitted under separate cover to your office, for transmittal to Mr. Gill, for his examination in connection with the instant case, the following:

2 REM-UMC test shells and pellets fired from Thompson sub-machine gun No. 5177.

2 REM-UMC (200 gr.) test shells and pellets fired from Thompson sub-machine gun No. 5177.

2 UMC-Ser Issue 18 test shells and pellets fired from Thompson sub-machine gun No. 5177.

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Subsequent to the arrest of the above noted individuals, the above described machine gun was traced through the Wire and Auto Ordnance Corporation of New York City, and it was ascertained that this machine gun had been shipped to Mindes Brothers, 309 Collinsville Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois during the month of August, 1927, and that the Mindes Brothers disposed of the gun to Harry "Fat" Levin, operator of the Ramona Kennel Clubs, and the Biltmore Country Club, the latter a local night club and gambling resort in the vicinity of East St. Louis, Illinois. Harry Levin is now deceased.

The St. Louis Police Department is forwarding test bullets shot from this machine gun to the Police Departments at Indianapolis, Indiana and Chicago, Illinois for ballistic examination and comparison with any shells and bullets they may have which figured in machine gun slayings in their respective communities, with the request that the St. Louis Police Department be advised promptly of their findings.

It is noted from your letter that a request was made for test shells shot from a .45 calibre revolver. In this connection it is stated that at the time of the arrest of Tatman and Bessie Patterozzi, there was found concealed upon the person of Tatman a 32-20 revolver, in very poor condition, the internal parts thereof indicating that same had not been used for quite some time. In view of these facts, Mr. Tom Lewis has not made a detailed examination of the revolver, and has fired no test bullets therefrom, hence such cannot be supplied to your office at this time.

At the time of the arrest of Tatman and Bessie Patterozzi, Tatman was questioned by Chief of Detectives Carroll of the St. Louis Police Department and Special Agent D. W. Maher of this office. Tatman stated that he had found both of the weapons referred to above on the evening of January 14, 1933 behind an abandoned platform of the Illinois Traction Railroad System at Sawyerville, Illinois, and that his reason for bringing the weapons to St. Louis was to have them repaired. He insisted that the numbers were filed off of the machine gun at the time he found it; however, it is recalled that this weapon was in a well oiled condition when taken from Tatman, and in no way did the weapon indicate that it had been exposed to the elements. Tatman insisted that he had not cleaned nor oiled the gun, and that it was at the time of its recovery in the same condition as when he found it.

Tatman is an ex-convict, having served twelve years in the Missouri State Penitentiary, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department Identification No. 37471 (copies of his fingerprints have been forwarded to the Division in Washington, D. C., on or about January 16, 1934), for the murder of a policeman in Kansas City, Missouri. His original sentence was the extreme penalty; however, it was later commuted to life imprisonment, and he

was subsequently paroled on December 23, 1926. At the present time he is employed as a loader by the Superior Coal Company at Mine No. 2, Sawyerville, Illinois.

Tatman further stated that he was a member of the Progressive Miners of America, a comparatively new organization, the policies of which are at variance with those prescribed by the union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. The differences in the opinions and beliefs of these two union organizations have been the cause of blood-shed in some of the Illinois coal mining regions during the past year or so. Tatman further related that he had been chosen as a picket in the mine troubles, but so far had not been called upon to act in that capacity.

Further questioning of Tatman by the local police and Agent Maher developed that the factions opposing the Progressive Miners of America are waging war, and have resorted to the use of machine guns, and that the organization of which he, Tatman, is a member is trying to meet them on equal terms.

Upon further interview of Tatman by the above named individuals he stated that the story first related by him as set out above was not true; that the truth of the matter is that the saloon conducted by Mr. and Mrs. (Bessie) Pattarozzi at Benld, Illinois is a meeting place for Progressive Miners, and that he had visited this saloon on Sunday night, January 14th, and on Monday, January 15th. On Monday he remarked to Bessie Pattarozzi that he was going to St. Louis, Missouri the following day, at which time she stated that she was going to drive to St. Louis in her automobile and agreed to meet him at the Illinois Terminal System Depot at Gillespie, Illinois. On January 16, 1934, a little before nine A. M., he was present at the Illinois Terminal System Depot at Gillespie, Illinois, and conversed with the agent at the depot for some fifteen to twenty minutes, after which Bessie Pattarozzi appeared, at which time he got into her automobile and noted a package of some kind on the floor of the car, paying little attention to it; that he first knew that the contents of the package was a machine gun upon their arrival in St. Louis, when Bessie Pattarozzi stopped the car at an address she had on a piece of paper, and requested that he, Tatman, bring the machine gun, pointing to the package on the floor, into the address in order that it could be repaired, which he, Tatman, did.

Tatman insisted that his second story was entirely the truth, and that it can be proved by the Illinois Terminal System Agent at Gillespie, Illinois that he did not possess a package when he was picked up by Bessie Pattarozzi in her automobile.

At the time Tatman was interrogated concerning the possession of this machine gun, he was also questioned concerning the Kansas City

Massacre, but emphatically denied knowing anything in connection therewith, except that he had read in the local newspapers.

Bessie Pattarozzi, upon interview, admitted that she had brought Tatman to St. Louis on the morning of January 16, 1934 in her automobile after picking him up at a filling station in Gillespie, Illinois, which location had been agreed upon between them the night previous in a beer tavern operated by her husband, Alfred Pattarozzi, at Benld, Illinois.

Mrs. Pattarozzi maintained that she was ignorant of the contents of the paper package on the floor of the car which contained the machine gun until Tatman opened the package in the store of a gunsmith in St. Louis where she took him, to have same repaired.

On January 17, 1934 at St. Louis, Missouri a State warrant was issued against Tatman, charging him with carrying concealed weapons and transportation and possession of a machine gun. This law makes the crime a felony, punishable by imprisonment of two to thirty years or a fine of $5000.00 for any person other than peace officers or members of military or naval forces to possess or transport a machine gun.

Bessie Pattarozzi was jointly named in the complaint and warrant with Tatman; however, she was not charged with possession of concealed weapons, merely with the transportation and possession of a machine gun. Both are at the present time being held in the City Jail in St. Louis, Missouri.

The St. Louis Division Office was advised by the St. Louis Police Department that the above described machine gun was being confiscated by that department.

There is being transmitted herewith to the Kansas City Office descriptive photograph of John Edward Tatman, St. Louis, Missouri Police Department No. 37471, for such value as it may be to you.

This office will keep in touch with the local police authorities, and supply your office with any additional information developed.

Very truly yours,

F. F. YEARSLEY, Acting,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division

Globe-Democrat, St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 17, 1934
(Submitted by St. Louis Division Office)

Policeman's Slayer Arrested Here with Machine Gun

EX-CONVICT SEIZED WHILE SEATED IN CAR WITH WOMAN

John E. Tatman of Gillespie, Ill., a Former Life-Termer, Says He Found Weapon and Revolver.

GOING TO HAVE THEM REPAIRED

Both in Repair, Police Say—Woman, Wife of Benld Saloonkeeper, Declares She Merely Gave Him Ride.

John E. Tatman, 47, Gillespie, Ill., a former life-termer in the Missouri State Penitentiary, was arrested at Broadway and Wisconsin avenues yesterday in possession of a machine gun and a revolver.

Tatman served eleven years of a life term at the Missouri Prison for the slaying of a Kansas City policeman in 1915. His confederate in this crime still is in prison but police records here disclose Tatman was discharged in 1926, presumably through executive clemency.

Wrapped in Paper.

The arrest was made by Detectives Sept and Pardyke, who saw Tatman sitting in a parked car with a woman. The machine gun was wrapped in paper and lay on the floor of the auto. Tatman said he found the weapons near his home and brought them here to be repaired. Police said they appeared to be in good repair already.

The woman, who said she is the wife of a Benld, Ill., saloonkeeper, professed ignorance of the weapons. She said she had merely accommodated Tatman by giving him a ride to St. Louis.

Police said they will ask a warrant for carrying concealed weapons against Tatman and will question him further as to his recent activities.

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January 20, 1934.

Mr. R. H. Colvin,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telephonic inquiry of the Division on January 17, 1934, concerning the payment of hospital expenses and other incidental bills incurred in connection with the Wilbur Underhill case.

This matter has been taken up with the Division of Accounts of the Department and that Division believes that the matter should be discussed by you with the United States Marshal. With reference to the payment of these expenses out of the appropriation for the support of prisoners, the Division of Accounts has suggested that all of the facts and circumstances in connection with the case be submitted in the form of a voucher to the Department and that a statement be submitted showing what, if any, Federal outstanding process there was for execution in the case at the time that Underhill was captured. This voucher should be submitted by the Marshal to the Department and you should furnish to the Division a complete statement of the action taken so the Division may, if possible, have ready such additional information as the Division of Accounts may desire in connection with the voucher, which is submitted.

It is suggested that this matter should be promptly disposed of.

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P. M.
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

TFB:LC

January 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Special Agent in Charge Colvin at Oklahoma City telephoned today giving a telephonic summary on the investigation of an applicant for the position of United States Attorney. At the conclusion of his summary, and before disconnecting, he requested that inquiry be made as to how he can secure the payment of the hospital expenses and other incidental bills in the Wilburn Underhill case. You will recall that one Ralph Rowe was shot and also a woman was shot at the time of the shooting of Underhill. Mr. Colvin stated that these bills amount to about $250.00.

Respectfully,

T F Baughman

T. F. Baughman.

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R H COLVIN
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
224 FEDERAL BUILDING
OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

RE HOSPITAL EXPENSES UNDERHILL AND OTHERS DIVISION ACCOUNTS SUGGESTS YOU DISCUSS MATTER WITH MARSHAL AND HAVE HIM SUBMIT VOUCHERS SUPPORTED BY STATEMENT SHOWING ANY PROCESS OUTSTANDING FOR EXECUTION IN THE CASE AT TIME OF CAPTURE FURTHER INFORMATION MY LETTER TWENTIETH

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=IN CONNECTION WITH ARREST WILBUR UNDERHILL HAVE RECEIVED BILLS FROM SHAWNEE CITY HOSPITAL TOTALING ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR DOLLARS FOR HOSPITALIZATION AND TREATMENTS WILBUR UNDERHILL EVA MAE NICHOLS RALPH ROWE ALSO RECEIVED BILL FROM DR J A WALKER FOR MEDICAL SERVICES AND OPERATIONS ON ABOVE TOTALING HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS PLEASE WIRE INSTRUCTIONS AS TO HANDLING ABOVE ACCOUNTS IT APPEARS DIVISION MUST ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAME=

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Telephone Your Telegrams to Postal Telegraph

EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
January 19, 1934.

MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
MR. CLEGG
MR. COWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. EGAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. FORER

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Brantley called last night from Buffalo, New York, and stated that he, Andersen and Doherty had been in Leroy all day; that it appeared that Babcock, his father, Cady, and a man known as K. D. Getchel were all living in one house; that he was satisfied that Getchel, the man previously suspected as being Galatas, was not, in fact, Galatas. He stated, however, that Mrs. McFadden, Galatas' wife's mother, was also living with these people at 20 Lake Street, Leroy, New York; that Mrs. L. H. Cady received a letter yesterday with a return address of Hi McFadden, Hotel Arlington, 480 Ellis Street, San Francisco; that Mrs. McFadden is blind and that letters for her would necessarily be read and probably addressed to someone else; that he, of course, did not know the identity of the sender of this letter, Hi McFadden, but that he believed it should be looked into immediately. Accordingly, I telephoned Mr. Montgomery, of the San Francisco office and gave him the above information and told him to have a discreet inquiry made and if it appeared that the man at that hotel was, in fact, Galatas he should be taken into custody immediately and that every precaution should be taken in doing so, but that if it appeared that it was not Galatas the Division should be advised before he was contacted. Mr. Brantley stated further that Cady and Babcock were operating a collection agency but that they were both out of town and would not return until Saturday. He stated that they had lived for a considerable time at Canisteo, New York; that he and Andersen would proceed to Canisteo today and make inquiries and return to Leroy for the purpose of interviewing Cady and Babcock tomorrow.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley

S. P. Cowley.

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Richard Galatas

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

January 22, 1934.

MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
MR. CLEGG
MR. COWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. EGAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. RORER

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Late yesterday afternoon Mr. Brantley telephoned that he had interviewed the brother-in-law in connection with the Galatas case. He stated that numerous leads had been discovered for investigation in and around Detroit and believed that he and Andersen should go there personally to handle the more important leads and to acquaint the Detroit office with all of the facts so that they can continue the investigation in that vicinity. He claimed that he could not telephone Detroit with sufficient clarity on account of the number of leads. He was authorized to proceed to Detroit and he and Andersen proceeded last night.

Brantley stated that the next best leads appeared to be at Montgomery, Alabama, where the boy who was formerly attending the University of Alabama, but was subsequently expelled, is now working on a C.W.A. job. Brantley was instructed to communicate with the Division before personally handling this lead.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

Richard Sadman Galatas

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Okla. FILE NO. 62-481

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TITLE: HAZEL HUDSON UNDERHILL
LON J. JOHNSON
RALPH ROWE alias RAYMOND ROE alias JACK SULLIVAN alias JACK McCARTHY
SEEDELL JOHNSON alias "Sleepy" JOHNSON

CHARACTER OF CASE: Harboring and Concealing Wilbur Underhill, for whom a warrant of arrest had been issued.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Evidence of the harboring and concealing of Wilbur Underhill in the Western District of Oklahoma, who stood indicted at Kansas City, Missouri in connection with the attempt to deliver Federal prisoner Frank Nash, and for whom a warrant of arrest had been issued. Complaints authorized and filed at Okla. City, 1-2-34 charging Lon Johnson, Seedell Johnson and Hazel Underhill with harboring Wilbur Underhill. Arraigned 1-4-34, demanded preliminary hearing, which was set for 1-22-34 and appearance bonds placed at $10,000. each. Hazel Underhill's bond later reduced to $2500.00, which she executed 1-6-34 and was released from custody. Rowe charged by state at Shawnee, Okla. with harboring Underhill.

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DETAILS:

REFERENCE: Reports of Agent T. M. Birch, Okla. City, Okla., 12-18-33 and 1-12-34, in O.C. file 62-479, entitled "George Washington, Nash, Sr., et al., Harboring and Concealing a Person for Whom a Warrant of Arrest has been issued - Conspiracy;" and report of SAC R. H. Colvin, Okla. City, Okla., 1-12-34 in O.C. File 62-456 entitled "Vernon C. Miller (Deceased), et al., Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner."

Serial 109

DETAILS:

Reference is had to sworn statement obtained from Hazel Hudson Underhill, as contained in O.C. File No. 62-456, wherein she admits first meeting

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: R H Colvin SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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4-Oklahoma City

Underhill in June, 1933 at Oklahoma City under the assumed name of George Fitzgerald and to subsequently in June, 1933 for a period of two weeks keeping house for Underhill and Harvey Bailey, both escaped prisoners from Lansing, Kansas State Penitentiary; also to later meeting Underhill at secreted places; to securing a marriage license at Coalgate, Oklahoma, November 18, 1933 with the assistance of Bruce Brady, a brother of Bob Brady, also an escaped prisoner from Lansing, and to marrying Underhill at Coalgate, Oklahoma on November 18, 1933; further, subsequent to marriage to meeting Underhill and traveling with him under circumstances calculated to protect him; to meeting him on the night of December 29, 1933 at a remote spot near Shawnee, Oklahoma; to accompanying him to a house at Shawnee which Underhill advised was secure from detection; and to being with him in a room at this house on the morning of December 30, 1933, at which time Underhill was shot and captured. Further, to purchasing and presenting to Underhill an automatic shotgun, which she well knew was to be used by Underhill in resisting arrest.

The written statement obtained from Hazel Hudson Underhill is incorporated in this file as follows:

Statement of Hazel Hudson Underhill made to F. S. Smith, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, January 5, 1934.

"After being warned by Mr. Smith that any statement I make must be free and voluntary and with no promises of any kind made me to induce me to make a statement, and with no reward or immunity from prosecution, I now make the following statement:

"I am 36 years of age, born in Missouri, moved to Kansas when an infant and came to Oklahoma when about ten years of age. My father and mother are both dead. I am a sister of Ralph, Buster and Floyd Jarrett. I have two children by my marriage with Albert Connor, deceased, and one child by my marriage to Sam Hudson, from whom I am now separated.

"On November 18, 1933 I was married to Wilbur Underhill at Coalgate, Oklahoma and I was in the house with him at Shawnee, Oklahoma on the night of his apprehension, December 29, 1933, and have been in custody since.

"My oldest boy is named Marvin Connor, 18 years old. I have a daughter, Juanita Connor, 15 years old, and a younger child, Lavona Hudson, age 8.

"In June, 1933, I was living at 2606½ South Harvey Street, Oklahoma City. In the early part of June I went to a beer place near Packingtown, driving there in a taxicab, where I met several people and drank some beer. While there I first met and was introduced to Wilbur Underhill under the name of George Fitzgerald. We became acquainted, drank, talked and spent some time together. He wanted to take me home but I had other arrangements. I was introduced to Underhill by a man whom I understood to be Luke Smith--I don't really think Luke Smith had previously known Underhill and did not know at the time the identity of Underhill. Following our meeting at this beer joint and about three or four days later, Dewey Shipley, whom I had known for some time, came to me and told me he had a friend who had been hurt, whose wife was in the hospital, and asked me if I wanted to do some housework. I advised him that I would and he took me to 21 S.E. 35th Street, Okla. City, and there I again met the fellow who was introduced to me as Fitzgerald and whom I later learned to be Wilbur Underhill. I also met at this place Harvey Bailey, who was at that time crippled and who I later learned was an escaped prisoner from the Kansas Penitentiary, having escaped with Underhill and others. I remained at this address and did the housework for Harvey Bailey and Wilbur Underhill for approximately two weeks, at which time I had to go to my home. Bailey was pretty badly crippled and had to use a cane or hold onto chairs while walking around in the house. He stayed in the house principally all the time and Underhill did not leave the place only at night.

"About three weeks later Dewey Shipley came to me and told me that he had rented a house in the 1700 block on West Park Street, Oklahoma City, and wanted me to keep house for him. I agreed and moved in with my children. After I moved in Dewey Shipley and many of his friends came to the house. On one occasion Wilbur Underhill, alias Fitzgerald, came over to visit me and stayed about thirty minutes one evening. Bailey never came to this house to my knowledge. However, he could have been there, as well as many others, during times that I was away, as I made several trips away during the time I was at this place. I kept house for Dewey Shipley for about one month and finally the officers raided this place and apprehended Shipley and a man named Morris--the latter I did not know.

"From the time I met Wilbur Underhill in Oklahoma City in June, 1933, as above stated, our friendship ripened and I was with him very frequently thereafter at various places. The longest period of time that elapsed without my seeing Underhill since we first met in June was about four weeks.

"After this raid on the Park Street house, my mother became ill at Nowata, Oklahoma and during her illness Wilbur Underhill loaned me his car, a Chevrolet Tudor Coach, 1933 model, and I drove it to Nowata. I was gone three days and returned to Oklahoma City. Before I went to Nowata, Underhill told me that when I returned, to go to Ira Clark's place, east of Oklahoma City, on the 29th Street road, between Oklahoma City and Harrah,

and get in touch with him there, which I did. When I got to Clark's, I found Underhill there and turned him over his car and he brought me back to Oklahoma City.

"Later on I again met Underhill at Ira Clark's place. Then a few days later my mother died at Nowata and Underhill let me drive his car to Nowata, where I attended the funeral. While at Nowata, Underhill, under the name of George Fitzgerald, called me by long distance phone from a little place near Sherman, Texas, the name of which I have forgotten, and told me to come there in a car and meet him. I went there and met Underhill. This was about the 3rd or 4th of August, 1933, as I recall that my mother was buried on the 1st of August. I met him at a tourist camp--I don't recall the name of it. I had my children with me and he told me to go to Coffeyville to get some things that had been left there by my mother, then to return to Ira Clark's and he would meet me there, which I did.

"At this time I had moved over to 21 S.E. 35th Street, where I had formerly kept house for Underhill and Bailey. Underhill came to see me there one time. The officers raided this place, but Underhill had gone. It was owned by 'Blind Bob' Watson.

"In a short time I moved to 736 S.W. 31st Street, Oklahoma City, where I am at the present time living. It was in the first part of September, 1933, when I moved to the above address. Soon after I moved there my brother, Ralph Jarrett, came to my house driving an automobile and told me that Wilbur Underhill was at Lon Johnson's place and wanted to see me. I got in the car with my brother and drove out to Lon Johnson's place--that is, I drove to a point near the house and there met Wilbur Underhill on the highway on a side road. I talked with him two or three hours, which was in the afternoon, and my brother then brought me back home. About two weeks later Underhill drove up to my present home and honked. This was in the early evening. I went out and talked with him and he made an engagement for me to meet him out near the airport on the highway and he left. I later went out and met him there--in fact, met him on two occasions out there.

"A short time later Wilbur Underhill told me that he would be away for a while and stipulated that I meet him at Lon Johnson's place on the 23rd Street road, the date I have forgotten. However, I went out in my car to Lon Johnson's house about 6:00 P.M. and I found Wilbur there. He had just driven in ahead of me in his V-8 tan colored Ford car. The car I was driving was a Chevrolet and had been given me by Wilbur Underhill, and

was purchased at Ada, Oklahoma for Underhill and registered in the name of Maurice Fitzgerald. I remained at Johnson's place just a short time and Wilbur Underhill and I drove away and came towards Oklahoma City and later I came on into town by myself. The first time I ever met Lon Johnson was when I went out with my brother to his place to meet Underhill. I recall that a short time before Christmas, Lon Johnson came to my house at 736 S.W. 31st Street, Okla. City, and wanted to borrow $1.00 from me and told me that his car was broken down. I didn't even know that Lon Johnson knew where I was living in Oklahoma City--I hadn't told him.

"On November 18, 1933, I met Wilbur Underhill by appointment somewhere near Wetumka, Oklahoma--in fact I had an engagement to meet him in Wetumka at a service station garage, but as I drove into town, I met Wilbur coming out in the outskirts. He was driving his V-8 tan colored Ford Sedan. He said that we would go down and get married. He wanted to go to Coalgate to get the license. We then drove to Ada, Oklahoma, reaching there around 12:00 noon and went to the home of Bruce Brady. There we picked Bruce Brady up and I left my car there. Wilbur Underhill, Bruce Brady and I all drove in Underhill's brown or tan colored Ford V-8 to Coalgate, Oklahoma. There we stopped at the Court House and Underhill remained in the car while Bruce Brady and I went to the Clerk's office and bought a marriage license in the name of Henry Underhill and Beatrice Hudson. When we walked up to the Clerk in the Court House, the Clerk remarked: 'Well, I suppose you people want to get married', and Bruce Brady remarked, 'Yes' and gave our names and the Clerk issued the license, Brady giving the name of Henry Underhill and I giving the name of Beatrice Hudson. I had given Bruce Brady the money to pay for the license and he paid for it. After the license was issued to us, we then returned to where Underhill was waiting for us in front of the Court House. Before leaving the Court House, the clerk told us where we could find a minister, stating that he ran a barber shop, giving us the location. Underhill, Brady and I then drove to this barber shop, which is on the main street of town at Coalgate, and there we all got out and went into the barber shop and the barber, who was a preacher, married Underhill and me. Bruce Brady witnessed our marriage, as well as two other boys, whom I did not know. They seemed to be standing in there at the time we went in. After the marriage Bruce Brady, Underhill and I then drove to Ada, Oklahoma. At Ada we put Bruce Brady out at a filling station, where he said he wanted to go, and Wilbur told him he would wait for him, but Brady stated that he would walk on to where he wanted to go. Wilbur then drove me to Bruce Brady's house and I got out. I then got in my car and drove to Oklahoma City. Wilbur Underhill followed me in his car almost to Oklahoma City, leaving me somewhere this side of Shawnee and turned back.

"On a date which I have forgotten, Huston Nash of Ada, Oklahoma came to my house in Oklahoma City and told me that Wilbur Underhill was in Ada sick and

wanted me to come there. I got in the car with Nash and drove to Ada, arriving there sometime during the middle of the day. We went to a duplex just across from a hospital, where Wilbur had a house rented. The people who owned the premises lived in one side of the house and Underhill had the other side rented. When we got to this house Nash put me out and I went in and found Wilbur Underhill there and he appeared to be sick. He was in bed. I remained there with him about four days and Wilbur got better and took me to Oklahoma City in his V-8 car and left.

"During these four days that I was with Wilbur Underhill in this house at Ada, Oklahoma, Huston Nash came over frequently and visited with us. He appeared to be a good friend of Wilbur Underhill's. There is a big signboard across the street from the house giving the name of the hospital. I am not sure as to which side of the street the hospital is located on, but the house at Ada is located on the corner of the block and has two entrances into the front.

"After Wilbur Underhill brought me to Oklahoma City, I don't know where he went, but the next I heard from him was when Huston Nash again came to my house in Oklahoma City and again told me that Wilbur Underhill was sick and in Ada. I left Oklahoma City between 4:00 and 5:00 P.M. and drove with Huston Nash to his father's home, which is out of town on a farm near Ada. We drove up to his father's home and Huston Nash saw some cars there and remarked, 'Well, I guess the officers have got Wilbur - those are the law's cars,' and we drove on past. I asked Huston Nash if he would take me back to Oklahoma City and he said 'No'; that I had better go on the bus. He then took me to a filling station or tourist camp and put me out, where I later caught the bus and came to Oklahoma City.

"Several days later Wilbur Underhill came past my house in Oklahoma City and honked and I arranged to follow him in my Chevrolet where he told me to meet him, and there we talked. He mentioned his escape at Ada from 'old man' Nash's home. He said the officers came there and he had to leave. When Underhill left he told me to meet him on the Friday before Christmas about 8:00 P.M. on the highway at the Hollywood Tourist Camp below Norman, Oklahoma. At the exact time I met Underhill at this tourist camp, and had my children with me, including my son. There I got in Underhill's car and my son drove my car. We then drove to Ardmore, Oklahoma and there we went to the farm of Birdie Pruitt, which is about five miles south and three or four miles east of Ardmore. I had arranged with Birdie Pruitt, whom I had known for some time to visit her farm and spend a little time. We spent the night at this farm and the following morning we drove to Wichita Falls, Texas and there spent the night at the Kemp Hotel and did some shopping at Wichita Falls. Underhill had me send some presents to his people at Kansas City, including his mother

and sister. We returned to the Pruitt farm the next evening and spent that night there. Birdie Pruitt came there while we were at the farm the last time. I forgot to state that coming back from Wichita Falls we stopped at Gainesville, Texas and had a meal in a restaurant there. After we returned to the Pruitt farm my children and I left and came to Oklahoma City in my car and Underhill left in his car. He came on as far as Ardmore with us and then went east towards Ada.

"On December 29, 1933, Marvin Connor, my son, and I went to Holdenville and there I purchased 1934 Oklahoma tags for my car, and I had an engagement, which I had made with Underhill the last time I saw him, to meet him on the night of the 29th at a point near Shawnee, which is about a mile north and a little east of the K.Y.Z. station going into Shawnee. My son and I reached there around 6:00 or 7:00 P.M. and met Underhill waiting for us on the road. I got in the car with Underhill and my son drove my car on back to Oklahoma City. Underhill then drove me to a house where we found a man by the name of Rowe and a girl from Seminole. I did not know either one of these persons. I was a little skeptical about going to this house, but Wilbur Underhill told me it was all right. Sometime after we were there, Lon Johnson, whom I have previously mentioned in this statement, came into the house and had a talk with Wilbur Underhill. I did not overhear the conversation. He was only there a short while and left. I don't know how he was traveling or whether anyone was with him. Later on Underhill and I were occupying a back room in this house and Rowe and this woman were occupying a front room. Suddenly I heard a command - 'Come out, Wilbur. We are the officers' - or something like that. Wilbur started as if he was going to the door and the shooting began. The next I knew the house was full of gas and there was considerable shooting going on. The lights were all on in the room when the shooting started.

"I was arrested soon after the shooting ceased and have been in custody since. I feel that it is the proper thing to tell the Government the true facts concerning everything I know with reference to my association with Wilbur Underhill and I expect to do this. There may be things that I have forgotten, but I will be glad to refresh my memory and give the Government the benefit of everything I know, and I may be wrong as to specific dates in this statement.

"I am going to advise my son, Marvin, to tell everything he knows concerning his and my association with Wilbur Underhill and the association of others with Underhill. I don't expect to withhold anything that is of interest to the Government.

"I have benefited by the experience that I have had in my association with Wilbur Underhill and from now on I never expect to let such a thing happen again, and intend to lead a different life and take care of my children and raise them in a proper way.

(Signed) Hazel Hudson Underhill

"Subscribed and sworn to before me at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this 6th day of January, 1934.

Grace M. Hussey,
My Com. Exp. 12-12-36. Notary Public.

Witnesses:

Clarence Hurt, Oklahoma City Police Dept.
Charles Ryan, Oklahoma City Police Dept.
Irene Jones, 224 Federal Building, Oklahoma City
F. S. Smith, Special Agt., Div. of Investigation, U.S. Dept. of Justice.

WITNESSES to prove some of the above outlined material facts:

Patsy Grennan, Jr., Clerk of the Court, Coal County, Coalgate, Oklahoma -

To produce documentary proof of the issuing of a marriage license at Coalgate, Oklahoma on November 18, 1933 in the name of Henry Underhill and Beatrice Hudson, and to testify to detailed facts in connection therewith.

Clarence Hurt and Mickey Ryan, Detectives, Oklahoma City Police Department -

To testify to conversations had with Hazel Hudson prior to her marriage with Underhill and to her promises to put Underhill on the spot and to cause his apprehension; to her failure to comply with her promises; to her lending aid to Underhill subsequently and misguiding these officers.

Rev. C. A. Magness, Coalgate, Oklahoma -

To testify to performing the marriage ceremony on November 18, 1933 at Coalgate, Oklahoma for Underhill and Hazel Hudson and the facts surrounding said marriage.

With reference to Lon Johnson, through a confidential informant, who can not be used as a witness, it was ascertained that Wilbur Underhill frequented the home of Lon Johnson, who resides with his mother, brother, "Sleepy" Johnson and several younger brothers on the 23rd Street near McLoud, Oklahoma. Lon Johnson is an ex-convict, having been sentenced to serve 25 years in the State Penitentiary at McAlester in 1923, and paroled after serving eight years. This confidential informant stated that Underhill frequented the home of Lon Johnson for approximately three weeks prior to December 28, 1933, appearing unannounced, where meals were prepared for him and he slept for short periods and was afforded every protection by Lon Johnson, his brother, "Sleepy", and mother; that Lon Johnson and his brother stood watch while Underhill remained in the house, notifying Underhill of the approach of suspicious persons in cars in the vicinity; that Lon Johnson and family were

liberally remunerated for their services by Underhill; that Lon Johnson kept in touch with Underhill and was posted as to when to expect him at his home.

Witnesses to prove implication of Lon Johnson.

Hazel Hudson Underhill has expressed a willingness to appear and testify for the Government and can testify to Underhill instructing her to meet him at the home of Lon Johnson; to meeting Underhill at Johnson's home; to Lon Johnson coming to her home at Oklahoma City and requesting a loan from her - she not having advised Johnson as to her address. She can further testify that Lon Johnson came to the house at Shawnee, Oklahoma and talked to Wilbur Underhill about 10:00 P.M. on December 29, 1933 prior to the capture of Underhill about 3:00 A.M. on the morning of December 30th.

Reference Ralph Rowe with aliases -

Hazel Hudson Underhill can testify that she accompanied Underhill to a premises on the night of December 29, 1933 and on their arrival there found Rowe and a woman companion, whom she did not know; that they were in the house at the time Underhill was shot on the morning of December 30, 1933.

The facts in connection with this matter are that Rowe and a woman named Eva Mae Nichols were in the house at Shawnee at the time Underhill was captured and both were shot, the woman dying from the effects of her wounds. Rowe stated to SAC R. H. Colvin, while in the hospital at Shawnee after being shot, and also made a similar statement to W. I. Eads and others subsequent to the shooting, that he rented the premises in which he and Underhill were shot.

Reference Seedell Johnson, alias "Sleepy" Johnson -

The only evidence of the implication of this Subject in the harboring of Underhill is that of a confidential informant, who can not be used as a witness, who stated that "Sleepy" Johnson lives with his mother and brother, Lon Johnson, and was present on numerous occasions when Underhill visited at the Johnson home and aided and protected Underhill from apprehension while there. There are no other known witnesses at this time to prove the implication of this Subject.

Complaints were authorized and filed before U. S. Commissioner Eacock at Oklahoma City, January 2, 1934, charging Lon Johnson, Seedell Johnson and Hazel Hudson Underhill with harboring Wilbur Underhill. These Subjects were arraigned January 4, 1934, demanded a preliminary hearing, which was set for January 22, 1934, and appearance bonds were placed at $10,000.00 each. A reduction of the bond of Hazel Underhill was later set at $2500.00, which she executed January 6, 1934, and was released from custody. On January 16, 1934 U. S. Commissioner Eacock was notified in writing by Hazel Underhill, through her attorney, James Mathers, that preliminary hearing set for January

22, 1934 would be waived.

No complaint has been filed against Rowe due to the fact that he has been charged by the state at Shawnee, Oklahoma with harboring Underhill and the County Attorney is of the opinion that he can secure a conviction in this case.

An agreement was had with the County Attorney at Shawnee whereby Rowe will be released to the Government when state prosecution is concluded, if desired.

Lon and "Sleepy" Johnson were questioned at length by the writer at the Oklahoma City Division office on January 4, 1933 and both declined to make any statements; however, Lon Johnson stated that he realized that revocation of his parole could be had and he be forced to serve the unexpired time of his twenty-five year sentence, and that he would come to a conclusion later as to the action he would take with reference to the Government's charge.

Description of Hazel Hudson Underhill as contained in the records of the Bureau of Identification, Oklahoma City Police Department:

Age	37 years
Height	5' 2"
Weight	110 pounds
Hair	Dark Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium Dark
Race	White
Nationality	American
Police No.	Okla. City P.D. #14912
F.P.C.	1 U 00 16 17 U 00 18
Photograph	Oklahoma City file

Description of Lon J. Johnson as contained in the records of the Oklahoma City Police Department.

Age	33 years
Height	5' 7¼"
Weight	148 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Hazel-brown
Complexion	Medium Dark
Teeth	Two upper front teeth slightly spaced
Marks or Scars	Small brown birthmark 2 in. to left of navel

Race	White
Nationality	American
Occupation	Mechanic
Relatives	Mother, Jane Johnson, 2½ miles west of McLoud, Okla.
Police No.	Okla. City P.D. #15555
Photograph	Okla. City file
F.P.C.	21 W M 11 / 17 R II 12
Criminal Record	As Lon Johnson, #14079, received Okla. State Penitentiary from Tulsa, Okla., 4-7-23, crime conjoint robbery, 25 years; served 8 years, paroled.

Description of Ralph Rowe as obtained from the records of the Oklahoma City Police Department:

Age	29 years
Height	6' ¾"
Weight	176 pounds
Eyes	Slate grey
Hair	Dark Brown
Complexion	Medium
Race	White
Nationality	American
Marks or scars	Tattoo star back hand and back index finger, first joint. Fresh bullet wound right shoulder and arm stiff. Cut scar 2½ in. above right eyebrow on forehead
Occupation	Steam fitter
Relatives	Father, John Rowe, Duncan, Okla.
Police No.	Okla. City P.D. #15589
Photograph	Okla. City file
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Criminal Record	As Jack Sullivan, alias Jack McCarthy received Granite Reformatory 9-20-25, #5089, sentence 2 years for grand larceny.

The following description of Seedell Johnson is contained in the records of the Oklahoma City Police Department:

Age	25 years
Height	6 feet
Weight	139 pounds
Hair	Medium brown
Eyes	Hazel

Complexion	Medium
Race	White
Nationality	American
Marks and Scars	Irr. scar at elbow, front Cut scar at wrist, inner Diag. scar at extreme right forehead, in hair
Occupation	Farmer
Police No.	15565
Photograph	Okla. City file
Criminal Record	Arrested by Sheriff's office, Tecumseh, Okla., 1930, charge, murder; dismissed at preliminary hearing. Arrested by Sheriff's office, Tecumseh, Okla., 1929, charge, possession of whiskey; sentenced, 30 days in jail and $90.00 fine; fine was served in jail. Arrested by Sheriff's office, Oklahoma City, 1933, charge, assault and attempt to rape; dismissed at preliminary hearing.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE will at the appropriate time again question Lon and Seedell Johnson, and will make further search and inquiry in the interest of securing additional corroborative evidence of the implication of Subjects in the harboring of Wilbur Underhill.

Will keep in touch with results of preliminary hearing in this matter set for January 22, 1934 and report results thereof.

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JANUARY 15, 1934.

Personal and Confidential.

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

Dear Sir:

With further reference to letter from this office to your office under date of January 13, 1934 concerning the information which you are developing relative to the possible location of some bonds stolen from the Lincoln National Bank at Lincoln, Nebraska, please be advised that the following additional information has been obtained.

Special Agent J. R. Green in endeavoring to obtain information concerning a possible reward for the return of any of these bonds, contacted Mr. Paul F. Good, Attorney General of the State of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, and Mr. Good called Mr. W. G. Bartley, who was one of the Directors of the Lincoln National Bank, the deposits of which bank have since been turned over to the Continental National Bank, Lincoln. Mr. Bartley represents the former owners of the Lincoln National Bank.

Mr. Bartley advised that of the bonds stolen there were between $27,000.00 and $28,000.00 United States Government negotiable bonds, which had not been returned to date; there also being $20,000.00 of miscellaneous negotiable bonds composed of $10,000.00 Government Australia bonds, and $10,000.00 miscellaneous industrial bonds. Mr. Bartley also advised that none of the realty and mortgage bonds, which are non-negotiable, had been returned; he not being able to furnish the exact amounts of these bonds which were stolen, but it is believed that the circulars issued in connection with this bank robbery indicated the amount of such non-negotiable bonds, which were stolen.

Mr. Bartley advised that there was no formal reward outstanding for the return of any of these bonds, but that a reasonable reward would be paid for the return of any bonds, the amount of reward being in proportion to the amount of the bonds returned. Further than this, no information could be obtained concerning the prospects for a reward for the return of any of these bonds.

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Very truly yours,

JAN 19 1934

M. C. SPEAR
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Pittsburg
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P. O. Box 1987
Pittsburgh, Pa.

January 10, 1934

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

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
JAN 13 1934
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Reference is had to your communication of January 9, 1934 addressed to the Director under Personal and Confidential cover, dealing with the alleged robbery of $400,000 worth of Liberty Bonds from the Lincoln National Bank at Lincoln, Nebraska with their possible location.

In accordance with your suggestions, a discreet inquiry has been conducted this day at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania by Special Agent D. DiLillo. Inquiry has developed the information that Mrs. E. P. Barton, her daughter, Mrs. Rachel Barton Hall, and her son, James Barton, are actually residing at 603 Hillcrest Avenue in Riverview, a suburb of Beaver Falls, their telephone number being Beaver Falls 174-J. The telephone is listed under the name of Rachel E. Barton.

A confidential interview was had by Special Agent DiLillo with Chief of Police F. R. Shaner of Beaver Falls, who does not know the identity of James E. I. Hall. Chief of Police Shaner, in fact, does not even know the Bartons hereinbefore referred to.

Neither Hall nor the Bartons are known to the Post Office officials at Beaver Falls. The book of mail carrier Walter McGawn, indicates that Mrs. Erma Barton and Mrs. Rachel Barton Hall, are receiving mail at 603 Hillcrest Avenue, Riverview.

Mail Carrier McGawn was discreetly interviewed at his home, 1406-21st Avenue, Riverview, in company with Assistant Postmaster Clarence Pierce of Beaver Falls. He informed that he did not know the Bartons very well inasmuch as they moved to the given address only within the past year. He informed that he saw, on various occasions, while delivering mail to the Bartons, Mrs. E. P. Barton and her boy, about fourteen years of age, but that he at no time saw Mrs. Barton's daughter or Mr. Hall.

Mail Carrier McGawn remembers that during December of 1933 he was informed by Mrs. E. P. Barton that thereafter any mail addressed to Mrs. Rachel Barton Hall should also be delivered at 603 Hillcrest Avenue. McGawn gave it as his opinion that some school teacher was possibly residing at 603 Hillcrest Avenue inasmuch as he noticed in the mail considerable school teacher literature. McGawn informed that he knows it to be a fact that the Bartons moved to the address given from the territory covered by Mail Carrier Ralph Bruce.

Ralph Bruce informed that he is acquainted with Mrs. E. P. Barton, her daughter, Rachel, and her fourteen-year old son, James, who were at one time residing in that section of Riverview known as Patterson Heights; that since moving Barton's former neighbors gossiped considerably concerning Rachel, who taught for three years in the Patterson Heights Public School; that Rachel Barton was a close friend of H. O. Traver and family who are now in Europe; that Traver is a builder of amusement park contrivances; that during the Spring of 1933 a man thought to be named Reeds or Reeves, and thought to be a resident of Chicago, Illinois, paid a visit to the Travers where he met Rachel Barton, the meeting resulting in love at first sight. Thereafter, in the Summer of 1933 Rachel Barton, with the Travers, visited the World Fair in Chicago, and upon returning announced that she had married the man whom she first met through the Travers.

Mail Carrier Bruce also stated that it was also gossip in Patterson Heights that Rachel's husband was very much older than she and that he is not much good. Bruce gave the age of Rachel Barton as between twenty and twenty-five.

At the Patterson Township Public School - not the Patterson Heights school in which the former Miss Barton taught - the writer was confidentially informed by Hugh Miller, a teacher, that James Barton, the brother of Miss Rachel Barton, and the son of Mrs. E. P. Barton, frequented the school at Patterson Township until June, 1933 when, having graduated, he went to the High School at Beaver Falls, Pa.

Mr. Hugh Miller, who is acquainted with former school teacher, Rachel Barton, stated that he knows it to be a fact

that she was married during the Summer of 1933 but that he does not know the particulars of her marriage, nor does he know the name of her husband.

He stated that the Bartons were reported to have a good reputation in the community and that Mr. Barton, the father of Rachel, was reported dead some ten years or so ago.

Very truly yours,

E. A. TARR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

AIR MAIL

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January 12, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of your communication of January 9, and has noted its contents, which apparently refer to an offer on the part of one James E. L. Hall to furnish information which may lead to the location of approximately $400,000.00 worth of Liberty Bonds said to have been stolen from the Lincoln National Bank at Lincoln, Nebraska. It is further noted that the informants of this man Hall have furnished him with the name of the "machine gunner in the Kansas City massacre", and other information relative thereto. The Division also notes that Hall is without funds at the present time and indicates that he would be unable to make the desired progress unless he can be furnished with expense money. You are authorized to furnish Hall at this time a sum of money on a blue slip not in excess of $50.00, this amount, if possible, to be given to Hall in smaller sums than the aggregate set forth.

The Division desires this inquiry energetically pushed.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

January 9, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Dwight H. Green, United States Attorney, has furnished me with information which he states had been furnished to Federal Judge Barnes by Mr. Norman A. Beck, whom he states is a very reputable lawyer with offices at 2025 Conway Building, 111 West Washington Street, telephone, Central 5637, home residence, 8157 South Leavitt, home phone, Beverly 4970, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Green informed me that a client of Mr. Beck, namely, James E. L. Hall, had secured information from certain individuals who were incarcerated in the Cook County Jail at the time Hall was incarcerated there concerning the location of approximately $400,000.00 worth of Liberty Bonds which had been stolen from the Lincoln National Bank at Lincoln, Nebraska, and that he, Hall, would furnish this information to this Division, his main purpose being to secure whatever reward is extant.

Accordingly, Mr. Hall was interviewed by Special Agent K. R. McIntire at Mr. Beck's office, where it was learned that Hall is a married man, whose wife is Mrs. Rachael Barton Hall, living at 603 Hillcrest Avenue, Riverview, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, phone, Riverview 174-J.

Hall informed that he was incarcerated in the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois, on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, being in jail from October 16, 1933, to January 4, 1934; that during his incarceration he became acquainted with Bernard F. Spangler and Thomas H. Baird, both of whom were Federal prisoners, being held by the Postal Department for the theft of bonds from a United States mail carrier a year ago last December. Hall informed that Spangler observed that he, Hall, was a quiet individual with ability to speak Spanish, and also an aviator, and for that reason approached Hall, advising the latter that he, Hall, was just the type of man that he, Spangler, needed. Spangler then advised Hall that he, Spangler, together with Baird and others unnamed, had between $351,000.00 and $400,000.00 worth of stolen bonds in a bank in Denver, Colorado, these bonds having been stolen from the Lincoln National Bank at Lincoln, Nebraska. He advised that Hall would be needed to secure these bonds and to negotiate them for money, but that further information

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could be secured through Baird.

Hall informed that thereafter Baird approached him and stated that there were $351,000.00 worth of stolen Liberty Bonds, having been stolen from the above mentioned bank, and about $45,000.00 worth of other stolen bonds held in three safety deposit boxes in three different names in a prominent bank in Denver, which bank is located on the busiest corner in Denver. Hall further stated that Baird told him that he was the only man who had access to these safety deposit boxes. Hall further learned from Baird that the keys to such deposit boxes are now in the possession of Joseph Wyeth, proprietor of the Wyeth Hardware Company, St. Joseph, Missouri. Hall informed that Wyeth is very much interested in aviation, owns his own plane, and hires a regular pilot. Hall informed that his agreement with Baird was as follows:

That he and Baird would ride on the same train from Chicago to St. Joseph, Missouri, where Hall would take residence in a hotel, changing his room every third night so that his identity would not be established; that Baird would secure the keys at St. Joseph and go on to Denver, where he would secure the said stolen bonds from the bank; that he would then turn the bonds over to an unidentified man, who presumably is not "hot", who would bring the bonds back to St. Joseph, Missouri; that Hall would communicate with Baird at the latter's residence, 223 North 8th Street, phone, 6-4287, St. Joseph, Missouri; that Baird would then have the bonds delivered to Hall and would then arrange for Hall to meet an unnamed Mexican to whom Hall would deliver the stolen bonds; that Hall would, upon such delivery, receive 25% of the face value of said bonds, keeping $40,000.00 for himself, and returning the remainder to Baird; that Hall would then proceed to Mexico with said Mexican; that this Mexican is the son of a Governor of one of the States in Mexico, by virtue of which he has diplomatic relations, is able to carry sealed baggage across the border, and is able to take parties with him without proper passport; that the Mexican and Hall would proceed to Hermoses, Mexico, where the stolen bonds would be delivered to the Treasury of the State and cash in exchange would be taken out; that when this was done Hall would then receive another 25% from the Mexican which, in effect, would mean that the Mexican was receiving 50% of the face value of the bonds as compensation for handling them. Hall is to keep $10,000.00 of the second 25% as his own cut and return the remainder of the money to Baird. Hall is then to go away, possibly to Shemokin, Pennsylvania, which spot was suggested by Baird, where he is to lay low until Baird secures further stolen bonds to be disposed of by Hall.

It is to be noted that Baird is now confined in the County Jail in default of ten thousand dollar bond, and that Spangler was released on his own recognizance on December 2, 1933. The case in which they are

involved is case #27610, violation of Sections 317 and 88, United States Code, violation of Postal Laws and Conspiracy, on which an indictment was filed on September 29, 1933, the said parties having been apprehended in St. Paul, Minnesota, and removed to Chicago. At this moment Baird being in jail, negotiations are being conducted by a contact man, H. F. Ball, who is living at 710 Barry Avenue, phone, Buckingham 6495, Chicago, Illinois. Ball is very definitely associated with this group. Every effort is being made at present to secure enough money to secure the release of Baird on his bond. It is understood that Ball now has approximately $1,700.00 and a thirty thousand dollar property security for the bond when it is made. Ball is reported to be at liberty under a twenty-five thousand dollar bond, having been indicted in Kansas City, Kansas, on a large hi-jacking of expensive ruge. Hall informed that Attorney Cunningham and his partner, of San Antonio, are also in custody on the same case in which Baird and Spangler are being held. This matter was verified and found to be correct, which would indicate Hall knows what he is talking about.

Hall informed that the gang of which Baird and Spangler are members, is composed of more than 300 men; that their meeting place is in the basement of a roadhouse in the vicinity of Kansas City, Missouri, and that the proprietor of said roadhouse is one of the bosses of the gang. He further informed that Baird is regarded as a bond expert for this gang and they have complete accommodations at said roadhouse for large groups of men to meet; that not long ago a Post Office mail truck was robbed and the truck itself was taken into the basement of this roadhouse, where the contents were examined, fourteen machine gunners standing guard while the contents were being examined. Hall stated that both Baird and Spangler frequently mentioned a man by the name of Levins from Kansas City, who is supposed to be identified with this gang. Further that Ball had made the statement that Levins didn't care how much Spangler and Baird "talked" since he, Levins, is covered up. Hall also stated that Baird and Ball had both told him the name of a machine gunner in the Kansas City massacre who is completely unknown to the Government. Hall could not recall the name of this man but promised that he would secure the same. He also informed that he had learned that the group responsible for the massacre in Kansas City had 115 gangsters available for protection at that time.

Hall also informed that Ball told him that Baird is a 33rd Degree Mason, has police courtesy cards in Mexico, and also has a permanent passport for Thomas H. Baird and party, which will permit him to enter and leave Mexico at will. It is Hall's understanding that these passports and courtesy cards were in the possession of the United States Marshal at Chicago, but discreet inquiries at that point through the United States Attorney's office disclosed that they were not there. Hall

further learned that Baird usually makes his entry into Mexico from Laredo, Texas, to Naueva-Laredo, Mexico.

Hall stated that Ball has offered to buy off the Probation Officers in Chicago so that it would not be necessary for Hall to report in the event that he were operating at many points in the country with the gang.

Hall further learned from Ball that John Laizza (spelling doubtful, who is well known to the Kansas City Office), is the boss of this gang at Kansas City, Missouri, but that conditions have become too "hot" for him and that his lieutenant, one Joe Locus, or Lokas, will take his place, and that Joe Schooler will then become the lieutenant of Locus; that Mike Schooler, the brother of Joe Schooler, will then become Joe Schooler's assistant.

Hall further informed that Ball told him that in case he, Hall, gets in trouble he should go to Marion Trotter, who is known as the official fixer for the gang, who lives in St. Joseph, Missouri, Ball residence not known, but whose telephone number is 6-0138, where he may be reached after eleven o'clock p.m.

Hall further advised that the wife of H. F. Ball is Ethel, maiden name not known, whose people live in Richmond, Missouri. These people are reported to have posted their property as security on the bond of Ball in Kansas City, Kansas.

Hall stated that Ball was in jail at Kansas City, Kansas, on the above mentioned rug hi-jacking and his record could be secured at that point. He also stated that Ball had often times mentioned a man by the name of Finner, or Fenno, or Finno, of Kansas City, Missouri, who is definitely associated with this gang. Ball also mentioned to Hall one Finch of New York, who is engaged there as a broker and will handle "hot" bonds, jewelry, etc. at a price. Ball also mentioned to Hall one James Stone, 1339 Sangamon Street, Chicago, a negro, who is a dope peddler for this gang. Hall declared further that Ball has often mentioned to him "Red" Barker, Carpus, Beiley, Nash, Underhill, Verne Miller, Barlow and "Speedy" Wilhite. Hall also stated that Ball had told him that Baird was in Minnesota at the time of his apprehension, ostensibly to get people to go to the Rio Grande Valley around Mission, Texas, to buy land, but that he was really in Minnesota picking up "hot" bonds. It is believed that this angle of the case should be discreetly verified by the St. Paul Office to ascertain whether or not Hall is furnishing this office with the truth.

Hall also advised that in addition to having a wife living at the address shown above, she has a mother, Mrs. "Pat" Barton and a

brother, James Barton, living at the same address. It is desired that the Pittsburgh Office verify this fact.

Hall further informed that Baird's attorney is Harry Meyers, 3216 Bankers Building, Chicago, Illinois. Hall also informed that he was out with Ball on one occasion when Ball was accompanied by a man whose name is Lefty, and is also identified with the gang. Lefty is described by Hall as follows:

Age:	27 yrs.
Height:	5'5 or 6"
Weight:	155-160 lbs.
Hair:	Blond, full head of hair, close clipped, stands up.
Eyes:	Blue
Scars:	1" cut scar under left eye, not very noticeable.
Teeth:	Good
Speech:	German brogue on some words.
Peculiarities:	Left handed; seldom wears a hat or cap.

Hall also furnished the following descriptions:

Name:	THOMAS H. BAIRD
Age:	32 yrs.
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	175 lbs.
Hair:	Dark brown, getting bald in front; combs hair straight back.
Eyes:	Blue-grey
Complexion:	Ruddy
Teeth:	One gold filling upper front; tooth is black around filling.
Peculiarities:	Mouth sinks in under nose.
Appearance:	Always exceedingly neat; wears loud gangster clothes.
Marital Status:	Divorced
Race:	White
Nationality:	American

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Name:	BERNARD F. SPANGLER
Age:	38-40 yrs.
Height:	6'
Weight:	160-165 lbs.
Build:	Slender
Hair:	Black, straight.
Eyes:	Dark

Complexion:	Medium dark
Appearance:	Rough looking, looks dissipated.
Marital Status:	Married; two children.
Residence:	Reported to live in Kansas City, Kansas, or Kansas City, Mo.

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Name:	H. F. BALL
Age:	34 yrs.
Height:	6'1"
Weight:	175 lbs.
Build:	Slender
Hair:	Black, slick.
Eyes:	Dark
Complexion:	Dark
Teeth:	Perfect
Mustache:	Small, black.
Appearance:	Very dapper; wears dark clothes, dark patent leather shoes, light grey spats, yellow pigskin gloves, yellow walking cane, yellow gold band on right arm with initials; wrist watch on left arm. Drives green Lincoln Sedan, model 1928 or 1929, bearing Colorado license plates; has a Chow dog, age about six months.
Marital Status:	Married; wife, Ethel.

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The Salt Lake City Office is being requested to learn the name and location of the bank in which these bonds are most likely deposited, it being remembered that the said bank is supposed to be located on the busiest corner in Denver, Colorado.

The Kansas City Office is being requested to make such investigation as is suggested in the body of this letter.

For the purpose of verifying the statements of Hall to Agent McIntire it is particularly desired that the Kansas City Office ascertain if there is a man by the name of Wyeth and a Wyeth Hardware Company in St. Joseph, Missouri. Also discreetly ascertain whether or not Baird is a resident of St. Joseph, Missouri, under the telephone number furnished. Also through the Telephone Company ascertain whether or not phone number 6-0138 is listed in the name of Marion Trotter. The completion of further investigation is being left to the discretion of the Kansas City Office, it being suggested, however, that sufficient inquiry should be made to ascertain whether or not the statements made by Hall to Agent McIntire are correct.

It is requested that the investigation mentioned herein be expedited and be handled in a very discreet manner. It is felt that the inquiries should be made in as indirect a manner as possible, and nothing should be done which would embarrass the further development of this matter.

Hall has informed that his only reason for disclosing the information contained herein is to secure such reward as may be outstanding for the recovery of said bonds. With regard to the reward which might be outstanding for the recovery of the bonds, in question, it is desired that the Kansas City Office make immediate and extremely discreet inquiry as to the amount of reward which would be paid for the recovery of these bonds in order that Hall might be informed of the amount of money which he would receive if this activity is successful in securing the return of the bonds.

At the present time Hall informs me that he is entirely without funds and is unable to make the progress desired unless he can be furnished with expense money. As stated above, he is primarily and solely interested in the reward but he has indicated to Baird and Ball, according to his statement, that he has four or five hundred dollars which he might use for living and traveling expenses for the purpose of completing this deal. He states that it was necessary for him to make this statement that he had this money to Baird and Ball in order to secure more information. As will be noted, the plan outlined by Baird would only work in the event he is released from the Cook County Jail on bond. Arrangements have been made with the United States Attorney to delay his release on bond and it will therefore be possible to keep Baird incarcerated until such time as he finds it necessary to make further and different plans with regard to securing the bonds, and it occurs to me as highly possible that he might desire to make a different plan and inform Hall of the name of the bank, and also it is possible that he might find it necessary to have Hall secure the safety deposit box key from Mr. Wyeth of St. Joseph, Missouri. Of course, it is obvious that the time to recover these bonds is the time when anyone goes to this unnamed bank in Denver for the purpose of securing them.

It might be necessary for Hall to go to St. Joseph, Missouri, and/or Denver, Colorado. It is requested that I be informed as to whether the Division would authorize the expenditure of expense money, the amount of which can only be conjectured at the present time, which could be advanced to Hall in order that any workable plan which might be proposed might be completed.

All offices to whom copies of this letter are being forwarded are requested to refrain from making any inquiry whatever which might in

any possible manner jeopardize the completion of this investigation. It is thought wise, however, to secure as much information as possible looking toward the verification of certain parts of this story. It is also requested that such activity as is underteken be done with the greatest possible dispatch.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Kansas City
cc: Salt Lake City
cc: St. Paul
cc: Pittsburgh

EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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January 23, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Upon receipt of the attached telegram signed "Gregory", from Durham, North Carolina, concerning Charles Arthur Floyd, the Charlotte Office was contacted by telephone and requested to immediately communicate with Gregory. I was advised by Mr. Reed that an Agent was at that time in Durham and that he would be requested immediately to contact Gregory.

Upon receipt of the duplicate of the above telegram, which is also attached, requesting immediate action, a telegram was forwarded to the Charlotte Office requesting that the Division be advised of the results of the interview with Gregory.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley

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January 22, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed herewith a copy of a letter dated January 4, 1934, received from Mr. P. G. Deuser, Sheriff, St. Louis County, Clayton, Missouri, wherein he makes inquiry concerning one William Weisman, alias Westerman, who is apparently identical with William Weisman whose apprehension is desired by this Division in connection with the Kansas City massacre.

You are instructed to contact Sheriff Deuser and obtain from him any information in his possession relative to the whereabouts of Weisman.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. #682236

cc - Kansas City

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January 22, 1934

Mr. P. G. Deuser,
Sheriff, St. Louis County,
Clayton, Missouri.

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My dear Sheriff:

Reference is made to your letter dated January 4, 1934, wherein you make inquiry concerning one William Weisman, alias Westerman.

From the information furnished by you it appears that this individual is identical with William Weisman whose location is desired by this Division in order that he may be questioned concerning the murder of Special Agent Raymond J. Caffrey of this Division and others at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933. This same individual is also wanted for the murder of Prohibition Agent John A. Biniello at Elizabeth, New Jersey, on September 19, 1930.

William Weisman, with one Gus Berger, while operating a restaurant at 1415 Franklin Street, St. Louis, Missouri, was arrested on May 15, 1921, at Kansas City, Missouri, No. 12354, charged with murder.

On January 18, 1914, William Weisman married Mary Agnes Lunz at St. Louis, Missouri, and it is said that she is a German, but speaks Jewish fluently. He has one son, Stanley, about 21 years of age, who is presently attending college in Missouri. His father, Frank Weisman, is dead and his mother re-married and is now Mrs. Bessie Shenker and lives at 222 Chancellor Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. His wife, Mary E. Weisman is now living at 211 Chancellor Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, with her daughter, Shirley. William Weisman has the following relatives; brothers:

Hyman C. Weisman	7532 Ethel Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri
Michael J. Weisman	2731 Goodfellow Street, St. Louis
Benjamin F. Weisman	211 Chancellor Avenue, Newark, N. J.
Charles Weisman	1241 Hamilton Avenue, St. Louis
George Weisman	reported to be residing in Detroit, Michigan.

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There is every indication that William Weisman is still alive and actively engaged in criminal activities and I shall appreciate any information you can furnish Mr. D. M. Ladd, the Special Agent in Charge of the St. Louis Office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 801 Title Guaranty Building, St. Louis, Missouri, concerning the whereabouts of this individual.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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

Re; Wm Weisman, alias Westerman.

Dear Sir;

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(Finger Print Division)

Will you kindly examine your records in reference to the above Wm Weisman alias Westerman, and ascertain if this man is still alive, all information you can furnish in regards to this man will be appreciated, he is described as follows.

Wm Weisman, alias Westerman, 27-(1921) 5'6-3/4-205. stout build, black curley hair, dark chestnut eyes, sallow complection, born in Missouri.

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This man is supposed to be wanted in connection with the murder of a Federal Agent, Elizebeth New Jersy, and also wanted for murder and robbery at Los Angeles Calif.

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Our main purpose of this letter, is to ascertain if he is still alive, and he is also supposed to have been killed at the time Frank Nash was killed in Kansas City, Mo. near the Union Station, however this has never been verified, any information you can furnish will be appreciated, I remain.

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Yours very truly,

P. G. Deuser
Sheriff St Louis County, Mo.

A. J. Willmann
Chief Deputy Sheriff.

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