

CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD
KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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REPORT MADE AT: Kansas City, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-22-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-15-34	REPORT MADE BY: R. C. SURAN OS
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUG. I. O. 1201; ROBERT G. BRADY, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1190; HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases, FUG. I.O. 1189; WILBUR			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

UNDERHILL, (Deceased); ED DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1193; BERNARD PHILLIPS, with aliases, I.O. 1196; SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, I.O. 1194; ET AL

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Sam Terran, alias Sam Terrin, identified as being three of six men who robbed Cloud County Bank, Concordia, Kansas, on July 26, 1932. Approximately \$240,000.00 worth of bonds returned to Bank through negotiations on part of Burns Detective Agency. Officials of bank advise never at any time had key rings for distribution or any other purpose with name of bank on them. State possible some customer may have had ring made and the same stolen from safety deposit box at time of robbery of bank. A. Carter unknown at Cloud County Bank.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 12-15-1933.

DETAILS:

This Agent was in Concordia, Kansas, on July 26, 1932 on other matters just about one hour subsequent to the robbery of the Cloud County Bank at Concordia, Kansas, and had occasion to interview former Sheriff Ed Sparger. This Agent furnished Mr. Sparger with the photographs of Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Frank Nash, Bernard Phillips and others who just a short time prior to July 26, 1932 had been identified as being with Holding, Keating and Harvey Bailey in Kansas City, Missouri. At that time the above photographs were displayed to the employees of the Cloud County Bank and the photographs of Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker were identified by Miss Ida Cook, an

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employee who was in the bank at the time of the robbery and kidnaped by the robbers.

The finding of the key ring with the name of the Cloud County Bank on it in the car known to have been in possession of A. Carter recalled these events and it appeared that the key ring may have been stolen from the Cloud County Bank. It was learned through the Sheriff's Office, Concordia, Kansas, several months later that a large number of bonds had been returned to the bank and it was believed that should the negotiations for the bonds be retraced it might lead to information which would cause the apprehension of Karpis and Barker, or furnish other information of value in this case.

Deputy Sheriff Don Barrett, Concordia, Kansas, advised that in addition to the identification of Karpis and Barker a young woman who works at a hamburger stand across from the bank and who also was kidnaped, identified the photograph of Sam Taran, alias Sam Terrin, as one of the gang who robbed the bank. He stated that Terrin was in custody either in Chicago or Minneapolis, Minnesota; that a state warrant had been issued in Kansas for Terrin but he had established an alibi that he was in jail in Minneapolis on July 26, 1932; that efforts were being made by the State Sheriff's Office, Lincoln, Nebraska, to return Terrin to Nebraska for robbery of the bank at Fairbury, Nebraska, subsequent to the robbery of the Cloud National Bank.

Mr. Barrett stated the negotiations for the return of the bonds to the Cloud County Bank, Concordia, Kansas, were carried on through Charles Hunt, a criminal attorney at Concordia, and from whom little information could be expected.

T. W. Wright and Chic Peck, officers of the Cloud County Bank, stated that Charles Hunt accompanied John Wilcox, an employee of the bank, to Minneapolis, Minnesota, to recover the bonds; that Hunt went along as the attorney for the bank at the request of the officers of the bank. They advised that the bonds recovered were valued at approximately \$240,000.00 and the sum of \$15,000.00 was paid for the return of them; that the negotiations were carried on in Minneapolis, Minnesota, by W. S. Gordon, a representative of the Burns Detective Agency. They stated the negotiations were confidential and the details were never furnished to the officers of the bank. These officers were advised all information obtained would be in confidence and would not involve the bank.

Mr. Wright and Mr. Peck further stated that the bank never at any time distributed key rings with the name of the bank on them; that the only advertising done by the distribution method was a small coin purse such as would be carried by a child. They advised, however, that on numerous occasions vendors have been in Concordia and stamped out rings and identifications for people, such as he himself carried on his key ring, and it was

possible that a customer of the bank may have had such a ring made and placed it in a safety deposit box after which it could have been stolen during the robbery when the boxes were rifled. The gang took everything and even returned a small coin purse with the returned bonds, which purse had been stolen from a safety deposit box.

They advised that it was their understanding that a "spotter" was in Concordia, Kansas, two weeks prior to the robbery on July 26, 1932, but they recalled no one by the name of A. Carter and have been unable to determine who the spotter may have been or what excuse he used to look the ground over in the bank.

Miss Ida Cook, Concordia, Kansas, again observed the photographs of Karpis and Barker and advised she was still convinced that they were two of the robbers.

John Wilcox, Concordia, Kansas, an employee of the Cloud County Bank advised that on September 2, 1932 he registered at the Nicollette Hotel, Minneapolis, with Charles Eunt, upon instructions from W. S. Gordon, a representative of the Burns Detective Agency, whose headquarters is either in St. Paul or Minneapolis, and later went to a suite of rooms at the Ryan Hotel where they were communicated with by a representative of the bond holders by telephone; that Gordon was with them in the Ryan Hotel. He stated that the three of them went to a bank and secured the \$15,000.00 to redeem the bonds and that he and Eunt were instructed to notice no one upon leaving the bank, but he did observe a man in a large car who looked them over and then hurried away.

He stated half of the bonds were delivered to him at the Ryan Hotel and half at the Nicollette Hotel by Gordon.

He stated he endeavored to secure additional information from Gordon but was unsuccessful, although in conversation with other Burns' detectives he heard Gordon mention Bear Lake, Minnesota, and was of the opinion that the holders of the stolen bonds were at that place, although Gordon stated he obtained the bonds through a man who was about six miles away from the actual thieves.

He stated that it was his understanding that the Burns Detective Agency at Kansas City, Missouri, first made contact with the representatives of the gang at Ft. Scott, Kansas, through a man by the name of O'Neal, who is either a bond broker or lawyer; that O'Neal was arrested at Ft. Scott, Kansas, by the Burns people as it was thought he had some of the bonds, and shortly thereafter definite negotiations were begun for the return of the bonds.

Wilcox further stated that Smith, the Tulsa lawyer who was supposed to represent Bailey at Ft. Scott, Kansas, doublecrossed Karpis and Barker on the bond deal and was later murdered. Wilcox was indefinite

as to where he secured this information. He stated part of it was from the Burns people and part from the newspapers.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 20, 1934.

SPC:DSS

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Brantley called from Buffalo in connection with the Galatas case. He advised that they had returned from Canisteo, New York, where the relatives of Galatas previously mentioned formerly lived. Agent in Charge Brantley advised that he is positive that the man Getchel, who is living with the relatives of Galatas at Leroy, New York, is not, in fact, Galatas. He has been with the relatives of Galatas for about two years and is one of the bill collectors.

Mr. Brantley advised that at Canisteo they interviewed two girls who worked in the house of Mrs. Cady for some time. One of these girls advised that they are corresponding with Galatas' wife regularly; that Mrs. Cady receives the letters and reads them to Mrs. McFadden, who is blind; that a letter was received from Galatas' wife as late as November. Mr. Brantley reports that one of these girls said that she thought that some of this mail was coming in from San Francisco as she had heard Mrs. Cady and Mrs. McFadden say that Galatas and his wife are supposed to own a home in San Francisco. He suggested that the San Francisco office check the property records there. I will see that this is done

Mr. Brantley stated that he had obtained the names and addresses of a number of additional relatives of Galatas which he believed would be of substantial value in the furtherance of this investigation. He stated that he would interview Cady and probably Babcock upon their return to Leroy this afternoon. His next action will depend upon information obtained from them. He stated he would advise the Division before taking any other action.

Respectfully,

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

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HHC:DSS

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Brantley telephoned from Detroit. He stated that he and Andersen had discussed the case fully with Special Agents of the Detroit office and had dictated a report which was being typed in that office. The report will be out promptly. He now considers the most important investigation to be pending at Memphis, Tennessee, Birmingham, Alabama, and Montgomery, Alabama. He has an informant located in Memphis and the boy formerly attending the University of Alabama is in Montgomery. Brantley requested and was given authority to proceed tonight to these points. He also was given authority to communicate with the Los Angeles office, requesting that certain important leads be handled by that office promptly. He inquired as to whether anything had been received from the San Francisco office on the pending leads there. I informed him that the Division had not received this information.

Respectfully,

[Handwritten Signature]
E. H. Clegg

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Mr. Stanley telephoned. He stated that the Attorney General is going to a Cabinet meeting today and wondered if I had any information of interest, particularly with reference to the Bremer case. I outlined the developments in the case as related to me by Mr. Nathan, emphasizing of course the confidential nature of this information. I informed him of the steps being taken by this Division.

I also mentioned the fact that Bob Brady was killed last night, for the information of the Attorney General at this meeting.

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January 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Rex Collier of the Washington Evening Star telephoned to inquire relative to a dispatch received from Paola, Kansas to the effect that Bob Brady was killed there last night. I advised him that this is correct and that Young, Cody, McMahan and McArthur have also been apprehended. I also made mention of the fact that Galatas and Clark are still at large.

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FILE NO. **62-456**

REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-22-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-11-34	REPORT MADE BY T. M. Birch
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TITLE VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased); RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1201; ROBERT G. BRADY, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1190; HARVEY J. EATLEY, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1189 ED DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1193, ET AL	CHARACTER OF CASE Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Albert R. Hisch, neighbor of Davis family at Agawan, Okla., stated that Ed Davis frequently returns to his mother's home. Also known to frequent home of Mrs. J. Furcely, a beauty parlor operator of Oklahoma City and the home of her sister, name unknown, who lives four miles east of the Capitol, Oklahoma City. Also said to frequent the home of Ruby and Jimmie Alred, Waurika, Oklahoma. Other hideouts of Subject Davis said to be home of a barber by the name of Crowe, Apache, Okla., and home of man by name of McGarey, who is Ed Davis' uncle, and lives close to Walters, Okla.

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REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, 12-15-33 and 1-5-34.

DETAILS:

Accompanied by Sheriff Horace Crisp of Grady County, Chickasha, Oklahoma, Agent visited the home of Albert R. Hisch, near Agawan, Oklahoma, who lives on the adjoining farm to Ed Davis' mother, but whose home can not be seen from the Davis' house. Mr. Hisch is a man who bears an excellent reputation in the county and is one who would cooperate with authorities in the apprehension of Davis and would give any information possible. Mr. Hisch stated that he had known Ed Davis since boyhood; that they were approximately the same age and had played together as boys. Mr. Hisch stated that at the present time living on the Davis farm was Ed Davis' mother, known as "Granny" Davis, whose mind was thought to be affected at this time, a crippled woman by

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the name of Maud Long, Ed Davis' sister and a half Indian boy by the name of Jimmie Lawson, about whom very little was known; that there was also another member of the Davis household by the name of Jimmie Coaste, who is described as a man of about 30 years of age, weight about 180 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes and usually fairly well dressed. Hisch stated that since the death of Wilbur Underhill, Jimmie Coaste is traveling with Ed Davis and that they frequently come to visit Davis' mother on the farm; that at the present time Ed Davis is driving a 4-door 1933 Chevrolet Sedan. Hisch also stated that he knew from conversation with the Davis family that Ed Davis at times visited the home of a Mrs. J. Purcely, who operates a beauty parlor in Oklahoma City; that Davis also visited the home of Mrs. Purcely's sister, who is described as being a dissipated, red headed, medium sized woman, 40 or 42 years old, name and exact address unknown, but who lives about four miles east of the Capitol in Oklahoma City. Hisch further advised that a man by the name of McGarey, who is Ed Davis' uncle, was known to have harbored Ed Davis at various times; also that a Jimmie and Ruby Alred (Ruby Alred being a niece of Davis), who formerly lived at 326 Oregon Avenue, Chickasha, Oklahoma, had recently moved to Waurika and he knew by conversation with Jimmie Alred that Ed Davis frequented that home. Mr. Hisch further advised that a man by the name of Crowe, who runs a barber shop at Apache, Oklahoma and is generally known to be a bad character, had on many occasions harbored Ed Davis and that he knew by conversation with Crowe that Davis was coming to Crowe's place from time to time.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE will conduct appropriate investigation at Waurika, Apache, Walters and Agawam, Oklahoma in an effort to apprehend Subject Ed Davis.

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

Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
January 23, 1934



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62-456

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to long-distance telephone communications between the writer and the late Mr. Vincent Hughes of the Division during the week beginning January 8, relative to the proposition being made for the surrender of Richard Tallman Galatas.

On January 7, Informant "A" at Hot Springs called me by phone and reminded me of the previous conversation he had had with me about October 30, 1933 relative to the possible surrender of Richard Tallman Galatas. His apparent desire was to know whether Galatas could safely surrender to answer the federal indictment pending against him at Kansas City without his being tried for murder. I informed "A" that I would endeavor to furnish him this information by the following Wednesday, January 10, and on that date did advise him that after conferring with the Director of the Division, was advised that should Galatas surrender unconditionally within 48 hours, he would have the guarantee of being safely conducted to Kansas City, that otherwise, he would remain a fugitive at his own risk. Informant "A" at this time stated that that was all that would be necessary, and that he felt positive the matter could be arranged, but that it would be impossible for him to get word to the fugitive until Saturday or Sunday following.

In the meantime, Agent Chipman at Little Rock had been contacted by Chief of Detectives Pitcock along the same lines, the latter saying that Informant "A" had approached Pitcock to see if he would be willing to have Galatas surrender to him, as he claimed that Galatas was afraid to surrender to Division Agents fearing that he would be killed.

In view of these various negotiations, Agent was instructed by the Director to inform "A" that in view of the time required for contact, that the limit for surrender would be extended to Sunday, January 14. This information was conveyed to Informant "A" with the further information that

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the writer would be in Little Rock to accept delivery in person. Informant was further advised that Subject would not be placed in jail, but would be kept in a hotel and that if so desired, he, Informant, might be present. Informant then apparently again contacted Chief Pitcock and assured him that unless something went wrong, delivery would be made at Little Rock on Saturday night or Sunday morning, January 13 or 14. This Agent proceeded to Little Rock on the night of January 12 where Agent Harold Anderson was waiting instructions. Inasmuch as from all indications the deal would go through, the writer wired Agent Brantley at Phoenix to proceed to Little Rock as soon as possible and he arrived there on Sunday morning, January 14, while we maintained constant vigil waiting for the word, but none was forthcoming. On Sunday night, the writer called Informant "A" by telephone and who advised that he had lost contact; that he, himself, was dealing through a third person, and that this third person had also lost contact with the fugitive and that he did not know what had gone wrong.

On the 15th, the writer, accompanied by Agents Brantley and Anderson, proceeded to Hot Springs where the writer contacted Informant "A" alone and at which time Informant stated that he had been approached by one Ed Spears, residing at 239 Orange St., a broken-down confidence man who had always been associated with Galatas. Informant "A" at this time claimed that Spears was the same one who had contacted Galatas on the previous occasion; that Spears at that time told him that he had Galatas a short distance from Hot Springs where he would be safe for a week and that he was being taken care of by a Negro woman; that Galatas was anxious to surrender, but was afraid to do so as he knew Division Agents preferred killing him to arresting him. Informant "A" claimed that it was in furtherance of Spears' requests and promises that he had acted; that when the word came that Galatas could surrender to the Government in safety, he so advised Spears who then stated that Galatas had left and could not be reached before Saturday or Sunday; that from that time on, according to Informant "A", no further contact was made, although Spears claims to have received a telegram from Clarksdale, Mississippi, signed Joe Baker, and Spears claims that he believes Galatas was in or around Clarksdale. A search at the Western Union revealed that a telegram had been sent from Clarksdale, Mississippi on January 9, 1933 addressed to Mr. W. A. Spear, 215 Orange Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, reading: "Have necessary Subject for big store have them get in touch with me at once. (signed) Joe Baker." The above quoted telegram bears all the earmarks of being a coded telegram from one con man to another telling him that he had a sucker ready to work on. Agents Brantley and Anderson proceeded to Clarksdale, Mississippi, I understand, for the purpose of endeavoring to ascertain the source of this telegram. Informant "A" showed the writer where Spears lived and it turned out to be number 239 Orange Street.

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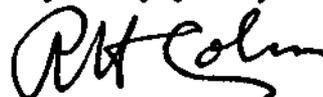
I have never been able to arrive at a conclusion as to whether or not Informant "A" has been throwing us a curve on this proposition, but I am inclined to think that such is the case or else he is not in personal contact with Galatas himself and is relying on Ed Spears for contacts with Galatas. It is known that Galatas is very suspicious of Informant "A", and believes that he is the one who put the finger on Nash.

Informant "A" was told that he would receive \$500.00 for direct information as to the whereabouts of Galatas and at this time stated: "If I get the information, you shall have it as I do not intend to cover him any longer." He also stated that he would not bother me again on this matter unless he had something positive.

In connection with this matter, I will call your attention to my letter of even date addressed to the Kansas City office under personal and confidential cover on the same subject, a copy of which is forwarded also to you under personal and confidential cover, and from the reading of which in conjunction with this letter, one might draw the conclusion that there is grave doubt as to whether or not Informant "A" is playing square with the Division. The Division is doubtless well aware of the fact that Brandenburg, mentioned in my letter to the Kansas City office, is doing everything possible to throw suspicion on Informant "A" in order that he, himself, might secure the position now held by the latter. Personally, I have no more confidence in Brandenburg than I do in Informant "A", if as much, as he was also known to be a downright crook when he was in office at Hot Springs.

I write in such detail in order that the Division and the Kansas City office may be fully advised of the most recent developments in this matter.

Very truly yours,



R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Kansas City

RE:LS

January 24, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

There are transmitted herewith copies of a letter dated January 12, 1934, addressed to the Attorney General by W. C. Gilkerson, Box 66, Royalty, Texas, wherein he makes reference to "Pretty Boy Floyd", whose apprehension is being sought in connection with the above entitled case.

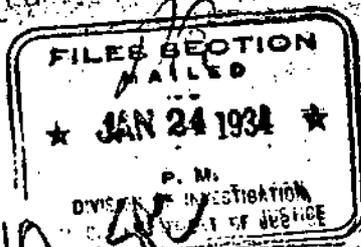
You are instructed to interview Mr. Gilkerson and obtain from him any information he has in his possession relative to the whereabouts of subject Floyd.

Very truly yours,

cc - Kansas City

Director.

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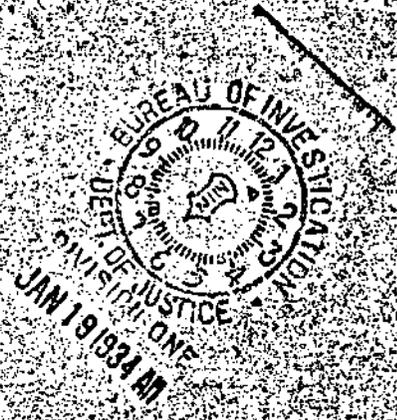
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- Mr. Morrison
- Mr. Kiefer
- Mr. Norris
- Mr. Gottshall
- Miss Brookley
- Miss Broomhead

MEMORANDUM

Jan. 19, 1934

The attached letter has been acknowledged, and is referred to you for whatever information of value it may contain with reference to "Pretty Boy Floyd". The reference is on page 2.



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Royalty Texas
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Honorable Homer S. Cummings

Washington D C

Dear Sir

With pleasure I write a few lines this morning to tell you I heard your fine talk over the radio. Am an hearty in accord with you on catching the criminal of our country, but one thing you must remember that thousands of us common class people are listening to our leaders of our U.S.A. and are proud of our President and many other noted men of our Congress and Senate. But you must not forget that thousands of people talk and think out loud. When you speak of and ask to help catch these criminals. Why do you folks let such noted criminals as Harriman, Mitchell, Insull and thousands of other noted men beat the common class out of millions of dollars go care free. We as a thinking people can't see any difference from a bank robber with a gun who will shoot you if get in his way, really not as bad as this money is unsound. But inside job such as has been going on past few years, and most of them escape and then that are caught, get from 1 to 3 years for robbing of millions. Why not you talk over the radio about such men and advocate a life imprisonment for them with out pardon. Then you will reach every law abiding and thinking man and woman. If these men who have robbed these men, woman and children out of thousands of dollars are not criminals then there are no such, and you should ask Congress to pass a law for each banker who is proven guilty of such a life in prison without pardon then they two will stop and think as well as the kidnapper. I want to state that the great outlaw of Okla Pretty Boy Floyd vis: our little town last Friday night just driving through, he was after something to eat. He is certainly a fine looking man and polite. I talk to the officers next day they seem to be unconcern about him some of them have made the remark that he was not half as bad as Insull, Mitchell, Morgan and many others who beat the people and government out of Income Taxes who is able and should pay them consider them then say to the peoples of U.S.A. we will put them behind the bars for life then you will get cooperation and not until you advocate such prison terms as the kidnapper and bank robber. Hope these few lines won't be taken as if I am a radical. I am a loyal Democrat for our President and all good Congressmen and Senators. A Citizen

(S) W. C. Gilkerson Royalty, Tex

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January 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Reference is made to my memorandum dated January 20, 1934, concerning the seven escapes from the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas.

I have received information from the Kansas City office of this Division that Robert G. Brady was shot and killed by a Deputy Sheriff while resisting arrest at Paola, Kansas, yesterday. The following escaped convicts were found with Brady and captured:

Schuyler Young,
Floyd Kennard Cody, and
Tommy McEahan.

These convicts have been returned to the State Penitentiary.

The fifth member of the escaped band, Charles Clifton McArthur, was apprehended at Kansas City, Missouri on Sunday, January 21, 1934, when he was seen by police officers to leave a street car in that city dressed in his prison garb.

Of the original seven escapes, there remain at large James Clark and Frank Delmar, who were reported to have kidnaped Jesse Bresser, a school teacher, and carried him into Oklahoma, where he was released on Saturday morning.

The killing of Brady removes from society the third defendant named in the indictment arising out of the Kansas City massacre, Vernon C. Miller having been found murdered near Detroit on the morning of November 29, 1933 and Wilbur Underhill having been killed at Shawnee, Oklahoma on December 30, 1933 while resisting arrest.

Very truly yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 709,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

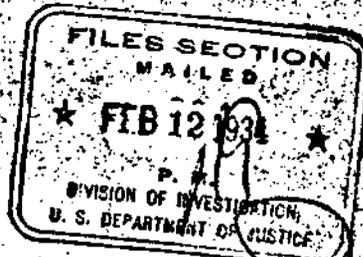
Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases,
Deceased; Richard Tallman Galatas,
with aliases, Fugitive; Identifica-
tion Order 1201; et al;
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. K. Bowling dated at Portland, Oregon, January 22, 1934, concerning one Nicholas Lavoy, a former associate of Subject Galatas.

For your information, there is enclosed, herewith, a copy of a report submitted by Special Agent R. E. Buttersworth dated at Oklahoma City September 18, 1933 in the case entitled W. S. Sneed, with aliases, et al, Swindling on Government Reservation, setting forth Lavoy's connection with Subject Galatas. You are instructed to follow the movements of Lavoy very closely for the purpose of obtaining information which will be helpful in locating Subject Galatas.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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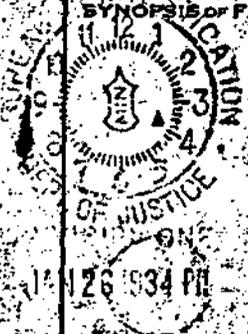
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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (DECEASED);
 RICHARD TULLMAN GALATAS, with aliases-FUGITIVE,
 I O 1201; ROBERT G. BRADY, with aliases-FUGITIVE,
 I O 1190; HARVEY J. BAYLEY, with aliases-FUGITIVE,
 I O 1189; WILBER UNDERHILL, with aliases-FUGITIVE,
 I O 1191; Et Al.

CHARACTER OF CASE:
 Conspiracy to Deliver
 Federal Prisoner

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Nicholas LaVoy who formerly resided at 7361 21st Avenue N. W. Seattle, Washington has recently moved to Route 3, Box 222, Georgetown, Seattle, which is located 16 miles South of Seattle on the Seattle - Des Moines road. Mail cover again placed on all mail to above address.



REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent T. P. Geraghty, San Francisco, California dated November 6, 1933; report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated December 8, 1933; also report of Special Agent W. K. Bowling, Portland, Oregon dated October 28, 1933.

--- At Seattle, Washington ---

DETAILS:

Surveillance which has been maintained over the home of Nicholas LaVoy, 7361 21st Avenue N. W., disclosed that above party had recently moved from above address and was supposed to have moved to Des Moines, Washington which is located about 18 miles south of Seattle.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W.K. Bowling</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28915-1145	RECORDED AND INDEXED JAN 26 1934
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Discreet inquiry at Des Moines, Washington through the Postmaster and telephone exchange and electric light office failed to disclose any information to the effect that above party was residing in Des Moines.

A check of the Puget Sound Electric Company records at Kent, Washington who furnish electric lights to the rural district around Des Moines disclosed that one Nick LaVoy who resides at Jones Corner located 16 miles from Seattle on the Seattle - Des Moines Highway recently had electric lights turned on under Number 166-375 at the above address.

Discreet inquiry in the vicinity of the above address disclosed that LaVoy and his wife had recently purchased the above residence which is a beautiful two story frame home practically new and which probably cost six or eight thousand dollars at today's prices.

It was ascertained at the Georgetown sub-postoffice, a suburb of Seattle, that Nicholas LaVoy was receiving mail through Route 3, Box 222, Georgetown, Seattle, Washington.

Arrangements were made with the Superintendent of the Georgetown sub-postoffice to place an immediate cover on all mail addressed to Route 3, Box 222, and furnish tracings to this office immediately.

A search of the records in the office of Recorder of Deeds, King County, Washington disclosed that Nicholas LaVoy purchased the home at Jones Corner on the Seattle-Des Moines Highway from one Vernon Rodame, on August 12, 1933, same being recorded in Volume 1550 Page 448 which is assigned as South half of lot 3.

A further inquiry disclosed that Vernon Rodame from whom LaVoy purchased above property resided at 8817 7th Avenue South which is located in South Park, Seattle, Washington.

Inquiry at the above address disclosed that Vernon Rodame was out of the city and was not expected back for several days. Upon his return he will be interviewed for all details as to how the payment for above property was made, if by cash or check, if by check the name of the bank on which check was drawn will be ascertained and a thorough check of the bank records will be made and if possible the source of the money which LaVoy has will be ascertained.

Captain Collier, Chief Special Agent of the Pacific Telephone Company, Seattle, was again contacted and after a search of his records stated that Nicholas LaVoy had not as yet had a phone installed at his present address.

Captain Collier promised to keep a close check on LaVoy and should he have a phone installed at his new address this office will be advised immediately.

Lieutenant James Frazier of the Seattle Police Department who has been working in cooperation with Agent in above matter recently ascertained that Nicholas LaVoy was supposed to have a criminal record with the Vancouver, B. C. Police Department. A letter has been sent the Vancouver, B. C. Police Department requesting all information they may have of LaVoy, together with photograph and his complete description. Should photograph of LaVoy be obtained same will be submitted to the St. Paul Division Office to be shown witnesses who can identify the kidnapers of Mr. Hamm and will also be shown witnesses to the Kansas City, Missouri killing of several officers as LaVoy was in Hot Springs, Arkansas associated with subject Richard Tallman Galatas and his gang just prior to the Kansas City murder.

Agents note: Nicholas LaVoy has no visible means of support, his former neighbors in the vicinity of 7361 21st Avenue N. W. where he formerly resided for several years in Seattle, Washington know nothing about him beyond the fact that for several years he would frequently leave home and be gone for weeks at the time and his wife would only remark that he was away on business without saying what kind of business or where he was. LaVoy drives a large maroon colored LaSalle Sedan bearing California license 6A-8503 which investigation discloses were issued to one Lee Granger, Christie Hotel, Hollywood, California at which place Granger is unknown.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

Should photograph of Nicholas LaVoy be obtained from the Vancouver, B. C. Police Department and if the Kansas City Division Office thinks advisable it is suggested that same be shown to the witnesses to the Kansas City murder and then forwarded to the St. Paul Division Office to be shown witnesses in the Hamm Kidnaping case.

PORTLAND DIVISION OFFICE: At Seattle, Washington will contact Vernon Rodams, who resides at 8817 7th Avenue, South, South Park, Seattle, and who recently sold Nicholas LaVoy the residence where he now resides on Route 3, Box 222, Jones Corner, located 16 miles from Seattle on the Seattle - Des Moines Highway. Will also keep in close touch with the Georgetown sub-postoffice, Seattle for any information they may obtain as to mail being delivered to Route 3, Box 222, Seattle, the present home of Nicholas LaVoy.

Will also keep in touch with Captain Collier, Chief Special Agent of the Pacific Telephone Company, Seattle, for any information as to a phone being installed in the present home of LaVoy.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box #987,
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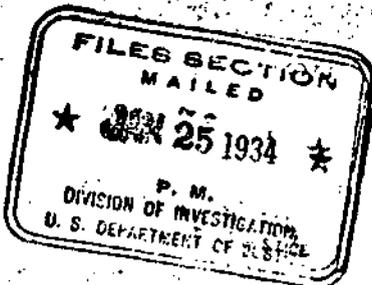
Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request

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are being mailed under separate cover to your
office today, one hundred copies of Identification
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Very truly yours,

Director.



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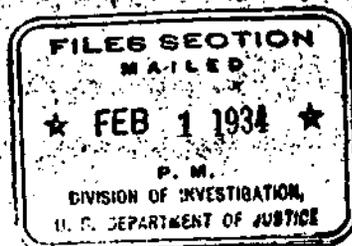
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite L,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter dated
January 24, 1934, in which you advise that your
office has not been supplied with Apprehension
Order No. 287, please be informed that additional
copies of this apprehension order are being for-
warded to your office under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Suite L -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
January 24, 1934.



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

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that this office has not to date received copies of Apprehension Order No. 287, which I believe are those relative to Vernon C. Miller, it being noted that this office has not received an apprehension order on Miller.

Very truly yours,

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

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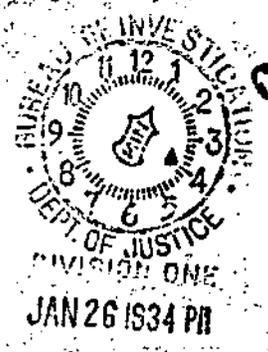
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Suite L -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
January 24, 1934.

A I R M A I L

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

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to Division telegram dated
January 23, 1934, requesting this office to obtain the finger-
prints of the corpse of Robert G. Brady.

There is attached hereto a certified photo-
graphic copy of the fingerprints taken of the corpse of Brady,
the prints having been taken by Mr. Wilson, the Record Clerk
at the Kansas State Penitentiary.

There is also being transmitted herewith a
photograph of the corpse of Brady, the same also bearing a
certification by Warden Lacey M. Simpson of the State Peniten-
tiary, Lansing, Kansas, to the effect that the photograph is a
true copy of the original taken of the dead body of Brady.

Mr. Simpson advised Special Agent A. E. Far-
land that the body had been turned over to the wife of Brady
and was to be buried at Ada, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

M. C. Spear

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

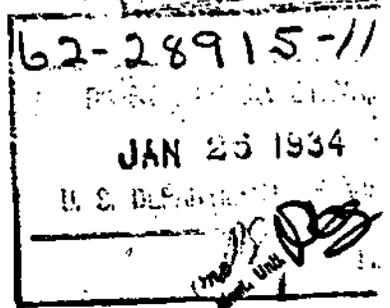
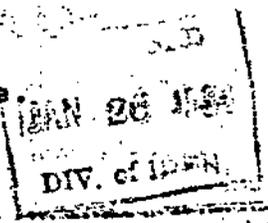
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SUITE L - FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
JANUARY 19, 1934.

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

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

Printed
1-24-34

Dear Sir:

With further reference to my telegram of even date advising of the escape of Robert G. Brady, Jim Clark and others from the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas early this morning, I am transmitting herewith a memorandum of Special Agent A. E. Farland in triplicate concerning this escape.

It will be noted that the Federal indictment pending at Kansas City, Missouri against Robert G. Brady in the above captioned case is still outstanding, and, accordingly, it is respectfully requested that appropriate wanted notices be placed in the Identification Unit against Brady's fingerprint record, this office to be notified in the event of subsequent apprehension. During my telephonic conversation with Lacey M. Simpson, Warden of the State Penitentiary at Lansing, this morning I advised him that I would request that appropriate wanted notices be placed in the Identification Unit against the fingerprints of all the individuals who escaped, and he stated that he would appreciate it if such notices were placed. It is, therefore, requested that such wanted notices be recorded. I am not furnishing photographs of the individuals mentioned in Agent Farland's memorandum.

I have conferred by telephone with Special Agent in Charge, R. H. Colvin, at Oklahoma City today concerning this case, and he has advised me that Subject Brady's wife is being kept under surveillance in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. For the Division's information Mrs. Brady is driving a black Ford V-8 Coupe with red stripe, the motor number on the block of engine being 40-243736, this number being indicated on the frame as 18-243736. The car bears 1933 Texas license plates 392-101, is equipped with a radio and the windshield and the door glass of the same are cracked.

Very truly yours,

M. C. Spear

M. C. SPEAR
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Kansas City, Missouri
January 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

IN RE: Escape of 7 convicts from the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, 1-19-1934.

About 8:20 A.M. the writer was informed by former Special Agent Hugh Larimer that there had been a break at the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, early this morning; that he understood that Bob Brady and Jim Clark, two convicts who had escaped on May 30, 1933, together with 5 others and who were later apprehended and were being held in Cell House Number 2, which is known as the Isolation Ward or Punishment Ward.

A long distance call was immediately placed and this escape was verified by a conversation had with Acting Special Agent in Charge Spear with Lacey M. Simpson, Warden of the Kansas State Penitentiary.

This Agent, accompanied by Special Agent L. D. Nichols, proceeded to the State Penitentiary and ascertained that about 6:20 A.M. this date, Guard Clyde Deere, who was guard in cell house number 2 on this date in place of the regular guard who was off today, had reported that he was attacked by several prisoners early this morning; that they had rushed him, had gone to the front office, secured clubs and that they had beaten him up and one prisoner, who he recognized as Bob Brady, was jabbing him with an ice pick, and that Brady and Jim Clark had also taken his keys; that all were locked up in a cell with a screen door which was occupied by convict Frank Delmar and that after locking them in the cell they proceeded to gather some small lumber and made a ladder. There was a long hose hanging on the wall; that they took this, together with the ladder, and went out the back door of the cell house and alongside guard house tower number 2 which was not occupied by a guard; they used the ladder to climb the wall, which is a 35 foot wall, and after reaching the top they used the hose to slide down. The guards report that they had fired a number of shots at them. One guard states he believed he hit one convict. This afternoon Deputy Warden A.J. Graham, Agent Nichols and the writer made an examination of Guard House Tower located possibly 150 yards from the corner of the front wall, and found the windows had a number of bullet holes through them. Also several pieces of buckshot were found which had made a hole but which had not gone through. From all appearances no rifles, machine guns or pistol shots were fired; that shotguns were the only weapons used to try to halt the break.

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It was reported but not verified that two convicts had held a colored school teacher up about 5 miles back of the penitentiary and had taken his Plymouth 6 car and that the car had later been found abandoned.

Mr. Payne, the Warden's secretary, furnished Agents with photographs and what records we cared to take, as follows:

FRANK DELMAR, alias Frank Brennon, Albert Brennon, A. C. Burnett, Robert Pell, register number 3343, received 1-16-1933 from Leavenworth County, sentenced to a term of 50 years for murder - second degree. Description: color white; age 30; complexion dar; hair dark brown; eyes brown; height 5' 6 1/2"; weight 140 lbs.; build medium; occupation chauffeur; F.P.C. $\frac{1}{1}$ $\frac{U0t}{U0r}$ $\frac{7}{10}$

The records reflect that he has a sister - Edity Hicks, Cincinnati, Ohio, with a notation that in case of death notify Inez Wickersham, 621 East 14th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

CHARLES CLIFTON McARTHUR, register number 3058, received September 2, 1932, from Wyandotte County, Kansas, sentenced to serve 5-10 years for burglary - second degree. Description: Color white, age 29, complexion dark; hair brown; eyes brown; height 5'10"; weight 151 lbs.; born in Ohio; occupation - bookkeeper and stenographer. F.P.C. $\frac{1}{22}$ $\frac{U01}{U00}$ $\frac{9}{15}$

Sister - Katherine West, 456 Soledad Avenue, San Antonio, Texas.

FRED CODY, alias Floyd Kennard Cody, alias Fred O'Brien, Register number 3023; received August 5, 1932 from Morton County, Kansas, 10 to 50 years for bank robbery. Description: White; age 33; complexion dark; hair brown; eyes blue; height 6'; build medium large; weight 165 lbs.; born in Arkansas; occupation tool dresser; F.P.C. $\frac{9}{19}$ $\frac{R00}{W1}$ $\frac{16}{17}$

Father - Batty L. Cody, 1695 Woodbury Road, Pasadena, California.

Sister - Mrs. Robert M. Horn, 1586 Woodbury Road, Pasadena, California.

TOLLY McMAHON, alias J. McKee, register number 2196. Received May 22, 1931 from Douglas County; sentenced 20 to 42 years robbery first degree and habitual criminal. Description; white, age 20, complexion dark; hair dark brown; eyes brown; height 5' 6"; weight 154 lbs; build short and stout; born in Kansas; occupation Shoemaker. F.P.C. $\frac{1}{1}$ $\frac{U11}{T}$ $\frac{17}{16}$

Father and mother deceased. Brother - Richard R. McMahon, Box 7,

3.

Leavenworth, Kansas. Sister - Hazel Kelley, Colony, Kansas.

BENJ. YOUNG, true name Benj. Yanulivitch, alias Benny Young, alias Joe Welch, alias Benny Allen, register #3418. Received February 22, 1933 from Harvey County to serve a term of 2-4 years; charge, jail breaking and habitual. Description: White, age 19, complexion dark; hair black; eyes brown; height 5' 10"; weight 172 lbs; build medium large; occupation C.L. F.P.C. 17 VM 15.

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Has brother in Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, A. W. Yanulivitch.

BOB BRADY, alias Bob Ross, Pat Brady, Robert G. Brady, J. H. Taylor, register number 3337. Received January 14, 1933, from Seward County, sentence life - grand larceny auto and habitual criminal. Escaped 5-30-1933; later apprehended. Description: White, age 28, complexion dark; hair black and gray; eyes brown; height 5' 13"; build large; weight 187 lbs.; occupation salesman. F.P.C. 1 A 20

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Mother - Mrs. S. C. Ross, Ada, Oklahoma.

Brothers - B. K. Brady, Ada, Oklahoma.

Jim Ross, Ada, Oklahoma

George Ross, Ada, Oklahoma.

Sisters - Beatrice Grizzle, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Jean Stebbins, Oklahoma City.

Wife - Leona Brady, 1801 Hyde Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

JIM CLARK, alias Jack Martin, register number 2988, received July 9, 1932 from Bourbon County; sentence life - bank robbery; habitual criminal. Escaped May 30, 1933, later apprehended. Description: color white; age 30; complexion dark; hair brown; eyes blue; height 5' 6 1/2"; build medium; weight 141 lbs. Born in Oklahoma. Occupation C.L.

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Father @ Tom Clark, Muskogee, Oklahoma, Route 5; Columbus Clark, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Has corresponded while in the penitentiary with his attorneys Lardner & Lardner, Ft. Scott, Kansas. B. F. Clark, Route 5, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

photographs of

Copies of all convicts mentioned in this memorandum are attached hereto.

The National Guard was called out and are now patrolling the roads and beating the brush in back of the penitentiary and back towards the river. The Warden secured by some means an Army airplane, which is flying over the river and back of the penitentiary

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4. over the thickly wooded flats. They are patrolling all the main Highways.

Respectfully submitted:

A. E. FARLAND
SPECIAL AGENT

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
January 17, 1934

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

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter dated January 8, 1934, which returned voucher in favor of the Fair Oaks Garage, covering storage charges, and other expenses in connection with the Ford coupe of Vernon C. Miller. This voucher is being returned herewith, together with an additional explanation, concerning these expenditures.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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SUITE 1 FEDERAL BUILDING
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JAN 24 1934 PM

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

Dear Sir:

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

There are transmitted two copies of report by Special Agent R. C. Suran dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 1-22-1934.

It is interesting to note that Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker, alias Doc, and Alvin Karpis may have strong underworld connections in St. Paul, Minnesota who would act as intermediaries for them in almost any offense.

There are transmitted for your use one copy each of photographs of Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis and Harry Campbell, who are mentioned in the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated in this case at Kansas City, Missouri, December 15, 1933, a copy of which has been furnished you previously.

Please make whatever investigation is possible at St. Paul and Minneapolis through W. S. Gordon, or others, of the Burns Detective Agency, in an endeavor to disclose the identities of the individuals there who are "fences" for the Barkers, et al.

In view of the character of these individuals, who are now known to be at large, the fact occurs that they might be likely suspects in the Bremer kidnaping. Of course this office is not aware of the more recent developments in that case, and this suggestion is offered for whatever help it may be.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
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Dear Sir:

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

With further reference to exchange of telegrams concerning ED SPEAR, alleged to have been incarcerated in Leavenworth as a confidence man, there are being transmitted herewith two copies of the photograph of Edward Spears, No. 3592, State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, about whom I recently wired you.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Some information received that Galatas wished to surrender himself, but negotiations therefor to date unproductive. Mrs. Elizabeth McFadden, mother-in-law of Dick Galatas, now residing with Lee H. Cady and family, Leroy, New York. Names and addresses of relatives of Galatas' wife obtained, some of whom live in California and Ontario, Canada. Lee H. Cady, Leroy, New York, brother-in-law of Galatas, denies he or any member of his wife's family know whereabouts of Galatas or wife of Galatas. Cady expresses belief Pat Sturney, son of Mrs. Dick Galatas, Harold Scheuffler, Los Angeles, or mother of Dick Galatas, Long Beach, California, know of his whereabouts and probably District Attorney, Hot Springs, Arkansas, has same information. Galatas is said to have army record during World War. Former servants in home of Lee H. Cady express belief cady is still corresponding with Dick Galatas and wife. Appropriate cover placed on mail of Cadys and Mrs. Elizabeth McFadden, Leroy, New York.

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REFERENCE:

Reports of Special Agents D. L. Nicholson, Detroit, Michigan, 1/9/34, and W. F. Trainer, Kansas City, Missouri, 12/8/33.

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DETAILS:

This is a joint report of Special Agent in Charge R. H. Colvin, Oklahoma City, Special Agent H. E. Andersen, and the writer.

On January 14, 1934, the writer met S.A.C. Colvin and Agent Andersen at Little Rock, Arkansas, where some negotiations were under way with the view of Subject Galatas surrendering himself. S.A.C. Colvin and Agent Andersen had been in Little Rock since January 12, 1934. S.A.C. Colvin had been in contact with Informant "A" through whom the negotiations were undertaken. The Agents named and the writer remained in Little Rock until Monday, January 15, but said negotiations were unproductive of any results. Full and complete details with respect to the said negotiations are in the possession of S.A.C. Colvin of Oklahoma City, who possibly will report same.)

On January 15, 1934, with S.A.C. Colvin, Agents Andersen and L. M. Chipman and the writer went to Hot Springs, Arkansas. At Hot Springs, S.A.C. Colvin contacted Informant "A", who stated that he expected Galatas to surrender himself up until Sunday, January 14, and upon his failure to do so he became dubious that at any time he would surrender himself. He stated that he was not in direct contact with Galatas and stated emphatically that he does not know where he is; that one Ed Spear, an old time confidence man of Hot Springs, apparently is the contact with Galatas, at least Informant A expressed himself very strongly in believing such to be the case. The Informant stated that Lou Connors is now in Hot Springs and she told him that she has seen Galatas once since she was released from jail in Kansas City. The Informant related that Mrs. Ed Spear, wife of the confidence man Spear, indicated above, 229 Orange Street, Hot Springs, received a telegram on or about January 9, 1934, which was addressed incorrectly, said telegram being from Clarksdale, Mississippi, and signed Joe Baker. Said telegram is as follows: "HAVE NICE SUBJECT FOR BIG STORE HAVE THEM GET IN TOUCH WITH ME AT ONCE -- JOE BAKER"

The Informant said that he and Spear believe the telegram to be from Galatas as he had heard Spear make the remark that Joe Baker is a name possibly to be used by Galatas. The Informant told S.A.C. Colvin that he would make every effort to locate Galatas and that he does not propose to protect him any longer, and if information as to his whereabouts is learned it would be promptly communicated to the Oklahoma City Office. It was not deemed advisable at this time to approach Ed Spear.

The name of H. Ward Conde, 639 Wanchita Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, was furnished Agent Andersen by John Marsh, Operative in Charge of the United States Secret Service, Memphis, Tennessee, as possibly having some information concerning Galatas, as he, Marsh, had received

a letter from Conde indicating as much. Conde was located at 135 Oak Lawn Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he recently moved. He operates a pet farm on the outskirts of Hot Springs and is engaged in selling dogs, monkeys, and other pets. He was interviewed by Colvin and the writer. He had no specific information. He stated he was interested in obtaining a position with the Government; that it was commonly known in Hot Springs that Galatas is wanted and that recently he saw a woman in Hot Springs to whom he sold a dog but would not furnish her name or address, and that he entered into a casual conversation with her concerning Galatas, and both of them expressed the belief that perhaps Galatas was being protected by the various city officials in Hot Springs, and that the woman thought possibly that Galatas might be hidden in some house in the city of Hot Springs or that he might be in South America. Asked what house Galatas might be hidden in, Conde stated that he does not know but from all indications obtained from the woman with whom he conversed, it was some house not far distant from where she had lived and had peculiar gables on the top of it. Conde was specifically interested in a job or any money he could obtain from the Government, but he was told to obtain any and all information possible, and if anything is learned by him to transmit it to the Oklahoma City Office, the address and telephone number of which were furnished him.

Agent Andersen and the writer proceeded to Memphis, Tennessee, and there interviewed Mrs. Birdie Mahoney Pearl (commonly known as Mrs. Mahoney), at Lonely Acres Dining Room on the outskirts of Memphis, which establishment formerly was operated by Lou Connors, and where she was arrested. Mrs. Pearl expressed herself as being very hostile and bitter toward Galatas and stated she would like to see him apprehended; that she would like to have a part in his apprehension, and will do all she can to effect it. She stated that she does not believe that Lou Connors knows where Galatas is at present; that the Connors woman has been in Memphis once since her release from jail at Kansas City, at which time she was on her way to Knobel and Hot Springs, Arkansas; that on this occasion she saw and conversed with Lou Connors, and that Lou still believes that Galatas is powerful and can through his political connections have dismissed against him any charges which have been or which may be filed. Mrs. Pearl or Mahoney stated that a few days prior to the instant interview, two men came to see her and they were driving an automobile, the make of which she does not know, with an Arkansas license, the number of which she did not obtain; that one of these men remained seated in the car outside of the yard of her establishment, and the other came in and conversed with her; that he gave his name as Wilson, which she does not believe to be true, and stated he was there to see her on behalf of Lou Connors, and that specifically Lou Connors desired that Mrs. Pearl make a trip to California and contact the mother of Dick Galatas for the purpose of getting in touch with Subject Galatas in order that he could send Lou Connors some money. Mrs. Pearl stated however that she was not interested and told the man that she could not

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undertake such a trip. Mrs. Pearl was asked if she had any idea as to the identity of the man who called upon her. She replied that she had every reason to believe from descriptions she had heard of one Dutch Akers, Chief of Detectives of Hot Springs Police Department, that it was he. Mrs. Pearl said that she had in the past done many things for Lou Connors but she proposes to have nothing further to do with her for the reason that she has learned from several sources that since Lou's arrest she has said many uncomplimentary things about her. Mrs. Pearl did say however that because of her intense desire to see Galatas apprehended, if occasion arises she will get a gin bottle and make an effort to get Lou Connors drunk, as Lou will do considerable talking when under the influence of liquor.

Mrs. Pearl was asked if she had any idea as to how Galatas might be located and she said that she thinks possibly by contacting Tom Kearney, confidence man and close associate and friend of Galatas of St. Louis, and by having an agent shadow her and Kearney, the location of Galatas might be revealed. She said that she would be willing to undertake such a trip, but it would be necessary that all of her expenses be paid and that she be compensated for a time. It was quite apparent that Mrs. Pearl would like to make a trip to St. Louis at the expense of the Government. Agent Peterson of the Birmingham Office stationed at Memphis, Tennessee, was present during the course of this interview. He knows Mrs. Pearl. She promised to furnish the Division with any information that she might obtain concerning the whereabouts of Galatas, and should she learn anything she would contact Agent Peterson.

As it is heretofore indicated, Lou Connors several months ago was apprehended in Memphis, Tennessee. Agent Peterson of the Birmingham office stated that his investigation revealed that there was a woman at the Lonely Acres Dining Room near Memphis thought to be Lou Connors, although her definite identity was not known for some time, and that it was through an informant in Memphis, whose name will be furnished the Division under confidential cover, that said woman was definitely identified as Lou Connors. Agent Peterson stated that this informant at his request made a trip to Little Rock, Arkansas, for the purpose of establishing the identity of the woman thought to be Lou Connors; that said informant has been operating in Memphis for a number of years, mostly in the liquor racket, and that he has many connections, both in Memphis and Arkansas, and that he thought perhaps he might be useful in obtaining some information concerning Galatas.

An interview with this informant was arranged and Agents Andersen, Peterson and the writer talked to him in Memphis. He said that he does not know Galatas personally, although he thinks he has heard of him; that he will be willing to make an effort to obtain some information as to the location of Galatas, although he could not make any definite promises or guarantees that his efforts would produce any results. He said that he

would make a trip to Little Rock and Hot Springs, Arkansas, and would be back in Memphis between the 22nd and 23rd of January, 1934, and would contact Agent Peterson and furnish him with any information that he might obtain on this trip.

By long distance telephone the Birmingham office was requested to ascertain the present whereabouts of Pat G. Sturney, stepson of Galatas. Agent J. H. Hanson of the Birmingham Office subsequently informed that Sturney is now employed at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Alabama, on a CWA project at Hangar No. 4, employment number 51-2343N, and is working under the supervision of Major Ryan, and that the time-keeper is S. F. Tillery; that Sturney is now residing at No. 5 Club View Avenue at the home of James L. Beach, and that A. H. Warner, Sub-Clerk, Carolyn Sub-Postoffice, Montgomery, can identify Sturney. The address of Sturney was desired for the reason it was thought that possibly some investigation should be conducted in an effort to determine whether he is now in communication by correspondence or otherwise with his mother and Subject Galatas.

Mr. S. P. Cowley of the Division at Washington was requested to have the New York Division Office ascertain if L. H. Cady and Roscoe W. Babcock (see report of Agent Nicholson, Detroit, Michigan, 1/9/34) are now in Leroy, New York. It should be noted from the report referred to that L. H. Cady is thought to be a brother-in-law of Galatas, and that he was said to have married a sister of the wife of Subject Galatas.

Advices were received from Mr. Cowley to the effect that the New York Office had learned that Cady and Babcock are now at Leroy, and that a third man is with them using the name of K. D. Gitchell. Agent Andersen and the writer were instructed to proceed as early as possible to Leroy, New York, for the purpose of conducting inquiries, and on January 18, 1934, at Buffalo, Andersen and the writer contacted Agent G. V. Doherty of the New York Office stationed at Buffalo, who stated that he made the inquiries at Leroy with respect to L. H. Cady and Roscoe Babcock; that while in Leroy he interviewed Mr. Mooney, carrier, who delivers mail to the office and residence of L. H. Cady; that Cady and Babcock are operating a collection agency in Leroy, and that they have been there approximately two months, having come there in November 1933.

Agents Andersen, Doherty and the writer proceeded to Leroy, New York, and interviewed Postmaster W. M. Houston, whose residence telephone is 302, and whose office phone is 130J. Agent Doherty had previously interviewed Mr. Houston. He stated that Lee H. Cady resides at 20 Lake Street, Leroy, and rents a house from J. S. Carr, a salesman who now resides out of Leroy on the Pavilion Road; that Babcock rents a home from him, Houston, and lived at 23 Main Street in Leroy. Houston stated that he does not know K. D. Gitchell and that he believes Cady and Babcock have

two men working for them, one of whom is an elderly man, possibly the father of Roscoe Babcock, as he makes his home with Babcock on Main Street, and that he is not certain as to the name of the fourth party, but he believes he possibly has heard the name of Gitchell; that he believes that both Babcock and Cady have children; that he does not know any of the members of the family and he is not personally acquainted with either Cady or Babcock; that he thinks they came from Canisteo, New York, to Leroy, and that at Canisteo they were engaged in a collection agency. Houston stated that Rockwell Comfort, now employed in the Leroy National Bank, formerly resided at Canisteo and might be in a position to furnish information concerning Cady and Babcock. Houston said that Cady and Babcock rent offices from R. G. Milliman, Leroy, and that Paul Boylan, an attorney, has offices on the same floor with Cady and Babcock, and that Comfort, Milliman and Boylan are absolutely reliable. Asked about the neighbors of Cady, Houston said that Mrs. Margaret Fogarty, a hair dresser, resides on one side of the Cady house, and Mrs. E. G. Seyffert, a milliner, resides on the other side; that while Mrs. Fogarty is, he believes somewhat inclined to be a gossip, he does not believe that Mrs. Seyffert has this weakness, and that she can be trusted. The photograph of Subject Galatas was presented to Mr. Houston, but he was unable to identify this as any individual he had seen around Leroy, adding however that either Cady or Babcock, or one member of the firm (he does not know them apart) he believes to be about the size of Galatas, and that one of them has some gray hair.

Leo B. Mooney is the mail carrier who delivers mail to the office of Cady and Babcock, and to the residence of Cady, 20 Lake Street. He stated that since he was interviewed by Agent Doherty, he has made some observations, both in the office and at the residence of Cady, and has kept a watch on all mail going to the firm and to the residence of Cady; that on January 17, 1934, he saw a letter for Mrs. L. H. Cady with a return address of Hi McFadden, Arlington Hotel, 480 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California. Mooney said that he does not know all members of the firm of Cady and Babcock, but when shown a photograph of Galatas, he stated he was not sure that he had seen anyone resembling the photograph, but that he believed there was a man connected with the firm who was about the size of Galatas and who had some gray hair; that he has seen no strangers at the residence of Cady, but that he has seen a man around the office and he believes his name to be Gitchell, whose description he was unable to furnish. He stated that Cady drives a Packard sedan with a New York 1933 license number 2J5578. Mooney stated that there is a stenographer in the office of Cady and Babcock and he believes her name is Nicholson and that she came to Leroy with Cady and Babcock.

Mooney stated that he has seen an elderly woman at the home of Cady and that he is inclined to think that she is blind.

A cover was placed on the mail of the Cadys and on Mrs. McFadden, the mother of Mrs. Cady, whose identity was subsequently established

as will be observed in this report, with the request that tracings be sent immediately to the New York City Office, the address of which was furnished the postmaster. The New York Office was apprised by letter to the effect that the cover had been placed on the mail as indicated.

Rockwell Comfort, now connected with the National Bank of Leroy, was interviewed. He stated he was formerly from Canisteo, New York, and knew that Cady and Babcock operated a collection agency there but did not know them intimately, and doubts that he would be able to identify either. He stated that they were therefor two years or more and came to Leroy in November 1933; that they are said to be efficient collectors but he has heard that it is difficult for their clients to get money out of them after they had collected it; that they are now collecting for the estate of the late Dr. Souderby; that they have a small account in the bank which never is more than three or four hundred dollars per month; that he does not know how many men are connected with the firm, and knows nothing of the family connection. Comfort was unable to identify a photograph of Galatas as any individual he has at any time seen with Cady or Babcock.

R. G. Milliman, owner of the building in which Cady and Babcock have their offices, was interviewed. He stated that there are four men connected with said firm including L. H. Cady, Roscoe Babcock, the father of Babcock whose initials he does not know, and another man whose name he does not know; that a stenographer is also employed in the office; that these people came to Leroy in November 1933, and he knows very little about them. He was unable to recognize the photograph of Galatas as any person connected with Cady and Babcock. He stated that they have two automobiles, one a Packard and the other he believes a Hudson, both sedans.

Paul Boylan, an attorney, has his office on the same floor with Cady and Babcock. He was interviewed and stated that he has seen Cady and Babcock, but does not know them well and does not like them; that on one occasion he learned that one of these men had talked to a client of his about collecting some money, and he thought the whole thing was unethical. He expressed himself as believing that there are four men, including Lee H. Cady, Roscoe Babcock, the father of Babcock, an elderly man, and a fourth who appears to be between thirty-five and forty years of age, and rather tall; that while he has not observed these persons closely, his stenographer, Miss Marian Scott, a notary public, has been in the office of said firm on two or three occasions and has had opportunity to observe them all. Boylan viewed the photograph of Galatas but was not able to recognize it as a likeness of any member of the firm he has seen.

Miss Marian Scott, a stenographer in Boylan's office, was interviewed. She appears to be a very intelligent young woman. She stated that she has been at the office of Cady and Babcock three or more times to execute certain papers requiring the seal of a notary public; that she

has seen all of the men in the firm including Cady, Roscoe Babcock, the old father, Babcock, and a fourth man whose name she does not know. She advised positively upon viewing the photograph of Galatas that none of the individuals she has seen in the office of Cady and Babcock bears any resemblance to the photograph of Galatas. The description she gave of the fourth man in no wise answers the description of Galatas; that the height is much greater and the size and weight do not correspond with the description of Galatas.

With Agent Andersen the writer went to the office of Cady and Babcock, and without revealing their identity interviewed the stenographer there, who is said to be Helen Nicholson. This young woman stated that Cady and Babcock were out of the city and were expected back on Saturday, January 20, but that the father of Roscoe Babcock was in and would discuss any business affairs. The father of Babcock was observed. He appears to be approximately 65 to 70 years of age with very white hair.

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Agent Andersen went to the residence of Cady and there talked to the latter's wife. She stated that Cady was out of the city on business with Mr. Babcock, probably in the vicinity of Canistota, New York, and would return to Leroy some time Saturday, January 20. Agent Andersen at this residence observed three children and an elderly woman who appeared to be blind, and who no doubt is Mrs. McFadden's mother, Mrs. Cady, and the wife of Roscoe Babcock. These children appear to range in age from five to eight, and probably two of them are in school. The oldest is a girl, about eight years of age, whose name is Virginia, and very learned and intelligent. The information with respect to this child is given, should it be deemed at some future time advisable to interview her.

Mrs. E. G. Seyffert was interviewed. She resides next door to the Cadys. She stated that she had never visited with the Cadys and does not know them well, but that prior to the time the Cadys moved into their home she had the keys to it and Mrs. Cady got them from her when they moved in and she thinks this was about a week prior to Thanksgiving, 1933. She said that she has heard that there is an elderly blind woman living with them, possibly the mother of Mr. or Mrs. Cady; that she had not observed any activity around the Cady residence and has not seen anything to indicate that they are having visitors and that they lead a very quiet existence. She viewed the photograph of Galatas but was unable to identify it as any person she has seen there.

Carrier Scanlon, who delivers mail to the Babcock home at Leroy, was interviewed, and stated that Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Babcock, the father of Babcock, and his wife make their home at 23 Main Street in Leroy; that he has not observed very much activity there, and was unable to identify the photograph of Galatas. Scanlon said that he is inclined to

believe that possibly another man spends some time in the Babcock home and that this person is a tall individual and slender. (This apparently is the person known as K. D. Gitchell.)

Miss Campbell at the Western Union Telegraph Company, Leroy, was interviewed, and stated that she has not observed that Cady or Babcock have sent or received any telegrams. She would of course not exhibit her records without a subpoena, but the statement made by her was indicative of the fact that nothing had come under her observation to show that either these individuals are sending or receiving telegrams. She was unable to identify the photograph of Galatas as any person she has seen.

Leroy, New York, is served by the New York Telephone Company, and the records of the phone company for Leroy are kept at Warsaw, New York, about twenty miles away. Agent Doherty checked the telephone records at Warsaw and by interviewing Miss E. E. Knapp learned that on January 2, 1934, a telephone was installed in the office of Cady and Babcock at Leroy, the number of which is 49; that on December 5, 1933, Roscoe Babcock had a telephone installed in his residence in Leroy, the number of which is 481. Cady has no residence telephone. Miss Knapp stated that she has no record to date of any long distance calls from the office of Cady and Babcock, but that on December 28, 1933, a call was made from Babcock's residence telephone number 481 to Townsend 8-7094 in Detroit, and on December 15, 1933, another long distance call was made from Babcock's residence to number 4SR2, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, to the Benford residence.

At Canistota, New York, W. H. Stuart, Postmaster, was interviewed and stated that he knew Cady and Babcock as collectors in that town for about one and one-half to two years; that he thinks they came from Detroit, Michigan; that they enjoy the reputation of being efficient collectors but would not remit immediately moneys they had collected for clients; that with Cady and Babcock was the father of Roscoe Babcock, an elderly man, and another party by the name of Karl Gitchell, who was with them for more than a year; that his son, Henry Stuart, for a while worked as a field collector for this firm, and that a young man by the name of Harold Stevens of Canistota worked for them for several months, and that he knows that his son would be in a position to furnish information concerning the members of the firm, and that Harold Stevens is reliable. Postmaster Stuart viewed the photograph of Galatas, but was unable to identify him as any individual he had ever seen.

Charles Smith, an assistant postmaster at Canistota, was interviewed and his statements with respect to the firm of Cady and Babcock were substantially the same as those made by Postmaster Stuart, save that he did say that a young girl by the name of Irene Wright, now in high school, for a while worked as a nurse in the home of Lee H. Cady; that Cady and Babcock left Canistota for Leroy, New York, some time during the month of November 1933.

He exhibited a forwarding address for Cady and Babcock, which was undated. He also stated that this firm had an office in the building adjacent to the postoffice and that he frequently saw members of the firm, but was unable to identify a photograph of Galatas as any of them.

Howard Wentworth, Lettercarrier at Canisteo who served the Cady household, was interviewed, and his remarks concerning the firm were substantially the same as Stuart and Smith, except that he said there was an elderly woman in the Cady home who appeared to be blind and that her name is McFadden, first name unknown. He was unable to identify a photograph of Galatas as any person connected with Cady and Babcock.

Irene Wright, age 18, residing at 8 Taylor Street, Canisteo, and now a high school student, was interviewed at the school building. She is a bright and intelligent young girl. She stated that in the summer of 1932 she worked for the Cadys, taking care of the children; that during that summer, she does not remember the month, she made a trip with Mr. and Mrs. Cady and the children to Detroit, Michigan, and vicinity; that they remained in Detroit only a short time and visited in Dresden, Ontario, a brother of Mrs. Cady, whose name is Walter McFadden, who lives about one mile from town and is a farmer; that they also visited at Ann Arbor, Michigan, at the home of Harold Basteen (the spelling is phonetic), who is connected with one of the Ann Arbor newspapers, she believes as an editor; that they also visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wells in Dresden, but that she does not know whether the Wells are relatives. She is inclined to think they are not; that Mrs. Cady has a sister by the name of Ann residing in Belle River, Ontario, and is married, but that she does not know the last name of Ann's husband, but his first name is Clifford; that Mrs. Cady has a sister by the name of Lena, who at one time lived in Hot Springs, Arkansas, with Mr. and Mrs. Galatas; that Mrs. Galatas is a sister of Mrs. Cady and her first name is Elizabeth and they call her Betty; that she does not know the name of Lena's husband, and the reason she does not know it is that they so frequently spoke of the sisters and brothers by their first names only.

Irene Wright stated that while in Canada in 1932 she met Mr. and Mrs. Galatas and she immediately identified the photograph of Galatas; that this is the only time she ever saw him but frequently heard the Cadys speak of him as the wealthy brother-in-law who had the Cadillac agency at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Miss Wright at this point remarked that Cady is a very boastful individual. She stated that in the summer of 1933 she kept the children for Mrs. Cady on a few occasions, but was not with her for any protracted period of time; that in June or July 1933 Mrs. McFadden, who is blind, the mother of Mrs. Cady, came to Canisteo, New York, from Hot Springs, accompanied by the mother of Dick Galatas; that the elder Mrs. Galatas remained in Canisteo for a few days and then went to California, Long Beach, she thinks is the town. She stated that "Betty" Galatas appears to be the favorite daughter of Mrs. McFadden and that Mrs. McFadden frequently

spoke of her, and that she had been making her home with Betty Galatas at Hot Springs for several months prior to the time she came to Canistota in 1933. She stated that she believes that Mrs. Cady is still corresponding with Betty and that Mrs. McFadden is also hearing from her. She stated that there is a young brother, Hugh McFadden, who is a salesman, although she does not know with what firm he is connected in California, nor does she know the city in which he is located. She advised that Betty Galatas has been married twice and that she had a son by the first marriage whose first name is Pat, and she believes his last name to be Sturney, although she has never seen this son; that the first husband of Betty Galatas did live at Chatham, Ontario, where he operated a cafe or restaurant and as they went through Chatham in 1932 on the trip into Canada, Mrs. Cady pointed out to her the restaurant which was at that time or had in the past been operated by this first husband of Betty whose name she does not know. In this connection it should be observed that the son of Betty Galatas is known as Pat Cardella Sturney. In conducting the investigation in Chatham, the name Cardella as well as that of Sturney should be borne in mind. Irene Wright stated that she knows Karl Gitchell, who was connected with the firm of Cady and Babcock, as one of its collectors; that he was with them for a considerable time, and she stated that she knows positively that he is not Dick Galatas. Irene Wright said that she had never seen Betty Galatas or her husband in Canistota, New York. With further reference to the statement made by Irene Wright that she believes Mrs. Cady and Mrs. McFadden are still corresponding with Betty Galatas, she said that she thinks it was in November she was in the Cady home in Canistota and she heard Mrs. Cady reading a letter to Mrs. McFadden, which appeared to have been received from Betty Galatas, although she did not hear anything to indicate where Betty Galatas was at the time. Irene Wright said that Mrs. Walter (Grace) Casey, 15 Union Street, Canistota, at one time worked for the Cadys as a servant.

Mrs. Walter (Grace) Casey of Canistota was interviewed and stated that she went to work for the Cadys about February 10, 1933, and that they were then living in Will Reed's old home on Prospect Avenue, Canistota; that at the time she went to work they were living there with their three children; that in June or July 1933 Mrs. McFadden, who is blind, the mother of Mrs. Cady and the mother of Dick Galatas arrived by train from Hot Springs, Arkansas, and were met by Cady; that Mrs. Galatas remained there about two weeks when she left by train for California to join her daughter in Long Beach.

As to her knowledge of the family history of Mrs. Cady, Mrs. Casey said that she had heard Mrs. Cady say she had taken piano lessons in Chatham, Ontario, but from everything she had been able to hear, the Cadys say they were from Detroit, Michigan; that during her employment with the Cadys which ended the latter part of November 1933, she frequently heard Mrs. Cady read letters to her mother, Mrs. McFadden, which as she recalls, were addressed to Mrs. McFadden, care of the Cadys, and that these letters

were from Betty Galatas, a sister of Mrs. Cady; that she was unable to recall the town in which the letters were mailed, but after a number of cities were suggested to her she chose San Francisco as the city from which she believes they were mailed. She stated that she had heard the Cadys and Mrs. McFadden mention that Richard and Betty Galatas own a home, she believes, in San Francisco, California. (It is noted that from previous reports Dick Galatas owns a home at Long Beach, California, where his mother and sister now reside. Mrs. Casey appeared to be aware of the fact that Dick Galatas and his wife owned this home at Long Beach, yet she stated that she believed she had heard them say that the Galatases also own a home in San Francisco.) Mrs. Casey stated that she had no knowledge relative to the family ties of Mrs. Cady other than as stated; that she has never seen Galatas and to her knowledge he never visited the Cadys while they were in Canisteo. She did say that during her employment she had heard the Cadys say that they had received a letter from Betty Galatas in which she mentioned that she and Dick planned a drive to Canisteo for a visit, which she said was subsequent to the arrival of Mrs. McFadden in Canisteo in the summer of 1933. She said that she later heard Mrs. Cady read letters to Mrs. McFadden from Betty Galatas to the effect that due to bad roads the trip as planned would not be made at this time. According to Mrs. Casey, shortly after the elder Mrs. Galatas went to California from Canisteo, a letter arrived for her from either Dick or Betty Galatas containing money in currency, which was placed in an envelope by the Cadys and forwarded to the elder Mrs. Galatas.

Harold Stevens of Canisteo was interviewed, and stated that he worked for Cady and Babcock for several months as a collector; that this firm was in Canisteo for one and one-half or two years, engaged in a collection business; that connected with the firm were Lee H. Cady, Roscoe Babcock, the father of Roscoe Babcock, and another man by the name of Karl Gitchell, who was with them for a short time after they arrived in Canisteo until they left in November 1933 for Leroy, New York; that he knew very little of the family ties of Mrs. Cady, except that her blind mother, whose name he did not know, made her home there. Stevens viewed the photograph of Galatas, but did not recognize it as any individual he has seen with the Cadys.

Henry Stuart, son of the Postmaster, Canisteo, was interviewed, and stated that he worked for Cady and Babcock as one of its field collectors for several months; that he knew nothing of the family ties of either Cady or Babcock or their respective wives, but that there was a man by the name of Karl Gitchell who worked for this firm as one of its collectors, and that he was with them for a considerable time, and that the stenographer was named Helen Nicholson, from Hornell, New York, which is five miles away from there, and that she went with them to Leroy. He viewed the photograph of Galatas but was unable to recognize this as a photograph of any person he has seen.

Canistota is a very small town. There is in Canistota no Western Union office as such and messages to be dispatched by telegraph are phoned in to the Western Union office at Hornell, five miles distant. The Western Union Telegraph Company at Hornell was contacted, but no information would be furnished without subpoena.

The New York Telephone Company serves Canistota and Hornell, New York. R. C. Leet, Manager at Hornell, was interviewed and stated that Lee H. Cady had telephone number 107R1 in his residence at Canistota, and that Cady and Babcock had no office telephone. Mr. Leet stated that there was no record to show that any Western Union messages had been charged to the telephone of Cady at Canistota; neither was there a record of any long distance telephone call from the Cady residence except to small towns in the immediate vicinity of Canistota.

On January 21, 1934, Lee H. Cady of the firm of Cady and Babcock, was interviewed at Leroy, New York. He stated that he is an attorney and is associated with Roscoe W. Babcock in a collection agency at Leroy; that prior to coming to Leroy he was in Canistota, New York, about two years or so, and prior to that was in Detroit, Michigan, where he was connected with the Kimball Piano Company; that he has been married nine years to Elsie McFadden, but would not divulge where she is from, but by indirection indicated she originally was from Canada, although he did not designate the city or town. He stated that Dick Galatas is his brother-in-law and that Galatas is married to Elizabeth "Betty" McFadden; that Betty was married prior to the time she married Dick Galatas, but did not name her first husband. He stated that Mrs. Elizabeth McFadden is his mother-in-law; that she is blind, and is now making her home with him and his wife at Leroy, New York; that she has made her home with them for years, and was visiting Betty and Dick Galatas in Hot Springs last summer, 1933, and came to his home in Canistota, New York, in June or July accompanied by Mrs. Galatas, the mother of Dick. She remained in Canistota for only a short time when she purchased a ticket to Chicago, Illinois, and he believes that from Chicago she went to California, Long Beach, where she resides in a home owned by Dick Galatas; that he has not seen Dick Galatas for three or four years, and the last time was in Detroit, Michigan. Cady professed to know that Dick Galatas was in some kind of a racket, supposedly the confidence game, but intimated that he did not know that he was involved in the massacre in Kansas City; that he has not heard from Dick or Betty since June 1933 and that when Mrs. McFadden and the mother of Dick Galatas appeared at Canistota, he was of the opinion that something was wrong, but did not know what; that he had not heard Mrs. McFadden or the mother of Dick Galatas discuss anything that had occurred at Hot Springs, but he sensed something had gone awry by the manner in which they came to Canistota. He stated that he is certain that none of the McFaddens know the whereabouts of Betty and Dick as several members of his wife's family had written to him and to his wife inquiring as to whether they know where Betty and Dick are now located.

Cady would not divulge names and addresses of the brothers and sisters of his wife, but suggested that she had relatives and connections in Chatham, Dresden and Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. He expressed himself as not caring particularly whether Dick Galatas were caught and on one occasion said he believed it would be the best thing for the family if he were apprehended for in that case Betty would be out of danger, and he believes the family would be greatly relieved. He stated that Galatas has many connections throughout the United States, but did not specifically name any of them, but indicated that he was connected with a large organization, some of whom are tough characters, and many of whom apparently occupy high political offices. He stated that he had met some of Galatas' associates in Detroit, Michigan, but did not mention any of them; that his life would be in jeopardy should it become known that he has even talked to any Government officers about Galatas and that also his family would be in danger. Cady stated that he would be glad to work with the Division in an effort to apprehend Galatas, but that it would be necessary to take a long trip and that he would want his expenses paid and would wish to be compensated therefor; that he believed by going to Hot Springs, Arkansas, St. Louis, Missouri, Chicago, Illinois, California, and possibly Mexico he might obtain some information, but that this would require several weeks and that he would have to travel incognito.

Cady stated that he believes there are four or five persons who know the whereabouts of Galatas and that these are the district attorney at Hot Springs, Lou Connors, Mrs. Galatas, the mother of Dick Galatas, who lives at Long Beach, California, and an "heir" on one side of the family, who is a young man in college in Alabama, but that he did not feel disposed to divulge the name of this young man, as he felt that it would be an injustice to him as he was a splendid young fellow working his way through college and attempting to make something out of himself for the future. (Of course Cady was referring to Pat Sturney, the son of Betty Galatas.) He also stated that Harold (Pat) Scheuffler, a brother-in-law of his who is married to Lena McFadden and now residing in Los Angeles, California, doing CWA work might possibly know of the whereabouts of Betty and Dick Galatas. He said he does not know the street address of Lena and Harold Scheuffler. On Page 7, Paragraph 1 of the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, 12/8/33, it will be observed that mention is made of a girl named "Lena," who addressed a card to Mrs. Betty Galatas at Hot Springs during June 1933; that this card was viewed by Special Agent H. E. Andersen and that it is believed possible that this might be a sister of the wife of Dick Galatas in Los Angeles, and that probably her name is Mrs. H. F. Schrefler, 4223 Garden Homes. This individual no doubt is Lena Scheuffler referred to by Cady. Cady stated that at one time Scheuffler and his wife Lena resided in Detroit, Michigan, and had financial difficulties, following which they lived with him at Canisteo for a short time and thereafter went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where they made their home, he does not know for how long, with Betty and Dick Galatas. He said he is of the opinion that the Scheufflers have some children. He stated that his wife and children had never visited the Galatas family at Hot Springs.

Cady stated that Dick Galatas owns a residence in Long Beach, California, where his mother resides; that Dick Galatas or his wife Betty own property in Detroit, Michigan, and that the same is held in the name of his, Cady's, wife, but he would not describe the type of property nor would he designate its location. He stated that he is confident that where Betty Galatas is found there also will be found Dick; that he thinks Galatas still has money; that very likely he was frequenting racetracks as he was very fond of horse racing; that he likes the luxuries and finer things of life, is a good liver, well educated, and does not believe he will be found in any rural or remote section of the country where the luxuries and better things of life are unobtainable; that the photograph of Galatas is a splendid likeness of him, but he believes he is a bit stouter than the photograph would indicate at this time; that Dick is very fond of his mother and no doubt is sending her money; that he is firmly convinced she knows where Dick is, and thinks that Dick is either personally contacting her or communicating with her in some manner; that if he were going to look for Dick Galatas he would first contact the mother; that he also would spend some time in Tia Juana and Agua Caliente, Mexico, race tracks. (These two towns are located a short distance south of San Diego, California.) Further, that Dick might even go to Mexico City as he knows that Dick is smart enough to go into some country from which extradition to the United States would be more or less difficult; that possibly Dick has connections in Montreal, Canada, although he does not know what they are, and that he is an intimate friend of former Governor Graves of Alabama. Cady was asked if Galatas has any insurance and he stated to his knowledge he has none, but that he believes that he owns securities of some kind; that Dick had an alias, but that he did not feel disposed to divulge it. Asked what kind of an automobile Galatas might be driving, Cady said that the last time he knew anything of his automobiles he was using a Cadillac. He also stated that Galatas served in the United States Army during the World War and was an officer and saw service overseas, but that he does not know the regiment or company in which he might have been assigned.

Agent Andersen in interviewing an informant of Hot Springs, Arkansas, was informed that quite a number of confidence men for the United States on occasions congregate in Monterey, Mexico, and that he had heard one confidence man whose name he did not furnish say that Dick Galatas probably owned property in the vicinity of Monterey. Cady was asked if in his judgment Dick Galatas might be in Monterey or vicinity and he stated emphatically that he does not believe so. The fraternal affiliations of Galatas were discussed with Cady and he stated that he believes he was a member of the Masonic Order and of the Beneficial Protective Order of Elks.

It was apparent during the entire interview with Cady that he was endeavoring to ascertain how much the Government knows about Galatas, his connections and his past, and that he would furnish a minimum of information with respect to Galatas or his wife and her family ties. As

is indicated, he is an attorney, believes himself to be a very clever individual, and that he would not furnish any information concerning Galatas unless he were absolutely compelled to do so. Cady was informed that should any evidence be obtained to the effect that any person has harbored, aided, assisted or abetted Galatas since his fugitivity, that he could be prosecuted in the Federal court. Cady's report to this was that any connections that he might have had with Galatas prior to the time that he became a fugitive would not subject him or any such person to prosecution.

It is to be observed that it was learned through the postoffice at Leroy that on January 17, 1934, a letter was received for Mrs. L. H. Cady, with the return address of Hi McFadden, Arlington Hotel, 480 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California. This information was furnished Mr. Cowley of the Division, who stated that immediate request would be made upon the San Francisco office to conduct investigation at San Francisco, with the view to learning whether Galatas is in that city or is communicating or connected in any way with said Hi McFadden. (This Hi McFadden no doubt is Hugh McFadden, brother of Mrs. Galatas and Mrs. Cady.)

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The Detroit Office at DRESDEN, ONTARIO, will conduct appropriate investigation relative to Walter McFadden, who is alleged by Irene Wright to reside on a farm one mile from Dresden. Appropriate investigation will also be made as to the connections and relationship, if any, of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wales of Dresden, Ontario, who were visited by Mr. and Mrs. Lee H. Cady during the summer of 1932.

At Belle River, Ontario, appropriate investigation will be conducted relative to the identity of a sister of Mrs. Cady by the name of Ann who is alleged to reside at this place, and whose husband's name is alleged to be Clifford.

At CHATHAM, ONTARIO, will make efforts to ascertain the present address and whereabouts of Mrs. Galatas' first husband, who is alleged to operate a restaurant at that place. His name no doubt is Sturney or Gardella.

Although it is indicated by Cady that his wife also has relatives residing in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, unless more definite information is obtained from the investigation as outlined above, no investigation should be conducted at this place.

At ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, appropriate inquiries should be made concerning Harold Basteen who is alleged to be connected with a newspaper at that place, and who was visited by Mr. and Mrs. Lee H. Cady during the summer of 1932.

The Washington Field Office will, at the office of the Adjutant General, War Department, make an effort to ascertain the army record of Richard T. Galatas, and determine whether he is now receiving, or has in the past received compensation through the Veterans Administration. A copy of the fingerprints of Galatas should be obtained from the Identification Unit of the Division for purposes of comparison with the fingerprints in the War Department, as this will no doubt facilitate the inquiry. Any and all information concerning Galatas that is available at either the War Department or the Veterans Administration should be obtained.

The Los Angeles Office: It will be observed that Lee H. Cady has stated that Galatas is extremely fond of his mother and no doubt he is supporting her. She is Mrs. Ida Galatas, residing at 524 East State Street, Long Beach, California, with her daughter, Mrs. Angelina Raines. It is also observed that Cady stated that Harold (Pat) Scheuffler, who is married to Lena McFadden, a sister of Betty Galatas, is working with the CWA in Los Angeles, California, and it is also observed from this report that possibly Harold Scheuffler and wife are residing at 5223 Garden Homes, Los Angeles. It is to be noted that possibly Galatas may be frequenting the race tracks at Tia Juana and Agua Caliente, Mexico, south of San Diego, California, and even though the races are not in progress in these two towns, it is possible that Galatas may be frequenting said cities for the reason that he is fond of gambling and would likely be within the confines of the Republic of Mexico.

The Los Angeles Office is requested to conduct appropriate investigation at 524 East State Street, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, and cover this address thoroughly for a reasonable period of time. It is suggested that it might be advisable to have some agent or agents obtain a room at a point of vantage in the vicinity of said residence where surveillance thereof could be well maintained. It is requested that a close cover be placed on all mail being received at that residence or emanating therefrom. It will be well to make arrangements through the proper postoffice officials to view the envelopes in which mail is received. Galatas is clever, well educated and no doubt is conversant, through a close association with certain police officials, with the manner in which covers are placed on the mails. It is therefore suggested that all mail received at the home of his mother be closely covered. It is requested that arrangements be made to check the incoming and outgoing long distance telephone calls at said residence as well as telegrams outgoing and incoming, and the Railway Express office should be checked in an effort to determine whether checks are being cashed there. It is requested that efforts be made to ascertain whether the mother of Dick Galatas has a bank account and make arrangements with the bank, if she is doing business with one, to determine whether she is depositing checks or money orders of any kind. If it is found that she is receiving money orders and depositing them or cashing them at some bank, it is likely that this occurs at stated intervals or given dates, and appropriate covers should be maintained thereon.

Ascertain whether Harold (Pat) Scheuffler and his wife Lena are residing at 4223 Garden Homes, Los Angeles, and if not ascertain the address of these people through directories, postoffice department or possibly through the CWA, where it is said that Scheuffler is employed. It will be observed that Galatas may be in communication with these people. Investigation at the home of the Scheufflers and vicinity should parallel that as requested of the home of Mrs. Galatas, the mother of Dick Galatas.



The Los Angeles office was requested by the writer telephonically on January 22, 1934, to initiate the investigation requested herein.

The San Francisco Office is requested to conduct appropriate investigation of the individual who wrote a letter to Mrs. Lee H. Cady at Leroy, New York, who gave his name as Hi McFadden, Arlington Hotel, 480 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, who no doubt is none other than Hugh McFadden, the brother of the wife of Dick Galatas. It is suggested that his mail be closely covered, that his connections be observed, that a surveillance be placed on him and that incoming and outgoing telephone calls be checked, as well as telegrams, as it is thought that possibly he may be the medium through which Mrs. Dick Galatas is communicating with other members of her family. It is to be observed that Mrs. Walter (Grace) Casey, a former servant in the home of Lee H. Cady, stated that she is of the opinion that on one occasion she heard the members of the Cady family say possibly that Dick Galatas and his wife own real estate in San Francisco, California. This should be checked thoroughly, and if it be found that they do own property, their tax records should be checked in an effort to ascertain by whom, and the dates and in what manner the taxes are paid.

It is requested that the Motor Vehicle Registration Department for the State of California be checked in an effort to ascertain if it can be learned whether Galatas has registered any automobiles there this year under his true name or known aliases.

The New York City Office: As is indicated in this report, a cover was placed on the mail of Lee H. Cady and wife and Mrs. Elizabeth McFadden at Leroy, New York, with the request that tracings thereon be forwarded to the New York City office. As is observed, Agent G. V. Doherty of the New York Office accompanied Agent Andersen and the writer on the investigation at Leroy and is conversant with the subject matter of this report. It is suggested that Agent Doherty when in the vicinity of Leroy, contact the Postoffice officials there, and also to again interview Lee H. Cady.

It was observed from this report that a telegram was received on January 9 by Mrs. W. A. Spear of 229 Orange Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, although it is addressed to 215 Orange Street, from Clarksdale, Mississippi, signed Joe Baker, which is thought may be an alias used by Galatas. Agent Andersen and the writer are proceeding to Memphis, Birmingham and Montgomery, Alabama, and while in Memphis will handle the investigation of the telegram at Clarksdale, Mississippi, as well as investigation at Memphis, Birmingham, and Montgomery in connection with this case.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

P. O. Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Okla.,
Jan. 24, 1934.

RHC:GME.

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

Dear Sir:

In compliance with former instructions, I am today having boxed three guns which were seized from Wilbur Underhill at Shawnee, Oklahoma, on December 30, 1933, at the time of his arrest. They are as follows:

- 1 Old Winchester 30-30 Rifle, serial #965005 ✓
- 1 Rivot Burglar Gun, 20 gauge, serial #390404 ✓
- 1 Winchester 12 gauge pump gun, sawed off, #334930. ✓

These guns will be shipped on Government Bill of Lading as soon as the packing is completed. These are the only guns which came into the possession of Division Agents.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

*Memo to Mr Tolson
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Suite L, Federal Building
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January 25, 1934

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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 enclosed to the Division and also to the Oklahoma City and Dallas offices, with copies of this letter, a photograph of Ed Davis, subject of I.O. 1193.

This photograph was taken during 1933, according to officials at the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas. The photograph is taken in civilian clothes and is thought to be a better likeness of this subject than the photograph on I.O. 1193.

Very truly yours,

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

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

Cowley - [Signature]

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January 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. OLEGG.

Acting Special Agent in Charge Reed telephoned from Charlotte at 11:00 PM this evening and advised that another telegram had been received from one Gregory, who has been the sender of several other wires to this Division, and who, it is believed, is mentally unbalanced.

The latest wire received at Charlotte from this individual reads as follows:

"Pretty Boyd working East Bradford out of Pittsburgh. Wire me care Malbourne Hotel what location to assume"

Gregory.

The wire was sent from Durham, N.C. and Mr. Reed stated he would have one of the agents who was at Raleigh run over and interview Gregory. He stated that he desired that Mr. Cowley be advised of the above.

Christy Boyd [Signature]

Respectfully,

[Signature]
C.E. Kleinlauf

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**318 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California.**

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**Director,
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Dear Sir:

JAN 31 1934

**Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. 1195
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases " " 1201, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).**

Reference is made to your telephone message from Supervisor Cowley, January 18, 1934, requesting that discreet investigation be made at the Arlington Hotel to ascertain the name of the party who addressed a letter to Mrs. L. H. ~~Payd~~ care of Mrs. I. McFadden, Le Roy, New York, on the hotel stationery. In the message it also stated that possibility existed the letter may have been written by Subject Galatas.

Cady

The Arlington Hotel, 480 Ellis St., is a family and transient hotel, principally the former, of fair reputation.

Upon receipt of message of reference, Agent E. B. Montgomery kept watch on the hotel that night until past midnight, also the day of the 19th. No one answering Subject's description was seen to enter or leave the hotel.

Through diplomatic inquiry made among hotel men, it was ascertained that P. S. Clauzade, the proprietor was considered thoroughly reliable. Consequently, Agent E. B. Montgomery secured the hotel register; checked it for any registration under Subject's true name or aliases known to be used by him, also under the names of Payd and McFadden, going back to June, 1933. No registration was found under any of these names. According to the register, transient guests do not average three a day.

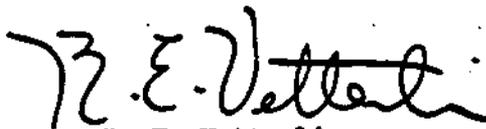
Mr. Clauzade, the proprietor, when shown the photograph of Galatas, was unable to identify it as that of any guest, or anyone known to him, or who had been seen about the hotel. At Agent's request, Mr. Clauzade showed the photograph to his day clerk, also to his night clerk,

neither of whom could identify it as that of any one whom either had seen. The hotel has an automatic elevator, no bell boys. Maids at the hotel were unable to identify the photograph. The hotel has a large lobby, with the elevator and stairway in the front, both of which can be easily covered from the lobby. In the lobby also are writing desks, plentifully supplied with paper and envelopes. These desks are open to the public, - that is, any one who wishes may help himself. Though the referred to letter may have been written by a guest, it could have been written by some one from the outside. No one connected with the hotel had any idea by whom the letter may have been written. In the nearby neighborhood are several apartment houses. Inquiry at these found no one of Subject's name or aliases, nor any one named Payd or McFadden. The proprietors of these apartment houses were unable to identify the photograph of Galatas.

Arrangements were made with Mr. Cleuzade to notify Agent should any one answering the description of Galatas appear at the Arlington Hotel, or should he obtain any information regarding him.

The San Francisco Police have been notified of the possibility that Galatas may be in this district, and their cooperation obtained.

Very truly yours,



R. E. Vetterli,
Special Agent in Charge.

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I think we ought to congratulate this officer.
J. E. N.
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Joe O'Keefe

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Mr. Joe Achey,
Sheriff,
Paola, Kansas.

Dear Sheriff Achey:

I have just been advised by the Kansas City office of this Division that your office has been instrumental in locating four escaped prisoners from the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, included among these being Bob Brady who, in resisting arrest, was killed. Although I am not acquainted with the details of the apprehension of these escaped convicts I am taking this occasion to proffer my congratulations upon the splendid and effective work which you have accomplished in locating and causing their apprehension. This Division has direct interest in this matter because of the fact that Bob Brady was under indictment charged with participating in the murder of four peace officers at Kansas City, Missouri, one of whom was a Special Agent of this Division.

Permit me to express my appreciation for your tireless and successful efforts in affecting the location of this group of escaped convicts and so fearlessly preventing their escape from the members of your staff.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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REPORT MADE AT: Cincinnati, O.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-26-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-20-34	REPORT MADE BY: H. D. Harris
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. #1201; ROBERT C. BRADY, with alias - FUGITIVE I.O. #1190; HARVEY LORRAINE, with alias FUGITIVE I.O. #1189; et al			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No further correspondence received at Ohio Penitentiary for Nathan King from "Otis Amos."

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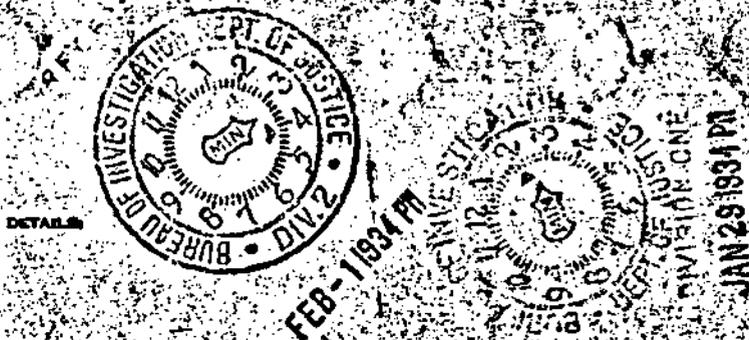
Report of Special Agent Bliss Norton, Cincinnati, Ohio, 12-15-33.

DETAILS:

AT COLUMBUS, OHIO.

lad [redacted] Ohio Penitentiary, advised that since she last talked with agent there has been no mail received for inmate Nathan King from his supposed brother, Otis Amos, believed by [redacted] to be Subject Floyd. She advised that she will notify agent immediately if any such mail is received.

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January 24, 1934

MR. NATHAN	✓
MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	✓
MR. COWLEY	✓
MR. EDW. RDS.	
MR. EGAN	
MR. QUINN	
MR. LESTER	
M. P. LOCKE	
MR. RORER	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Pursuant to the request of Mr. Clegg to furnish information as to why Identification Orders, #1190 - Robert G. Brady, with aliases, and #1192, Jim Clark, with aliases, were not promptly re-issued, please be advised that when these Identification Orders were first issued there was some indication that Harvey Bailey and his ten associates, including the above, were guilty of perpetrating the Kansas City massacre. This gang had escaped from the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, on May 30, 1933 and Identification Orders were issued on all of them under date of June 22, 1933. Based upon evidence gathered by the Division, an indictment was returned at Kansas City, Missouri, September 1, 1933 charging Brady and others with conspiracy to deliver a Federal prisoner. Clark, however, was not named in this indictment, there being no evidence to implicate him. Both of the above Identification Orders were cancelled under date of October 12, 1933 by Apprehension Orders #1190-281 and #1192-282, respectively, inasmuch as both fugitives were apprehended at Tucumcari, New Mexico, on October 6, 1933, and returned to the Kansas State Penitentiary from which they again escaped on January 19, 1934. Information was received from the Kansas City Office, on January 22, 1934, advising that subject Brady had been shot and killed while resisting arrest at Paola, Kansas. The Kansas City Office has been telegraphically instructed to obtain fingerprints from the corpse of Brady and to forward them to the Division for comparison. With regard to Jim Clark, who is not under indictment, but whose apprehension was originally desired by the Division for questioning in connection with the Kansas City case, it appears from a review of the file that subsequent to his apprehension at Tucumcari, he was thoroughly questioned by Agents of the Division and viewed by witnesses without success. Being under the impression that the original purpose for which the Identification Order had been issued had been served I did not deem it advisable to re-issue one.

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Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
R. E. Newby

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Department of Justice
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MR. COWLEY _____
MR. EDWARDS _____
MR. GOAN _____
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MR. LESTER _____
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MR. HORER _____

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

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Dear Sir:-

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Reference is made to our previous communications in the confidential matter with regard to the theft of approximately \$400,000.00 worth of Liberty Bonds from the Lincoln National Bank at Lincoln, Nebraska, and the possibility of their recovery.

Please be advised that Special Agent K. R. McIntire secured from Mr. Emory J. Smith, Room 724, First National Bank Building, Chicago, Illinois, a list of all the securities which were stolen from the Lincoln National Bank. It is to be observed that Mr. Smith acted as counsel for the Lincoln National Bank at the time of this theft.

The total amount of Government Bonds stolen from the above mentioned bank amounts to \$39,050.00, of which, Mr. Smith advised Agent McIntire, something over \$16,000.00 has been recovered.

Photostatic copies of the list of stolen bonds have been made, one copy of which is being forwarded herewith to the Division.

This matter was discussed with Assistant Director Harold Nathan, while he was in the Chicago Office, and he advised that this office should refrain from proceeding with the matter with regard to the bonds, but also advised that efforts should be made to secure information, through James E. L. Hall, as to the identity of the machine gunner in the Kansas City Massacre. In keeping with such suggestion, Special Agent McIntire again communicated with Mr. Hall, who advised he will continue to make discreet inquiry and will secure all information available with regard to the Kansas City Massacre.

In view of the information obtained with regard to the exact amount of Government Liberty Bonds which were stolen from the said bank, this office will not pursue the bond matter further. It is to be noted, however, that information was secured by Agent McIntire with regard to other criminal activities of parties who are involved in gang activities with Baird and Spangler. These violations cover Federal Laws and within the near future, it is anticipated that information will be turned over to the proper Federal agencies, providing instructions to the contrary are not received from the Division.

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For your further information, Mr. Emory J. Smith informed Agent McIntire he had secured the return of approximately \$583,000.00 worth of securities from the late Gus Winkler, said securities having been stolen from the above mentioned bank. He declared further that he had very accurate information that many of the bonds, other than Government Liberty Bonds, had been destroyed and that large numbers of other bonds have now been duplicated by the various issuing agencies. This would indicate that there would be no incentive for the Division to proceed further in the matter.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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

FILE NO. **62-474**

REPORT MADE AT: Salt Lake City, Utah.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-26-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/23/34	REPORT MADE BY: EMERSON HOPP - C.J.
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased) et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Harry Campbell wanted in Casper, Wyoming; was there eight months ago, was reported in vicinity of Lead S.D., Deadwood S.D. or Rapid City, S.D. in company of Glen Roy Wright.

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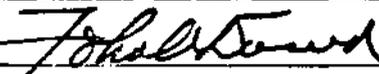
Copy of letter from Kansas City office to Portland Office, dated January 10, 1934.

AT CASPER, WYOMING.

Post Office Clerk, L.O. Gerbig, at the General Delivery Window reports they have no record of any Dave or Harry Campbell, and that neither his photo nor his name is familiar.

Police Officer H. Jonen reports that Harry Campbell is well known and wanted in Casper; that he used to drive a bus between Casper and Evansville, Wyo., that he was in Casper eight months ago and drilled three safes there, one for the Chevrolet Co.; that he was then in company with a woman and a Glen Roy Wright alias Jack Hudson alias G.F. Martin, who is wanted in Stillwater, Okla., along with Campbell; that Campbell was reported to be in Riverton, Wyoming, four months ago but left before he could be apprehended; that four years ago Campbell married one Mickey Rheinsmith whose mother is Lina Rheinsmith, and that Mickey's parents were then of Casper, Wyoming, and later moved to Midwest, Wyoming; that he does not know if Campbell and wife are

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still together or even still married; that Wright and Campbell are also wanted in Coffeyville, Kan., Joplin, Mo., and Tulsa, Oklahoma; that it was rumored that Campbell and Wright may be now connected with Pretty Boy Floyd.

Jones also reports that Harry Siebkens, Special Agent for the C.B. & Q. RR, wanted a photo and description of Campbell and said he is certain he saw him 5 weeks ago in Rapid City, S.D., or Lead, S.D., or Deadwood, South Dakota, and that he might be (rumor) with Verne Sankey, inasmuch as that is Sankey's country.

The Sheriff at Casper, Wyoming, did not have Campbell on the wanted list but reports he will arrest and hold for the Government if seen. The Sheriff's office was provided with Campbell's description. Campbell's photo and description are in the Casper, Wyoming, Police files.

DESCRIPTIONS:

Name.	Harry Campbell alias Dave Campbell.
Age.	32 years.
Height.	5ft. 5in.
Weight.	140 lbs.
Eyes.	Blue.
Hair.	Brown.
Complexion.	Medium.
Scars.	Scar corner left eye. Lame in right leg from rheumatism or gunshot wound.
FPC.	15 30 WO (0) 24 WI (0)
Wife.	Mickey Rheinsmith Campbell.

Name.	Glen Roy Wright alias Jack Hudson alias G.L. Martin. (Last seen in company with Harry Campbell alias Dave Campbell at Cheyenne, Wyo.)
Age.	33 years.
Height.	5ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Weight.	135 lbs.
Eyes.	Blue.
Hair.	Black.
Complexion.	Ruddy.
Teeth.	Bad.
Build.	Medium.
Scars.	Cut outer left eye. Vaccination scar upper left arm.
FPC	19 1 U 000 11 3 W 0 14

Wanted Stillwater, Oklahoma.

For the information of the St. Paul Office, it is stated that the Kansas City Division office has been confidentially informed that possibly Fred Barker, Lloyd Barker, Volley Davis, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis referred to in report of Agent W.F. Trainor Kansas City, Mo. office dated 12-27-33, may be responsible for, or involved in the "Kansas City Lassaacre". The location and apprehension of these persons is desired (Alvin Karpis believed deceased). Harry Campbell during the past was arrested by the Tulsa, Okla., Police Department on 12-25-20. He is also of record at the State Penitentiary McAlester, Okla., No. 11056, and also of record with the Sheriff at Tulsa, Okla., No. 9420.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The ST. PAUL OFFICE, at LEAD, SOUTH DAKOTA - RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA - and DEADWOOD, SOUTH DAKOTA, will make inquiries, leave description, and notify authorities to be on the lookout for Harry Campbell reported to be with Glen Roy Wright alias Jack Hudson alias G.L. Martin.

The SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE: At MIDWEST, WYOMING, Through the Postmaster learn whereabouts of Mickey and Mina Rheinsmith believed to be the wife and mother in law of Harry Campbell.

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The Department of Justice
Washington D.C.

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Sirs: I would like to make application
for a position as special agent for the
Department of Justice in this section.
I would like to be assigned to the case of 2
Notorious out law and bank robbers { Charles
Pretty boy Floyd } I believe that I am in
position to make his capture.

Respectfully yours
Joseph R. McCutchen.

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Gregory also stated that he is a close friend of Chief of Detectives Frank N. Littlejohn, Charlotte, North Carolina, and said "Littlejohn and I are just like this", indicating by crossing his fingers. (It may be stated that since Agent McKinley's return to the office he mentioned Gregory's name to Chief Littlejohn and the latter stated that he did not know the man and has never heard of him).

Gregory also told the Agents that he was absolutely reliable and as an indication of his honest intentions he took hold of Agent McKinley's hand and stated that he would give him "the Masonic grip". Gregory then proceeded to twist and jerk Agent McKinley's hand, and then to "tickle" Agent McKinley's hand with his forefinger.

The nonsense stated and acted by Gregory is being related here in order that the Division may have no doubts as to the mental condition of Gregory.

On January 26, 1934, this office received two more telegrams from Gregory, which are herewith quoted in the order they were received:

"PRETTY BOYD WORKING EASTRADFORD OUT OF PITTSBURGH
WIRE ME CARE MALBOURNE HOTEL WHAT LOCATION TO
ASSUME".

"PRETTY BOYD FLOYD GOING EAST TO CINCINNATI FOLLOW
UP WE HAVE GOT JOHN DELLINGER GANG COME TO MY ASSIS-
TANCE GOD BE WITH YOU GREGORY AND WEBSTER OUT OF
DURHAM NC REGARDS ANSWER IMMEDIATELY BY WESTERN
UNION".

Special Agent W. G. Elliott of this office, who is now working in the vicinity of Durham, North Carolina, has been acquainted with the contents of the two telegrams above quoted, and instructed to interview Mr. Gregory tactfully and endeavor to placate him with respect to his efforts to locate Charles Arthur Floyd.

Very truly yours,

L. B. Reed

L. B. REED, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

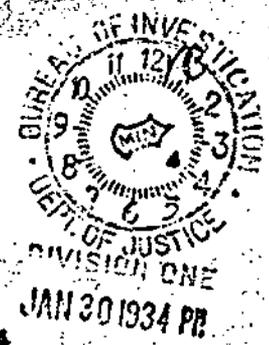
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1806 First National Bank Building
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Dear Sir: RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased)
et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

On January 22, 1934, Mr. Cowley of the Division advised this office telephonically that a telegram had been received from a man who signed his name as "Gregory" at Durham, North Carolina, to the effect that he knew the whereabouts of Pretty Boy Floyd. On January 23, 1934, Special Agent W. S. McKinley, who was at that time acting in my absence, telegraphed the Division setting out a summary of the results of his interview with Gregory at Durham, North Carolina. Agent McKinley is now sick and confined to a hospital in Charlotte, and the information contained hereinafter is based upon my interview with him of yesterday.

Gregory gave his name as W. G. Gregory, and stated that he lives in Norfolk and Richmond, Virginia. He claims to be the son of R. C. Gregory, a Special Officer of the Norfolk-Southern Railway, and stated that he is anxious to assist in searching for Charles Arthur Floyd, Fugitive, Subject of Identification Order #1194.

Agent McKinley stated that during his interview with Gregory, at which time Special Agent W. G. Elliott of this office was also present, Gregory said and did many things which caused the Agents to believe conclusively that Gregory is undoubtedly mentally unbalanced. For example, during the interview, which occurred in Gregory's room in the Washington Duke Hotel at Durham, Gregory withdrew from his overcoat pocket a No. 6 billiard ball, and, holding the billiard ball high above his head, remarked to the Agents: "See this; you can't go wrong on me". Gregory also produced a gaudy belt, to which was attached an elaborate buckle which apparently had been taken from a woman's coat, and made some insignificant remarks concerning the importance of the buckle attached to the belt as though it had some value as a charm.

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MR. RORER.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Special Agent Brantley called and stated that he had found it necessary for him and Special Agent Andersen to proceed to Montgomery, Alabama, in connection with the Galatas case. He was authorized to proceed. He stated they would be at the Greystone Hotel for approximately two or three days. He has received a telegram from Agent in Charge Colvin inquiring as to when Brantley will arrive at Oklahoma City and inquired as to what answer he should give. I asked the length of time necessary on the present assignment and he stated it was perhaps indefinite but from the best information I could obtain from Brantley it would be likely that this assignment would be completed, so far as Brantley's personal services are needed, within a week or ten days and I suggested that he advise Colvin to that effect.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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January 28, 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.
St. Paul File No. 62-388.
St. Paul File No. 7-30 (BREGER, VICTIM)

In the above captioned case, there are enclosed here-
with memoranda submitted by Special Agent O.G. Hall and Special
Agent E.N. Notesteen, dated January 27, 1934 and January 24, 1934,
respectively.

Very truly yours,

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WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

Edward H. Bremer

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January 27, 1934.

(UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - EDWARD G. BREMER,
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7-30)

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. WERNER HANNI:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER (deceased), et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL
PRISONER. St. Paul file 62-888.

Reference is made to the memorandum of Special Agent E. N. Notestein, which is serial 387 of this file, which relates the details of certain investigation conducted regarding the shooting of McCORD and the tracing of the license number appearing on the car in which the gunmen were riding to one E. V. DAVIS, Post Office Box 345, White Bear, Minnesota.

Agent Notestein related to me the circumstances of the renting of the Post Office Box and I recalled that while I was investigating this case last June and July, the occupants of 204 Vernon Avenue, which address has figured so prominently in this case, had two automobiles, one of which was registered to one DAVIS. He described the DAVIS who had registered that automobile and it developed that he fit the description of the DAVIS who rented the Post Office Box at White Bear. Agent Notestein and myself compared notes and it was decided that there is a strong possibility that ALVIN KARPIS, FRED BARKER, DOC BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL and VOLNEY DAVIS may have been involved in the McCORD shooting. In that connection it has often been reported that the above named are very reckless in their shooting and it has often been mentioned that they are "blasters", that is, they shoot at the least provocation, which seemed to be the case in the McCORD shooting.

Agent Notestein, while at White Bear, noticed a postcard which was signed "Trixie and her gang", 23 South 6th Street. The St. Paul Police conducted an investigation, and being unable to find a South 6th Street in St. Paul, abandoned the clue. Agent Notestein, however, made the necessary inquiry in Minneapolis and discovered that one TRIXIE operated a lawdy house at 23 South 6th Street, third floor. Agent Notestein then in company with SMITH and CAIN of the St. Paul Police Department raided 23 South 6th Street and arrested TRIXIE HURKES, DOLLY LARSON, and a colored maid, taking them to the St. Paul office.

I interviewed TRIXIE HURKES, whose correct name, she stated, is TRESSIA HURKES. She is described as follows: Age, 22 years; height, 5 feet; weight, 116-1/2 pounds; eyes, brown; hair, medium brown; nationality, French-Irish; came from Pittsburgh; no scars; has a daughter aged eight; has never been married. Her telephone at the present time is Geneva 7489. Her business card is in this file.

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TRIXIE BURKES advised that she has been in Minneapolis for six years and prior to moving to 23 South 6th Street on January 15th, she had resided in apartment 101, 1530 LaSalle Avenue, Minneapolis, where she operated a similar institution. She stated that about January 5th, she was at the LaSalle address.

I displayed to her pictures of the above named and she seemed quite interested in the picture of DAVIS but denied emphatically that she knew him or had ever seen him. However, she stated that on or about January 5th, DOC BARKER, whom she identified from photograph and whom she described with the addition that he speaks with a peculiar southern accent, had patronized her at the LaSalle Avenue address. She stated that the only individual named DAVIS she knew was a B. DAVIS, a woman, also a prostitute, whose address she claimed she does not know. She stated that her (TRIXIE'S) boy friend is JOE EDWARDS, who she stated drives a Plymouth Sedan. EDWARDS is described as being 33 years of age, short, light complexion. She claimed that he lives on 26th Street some place but does not know the exact address.

She advised that when DOC BARKER was at her LaSalle Avenue place on January 5th, he was accompanied by a fellow whom she described as a "punk" about 24 years of age, 6 feet tall, slender build, light wavy hair.

She refused to give me the names of the persons for whom she operated the house. She claimed she was not supporting anyone and did not operate a call house.

DOLLY MURPHY, whose correct name is DOLLY LARSON, whose sister is ELSIE MATTSO, married to an electrician who travels for the Coyne Electrical School, Chicago, was then interviewed. She stated that she originally came from Minot, North Dakota; that she had been in Minneapolis for seven years, is a prostitute, claims to have been married to one SONNY EFLAN, a musician at the States Inn, and when residing with him lived in an apartment house on 13th Street south of Hennepin.

She claimed that she got mixed up with TRIXIE by meeting one B. DAVIS while she (DOLLY) was a waitress at the Tip Top restaurant at 9th and Hennepin, Minneapolis.

DOLLY MURPHY is described as 22 years of age, blue eyes, bleached blonde hair, 5 feet 3 inches, 115 pounds. This woman failed to identify any picture and claims to know nothing.

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About one o'clock on the following morning, while at home, I received a telephone call from O'BOURKE of the Identification Division of St. Paul Police Department, this being on January 25, 1934, he advising me that the person we were seeking, that is, VOLNEY DAVIS, was at the 6th St. address in Minneapolis. I arranged for a squad car manned by CARLSON and his partner, proceeded to the Minneapolis Police Department, and talked to Captain FORBYE. He gave me the assistance of Detectives HARRY JOHNSON and PETER UGLUM. When arriving at the Captain's office, there were present HARRY and DAVE KRAFT, who FORBYE had told me were the operators of this "joint" at 23 South 6th Street. They were endeavoring to make some deal with FORBYE to locate the girls and have them "sprung". I arranged to have the KRAFT boys detained until we made our raid at 23 South 6th Street.

Fire escapes, etc., at that address were covered and JOHNSON, CARLSON and I entered the third floor. There we found a prostitute named HELEN O'NEIL, who gave her address as 62 West Summit Avenue, St. Paul, and is described as 25 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches in height, 125 pounds, dark hair, dark eyes, dark complexion. On a bed in one of the rooms, practically nude, was GERROLD FRAZEE, aged 22 years, 5 feet 10 inches, blonde wavy hair, blue eyes, fair complexion. He bore some resemblance to VOLNEY DAVIS but it was apparent that he was not DAVIS. FRAZEE gave as his address 217 Fifth Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis. He claimed that he came from Grand Forks, North Dakota, four years ago and that his father at the present time resides at Lambertson, Minnesota. Sitting in the parlor was LEONARD FIELDMAN, aged 23 years, 5 feet 7 inches, straight black hair, olive complexion, dark brown eyes, address 1323 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, employed by the Pickwick Sandwich Shops, Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul. No one else was in the place. They were all taken to the Police Station in the patrol car where FRAZEE made quite a point of being employed by HOWARD S. ABBOTT, United States Commissioner, in Minneapolis, as a chauffeur. I impressed upon him the fact that because he was employed as MR. ABBOTT'S chauffeur did not influence me in any way and after having thoroughly convinced him that his employment gave him no unusual privilege, I turned him over to the police, who released him. HELEN O'NEIL and LEONARD FIELDMAN were likewise released.

I gathered from conversation with FIELDMAN that he was a stool pigeon of CHARLES TIERNEY, Captain of Detectives at St. Paul, so I treated him accordingly. Evidently, CHARLES TIERNEY got his information from FIELDMAN.

Further developments regarding the mail addressed to DAVIS and MURREY at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, will undoubtedly be reported by Special Agent Notestein.

O. G. HALL,
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
January 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANNI:

VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED), et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER PRISONER

Re: St. Paul file No. 62-366
St. Paul file No. 7-30

This agent, in company with Post Office Inspector STREICH of the St. Paul Post Office, proceeded to White Bear, Minnesota, and at that place contacted Postmaster FRED F. CAMPBELL. Through the assistance of MR. CAMPBELL, the contents of Post Office Boxes 345 and 254 were examined.

In box 345 was a letter directed to MRS. E. L. MURREY, White Bear Lake, Minnesota, mailed at St. Paul and postmarked January 12, 1934, 5:00 p.m. A tracing was made of the address on this letter. Also in the same box was found a letter directed to MR. and MRS. E. L. MURREY, White Bear Lake, Box 345, which was also mailed and postmarked at St. Paul, Minnesota, January 12, 1934. A tracing was made of the address on this letter.

A registration card from the Secretary of State and directed to E. L. MURREY, White Bear Lake, for Ford Deluxe Coupe, model 1933-40, motor No. 18-304,794, previous license No. B-455099, 1934 license No. B-75038, was also found in Box 345.

In Box 254 was found a Government postcard directed to MR. E. V. DAVIS, Box 254, White Bear Lake, Minnesota. This card was postmarked in St. Paul on January 12, 1934, and the handwriting is similar to that on the envelopes of the letters directed to the MURREYS in Box 345. The card reads as follows:

"MR. E. V. DAVIS:

Dear Sir:

Your presence will be very much appreciated at my opening night, Monday, January 15, 1934. All drinks will be free. We plan on having a large keg of beer with tap out and plenty of cups for all. We will also prepare sandwiches with our own little hands for everyone.

Trixie and her gang.
Trixie Burkes, 23 South 6th."

In connection with the above card, it may be noted that the Minneapolis Directory reflects that the address at 23 South 6th is occupied by Berdan's Eat Shop.

Agent was further advised by the Postmaster that Box 254 was also designated by E. V. DAVIS for mail directed to one J. C. MORTEN.

A registration card directed to E. V. DAVIS from the Secretary of State for a Chevrolet model 1933 automobile, motor No. 355674, Special Sedan, Minnesota 1934 license No. B-45372, previous number "Illinois", was also found in Box 254.

The above box to DAVIS was rented by FLOYD TRUNELL, Post Office Clerk, on January 11, 1934, MR. TRUNELL describing DAVIS as follows: Age, 35-40 years; height, 5 feet 10 inches; weight, 180 pounds; hair, light; complexion, ruddy; rough skin; wore light suit, tan overcoat, and gray cap.

The box for MURREY, No. 345, was rented by Post Office Clerk AL LINDSTEN on January 3, 1934, MR. LINDSTEN being unable to give any description of MURREY other than the following: Age, 35-36 years; height, 5 feet 10 inches.

At the time of agent's call at the White Bear Post Office it was Post Office Inspector STREICH'S intention to open all of the above mail for examination but because of the fact that the Postmaster was present during all of the examination of the letters, MR. STREICH decided against opening same.

The combinations on the two lock boxes have been changed and the mail returned to them. Any person calling for this mail will of necessity be required to call at the window. If any inquiry is made for this mail, Postmaster CAMPBELL has advised that the person calling for same will be taken into custody by the City Manager and Chief of Police of White Bear. The Post Office authorities and the St. Paul Division office will be notified.

Very truly yours,

E. N. NOTESTEEN,
Special Agent.

Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
January 23, 1934

MR. NATHAN	_____
MR. TOLSON	_____
MR. CLEGG	_____
MR. BOWLEY	_____
MR. EDWARDS	_____
MR. Egan	_____
MR. QUINN	_____
MR. FISHER	_____
MR. LOCKE	_____
MR. ROBER	_____

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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 (Effort to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash.)

Dear Sir:

Having reference to your telephone message of January 17, 1934, wherein Agent Spears of the Kansas City office advised Acting Special Agent in Charge Deaderick of the Oklahoma City office that Bill Brandenburg, former Chief of Police at Hot Springs, Arkansas, had valuable information with reference to the whereabouts of Dick Galatas.

Please be advised that Agent Chipman contacted Bill Brandenburg at Little Rock, Arkansas, who stated that on the evening of January 16, 1934, he met Joe Anderson, well known to both the Oklahoma City and Kansas City offices as being an agent for the State of Kansas working toward the apprehension of those convicts who escaped from the Lansing Prison on Memorial Day; that Anderson came to Brandenburg for some information regarding these outlaws, and during the conversation Anderson told Brandenburg that he had been informed that Dick Galatas was being hidden out at Hot Springs by city officials, and that on January 12 had been taken from the home of Herbert Akers to that of Mayor Leo McLaughlin of Hot Springs, and that the Mayor had recently had the windows on the third floor of his home frosted.

Brandenburg also stated that one whose name he will not divulge at present recently stated to him that he had overheard a conversation between a man very close to Akers and the man's wife during a family quarrel, and that the wife asked her husband why he did not go out to Akers' home and get Galatas and obtain the \$500.00 reward; that the man made some remark about getting filled full of hot lead. Brandenburg did not have the name of this man and his wife, but stated that he would interview his informant with an Agent of this Division and believes that he would furnish what information he has regarding the case.

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Agent Chipman then contacted Joe Anderson and interviewed him on January 18, 1934. Anderson stated that he has an informant at Hot Springs by the name of [REDACTED] whom he had previously befriended;

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Anderson stated that [REDACTED] told him that on the day of the Kansas City massacre, he saw Akers and Chief of Police Joe Wakelin drive north toward the home of Galatas in Wakelin's car with Mrs. Nash and her child; that shortly thereafter, Galatas, Mrs. Nash and the child drove toward the airport; that in a day or so after the massacre, Galatas left Hot Springs, but returned shortly thereafter and is being hidden out there by the city officials; that Galatas was recently moved from Akers' home to the home of Mayor McLaughlin as above set forth in Brandenburg's statement. Anderson claims his informant told him that Galatas would not be kept in the same house very long; that he will probably be kept in the homes of Herbert Akers, Mayor McLaughlin, Chief of Police Wakelin, Judge Ledgerwood or the Wesley Institute, which latter place [REDACTED] alleges has been used for years for hiding out any men who were hot. It is understood that [REDACTED] has not seen Galatas recently, but is getting his information from one party who states that Galatas is moved at night in Akers' car. Anderson stated further that [REDACTED] is willing to give any information that will cause the apprehension of Galatas for the reward, but wants to avoid being called as a witness, or that it become known that he had anything to do with the case. Anderson claims that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] name to be kept absolutely confidential.

Anderson does not believe that [REDACTED] will talk to an Agent of this Division unless he, Anderson, is present or effects the introduction. If the assistance of Joe Anderson is needed, his whereabouts can at all times be ascertained through Mr. Went Smith, Assistant Attorney General, Topeka, Kansas, who will be willing to have Anderson assist for a day or so.

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If not on Central Avenue, it is on Malvern Road on the main highway leading out of Hot Springs toward Texarkana. It is believed that should [redacted] be interviewed, he should be approached from the South by going through Malvern instead of proceeding from Hot Springs to his place, in order that the contact be not discovered.

The writer was in Hot Springs on January 16, at which time Anderson was contacted and introduced to Agents Dwight Brantley, Harold Anderson, and L. M. Chipman, and we had quite a conversation with him, and at that time he did not profess to have any information whatever about Galatas. It is noted that Brandenburg claims to have obtained this information from Anderson on January 16.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to Special Agent Dwight Brantley at the Claridge Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, with the thought that he will probably desire to cover items of this angle in the immediate future.

The matter detailed in this letter should not be placed in the general file of this case, but should be kept confidential for the protection of the possible informant [redacted].

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Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Division
cc - Dwight Brantley

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February 9, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon G. Miller, with aliases,
deceased; Richard Tallman Galatas,
with aliases, FUGITIVE, Identifica-
tion Order #1201, et al,
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.

As of possible assistance in conducting investigation in
your District in the above entitled-case, there are enclosed, here-
with, enlarged photographs of the following individuals who are now
considered as the most prominent suspects in the above-entitled case
and are also considered as suspects in several kidnaping cases which
the Division is presently investigating:

- James Larson, #1908, Kansas State Penitentiary,
Lansing, Kansas
- Alvin Karpis, #1539, Kansas State Penitentiary,
Lansing, Kansas
- Fred Barker, #9876, Kansas State Penitentiary,
Lansing, Kansas
- Volney Davis, #12808, Oklahoma State Penitentiary,
McAlester, Oklahoma
- Arthur R. Barker, alias "Doc" Barker, #11906,
Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma
- Harry Campbell, #1846, Police Department, Tulsa,

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It is desired that the fact that the above individuals
are considered as suspects in the above-entitled case be kept con-
fidential until instructions to the contrary have been received
from the Division.
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Very truly yours,

Director.

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CC Kansas City Oklahoma City

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Suite 1 -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
January 29, 1934.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
DIVISION ONE
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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

Please refer to the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor,
dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 27, 1933, in the above captioned
case.

There are enclosed herewith photographs of the following
individuals mentioned in that report, whose complete criminal records have
been assembled since the rendition of the report in question:

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- James Lawson, Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, #3908.
- Volney Davis, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, Mc Alester, Oklahoma, #12,808.
- Arthur E. Barker, alias Doc Barker, Oklahoma State Penitentiary,
Mc Alester, Oklahoma, #11,906.
- Harry Campbell, Tulsa, Oklahoma, PD, #1846.
- Alvin Karpis, Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, #1539.
- Fred Barker, Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, #9836.

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DIVISION ONE
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Very truly yours,

W. F. Trainor

W. F. TRAINOR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 5, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of your letter of January 29, 1934 with further reference to the reports that Vernon C. Miller, involved in the case entitled: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL, CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER, is not actually deceased. Please be informed that the Division is satisfied of the fact that the death of this individual has been definitely established and does not feel that further consideration need be accorded to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Suite L -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
January 29, 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

Sometime ago this office wrote to the Division to ascertain whether the fingerprints of the corpse of Vernon C. Miller taken in Detroit had been compared and found to be identical with the known fingerprints of that individual, and thereafter this office was advised by the Division that the prints had been found to be identical.

There have been numerous rumors afloat in this vicinity to the effect that possibly the individual whose body was recently found near Detroit was not that of the Vernon C. Miller wanted in connection with the Union Station Massacre Case. The most recent of these rumors coming to my attention was from Special Agent R. G. Reed, who has advised me that on January 24th, while at the office of the Sheriff here, a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, remarked that he was doubtful whether Vernon C. Miller was actually murdered at Detroit, Michigan, and pointed out that he had received reports to the effect that Miller's fingers had been burned to such an extent that it was impossible to secure fingerprints thereof.

It occurred to me that in view of such rumors that this Division might desire to incorporate an article in the FUGITIVES WANTED BY POLICE BULLETIN, indicating the fact that a positive identification had been made of the fingerprints of Miller, which definitely indicates that the man murdered was Vernon C. Miller sought in connection with the Union Station Massacre. My idea was that the Division could probably write a short article in the nature of an interesting fingerprint matter relative to the identification of Miller's fingerprints.

Very truly yours,
M. C. Sullivan
M. C. SULLIVAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Agent interviewed Colonel A. M. Scarborough, Superintendent of the State Penitentiary, Columbia, South Carolina, with reference to an unsigned letter which was received by the Charlotte Office, stating that one George Birdwell, who is reported to be a very bad criminal, was in the neighborhood of Columbia, South Carolina, and was at that time at a C. C. C. Camp near Ridgeland, South Carolina, and that said Birdwell may be the Birdwell who is the associate of CHARLES ARTHUR (PRETTY BOY) FLOYD.

This unsigned letter was mailed in an envelope which bore the return address of Colonel A. M. Scarborough, Columbia, South Carolina. Colonel Scarborough called in Captain C. A. Sullivan of the Bureau of Identification at the State Penitentiary, who is the man who reads all of the outgoing mail in the Penitentiary, in order to determine whether any of the inmates of the Penitentiary had written this letter. Captain Sullivan advised agent that he himself had written the letter and had forgotten to sign it.

Captain Sullivan advised agent that he had heard several of the convicts speaking of a man by the name of George Birdwell, who, they said, was a "bad egg;" that he, Captain Sullivan, remembered that one Marie Hill, who was an inmate of the Penitentiary in 1932, had frequently written letters to said George Birdwell; that he, Sullivan, had recently read of the association of a George Birdwell with "Pretty Boy" Floyd and thought that the Birdwell to whom Marie Hill had written and about whom the convicts at the Penitentiary had frequently spoken was the Birdwell who was wanted in connection with the Floyd activities.

Colonel Scarborough advised agent that he knew the Birdwell about whom Captain Sullivan was speaking; that this Birdwell was a resident of Columbia and was a "small-time pimp" about town; that he, Colonel Scarborough, in the latter part of 1932 had questioned Birdwell with reference to some of his activities and that he consequently remembered him well. Colonel Scarborough stated that this person is about twenty-two years of age, five feet six inches tall and weighs about one hundred thirty-five pounds. He said that he felt certain that this was not the person who has been associating with Floyd. He advised agent that Detective Knox of the Columbia Police Department had arrested Birdwell about a year previous in connection with his activities of "pimping" and that Birdwell had been held for investigation.

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Agent interviewed Detective Knox of the Columbia Police Department, who advised that about a year previous he had questioned Birdwell in an investigation he was handling; that he knows Birdwell fairly well; that Birdwell had been at a C. C. C. Camp for some while up until about three weeks ago, when he returned to Columbia and went to live with his mother, who lived "on the right, about a half to three quarters of a mile on the other side of Moore's pond, which is about ten miles North of Columbia." Detective Knox stated that this Birdwell was about twenty-four or twenty-five years of age, about five feet six inches or seven inches tall, rather chunky build, and weighs about one hundred thirty-five or forty pounds.

Detective Knox stated that he felt certain that this was not the Birdwell who is connected with Floyd.

F. I. McGarraghy,
Special Agent

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*Approved -
L B Reed Acting
Special Agent
in Charge -*

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

FILE NO. 62-410

REPORT MADE AT: DALLAS, TEXAS.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-29-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/3-16/34	REPORT MADE BY: C. B. WINSTEAD.
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased); RICHARD CALMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; ROBERT G. CERADY, with aliases; PARVEY I. BAILEY, with aliases; ED DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. #1193; et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation at Tyler, Texas, indicates A. Carter and C. C. Carter probably Jack Barley. No indication Barley is Bernard Phillips.

REFERENCE:
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Letters from Kansas City Office, dated January 2 & 3, 1934.

DETAILS:

Investigation at Tyler, Texas, developed that C. A. Smith resides at 114 W. Bow Street. He is a carpenter and has lived there for many years. Smith has two daughters, one a young lady about 18 years of age who attended school at Tyler, the other daughter named Grace has been married for the past two or three years to a man by the name of Jack Barley. The Barley's do not live at Tyler.

With Marvin Gordon, State Highway Patrolman at Tyler, Agent looked over the house located at 114 W. Bow Street. Gordon stated that Mr. Brookshire who operates a grocery store at 723 N. Bois d' Arc Street just half a block from the house, is a personal friend of his, and would if he had any knowledge concerning the persons residing at 114 W. Bow Street, furnish what information he could.

Brookshire was interviewed and stated that Smith married a gambler from Dallas about two or three years ago; that her husband is Jack Barley. He is a large stoop-shouldered man, with dark wavy hair and has been in and out of Tyler for the past five or six years; that Barley, he believes, lives in Dallas; that about two years ago Barley was arrested by the Sheriff at Tyler.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28915-1171	RECORDED AND INDEXED FEB 1 - 1934
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for operating slot machines; that he has two automobiles - one a brown 1932 model Hupmobile Sedan and the other a black, 1933 model Chevrolet Coupe, both of which he believes bear Dallas County License Tags. He has not seen the Baxleys in Tyler for the past two or three weeks.

Photographs of Bernard Phillips were shown to Mr. Brookshire and he stated emphatically that they were not photographs of Baxley.

Brookshire described Grace Smith Baxley as: about 35 years of age, about 5' 11", and red hair (bobbed, and wavy).

Gordon stated he knows C. H. Smith, who is a good old man.

The Auto License Division, Tax Collector's Office, Smith County at Tyler, were checked, but no car found registered in the name of Jack Baxley. A 1928 Chevrolet Sedan was found to have been registered in 1933 in the name of C. H. Smith.

After receipt of the second reference letter with photograph of Bernard Phillips, it was exhibited to T. P. Pierce at the Brookshire Grocery, who knows Baxley and wife. He says Baxley is positively not Phillips.

Tom Sikes, Officer, who once arrested Grace Baxley in connection with a jewelry robbery, stated the photograph of Phillips is not a likeness of Baxley.

Gordon has arranged with one Dewey Hitt, who operates a Gulf Filling Station at the intersection of Bois d' Arc and Bow Streets, about half a block from the C. H. Smith Home, to phone him the next time he sees Baxley or Grace in Tyler.

Both Hitt and Pierce say they saw Baxley here about two weeks ago, and that Grace drove into Hitt's station one day about six months or a year ago and had ten gallons of gas put into her car and said "I'll pay you later," but never has, and has never since then bought gas from him.

Gordon has made arrangements with some friends whose daughters have gone to school with Grace's sister, and know her and call on her. They say Grace worked in Tyler as secretary for a Will Hudnall, Geologist or Nurseryman, but she got into some kind of trouble and left Tyler and went to Dallas; that she has married since leaving Tyler, apparently to this man Baxley. They promised Gordon to get a photograph of Grace without letting the Smith girl know it was being done and also endeavor to learn where Grace is now living.

Ex-Sheriff Tom Sikes stated that Grace Baxley, nee Grace Smith originated at Sulphur Springs, Texas, where she was married the first time. The name of her first husband is unknown; that about 1928 she stole from a Mr. Roberts

head of the business college at Tyler, a two thousand dollar diamond ring. No charge was filed, the ring being recovered by Sikes.

About 1928 or 1929 she and Jack Baxley were charged in State Court at Kaufman, Texas with burglary and theft over, committed at Tyler, Texas, and they were arrested at Dallas on these charges by the Sheriff of Kaufman County; that about the same year - 1928 or 1929 - he (Sikes) arrested Grace for the State Authorities of Amarillo, Texas, although he has forgotten the specific charge, but it was a felony warrant. She made bail at Tyler.

Sikes says she would do anything, and that she was once charged with check forgery in Canton, Texas. He arrested Baxley one time and that was for gaming.

Sikes says if caught and pressed Grace will admit her crimes every time. He was not informed as to why inquiry is being made in this matter.

Arrangements have been made through R. E. Robertson, Post Office Inspector, Tyler, Texas, to furnish the Dallas Office with tracings of mail addressed to 114 W. Bow Street.

State Highway Patrolman Marvin Gordon has a good friend who is calling on Christine Smith, Grace Baxley's 18 year old sister. This party informed Gordon that Jack and Grace came into Tyler late Wednesday night, January 3rd, and left Thursday morning about 9:00 o'clock, saying "We are going toward Dallas". He will keep Gordon informed who in turn will inform the Dallas Office.

On January 13, 1934, Grace Baxley showed up at her father's home at 114 W. Bow Street, Tyler, Texas. She was driving a black, 1933 model, Chevrolet Coupe, 1933 Texas License No. 311318. Tom Sikes advised later that the man with whom Grace is now living is not really named Jack Baxley; that Jack Baxley was a small man and when she took up with this large man he took the name of her former husband Jack Baxley. The people in Tyler, however, know the present man as Baxley.

On January 14, 1934, a Hupmobile, tan colored, was at the Smith home at 114 W. Bow Street. It bore 1933 Texas License 286576. The Chevrolet Coupe driven by Grace was still at the Smith home, indicating Grace and Jack Baxley were both in Tyler on this date.

Photographs of Alvin^A Karpis, Fred^C Barker, Bernard^D Phillips and others were shown to Chief of Police Ray, City Detective Cliff Hudson, and Blackstone Hotel Manager Clyde Holstein, all of whom know Jack Baxley, and they say none of the photographs resemble Baxley.

Baxley is described as follows:

Age: 34 to 36
Height: 6' to 6' 3"
Weight: about 200 or more
Hair: ?
Heavy black eyebrows
Occupation: gambler.

Hudson stated he heard Baxley went to Terrell, Texas after his arrest in Tyler in 1928 but he has not seen him in over a year; that in December 1932 he talked with Grace Baxley, who left Tyler to meet Baxley in Mississippi enroute to Florida.

Mr. Holstein stated that when Grace came to Tyler about Christmas 1932 to attend her brother's funeral, she took a room at the hotel and Baxley sneaked in and that not very long ago Baxley was in the barber shop.

E. O. Dugas, room clerk, Blackstone Hotel, stated that he does not know Baxley except by sight, but has heard that he operated a beer and gambling club at Mineola, Texas, after being arrested in Tyler. When arrested at the Blackstone Hotel in Tyler in 1928 for gambling he was given "hours" to leave Tyler.

It is unlikely additional information can be obtained concerning Grace and Jack Baxley without taking them into custody which may not be favorable at this time inasmuch as no foundation can be laid for a warrant.

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U. S. Department of Justice
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Suite L
 Federal Building,
 Kansas City, Missouri.
 January 29, 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 report of the Kansas City office by Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated at Kansas City, January 29, 1934, in the above entitled case. It is realized that the designation of the title, as shown in this report, is not strictly in conformity with the rules and regulations in the Manual, but in view of the unwieldy nature of the title, if the names and aliases of all Subjects who are under bond were shown, the report is captioned in this manner, for the purposes of brevity. Hoping that such procedure will meet with the approval of the Division, I am

Very truly yours,

M. C. Spear

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

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

Dear Sirs

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Deceased,
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases -
Fugitive, Identification Order #1201, et al,
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

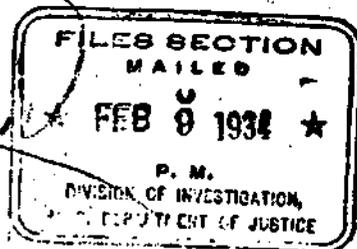
Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, January 29, 1934,
wherein the name of subject Harvey J. Bailey, with aliases, is
carried as a fugitive.

In this connection attention is invited to a letter
dated October 11, 1933, addressed to the Oklahoma City Office by
Special Agent in Charge E. M. Conroy, containing a request that
certified papers originally forwarded to the United States Attorney
at Oklahoma City be returned to the United States Attorney at Kansas
City in order that the same might be used in filing as a detainer
against subject Bailey at the United States Penitentiary, Leaven-
worth, Kansas. In accordance with the request contained in this
letter, the Oklahoma City Office, under date of October 19, 1933,
forwarded a certified copy of the indictment against subject
Bailey, et al, together with a certified copy of the warrant, to
your office.

Kindly advise the Division what action has been taken
with regard to filing these papers as a detainer against Bailey.

Very truly yours,

Director.



UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

KANSAS CITY

FILE NO. 62-760-

REPORT MADE AT: Kansas City, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-29-1934	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-26-27-1934	REPORT MADE BY: W. F. TRAINOR - abc
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ORIGINEE:
VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased),
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO 1201.
ROBERT G. BRADY, with aliases (Deceased).

CHARACTER OF CASE:
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO 1198.
GILBERT UNDERHILL, with aliases (Deceased).

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ED DAVIS, with aliases, IO 1193.
BERNARD PHILLIPS, with aliases, IO 1196.
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, IO 1194, ET AL.

Names and addresses of relatives and friends of Subject Phillips in Chicago, Illinois, and Los Angeles, California, secured from the records of U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. Freda Ash and Mrs. Jackie Wallace Ash, respectively sister and widow of Wallace Ash, who was murdered by Subject Floyd at Kansas City, interviewed and promised full cooperation in the apprehension of that individual. A Mrs. Dyer of Tulsa, Oklahoma, may be able to furnish information as to the location of Floyd.

REFERENCE:

DETAILS:

Letter from the Kansas City office to the St. Paul office dated December 12, 1933.

DETAILS:

The records of the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, were examined for the purpose of ascertaining who the correspondents

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were of former convict Bernard Phillips, register number 26600, who was received in that institution on November 28, 1926, from St. Paul, Minnesota, to serve a sentence of 4½ years for violation of the Dyer Act. This convict was released on parole April 1, 1930. The records show the following correspondents:

L. W. Phillips, brother, 5529 North Bernard St., Chicago, Illinois.
Lee Phillips, brother, 5627 North Mozart St., Chicago, Illinois.
Lee Phillips, brother, 6147 North Mozart St., Chicago, Illinois.
Mrs. Jane Phillips, wife, 4911 Winthrop Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
Mrs. Jane Phillips, wife, Leland Hotel, 1207 Leland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
Dorothy Phillips, niece, 5627 North Mozart St., Chicago, Illinois.
Miss B. Steppe, friend, 532 So. Fremont Street, Los Angeles, California.
John Menard, friend, 20 So. Hanover Street, Chicago.
Mrs. L. Vantly, friend, 415 Fullerton Parkway, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. Jane Phillips, 4530 Malden Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. Mary DeGraff, 539 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill.
Miss LaVerne Hickey, 5908 Midway Park, Chicago, Ill.
John Paladino, 1913 Humboldt Road, Chicago.
Lee Phillips, brother, 4510 North Albany Street, Chicago, Ill.
Miss Bernice Steppe, 610 East 54th Street, Los Angeles, California.
Major F. G. Thomas, Volunteer Prison League, 2841 Washington Boulevard, stated that he would furnish Phillips work upon his release from the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on parole.

The reference communication from the Kansas City office to the St. Paul office indicates that from several underworld sources, statements have been secured that Phillips was killed by members of the underworld in the vicinity of St. Paul or Minneapolis, Minnesota, during July, 1933, immediately after a bank robbery in the State of Indiana, wherein Phillips participated. To date, the St. Paul office has not furnished result of investigation, such as may be possible to make at St. Paul and vicinity, with reference to this alleged death. It is noted that there has been no discovery of the dead body of Phillips, according to any known records.

In an effort to secure all available information relative to the location of Subject Floyd, investigation was continued at Kansas City, Missouri, at which place it has been believed that Floyd may appear at intervals. Through the cooperation of Sheriff Tom Bash at Kansas City, constant effort has been made to secure all available information from time to time in the past relative to Floyd's location, and from the inception of this case, the Kansas City office has received through all available informants information of this nature. The following are quotations from memoranda made pursuant to these inquiries:

Mr. G. M. Hayward, 1012 Oak Street, Kansas City, Missouri, telephone number Victor 7032, appeared at this office on June 19th and advised Special Agent K. R. McIntyre as follows:

That about a year ago he was running a small cafe at 507 East 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, becoming acquainted with one Roy Hendricks, whose occupation is a sod cutter. That Roy Hendricks showed him, Hayward, a picture of his, Hendrick's, wife about a year previous to this incident. Hayward declared that the picture of this woman found in the watch case is identical with the picture of the woman seen with Floyd displayed in the Kansas City Star on June 19, 1933.

He declared that Hendricks frequented his cafe constantly and spoke to several girls who passed, who were known as Pauline, Ethel and Nell, and Hendricks advised Hayward these parties were living on East 8th and 9th, and on Holmes and Cherry Streets; further informing Hayward that these parties moved constantly because they were prostitutes. He learned from Hendricks that Pauline just finished the 7th grade at the Humboldt School, and that she worked for a Mrs. Johnson, who operates the Johnson Dinner House at 521 East 10th Street.

Hayward informed that he thereafter ate at the Johnson Dinner House and became familiar with Pauline, learning that she was Pauline Golden, a sister of Nell and Ethel, who were known to be prostituting in Kansas City, Missouri. Hayward declared that Hendricks was familiar with Pauline, and that once when she passed the cafe, he informed that Pretty Boy Floyd got his beer over at the home of Pauline's mother, and that Floyd frequented the home of Pauline's mother regularly when he came to Kansas City and secured protection at that home.

It is to be noted the manner in which the story of Hayward and that of Lasater tie in with one another as furnishing identical information. Hayward also learned from Hendricks that Floyd has lived with the Golden family at times and has furnished them with money with which to buy furniture and also to pay rent. Hendricks advised Hayward that his former wife is not now in constant association with Floyd, but that she remains at the Golden home during the time she is waiting for Floyd's appearance in Kansas City, Missouri, and he is confident she may be located at that point, which, as shown in the memorandum of Mr. Lasater, is located at 605 East 8th Street.

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Hayward also informed that he has information from Hendricks that there is an Italian joint located at some point on East 9th Street where gangsters hang out, and where they secure guns and ammunition, and where Floyd would seek refuge and would be protected.

It is to be noted how this information coincides with that furnished by Mr. Lasater.

At a subsequent interview, Mr. Hayward informed that he has learned that Roy Hendricks is now located at Bagnall Dam, Missouri, and that Ethel Golden is now prostituting at 1129 Cherry Street with her sister Nell Ward, and further, that Bess Golden, a sister of Nell Ward, may also be located at 1129 Cherry Street.

Mr. Hayward furnished the following description of Roy Hendricks:

Age	35 years
Height	5 ft. 8 in.
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	medium brown
Eyes	grey
Face	slim peaked
Occupation	sed cutter
Peculiarities	has a shriveled left arm. uses the expression "B' Jesus this and B' Jesus that."

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Dillard R. Lasater, 3028 White Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, telephone Linwood 1493, appeared in this office on June 19th and advised Special Agent E. K. McIntyre as follows:

That he was formerly with the Police Department for a period of ten years associated with the Detective Bureau until one year ago. That through his association with the Police Department, he has learned that Pretty Boy Floyd is now driving a Ford V-8 Coupe, black in color, bearing an Oklahoma license; that Floyd keeps his car in a parking station at 1121 East 15th Street operated by Guy Given; that Floyd is undoubtedly protected by Given, who is a strong Democratic factor in local politics, and that Given is in return controlled by Democratic boss Casimer J. Welch; further, that Floyd comes to town about every three weeks; that he is taking treatment for syphilis on Troost Avenue at about East 26th. That Floyd buys his liquor at a drug store on the corner of 26th and Troost Avenue.

Mr. Lasater advised that Floyd was at one time very intimate with the Ash family, one of the daughters being Biddie Ash, now running a house of prostitution at 1412 Holmes Street. That Floyd murdered two brothers of Biddie Ash, as a result of which, Floyd is no longer intimate with the Ash family.

Mr. Lasater informed that Floyd is now very intimate with a family by the name of Golden. Inquiry through the Post Office at Kansas City, Missouri, disclosed that the Golden family is now living at 605 East 8th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Lasater declared that the Golden's have several daughters, one known as Bobby, who formerly operated as a prostitute in the vicinity of Holmes and Cherry Streets, and who is now believed to be in Joplin, Missouri. Another daughter known as Nell Ward, who is now prostituting at 1129 Cherry Street. Lasater declared he has positive information to the effect that Floyd goes to the Golden home for protection when he visits Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Lasater declared he has an informant, one Claud Abbott, whom Floyd frequently contacts when he comes to Kansas City. The exact address of Abbott is not known. He is said to live on East 9th Street and to hang around a taxicab at 9th and Cherry, but it would not be advisable for an Agent to locate and interview him without Lasater, himself, being present. Mr. Lasater advised that he will make every effort to contact Abbott.

Mr. Lasater further informed that he has a friend, whose name he refused to disclose, who is now serving a term in the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, and that this friend knows a man who is

also incarcerated therein, who is in constant communication with Floyd. Lasater declared he will soon visit Lansing, where he expected to secure employment, and he will make every effort to learn the name of the convict who is now corresponding with Floyd.

Lasater furnished the following description of Bobby Golden:

Age	26 or 28 years, looks older
Hair	red
Height	5 ft. 5 in. or 5 ft. 6 in.
Appearance	Dissipated
Weight	135 pounds or less
Build	medium slender

He declared that Nell Ward, the sister of Bobby Golden, now living at 1129 Cherry Street, has been shot through the neck.

Mr. Lasater also informed that there is a joint on East 9th Street, which is operated by Italians, where gangsters hang out and where guns and ammunition were furnished to them, and where Floyd would be protected and would feel safe.

At the Post Office, mail carrier number 38 - Mr. Paul Smith - informed that the Golden family has lived at various addresses in Kansas City, Missouri, and that Pauline, Ethel and Zella Golden are now receiving mail at 605 East 8th Street. He informed that Nell Ward, who is a daughter of Mrs. Golden, formerly lived with the Golden at 605 Admiral, Kansas City, Missouri. He declared that the Golden have lived at the following addresses in Kansas City, Missouri:

711 Admiral
923 East 9th Street
1009 Harrison
1221 Jefferson

He declared there are many people coming and going from the Golden home.

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Full discussion of information regarding Floyd's local appearances was had at all times by Agents of this office with Sheriff Bash, who has been kept advised and has cooperated with this office in an effort to apprehend Floyd. It was not deemed advisable originally to directly contact the Ash family, but same was done through the confidential informants of the office of the Sheriff, and about six weeks ago, Special Agents R. C. Suran and N. E. Marshall of this office interviewed Biddie Ash, whose true name is Freda Ash. She is a cripple girl and operates a house of prostitution at 1410 Holmes Street here. At that time she furnished no information of any value.

It will be noted that Guy Given is one of the Subjects in Kansas City File 15-183. Mr. Bash, the Sheriff at Kansas City, who is entirely reliable, according to experiences of this office, has sought confidential information relative to the possible connections of Floyd with Given, but to date has not secured any of such information. It is noted that Given is strongly entrenched with factional politics at Kansas City, and the allegation as made by Dillard Lasater, mentioned above, may or may not be correct.

On January 26, 1934, Special Agents A. E. Farland and the writer, together with Deputy Sheriff John Kelly of Kansas City, Missouri, interviewed Leonard V. Ash, 750 Kansas Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas, who is the father of Freda Ash. He is found to be a man about 70 years of age, but quite alert and frank and apparently sincere disposition. It was readily noted that he was somewhat incredulous of any inquiries regarding Floyd, but after quite an extended discussion of the matter, he stated that his daughter, Freda, in Kansas City, Missouri, could probably furnish more information than he, and that he would accompany the Agents and Mr. Kelly to see his daughter.

Freda Ash was interviewed in the presence of her father at 1410 Holmes Street, at which time, Mrs. Jackie Ash, the widow of Wallace Ash, was also interviewed. It was determined that Wallace Ash and William Ash, the two brothers of Freda, were shot and killed by Subject Floyd during the year, 1931, at Kansas City, Kansas. The motive was that of robbery insofar as William Ash was concerned, and it was found that Floyd had a grudge against Wallace Ash, which was his motive evidently for killing him. Mrs. Jackie Ash was the second wife of Wallace Ash. Her maiden name was Wallace, being the daughter of Mrs. J. F. Wallace, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Sand Springs Road, Home Garden Station.

These women stated that Bulah Beard is a sister of Rose Beard. Rose Beard was the first wife of Wallace Ash. Rose and Wallace were divorced, after which Wallace married Jackie Wallace, the party interviewed. Subject Floyd was intimate with Bulah Beard and, therefore, well acquainted with Rose. Wallace Ash

came into some money in the amount of about \$400.00, but "flashed" the same in such a manner that Rose believed he had several thousand. It appears that Rose Beard Ash and Bulah Ash caused Floyd to rob Wallace Ash. When the job was done, Wallace and William Ash were together and result was the murder of both.

Bulah Beard is said to have been with Floyd immediately after the murder of the Ash brothers at Kansas City. She was shot thru the head at Bowling Green, Ohio, sometime during 1931, according to the best information obtainable from these informants, at which time Floyd was pursued for a bank robbery. She refused steadfastly to furnish the officers of Bowling Green any information regarding Floyd. She is believed to be with Floyd at the present time, since these informants stated she is the type that would stay with him through everything.

Bulah Beard and Rose Beard Ash are both missing from Kansas City, according to these informants, and if one is found, the other will no doubt be there. These informants stated that Pauline Beard, or Golden, is a sister of Bulah and Rose, and that they also have a sister named Bobbie. The informants are unaware of the present whereabouts of Bobbie or Pauline. There are said to be five girls in the family of Mrs. Zella Beard Golden, and the only one whose definite whereabouts is now known is Nell Beard, who uses the alias Nell Ward, who will be mentioned herein.

Bulah Beard and Rose have a sister named Nell Ward, who practices prostitution at 519 East 13th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, where she works for a mistress of a house named May. Nell is said to be a narcotic addict, and Freda Ash believes that if she were apprehended and held in jail without a narcotic for sometime, she might divulge to the Sheriff or Police any information for which she might be asked. Freda Ash stated that shortly before Christmas, 1933, she met Nell, who told her that her sister becomes irrational at times and, therefore, Bulah, spends some of her time in a sanitarium at Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Jackie Wallace Ash informed that her mother, Mrs. J. F. Wallace of Tulsa, told her recently, that a Mrs. Dyer, who lives across the street from her at Tulsa, confided the information to Mrs. Wallace, that the present wife of Subject Floyd, whose name is Ruby, and who resides at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, at present occasionally comes to her place with her small boy, and that she is compelled to furnish her shelter, altho she dislikes to do so, but acts in fear of consequences at the hands of Floyd. Jackie Ash believes that under the proper circumstances, Mrs. Dyer might be prevailed upon to furnish valuable information, if she were in possession of same.

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The mother of the Beard girls married a man named Golden after the death of her first husband, who was the father of Rose, Eulah and Nell. The mother's name is Zella. She runs a gangster hang-out at 8th and Cherry Streets, Kansas City. Freda Ash stated that she does not run a house of prostitution for want of sufficient intelligence, but that she is convinced that if Floyd comes to Kansas City, it would certainly be to the house of Zella Golden, that he would go for sanctuary while here. X

Freda Ash stated that information does not, or has not, come to her regarding the whereabouts of Floyd, since people know that she would gladly kill him if she had a chance in revenge for the tragedy to her family. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that the mother of the Ash boys and Freda died as result of a broken heart over the death of her sons. Freda advised that in the course of her "business," she comes in contact with many underworld characters, and that at the present time, she is cultivating the patronage of some "big shots," who may be able to furnish her information when/and if Floyd comes to Kansas City, Missouri.

Sheriff Bash is offering a reward of \$1,000.00 for the capture of Floyd in Kansas City, Mo., or any place in Jackson County, and a reward of \$500.00 for his capture at any other point. Deputy Sheriff Kelly made it clear to Freda Ash that should she furnish information resulting in the apprehension of Floyd, she would be eligible for this reward. Freda Ash took the telephone number of the Kansas City office, and of the office of the Sheriff here, and promised to follow this information tenaciously, and to report any developments immediately. Freda Ash, as hereinbefore stated, is a cripple, and she uses a wheel chair continuously. She apparently has a great deal of intelligence, and evidently is filled with hatred and revengefulness against Floyd. It required considerable effort, however, before she discussed this matter with the Agents in the manner above outlined.

Recently a prisoner in the Jackson County Jail (designated as Informant F, whose name has been made known to the Division) was interviewed at great length by Special Agent Trainor with Sheriff Bash and Deputy Sheriff Kelly. He stated that he is acquainted with Floyd, and that he is sure that Floyd comes to Kansas City, Missouri, or did so frequently within the past year. He stated that he has information to the effect that when Floyd comes to Kansas City, he gives notice through some male intermediary, who then arranges cover for him at the house of an elderly woman, whose name and address, the informant was unable to furnish. He stated that he might be able after his release to secure further details,

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but professed inability to name the intermediary of Floyd in Kansas City.

The Kansas City office is at this time verifying the address of Zella Golden and Nell Ward through the Post Office, and covers are being placed on the mail of these individuals. Subsequent information has been received through Leonard V. Ash to the effect that Rose Ash may now be at Alton, Illinois, but he is unable to furnish her address or the alias under which she may be residing there. This will be kept in mind in connection with tracings of mail, which may be received.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE will at Tulsa, Oklahoma, secure all available information regarding the whereabouts of Floyd through Mrs. Dyer, Sand Springs Road, Home Garden Station, as mentioned herein. It is suggested that Mrs. J. F. Wallace be not openly interviewed at Tulsa, pursuant to the request of her daughter Jackie Ash.

At Muskogee, Oklahoma, the Oklahoma City office is requested to endeavor to locate Bulah Beard, who may be found in a sanitarium there, and who would probably be in constant touch with Floyd.

For the assistance of the Oklahoma City office, a photograph bearing the likeness of Floyd, together with Bulah Beard, is herewith enclosed.

THE CHICAGO OFFICE at Chicago, Illinois, and vicinity, is requested to make inquiries of parties listed in this report, who have corresponded with Subject Phillips. Kindly obtain all information available as to the present or recent past whereabouts of Phillips. Any facts to verify or disprove the alleged death of Phillips should be secured.

THE ST. PAUL OFFICE is requested to kindly report result of investigation pursuant to the letter from the Kansas City office to St. Paul office dated December 12, 1933.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE at Los Angeles, California, is requested to interview Miss B. Steppe, 532 So. Fremont Street, along the lines suggested for the Chicago office in this report.

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE will keep in touch with Freda Ash, 1410 Holmes Street regarding the whereabouts of Floyd. Also through the office of the Sheriff all information available through confidential informants of that office will be secured relative to the appearance of Floyd at the places in Kansas City mentioned in this report.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR NATHAN.

With reference to the attached telegram dated January 27, 1934, received from Special Agent in Charge Colvin concerning the disposition of the bonds taken from Wilber Underhill, I conferred with Mr. Ramsey of the Department, who stated that the bonds should be returned to the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri inasmuch as the United States District Court there is the only court having proper jurisdiction of the matter inasmuch as there was a Federal indictment pending against Underhill at the time of his apprehension.

Mr. Ramsey further stated that the United States District Court at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma does not have jurisdiction over this matter and therefore suggested that the Oklahoma City Office of the Division be instructed to deliver the bonds in accordance with the above.

Pursuant to Mr. Clegg's instructions, I telephoned Mr. Colvin who advised that the bonds would be promptly forwarded to the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri; that the only reason the suit in replevin was to be filed at Oklahoma City was for the purpose of deducting from the bonds recovered a sufficient amount to pay the hospital at Shawnee, Oklahoma the money which the Division or the Department will eventually have to pay.

Respectfully,

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Dear Sir:

Confirming telephonic conversation with your office today, you are advised that the Division is considerably disturbed over the apparent laxity that has developed in the handling of the case relating to the massacre of peace officers at Kansas City. It appears that there has developed a practice of a certain amount of indifference in handling this case and that the case has not been receiving the close supervision of the Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Kansas City Office. It is desired that immediately Special Agent Harold E. Andersen be assigned to the investigation of this matter and instructed to proceed to develop it to its logical conclusion at the earliest possible date. Such assistance as may be deemed necessary may be afforded Special Agent Andersen, who will at all times work under the supervision of the Kansas City Office. However, it is desired that Special Agent Andersen be in charge of the detailed handling of this investigation.

It was necessary a few days ago to call your attention to the fact that in spite of the fact that the Division maintains a technical laboratory in Washington its existence had apparently been ignored by the Kansas City Office and certain documents had been transmitted to the Kansas City Police Department for examination for latent evidence. The Division at that time expressed itself quite clearly in that this practice should be discontinued and the Division's laboratory used exclusively for this purpose unless prior authorization from the Division has been obtained.

The Division is now informed that in connection with the handling of the above mentioned case enlarged copies of photographs of suspects in this case were obtained from an alleged expert in Kansas City. The Division thought that its Special Agents in Charge and Acting Special Agents in Charge were all acquainted with the fact that the Division maintained in connection with its technical equipment the necessary device and personnel for such enlargement work and it is quite obvious that the sending of

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photographs for enlargement, particularly in the Kansas City massacre case, would naturally cause those who saw the photographs to speculate as to their purpose and consequently an unfavorable result might be obtained.

The Division desires to impress upon you again the absolute necessity of transmitting latent evidence, photographs, and other similar data for treatment or enlargements to the Division in Washington in order that the work may be handled in the most satisfactory manner possible. It will be necessary that prior Division authority be obtained before any variation from these instructions may be followed.

It is further desired that you immediately take vigorous action in connection with the assignment and further investigation of the Kansas City massacre case, so that Special Agent Harold E. Andersen and such other Agents as are necessary may immediately begin to work under the supervision of the Kansas City Office to bring this case to a logical conclusion at the earliest possible moment.

The Division desires to be informed regularly concerning developments in this case.

Very truly yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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

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REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-30-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-23-24-34	REPORT MADE BY H. N. Hollis
TITLE VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (deceased), et al.		CHARACTER OF CASE Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation at Miami, Okla. fails to locate cabin in which Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd is reported to be living.

REFERENCE: Letter from the San Francisco Division office, January 12, 1934.

DETAILS:

Agent conferred with Sheriff Dee Watters, Miami, Oklahoma, concerning the information furnished the San Francisco office by Harry Cove, as set out in reference letter, which information is to the effect that Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd is living in a cabin on the left of a side road about two miles out of Miami, Oklahoma. Sheriff Watters, who is very familiar with all of the territory surrounding Miami, Oklahoma, was unable to advise of the location of any cabin as described by Cove. A survey of the territory approximately two miles south of Miami, Oklahoma on the Tulsa to Miami highway was made; however, the cabin described was not located. There are three tourist camps on this highway within two miles south of Miami; however, investigation failed to show that Floyd was, or had been, at any of these camps.

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

REPORT MADE AT Charlotte, N. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/31/34.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/24-29/34.	REPORT MADE BY DWIGHT BRANTLEY. JMO
TITLE VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases - Fugitive, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation discloses that Joe Baker, sender of telegram from Clarksdale, Miss., 1/9/34, to Mrs. W. A. Spear, Hot Springs, Ark., is not Galatas. Confidential informant at Memphis, Tenn., has been in contact with Lou Connors, expects to contact her again in near future, and will report progress. Arrangements made with individuals at Montgomery, Ala., to make effort to ascertain whether Pat Sturney, step-son of Galatas, is corresponding with his mother or Galatas, and said individuals will furnish any information to Birmingham Office.



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REFERENCE:

Reference is made to report of Dwight Brantley rendered at Detroit, Michigan, recently.

DETAILS:

This is a joint report of Special Agent H. E. Anderson and the writer.

It will be observed from the report of reference that on January 9, 1934, a Western Union telegram was received by Mrs. W. A. Spear, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, signed by Joe Baker, of Clarksdale,

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Mississippi, and that possibly Joe Baker might be an alias of Subject Galatas.

At Clarksdale, Mississippi, agents interviewed George E. Cook, Postmaster, who informed that he knows no individual in that city by the name of Joe Baker. Cook was unable to recognize the photograph of Galatas as any individual he has seen or has known. He stated that there was some gambling (Galatas is quite a gambler) going on in and around Clarksdale, but not to the extent there was several years ago; that in the past the city has been affected by racketeers, but does not believe there is any appreciable activity of that nature around there at this time.

H. M. Harris, Assistant Postmaster, made practically the same statements as did Cook, and he was unable to recognize the photograph of Galatas as any individual he has seen. Harris said that a person of Galatas's characteristics would likely frequent Hotel Alcazar in Clarksdale, the proprietor of which is N. D. West.

Lee Dixon, now United States Probation Officer at Clarksdale, Mississippi, and a former Special Agent of this Division, who is well known at Clarksdale, Mississippi, and vicinity, which by the way is his home, was interviewed. He stated that he knows of no Joe Baker. Mr. Dixon stated that the city and county officials in his judgment could not be trusted in a matter of this nature. Mr. Dixon of course was conversant with the Union Station Massacre, and is willing to lend the Division every assistance possible in this matter. He is well acquainted with N. D. West, the proprietor of Hotel Alcazar at Clarksdale.

N. D. West was interviewed at the Alcazar Hotel and stated that he knows no one in the vicinity by the name of Joe Baker, and he was unable to recognize a photograph of Galatas as anyone who had been at the hotel or that he had seen anywhere.

Allen Palm, manager of the Hotel Alcazar, was interviewed, and stated that he is not acquainted with a Joe Baker, and he was unable to recognize a photograph of the latter.

At the Western Union Telegraph Company at Clarksdale, Mississippi, Mrs. Williams, the manager, was interviewed and referred agents to Mrs. Ruth Haney, an employee, as having handled the transaction on January 9, 1934, involving the dispatch of the telegram signed Joe Baker, at Clarksdale, Mississippi, to Mrs. W. A. Spear, Hot Springs, Arkansas. She stated that on January 9, 1934, two

came in together when the wire was sent; that one was a stout man, and that this individual carried on all conversation with respect to the telegram and wrote it; that the two men sat together at a table for a moment or two before sending the message, and that she paid very little attention to the other individual. She was, however, unable to identify the photograph of Subject Galatas as either of the individuals, who were present when the wire was sent. Mrs. Haney stated that the address first given on the wire of Mrs. Spear was 215 Orange Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that the sender of the wire said that he was not certain of the correctness of said address, but if it were not correct he would furnish a correct one the following day; that he did return the following day, inquiring whether the wire had been delivered, and when informed that it had not, he furnished the address of Mrs. Spear at 310 Orange Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that thereafter the wire was delivered. The handwriting on the original telegram in no manner resembles the specimens of handwriting of Galatas now in possession of the Division. Mrs. Haney stated that she believed this individual who signed the wire, Joe Baker, said he was living at a rooming house in Clarksdale, Mississippi, directly across the street from the Western Union office, which is operated by some individuals by the name of Dean.

The rooming house referred to above as operated by the Deans, is of the third- or fourth-class, and it is not likely that Subject Galatas would even frequent or stop at such an address. The Deans, however, were interviewed, and their registers checked. The name of Joe Baker did not appear thereon, and they knew no one by that name. They were unable to recognize a photograph of Galatas as any individual they had seen around said establishment.

Victor Kergos, proprietor of the Athens Hotel at Clarksdale, was interviewed. He did not know any Joe Baker, and could not recognize a photograph of Galatas as any individual he had seen. A roomer at the Athens Hotel, one Bob Posey, of Toledo, Ohio, stated that he knows a Joe Baker, who is with the Dodson Shows, now wintering in Clarksdale, Mississippi; that said Joe Baker is a tin-horn gambler and ran a penny arcade for a while and that he is now residing at 131 Yazoo Street, Clarksdale, Mississippi.

Joe Baker was interviewed, but agents did not disclose their identity, and he was led to believe that agents were from Hot Springs, Arkansas, and were there in response to a telegram that he had sent, as the conversation with him had progressed only for two or three minutes, when he exclaimed, "Yes, you men are here in connection with that telegram I sent several days ago to Hot Springs!" Baker first said, "Well, you men are with some automobile finance company, I suppose. Tell me who you are looking for, and maybe I can help you." Agents then told him they were not connected with any finance company, but were from Hot Springs, Arkansas. Baker stated that he and one

C. C. Glenn, with whom he had made a trip to Memphis, Tennessee, on January 23, 1934, at which time both got drunk (Baker was under the influence of liquor at the time of the interview), had a "mark" (this is the appellation given by confidence men to a sucker) that they were ripening, Baker stated. He stated that he (Baker) wanted Mrs. W. A. Spear, who in reality is "Old Lady Van Litt" with the Dodson Shows, (when it is on the road, but spending some time in Hot Springs) and a "damn good thief" to send someone over to clip this "mark"; that he was certain a "score" (this is the terminology used by confidence men when they believe that some money can be obtained from a sucker) could be made. He stated that he had never been to Hot Springs, knows no one there, except the person to whom he addressed the telegram. Asked if he knew "Dick" (meaning Galatas), Baker said he does not. Some surprise was evidenced by agents when Baker replied he did not know "Dick". Baker was drunk enough to be very garrulous. He insisted that agents remain in town and see Glenn, for he wanted agents to make a "score" on the "mark", and stated that he was very eager to get his cut of whatever was clipped off the sucker.

Agents were satisfied that Baker knows nothing of Galatas and that the wire relates to some small confidence game. This angle of the case therefore was not pursued further. Agents left Baker under the impression that they would see him later.

At Memphis, Tennessee, Agent R. E. Peterson, of the Birmingham Office, stated that he had contacted Mrs. Birdie Mahoney Pearl, proprietress of Lonely Acres Dining Room, where Lou Connors was apprehended several months ago, and that Mrs. Mahoney told him that she had heard that the mother of Dick Galatas and the mother of Galatas's wife, Mrs. McFadden, after the shooting, left Hot Springs, Arkansas, for New York State. This information of course is contained in previous reports, especially in the report of reference.

The confidential informant referred to in the report of reference, at Memphis, Tennessee, was contacted, and stated that since agents last contacted him, he has made a trip to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that he saw Lou Connors there, and that she is living at some home on the outskirts of Hot Springs, the exact location of which he could not describe; that he went into Hot Springs under the pretext of doing some business in the liquor racket; that Lou Connors and her brother-in-law, A. J. Connors, now at Hot Springs, are to "fix" things with the officers at Hot Springs, for him, and there will be no heat on him; that he intends to make another trip to Hot Springs at a very early date; that Lou Connors told him not to bring any girl when he comes over; that they will have a party, and that he intends to get her liquored up and spend the night with her, and that he feels that perhaps he will be able to get her to do some talking. The name of

this informant heretofore has not been furnished the Division. His name is going forward immediately in a confidential letter to the Director. He can be reached through Agent R. E. Peterson of the Birmingham Office, who is stationed at Memphis, Tennessee. This informant stated that he did not mention the name of Galatas to Lou Connors during their conversation, but that Lou Connors brought the subject up several times and said that Galatas was "damn hot" and that the Government would probably rather have him than any man for whom it is now searching. Informant expressed the opinion that Lou Connors knows his whereabouts. Arrangements were made that if this informant obtains any information, it will be immediately furnished Agent Peterson.

It will be observed from the report of reference that the Birmingham Office was requested to ascertain the present whereabouts of Pat G. Sturney, step-son of Galatas; that information was obtained that he is working with the C. W. A. in Montgomery, Alabama, and residing at the home of James L. Beach, a conductor on the L & N Railroad, residing at #5 Club View Avenue.

The Birmingham Office was again requested to obtain as much information as possible relative to Beach, as to his reliability, whether he could be trusted, et cetera.

Agent H. E. Roberts of the Birmingham Office conducted inquiry in Birmingham, Alabama; he interviewed David W. Ballard, colored, carrier #34, who delivers mail at said address, but could not learn that Sturney is receiving any mail; in fact, Ballard did not know that Sturney was residing there. Agent Roberts learned that James L. Beach has a son, Gould M. Beach, attending the University of Alabama, at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Agent Roberts had a cover placed on the mail of Sturney at #5 Club View Avenue in Montgomery, Alabama.

Agent Roberts interviewed Z. D. Steele, Inspector of Police, L & N Railroad, Montgomery, Alabama, who stated that James L. Beach is now an extra conductor on the L & N Railroad, and was formerly a yardmaster at Birmingham; that he is a great talker, is unable to keep a secret, and he does not believe that he could be trusted in a case of this kind. Mr. Steele informed Agent Roberts that John Kelley is the Sergeant of Police on the L & N Railroad, works out of Flomaton, Alabama, and resides at Pollard, Alabama, and that Kelley is a brother-in-law of Mr. Beach, and that Kelley is absolutely trustworthy, and that he is confident that he could be relied upon, and that he is certain that Kelley would be glad to render any assistance possible.

On January 27, 1934, agents interviewed Mr. Z. D. Steele, Inspector of Police, L & N Railroad. Steele appears alert and intelligent, and has worked with the Birmingham Office of the Division, and his relations with the Division are of the best. He

stated that he would be glad to assist in any manner possible in this case; that he does not know Galatas or Pat Sturney. He gave practically the same information to agents concerning James L. Beach that he did to Agent Roberts, adding that Beach is a valuable employee of the railroad, is well liked, is more or less in politics, very talkative, is confidential and mysterious about things to which no mystery should be attached; that he does not believe Beach to be the type of man to whom a matter of this nature should be entrusted; that he does not think that Beach would deliberately divulge it, but that he is absolutely unable to keep a secret. He stated that Beach has been married twice, and has two grown children by his first wife, a son at the University of Alabama, and a daughter attending some girls' school in the State of Alabama; that Beach is a brother-in-law of John Kelley (his second wife being Kelley's sister), a Sergeant of Police on the L & N Railroad, as is indicated above, and that Kelley works under his supervision; that frequently he has had Kelley in Montgomery working on cases, and when in that city he stops at the home of Beach; that Kelley is absolutely reliable and trustworthy, has an enviable record as an officer, and he knows that he will be willing to work with the Division in an effort to locate Galatas. He stated that he would immediately issue instructions to Kelley to report to Montgomery, Alabama.

On January 28, 1934, John Kelley was interviewed in the office of Mr. Steele at Montgomery, Alabama. He stated that James L. Beach is his brother-in-law, having married his sister, Carrie; that they are living in Montgomery; that they have one child eleven or twelve years of age, and that Mrs. Beach is now visiting in southern Alabama; that he does not know Galatas but does know Sturney, who is making his home at the Beach residence, and that Sturney is not in any manner related to the Beaches or the Kelleys; that Beach's son at the University of Alabama is a friend of Sturney's, and that on one occasion he heard James Beach relate that the son had been around a great deal with Sturney, who when in the University, received a good allowance every month, approximately \$150.00; that Sturney had been nice to Beach's son, and that Sturney on occasions before he left the University, had visited in the Beach home; that Beach related that Sturney told him he had to leave the University on account of the fact that he was not receiving his allowance; that it was through the friendship of Beach's son and Sturney that the latter came to Montgomery to make his home in the Beach residence; that James Beach finally obtained a job for Sturney with the C. W. A. on a project at Maxwell Field near Montgomery.

Kelley stated that he had heard James Beach relate that Sturney's step-father had been exceptionally good to him (Sturney) and that the step-father was in some trouble on account of the shooting

at the Union Station in Kansas City in 1933; that a large reward has been offered for his arrest, but that he (Kelley) does not know the particulars. Kelley said that he is willing to assist in any manner to obtain information as to the whereabouts of Galatas; that he has entree to the Beach home at any time; that his presence there will not arouse suspicion on the part of anyone, as he is there frequently, and stops there when he has any business in Montgomery; that he is certain that he can get any information his sister may have; and that Beach, his brother-in-law, will tell him anything and everything he knows without being asked, but that he does not feel that Beach should be furnished with the information he (Kelley) is seeking to obtain as to the whereabouts of Galatas for the Division, and that he will not so inform him.

During the day of the interview with Kelley, he went to the home of Beach and when he returned, he informed agents there was no one there except Sturney and Beach; that he had dinner with them; that in a casual manner he asked Sturney where he was from, and that Sturney replied that he was originally from Detroit. He said, however, that his conversation with Sturney was very slight. Kelley said that Beach had to go out on the train during the day, and that he (Kelley) accompanied him from his residence down to the L. & N. Station in his automobile; that on the way down town, Beach brought up the subject of Sturney, and stated that Sturney is living in his home on account of not receiving money each month from his step-father; that he formerly was studying medicine at the University of Alabama, and has three more years in college; that Sturney is a sport, likes liquor, and that he (Beach) is trying to keep him from drinking, as he wants to see him make something of himself. Kelley said that Beach told him that Sturney's step-father, Dick Galatas, is badly wanted by the Government; that Beach said that he knows Galatas, who for many years lived in Montgomery, and has relatives there (the Montgomery relatives of Galatas are already of record with the Division); that he (Beach) has not seen Galatas for years, and does not know his present whereabouts; that Beach related that Sturney had to leave the University because his money was cut off, and stated that "--the Government has cut off all communications between Galatas and his wife, who is with Galatas, and Sturney;" that "the Government men are closing in, and I believe the Government is opening my mail." Kelley stated that Beach told him that Sturney has no idea where his mother and father are, and that Beach said that probably even the telephonic and telegraphic communications between Sturney and any other persons are being watched.

Kelley stated that he saw the room which is occupied by Sturney; that he did not observe any letters or communications lying around, but did see a trunk belonging to Sturney which appeared to be locked. He expressed the belief that possibly Beach knows

where Galatas and his wife are, and if so, Mrs. Beach, his sister, will know and he could find out about it. Kelley based this opinion, so he said, on his intimate knowledge of long acquaintance with Beach, and added that he knows his characteristics pretty well.

Kelley stated that he will return to Pollard, Alabama and vicinity, where Mrs. Beach is visiting, and will get in touch with her and get any and all information she has with respect to Sturney, with respect to his habits, mode of living, the hours he keeps, et cetera, and that he will make arrangements to take a look at Sturney's room with Mr. Steele, and that the both of them will have an opportunity to view any and all letters, papers, books, documents, or other things of that nature, which may be in the room or even in the trunk, and that all data will be furnished the Birmingham Division Office by Mr. Steele. Kelley stated that it may take a few days to accomplish all of this, but that he feels confident that he can complete it, and he said he knows that his sister can be trusted and that she will not divulge to her husband what he is after, if he requests her not to.

Mr. Steele stated that Kelley and his sister are part Indian; that they are very taciturn individuals, and that in all of his career he has not known a man who is more eager to apprehend law violators than Kelley.

For the record, it will be here stated that Kelley is not a talkative or garrulous person. He seemed to manifest a great deal of interest in this case, and it is the opinion of agents that he will lend his best efforts to obtain any and all information he can with respect to the present whereabouts of Galatas.

In view of the arrangements effected at Birmingham, Alabama, as heretofore cited, it was not deemed advisable to conduct further open investigation there.

Agents communicated with Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, of the Birmingham Office, apprising him of the arrangements effected with Mr. Steele, and with Mr. Kelley, concerning this matter, and it was requested of Mr. Hanson that from time to time he communicate with Mr. Steele, telephonically or otherwise, in order to keep Mr. Steele apprised of the intensity of the Division's interest in this case.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: BIRMINGHAM OFFICE, is requested to keep in touch with Mr. Steele and through Mr. Steele ascertain

what progress Mr. Kelley will have made in his efforts to ascertain whether Sturney is communicating with his mother and Galatas, and if so, through whom, and in what manner.

ADDENDUM:

Mr. Kelley was apprised of what is desired with respect to this matter, and he readily and clearly understood it, and stated that he appreciated the finesse which would have to be utilized in obtaining it.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California
January 29, 1934

Director,
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Washington, D. C.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER w.a. (deceased)
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS w.a.
- FUGITIVE - I. O. #1201; etal
Obstruction of Justice

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is photostat copy of signature card for Term Savings Account No. 2580 in the name of RICHARD or ELIZABETH GALATAS, dated July 30, 1931, which was forwarded to this office by the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles.

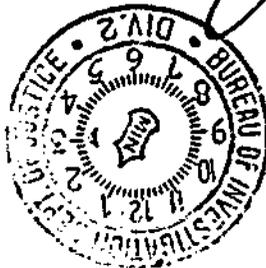
Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Hurley-Wright Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs

Re: Vernon C. Miller, Deceased;
Richard Tallan Galatas, with
aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1201.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.

There are enclosed, herewith, copies of a letter dated January 31, 1934, signed "A friend of Uncle Sam" received at the Division February 3, 1934 in an envelope postmarked Little Rock, Arkansas, 1 P. M., January, 1934. The letter directs that an interview be had with Mr. Harold Young, an attorney in the Sunsey Building, Washington, D. C., who can furnish the names of parties from whom he received a letter dated January 31, 1934 at Little Rock, Arkansas and in that way the name of the writer of the anonymous letter can be determined.

You are instructed to have an Agent interview Mr. Young immediately and obtain the desired information from him and communicate with the Oklahoma City Office instructing that the writer of the anonymous communication be interviewed.

A copy of the anonymous communication is being enclosed with copies of this letter being sent to the Oklahoma City and Kansas City Offices.

In this connection, you should refer to your file entitled, "W. S. Enead, et al, Swindling on Government Reservation", which contains information concerning activities of Galatas at Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Oklahoma City Office is instructed to furnish the Kansas City Office with one copy of each report in this case for its information.

Very truly yours,

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Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C,

Jan. 31, 1934.

Attention of Mr. Hoover.

K.C. Musser tip man

Dear sir_

You are looking for Dick Galatis:- I am of the opinion that I may be able to help you find him. I may be wrong but I have information which leads me to believe that he is in this State and not far from here.

I wrote a letter today, dated today, to Harold young, an attorney in Munsey Bldg., Washington, D.C. You can get my name by asking him the names of parties here (where this letter is postmarked) from whom he got letter or letters dated today. Then if you have a man down this way he can drop in and I will tell him what I know and how to follow up.

Yours for speedy Justice.

A friend of Uncle Sam.

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We, the undersigned Joint Depositors, hereby agree to the conditions printed in the Bank Book issued in connection with this account and to the By-Laws and rules of the Security First National Bank of Los Angeles governing this account. We also agree with the above and with the Security First National Bank of Los Angeles, that all sums deposited in, or heretofore deposited in, this account by the undersigned Joint Depositors, or any of them, or by any other party, and all accumulations thereon, are and shall be owned by them as joint tenants and not as tenants in common, and shall be subject to the order of or withdrawn by any one of them, or the survivor or survivors of them, subject to the provisions of all laws then in force, and payment thereon as the written order or receipt of any one of them, and no endorsement or indorsement shall be a valid and sufficient release and discharge to said Bank for all payments made.

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FEBRUARY 1, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Special Agent H. E. Andersen arrived at Kansas City, Missouri January 31, 1934 at 8:10 AM, Agent Andersen having been engaged outside the territory of this office on special assignment in connection with investigation in the Union Station massacre case.

Very truly yours,



M. C. SPEAR
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

FILE NO. **62-1111**

REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE Jan. 29, 1934.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE Jan. 4, 1934 & Jan. 23, 1934.	REPORT MADE BY E. B. MONTGOMERY - AP.
TITLE VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TAILMAN 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:

James Lawson, when arrested by the San Francisco Police Sept. 15, 1933, gave as his home address, 2427 Sutter St.; employment, pattern cutter, with Keystone Bros. Both Lawson and his wife, Mildred, claim to have been in San Francisco since Jan. 1, 1933. Developed evidence is that Lawson was in San Francisco through February continuously until September, 1933.



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REFERENCE:

Report Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 27, 1933.

DETAILS:

San Francisco Police records reflect the arrest of James Lawson on Sept. 15, 1933, charge, threat against life, on complaint of Mildred Lawson, his wife. At the time of arrest, Lawson and wife were living at 2427 Sutter St., and Lawson was employed by Keystone Bros. 765 Mission St. Though no investigation was made, the Police report indicates satisfaction with the statement of Mr. and Mrs. Lawson that they had lived continuously in San Francisco since Jan. 1933. According to the record, Lawson was delivered to officers from the Lansing State Penitentiary, Kansas, where he was received Nov. 24, 1933. Whereabouts of Mildred Lawson is not known, though she is supposed to be somewhere in this vicinity.

Lieut. Dowell of the San Francisco Police Department, says the files show Lawson was in San Francisco from January up to the time of his arrest in September, 1933.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. Vetter</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28915-1181	RECORDED AND INDEXED: FEB 5 1934
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Agent has been unable to obtain any information regarding Lawson's residence in this city prior to February, 1933.

Garry Wassin, residence 1330 Guerrero St., employed by Buckingham & Hecht, 26th & Mission Sts., stated to Agent he became acquainted with James and Mildred Lawson in February, 1933, at which time the Lawsons were living at 2208 Castro St., and at which address they continued to live until about July, 1933. Lawson was a casual acquaintance whom he met, and whom he liked. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson appeared to have no friends or acquaintances here. Because they appeared so lonely, he had them at his house and visited at theirs. During this time the Lawsons conducted themselves becomingly. Nothing was said by Lawson about his past life. Lawson's arrest and the discovery that Lawson was an escaped prisoner, and all-around bad man, was a surprise and shock.

Garry Wassin is an employee of Buckingham and Hecht, shoe manufacturers. His reputation is good. Acquaintances are confident of his honesty and veracity, and satisfied he had no criminal connection with or knowledge of Lawson's criminal record.

William Bryant, foreman, Cutting Department, Buckingham and Hecht, says he met Lawson through Wassin. Lawson asked for a job, which was promised as soon as there was an opening. Bryant says he remembers Lawson being in the factory about the middle of June. About two weeks later, Keystone Bros. telephoned asking for a cutter. He recommended Lawson, who got the job.

Mr. Bryant says he did not know Lawson prior to May or June, 1933. According to the records of Keystone Bros., wholesale harness and saddles, 765 Mission St., James Lawson entered their employ July 1, 1933, continuing in their employ until Sept. 15, 1933, when he was arrested by the San Francisco Police.

Mr. J. A. Keystone says he employed Lawson on the recommendation of Buckingham and Hecht, to whom he 'phoned, requesting a cutter. Lawson's work was satisfactory. He did not know Lawson prior to July, 1933.

Records of J. R. Watkins, wholesale distributors of foods, 3174 16th St., as furnished by F. R. Carother, Assistant Manager, reflect that James Lawson, 2208 Castro St., entered the employ of the company as agent and solicitor, Feb. 8, 1933, and was continuously in the employ of the company until July 1, 1933.

Mr. Carother says Lawson quit in order to accept a better job; that he is positive Lawson worked during the month of June, 1933, and that the Lawson who was arrested by the Police is the Lawson who was employed by the J. R. Watkins Company.

Agent was unable to verify the residence of Lawson at 2208 Castro St., as no records are available. Inquiry in the neighborhood indicates that there was a family by the name of Lawson residing at that address in June, 1933, neighbors stating it is their understanding that the Lawson who resided at that address is the same Lawson who was arrested by the San Francisco Police.

Since the aforementioned was dictated, the report of Special Agent Dwight Brantley, Detroit, Michigan, dated Jan. 23, 1934, has been received, outlining further investigation for the San Francisco Office, which will be conducted forthwith.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO.

62-333

REPORT MADE AT El Paso, Tex.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-31-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/17 & 25/34	REPORT MADE BY J. C. White.
TITLE VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased), et al.		CHARACTER OF CASE CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH.	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Not available to locate - 2-7-34 AM

The "Duckie" referred to by the Kansas City office as being in El Paso is probably J. A. Brady, alias "Duckie" Doyle, alias Wm. Dougherty, Vancouver, B.C., #L 7551, who was in El Paso first part of January, 1934 and is now reported to be in Fresno, Calif., but will probably return El Paso later; was engaged as gambler in Knickerbocker Club, 205 S. El Paso St. Party reported to have come here with Brady, known as Curly, is poker dealer for above club and does not in any way resemble Richard T. Galatas, Fugitive, I.O. #1201. Photo J.A.Brady being sent Kansas City office to ascertain if possible if this is the "Duckie" referred to in their letter of Dec. 15, 1933.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Kansas City office addressed to the Special Agent in Charge at San Antonio, Tex., dated Dec. 15, 1933.

DETAILS:

Agent ascertained from one D.M.Patterson, former deputy sheriff, El Paso County, now engaged in the selling of machinery in Mexico, and who frequents the Knickerbocker Club, which is owned and operated by Sam Rowen and Harry Doyle, that there were two men at the Knickerbocker Club known as Duckie. One of these men is Duckie Gowan whom agent has known to have been in El Paso for many years. The other is a man by the name of J.A.Brady, alias Duckie Doyle, alias Wm. Dougherty, who has recently come to El Paso and was here during the first part of January, 1934.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J.C. White actg</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28915-1182	RECORDED AND INDEXED: FEB - 6 1934
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Patterson secured a photograph of this individual from the sheriff's office at El Paso, Texas, which was evidently taken by the police department at Vancouver, B.C., their number L 7551. Patterson stated that he had ascertained that another man accompanied Brady here and he knew him by the name of Curly and said that he resembled somewhat the picture of Richard T. Galatas which is set out on I.O. 1201. Patterson further stated that this man, Brady, had left here and was reported to have gone to Fresno, Calif., but would probably return to El Paso in the next few weeks.

The individual referred to as Curly is at present dealing poker at the Knickerbocker Club, 203 S. El Paso Street. Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones, San Antonio, visited the Knickerbocker Club on the evening of January 25 and observed the man dealing poker at this club and he stated that he in no way resembles Fugitive Galatas. Agent was unable to ascertain if any other person came to El Paso with J.A. Brady, alias Duckie Doyle.

With reference to letter from the Kansas City office dated January 18, 1934 regarding information received from confidential informant at Hot Springs, Ark., whose reliability is somewhat questioned, to the effect that Galatas is well known to some individual around Monterrey, Mexico, and is alleged to have a ranch in the vicinity of that place in the section known as the "Hole in the Wall", the only "hole in the Wall" in the vicinity of El Paso that agent recalls is the road house-saloon for smugglers headquarters below El Paso in the vicinity of Fabens, Tex.; some years ago this was known as "the Hole in the Wall" but at the present time it is believed that this place has been closed since repeal of the 18th Amendment, and it is not believed that Galatas would reside in that vicinity as it is entirely inhabited by Mexicans of the lower type and is not a very desirable place for an American to live. However, investigation will be made in that vicinity as soon as possible.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

KANSAS CITY OFFICE:

Attached to copies of this report for Kansas City is a photo of J. A. Brady, alias Duckie Doyle, with the request that it be ascertained if this is the same individual who is believed to be a very close friend of Richard T. Galatas. If it develops that the picture is that of the individual referred to in referenced letter, kindly return the same to El Paso for assistance in further investigation.

EL PASO OFFICE:

Will keep in touch with the situation and ascertain the exact date of the return of J.A. Brady to El Paso and if he is accompanied by anyone. Will also make investigation at Fabens, Tex., as to whether or not Galatas might be in the vicinity of the hole in the wall near that town.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **62-410-**

REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS.	DATE WHEN MADE 2-1-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/31 & 2/1/34	REPORT MADE BY C. B. WINSTEAD.
TITLE VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased); RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; ROBERT G. BRADY, with aliases; HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases; ED DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. #1193; et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Jack and Grace Baxley registered Hupmobile and Chevrolet Cars at Dallas, giving Stoneleigh Court Apartments as address; moved from Stoneleigh Court about eight months ago, removed furniture in December 1933. They are known to police. Baxley now practicing fraud as eye doctor.



REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent C. B. Winstead, Dallas, Texas, dated 1-29-34.

DETAILS:

Records at the County Tax Collector's Office, Dallas, Texas, disclose that 1933 Texas License 266576 were issued to Mrs. Grace Baxley, address Stoneleigh Court Apartments, Dallas, to cover 1932 Hupmobile Sedan, motor F-7440, purchased from H. Clark Jennings.

Texas License for 1933, #511318, issued to Jack Baxley, address 2927 Maple Avenue, Dallas, Texas, (Stoneleigh Court Apartments) to cover 1933 Chevrolet Coupe motor 3456840, purchased from City Chevrolet Company, Dallas, new on January 25, 1933. License #511318 is a duplicate license purchased April 1, 1933 by Baxley to replace the original license 259011.

Both Baxley and his wife are known to Lieut. Detective Will Fritz, who stated that the last he heard of them they were living at the Stoneleigh Court Apartments, (a very expensive hostelry) and Baxley had graduated in the school of crime from an ordinary burglar and crooked gambler to a fake eye doctor, and has managed to get into some big money some way.

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Deputy Sheriff Dietz, Kaufman, Texas, stated that Jack and Grace Baxley were arrested at Dallas by the Sheriff's Department of Kaufman, June 23, 1930, and were indicted for burglary; that neither was fingerprinted or photographed, and the charges were subsequently dismissed.

Mr. B. Edwards, Clerk at the Stoneleigh Court Apartments, stated that he did not know Jack and Grace Baxley, personally, but they stayed at the apartment up to about eight months ago, when they left for Kansas City; that they did not leave a forwarding address, but about Christmas 1933, they returned to Dallas and took some furniture out of storage which they had left at the apartment, and he understood that they could be reached at the Muelback Hotel, Kansas City.

Lieut. Detective Fritz of the Dallas Detective Department, stated he would have Jack and Grace Baxley picked up and fingerprinted and photographed should they be located at Dallas.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

February 2, 1934.

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- MR. Nathan
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- MR. Clegg
- MR. Cowley
- MR. Egan
- MR. Quinn
- MR. Lester
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Concerning the telegram from Kansas City requesting advice as to whether the Special Agents being deputized as Deputy United States Marshals need to be placed under bond, I conferred with Mr. Parrish who stated that although the Marshal was responsible for the acts of his Deputies it would be unnecessary for these two Agents to be placed under bond in this case. Accordingly the attached telegram has been prepared for your signature, if approved.

Respectfully,

H. W. Clegg.

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MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	✓
MR. COWLEY	✓
MR. EDWARDS	✓
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MR. LESTER	✓
MR. LOCKE	✓
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DIRECTOR
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KANMO ATTENTION CLEGG US MARSHAL BUTLER REQUESTS CONTACT WITH ASSISTANT
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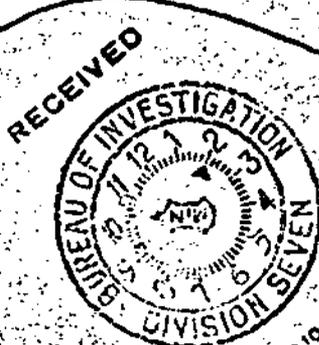
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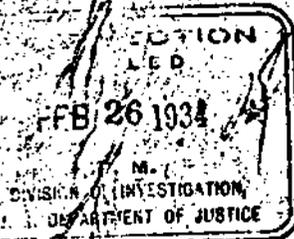
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EQUIPMENT SECTION
UNIT FOUR

You are instructed to prepare and issue to all field offices an additional supply of Identification Order #1201, RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases. All field offices of the Division are being instructed to circularize peace officers and postmasters in their district with an additional supply of Identification Orders.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

MR. NATHAN
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February 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Please be informed that the Committee carefully considered the suggestion submitted by Acting Special Agent in Charge M. C. Spear of the Kansas City office, suggesting that an additional supply of circulars reflecting the photograph and fingerprints of Galatas be distributed again to field offices and that, prior to distribution, a circular letter be addressed to all Postmasters throughout the country requesting them to prominently display the I.O. in their Post Office.

The Committee feels that this suggestion contains a great deal of merit and, if you approve, arrangements will be made to supply the field offices with the necessary copies as well as instructions concerning the request to be made of the various Postmasters throughout the country.

Respectfully,

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

Dear Sir:

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

During recent investigation conducted by Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brentley and Agent H. E. Andersen in various parts of the country it was observed that Identification Orders on Galatas are not on display in the various Post Offices.

It has occurred to the Agents that it might benefit this investigation were an additional supply of the circulars issued, together with a circular letter, to various Postmasters throughout the country, requesting the letter to prominently display the fingerprints and photograph of Galatas.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **62-785**

REPORT MADE AT: Cincinnati, Ohio.	DATE WHEN MADE: 2-3-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-10-15-20-34	REPORT MADE BY: Bliss Korton C.R.
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. #1201; ROBERT C. BRADY, with alias - FUGITIVE I.O. #1190; HARVEY I. BAILEY, with alias-FUGITIVE I.O. #1189; et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

List of long distance phone calls from John Rumer, Indianapolis, Ind., friend of Galatas, obtained and set out herein. Indianapolis City Detective Glenn has no information of importance in this matter, but has a confidential informant endeavoring to obtain information.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from the Cincinnati Office to Kansas City Office, 11-29-33.

DETAILS:

AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

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[REDACTED] there was obtained IN CONFIDENCE a list of long distance calls emanating from Talbot 2151 and Drexel 6199, Indianapolis exchanges, since those mentioned in reference letter, said list being as follows:

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| | 11-20-33 | " | " | "2477, Long Branch, N. J. | " |
| | 11-29-33 | " | " | "99024, Dallas, Texas. | " |
| | 11-30-33 | " | " | "23151, Fort Worth, Texas. | " |
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- 11-24-33 From Talbot 2151, Western Union to Dallas, Texas.
- 11-25-33 " " " " Fort Worth, Texas.
- 11-27-33 " " " " Dallas, Texas.
- 10-27-33 From Drexel 6199, via Western Union to Toledo, Ohio.
- 10-27-33 " " " " to Carnegie 345 R, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 10-27-33 " " " " 26116, Decatur, Ill.
- 10-30-33 " " " " Walbridge 1600, Toledo, Ohio.
- 10-30-33 " " " " A-0646, Fort Wayne, Ind.
- 11- 6-33 " " " " Postal telegram to Minneapolis.
- 11- 5-33 " " " " Cherry 2182, Minneapolis.
- 11-12-33 " " " " 2477 J, Long Branch, N.J.
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Detective Harry Glenn, Indianapolis, Police Department, had been contacted by Special Agent J. S. Johnson of the Cincinnati Office, who reported that Glenn has intimate knowledge of John Thill and Glenn agreed to assist in this inquiry. He suggested to Agent Johnson that he believed he could establish contact with a former friend of John Rumer alias Thill, by the name of "Nate," and through him ascertain whether Galatas appears in Indianapolis. Agent Morton later again interviewed Detective Glenn, but he had obtained no information of value.

As most of the telephone numbers listed in this report have previously been investigated, no leads are set out concerning them.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CINCINNATI OFFICE, at Indianapolis, Ind. Keep in contact with Detective Glenn with a view to determining whether John Rumer alias Thill is contacting subject Galatas.

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FEB 18 1934

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



FEB 14 1934 PM

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 2, 1934, relative to the payment of the hospital expenses of Wilbur Underhill, Eva Mae Nichols, and Ralph Rowe.

You are advised that the Division has requested an opinion of the General Agent of the Department with regard to these matters and as soon as possible, appropriate instructions will be issued to you. In the event this should be handled by the United States Marshal, the General Agent has been requested to issue the necessary instructions to that official.

The above information pertains only to Eva Mae Nichols and Ralph Rowe in view of the fact that you are awaiting the decision of the Oklahoma State Board of Affairs with respect to the payment of the expenses of Wilbur Underhill. As soon as the decision of that body is made, the Division desires that you advise it immediately in the premises.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

Director.

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February 13, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. W. GARNER,
GENERAL AGENT AND CHIEF CLERK.

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It is requested that this Division be advised as to the correct procedure to be followed in obtaining payment by the Government for hospital expenses and medical attention for Eva Mae Nichols and Ralph Rowe, both of whom were wounded at the time of the apprehension of Wilbur Underhill, wanted by this Division in connection with the conspiracy to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash at Kansas City, Missouri.

These individuals, Eva Mae Nichols and Ralph Rowe were in the house at Shawnee, Oklahoma, in which Wilbur Underhill was found. There was no Federal process outstanding for either of them at the time of the apprehension of Underhill on December 30, 1933. Rowe is now the subject of a Federal prosecution for harboring a fugitive from justice. Had she lived, a similar action against Eva Mae Nichols would have been in order.

As a result of the wounds they received at that time, hospital care and medical attention were required and arranged for by the Special Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City office of this Division. The hospital bill for Eva Mae Nichols was \$16.50 and medical attention until her death on December 31, 1933 amounted to \$15.00. The expenses for Ralph Rowe amount to \$20.50 for hospital and \$50.00 for surgical treatment.

It will be appreciated if you will advise this Division as soon as possible as to the procedure to be followed in this connection. In the event the vouchers should be prepared and submitted by the United States Marshal in that district, it is requested that appropriate instructions be transmitted to him.

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Very truly yours,

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

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
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FEB 19 1934

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Dear Sir:

Re: Wilbur C. Underhill, et al.
Hospital Expenses

With reference to Division letter dated January 20, 1934, relative to payment of hospital bills and incidental expenses in connection with the Wilbur C. Underhill case, please be advised that I have, in accordance with the Division's instructions, taken this up with the United States Marshal at Oklahoma City. We discussed the matter at length and although he appeared very willing to help insofar as he could, did not know of any way in which the proper voucher could be prepared which would pass the Comptroller for the reason that no Federal warrant for Underhill was ever placed in the hands of the Marshal in this district. It will be recalled that the indictment pending against Underhill was at Kansas City, Missouri and, although a certified copy of said indictment was sent to the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City some days after Underhill had been captured, no fugitive complaint was ever filed in view of the fact that it was expected that he would die momentarily. Therefore, there was no Federal process outstanding for Underhill, Eva Mae Nichols or Ralph Rowe in Oklahoma and the Marshal finds himself without a basis on which to submit the voucher.

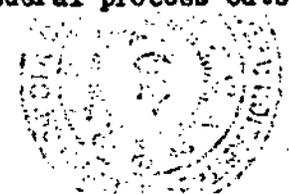
I thought that inasmuch as Underhill was an escaped convict from the State Penitentiary of Oklahoma, that it might be possible to induce that institution to pay Underhill's bills and took it up with the Warden, who referred me to the State Board of Affairs.

On January 31, 1934 I had a conference with the State Board of Affairs, of which Mr. W. C. Hughes is Chairman, in company with Stanley Rogers, Sheriff of Oklahoma County, and explained the situation to them with respect to Underhill's part of the expenses, outlining to them the fact that although there was a Federal process outstanding for

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Underhill in Missouri, that he was actually never taken into Federal custody in Oklahoma but was delivered to the State Penitentiary as an escaped convict. The Board accepted the matter rather favorably and indicated that after reviewing the law they would advise me as to whether or not the expenses could be met from prison funds. I am inclined to believe that they will pay the expenses chargeable to Underhill. However, with respect to the expenses in connection with Ralph Rowe, whose hospital bill was \$20.50 and whose doctor bill for an operation in removing a bullet was \$30.00, I do not see how the state can be asked to pay that. The same thing applies to the case of Eva Mae Nichols, whose hospital bill amounts to \$16.50 and doctor bill until death, \$15.00. It seems to me that it is entirely up to the Department or Division to pay these expenses in some manner. I realize that the legal aspects of the thing are difficult.

At the time these persons were placed in the hospital, I was called in by the city manager of Shawnee, Oklahoma, which municipality owns the hospital, and asked as to whom would he look to for payment of the hospital bills. I was practically forced to tell him that the Department of Justice would be responsible. It was impracticable to tell him anything else for the reason that the people had to be taken care of and no one else would assume the responsibility in the matter.

As soon as I hear from the State Board of Affairs, I will advise you further, but in the meantime I wish the Division would give this matter some further study and see if a way can not be evolved to pay the expenses in regard to Eva Mae Nichols and Ralph Rowe. I personally feel a moral responsibility in the matter but can not, of course, pay these bills individually.

Very truly yours,



R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

FEB 9 1934

Pursuant to telephonic instructions from Mr. H. E. Clegg of the Division on January 31, 1934, Special Agent H. E. Andersen, who returned to Kansas City, Missouri, on that date, was immediately placed in charge of the investigation of the case captioned VERNON C. MILLER, Deceased, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner. Agent Andersen will supervise the investigation of this case under the direction of the Special Agent in Charge of this office.

Since the Agents, who were engaged in this investigation as a special assignment, have left Kansas City, the case file has been maintained and the investigation supervised by Special Agent W. F. Trainor under the direction of the Special Agent in Charge of this office. Due to the amount of work in connection with this case it has been impossible for Agent Trainor to keep up to date the card index concerning names and information in the case. As I advised Mr. Clegg during our telephonic conversation on February 1, 1934, it is believed that it will take an employee from four to seven weeks to bring this index system on the file up to date. Such an index appears necessary as the file is quite voluminous and without the aid of such an index it is practically impossible for anyone to expeditiously locate particular information in the file. As John G. Welter, night typist, is now a permanent employee of the Division I thought it advisable to assign him the task of bringing this index up to date.

Mr. Welter is a capable stenographer, as well as typist, and during the time he is at the office, from 5:30 P.M. to midnight, he is engaged practically continuously in typing reports. In view of Mr. Welter's assignment to index the above mentioned case file, as suggested above, the typing work which he has been doing will now, of course, be thrown upon the remainder of the stenographic force and for that reason I requested authority to employ a temporary typist for a period of thirty days which authority has been granted in Division telegram, dated February 1, 1934.



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Since the dictation of the above portion of this letter Division letter, dated January 31, 1934, has been received. I have read the same over with particular care and desire to assure the Division that every effort will be made to pursue this case vigorously and thoroughly, bringing the same to a logical conclusion at the earliest possible moment. The Division will be kept informed regularly concerning the developments of the case.

Very truly yours,



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

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February 6, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE UNIT.

Reference is made to your memorandum dated January 31, 1934, wherein you advise your Office has no record of the receipt of my memorandum dated December 14, 1933, wherein you were requested to prepare in memorandum form information concerning a coterie of ten men who were arrested at various times late in 1929 on a charge of conspiracy to violate the Prohibition Law and who were sentenced on February 13, 1933 in the United States District Court in Northern New Jersey.

A copy of the memorandum dated December 14, 1933 is attached, hereto, and it will be appreciated if you will give this matter preferred and immediate attention in view of the time which has elapsed since the Division was requested to furnish this information to the Connecticut State Police.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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December 14, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE UNIT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

Director.

JOHN S. HURLEY
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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January 31, 1934.

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

This will acknowledge your memorandum of January 26, 1934, in which you refer to a memorandum addressed to this office, dated December 14, 1933, wherein you requested data in memorandum form relative to a coterie of ten men who were arrested at various times late in 1929 on a charge of conspiracy to violate the Prohibition Law and who were sentenced on February 13, 1933, in the United States District Court in Northern New Jersey.

This office has no record of the receipt of your memorandum of December 14, 1933. Will you please forward a copy of same in order that the information you desire may be prepared and transmitted to you at an early date.

Respectfully,

John S. Hurley

John S. Hurley,
Assistant Director,
Alcoholic Beverage Unit.

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