CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD
KANSAS CITY MASSACRE
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SECTION 38

SUBJECT CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD
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VERNE MILLER
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
MARCH 4, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box No. 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

Dear Sir:

At the request of the United States Attorney, Kansas City, Missouri, as made of this office, investigation should be conducted at Hot Springs, Arkansas to secure a certified copy of the record of marriage of Mrs. Frances Mikulich Nash to Frank Nash. It is noted from the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, July 15, 1933, that Mrs. Nash stated she was married to Frank Nash, who used the alias George Miller, at Hot Springs, Arkansas about May 24, 1933.

Please have this record secured and forward to the Kansas City Office at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Division

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 5, 1934

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... and that even this Jack Riddle mentioned ... to him.

... course, as you realize, this information is vague ... of myriads of "hot tips" coming in on this

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1331 First National Bank Building,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases (Deceased), et al., Obstruction of Justice.

cc-Division

Mr. A. B. Cooper, connected with the Burns International Detective Agency here, and who is well known to you, was in the office today and stated that he has recently obtained information from one of his informants, whose name he did not divulge, but who is considered by him thoroughly reliable and has furnished him many valuable leads in the past, that Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Subject of Division Identification Order No. 1194, is in hiding at a ranch some distance from Clovis, New Mexico, which allegedly is owned by one John Riddle, and that the latter is a notorious character in that section and was at one time in Oklahoma; that Riddle is alleged to have in his possession large quantities of stolen bonds and at one time handled counterfeit money. Mr. Cooper stated that he was informed that Riddle at one time operated in El Paso and probably resided there.

It is Cooper's purpose at a very early date to proceed to Clovis to conduct some investigation in connection with this matter, and he has stated that he will be very glad to have an Agent of this Division with him and that to the Agent assigned on this matter he will furnish all particulars. Mr. Cooper was desirous of accompanying an Agent of this office to Clovis, but I informed him that New Mexico is within the jurisdiction of the El Paso office and that I would inform you that he expects to be in that locality soon.

It has occurred to me that Special Agent J. A. Street of your office probably knows who can, and who can not, be trusted in

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Clovis and vicinity, and that even this Jack Riddle mentioned here may be known to him.

Of course, as you realize, this information is vague and it is but one of myriads of "hot tips" coming in on this Subject.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division
Kansas City

P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana,
March 6, 1934.

Mr. Kenneth F. Roehen,
U. S. Game Protector,
P. O. Box 438,
Billings, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, in which you indicate that there is probably a hideout in the Pryor Mountains south of Billings at the ranch of some people named Crawford, where Floyd might hide out. This is in the same section that I received some information from you that Whitey Lewis and Verne Sankey might have hideouts.

The matter is being given appropriate attention and I wish to thank you for the information. If you learn anything more, kindly let me know.

Very truly yours,

D. H. Dickason
Special Agent in Charge

CC: Director

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

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

March 6, 1934

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a copy of this Division's Identification Order #1201, the subject of which is RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, wanted in connection with the slaying of three police officers and an Agent of this Division at Kansas City, Missouri.

It will be appreciated if you will arrange to prominently display the Identification Order on the bulletin board in your Post Office building, in order that the information it contains may be as widely distributed as possible.

Your cooperation in this and other matters is always appreciated.

Very truly yours,

F. X. Fay

F. X. Fay,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc. Division

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617 Federal Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Calif.
March 6th, 1934.

DIVISION ONE
MAR 13 1934 PM

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

MAR 14 1934 AM

Dear Sir:-

In re: VERNON C. MILLER, Deceased, et al
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
LA File 62-964

On February 28th, 1934, Officers of the Los Angeles Police Department arrested ED DAVIS as CLIFTON S. JOE, with two companions, namely JOHN RICHARDS and WILLIAM MORRIS, at 250 South Catalina Street, Los Angeles, California, on suspicion of robbery.

There were found on these persons the following guns and a large quantity of ammunition, most of which ammunition consisted of .45 calibre pistol cartridges:

1- .380 Colt Automatic Pistol No. 114066, outside number off.

1 .45 calibre Colt Automatic Pistol, number removed.

1 .45 calibre Colt Automatic Pistol No. C-163426

1 .32-20 Colt Revolver (this gun shoots .32 Winchester Center Fire Rifle ammunition) No. 154276

1 .45 calibre Colt Automatic New Service Model No. 325521.

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Mr. Spencer B. Moxley, Ballistics Expert of the Los Angeles Police Department, fired test shots from all these guns and I am today sending you, under separate cover by registered mail, two test bullets fired from each of these guns, with the exception of the last mentioned New Service Colt Automatic Gun, only one test bullet having been turned over to this office as having been fired from this gun.

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Mr. Moxley does not desire these test bullets to be returned to him and it is suggested that they be submitted to the Ballistics Expert at Kansas City for appropriate comparison.

Very truly yours,

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

BES:HG
cc Division

REN:CSH

March 2, 1934

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

There is attached hereto a copy of a memorandum which I have today furnished the Attorney General, concerning Ed Davis, with aliases, who was arrested, with several other individuals, by the Police Department, Los Angeles, California, yesterday, on charges of robbery. Davis was the subject of an Identification Order issued by this Division showing him to be wanted in connection with the murder of Special Agent Raymond J. Caffrey and several other peace officers at Kansas City, Missouri on June 17, 1934. He is now being thoroughly questioned by Special Agents of the Division concerning his knowledge of this crime. You will be advised as to the results of the questioning.

A photograph of Davis is attached.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

Enclosure 681975.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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March 10, 1934

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

Re: RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS with aliases, et al. Fug.
Obstruction of Justice. Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with instructions contained in your letter of March 3, 1934 concerning the forwarding of additional Identification Orders #1201, RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases, you are advised that this distribution has been effected and a circular letter was addressed to all Postmasters, requesting that the Identification Order be displayed.

Very truly yours,

F. X. Fay

F. X. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana,
March 7, 1934.

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

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPT. OF JUSTICE
DIVISION ONE

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of, and replying to Division letter dated March 3, 1934, in regard to preparing a circular letter addressed to the postmasters in the Butte District asking them to prominently display Identification Order #1201, Richard Tellman Galetas, with aliases, I would respectfully ask that a circular letter be prepared and as this office is not equipped to prepare this number of circular letters I would respectfully suggest that the same be prepared by the Division and forwarded to the Butte Office to be sent out with the Identification Order; the form should be substantially as given on the next page. The number of copies required is 1287, being:

Montana - 814 postoffices
Idaho - 473 postoffices

These will be completed and promptly mailed out upon receipt.

Very truly yours,

D. H. Dickeson

D. H. Dickeson
Special Agent in Charge

AIR MAIL

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana,

March , 1934.

Postmaster
(Leave line blank for Postoffice and State)

Dear Sir:

There is being sent herewith a copy of Identification Order #1201, RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases. May I ask your help in locating this wanted man by prominently displaying this Identification Order on the bulletin board or some other place in your post office? The kindness will be appreciated and if any information comes to you regarding him, kindly send it by telegraph, Government rate, collect, to Room 302, Federal Building, telephone 2-4734, Butte, collect, or mail to P. O. Box 1583 and it will receive prompt attention.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness, I am,

Very truly yours,

D. H. DICKASON
Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1583 or Room 302 Federal Bldg.
Butte, Montana

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1900 Bankers Bldg.
Chicago, Illinois
March 7, 1934

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

Dear Sir:- Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased) et al-
Conspiracy to deliver Federal Prisoner

Special Agent Baum of this office discussed this case with Special Agent H. E. Anderson of the Kansas City Office, who was passing through Chicago on March 7, and at that time mentioned that in the report of Special Agent F. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 7/13/33 on page 20, Esther Farmer stated that shortly before the massacre she had stayed in Kansas City, Missouri, and had visited friends named Homer Roberts.

On Page 24, of that report, the address of this Homer Roberts, originally refused, was given as 3613 E. 53rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri. In view of the search that is being made for a character known as "Big Homer" it is suggested that an inquiry be made to determine the identity of this Homer Roberts.

This letter is being sent in order to confirm the conversation mentioned.

Very truly yours,

M. H. LEWIS,
Special Agent in Charge

JCB/dr
CC Division.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION No. 6301

Date 3-12-34.

To the Equipment Section:

Please prepare the following for ~~Mr.~~ _____, Room No. _____

Phone _____: S. A. C. Butte, Montana.

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Remarks or description:

Mailed to Butte 3-15-34 PCB

Approved: _____ Signed _____

Chief Clerk.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Division
Bureau of Investigation

DWM:cw.
62-619.

326½ Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.
March 6, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

With reference to Division letter of March 3, 1934, relative to Identification Order #1201, RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, the Division is advised that this Identification Order has been forwarded to all names appearing on the mailing list of the New Orleans office, and there is transmitted herewith two copies of the circular letter used in forwarding the Identification Orders to the Postmasters on the list.

Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee

D. W. Magee,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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Division
U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

RW:cw.
62-619.

326½ Post Office Building
New Orleans, La.
March 7, 1934.

TO ALL POSTMASTERS:

There is enclosed herewith Identification Order #1201, RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, issued by this Division.

The Division is very anxious to effect the apprehension of Galatas, and it is desired that the enclosed Identification Order be prominently displayed on the bulletin board in your Post Office Building.

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

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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SUITE L FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
MARCH 8, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Confirming telegram of even date, this is to advise that pursuant to your request Deputy Sheriff H. R. Linener, Paola, Kansas, was contacted by telephone in reference to the news dispatch to the effect that "Pretty Boy" Floyd appeared in a resteurant at Paola, Kansas, last Wednesday night, March 7th.

Deputy Linener stated that his office had conducted an investigation and felt satisfied that "Pretty Boy" Floyd had not been in the Side-a-Bee Cafe, Paola, Kansas, as indicated in newspaper reports. He stated that the photograph of Floyd had been exhibited to Miss Nadine Darricklow, waitress who reported conversing with Floyd and a companion Wednesday night, by a newspaper man, and that the waitress remarked that she thought the photograph was identical with the individual who told her he was "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Because of the publicity Miss Darricklow has been in a highly nervous state and, in his opinion, undoubtedly made a false identification.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

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R. B. WHITE, PRESIDENT
NEWCOMB CARLTON, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Kansas City, Missouri March 8, 1934.

Dwight Brantley
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1806 First National Bank Building
Cherlotte, North Carolina

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March 8, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 3, 1934, relative to furnishing this office an additional supply of Identification Order No. 1201, on RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases.

Please be advised that immediately upon receipt of this additional supply of Identification Order No. 1201, all of them were promptly mailed in accordance with the mailing list in this office. In accordance with your letter, on March 7, 1934, a form letter was mailed to all Postmasters in this district whose names appear on our mailing list. I am transmitting herewith a copy of the letter mailed to the Postmasters.

Very truly yours,

L. B. Reed

L. B. REED, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1806 First Nat'l Bank Bldg.
Charlotte, N. C.

March 7, 1934

Dear Sir:

There has been forwarded to you from this office Identification Order #1201, on Richard Tallman Galatas, issued by this Division August 1, 1933.

It is kindly requested that you prominently display this Identification Order, on your Bulletin Board, for the attention of the public.

Very truly yours,

LBR/o

L. B. Reed, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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March 20, 1934

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MAR 23 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 2344,
Butte, Montana.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALBOT GALATAS, with aliases -
Fugitive, Identification Order #1201,
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

In response to your letter dated March 9, 1934, there are transmitted herewith ten additional copies of Identification Order #1194 on Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, together with five enlarged photographs of Floyd, Kansas City Police Department #3999.

Very truly yours,

MAR 20 1934
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Director.

Enclosure 63-1739.

CC Kansas City.

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana,
March 9, 1934.

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

VERNON C. MILLER, Deceased, ET AL
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd -
I. O. #1194

Dear Sir:

As the Butte file contains but two copies of Identification Order #1194, will you kindly have sent me ten additional copies, if possible; also, referring to Division letter of November 13, 1933, in regard to the above-captioned matter, and sending therewith copy of the enlarged photograph of Floyd, Kansas City Police Department No. 3999, will you kindly have five copies, if possible, of this photograph sent the Butte Office? This request is made because of the many inquiries for a better photograph of Floyd than is shown on the Identification Order.

Very truly yours,

D. H. Dickason

D. H. Dickason
Special Agent in Charge

DHD/ec

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P. O. Drawer 1457
St. Louis, Missouri,
March 9, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 536,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter from the Kansas City Office to your Office under date of February 15, 1934 in connection with the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, etal; CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER.

Sergeant Shaw of the Missouri State Highway Patrol informed the writer on March 8, 1934 that L. W. Beard, referred to in the above mentioned letter, is presently assigned to the USS Talbert at San Diego, California. This information is being conveyed to you for your assistance in connection with the investigation requested in the above letter from the Kansas City Office.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd,
Special Agent in Charge.

DML:A
cc Division
cc Kansas City

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

1331 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,
El Paso, Texas.

March 9, 1934.

This letter sent to 150 postmasters
in New Mexico & West Texas.

Postmaster,

Dear Sir:

This Division is very anxious to apprehend one Richard Tullman Galatas, with aliases, who is under indictment at Kansas City, Mo., in connection with the massacre of four officers at that point on June 17, 1933 when they were transporting Frank Nash, a notorious escaped convict, back to Leavenworth Prison from which he had escaped.

I enclose herewith our Identification Order No. 1201 describing this fugitive and it is respectfully requested that this identification order be posted conspicuously in the lobby of your post office.

Appreciating your cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

R.H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

Division.

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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

MARCH 10 1934

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT Chicago, Illinois

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

FILE NO. 62-690

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
DETROIT, MICHIGAN	3/9/34	2/22,23,27,28/34	W. E. PETERS

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

CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - ENDEAVOR TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Discreet inquiry in vicinity of 231 North Champion Street, Youngstown, Ohio, fails to disclose any information that Charles Arthur Floyd or Buehla Baird have ever resided at that address. -P-

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DEPT. OF JUSTICE DIVISION ONE MAR 13 1934 PM

REFERENCE: Telegram from St. Louis office dated February 21, 1934; report of Special Agent F. F. Yearsley, St. Louis, Missouri, 2/27/34.

DETAILS: At Youngstown, Ohio

Upon receipt of reference telegram advising that Buehla Baird's mother had received a letter bearing the return address of 231 North Champion Street, Youngstown, Ohio, Agent proceeded to the vicinity of 231 North Champion Street, which was observed to be a rooming house in the undesirable section of the city, which section is inhabited largely by prostitutes.

DETAILS:

It was observed that the only establishment which might possibly be reliable was the Schriver-Allison Funeral Parlor, located at 227 North Champion Street, which building also has several apartments in it.

Agent conferred with Chief of Police Leroy Goodwin and Secretary to the Chief of Police William Hughes, both of whom advised that the reputation of the Schriver-Allison Funeral Parlor had always been above reproach and neither Chief Goodwin nor his secretary had any reason to

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: MW Meekins, Acting

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE: 62-28915-137

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believe any of the officials or employes of the Shriver-Allison Company might have underworld connections. They advised that the officials of this company might be interviewed.

At the Shriver-Allison Funeral Parlor Mr. Allison was interviewed, at which time he advised that he is well acquainted with the photograph of Charles Arthur Floyd due to the fact that he is extremely interested in detective stories and has read many articles relating to the history of Charles Arthur Floyd and his activities. He believes that he is well enough acquainted with the photograph and description of Floyd to identify him if observed. Identification Order #1194 was displayed to Mr. Allison who advised that to the best of his knowledge neither Floyd nor any person answering his description resided at 231 North Champion Street. Mr. Allison further advised that some of his employes had a better opportunity to observe the occupants of 231 North Champion Street and as his office employes had been in his service for many years he believed that the photograph of Charles Arthur Floyd might be displayed to them without any possibility of their revealing the object of this investigation. Consequently Mr. Allison displayed the photograph of Charles Floyd to all his employes and was advised by them that he had never been seen in that vicinity to their knowledge, and that they were quite positive that he was not residing at 231 North Champion Street. Mr. Allison further advised that he had never observed anyone residing there answering the description of Buehla Baird and, after making inquiry among his employes, he advised that they had not seen anybody enter or leave the premises at 231 North Champion Street answering this description as set out in reference telegram. He further advised that Reverand H. R. Hughes, who occupied an apartment at the Shriver-Allison Building was very intimately acquainted with the occupants of 231 North Champion Street as he visited there almost daily and would be able to advise the descriptions of all persons residing in the house at that address. He advised that Reverand Hughes had been very active in the suppression of vice and crime in the city of Youngstown, Ohio, and could be interviewed openly.

Agent interviewed H. R. Hughes who advised that 231 North Champion Street is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wade Stevens, and that they have operated a rooming house at that address for over two years. He stated that although Mr. and Mrs. Stevens are very respectable church-going people it has been necessary for them in the past to take in roomers whose reputations are not above reproach. He has called this matter to the attention of Mr. and Mrs. Stevens on numerous occasions and has finally succeeded in prevailing upon them to discontinue the practice of renting rooms to undesirable persons, especially women.

Rev. Hughes stated that he visited the Stevens Home almost daily and although he cannot give the names of all the persons residing at that address he is acquainted with them all. Rev. Stevens enumerated and described the present tenants of 231 and it appeared that none of them

answered the description of either Charles Arthur Floyd or Buehla Baird. The Identification Order #1194 was displayed to Rev. Hughes who advised that he is quite positive that Charles Arthur Floyd has not resided at that address since it was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Stevens. He stated that in his opinion either Mr. or Mrs. Stevens might be interviewed openly and that they would cooperate with the Government to the fullest extent.

Agent interviewed Mrs. Wade Stevens, 231 North Champion Street, who enumerated and described for Agent all the tenants of her rooming house at the present time, none of whom fitted the description of either Charles Arthur Floyd or Buehla Baird. She stated that there was only one woman living with her at the present time but that there had previously been another married woman who had moved out with her husband on February 11. Mrs. Stevens agreed to permit Agent to interview the one woman who was then residing at 231 North Champion.

Upon interview this woman advised that her name was Mrs. Jack Thomas and that she and her husband had resided with Mrs. Stevens since the middle of September 1933. Her husband is of Greek nationality and she does not know his correct Greek name and has always known him as Jack Thomas. She advised that her name prior to her marriage was Jackson and that she was a native of Atlanta, Georgia. Agent observed during the course of this interview that Mrs. Thomas in no way answered the description of Buehla Baird.

Mrs. Stevens further advised that Mr. and Mrs. Al Rogers had resided with her until February 11, and that Mr. Rogers was engaged in the installation of electrical burglary proofing devices and that she had been advised that he had been transferred to Akron, Ohio, but she did not know either the name of the company with which he was connected or where he could be located in that city.

At the city postoffice Agent was advised by the Superintendent of mail that there was no forwarding address for Buehla Baird on file nor was there any record of her having received mail general delivery in that city.

At the Western Union Telegraph Company Agent was advised that the American District Telegraph Company which company is engaged in the installation of electric burglary proofing devices has a branch office at Akron, Ohio, but that Al Rogers was unknown to the Western Union officials.

At Akron, Ohio

At the office of the American District Telegraph Company Agent was advised that Al Rogers was in their employ and that he and his wife were residing at 21 North Union Street in that city.

At this address Mrs. Rogers was interviewed at which time she advised that her family name prior to her marriage was Kirkland and that Akron, Ohio, was her home and that she had four sisters residing in Akron at the present time. From Agent's observation Mrs. Rogers is approximately 27 years of age and weighs between 145 and 150 pounds and has blond hair.

At the time this investigation was conducted at Youngstown, Ohio, and Akron, Ohio, reference report of Special Agent F. F. Yearsley, St. Louis, Missouri, dated February 27, 1934, was not in Agent's possession, which report reflects that the letter received by Mrs. Robert Hendricks at 818 Newton Street, Kansas City, Missouri, bore the return address of G. I. Gauly, 231 North Champion Street, Youngstown. Consequently no investigation was conducted to ascertain the identity of G. I. Gauly or his connection with Mrs. Hendricks.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: The Detroit Office at Youngstown, Ohio, will conduct the necessary investigation at 231 North Champion Street to ascertain the identity of G. I. Gauly.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

March 8, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

Kindly furnish this office with 635 additional copies of Identification Order #1201, in order that we may complete the mailing list of Postmasters in this district.

Very truly yours,

D.L. McCormack, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Oklahoma City, Okla.	3-8-34	3-5-34	F. S. Smith

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
HAZEL HUDSON UNDERHILL, et al.	Harboring and Concealing Wilbur Underhill, for whom a warrant of arrest had been issued.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. Hatler Smith, Shawnee, Okla., joint lessee with husband of premises at 606 West Dewey Street, where Underhill was shot, denies Joe Smalley ever represented to her an acquaintance with Underhill. Mrs. Smith and husband, Hatler Smith, reiterate previous statements made. Joe Smalley freely admits acquaintance with Elmer Inman and to aiding him in renting Smith premises jointly with Rowe, introduced as Sullivan. Denies acquaintance with Underhill, or ever having seen him; also denies mention of his name by Inman or Rowe.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F. S. Smith, Okla. City, Okla., February 8, 1934.

DETAILS:

Special reference is had to telephonic information from Assistant Director Clegg, March 3, 1934, to Special Agent in Charge Brantley, to the effect that Mr. George McKinnis, Sr., a Director of the Fidelity Building and Loan Association, Shawnee, Oklahoma, which owns the house where Underhill was shot in Shawnee at 606 West Dewey, was in Washington on March 1, 1934 and discussed with him a bill of $230.00 for damages to this house; further, to statements of Mr. McKinnis to the effect that Mrs. Hatler Smith, wife of the rental agent of said premises, had told him that Underhill was introduced to Hatler Smith by Joe Smalley, a politician and member of the House of Representatives of Oklahoma and to Smalley stating that he knew Underhill; that Underhill was an ex-druggist, his friend and was O.K.

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REVIEWED AND RECORDED: Wright Brantley SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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On March 5th the writer separately reinterviewed Hatler Smith and his wife, both of whom reiterated their previous statements made, and denied emphatically Joe Smalley ever having introduced Underhill to either of them, or to the name of Underhill being mentioned by Smalley, Elmer Inman or Ralph Rowe. Mrs. Smith further denied that she had ever stated to anyone that Underhill was introduced by Smalley to anyone. She further stated that Smalley, after the killing of Underhill, told her that he did not know Underhill and had never seen him and expressed surprise at Underhill being on the premises at 606 West Dewey.

Joe Smalley was located at his home, 215 Midland Street, Shawnee, and minutely questioned by the writer. His statements in substance were that he had known Elmer Inman for many years, knew that he had been in prison and had a bad record; that he met Inman at Shawnee on the streets, entered into conversation with him and Inman told him that he had quit his "rackets" and was going straight: that he desired to get in some business at Shawnee and make that place his home and wanted to rent a furnished house where he could live economically; that Inman introduced him to one Sullivan, whose true name he later learned was Ralph Rowe; that Inman stated that he had received a Court order at Denison, Texas changing his name from Inman to Reynolds; this with the view of losing his identity. He stated that he mentioned the premises at 606 West Dewey Street as being for rent and talked to Hatler Smith and his wife about renting it; that he introduced Inman under his assumed name of Reynolds and Rowe under the assumed name of Sullivan, which he at that time thought was his correct name; that Rowe introduced him to a woman as his wife and that they rented the premises in question. Smalley stated that frequently after they moved into the premises Inman and Rowe would invite him to have a drink with them and that he would join them at 606 West Dewey and drink with them and that they usually had good whiskey; that he never saw anyone at the premises except Inman, Rowe and Rowe's alleged wife; that sometime about two weeks prior to Underhill being killed, Inman told him that he had received information that a request had been made at the McAlester State Penitentiary by the Shawnee Police for his photograph and that he was afraid they would pick him up on a charge at Ardmore of reckless driving while drunk and that he was "taking out"; that Inman left and he did not again see him at Shawnee prior to the shooting of Underhill; that after his departure he saw little of Rowe.

Joe Smalley emphatically denied ever having heard Inman or Rowe mention Underhill's name, or that he had ever known or seen Underhill. He stated that his acts in introducing Inman as Reynolds and aiding him in securing the premises at 606 West Dewey were due to a desire to help him go straight, as he had expressed a desire in that respect; that he has known him for many years and that he has a personality that is very convincing; that he now realizes that he made a grave mistake in interesting himself in Inman's behalf.

On a recent date the writer and numerous other witnesses were called to Shawnee for a preliminary hearing scheduled by the state on a pending charge against Inman for harboring Underhill. On our arrival at Shawnee we were advised by the County Attorney that he had agreed to an indefinite continuance of the case

against Inman due to the fact that he was without evidence to insure a successful prosecution. He stated that in his opinion he would have no trouble convicting Rowe as the evidence of his guilt was overwhelming, but that he felt that he would be unable to convict Inman unless additional information could be obtained and for that reason he consented to an indefinite continuance of the case and the release of Inman on a nominal bond. It will be noted in reference report that on motion of the United States Attorney, on January 29, 1934 at a preliminary hearing scheduled for Inman that he was released on his own recognizance, in view of insufficient evidence to warrant a successful prosecution in the opinion of the United States Attorney.

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Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minn.

March 8, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to your telegram of yesterday and further reference to your letter of February 17, 1934, regarding tapping of telephones, please be advised that the telephone line of the Hollyhocks Roadhouse, run by Jack Pfeiffer in St. Paul, Minnesota, was tapped, and I respectfully invite your attention to my letter to the Director dated July 15, 1933, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Obstruction of Justice, Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner, Frank Nash; St. Paul File No. 62-888; and to Director's letter of July 19, 1933, which replies to my letter of the 15th and gives authority to tap this line. The line was consequently tapped from July 7 to 21st, as indicated on page 32, last paragraph, and page 33 of report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, made at St. Paul, July 27, 1933, entitled VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1195, et al; Obstruction of Justice Attempting to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Los Angeles	3-7-34	2/28 to 3-5/34	C. D. White

TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased): RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194 - et al

CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ED DAVIS, subject of I.O. #1193, arrested at Los Angeles, Calif., as CLIFTON S. JOE, Feb. 28, 1934. Davis denies implication in massacre and states that BAILEY, BRADY and UNDERHILL were also not in Kansas City at time of the massacre. Ballistic specimens from guns secured from Davis and his companions being submitted to the Kansas City Office under separate cover.

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REFERENCE: Letter from the Kansas City Division Office dated Feb. 15, 1934.

DETAILS:

On the morning of Feb. 28, 1934, at 4 o'clock, ED DAVIS, subject of I.O. #1193, was arrested as CLIFTON S. JOE at 250 So. Catalina St., Los Angeles, Calif., in company with JOHN RICHARDS, WILLIAM S. MORRIS, MRS. NELLIE MORRIS and RUTH SPURGEON, the arrest being made by Detective Lieutenant C. A. Welch, Shield #66 and his partner J. Slope, upon information that gunmen were occupying the premises above described. The identification of DAVIS was made by the Identification Bureau of the Los Angeles Police Department.

DETAILS:

Shortly after the arrest of DAVIS the Los Angeles Police Department at Lancaster, Calif., took into custody MRS. LOMA DAVIS and her 10-year old son and returned them to Los Angeles for questioning.

Arrangements were immediately made with the Identification Division of the Los Angeles Police Department for photographs and fingerprints of all individuals arrested, together with ballistic test bullets and cartridge

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

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shell cases taken from the weapons found in the possession of Davis and his companions at 250 So. Catalina St. It is noted that the Los Angeles Police Department at the time they secured these weapons did not definitely mark for identification the specific weapons taken from each individual. The above mentioned test bullets and cartridge shell cases, together with the fingerprint cards and photographs of the individuals in question are being forwarded to the Kansas City Division Office for the purpose of comparison, the test bullets going forward under separate cover.

A conference was had with Chief of Detectives JOSEPH TAYLOR of the Los Angeles Police Department, who advised that positive identification has been made as to DAVIS and his companions relative to their participation in numerous grocery store robberies in Los Angeles, wherein victims of the robberies were physically detained by Davis and his companions, which brings them (Davis and his companions) within the category of a recent kidnaping law invoked by the California State authorities wherein a sentence upon conviction of hanging can be given. Detective Taylor advised that it is the present intention of the Los Angeles authorities to prosecute Davis and his companions under that law.

Chief of Detectives Taylor further advised that in all probability Davis' wife and their 10-year old son will be released in the very near future. It should be noted at this time that Davis exhibits deep affection for his wife and child and expressed considerable concern about their being held. Davis advised the local authorities that he wished to have them released as they had done nothing wrong themselves.

On March 1, 1934, ED DAVIS was interviewed by Special Agents in Charge J.E.P. DUNN and E. E. CONROY and the writer at length at the Wilshire Station of the Los Angeles Police Department. In order to lay a basis for the questioning of Davis, particular reference is made to letter of Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy of Kansas City, Mo., dated Feb. 15, 1934, which sets forth the names of all persons prominently identified with the instant case, and which gives a short review of the activities of each.

It will be noted that I.O. #1193 was issued against ED DAVIS primarily because of the fact that he escaped from the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, on Memorial Day, 1933, with Harvey J. Bailey, Wilbur Underhill and Robert Brady, who were indicted in connection with the massacre. I.O. #1192 was issued on JAMES CLARK, who had escaped with Davis. The massacre took place less than three weeks after the escape of the above named individuals.

DAVIS, when interviewed, stated that immediately after the escape from the penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, on May 30, 1933, he with Bailey, Underhill, Brady and Clark proceeded direct to the State of Oklahoma. He stated that since that time he has never been in the vicinity of Kansas City, Missouri. He stated that HARVEY J. BAILEY was taken to a home in Oklahoma City, Okla., the exact location of which he refused to divulge, as Bailey, according to Davis, was suffering from a bullet wound in his leg which had been inflicted at the time of the escape from Lansing.

According to Davis, at about 9:30 or 10 o'clock on the morning of June 16, 1933, Underhill, Clark, Brady and Davis held up a bank at Black Rock, Arkansas. Bailey was not with them due to the wound from which he was suffering. After the bank at Black Rock, Arkansas, was robbed, Underhill, Brady, Clark and Davis fled to a nearby riverbank and due to the pressure of the pursuit of local officers the four bandits were forced to leave a large sack which they had secured from the bank and which they believed contained only silver. It is understood that later developments have revealed that in this large sack were also negotiable instruments and several diamonds.

It appears that at the time of the robbery the participants were cut off from their car and were forced to walk in the swamps along the river's edge during the remainder of the day in order to keep themselves undercover. During the evening of the same day, according to the story of Davis, the bandits hired a farmer to drive them in a truck to a town within 20 miles of Black Rock, Ark., the identity, specific location and name of the town being unknown to Davis. On the edge of this town they observed an individual driving into a garage with a 5-passenger Plymouth car, at which time they approached the individual, relieved him of the automobile in question; gave him $20.00 to be used for the necessary expense which would be incurred by the individual in recovering the car subsequently.

Davis advised that they then proceeded from that point through various back roads in Northern Arkansas into the State of Oklahoma, where they passed through Vinita, Okla., on the night of June 16, 1933, arriving in Oklahoma City, Okla., the following morning. On the following day they drove the Plymouth car to Bow Leggs, Okla., an oil field near Seminole, Okla., where the car in question was abandoned.

It will be noted that in the event that DAVIS' story is correct, Davis, Clark, Underhill and Brady were [illegible] in Oklahoma City, Okla., at the time the massacre took place in Kansas City, Missouri.

To further substantiate his claim, Davis stated that BOB BRADY shortly after June 17, 1933, cashed several American Bankers Association cheques at various towns in Oklahoma and Texas, these cheques having been taken in the Black Rock robbery. He stated that by tracing these various cheques his contentions will be substantiated. Davis was insistent that BAILEY was in a home in Oklahoma City, Okla., at this same time, although upon insistent questioning he refused to reveal the location of the house in question.

It will be noted in connection with this robbery that Bailey, Underhill, Brady, Clark and Davis sent to the Governor of the State of Oklahoma a typewritten statement upon which were placed the fingerprints of each of the individuals in question. That statement alleged that the five individuals could not have been at the scene of the massacre at Kansas City, Mo., in view of the fact that they were engaged in escape after a bank robbery. Davis now states that Bailey was not a participant in the bank robbery at Black Rock, but that his signature and fingerprints merely were to attest the fact that he had knowledge that he and the others could not have been in Kansas City.

In connection with the various persons indicted at Kansas City, Mo., in connection with the massacre, DAVIS had the following comments to make in substance: He was never personally acquainted with VERNON C. MILLER. He stated, however, that he personally believed that Miller was an actual participant in the massacre, although he, Davis, had no definite information in that regard.

DAVIS said that HARVEY BAILEY probably may have knowledge of the identity of the actual participants in the massacre although Bailey never made any comments to Davis regarding the individuals whom he may have suspected. WILBER UNDERHILL and ROBERT G. BRADY have been discussed above.

Davis alleged that he did not know RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS and was not aware of any of his activities. He stated that he does not know LOUIS STACCI, FRANK B. MULLOY, MRS. FRANCES NASH, MRS. E. B. CONNER, HERBERT ALLEN FARMER and MRS. ESTHER FARMER. He stated that he believed that he knew Nash's first wife.

Davis advised that he knew of Herbert Farmer but that he had never met him personally and had never been sheltered at the Farmer home near Joplin, Missouri.

With regard to the additional subjects of Identification Orders who were not indicted, Davis had the following comments to make: He stated that he may have known CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD as a boy. His statements along these lines, however, were not impressive. He was not sure that he had ever met him, but stated that when he was a boy he had traveled about the State of Oklahoma a great deal and may have met Floyd. In this regard it may be noted that Floyd comes from Sallisaw, Okla., located in the far eastern portion of the State, and that Davis originally came from the vicinity of Chickasha, Okla., located in the western portion of the State. The two individuals apparently have never served any jail sentences together, and according to all information which has been gained in the past, nothing of a definite nature has ever been disclosed which would indicate that the two have been partners in crime.

Davis advised that he does not know BERNARD PHILLIPS. Davis stated that the last time he had seen JAMES CLARK was about Aug. 2, 1933, which was abou two months before Clark and Brady were captured at Tucumcari, New Mexico.

With regard to suspects mentioned in connection with the present case who have not been definitely identified as participants or conspirators, Davis had the following comments to make: He stated that he did not know JAMES (FUR) SAMMONS or WILLIAM WEISMAN. He stated that he served a term in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary with FRED BARKER and ARTHUR BARKER, but that he had not seen them for several years past. He stated that he had heard considerable about ALVIN KARPIS but that he was not personally acquainted with him. He also stated that he had known HARRY CAMPBELL and VOLNEY DAVIS, but that he had not seen them since about 1923 or 1924, when he left the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAllister.

In connection with the friends of the persons mentioned above, it may be noted that Davis stated that he had never met VIVIAN MATHIS or MRS. BOBBY MOORE.

During the questioning an attempt was made to secure from Davis definite information which might reveal the hangouts of the various criminals from the Southwest. His statements, however, were invariably vague, except when he discussed the Black Rock bank robbery. He became evasive when definite information was desired. He did volunteer information to the effect, however, that HARVEY BAILEY was not involved in the Urschel kidnaping case, and even advised that in his opinion the ransom money may have been planted on Bailey at the time of his arrest, or that Bailey unwittingly exchanged money of his own for the ransom money in question, not knowing that same was part of the Urschel money. He further stated that Bailey would not have been at the Shannon Farm at Paradise, Texas, in the event he had known there was so much "heat" on the place.

Davis also advised that he was acquainted with FRANK NASH, but that he had not seen him since they were in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary together. He also stated that he had never been definitely informed as to who furnished the revolvers for the Lansing break on Memorial Day, but that he was certain in his own mind that Frank Nash had nothing to do with it.

Upon being questioned further as to the identity of the individuals participating in the Kansas City massacre Davis stated that in his opinion the affair was engineered either by local Kansas City authorities or Kansas City gangsters in an attempt "to throw additional heat on our bunch", inasmuch as the date of the Memorial Day escape was so close to the date of the Kansas City massacre. He stated that the massacre had been the subject of some discussion among the members of his group as to the motives and reasons for the same, and the identity of the individuals who might have participated in it, but that all members of his group were at a loss to understand why such a crime was effected in view of the fact that obviously the "heat" from a Federal standpoint would be turned on the participants, and that was the last thing of which their gang was desirous.

Davis also stated that the massacre was a ridiculas matter in so far as the criminal underworld was concerned, in view of the fact that they could not possibly get any money returns from same.

Inquiry was made of Davis as to whether he was acquainted with JOHNNY LAZIA, Kansas City politician. He stated that he knew of him but that he had never met him personally.

Relative to the whereabouts of Davis on the date of the Kansas City massacre, MRS. LOMA DAVIS, his wife, when interviewed advised that she was in Oklahoma City, Okla., at the time; that Davis arrived from the Black Rock bank job as previously described; that she saw him in Oklahoma City at that time, and in this connection stated that the automobile from which the men were cut off in the Black Rock job was the same automobile used by them in the Memorial Day break; that if the records could be checked with respect to the recovery

of that automobile at Black Rock, Arkansas, it could be definitely ascertained that it was the same car used at the time of the break. Mrs. Davis was non-committal with respect to the possible whereabouts of JIM CLARK, stating that since Davis rejoined his family he had made a strenuous effort to get straight and that he had so advised his former associates, Brady and Clark, and others; that since his departure from the Middle West Davis, with the exception of seeing Brady and Clark and Underhill early in August 1932, has not seen any of his former associates or contacted them in any way.

Mrs. Davis stated in this respect that she believes that she had impressed upon Davis the fact that if he continued his associations with the above mentioned individuals he would eventually be killed or recaptured; that they traveled a rather circuitous route through Arizona and the Imperial Valley in California, stopping at El Centro, Calif., in the Valley, at which point they first met MR. and MRS. MORRIS, JOHN RICHARDS and RUTH SPURGEON.

With respect to the last named, it might be stated that all of them are local products well known to the officers of the Imperial Valley, and it is believed that they, up to the time of Davis' arrest, did not know his true identity.

Mrs. Davis further stated that they arrived in California about Sept. 2, 1933; that her husband has maintained a residence at Lancaster, Calif., for the past six weeks in that he was desirous of placing their child in school in California and selected a small community close to Los Angeles for that purpose.

Mrs. Davis further stated that they severed all lines of communication with all former associates in Oklahoma and throughout the Middle West as a further precaution of assuring Davis of his liberty.

With respect to the above line of travel and dates of residence, together with the meeting of Mr. and Mrs. Morris, John Richards and Ruth Spurgeon, this information was corroborated by Davis. The above named individuals were interviewed but it was obvious that they were unacquainted with Davis' activities and former associates and the results of the interviews are not being set out.

After the above information was received, the Division, Kansas City and Oklahoma City Offices were notified briefly by wire regarding the same.

Davis was again interviewed on March 2, 1934, by Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli and the writer. The results of that interview are set forth in a letter from the San Francisco Division Office to the Division dated March 3, 1934. Briefly, it may be noted that Special Agent in Charge Vetterli advised that ED DAVIS does not resemble any person whom he may be able to identity as an actual participant in the massacre.

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI CHICAGO FILE NO. 62-1649

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Chicago, [illegible]	3/9/34	2/1 to 28/34	W. CARTER BAUM - AB

TITLE: VER[illegible] MILLER with aliases (Deceased); RICHA[illegible] GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. [illegible] R[illegible]T G. BRADY (Deceased); HARVEY J. BAILEY [illegible]IVE, I.O. 1189; WILLER UNDERHILL with aliases (Deceased); ED DAVIS with aliases, I.O. [illegible] [illegible]RD PHILLIPS with aliases, I.O. 1196; [illegible] CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, I.O. 1194; et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

M. J. Murphy, who lived at 7147 Jeffrey Ave., Chicago, for two months in summer of 1933, possibly "Big Homer". Murphy now at Phoenix, Arizona. Check of practically every furnished apartment house in Oak Park, Illinois, fails to reveal Karpis or Barker brothers as tenants, but Verne Miller as Vern E. Mullen was registered at 1116 Washington Blvd., with wife between 6/15 and 7/15/33. Investigation in regard to Chicago addresses in pocketbook found at Topeka, Kansas, has failed to reveal any valuable data to date. Harry Schneiweiss referred to in Division letter dated 2/12/34 apparently now in New York.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. C. Suren, Kansas City, Mo., 1/22/34; report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Mo., 12/27/33, and report of Special Agent W. Carter Baum, Chicago, Ill., 1/3/34.

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The investigation conducted by agent has for the most part been carried on jointly in connection with the files entitled; VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased), et al., CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER, and ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al.; EDWARD GEORGE

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Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni, St. Paul, Minnesota, called the Chicago Division office by telephone and informed Special Agent W. A. Smith that he had secured information to the effect that one Big Homer had lived sometime during the summer of 1933 in the vicinity of 71st and Jeffrey Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and had been driving a Cadillac car at that time. In addition, Special Agent in Charge Hanni stated that it was believed that Big Homer had married in 1923 or 1924 a Chicago girl, at which time Paul Whiteman's orchestra had played at the wedding reception. For the information of the Los Angeles office and other offices unfamiliar with certain facts in this case, it will be noted that the name of one Big Homer alias Swede Billy, whose true name has never been ascertained, has been prominently mentioned as a bank robber and an associate of Verne Miller, Frank Nash and other well known gangsters, and it is entirely possible that this man may have participated in the Kansas City massacre or in the Bremer kidnaping. One of the first authentic accounts of the existence and activities of Big Homer is contained in the report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City, Utah, dated 6/26/33, in which one Arthur Johnson alias "Red" Price, who is now serving a life sentence for murder in the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado, indicated that one possible participant in the massacre was one Gus Stevens alias James Stevens, who received his mail at 1234 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, which was a cigar store, and that this individual helped Frank Nash place the guns in Leavenworth Penitentiary for the attempted break. Further reference will be made to this individual under the name of Gus Stone since Edward Foley alias Edward LaRue alias Edward Doll, fugitive, I. O. 1214, has indicated that gangland has pointed to this man as the party who handled the machine gun in the massacre. Johnson also named one Big Homer as a possible man who handled the gun, stating that this individual was about fifty years of age, height 6'2" or 3", weight 225 lb., full face, dark brown hair, brown eyes, dark complexion, Scandinavian race, nickname Swede Billy. Johnson also named one "Shotgun" Ziegler, whose name, it was subsequently learned, is George Ziegler. This very likely is not the true name of this individual. Ziegler is described as about thirty-two years of age, 5'8" or 9" in height, weight 160 lb., hair light, eyes light blue, complexion light, extraction Dutch.

In addition to these men, Johnson also named one Big Tom, whom he identified as Harvey Bailey, and it will be noted that Bailey used the alias "Tom Brennan" frequently in and around Chicago, Illinois, and Verne Miller now deceased, as other members of the gang.

He also named Frank Hayes, who operates a cheap hotel at 745 South State Street, as the contact man for this gang. Considerable investigation has been made in regard to this Frank Hayes, who formerly lived at 2216 Prairie Avenue, but who now resides at 2000 Indiana Avenue. Frank Hayes did live with his wife and his wife's mother, a very old woman who is believed to have passed away recently. These people have an eight-room apartment, and reports in the Kanmo case prepared by agent indicate the results of a watch on this apartment and this hotel, and a raid conducted on this apartment by agent on the night that Verne Miller escaped arrest in November, 1933, in Chicago, Illinois.

The story of "Red" Price has been carefully checked and the information which he supplied in Chicago, Illinois has been found to be substantially correct. Not only has his story been found to be correct, but it has been confirmed in part by various statements of George and Kathryn Kelly, who are now serving life sentences for their part in the Urschel Kidnaping. Kathryn Kelly particularly mentions Big Homer. She indicated that Homer was married, and that he could probably be found with his family on what was called the "Island" at Burnham, Illinois.

As shown in the report of Special Agent Val C. Zimmer, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2/21/34, in the case entitled "Unknown Subjects; Edward G. Bremer - Victim - Kidnaping", Arthur Johnson was again interviewed, at which time he named Gus Stevens as the man who had handled the machinegun in the Kansas City massacre. In his description of Big Homer in this second report, however, he states that Homer had light blue eyes and light complexion, which is at variance with the information previously supplied by Johnson, but the details in regard to height and weight remain the same. Johnson supplied the additional information that Big Homer was married and that his wife and two children were living on Prairie Avenue near 21st Street in Chicago, Illinois, in the fall of 1931.

In regard to Gus Stevens, Johnson offered additional information indicating that this man had lived in the Armstrong Apartments on about 47th Street immediately South of West Madison, where his wife, named Ginger, also lived. He described Gus Stevens as 42 or 43 years of age, height about 5'10½", weight 165 lb., rugged build, dark hair and eyes, dark complexion, looks like a Jew, has a nose like a Jew's. He described Ginger as about 22 or 23 years of age, height about 5'7", is quite tall, weight about 120 to 125 lb., medium complexion, light brown hair, light brown eyes.

Johnson gave information not contained in the first report of Special Agent Gere, but which had been set forth later from the Salt Lake City office, to the effect that George Ziegler in November, 1931, had lived in an apartment house on the Northwest corner of Madison and Scoville in Chicago. He again described Ziegler. It will be noticed, however, that Madison and Scoville are in reality in Oak Park, Illinois, and the information obtained at that address will be set forth later in this report under the extensive investigation made by agent in that locality.

To further confirm the story as told by Arthur Johnson alias "Red" Price, in regard to the members of this gang, reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers, Jacksonville, Florida, 2/23/34, and to the report of the same agent, 2/24/34, which reports detail extensive information obtained from Edward Doll with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1214, in a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case. For the information of offices which have not received copies of the reports of agent Shivers, it will be noted confidentially that Doll, who is referred to constantly as Eddie Foley, admitted that Big Homer Wilson, Eddie Bentz, Gus Stone (undoubtedly the same as Gus Stevens referred to above), Big Slim, one Shorty (fictitious), and Old Charlie, were the participants in the robbery of the Lincoln National Bank and Trust Co., Lincoln, Nebraska, which occurred on September 17, 1930, in which Foley took a part. Foley also stated in regard to the Kansas City massacre that he had talked with Frank Hayes, 745 South State Street, Chicago, who said that Gus Stone had admitted that he had been the party who handled the machine gun on that occasion. Foley described Gus Stone as age 42, height 5'7", weight 150-160 lb., build medium, eyes dark, complexion medium, glasses, sometimes wears hook-over gold rimmed glasses; characteristics: Is ordinary looking, wears high, heavy, black work shoes, always wears suspenders except when carrying a gun, when he wears a belt; in summer often goes without coat; dresses in rough clothes, is foreign looking (Dutchman with Jewish characteristics as to money).

Foley indicated that he is extremely desirous of assisting the Division in the solution of the Kansas City massacre, feeling that he would be benefited by supplying information at his command. He confessed to participation with Eddie Bentz, who he claims was then living on Kingston Street, Chicago, Illinois, one "Red", who was connected with the Luer kidnaping (evidently "Red" O'Malley), and Jim Evans, in the Effingham, Illinois mail robbery, which occurred in October, 1933. He denied participation in the Bremer case but said that he believed this job had been done by one Whitey Anderson, an escaped convict from Joliet, Illinois, according to Foley, Ed Bentz and the brother of Jack Pfeiffer, who is well known in St. Paul. He contended that these parties were the ones who robbed the Grand Haven, Michigan Bank in the spring of 1933, at which time Earl Doyle, although Foley did not know his last name, was wounded and captured.

Foley denied knowing the Barker brothers, Karpis, Harry Campbell Volney Davis and others.

Foley admitted the robbery with George Bentz and George Kelly of a bank at Tupelo, Mississippi, about December 1, 1933, the robbery with the same parties of the Blue Ridge, Texas Bank in August, 1932, with the same parti and Eddie Bentz the robbery of the Colfax, Washington Bank in about September, 1932.

Foley apparently would not admit other crimes participated in by Big Homer, but indicated that he believed that the Holland Bank robbery which occurred in September, 1932, was the work of Big Homer and Lee Turner. Lee Turner has often been mentioned as a close friend and associate of Frank Nash. Turner is now incarcerated in Leavenworth Penitentiary on a charge of violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. When interrogated after his arrest, Turner denied knowing Nash, although the information obtained from informants in this case is such that his statements can be entirely discounted. It will also be noted by offices which have not received such information, that at the time of the Holland Bank robbery a hitch occurred in the get-away, when the robbers' car, a stolen Studebaker, was blocked in an alleyway by an irate woman who was driving her car and believed that the bandits' car was that of some local young man. At that time an elaborate chart was recovered by the authorities, showing the route to Chicago, Illinois from Holland, Michigan, over a circuitous route which did not go on the main road at any time and only crossed this road on one or two occasions. A laboratory analysis from the Division indicated that there is reason to believe that the typewriter which prepared this note is identical to the typewriter which prepared the ransom note in the Bremer case. One of the characteristics of this typewriter, it will be noted, is the fact that the letter "l" is not used in making the figure one, but that there is a figure one on the typewriter. From this and other data it appears that this typewriter may have been a Corona portable typewriter, and it is understood that an engineer's keyboard has the figure one.

In regard to the information that Homer was believed to have married a Chicago girl in 1923 or 1924, Foley said that it is his belief that Homer was married about five years ago to a Catholic girl who was unaware of Big Homer's hoodlum activities.

Foley also denied that he had called the Gus whom he accused of being a participant in the Kansas City massacre, Gus Stone, but said that he had not intended to refer to this individual by that name. In the report of Special Agent R. A. Alt, Jacksonville, Florida, 2/25/34, Foley gives information as to the location of Gus in Chicago, indicating that Gus received his mail at a cigar store on Madison Street, in all likelihood the one at 1234 West Madison Street, operated by Joe Green, which was revealed by Arthur Johnson alias "Red" Price, and which was investigated by agent, who at that time, however, obtained no information. He also indicated by a check on a map about the locality where Gus Stone or Stevens lived in 1931, and a search for this place will be made in the near future. It is interesting to note that Foley claims that he knew "Red" Price, which is an alias for Arthur Johnson, in Chicago, and that Gus Stone had paid Price to kill a man, which Price failed to do, and in consequence Stone had threatened to put Johnson "on the spot", which so frightened Johnson that he started to return to the Colorado State Penitentiary, from which he had escaped while serving a life sentence, wiring that he was returning. However, Johnson did not return to the Penitentiary but was picked up in Salt Lake City and returned.

In connection with Foley's statement regarding the robbery of the bank at Lincoln, Nebraska, he mentions the aliases of Big Homer Wilson as Big Jim, Charlie Potatoes, Charlie Stone and Big Moose. When agent interviewed Frank Hayes in Chicago, Illinois, in November, 1933, at the time of the raid on his apartment, he informed agent that Big Homer was a former Cicero bartender, and that he had seen him about three months before. He described Big Homer as being taller than agent, who is about 6'4" tall with shoes and weighs about 260 lb. ordinarily dressed. One Babe Jones, a Chicago bootlegger who was with the Klutas kidnaping gang, and who turned state's evidence, in order to assist in convicting a number of this gang for a series of kidnapings in Chicago in 1931 and 1932, when interviewed, admitted having seen Big Homer, and described him as a man of about 6'2" tall and weighing 260 or 270 lb. It will be noted that there is a wide variation in the descriptions of Big Homer. It is significant to note that Arthur Johnson alias "Red" Price stated that Big Tom, really Harvey Bailey, was about 6'2" or 3" tall and weighed about 225 lb., that is, that he and Big Homer were about the same size. It is believed that Harvey Bailey was in fact 5'11½" tall, and that his weight varied considerably, although at one time he weighed about 225 to 230 lb. It would therefore seem that the description as supplied by Johnson is probably more nearly correct than the others. Both Hayes and Johnson are extremely short men, and in consequence would very likely be inclined to over-judge the size of a tall man.

The investigation conducted on the information supplied by Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni in regard to the location of Big Homer was as follows:

71st and Jeffrey Avenue, Chicago, is the Bryn Mawr station on the South Chicago branch of the Illinois Central suburban train. About this section is the beginning of an extensive business street which runs a number of blocks East through this portion of South Chicago, where there are numerous furnished and unfurnished apartment houses. On the Southeast corner of this intersection there is a large lot, and the first building on 71st Street is the South Shore branch of the Cadillac Motor Car Co., the address of which is 2015 East 71st Street, telephone Plaza 6600. Since it was reported that Big Homer was driving a Cadillac car, and since about 80% or 90% of the twelve and sixteen cylinder Cadillac cars are serviced by Cadillac agencies, and since about 50% or 60% of the Cadillac cars of the eight cylinder model are serviced by such agencies, it was thought advisable to start an investigation at this point.

Mr. Rex Bloss, the Service Manager at this company, said that he had been at that post only during January, 1934, having formerly been connected with the Service Department at the main office. He questioned a number of employees, however, all of whom were unable to recall a man answering the

description of Big Homer as having had a car serviced in that garage during 1933. Mr. Bloss stated, however, that three former employees of this garage had opened a service station of their own about a year previous, and had taken away at least 60% of the service business of the Cadillac agency, and it was apparently to build up this department that Mr. Bloss had been sent to South Chicago.

These men who started a service station are Victor Frandsen, Herman E. Oswald and Vernon P. Reynolds, who operate what is known as the F.O.R. Station, Inc. at 7050 Clyde Avenue. These three men were interviewed by agent. They stated that two men had come into their garage during the summer of 1933, who had answered somewhat the description of Big Homer. One was a man named E. R. Martin and the other was a man named M. J. Murphy. E. R. Martin purchased a Cadillac coupe which was repaired by these men on October 23, 1933, at which time Martin gave the address, 1354 East Marquette Road. This car bore the motor number 1004497. This man, they stated, was about 6'6" tall, weighed about 270 or 280 lb. and appeared to be about 50 years of age, although his age was deceptive. This man had a siren placed on his automobile and always carried a weapon. He showed these men a badge showing that he was a retired city policeman. Subsequent inquiry through Mr. Armour, janitor, 1344 East Marquette Road, revealed that E. R. Martin had lived in that building nineteen years and had been a uniformed policeman for twenty-five years, after which he had retired. Following his retirement from the police force, Martin, so Armour said, had obtained a position with the Bureau of Prohibition and had worked for that Bureau until August 10, 1933, at which time he was released with many of the other Prohibition employees. Mr. Armour said that since that time Mr. Martin, who is about sixty years old, but who scarcely appears more than forty-five years of age, has been taking things easy. He purchased a second hand Cadillac car and is now in California. Martin is a bachelor and a Mrs. Lawton keeps house for him. Mrs. Lawton is the daughter of a Mrs. Johnson who befriended Martin and assisted in raising him.

It was only after a lengthy interview with the members of the F.O.R. Service Station, that agent obtained details concerning Murphy. It will be noted that Murray Humphries, who has been called Public Enemy No. 1 in Chicago, had his car serviced by these men at the Cadillac agency, and that these men were called to testify in several racket cases in that regard. Humphries had an apartment on 76th Street in that neighborhood at the time. These men indicated to agent that they had from time to time serviced gangsters' cars without knowing the true identity of the persons bringing the cars to the garage, but merely suspecting from the actions of the people that the persons owning the cars were suspicious. These men indicated that Mr. M. J. Murphy had first called at their garage about July 15, 1933, in a 358 model Cadillac four-door sedan. This car had Arizona license plates but no record was made by them of the license plates. Murphy stated he was living at 7147 Jeffrey Avenue and gave his telephone number as Midway 3949. He had some repair work done to this

car and later discovered that there was a car for sale in the hands of a Chrysler agency in South Chicago. Reynolds, who had dealt with this man, stated he understood that Murphy discovered this car by looking at new Chryslers and seeing the Cadillac on the floor for sale. In any event, Murphy purchased this car, turning in his old Cadillac and $1,000.00 in cash. This Cadillac was formerly owned by a gangster whose name Reynolds could not remember. This car, however, was a classic blue Cadillac sedan with a Fleetwood body and was known as Model 355-B. Considerable search was made in order to discover the motor number, which did not appear on a number of the repair tickets for this car, but it was finally discovered that the motor number was 1201355. This new car was brought to the F.O.R. Service, Inc. about the middle of August, 1933, where extensive repair work was done on it. In addition, Murphy had a radio installed. One of the peculiar things about him was that he suggested that his radio be equipped to pick up low wave bands. He explained his desire for such a radio by stating that he intended to go to Germany and wanted to have a radio which he could use in Germany. Reynolds suspected that Murphy desired to pick up police radio messages, however, and made no alterations to the Philco radio which was installed.

On August 16, 1933, the car was returned to Murphy, and invoice No. 1337 shows that the charges were $122.60. The F.O.R. Service, Inc. keep very poor books and it could not be ascertained just how this had been paid, but it was believed that Murphy had given a check for at least a portion of the work. It was thought that he might have paid down $50.00 in advance and to have paid the balance by check. Reynolds stated that the F.O.R.Service, Inc. banked with the First National Bank of Englewood. Murphy told these people that he had formerly been a real estate broker in Chicago, Illinois, and brought a real estate broker to the garage with him. Murphy seemed to be familiar with real estate bonds and bonds of all kinds. He indicated that he was some sort of a politician in Arizona, and also indicated that he had a ranch in Arizona. It was remembered that he had children with him. This man was described as being about 6'2" tall, weight about 225 lb., build large but not stout, with broad shoulders, age about 40 to 45, complexion medium, eyes unknown, hair medium; no particular peculiarities noticed except that he did not appear Irish as his name would indicate, but rather appeared to be a Scandinavian.

Through Mr. Drew, salesman for the Cadillac Motor Car Co., agent learned that the Cadillac car in question originally was sold to Frank Clementi, who operates the Roma Restaurant in South Chicago, and whose name has been linked with that of the Capone syndicate for many years. Mr. Drew's information was that Murphy had come to the Cadillac agency to have a small repair job done and had later returned on Sunday, when the agency was closed, and had then gone to the F.O.R. Service, Inc. in order to have his car repaired. Mr. Drew believed that Murphy had heard of this Cadillac car for sale through the F.O.R. Service, Inc. and had purchased it from the Chrysler dealer near the Roma Restaurant.

He said he understood that this car then had been repaired by the F.O.R. Service. No record of Murphy's entrance to the Cadillac agency could be found which indicated that any repair made in that garage was of a very small nature.

A check at the Bryn Mawr Garage, where Murphy was supposed to have stored his car from time to time, and which is directly next door to the Cadillac agency, was made, but it was learned that this garage did not keep the license numbers of automobiles stored in that garage, and in consequence no information was revealed to this garageman.

Mrs. Birdie Brockamp, Manager of the Highland Apartments at 7147 Jeffrey Avenue, was interviewed. She was shown the pictures of the various suspects but could identify none. She stated that she could identify the picture of Basil Banghart, who is under indictment for the kidnaping of John Factor and who is wanted for a mail robbery at Charlotte, North Carolina, as a former tenant in her building, who was arrested by the Chicago police in the spring of 1933 but who was later released, and that she could obtain no information regarding this arrest from the police and had thought it was possible that Banghart had in fact been taken from her building by rival gangsters. She was asked about other suspicious persons who might have occupied apartments in that building, which is devoted to one, two and three room furnished apartments with hotel service. There is no cafe or dining room attached to the building, however. She stated that she had only one large man of whom she was suspicious, and that this individual's name was Charles Orlford, 5'10" to 6' tall, weighing 250 lb., had graying brown hair and blue eyes. Mr. Orlford stayed at her apartment for one week in order to attend the World's Fair, and he was accompanied by his wife. These people would not allow the maid in their apartment when they were out. She believed that Orlford was about 45 years of age. There were no children with Orlford, however. She said that she did not know what type of car Orlford drove but believed it was a large car. She said that he had given a reference when he came into the building. This reference was Mr. Anderson, whose address was 2316 East 70th Street, Chicago, Illinois, Hyde Park 3282. She said that she had looked this man up and found he had a telephone listed in his name and had called Anderson, and he had told her that Orlford was entirely satisfactory.

When questioned regarding M. J. Murphy, Mrs. Brockamp said that this couple (Mr. and Mrs. Murphy) was one of the most satisfactory she had ever had. She described Murphy as about 5'10 or 11" tall, having dark brown hair, hazel eyes and weighing in the neighborhood of 200 lb. She described his wife as being a large woman, about 5'8" or 9" tall. She said there were two children with this couple, one a boy who was between nine and eleven years of age, and the other a girl about five years of age. These parties rented a two-room apartment which contained a separate bedroom, on June 6, 1933, by placing a deposit of $10.00. They moved in on June 14, 1933. In the meantime

Murphy went to New York City, having stopped in to rent the apartment by himself, and later returned on June 14, 1933, with his family. He gave his business as a rancher and his residence as Phoenix, Arizona. He was assigned to Apartment 407. He left on August 27, 1933, she said, and shortly before he left he had in his possession a beautiful new Cadillac car. She said that Murphy received only a few telephone calls and made only a few calls. There is no switchboard in this building, but merely a public telephone with several extensions. When a tenant is called on the telephone, someonehas to go to the apartment and call the tenant, who then goes to the booth in the lobby and answers the telephone. This booth is built in and is well constructed, which makes it impossible for persons to hear conversations. In consequence, Mrs. Brockamp was not familiar with the nature of the calls made or received by the Murphys. She said that Murphy received a letter from New York City, she believed, and that his wife, who was supposed to have been a Chicago girl, received a number of letters from Chicago. No mail came to these parties after they left, although Murphy had requested her to send any mail which came for him to General Delivery, Phoenix, Arizona, stating that he traveled and often wrote to Phoenix, Arizona, in order to have mail forwarded to him. He claimed to be a rancher in Phoenix, and at no time did he make any mention of a possible trip to Germany. His wife was a Catholic, and each Sunday attended St. Phillip's Church in the vicinity with the children. Mrs. Brockamp said that Murphy had indicated that he had formerly been in the real estate business on the Northwest side of Chicago, but averred that he had gotten out just in time, although he indicated that he still had real estate holdings in Chicago. Murphy always paid all bills in cash, she said.

Mr. George G. Brown, the engineer at this building, was interviewed. Mr. Brown is very fond of artificial bait casting, and particularly tournament casting. He would frequently practice in the lot on the South side of the Highland Apartments. In this way he came into contact with Mr. Murphy, who usually parked his car in that lot. Mr. Brown, who seemed to be very observant, said that Murphy was about the same height as agent, although he had much broader shoulders and was of a large, angular build, which made his weight uncertain, but that he weighed at least 220 lb. He stated that this man did not appear to be Irish to him but rather impressed him as being a Swede or a Norwegian. Mr. Brown said that he had spent a considerable number of years on a ranch in the West, and in consequence he was familiar with Westerners, and he was not at all convinced that Murphy was in fact a rancher. He said that Murphy did not seem to worry about money.

Mr. J. J. Gleason, Acting Superintendent, South Shore Postal Station, 2207 East 75th Street, Chicago, indicated that there was no removal for M. J. Murphy.

A check was made at the First National Bank of Englewood, which revealed that the F.O.R. Service, Inc. on July 27, 1933, deposited an item of $122.60, drawn on the Lakeview Trust and Savings Bank.

Mr. George J. Huber, Assistant Cashier, Lakeview Trust and Savings Bank, 3201 Ashland Avenue, Chicago, stated that that bank had an account in the name of M. J. or Mrs. Norma L. Murphy. [redacted]

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This information obtained from Mr. Huber is, of course, confidential and should not be divulged in making subsequent investigations. A notation appeared on the record [redacted]

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For the further information of the Los Angeles office, which will be requested to make investigation in regard to this information, it will be noted in the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Detroit, Michigan, dated 8/4/32, entitled "Frank Nash with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1166 - Escaped Federal Prisoner", that an interview with one George Drouillard is listed. Agent Brown also interviewed Earl Fontaine, whose brother was being extradited from Canada to answer for his participation in the attempted delivery from the Leavenworth Penitentiary. In this regard, Drouillard made the statement that before Nash would pay him certain money to advance for funds to protect Fontaine, it had been necessary for Nash to call the boys, whom he had to reach by calling Florida and New York. In addition, Nash had informed George that the mob was controlled by a man named John, who owned a

ranch in either Texas or Arizona, and who came East and passed on each big job before it was performed. He did not know anything further about this man, John, who was supposed to reside in Arizona.

It is interesting to note the points of similarity between this M. J. Murphy family and that of the party who has been known under the name of Big Homer. It is believed inadvisable at this time for the Chicago Division office to make an inquiry through Hoppe or Margaret Watts, pending a suitable investigation at Phoenix, Arizona, as to the connections of M. J. Murphy. In brief, it will be noted that Arthur Johnson alias "Red" Price states that Big Homer had a wife and two children in 1931. Murphy has a wife and two children. Homer's wife is supposed to be a Catholic and Mrs. Murphy is Catholic. Homer's wife is supposed to be a Chicago woman, and Murphy's wife is a Chicago woman. Murphy is suspicious in that he claims to be a rancher in Arizona, and yet leaves no forwarding address with the Post Office and no specific forwarding address at his hotel. It is quite possible that if this man is Big Homer, he would have a considerable amount of money from his extensive operations and would be able to own real estate in Chicago, most of the deposits in the bank having been made by Hoppe apparently on remittances from real estate. The general descriptions of Big Homer and M. J. Murphy are close enough to coincide. An examination of the Chicago City Directory for 1928 and 1929 showed no M. J. Murphy in the real estate business or as a broker in Chicago in the Northwest section of Chicago in those years. There are many M. J. Murphys listed in the city directory, however. It will be noted that both Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Brown were suspicious of this man and did not believe his story in full. It will also be noted that both Gus Stone alias Gus Stevens and Big Homer and Frank Hayes all give a clever appearance of honesty and integrity, which have to date apparently been successful in protecting them from detection in their criminal activities.

Agent checked the following furnished apartment buildings in the vicinity of 71st Street and Jeffrey Avenue, but found no information of value in the locating of Big Homer.

Mrs. W. D. Wilkinson, resident manager for building, 7102 Jeffrey Avenue, address 1935 - 71st Street (same building).

Miss R. Balun, manager, Illinois Manor, 7150 Cyril Parkway.

Mrs. Ann Barnaby, the Bedford Villa, 7130 S. Cyril.
Cyril Parkway or Court is a small, one-block street a half-block West of Jeffrey and is frequently confused with Jeffrey Avenue. A number of years ago various members of the Capone syndicate were supposed to have resided in the Bedford Villa, and in fact there is no question but that "Machine Gun" Jack McGurn lived in that building at one time. Special Agent J. J. Keating

checked these two buildings on frequent occasions during the summer of 1933. McGurn and others, after moving from Bedford Villa, are supposed to have rented an apartment at 7147 Jeffrey Avenue but moved in a short time, and Mrs. Brockamp was unable to identify the pictures of these men some three or four years ago when the police showed them to her.

Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe, while under cover [redacted] noticed a car bearing Illinois license plates No. 904-439, which was discovered to be a Ford, Model A, Sedan, bearing motor No. 3375149 and listed to Dr. Frank Kidwell, 7147 South Jeffrey Avenue, parked in the rear of this hotel. Inquiry at this address revealed that Dr. Frank Kidwell was an osteopath or chiropractor, who had moved from the hotel in 1933 and who had an office in the Auditorium Hotel, which is located on Michigan Avenue near the rear of the Hayes Hotel. Agent Metcalfe informed that he had no information which would indicate that the party who parked this car in that lot had any connection with the Hayes Hotel.

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Numerous reports in the case entitled "Frank Nash with aliases - Fugitive, I. O. 1166 - Escaped Federal Prisoner", and in the case entitled "Vernon C. Miller with aliases (deceased), et al. - Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner", contain references to various addresses in Oak Park, Illinois, which were occupied by Miller and possibly other members of this gang. It will be noted from the letter of the Chicago Division office to the St. Louis Division office, dated 8/19/33, that one Helen Ferguson and one Mrs. A. Gordon rented an apartment at 114 Home Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois on June 20, 1933, at which time Mrs. Gordon, who is believed to be Mrs. Barker, was accompanied by Mrs. Frank Nash. It was also developed in subsequent reports that this Helen Ferguson later went to the home of H. W. Davies at 3703 Keokuk Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, as is indicated in the St. Louis letter to Kansas City, dated 9/5/33, and that she was driving a Buick sport coupe, bearing Illinois license plates No. 861828, having motor No. 2845179 and serial No. 2691033. One of Mrs. Gordon's sons lived with her, and this man's description answers that of either of the Barker brothers, but the taller man who lived in that apartment from time to time cannot be identified as Karpis, although he might have been that individual. Vernon Miller was identified as a visitor at the apartment during the period from June 20 to July 26, 1933. It will be noticed that during the early part of that time, Miller had an apartment at 419 South Boulevard, Oak Park, where it is believed Lillian Holden and some other man resided. Agent made an additional investigation at this address, and the results of further inquiries in Oak Park will be recited as a summary of the work done at that point.

In view of the apparent use of Oak Park by this gang, it was decided to check practically every furnished apartment in Oak Park, and through the cooperation of Lieutenant Wilson, Chief of Detectives at that point, a list of practically every furnished apartment in Oak Park was obtained. The following apartment buildings were contacted by agent, beginning on about February 19, 1934, and continuing for a number of days thereafter.

Name of Apartment	Address	Person Contacted
Chateau Apartment Hotel	330 N. Austin Blvd.	E. J. Eberle, Clerk
DeVere Apartment	317 Oak Park Ave.	E. R. Harvey, Owner & Mgr.
Oakshire Apartment Hotel	12 Washington Blvd.	J. A. Quinn, Mgr.
Pleasant Oak Apartment Hotel	812 S. Oak Park Ave.	R. S. Howard, Mgr.
Pleasant Worth Apt. Hotel	805 S. Kenilworth Ave.	Mrs. Bell, Housekeeper, Mr. R. DeBuck, Janitor
Washington Court Apt.Hotel	1116 Washington Blvd.	M. E. Charleson, Mgr.
Bon Ville Apt. Hotel	320 Wisconsin Ave.	George Bensley, Clerk
Scoville Apt. Hotel	839 Lake St.	Miss Joan Taggert, Mgr.'s daughter.
Oak Park Arms Hotel	404 S. Oak Park Ave.	Mr. Hegel, Mgr.
Carleton Apt. Hotel	133 S. Marion St.	Mrs. I. M. Lloyd
Plaza Apt. Hotel	123 S. Marion St.	Mr. & Mrs. C.E.Fowler, Mgrs.
Oak Manor Hotel	211 N. Oak Park Ave.	D. R. Erickson, Clerk
Evelyn Apt. Hotel	37-39 W. Harrison St.	Miss Sylvia Levy, Mgr.'s daughter.
33 Harrison St.		Mrs. H. C. Hoffman, Owner's wife.
624 S. Austin Blvd.		M. A. Lay, Janitor
832 S. Austin Blvd.		Joseph Zeumer, Janitor
951 Lake St.		N. T. West, friend of owner, Mrs. H. S. Lawrence.
817 Lake St.		F. W. Boynton, Res.Mgr.
1029 Lake St.		Miss E. C. Schroeder, Peebles Interior Decorator, Westgate Court, Oak Park.
1143 Ontario St.		Mrs. Almina Bach, owner.
1140 Ontario St.		George F. Owen, Owner.
1112 S. Maple Ave.		Mrs. Bertha Rankin, Mgr.
201 S. Maple Ave.		Mrs. L. Gaddis, Owner.
217 and 227 S. Maple Ave.		Mrs. M. M. Brown, Owner.
506 Wisconsin Ave.		J. C. Skeinbar, Janitor.
106, 110, 114, 118 Home Ave.		Louis Goodlow, Janitor, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Matthews, Owners.
320 S. Ridgeland Ave.		Emil Deryche, Janitor.
211 Washington Blvd.		H. C. Hoffman,
241 Washington Blvd.		Mrs. Newton
238 Washington Blvd., also 351 S. Harvey		E. W. Eckhart, Janitor.

Name of Apartment	Address	Person Contacted
101 S. Harvey Ave.		Miss Mary Lengel, Janitor's daughter.
421 S. Oak Park Ave.		Mrs. Wilcox, Mgr.
508 West Madison		Mrs. C. L. Townsend, Mgr.
439-441 S. Scoville		Mr. and Mrs. Matt Eberdt, Jan.
217-227 N. Oak Park Ave.		Mrs. Evelyn Fox, Mgr.
Park Gables	1010-1018 North Blvd.	P. Walters, Janitor.

In addition to the apartments listed above, the police supplied agent with numerous addresses where persons had converted private residences into rooming houses, some of which were called kitchenette apartments, since light housekeeping was permitted. A check of all these addresses was not made, since in the past these persons had not lived in that type of apartment. Also this list included a number of unfurnished buildings. A check was made at these buildings, but results are not being tabulated here since these were only a few of the many unfurnished buildings in Oak Park. Agent was informed that there are very few furnished houses for rent in Oak Park, Illinois, although it will be noted that it has been the custom of the Barker brothers and Karpis to rent furnished houses in St. Paul, Minnesota. This possibility was not checked in Oak Park, although it may be found advisable at a later date to check all real estate dealers in Oak Park in order to ascertain the tenants in any furnished homes rented through them.

While the pictures of the Barker brothers, Karpis, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, the Bents brothers, Sam Tarran, Bernard Phillips, Thomas Carroll and others were displayed to all parties, none could supply any information of value concerning these people, except in regard to the address, 114 Home Avenue, which has been indicated previously. At that address agent discovered two letters, which were circulars from the Strickland Store at 127 Marion Avenue, Oak Park. Through the manager of this store agent learned that the names of these parties had been obtained for his file because of the fact that these parties had made a cash purchase at the Strickland Store and had had it delivered to the address, 114 Home Avenue. These letters were addressed to H. M. Ferguson, and Mrs. A. Gordon, the names used by these parties when registering in June, 1933, at the Home Apartments.

Mr. E. W. Critchfield, the manager, called Wesley Werner, the delivery boy, who remembered in the year 1933 delivering two bundles on the third floor of the address, 114 Home Avenue. He said that Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Matthews, the owners of this building, and who are now living in the building, were regular customers of Strickland's, and that he delivers groceries to them frequently, but that he could remember making only one delivery to the parties on the third floor. He said he saw no men at that time and that he had seen

the women so briefly that he did not believe he could identify them. Mr. Critchfield said the records failed to reveal that these parties had made any subsequent purchases through Strickland's Store. Later Wesley Werner informed Mr. Critchfield that he had delivered groceries to some suspicious people at the Carleton Apartments, and that the man was named O'Laughlin, but a check at this apartment revealed that this man was known in River Forest, Illinois, and was either just married and had moved into this hotel, or he was carrying on a clandestine romance in the hotel. Investigation along this line is not being contemplated.

Louis Goodlow, the janitor at 114 Home Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, was unable to identify the pictures of the Barker brothers and Karpis, or any of the other pictures shown to him, but he said that he had seen the men so seldom that he was very doubtful of his ability to identify the pictures of the men, even if they should be shown to him. Goodlow was positive that there had been no telephone at this address, and he could supply no information other than that reported in letters and reports in the file entitled "Vernon C. Miller with aliases (Deceased), et al. - Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner".

Lieutenant Wilson informed agent that at one time Rocco DeGrazia, known as the King of the West Side bookmakers, a former Capone lieutenant in that territory, and a Greek friend of Doc Stacey, had lived at 1116 Washington Boulevard, Oak Park, about two or three years ago. Consequently, a careful check was made at that address, and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Charleson, the manager and his wife, were carefully shown all the pictures in agent's possession, which included pictures of Vernon Miller and his wife, Vi. These persons were struck by the picture of Tony DeGrazia but could not recognize it, and said there was some family resemblance when told this picture was that of a brother of Rocco DeGrazia. Both Mr. and Mrs. Charleson, however, quickly identified the picture of Mrs. Vernon C. Miller with aliases as a tenant who had occupied an apartment at that address from June 15 to July 15, 1933. These persons could not readily identify a picture of Vernon Miller as the man who accompanied her, but described Miller accurately. Mr. Charleson said either Mrs. Miller or the two came to that apartment building on June 14, 1933, and stated they were from California and were to attend the Fair. No registration cards are filled out at the Washington Court Apartment, the names merely being taken down by Mr. or Mrs. Charleson, and they took down the name as Vern E. Mullen. These parties were assigned to Apartment 102 but later were moved to Apartment 417. Mr. Charleson was not sure of the type of car these persons were driving but believed that it was a new Ford, four-door, V-8 with California license plates. These persons paid $75.00 rent for the one month. This apartment, while viewed on June 14, 1933, was not occupied until the next day, June 15, 1933. On one occasion during the stay of these people Mr. Charleson remembers that they were absent from the apartment for a period of four or five days but he could not remember the exact dates when they were absent. He did not know whether both

had moved in on June 15, 1933, or whether only one had moved in on that date. He said that these persons might easily have been gone from the apartment two or three days on several occasions during their stay and yet not have been missed by him or his wife. He said that while these parties were staying at this apartment, he saw Vern E. Mullen about six or seven times. It seemed that these parties played golf every afternoon and he often saw Mullen in the lobby waiting for a couple to call to play golf with Mullen and his wife. He talked to Mullen about golf on a number of occasions.

During the stay of these people, the apartment 102 was flooded by a heavy rain, and at that time the Mullens were away and their goods were moved to Apartment 417. At that time Mr. Charleson noted that these people had no clothes with them except sports wear, having about eight or nine pairs of golf shoes between them and about three sets of expensive golf clubs. Charleson's description of Mullen answered accurately that of Verne Miller as he was seen before his death, and Charleson indicated that this man was wearing eyeglasses when he saw him, although he was clean shaven. Mr. Charleson said that his suspicions were not aroused in any way by this man, and that he did not believe he could identify the persons who came to play golf with Mullen, although the man was a tall, slender, dark haired young man.

There is no switchboard at the Washington Court Apartments, all telephone calls being received and made through a coin telephone in the lobby. In consequence, the telephone calls made by these people cannot be checked.

Mullen left no forwarding address when he left and no mail was received for these people after they left, and in fact Mr. Charleson could not remember any mail having come for them during their stay, although he said that it may have come.

During the summer of 1933 so many of the apartment owners in Chicago rented apartments to transients, that most managers are unable to remember the tenants as well as if the ordinary business had been conducted.

The addresses 217 and 227 South Maple Avenue are rather cheap rooms operated by Mrs. M. M. Brown in two rather dilapidated but large frame structures. Mrs. Brown informed agent that a man whom she now believes to have been a member of the Klutas gang was in the habit in the past of coming to her place and renting a room for the night, and later coming in about 2:00 or 3:00 o'clock in the morning and staying until 5:00 or 6:00 o'clock in the morning. She described this man as resembling Ernest Rossi, now deceased, a former pal of Jack Klutas.

Mrs. Evelyn Fox, who operates a very nice furnished apartment building at 217-227 Oak Park Avenue and 801-811 Erie Street, all the same building, indicated that several years ago she had had as a tenant one Ray Nolan, who is none other than Ray Nicholson of Joliet, Illinois, now deceased, who was killed by the Klutas gang, of which he was a member, and who participated in a number of the startling kidnapings which that gang perpetrated in Chicago and adjoining territory in 1931.

In regard to the story as told by Arthur Johnson alias "Red" Price concerning the fact that Ziegler lived at the Northwest corner of Madison Street and Scoville Avenue, agent interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Matt Ehardt, the janitors at this address. They stated that the former owner of this building, Mrs. Goldblatt, had rented an apartment at 439 Scoville, which was a furnished two-room apartment, to a Mr. Ziegler, whose first name they could not remember. Mr. Ziegler had a wife, a child about five years of age, and a large police dog. This police dog was usually kept on the back porch and was very ferocious. Mr. and Mrs. Ehardt are of foreign extraction and seemed to be reluctant to give information, fearing that they might implicate themselves in some way with some gang activity. Ehardt described Ziegler, however, in very much the same manner as Johnson described this man, except that he believed Ziegler had dark hair, whereas Johnson described him as having light hair. Ehardt described the woman as being tall and slender, with dark hair and dark complexion.

Electric light and gas are not furnished to all of the tenants in the furnished apartments, depending upon the arrangements made by these tenants, and in consequence, through Lieutenant Wilson, Oak Park Police Department, agent had the records of the Public Service Co. at Oak Park, Illinois checked, but no record of a Ziegler at this address could be located.

Agent endeavored to learn through the janitor that this party had had a telephone in 1931, but a check of the old directories failed to reveal this telephone listed to anyone named Ziegler, and the telephone company professed inability at this time to discover the number of this telephone or the contract, stating that these instruments were destroyed from time to time.

There was no forwarding address left by Ziegler but an inquiry in the neighborhood revealed that he left in an old Ford car for some unknown destination. It was reported to Lieutenant Wilson, through the office of George Hemingway, a real estate dealer in Oak Park, that it was not believed that the former owner, Mrs. Goldblatt, had any record on this tenant, but it is believed advisable to locate Mrs. Goldblatt and see what she can remember about Ziegler. Mrs. Goldblatt moved from this address, having lost her ownership of the apartment in November, 1933, and her address in all likelihood can be obtained through the Oak Park Post Office or through the firm of Hemingway.

Reference is made to Division letter in the case entitled "Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al.; Unknown Subjects; Edward George Bremer - Victim - Kidnaping", dated 2/12/34, directed to the St. Paul office, copies of which were sent to the Chicago and New York offices, which states that a confidential informant had appeared at the Division and had given information which indicated that one Harry Schneiweiss, 1343 Greenleaf Avenue, Chicago, operated a place where members of the St. Paul and New York mobs would stay while en route between those two points. It has been rumored from time to time that when the liquor interests in St. Paul desired to have violence committed in St. Paul, these interests would call on New York gunmen to do these jobs, and that this same thing would be reciprocated in New York. This Division letter indicated the names of various persons who this informant thought might be connected with the Bremer kidnaping.

At the address, 1343 Greenleaf Avenue, a three-story apartment building which has one apartment apparently on each floor, and which is a very large apartment of at least eight or nine rooms, the name of Schneiweiss was not found.

A check at the Rogers Park Postal Station revealed that Harry Schneiweiss had left a forwarding address to 33 North La Salle Street on September 21, 1933, and that carrier W. G. Fortmiller, who was interviewed, said that this apartment also had been occupied by a Mr. Shomberg, who apparently had an office at 33 North La Salle Street, and who had lived in this apartment and had moved at the same time. Mr. Fortmiller thought that Mrs. Schneiweiss had lived in this apartment and that she had had several children living there.

An examination of the Chicago Telephone Directory revealed that Bernard Shomberg, Attorney, had offices at 33 North La Salle Street, telephone State 9335, and residence at 1343 Greenleaf Avenue, telephone Briargate 5356. This directory also showed a Harry Shneiweis listed at 1343 Greenleaf Avenue, the same telephone number. A telephone call revealed that the telephone Briargate 5356 had been listed in the name of Shomberg but that calls to this number had been referred to Whitehall 6040, which is the 40 East Oak Apartments at 40 East Oak Street. The 40 East Oak Apartments are now in Federal receivership, and the Receiver is the American National Bank and Trust Co. of Chicago, which is largely dominated by Jewish interests. Mr. H. H. Dunbar is the manager of this hotel, and he stated that Mr. Shomberg had been at this hotel since about October, 1933, having been sent to the hotel by his director, who is in charge of receiverships. Mr. Dunbar called the telephone operator, who informed him that in addition to Mr. Shomberg there were two men occupying the hotel room in question, one of whom was named Herman Sherr, she believed, and a Ralph Bloom. The telephone operator stated that Schneiweiss had lived in that apartment with Mr. Shomberg for some time but had left about one month ago. This apartment is a two-room

apartment with a bedroom and an in-a-door bed in the living room, and in consequence could accommodate three men. There are no women who live in this apartment. Mr. Dunbar said he sees very few of the guests, but he called in a clerk, Mr. Bell, who was unable to identify any of the pictures shown but stated that he had seen Bernard Phillips about a year ago around the Chelsea Hotel in the Wilson Avenue district. Mr. F. K. Kewley is in charge of receivership work at the American National Bank, Mr. Dunbar said, and this apartment, which is No. 1409, is rented for $85.00 a month, although the customary price is $100.00 a month.

At agent's request Mr. Dunbar had the telephone operator prepare a list of the telephone calls which have been made from this apartment since these people have been in the building, and she compiled a list of the telephone calls from all available records, but this girl did not believe that she had obtained all of the earlier telephone calls, some of which may have been destroyed or misfiled in the basement. There is, however, a voluminous list of telephone calls made by these parties to various points in Chicago. An examination of these telephone numbers does not indicate anything of value except that three unpublished numbers were called, and as yet the names and addresses of the subscribers to these numbers have not been obtained. The most frequently called number seemed to be Midway 1317, which is listed in the name of Leftie Kolawanf, 5325 Harper Avenue, Apartment 3. These calls are being filed in the Bremer case, and it may be that at some future date value may be attached to some of them, at which time such calls as are of value will be set out.

A check of the long distance telephone calls and wires sent by telephone revealed that on November 4, 1933 Shomberg called Winnetka 2386. On November 20, 1933, Shomberg sent a telegram to Harry Schneiweiss at 240 West 48th Street. On November 23, 1933, a call was placed to a number, 5-2500 in New York, the exchange not being listed. On November 27, 1933, Shomberg called Riverside 9-2013 in New York City. On December 15, 1933, Shomberg called the Winnetka number above listed. On December 21, 1933, Bloom called Riverside 9-2013 in New York City, repeating the call on the same night. On December 31, 1933, Shomberg sent a wire to 240 West 48th Street, New York City, and called the number, Riverside 9-2013, New York City, on the same date. On January 5, 1934, Shomberg called Mr. Schneiweiss at Riverside 9-2013. On January 7, 1934 Shomberg called Mr. Schneiweiss at the same number. On February 12, 1934, Shomberg called Winnetka 2386. From the information listed it seems that Schneiweiss is now in New York and can be located through the address and telephone number listed.

In regard to the Kansas City letter to the Chicago office, dated 2/16/34, in the Bremer case, which revealed that a pocketbook, believed to be that of one Thomas Carroll, which was dropped in an attempt to force

the Cashier of the Topeka, Kansas Bank to leave his home and to open a bank vault, had borne a card which had in it the telephone number Drexel 0780, Room 21, and also the name, Gloria Passen on another piece of paper in the same section of the pocketbook, information was forwarded by telephone to the Chicago Division office shortly after the Kansas City massacre in order to check the 4100 block on Drexel Boulevard in Chicago, Illinois, in an effort to locate Harvey Bailey and Bob Brady. Agent covered this block at that time, and later a check of the telephone calls of Oscar Bloom and Fritz Mulloy, who were living in the St. Clair Hotel and the Chatfield Apartment Hotel, showed that a Dr. Warren was living at the Graceton Hotel, 4249 Drexel Boulevard. Upon checking on this Dr. Warren, it was discovered that he had a railroad ticket to New York City issued in Leavenworth, Kansas, and had indicated that he had recently left the penitentiary, and that he was accompanied to this address by a man with his leg in a cast, who was identified as one Charles White, the Subject of a White Slave Traffic Act case in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Warren was subsequently arrested on a Commissioner's warrant, having been originally sentenced to Leavenworth Penitentiary from New Mexico on a charge of impersonation, because of the fact that the ticket he held was issued to another prisoner on a transportation request. The Kansas City office performed some investigation at Kansas City in connection with the possible illegal use of transportation request by a trusty or employee of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

This Dr. Warren was an aviator, among his other accomplishments, and was last heard of when agent conducted an investigation at the Cass Hotel to locate him under the name of Warren or Walker, at which time it was found, through Oscar Bloom and his wife, that Walker was last heard of operating an aeroplane at county fairs, and that he was interested in some proposition of going to a South American country in order to obtain a position as an aviator at that point.

At that time it was discovered that Mr. and Mrs. Eckroad could be relied upon. In consequence, upon receipt of the first telephone message, agent went to the Graceton Hotel, 4249 Drexel Boulevard, and showed Mrs. Eckroad the list of pictures, including one of Thomas Carroll, which was obtained from the Post Office Inspectors' Office in Chicago, Illinois, and which appears on the circular which the Post Office Department has prepared in order to cause the apprehension of Carroll. Mrs. Eckroad was unable to identify any of the pictures, except one of Gus Winkler, now dead, formerly one of Chicago's well known hoodlums, who, she said, called on Dr. Warren at one time during his stay. She also said that Dr. Warren or Walker had made several telephone calls to Gus Winkler, and had called him Gus, and had indicated to him that someone was leaving Kansas City for St. Paul, who in turn would get some money from someone in St. Paul and would return to Chicago with this money. Special Agents Charles Jenkins and J. D. Swenson were covering Walker at this time but were watching

the apartment from outside on the evening when Winkler called and apparently did not know Winkler and did not recognize him entering this building. Later, when it was discovered that the telephone number Drexel 0780 was accompanied by the room number 21, agent called Mrs. Eckroad by telephone and learned that one Anne Finerman and one Abe Finerman had moved into this room in October, 1933, and had occupied it until December 30, 1933. She said that Abe Finerman resembled Al Capone and operated a restaurant at 205 East 43d Street. He is Jewish. Anne Finerman, whom Mrs. Eckroad did not believe to be the real wife of Finerman, was a very pretty girl about eighteen or nineteen years of age, 5'5" tall, weight 110 lb., or less, had blonde hair and blue eyes. During her stay at this hotel, she would leave the room about 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon and would not return until 1:00 or 2:00 o'clock in the morning. Often during the morning and afternoon she would receive four or five telephone calls. All of these telephone calls were for Room 21 and were not for anyone by name. She said that it was her impression that this girl was operating as a prostitute but that she did not operate from that hotel, and that there was nothing about her conduct at the hotel which was reprehensible. Mrs. Eckroad was not sure that Anne was the real name of this girl, but it was the name she used at that hotel. Mrs. Eckroad said that she had never heard of a Gloria Passen.

Mrs. Eckroad said that for a year prior to the summer of 1933 Room 21 at her hotel had been unoccupied, but that during the summer of 1933, when World's Fair guests were coming in, she had rented this room frequently, mostly to persons who stayed only one night. Mrs. Eckroad was not in active charge of this apartment building for six weeks during the summer, when she suffered a broken leg, and at that time the duties were divided among her husband, who could not recognize any of the pictures, her mother, who is old and deaf, and her sister, who is not in the city of Chicago.

Mrs. Eckroad said that she believed this Finerman girl was a prostitute, since she had heard her making dates with various men over the telephone, and would apparently leave to meet these men. She said it was her impression also that this girl gave different names to different men.

On December 30, 1933, Finerman and this girl left, ostensibly for Detroit, Finerman indicating that he had sold his restaurant and that he intended to come back to Chicago and open a new establishment in the vicinity of 47th and South Parkway. Special Agent M. F. Glynn conducted an investigation looking toward the location of Finerman and this girl, because of the fact that she might know Thomas Carroll or members of this gang. Mr. Glynn's investigation will be contained in copies of reports on the Bremer case, and any pertinent facts developed by him which would indicate that the Barker brothers or Karpis might know this girl should also be noted for reference in the Kanmo case.

A card of O. W. Smith, Jr., an Attorney at 1 North La Salle Street, Chicago, was also discovered in this pocketbook, and it bore on the back the address, 2450 North Clark Street, Ted Cloonan, Jail Cafe, Diversey 10160. Mr. Denning, Executive Secretary, Chicago Bar Association, was interviewed, and he stated that the Association's records showed that Mr. O. W. Smith, Jr. was of good character, and that while he was not personally acquainted with this man, he was acquainted with several of the men with whom Smith is now sharing a suite of offices at 11 South La Salle Street, having moved in about May, 1933, to his present location from 1 North La Salle Street, and that it was believed that Smith could be reliably approached in this matter.

Mr. Smith, in consequence, was interviewed, but he could not remember ever having seen any of the suspects, whose pictures were shown to him. He had never heard of Ted Cloonan, although he has lived for a long time in the vicinity of Fullerton Parkway, which is only a few blocks from the Jail Cafe. Mr. Smith said that he had practiced very little criminal law, although he had represented a J. W. Smith alias Cap Smith in 1930 or 1931, who had been sentenced to Leavenworth Penitentiary from St. Louis, Missouri, on a Government bond charge. Smith represented Cap Smith on his removal to St. Louis. In addition, he said that he had also represented a number of other criminals from time to time and had made it a practice to give these various men a number of his cards to distribute in jail in the event that good cases should come into the jail and no lawyers were in attendance. He said he had not been in Kansas City for a number of years, although he had had relatives at that point, and that he had distributed quite a number of his cards down through Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Smith offered to be of any assistance he could, but said he was unable to ascertain how his card might have been held by one of the persons whose pictures were shown to him.

In regard to the Jail Cafe, it will be noted that this saloon, or tavern, as they are called in Chicago, is located at 2450 North Clark Street, which is on the Southeast corner of a short street running West off of Clark Street. This cafe or saloon has booths fixed like jail cells, which are about six in number. There is also a fair sized bar. In the rear there is a small kitchen and a lavatory. This is a very small place. Agent, from previous investigation in the neighborhood, remembers that this place formerly operated as a speakeasy but now is a tavern handling Anheuser Busch beer. While in this saloon agent made a telephone call and discovered that the telephone in the booth is Diversey 10160, which is the number found on the above mentioned card. The bartender of this saloon is a small colored man. The business seemed to be rather slow. A later telephone call to this number brought the response from this bartender that Ted Cloonan was expected in a few hours, and asked for any message. Further investigation as to the identity of Cloonan has not been made but such investigation will be conducted and will probably show that this man is the owner of this tavern.

One Eugene M. Flint, 1931 South 10th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois, called at the Chicago Division office after the apprehension of Eddie LaRue alias Eddie Doll, and stated that his wife had recognized the picture of LaRue as a man who stayed at Round Lake, Illinois during the summer of 1932 with Ted and Ed Bentz. Flint said that he had not been in that vicinity enough to see this man, but that his wife, who had stayed at the cottage for some time, easily recognized LaRue as a man who had frequently been at the cottage with the Bentz brothers. Flint stated that the Bentz brothers had rented this cottage at Round Lake only for the summer, and that he did not believe they had retained this cottage or would necessarily return to it. Mr. Flint has previously been interviewed on a number of occasions by Special Agent A. E. Lockerman, and the results of these interviews are contained in reports in the case entitled "George Kelly Barnes with aliases, et al.; Charles F. Urschel - Victim - Kidnaping", Chicago file 7-26.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

LOS ANGELES OFFICE: Is requested to make a prompt investigation at Phoenix, Arizona, on the information supplied in this report, particularly at 533 West Willetta Street, Box 465, Phoenix, Arizona, and at 1817 Palm-Craft Way, N. E., in order to locate M. J. Murphy and his wife, Murphy possibly being "Big Homer". It is suggested that upon the location of this individual, a check be made of his telephone calls, especially long distance calls, telegrams emanating from him or received by him, and that a check be made of his mail in order to learn his associates and contacts. This investigation will have to be of an exceptionally careful nature. This man will undoubtedly flee if he is, in fact, Big Homer and learns that any investigation is being made. It will be noted that results of this investigation should also be reported in the Bremer kidnaping case, and a copy of this report is being forwarded to the Los Angeles office for the file in that case, which report is identical with the above report. It may be very possible that M. J. Murphy, in fact, owns or rents a ranch, which is used as a hideout by these men, or that he is in communication with various bank robbers.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE: Reference is made to the St. Louis office letter, dated 9/5/33, and to the report of Special Agent M. B. Rhodes, 9/23/33, in this case, which indicates that Helen Ferguson was located at the home of Mr. H. W. Davies, 5703 Keokuk Avenue, St. Louis, and that the Buick sport coupe in which she was riding bore Illinois, 1933 license plates No. 861828, motor No. 2845179 and serial No. 2691033. An examination of the Chicago file in this matter fails to reveal the results of subsequent investigations conducted by the St. Louis office, and it is suggested that the St. Louis office inform the Chicago office of the information obtained in regard to this Helen Ferguson. It is suggested that if advisable a new watch be placed for this woman because of her association with Karpis and Barker, who have been named in the Bremer kidnaping, and whose possible

participation in the Kanmo massacre is receiving investigative attention. Because of the fact that this investigation may have some bearing on the location of these men and would consequently be of interest in the Bremer kidnaping, it is suggested that the St. Louis office direct reports in this regard to the St. Paul office as well as to the Chicago office.

CHICAGO OFFICE: Will arrange to interview Basil Banghart, who is now in custody of the authorities in Cook County, Illinois, for information as to his possible knowledge of the slaying of Verne Miller, as suggested in the letter from the Washington Field office to the Detroit office, dated 2/19/34, suggesting that Miller had tipped off Banghart and others to the job in Charlotte, North Carolina but had been unable to participate because delayed, and had nevertheless demanded a share of the proceeds, which had resulted in ill feeling and Miller's murder.

Will carry on suitable investigation as suggested by the letter from the Kansas City office, dated 2/19/34, which submits enclosures showing the addresses used by Subject Galatas, and which appear in the War Department records. It will be noted that these addresses in Chicago were in the year 1918.

Will develop those leads set forth in the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, dated 1/29/34, in the Kanmo case, which lists numerous addresses in Chicago, Illinois, where information regarding suspect Bernard Phillips may be found.

The lead given in the report of Special Agent G. M. Lowndon, Birmingham, Alabama, 1/19/34, which suggested an interview with Mrs. Levy, will be developed by the Chicago office.

Will also develop information at Chicago and Fort Wayne, Indiana, as suggested in the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 12/15/33, which requests that the identity of one L. B. Blaine, Strand Hotel, Chicago, who called George Lindsey at Kansas City on 6/12/33, be established, and that at Fort Wayne, Indiana the holder of the number, Ankeny 3474, be ascertained and establish who received the call from the Lindseys while they were at Des Moines, Iowa.

Will also ascertain the possible relationship of Vivian Howe of South Bend, Indiana, with this matter. This woman, who has the telephone number South Bend 5-2585-J, listed in her name, apparently received a telephone call on the early morning of June 17, 1933, from a pay station at the Union Station Depot in Kansas City. Through the telephone company at South Bend, it was learned that this telephone is in a tearoom in Mishawaka, a suburb of South Bend.

CHICAGO OFFICE (Continued)

Will conduct additional investigation in and around Chicago in an effort to learn the identity and connections of Helen Ferguson with the view to locating this woman or her associates, because of their possible connection with Karpis and the Barker brothers.

Will develop all information looking towards the location of Gus Stone alias Gus Stevens, working on information supplied by Arthur Johnson alias "Red" Price, and by Edward Doll alias Foley alias LaRue.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (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. Carter Baum, dated at Chicago, Illinois, March 9, 1934, wherein considerable data are set forth respecting the identity of "M. J. Murphy", who might possibly be identical with "Big Homer".

Your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, July 15, 1933, wherein, on pages 62, 72, 73, 76, 77, and 79, references are made to one "C. J. Murphy", who is understood to have been a close associate of Vernon C. Miller (Deceased). From the information set forth in the two reports above referred to, it is not possible to determine whether these two individuals are identical. Therefore, immediate and exhaustive investigation should be conducted by the respective field offices receiving copies of this letter, with a view to establishing whether these individuals are identical.

A copy of the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated July 15, 1933, is being transmitted to the Los Angeles Office of this Division with a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC Kansas City.
Los Angeles.

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March 7, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

On the evening of March 6, 1934, I talked with Special Agent Harold Andersen, who was then at the Detroit Office of the Division, with reference to his interview with Kathryn Kelly. Andersen stated that Kathryn Kelly is agreeable to the proposed plan whereby Vivian Miller will be transferred to the Milan City institution, where Kathryn is now serving her sentence, and that she will endeavor to obtain information concerning the Kansas City massacre case from Vivian Miller in the event she is permitted to associate with the latter. Andersen further stated that Kathryn Kelly does not desire that Bobby Moore be transferred, and requested that, after the transfer of Vivian Miller, no Agent of the Division attempt to interview her until after several weeks. Agent Andersen stated that he is explaining the proposed set-up to Special Agent in Charge Larson.

Having noted in the Chicago Division Office letter dated March 3, 1934, addressed to the Salt Lake City Office, that a photograph of a woman known as Mrs. Stone was being transmitted to the Salt Lake City Office for the purpose of exhibiting the photograph to one "Red" Price, who is now serving a life sentence in the Colorado State Penitentiary for the purpose of establishing whether this Mrs. Stone is identical with the wife of one Gus Stone, who is said to be one of the machine gunners in the Kansas City massacre case, and further knowing of Special Agent Andersen's intention to proceed to Canon City, Colorado for the purpose of interviewing "Red" Price, I suggested to him that he proceed to Chicago and there await the results of the investigation requested of the Salt Lake City Office in the Chicago Office letter dated March 3, 1934. In the event the photograph is identified by Price as being the wife of Gus Stone, Agent Andersen can then make arrangements, through the Chicago Office to locate Gus Stone, through his wife, who has apparently been located by Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe. Andersen stated that he would proceed to Chicago immediately and there await the developments at Salt Lake City, and in the meantime reinterview the confidential informant of the Chicago Office with reference to the "Curly" angle.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby.

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APPREHENSION ORDER
No. 1193-298

Dear Sir:

In Re: ED DAVIS, aliases
W. E. DAVIS, KEITH STONE, SEBRON EDWARD DAVIS, GEORGE ALLEN, GEORGE KEITH ALLEN,
Subject of I. O. No. 1193

Identification Order No. 1193 on the above named subject is hereby cancelled, inasmuch as he was taken into custody at Los Angeles, California, on February 28, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover,

Director.

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March 7, 1934.

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of February 23rd, addressed to Mr. Floyd Smith, 1763 Broad Street, Augusta, Georgia, and forwarded to this office for further direction.

As a matter of information to you, this party was here at the Transient Bureau, which is under Federal supervision, and he made several statements to Officers of this Department, similar to the letter he addressed to you. However, our investigation developed that this party was mentally afflicted and is suffering from the hallucination that some gangsters have him on the "spot".

He left here several weeks ago, and after he left here he was arrested in the woods near Aiken, S.C., by or at the instigation of the Sheriff of Aiken County, S. C., and the Sheriff of Aiken County communicated with the Sheriff of this, Richmond County, and informed him that the sister and guardian of Floyd Smith lives in Newberry County, S.C., and that Sheriff Blease of Newberry County is familiar with his condition.

Very truly yours,

G. E. W. Britt

G. E. W. Britt,
Chief of Police.

cc-Mr. R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S.Department of Justice,
Jacksonville, Florida.

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March 21, 1934

Mr. G. E. W. Britt,
Chief of Police,
Augusta, Georgia.

My dear Chief:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 7, 1934, wherein you furnish information concerning one Floyd Smith, 1763 Broad Street, Augusta, Georgia, to whom this Division addressed a letter under date of February 23, 1934, acknowledging receipt of his letter dated February 10, 1934.

Thanking you for your information and cooperation in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 12, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1331 First National Bank Bldg.,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases (deceased), et al. - Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Please refer to my letter of recent date in which I informed you that A. B. Cooper with the Burns International Detective Agency of Oklahoma City had appeared at this office and stated that an informant of his had told him that Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd was supposed to be in hiding on a ranch near Clovis, New Mexico. It was indicated in this letter that very likely Mr. Cooper would be in that locality in the very near future, at which time he would desire to contact an agent of your office.

Mr. Cooper has informed me that he will be unable to make the trip into New Mexico in connection with this matter. It is, therefore, requested that at the earliest practicable time investigation be made in Clovis and vicinity in an effort to determine whether Floyd is in hiding, as indicated by Cooper.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Kansas City

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318 Newen Building
San Francisco, California.

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March 12, 1934.

Mr. Wm. H. McCarthy,
Postmaster,
San Francisco, California.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE. I.O. #1201, et al. Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a thirty day mail cover be placed on the mail of H. A. McFadden, Arlington Hotel, 420 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, and that this office be furnished with tracings of mail received by him for that period.

Your cooperation in this matter will be sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

Dear Sir:

VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased)
et al - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISON

With reference to the Division's communication of March 3, 1934 pertaining to the re-issue of Identification Orders upon Subject RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, I am transmitting herewith a specimen mimeographed letter similar to those which have been transmitted to the Postmasters in the district covered by the Pittsburgh Division Office.

Very truly yours,

E. A. TAMM
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box # 987,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

March 1934.

Postmaster

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of Division of Investigation Identification Order # 1201, bearing the photograph, physical description, and fingerprints of RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases, whose apprehension is being sought by this Division.

It will be noted from the attached Identification Order that Galatas is wanted in connection with the murder of various police officers and a Special Agent of the Division of Investigation in Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933.

Kindly post this Identification Order in a prominent place on the bulletin board in your Post Office Building.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Tamm.

E. A. TAMM.
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Brantley called from Oklahoma City and stated that there had been rumors to the effect that Galatas might be at Hot Springs advised that he has an Agent down there working under cover and if there is anything to the rumors they are going to make arrangements to make a raid. Mr. Brantley will call the Division on the telephone if anything develops.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley

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Washington, D. C.

March 14, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent in Charge Brantley of the Oklahoma City Office, telephoned last night at 9:45 P.M. to advise that through Special Agent Hartin at Hot Springs there had been located a house about twelve miles from Hot Springs, wherein it is believed Galatas is residing. Mr. Brantley stated that he was proceeding to Hot Springs with Agents F. Smith and Deaderick, would pick up Agent Chipman at Little Rock and proceed to Hot Springs and there meet Hartin and would immediately proceed this morning to the house wherein Galatas is supposed to be residing, and would advise the Division relative to the results of the raid on this house the first thing this morning, irrespective of whether Galatas is located or not.

I ~~also~~ suggested to Mr. Brantley that a re-investigation be made at Chickasha, Oklahoma with respect to the activities of one Lindsey and associates there, during the middle of June, 1933. Mr. Brantley stated that he had already discussed this matter with Agent Deaderick but that Deaderick did not feel that there was anything to this particular lead. I told him that the Division considered this lead a very important one and that there was today being a letter directed to him, emphasizing this fact. He stated that it would be given attention upon his return to Oklahoma City.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby

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March 14, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of even date in connection with the seventeen photographs of latent prints submitted by your office obtained in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller (Deceased), et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

You are advised that one of these latent prints appearing on what would seem to be a beer bottle has been identified with the right index fingerprint of Adam Richetti, our No. 174842, a copy of whose criminal record is attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

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

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Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to my telephone conversations with you on March 13th, particularly with reference to information shown in various reports in this matter relative to parties residing at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, from May 28, 1933, to June 19, 1933. It is noted that these individuals have been identified as Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Mrs. Paula Harmon.

The information in question was originally shown in the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, July 27, 1933, in this matter. The Kansas City office has borne the facts in this connection in mind throughout this investigation. It appears that the St. Paul office originally undertook investigation of the individuals who resided at the address on Vernon Avenue, in connection with the kidnaping of Wm. Hamm, who was kidnaped at St. Paul, Minnesota, on June 15, 1933, and returned by the kidnapers on June 19th after payment of ransom. It is shown that the men who resided at 204 Vernon Avenue were apparently absent from that residence during the period from June 15th to late on the night of June 19th, and that all of the individuals there departed hurriedly early on the morning of June 20, 1933. It is also indicated that they were possibly "tipped off" by someone in the St. Paul Police Department.

It will be noted also that Frank Nash, together with Mrs. Frances Nash, and her small daughter, stopped to visit the parties at 204 Vernon Avenue during the week of June 4 to 10, 1933. A latent fingerprint found at that residence was identified as that of Frank Nash. Mrs. Nash identified photographs of the Barkers and Karpis as the men who resided at 204 Vernon Avenue, when she and her husband visited there.

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Reference is made to letter from this office to the Division dated February 13, 1934, transmitting latent fingerprints found at the residence of Vernon C. Miller, 6612 Edgevale Road, Kansas City, Missouri, together with a list of suspects, whose fingerprints it was requested be compared with the latent prints. A copy of that letter was transmitted to the St. Paul office with report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 2-20-34, in the case of Alvin Karpis, et al, Kidnaping, Edward G. Bremer, Victim, as will be noted on page six of that report.

It is now suggested that the fingerprints of Wm. Hamm be also compared with the latent fingerprints found at the residence of Vernon C. Miller. However, these latent prints were taken from a telephone, a clock and several beer bottles. It would be improbable that Hamm's prints would be found on any of the objects except possibly on a beer bottle, if he were held captive at Miller's residence.

In the report of Agent Trainor dated at Kansas City, Missouri, July 3, 1933, in the instant matter, you will note on page twenty-three, in a memorandum by Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, that during a search of the premises at 6612 Edgevale Road, there was discovered an attic room, which had apparently been used for the harboring of an invalid, or wounded person. It is suggested as a possibility that the residence of Miller might have been used to harbor Wm. Hamm during the period of his captivity. This is suggested as a possibility. It is apparent that, assuming that Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis did participate in the kidnaping of Hamm and also in the instant massacre at Kansas City on June 17th, that they would probably have been in personal contact with Vernon C. Miller on June 17th.

In the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated at Kansas City, December 27, 1933, attention is called to an Essex Terraplane Sedan, purchased at Kansas City, Missouri, which was later seen at the residence at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, and later found in a garage in St. Paul, where it had been purchased by friends of the underworld mob, of which the Barkers are members. As to the exact identity of the individual who purchased the Essex car in Kansas City, it is pointed out that no definite identification has been made. It is the belief of the officials of the Hudson-Brace Motor Company that the party who purchased the car was Vernon C. Miller, whose photograph, among others, was shown to them. As a further indication of this fact, there is found on page twenty-one of the report of Agent Trainor dated July 3, 1933, at Kansas City mention of the fact that a card bearing the name Harry S. Young of the Hudson-Brace Motor Company was found at the residence of Vernon C. Miller. Young is the salesman who sold the Essex Terra Plane Sedan in question, but he has failed to make any identification of the photograph of

Miller, or anyone else and appears to be evasive.

Recently it was developed through investigation here that Mrs. Paula Harmon visited at the home of Vernon C. Miller, 6612 Edgevale Road, Kansas City, Missouri, during the first part of May 1933. It is definitely shown that she was in Kansas City on May 13, when she personally secured a package of jewelry from the Railway Express Agency at this place. Frank B. Mulloy of this case has identified a photograph of Paula Harmon and also a photograph of Arthur R. Barker as a man who was in company with Paula Harmon about May 13th in Kansas City. It was stated by Mulloy that Miller had a dark red sedan, the make of which he claimed not to know. The Essex Sedan was a car of that color. It is possible that Paula Harmon and Barker might have secured the Essex car from Miller on the occasion of their visit during May, 1933.

The Kansas City office is not in possession of complete details in the Hamm kidnaping case, and it is suggested that a report showing these details be forwarded to this office.

I conversed telephonically on March 13th with Inspector Rorer in St. Paul concerning the matters shown in this letter.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Division of Investigation
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Suite L -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
March 14, 1934.

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

Sergeant Earl C. Switzer,
Police Department,
Detroit, Michigan.

MAR 19 1934 AM
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your recent letter to this office requesting that George Kelly, an inmate in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, be questioned as to where Red Mc Laughlin, a Chicago character, may be located. It is noted that you desire this information in connection with clearing up the murder of Vernon C. Miller, who was killed at Detroit, apparently by gangsters several weeks ago.

At the earliest opportunity, this information will be secured, if possible, from Kelly, and you will be advised.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Detroit office of this Division, and when the information is obtained, you may secure it direct from there.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 7, 1934.

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

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to instructions from Mr. H. H. Clegg of the Division, I called to see Kathryn Kelly yesterday at the Federal Detention Farm near Milan, Michigan. I discussed with her at some length the feasibility of transferring Vi Mathis to the Detention Farm, and she said that she believed that if she and Vi Mathis are kept together for a period of time, she can get the true story of the Kansas City massacre. She remarked that she and Vi Mathis had formerly been very close friends and at one time occupied an apartment together.

Mrs. Kelly suggested that Vi Mathis be transferred with women who are not intimately acquainted with her. She advised against transferring Bobbie Moore, saying that if Bobbie Moore came to the Detention Farm, it would be detrimental to her efforts to secure information, as the Moore woman and Vi Mathis are real good friends and naturally would make confidantes of each other. When Vi Mathis is transferred to the Detention Farm, Mrs. Kelly suggests that no one from the Division call to see her for fear of arousing the suspicion of the Mathis woman. She said that after she has secured information, she will send a note to Special Agent in Charge Larson at Detroit through the Superintendent of the Home in order that she may be interviewed. She stated that Vi Mathis is a very shrewd woman and would undoubtedly become suspicious if Federal agents called to see her, Mrs. Kelly, very often.

Mrs. Kelly impressed me with her desire to cooperate with the Government to the fullest extent possible, and after giving the plan careful consideration, she said that she will be greatly surprised if she does not obtain the complete story of the killings at Kansas City.

In view of Mrs. Kelly's cooperation in the past and her promised cooperation in the future, I believe it would be advisable, if possible, to enable her to correspond frequently with her daughter, who now resides in Oklahoma. Mrs. Kelly stated that she has a small radio

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which she would like to have brought to the prison farm, but she says that under existing regulations as they pertain to herself, she is unable to do so. I feel that consideration in this respect would make her more valuable to the Division.

For your information, Mrs. Kelly stated that a man named Boyer of Gainesville, Texas, formerly furnished machine guns to George Kelly. This individual is well known at Gainesville and has business stationery showing that he supplies machine guns, hand grenades, etc. It will be noted in my memorandum of recent date, in reference to the case entitled "Eddie Doll with aliases - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act", that Doll stated Kelly was able to purchase machine guns from an unknown individual in Gainesville, Texas.

Mrs. Kelly was questioned about the identity of Whitie Anderson, who was mentioned by Eddie Doll as a likely suspect in the Bremer kidnaping case. She stated that Whitie Anderson is well known to George Kelly and in fact formerly robbed banks with him. She suggested that Kelly be interviewed for definite information regarding this individual.

During the interview Mrs. Kelly asked me if I had ever talked about the Lindbergh kidnaping with George Kelly. When informed that I had not, she suggested that Kelly be questioned about a statement made to him by Gus Winkler to the effect that the latter knew about the death of the Lindbergh baby. In this connection she said Kelly told her that Winkler, in relating the Lindbergh incident, said that the baby had been dropped from a ladder while the kidnapers were making their escape from the Lindbergh home. She had no more definite information in reference thereto but intimated that Kelly might have.

While talking about the Urschel kidnaping case, Mrs. Kelly informed me that the two individuals convicted at Oklahoma City for possession of the ransom money at St. Paul did not receive the money from George Kelly or Albert Bates. She said that she accompanied her husband, Kelly, to the office of Tommy Banks in Minneapolis shortly after the ransom money was received, where Kelly left over $30,000.00 of the money with Banks to be exchanged. She related that Banks received 5% of the face value of the money for having it changed. She recalled that at a later date she accompanied Kelly to Banks' place, where additional ransom money coming from the Urschel case was left with Banks. She said she did not know just how much money was left there at that time but the agreement was that Banks was to exchange it and pay Kelly $12,000.00. She remarked that "It got hot" in the Twin Cities, so she and Kelly had to leave without collecting the money. She said that Banks has never paid them the $12,000.00 he owes.

She stated that while she and George Kelly were in the Twin Cities, on one of the occasions before mentioned, Albert Bates arrived with $40,000.00 of the money received from the Urschel family. Bates approached Banks to have this money exchanged but Kathryn Kelly does not know what disposition was made of it. In conclusion, she stated that the two men convicted just "took the rap" for Tommy Banks.

She was questioned about the remainder of the ransom money and she recalled that Albert Bates told her that he had the money buried in thermos jugs on the farm of a friend somewhere near Denver, Colorado. Bates mentioned the name of the friend, but Mrs. Kelly could not recall it. In connection with the foregoing, I may state that while talking to Bates in Oklahoma City and at the Leavenworth Penitentiary, he intimated that Kathryn Kelly had a general idea of where the ransom money was buried. He remarked, however, that he did not think she could find it in a thousand years. Kathryn Kelly said she hoped that Bates would accumulate enough sense to turn the money back so "some of the heat" on them might be taken off.

As Mrs. Kelly has previously stated to me, she reiterated that there is no doubt in her mind but that there is a leak in information from the St. Paul office. She said that at one time she knew the name of an individual who furnished Tommy Banks and Jack Pfeiffer with information from the Division files but could not recall it. In this connection she stated that while Keating and Holden were fugitives in St. Paul, their whereabouts was learned by a Government agent. Through Tommy Banks, Keating and Holden paid $5,000.00 to an agent for protection. This agent, according to Mrs. Kelly, was given to understand by Tommy Banks that he would be "bumped off" if he double-crossed Keating and Holden on the pay-off. She suggested that Keating and Holden might be interviewed to advantage for information regarding the identity of the agent who received the pay-off.

The information set forth above in so far as it pertains to the arrangements to have Vi Mathis transferred to the Detention Farm was discussed with Mr. Newby of the Division by telephone on the night of March 6, 1934, while I was in Detroit, Michigan. Today, while talking to Mr. Newby, I informed him that Eddie Doll had requested me to interview him as soon as he received his sentence. Mr. Newby advised me that Doll is now incarcerated in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kas., and sanctioned my return to Kansas City for the purpose of an interview with Doll and other individuals in the penitentiary, who may have information regarding the Kansas City massacre and the Bremer case.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent

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March 13, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

During a recent interview with Kathryn Kelly, she advised an agent of the Division that a man named Boyer of Gainesville, Texas, formerly furnished machine guns to George Kelly and is in the business of supplying machine guns, hand grenades, etc. to known gangsters. Eddie LaRue alias Eddie Doll, while being questioned at St. Petersburg, Florida, also advised that Kelly was able to obtain machine guns, etc. through an individual at Gainesville, Texas.

It is requested that an investigation be conducted by your office concerning Boyer and his business, to determine whether he is, in fact, supplying machine guns and other weapons to notorious criminals.

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 Sirs

Reference is made to the personal and confidential letter submitted by Special Agent H. L. Anderson, dated at Chicago, Illinois, March 7, 1934, copies of which are attached hereto, in connection with the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased), et al - Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

It is requested that Agent Anderson interview George Kelly concerning the identity and activities of Whitie Anderson and also about the Lindbergh kidnaping case, with particular reference to a statement which, according to Mrs. Kelly, was made to him by Gus Winkler to the effect that Winkler had information concerning the death of the Lindbergh baby. Kelly should also be questioned carefully by Agent Anderson regarding the statement made to him by Mrs. Kelly to the effect that she accompanied her husband to the office of Tom Banks in Minneapolis shortly after the ransom in the Urschel kidnaping case was received, where Kelly left over $30,000 of the money with Banks to be exchanged. The Division is in receipt of several reports to the effect that Tom Banks did receive this ransom money and it is requested that all the information in Kelly's possession be obtained in order that an appropriate investigation may be conducted to establish this fact, if, indeed, it is a fact. Albert Bates should also be questioned by Agent Anderson concerning this matter.

In connection with Kathryn Kelly's statement to the effect that through Tom Banks, Keating and Holden paid $5,000 to an agent for protection, it is requested that Agent Anderson interview Keating and Holden concerning this bribe in an effort to establish the identity of the individual receiving same.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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Suite L -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
March 14, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a photographic negative enlargement of a machine-gun bullet numbered as "Exhibit 4," which exploded shell case was found at the Union Railroad Station, Kansas City, Missouri, immediately after the massacre on June 17th. As the Division has been previously advised, this shell case is in the possession of Merle A. Gill, Forensic Ballistician at Kansas City. Mr. Gill made the enlargement of this shell case, and, as a matter of courtesy, furnished it to the Kansas City office.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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DIRECTOR

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to your teletype message of March 10, 1934, requesting authority to rent a room from March 10, 1934 until June 1, 1934 at a cost of $25.00, it is requested that the Division be advised whether this room could have been rented for a shorter period of time at less expense to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

During telephonic conversation today, Agent in Charge Conroy at Kansas City stated he thought Agent Andersen should interview a man at the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City, who has made a statement somewhat similar to the one made by Eddie LaRue regarding the participants in the Kansas City massacre. He stated he felt that Agent Andersen should also interview the ten-year-old daughter of Vi Miller at Brainerd, Minnesota; that a lead to this effect had been sent to St. Paul but it evidently had not been taken care of. I agreed with Mr. Conroy to these suggestions. I also instructed that Kathryn Kelly should be "eased up on" following Mr. Andersen's talk with her.

I called Mr. Conroy's attention to the memorandum prepared by Agent Hall at St. Paul in connection with the Bremer case, setting forth the fact that some of the occupants of the house in which the fingerprints of Frank Nash were found, were members of the Karpis-Barker gang and occupants of a house on Hennepin Avenue, which was the headquarters of the gang preliminary to the Bremer kidnaping. I instructed him to obtain a copy of this memorandum from Mr. Rorer if he did not already have it in his possession. Mr. Conroy also called attention to the fact that before he left Kansas City for the West Coast he mailed to Washington two or three dozen negatives of fingerprints which were secured from the beer bottle at the place where Verne Miller was residing. He stated he thought it was extremely important that they be included in the single fingerprint file at the earliest possible moment. I told him I would look into this situation immediately.

Mr. Conroy telephoned later today and stated he was unable to locate the memorandum prepared by Mr. Hall, referred to above, although the Kansas City Office is rather well informed along that angle. Mr. Conroy called attention to the fact that Hamm was kidnaped on June 15, released on the 19th, and that the Kansas City massacre occurred on the 17th. He stated that when Verne Miller's home was searched there were indications that the attic had been occupied. On the presumption that the Karpis-Barker gang was involved in the Hamm kidnaping and in the massacre, he stated there might be a possibility that they brought Hamm to Verne Miller's place in Kansas City. Mr. Conroy stated that in his letter of February 13th, relative to analysis of the fingerprints, these fingerprints were taken from a clock, beer bottles, and another object. He suggested that Hamm's fingerprints be compared with these prints. I told him I would have this done. I called Mr. Conroy's attention to the fact that Mr. Hall sets forth in his memorandum that the Essex car in St. Paul, which the Kansas City Office believed to have been in the possession of Verne Miller, is now believed to have been in the possession of Karpis instead of Miller. Mr. Conroy will get in touch with Mr. Rorer concerning these matters.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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March 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG.

I am quoting the following from a letter which I have just received from Special Agent in Charge Jones of the San Antonio Office:

"I have just received Agent Shivers' report from Jacksonville relative to statements made by Edward Doll. He mentions using the name of L. E. Lang. I recall several telegrams we obtained in the Urschel case passing between Kelly, using the name of Shannon and L. E. Lang. We were never able to identify Lang. The messages were indicative that Kelly and Lang had a meeting planned a few days before the Urschel kidnaping. I have written the Division a letter suggesting that the Urschel file be reviewed and that in any subsequent interview with Dall this be cleared up.

"Matters of this kind very forcibly indicate that in any major matter such as a major kidnaping or the Kansas City shooting each Bureau office should be furnished with all detail reports. I have to refer to the Lang matter by memory as I do not have copies of the Urschel reports here. In following out leads in this district relative to the Karpis-Barker gang it is noticed references to other reports and letters which we do not have. I realize this suggestion would entail considerable clerical work; however, in my opinion it would be well worth it, as in a major case, such as some I have mentioned, some office may have, or develop information at any time."

Will you please give the matters referred to in the above excerpts careful and close attention. In regard to the second suggestion which Mr. Jones offers, namely, the furnishing of field offices with detailed reports, I was of the impression that steps were being taken along this line. Will you please inform me as to this angle.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

On December 30, 1933, at Shawnee, Oklahoma, Wilbur Underhill, for whom a Federal warrant of arrest was issued under the indictment returned at Kansas City, Missouri, September 1, 1933, charging him with Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner, was located in a house at 606 West Dewey Street. The Special Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City Office, upon receiving this information, organized a posse and proceeded to Shawnee, Oklahoma. He was accompanied by Special Agents Frank Smith, K. B. Deederick, G. H. Franklin, J. M. Edgar, T. M. Birch and Paul Hansen; Deputy Sheriffs V. I. Eads, John Adams, George Kerr and George Catron; and Oklahoma City Police Detectives Lieutenant C. O. Hurt, Charles Ryan and B. A. Bryce. Upon arriving in Shawnee, Oklahoma, the night Chief of Police, Frank Bryant, was contacted but apparently exhibited reluctance to raid the house in which Underhill had been located for the reason that he had learned that it had been rented to one Hatley Smith, a well known insurance man of Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Wilbur Underhill

Acting pursuant to instructions of the Special Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City Office of this Division, the raid was made upon the house. Upon arriving at the rear of the house, Underhill was plainly seen near one of the back windows in a brightly lighted room. Detective Lieutenant Hurt approached the window and shouted, "Wilbur, throw up your hands! This is the law." Underhill hesitated for a moment and then suddenly whirled to pick up his gun, at which time Hurt fired directly at him with a tear gas gun and the Special Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City Office also fired point-blank at Underhill with a Thompson machine-gun, Underhill falling to the floor. Hurt and the Agent in Charge after firing into the house, backed away from the window in order to be out of sight. At about this time, gun flashes came through the side window of the house, and officers in the rear opened fire directly into the house and the squad of officers stationed in front of the house thereupon opened fire into the house from that direction. After the firing ceased it was discovered that Underhill had escaped from the house and had taken refuge in a second-hand furniture store owned by R.E. Owens, 509 East Main Street, Shawnee, where he was taken into custody and because of the serious wounds was immediately removed to the Shawnee Municipal Hospital. On January 6, 1934, he was removed from the Hospital to the State Penitentiary, at McAlester, Oklahoma, where he died on that date from wounds received while resisting arrest.

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Subsequent investigation discloses that the house in which Underhill had been located had been sub-let by Hatley Smith to one Ralph Rowe, who, with Eva Mae Nichols, was occupying the premises on the night of December 29, 1933, when Underhill and his wife, Hazel Hudson Underhill arrived there.

As a result of the shooting, Ralph Rowe, and Eva Mae Nichols were wounded, and through arrangements made by the Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City Office of this Division, they were carried to the Shawnee Municipal Hospital. On the morning of December 31, 1933, the Nichols woman succumbed from the wounds received. Had she lived, criminal proceedings would have been instituted against her on charges of harboring a fugitive, Underhill, for whom a warrant of arrest had been issued.

On January 24, 1934, complaint was filed before United States Commissioner Eacock, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, charging Ralph Rowe and Elmer A. Inman, with Conspiracy to harbor Underhill, and at the preliminary hearing held February 8, 1934, sufficient evidence was presented to United States Commissioner George J. Eacock to hold Rowe for the action of the Federal Grand Jury. No further prosecutive action has been taken with respect to Rowe.

Investigation discloses that Eva Mae Nichols was occupying the same bedroom with Ralph Rowe and that Underhill and his wife were occupying an adjoining bedroom at the time the officers arrived at the house.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby

R. E. Newby

U. S. Department of Justice
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Suite L
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Director,
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Dear Sir:

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

Please refer to my letter of March 13th relative to a certain Essex terraplane sedan purchased at Kansas City, Missouri, by a party who was believed possibly identical with Vernon C. Miller. As noted, the question was not definitely determine as to who had purchased the car because of the evasive attitude shown by the salesman who sold the car, namely, Harry S. Young of the Hudson-Brace Motor Company at Kansas City and, further, in view of the inability of other employees of the company to make a positive identification.

As outlined in the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, in this case, December 27, 1933, there is traced a chain of title from a Chevrolet coupe once in possession of Alvin Karpis to the car which was used as a trade-in on the Essex car, when the latter was purchased at Kansas City.

On March 14th, in a further effort to establish the exact identity of the party who purchased this Essex car from the Hudson-Brace Motor Company at Kansas City, Missouri, on April 15, 1933, Special Agents H. E. Andersen and W. F. Trainor had a further interview with Harry S. Young, now employed by the Atlas Acceptance Corporation of Kansas City. Mr. Young was requested to come to this office and upon interview his first statement was, "I thought that whole matter was cleared up, now since that fellow was killed." He indicated then that he was referring to Vernon C. Miller as the party killed, and when asked whether he knew that Vernon C. Miller was the party who purchased the Essex car, he repeated that he was sure of the identity of Miller as the purchaser. He sought to cover himself at this time by stating that he had previously informed the Agents who interviewed him that Miller was the man, altho same is not the case, since he was interviewed on three successive occasions by Agents Trainor and H.D.Bray. He was

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requested on March 14th to outline the details of the transaction which took place between him and Miller when the Essex car was sold. He stated that he received a telephone call from someone requesting him to come to the Netherlands Hotel at 35th and Main Streets on the day he sold that car; that he proceeded there, where he met Miller and another man, whose name he does not know. At that point he was asked how he recognized Miller, as he claimed he had not met him before, and Young at that juncture halted, and admitted that he had been lying on previous occasions. He stated that he does not under any circumstances desire to be quoted, especially if an interview is had with June Kathrens, proprietor of the Kathrens Moving & Storage Company; however, he stated that June Kathrens called him by telephone on the day he sold the Essex car, requested him to come to Kathrens' office at 35th and Main Streets, and when he arrived there, he met Vernon C. Miller, who used the alias Carter, and that Miller had with him another man, whose size was about the same as that of Miller, and who was around 28 years of age, of a rather rough appearance. He stated that Miller desired to purchase an Essex car and seemed indifferent as to what color the car might be or what would be the price of it. Young at that time proceeded with Miller and his companion in the Chevrolet Sedan in possession of Miller to the Hudson-Brace Motor Company, where the trade-in car was appraised, and Miller immediately selected the Essex Sedan, which was the first one at which he looked. He informed Young at that time that he did not care what color the new car might be, except that he wished a dark colored car. The sedan that was sold to him was a maroon color. Miller and his companion drove away after a few minutes during which the transaction was closed, and later that afternoon delivered the Chevrolet sedan which was traded in and paid the remainder of the purchase price. Miller was alone on the afternoon occasion when he returned and paid for the Essex car and took the Essex car with him. A Missouri 1933 license tag was secured for Miller under the alias Carter by the Hudson-Brace Motor Company, when the car was purchased, and the address of the Kathrens Moving & Storage Company was given in the application for the license.

Miller was explicit in stating to Young that he desired the Kansas License Tags, which were on the Chevrolet car traded in, to be disposed of and not allowed to get into other hands. Therefore, Young took the Kansas License Tags and placed them in his own automobile and later, when he was connected with the Lampe Service Company at Kansas City, Missouri, he handed them to one Milton Hodge, who used them on a stolen Plymouth car. Incidentally, Hodge was arrested subsequently in possession of a stolen car, which had been stolen at Kansas City,

Missouri, and he was turned over to the State authorities at North Kansas City, Missouri, where he was prosecuted for automobile theft. Inquiry by this office in connection with Hodge developed these facts several weeks ago, but no connection on his part with Miller was established, as it was then found that he secured the Kansas license tags in the manner outlined herein.

Young was unable to furnish any additional information regarding the association of June Kathrens with Vernon C. Miller, but he stated that Kathrens had approached him shortly after the massacre on June 17, 1933, requesting that if he, Young, were ever interviewed by Federal Agents in connection with the car sold to Miller he, Kathrens, would appreciate Young evading an admission of the actual facts. Kathrens informed Young on that occasion, according to his present statement, that he had seen Miller only at the time when he had introduced him to Young. This appears to be a falsehood, in view of the fact that Kathrens and Frank B. Mulloy, a Subject in this case, are business partners.

Photographs of numerous individuals were shown to Harry S. Young on March 14th, and he selected that of Volney Davis, who is prominently mentioned in connection with this end the Bremer kidnaping case, as a possible likeness of the man who accompanied Miller when he sold him the Essex car.

Further questioning of Kathrens in connection with this matter is intended in the near future.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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MARCH 15, 1934

D BRANTLEY
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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224 FEDERAL BUILDING
OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

REFERENCE YOUR LETTER FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHTH DAVAGE HOUSE SHAWNEE OKLAHOMA

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS

Confirming verbal conversation between you and Mr. Cowley of this Division, I will appreciate it if you will have Vivian Mathis transferred to Milan, Michigan where she can be associated with Kathryn Kelly. Mrs. Kelly has shown a disposition to cooperate with this Division and has submitted valuable information in connection with other matters. She believes that, if associated with Vivian Mathis, she may be able to obtain information concerning the Kansas City massacre case from Vivian Mathis which, in turn, she will give to this Division.

Vivian Mathis, a known associate of Vernon C. Miller, who is serving a sentence for harboring a fugitive, very likely has valuable information concerning this case, which she may give to Kathryn Kelly, if they are together.

It is desired that Bobbie Moore, a close associate of Vivian Mathis, who is also serving a sentence on a charge of harboring Vernon C. Miller, not be transferred to Milan, Michigan as that would make it possible for Vivian Mathis to confide in her rather than Kathryn Kelly.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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Suite L
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P O Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter of February 22, 1934, addressed by the St. Louis office to the Kansas City office, a copy of which is indicated for you, pertaining to the theft by Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Racchetti of a 1933 model Pontiac Coupe at Cromwell, Oklahoma, on June 7, 1933, which car appears to have been transported to Bolivar, Missouri.

Investigation is to be made at Bolivar in the near future. However, in view of the fact that Bolivar is a small town, and the records of motor numbers may not be available, it is suggested that inquiry be made as soon as possible at Cromwell, Oklahoma, where the owner of the car, who is reported to be a school teacher of the Excelsior Consolidated District, will probably be found.

This matter will be handled as a separate National Motor Vehicle Theft violation in the Kansas City office.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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

March 14, 1934.

MR. NATHAN
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MR. CLEGG
MR. COWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. EGAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. KOREN

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Edwards called advising that of the latent fingerprints which had been in the Kansas City office files and recently forwarded in connection with the Kansas City massacre case, one of the fingerprints had been identified as that of Adam Richetti. I asked Mr. Newby to immediately advise the Kansas City office by telegram.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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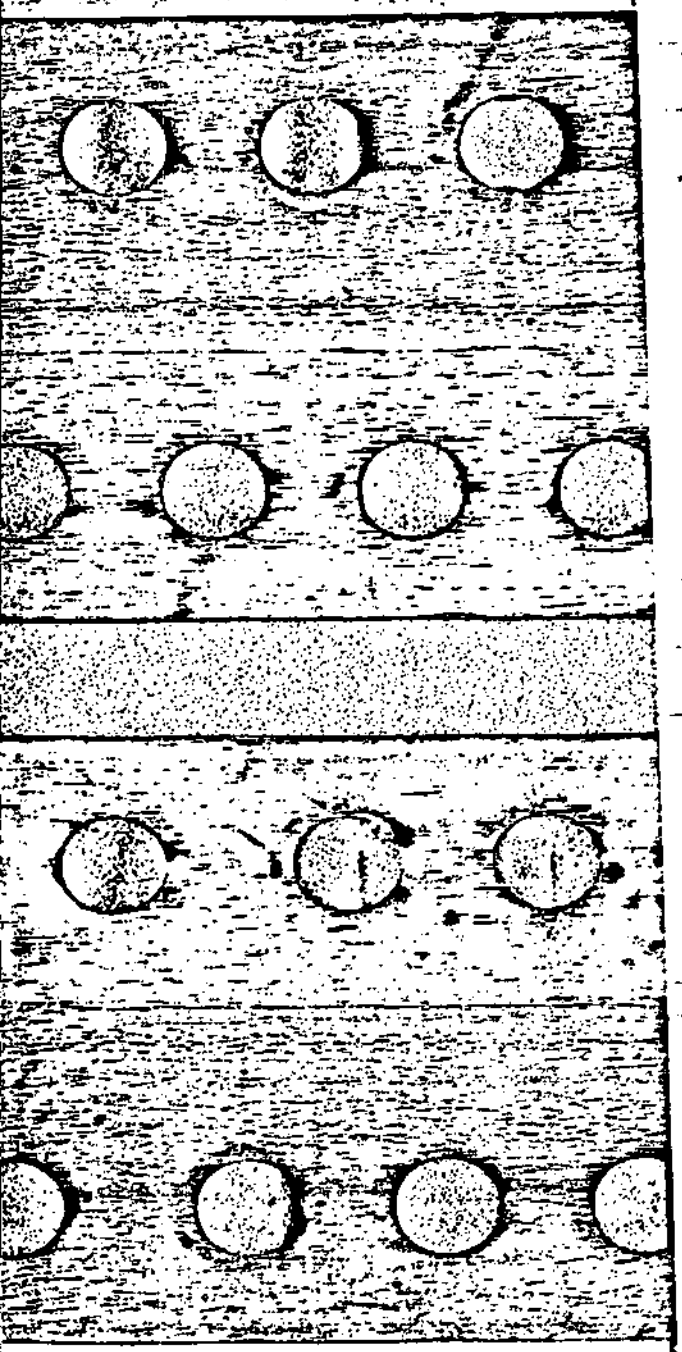

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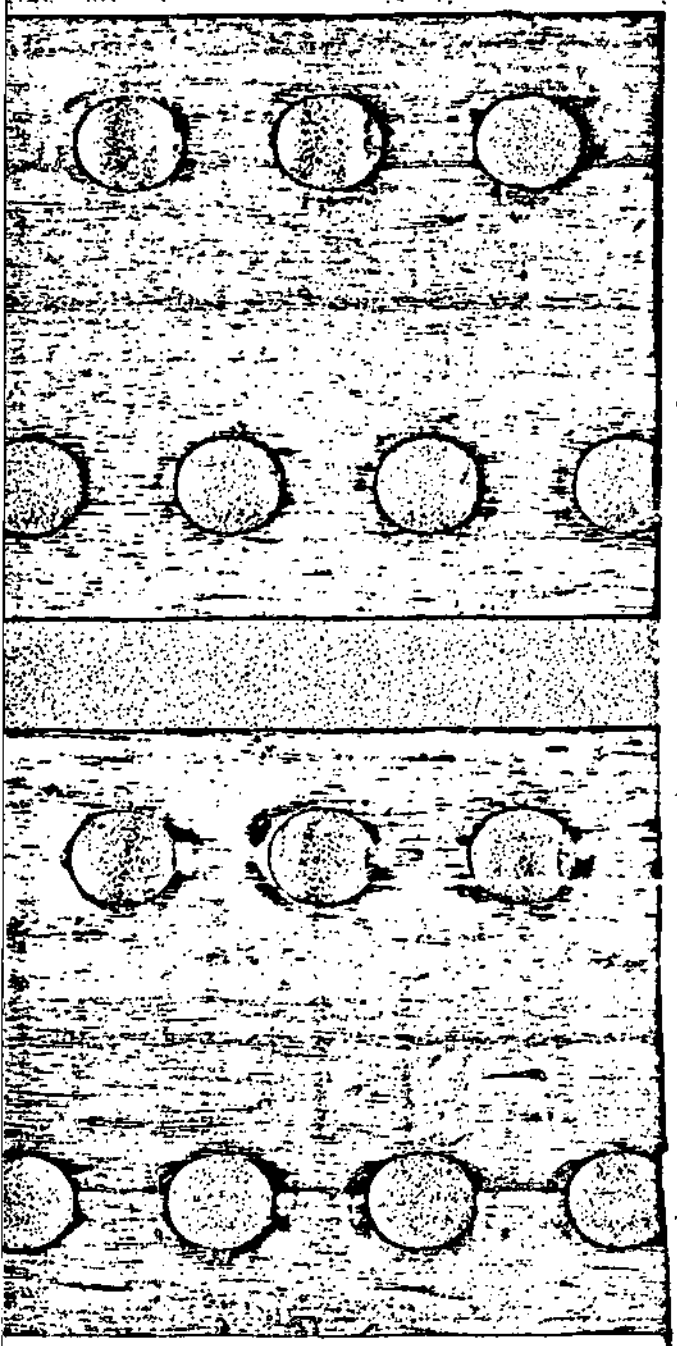

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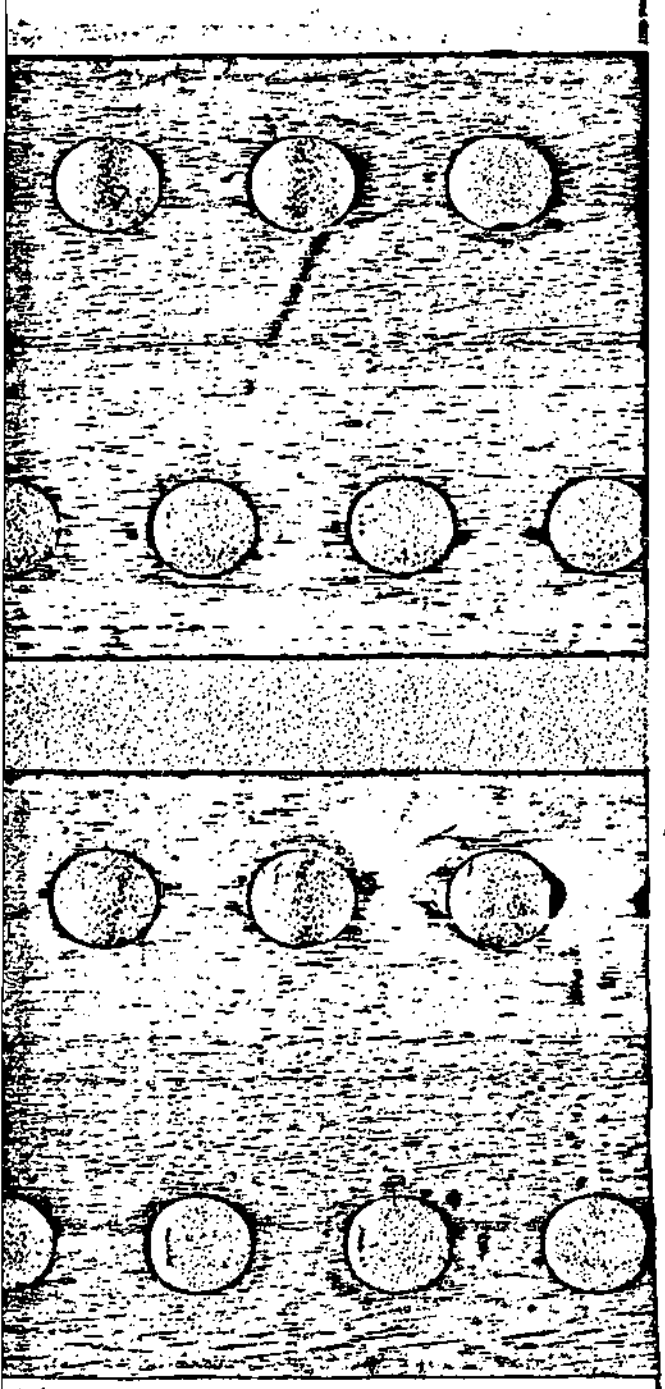

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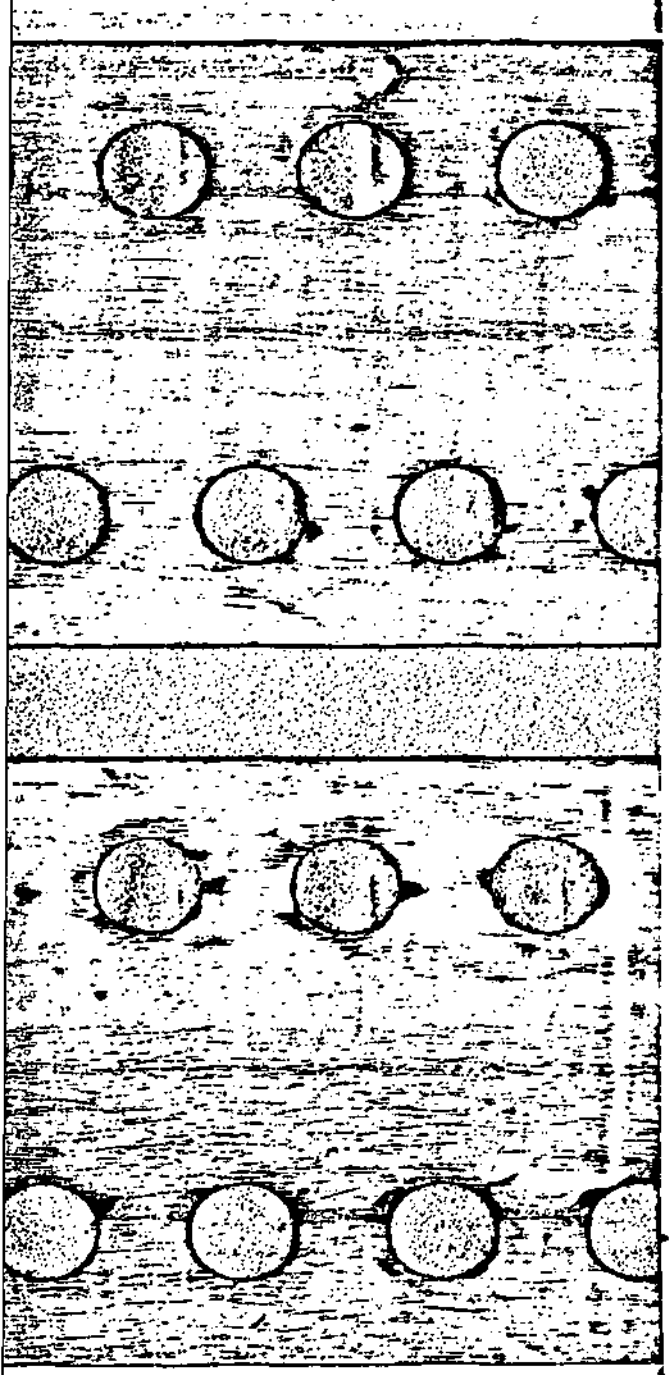

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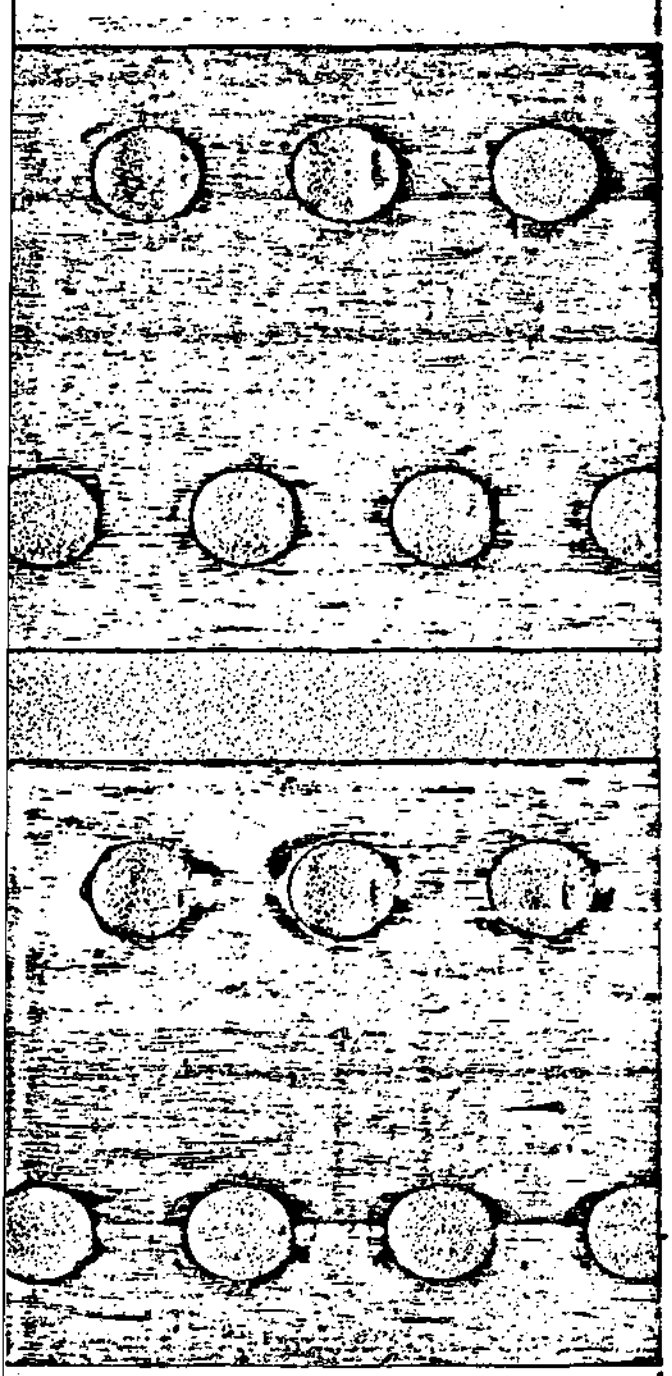

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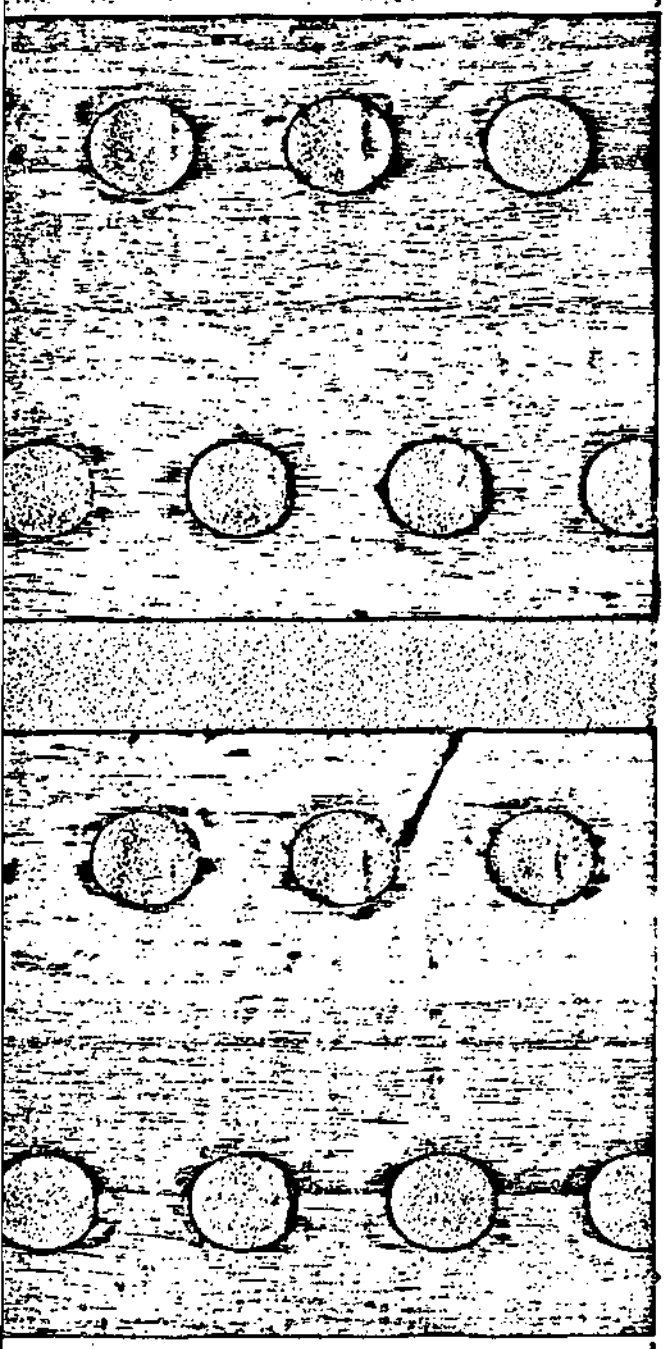

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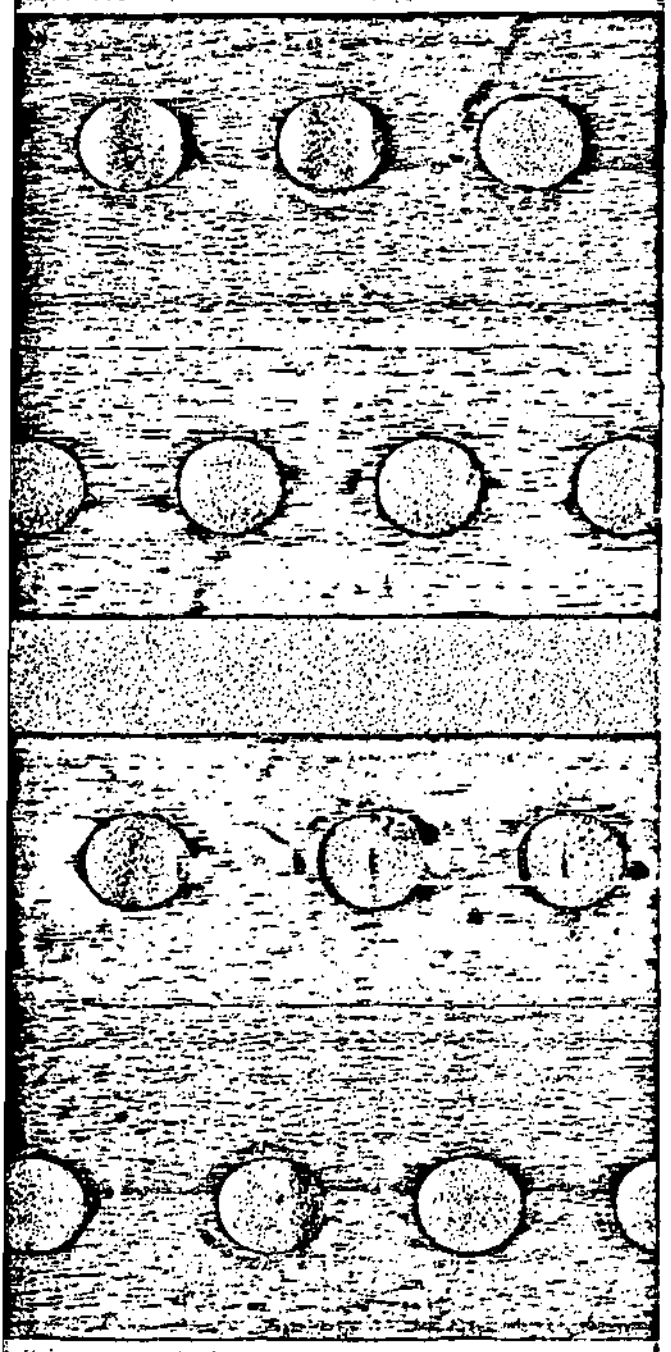

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of another letter dated Healdton, Oklahoma, March 11, 1934, from one A. W. Crawford. A previous letter dated August 3, 1933, was received from Mr. Crawford and was referred to in Division letter addressed to your office dated August 17, 1933.

Mr. Crawford again makes reference to his knowledge concerning the whereabouts of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and others. You are instructed to have an Agent interview Mr. Crawford at the earliest practicable date, for the purpose of obtaining whatever information he cares to disclose to this Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc Kansas City

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Mr. Arthur W. Crawford,
Hamilton, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 11, 1934, wherein you state that you have information concerning the whereabouts of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and that you are desirous of obtaining employment with this Division.

You are advised that the investigative work of this Division is performed by Special Agents and to be eligible for appointment to this Division, the applicant must be between the ages of 25 and 35 years, and a graduate of a recognized law school, or an expert accountant, with at least two years of practical accounting experience. If you possess the requisite qualifications for the position of Special Agent, an application blank will be sent to you, upon further request. At the present time there are no vacancies in this service.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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March 14, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the seventeen original negatives of latent fingerprints obtained by your office at the "hangout" of Vernon Miller in connection with your investigation into the case entitled Vernon C. Miller (Deceased), et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

An examination of these latent prints in the Division indicates three of them are identical with the fingerprints of Vernon Miller and twelve have been found to be identical with the fingerprints of Thelma Collins alias Vivian Matthews. In addition, two have been completely searched through the single fingerprint file maintained in the Division with negative results. Further comparisons are being made between the remaining latent prints and the fingerprints of the named suspects, and such of those which remain unidentified which can be classified will be searched through the single fingerprint file.

In connection with the above identifications it is noted your office failed to indicate which of these latent prints had been identified with the fingerprints of Miller.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

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March 14, 1934

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

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE. Identification Order #1201.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

I am very much concerned over the lack of progress being made in the above entitled investigation, and from a review of the file at the Division, there appears an important angle of this investigation in the district covered by your office which has not received the attention it warrants. I refer to the activities of one, George Lindsey, Jr., and associates at Chickasha, Oklahoma, during the middle of June, 1933.

Reference is made to pages 40 and 41, of the report of Special Agent R. E. Vetterli, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, June 26, 1933, wherein information obtained from one Doctor Farr is set forth. At the bottom of page 40, these sentences are noted:

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"The boys are taking the wounded man to Seminole, Oklahoma early in the morning (meaning the 21st - June 21, 1933). There is a negro doctor at Seminole who will take care of him temporarily."

On page 41 this sentence is noted:

"This information was telephoned to the Oklahoma City office, to be relayed to Chief of Police Jake Sims at Seminole."

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The Division files do not reflect a copy of any communication emanating from the Oklahoma City Office reflecting that this matter was taken care of. There is, however, a copy of a letter dated June 29, 1933, addressed to the Kansas City Office by Special Agent in Charge R. H. Colvin, wherein at the top of page 2, the following quoted paragraph is noted:

> "A letter has been received from the Sheriff's Office at Chickasha, Oklahoma, stating that on June 21, 1933, they were called to investigate a car and its occupants about one mile south of Chickasha, where the car was seen being driven very rapidly. They found the car parked and the alleged owner gave his name as Mr. Lindsay of Kansas City, Missouri. He showed his driver's license from Kansas City in that name. He was supposed to be visiting some relatives at Chickasha and was driving a Cadillac Sedan with Missouri license #313,398. The opinion of the Sheriff's office was that this man is a racketeer from Kansas City, and they thought we might desire to look up the record of this car."

It does not appear that the matter referred to in the above quoted paragraph was ever given investigative attention by the Oklahoma City office until some time in January of this year when Special Agent T. M. Birch, an inexperienced Agent, was assigned to make an investigation at Chickasha with reference to the matter, as reflected in letter of the Oklahoma City office, dated January 13, 1934, addressed to the Kansas City office. It does not appear that an investigative report was ever submitted covering this investigation, although the information obtained by Special Agent Birch appears to be very material to the instant case. It is noted from this letter that Deputy Sheriff Al. Marlow, of Chickasha, was called to a residence two miles south of Chickasha on June 14, 1933. This date is at variance with the date June 21, 1933, referred to above, as reflected by the letter of the Oklahoma City office dated June 29, 1933. It is possible that Deputy Sheriff Marlow, in furnishing this information to Special Agent Birch recalled the date as occurring on a Wednesday. It is also noted that Mrs. Downey stated that George

Lindsey, Jr. arrived at her home on June 15, 1933.

The Division desires that an immediate and exhaustive investigation be made at Chickasha, Oklahoma, for the purpose of establishing the identity of the individuals who accompanied George Lindsey, Jr. and the date he arrived and departed from Chickasha. This can possibly be established by reference to the letter received from the Sheriff, wherein the matter was originally reported to the Oklahoma City office. Photographs of all known associates of the Barker-Karpis gang should be exhibited to Mrs. Downey, as well as to neighbors and residents of Chickasha, for the purpose of establishing whether these individuals are known to frequent that vicinity.

The Division desires that you give this matter your personal attention, and reference should be made to Division letter dated December 7, 1933, addressed to the Kansas City office, and the memorandum dated February 12, 1934, covering activities of Edward Doll, alias "Eddie" LaRue, Identification Order #1214, which memorandum was transmitted to your office with copy of Division letter dated February 24, 1934, addressed to Mr. W. A. Rorer, at the St. Paul office of the Division.

The information regarding the negro doctor at Seminole, Oklahoma, appears to have been corroborated as reflected in the reports of Special Agents G. A. Stevens, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, January 16, 1934 and J. J. Perkins, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, February 21, 1934. Also it does not appear that Williams administered to the wounds of the persons referred to by "Curly". Further investigation should be made for the purpose of locating the doctor who did, in fact, administer to the wounds.

Photographs of associates of the Barker-Karpis gang should be exhibited to Williams in order to establish whether these individuals are known to him.

There are transmitted with each copy of this letter abstracts of the criminal record appearing in the files of the Identification Unit of this Division concerning one Charles Clouse, #3534 Police Department, Des Moines, Iowa, together with the photographic reproduction of a post office circular dated September 9, 1927, containing

photographs of this individual, together with the photograph taken by the Police Department, Sioux City, Iowa, December 11, 1920, of Clouse, as P. G. Hanford, #2143.

The Kansas City office is requested to exhibit these photographs to Doctor Farr in order to establish whether Clouse is the individual referred to by him as "Curly".

It is noted in the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 15, 1933, that the post office circular dated January 17, 1929, bearing photographs of Charles P. Clouse, alias "Curly" has been exhibited to Doctor Farr, who was unable to identify the photograph as being a likeness of the man known to him as "Curly".

All offices receiving a copy of this letter should refer to the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 15, 1933, and other communications referred to above, wherein it will be noted that George Lindsey, Jr. has very definite connections with the underworld of Kansas City, Missouri, and that the green Cadillac Sedan very nearly fits the description of one of the cars driven by the assassins in this case. The Division deems it advisable to approach Lindsey in a direct manner, without disclosing the information in the possession of the Division, and question him very thoroughly in regard to this case. It is also possible that he has information concerning the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

Enclosure 685150

cc-Kansas City
St. Paul
Chicago

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Post Office Department

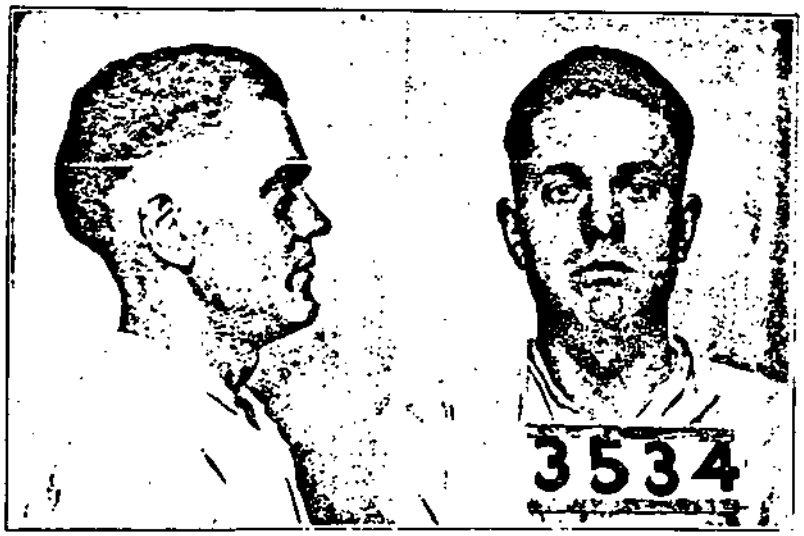
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

CASE NO. 79571-D

SEPTEMBER 9, 1927.

Reward - $2,000.00

Wanted for Hold-up and Post Office Burglary.



CHARLES P. CLOUSE, alias "Curly" Clouse (1922).

DESCRIPTION

Age, 35 (1927); height, 5 feet 9¾ inches; weight, 174 pounds; hair, blonde and curly; eyes, blue; complexion, fair. Scar across right index finger back.

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The Post Office Department will pay a reward of not to exceed $2,000.00 for information and services leading to the arrest and conviction of CHARLES P. CLOUSE, alias "Curly" Clouse, alias Charles Law, alias C. C. Rice, alias Paul G. Hanford, alias Charles Adams, alias "St. Paul Curly," wanted for hold-up and assault of the assistant postmaster, and fireman-laborer, with deadly weapons, and robbery of the post office at Superior, Wisconsin, November 20, 1925.

Any information should be sent to the undersigned by telegraph or telephone, government-rate collect.

Division of Investigation

Suite L -
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri.
March 14, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

There is transmitted to your office and to the St. Paul office a copy of memorandum by Special Agent A. E. Farland dated February 22nd, indicating an interview with George W. Ford, a prisoner at the U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. It is noted that Ford informed that Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis were hiding out in the Cookson Hills about 72 miles from Ft. Smith, Arkansas, and also that Subject Galatas has a lady friend, who conducts a beauty parlor at Sapulpa, Oklahoma. The details given by Ford are not definite, and it is not believed that he would furnish more accurate details. Such investigation as can be made in connection with these statements should be conducted.

A copy of the memorandum is being forwarded to the St. Paul office for information, and the statement of Ford might be borne in mind with reference to the alleged attempt by Fred Barker during the early part of February 1934 to charter a plane in which to proceed to Yankton, South Dakota, from Wichita, Kansas.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONRAY
SPECIAL AGENT

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Kansas City, Missouri
February 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

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

On February 7, 1934, the writer, accompanied by Special Agent Harold Andersen, of the Kansas City Division Office, called at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and interviewed convict George W. Ford, registration number 44300, who was interviewed a short time ago and furnished some information relative to the Union Station shooting affair which occurred in Kansas City, Missouri on June 17, 1933. Ford stated that he had recently been visited by his son and his lady friend; that they had given him certain information pertaining to this case that is apparently what this office is looking for. He stated that he had been advised that Fred Barker had been in Wichita, Kansas about ten days ago making arrangements to charter a plane to go to Yankton, South Dakota. The gang was going to that location for the purpose of robbing a bank. He further stated that Barker and Karpis were hiding out in the Cookson Hills, about 72 miles from Fort Smith, Arkansas. He again stated that he was on friendly terms with Herb Farmer and his wife, or had been up until the time he entered the Federal Penitentiary to serve a sentence of ten years, having been sentenced by the Honorable Judge Kennamer, in the Federal Court at Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Ford stated that he was very well acquainted with Dick Galatas; that he was formerly a "big shot", or, in other words, the pay-off man at Hot Springs, Arkansas; that as far as he knew Galatas never took any active part in any bank robbery or hold-up of any kind, but disposed of all "hot"money and securities - bonds, etc., and acted in the capacity of an advisor and "fixer".

He advised that three weeks ago Galatas had been in Shawnee, Oklahoma; that he has been going in and out of that place for some time past; that he has a lady friend who conducts a beauty parlor in Sapulpa. However, he was unable to give the name or her address. When he is again visited by his son and lady friend he will make an effort to obtain further information in regard to this matter.

Ford stated that his attorneys are now perfecting an appeal for him and that he expects to be released from the Federal

Penitentiary very shortly on bond. He stated that when he left the penitentiary he expected to go direct to his home in ElDorado and from there to Oklahoma where he had certain business to attend to, and stated definitely that he could line these fellows up and that he would see that any information he could obtain would be given to the writer.

Respectfully submitted:

A. E. FARLAND
SPECIAL AGENT

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. St. Louis FILE NO. 62-872

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

CHARACTER OF CASE: Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Floyd has not recently visited home of Marie Poe at Quincy, Ill., said home being kept under surveillance and all cars checked that stop there. Chief of Police, Quincy, Ill., has laid plans to apprehend Floyd if he makes appearance there. Investigation conducted at Centralia, Ill. and vicinity fails to substantiate allegations made that Fred Barker and Clyde Nimerick were recently slain there. Detailed information furnished by Major Means, Missouri State Highway Patrol, pertaining to contacts of Charles Arthur Floyd set out herein.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F. F. Yearsley, St. Louis, Mo., 2-27-34 and letter of Kansas City Division Office, dated 3-1-34.

DETAILS:

At Quincy, Ill.

Special Agent G. B. Norris of this office interviewed Chief of Police J. A. Cohnery who stated that immediately upon his return from New Orleans, La. on February 20, 1934 he obtained a drawing of the plan of the house in which Marie Poe resides at 522 N. 2nd Street to be used in the event it became necessary to raid the house looking for Floyd; that he has the most reliable and intelligent office on his force stationed in the vicinity of the home of Marie Poe and all cars calling at this address are immediately checked to deter-

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mine ownership and the identity of the persons driving same; that the identity of the persons entering this residence is also ascertained and thus far there has been no indication that Floyd has visited at this address. He stated that he immediately wrote to the Kansas City Police Department for photographs of women who are associates of Floyd and received no reply to this letter; that his department has never received cooperation from the Kansas City Police Department and recently found it necessary to call upon the Missouri State Police to arrest a number of individuals in Kansas City who had large quantities of stolen merchandise in their possession after the matter had been reported to the Kansas City Police Department personally by Chief of Police Connery. He stated that he desires to obtain information as soon as possible as to the identity of the women associated with Floyd in order to determine whether there are any of them in Quincy. He further stated that he would like to have a more distinct photograph of Floyd than the one which appears on the Identification Order of Floyd. He stated that within the past few days four men boarded a train, their destination being an unknown point in the State of Oregon, after visiting at the home of Marie Poe; that none of these men was Floyd.

Chief of Police Connery stated that he intends to call upon Betty Gilbert at Mexico, Mo. to determine whether he can obtain information from her regarding the whereabouts of Floyd.

At Centralia, Ill.

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The writer interviewed Chief of Police Marion Sligar with reference to the allegation made by [redacted] with reference to the supposed slaying of Fred Barker and Clyde Nimerick, with aliases, in the vicinity of Centralia approximately sixty days ago. Chief Sligar advised that although he has numerous contacts through underworld characters in Centralia he had received no information that such a slaying may have taken place, that no bodies of unidentified persons have been found in Centralia, and that to his knowledge none have been found in the immediate vicinity, and further that to his knowledge no gangsters from Detroit or Chicago had recently been in Centralia.

Chief Sligar stated that three or four months ago the Sheriff at Carlyle, Ill. had raided the home of one Scrambler Hill, former Shelton gangster, who is now residing at Wamac, Ill. and that to his recollection two men had been taken into custody at such time. Chief Sligar advised that this particular instance is the only one of recent occurrence which might in any way be connected with the information obtained alleging the slaying of Barker and Nimerick.

In company with Chief of Police Sliger, the writer interviewed Scrambler Hill, who claimed that since separating from the Shelton Mob in East St. Louis he had not been in contact with gangsters, although admitting that on several occasions he had been arrested for selling liquor. Hill denied knowing any Detroit or Chicago gangsters, particularly Danny Webster and Bert White, and stated that he had not obtained any information indicating that any gangsters from Detroit or Chicago had recently been in Centralia or vicinity, nor had he heard anything indicating that Barker and Nimerick had been "put on the spot" at Centralia or vicinity.

With reference to Scrambler Hill, the Chief of Police advised that on several occasions he has obtained information of value from him although it has been believed at times that Hill was harboring wanted criminals. Chief Sliger advised that should any unidentified bodies be found in Centralia or vicinity he would immediately communicate with the St. Louis Division office.

At Carlyle, Ill.

In the absence of Sheriff John D. Erlinger, Deputy Sheriff Allen Jackson was interviewed and advised that he was present at the time the raid was made at Scrambler Hill's place in Wamac and that same was predicated on information which indicated at the time that Eddie LaRue was in hiding there. Jackson further stated that the raid conducted at Scrambler Hill's place failed to disclose that LaRue was in hiding there.

In this connection it might be noted that LaRue, alias Eddie Doll, has been recently sentenced to a ten year term in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, from Springfield, Ill. for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Deputy Sheriff Jackson further stated that no information has reached his office with reference to the alleged slaying of Barker and Nimerick and that to his knowledge sheriffs of adjacent counties have no information concerning same. In this connection Jackson advised that his office closely cooperated with the sheriffs of adjoining counties and that should they have any such information in their possession same would most certainly have come to his attention. Arrangements were made with Deputy Sheriff Jackson that should any information be obtained substantiating the allegations set out in letter of reference same would immediately be communicated to the St. Louis Division Office.

At St. Louis, Mo.

The following information, consisting of a number of contacts of Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti, was furnished Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd of this office by Major Lewis M. Means of the Missouri State Highway Patrol who has conducted considerable investigation on his own initiative for the purpose of locating and apprehending Floyd. Such information is being furnished, in detail, to the Kansas City Division Office for their guidance in conducting further investigation for the purpose of locating and apprehending Charles Arthur Floyd.

Major Means advises that Floyd's wife, Ruby Floyd, is residing at 223 N. B St., Ft. Smith, Ark., at the home of one M. L. Metheny, a widower. Prior to the time that Ruby Floyd resided at the Metheny home, Metheny had employed one Stella Collins as a housekeeper. Stella Collins is a sister of "Rabbit" Collins, a wholesale junk peddler of Ft. Smith, who is now serving a term in the Leavenworth Penitentiary. Rabbit Collins married one Fay Hope of Hitchita, Okla., a cousin of Ruby Floyd. After Stella Collins left Metheny, one Bessie Edwards, an aunt of Ruby Floyd from Boynton, Okla. resided with Metheny as his housekeeper. In September of 1933 Ruby resided at the Metheny home, living with Metheny under the guise of visiting her aunt. The Metheny family have a connection with one Flarety family at 317 N. 4th St., Ft. Smith, Ark. Likewise, the father of Stella Collins lives on the corner near the Metheny home, where he allegedly operates a grocery store. Other daughters of Collins, Grace and Stella Collins, run a "joint" on C Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Bessie Edwards, above referred to, is related to Ruby by marriage, and the other relatives of the Edwards girl are located as follows:

Two brothers reside at Alma, Arkansas.
One brother resides at Van Buren, Arkansas.
A sister, last name Morgan, lives in Muldrow, Okla.
One brother lives in Haskell, Okla.
A sister, Mrs. Fay Hope, lives at Hitchita, Okla.
Wash Edwards, Annadarcol, Okla.
Bud Hope resides in Indianola, Okla.

Floyd has the following near relatives:

Mrs. Spears, Floyd's sister, resides at Okmulgee, Okla. near the Barnsdall Refining Company.
A brother, Bradley Floyd, resides at Earlsboro, Okla.
His mother resides at Sallisaw, Okla.

E. W. Floyd, a brother, resides at Aikens, Okla.
A brother-in-law of Floyd also lives in Aikens, Okla.

Floyd is now traveling with, and presumably living with, one Beulah "Baird", nee Golden, and the relatives of Beulah Baird are listed as follows:

Mrs. Mary J. Baird, mother, 605 W. 8th St., West Alton, Ill.
Sherman Short, 2806 N. 8th St., Kansas City, Kansas.
Richard S. Short, 2532 E. 28th St., Kansas City, Mo.
Dorothy E. Jeff, 716 S. Berando St., Los Angeles, Calif.
Seymour, Theodore, and James Graham, nephews, reside in Boise, Idaho.

Adam Richetti comes from Lehigh, Okla. where his family now resides. He has a sister presently residing near Seminole, Okla. Major Means advised that a half brother of Adam Richetti claims that Adam and Floyd visited a sister of Adam's at Dillonvale, Ohio, near Wheeling, W. Virginia, during the past summer, this sister being Mrs. Minnie Sustik, route 1, box 122, Dillonvale, Ohio.

Major Means further advises that his investigation definitely determined that Floyd and Richetti had been making the following contacts during the past summer, at each of which places they had been given permission to hide out when the case necessitated:

Home of J. E. Peter, 1 mile north and 2 miles east of Hitchita, Okla.
" " Z. J. Ring, Iconium, Missouri.
" " Goldie Baldwin, Route 2, Hoyt, Okla.
" " John Peterson, 35 miles south and 10 miles east of McAlester, Okla.
" " Mrs. Birdwell, Earlsboro, Oklahoma.
" " J. Mulkey, west of Wewoka, Oklahoma.
" " John Sartin, Atoka, Oklahoma.
" " Roy Wright, a bank robber, Wewoka, Okla.
" " Charles Aldrich, Wewoka, Okla. Aldrich is related to the Sheriff at this place.

Floyd is likewise known to have received mail at Box 22, Heavener, Okla., which is issued in the name of Jack Gentry.

Ruby Floyd's former home is at Bixby, Oklahoma, at which place her parents now reside, and a brother-in-law of Ruby, one Chuck Tanner, lives directly across the river from Bixby, and is a known hideout for Floyd. Another person to whom Floyd is very close and whom he often contacts is an Indian named Clyde Chuculate of Claremore, Oklahoma.

It has been alleged that Floyd purchased a farm at some unknown point in Arkansas for an ex-convict named "Shine" Rush, which farm is used as a hideout. It is also alleged that one Mrs. Blackie Smalley is very close to Floyd.

Major Means further stated that he had definitely ascertained that on the night of February 15, 1934 Floyd spent the night with Ruby's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gay of Aiken, Oklahoma.

With respect to Rose Baird, a sister of Beulah, who is alleged to be traveling and living with Adam Richetti, it might be noted that she was, at one time, living with one Mike Pitts at 218½ Independence St., Kansas City, Missouri. It should be further noted that the Pitts automobile was used to meet Floyd in Kansas City during the past summer on the occasion of Floyd's kidnaping Sheriff Killingsworth and driving him into Kansas City.

It is reported by Major Means that during the past summer, or approximately in October of 1933, Floyd was shot in a drunken brawl at a residence in Wewoka, Oklahoma; that Eva Simpson, alias Mrs. W. A. Smalley, alias Mrs. Blackie Smalley, was present; that immediately following the shooting Eva went to Kilgore, Texas, from which place she proceeded to Willis, Texas, where she is now residing as Mrs. L. F. Cooper. Particular importance is attached to this, in view of the fact that it is rumored that Floyd is closer to Mrs. Blackie Smalley than to any other individual.

A number of mail covers have been placed by Major Means, and as a result of a cover on the mail of Mrs. Ruby Floyd, he ascertained that on July 17, 1933 a registered letter was received at the Post Office at Wewoka, Oklahoma for Mrs. Floyd from Shreveport, La. under register No. 880, bearing the return address Mrs. C. N. Westerman, 1144 Leander St., Shreveport, La. This letter is in handwriting which, according to Major Means, is very similar to that of Floyd's.

Major Means further advises that the following tracings are believed to be of value:

On February 17, 1934 a letter was received, postmarked Los

Angeles, California, addressed to Camille Atkins, Fort Smith, Arkansas, General Delivery. Particular importance is attached to this letter in view of the fact that Mrs. Floyd called for this letter and is using the alias of Camille Atkins.

A letter was addressed to one A. Mergell, 515 E. 13th St., Kansas City, Missouri from 603 W. Main St., Denison, Texas. This letter is important because the address in Kansas City, Missouri, to which this letter was sent is the address of a number of relatives of Beulah Baird. Major Means also possesses the tracing showing the receipt of a letter addressed to Pauline Golden, 1818 Newton St., Kansas City, Missouri, from Joe Voshen, Robertson, Missouri, Route 1, Box 206. Investigation at Robertson, Missouri by Sergt. Shaw reflects the following individuals as residing at that place:

Joe and Doshie Voshen and George, Elizabeth, Audrey, and Wilma Booth, as well as Esther, Lester, Bernice, and Henry Kohensky.

A letter was received addressed to Zella Golden, West Alton, Illinois from J. Vroom, 807 Cherry St., Kansas City, Missouri, which letter was postmarked February 18, 1934. This Cherry St. address is also a contact point of Floyd's.

These tracings are in addition to the tracing received from Youngstown, Ohio, which are already being covered by the Detroit Office, and the letter to L. W. Baird from San Diego, Calif. which is being covered by the Los Angeles Office.

Attention is directed to report of reference wherein is incorporated a record of long distance calls to and from No. 1150, which is that of Marie Poe, 522 N. 2nd St., Quincy, Ill., including particularly a call from said number to telephone No. 645, Mexico, Missouri. With reference to this call Major Means advises that same was placed to Vera Pearl Shires, Mexico, Mo., who is married to one Johnnie Stroud.

Sergt. Shaw called at the St. Louis Division Office on March 1, 1934 to advise relative to additional mail tracings which had been received from a cover on the mail of the Baird and Golden families of West Alton; Same reflects the receipt of letters from the following individuals:

Herman Carty, 116 Victor St., Little Rock, Arkansas.
C. R. Carty, 217 Beach St., Little Rock, Arkansas.

The following letter was received at Route 1, Box 206, Robert-

son, Missouri from A. Wilson, Clawson, Michigan, and one letter was mailed by Joe Ralls, Robertson, Missouri, Route 1, Box 206, to Elvira Ralls, Winterseat, Iowa.

With the exception of leads predicated on the above information being set out herein for investigation at Willis, Texas and Shreveport, La., all other possible leads are being left to the discretion of the Kansas City Division office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE at Chicago, Ill. will ascertain in whose name Douglas 0373 is listed and determine the identity of the person residing at that address and will further determine, if possible, whether Floyd visits at said address.

For the information of the Chicago Division Office a call was placed to Douglas 0373, Chicago, Ill. at 9:45 P. M. on November 3, 1933 from phone No. 1150, Quincy, Ill., which phone was assigned to Marie Poe, 522 N. Second St., Quincy, Ill. Marie Poe is believed to be acquainted with Beulah Baird (Golden) who is presently thought to be in company with Floyd.

SAN ANTONIO OFFICE at Willis, Texas, will conduct appropriate investigation at the home of Mrs. L. F. Cooper, with whom Eva Simpson, alias Mrs. W. A. Smalley, alias Mrs. Blackie Smalley, is now believed residing, and obtain all information with reference to their association with Floyd.

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE at Shreveport, La. will conduct investigation with reference to Mr. C. N. Westerman, 1144 Leander, from whom registered letter #880 was received by Mrs. Ruby Floyd at Wewoka, Okla. on July 17, 1933. It should be determined whether Floyd is visiting this place and all other information of value obtained.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE will furnish the St. Louis Division Office with photographs of women friends of Floyd, together with all descriptive data of them in order that this information may be furnished to the Chief of Police at Quincy, Illinois.

Will ascertain the names and addresses of the persons to whom telephones Valentine 2814 and Victor 2800 are listed, subsequent to which investigation should be conducted to determine whether Floyd has any connections there and whether or not he may be visiting or residing there. The identity of Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Arthur should also be determined and it should be ascertained whether they are in contact with Floyd.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE at Hannibal, Mo. ascertain the name and address of the person who has telephone No. 5006-F-2, after which investigation should be conducted for the purpose of determining whether anyone at said address is connected with Floyd.

At Jacksonville, Ill. obtain the name and address of the person who has telephone 1044-W, after which investigation should be conducted for the purpose of determining if Floyd is connected with anyone residing there.

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March 30, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. O. Hickey, dated at St. Louis, Missouri, March 14, 1934, rendered in the above entitled case. A copy of this report is being transmitted with a copy of this letter to the Oklahoma City office for its information.

On Page 2 of the above entitled report it is noted that Chief of Police J. A. Connery at Quincy, Illinois, endeavored to obtain, without success, from the Kansas City Police Department photographs of women who are associates of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd. There are enclosed herewith photographs of Beulah Baird with alias, #18794, Kentucky State Reformatory, and Rose Baird with alias, #18793, Kentucky State Reformatory, as well as photographs of Adam Richetti, #25773, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, and Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, #3999, Kansas City, Kansas Police Department, which should be furnished Chief Connery for his assistance in locating and causing the apprehension of these individuals.

The attention of the Kansas City office is directed to Page 6 of this report, wherein it is noted that the automobile of one Mike Pitts, 218½ Independence Street, Kansas City, Missouri, was used to meet Floyd in Kansas City on the occasion of Floyd's kidnaping Sheriff Killingsworth. Pitts should be located and thoroughly questioned regarding this matter at the earliest practicable date.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

March 15, 1934.

MR. NATHAN
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MR. COWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. EGAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. ROSER
MR. NICHOLS

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Brantley called from Hot Springs and advised that early this morning a raid had been made of the residence of Dr. Hausley, an ex-convict, and four or five other places where rumors had indicated Galatas might be located. Mr. Brantley advised, however, that the raids had proved unsuccessful and that he would return immediately to Oklahoma City.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley

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

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 7, 1934, requesting authority to place a wire tap on the telephone of Frank Hayes, a contact for certain members of the underworld. This tap has previously been authorized by the Division.

It is requested, however, that you advise the Division at least twice a week of the results obtained through this action and immediately upon the receipt of any information of value.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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1900 Bankers Bldg,
Chicago, Illinois
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to the Kansas City massacre case, and to the Bremer kidnaping case, please be advised that it is my opinion that it is highly desirable that the telephone of Frank Hayes, who operates the Hayes Hotel in Chicago, be placed under surveillance. It is believed that this surveillance should be maintained for some period of time, inasmuch as Frank Hayes is doubtlessly a contact for most gangsters of this type, in this section, and undoubtedly his home telephone, on incoming calls, would disclose valuable information. He has no telephone in the hotel, which is a very undesirable hotel of the cheapest kind.

As I stated to Mr. Conley today, it is not legal in the State of Illinois to tap telephone wires, although, for your information, testimony of information gained by tapping wires, was recently admitted as evidence in a State Court in a case being tried in Chicago. Much argument was had over this point, but the judge finally admitted the evidence.

In the event you believe it desirable that this wire, and others in Chicago be placed under surveillance, it is suggested that Special Agent Nichols be directed to proceed here for this purpose. The services of at least two special agents are required in covering a telephone tap, which should be covered continuously at all times.

For your information, sometime ago Chief of Police William O. Freeman of the City of Evanston, Illinois called me, and offered the services of two of his men whom he claimed, were expert wire men. He stated that if I desired their services at

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any time he would be very pleased to turn them over to me entirely. I know nothing concerning these individuals, and my judgment is that the Division should not accept their services in this connection. It is my belief that the matter should be handled entirely by Division employees.

It will be appreciated if you will advise me concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

W. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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March 15, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the recent telephone call to the Division inquiring as to the search being made in the Single Fingerprint Section of the Identification Unit of this Division for possible comparison of the latent fingerprints found in July, 1933 by your office in connection with the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, Deceased, et al, CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER.

Following your telephonic conversation, an inquiry was made to determine if there was a delay in the handling of this matter at the Division, and it has been determined that the latent fingerprints in question were discovered on or about June 29, 1933 and that they were not forwarded to the Division until transmitted with a letter from the Kansas City Office, dated February 13, 1934. This latent evidence was received in the Division several days later and immediately upon its receipt instructions were issued, and complied with, that these latent fingerprint impressions be compared with the fingerprints of all known active suspects in this case, and that search has been made without results. It then became necessary to begin the routine examination of these latent prints against the records of those appearing in the Division's Single Fingerprint files. This is an undertaking which requires the services of one employee over a period of several weeks, and this search is progressing.

I have issued instructions that a report on the progress of this matter to date be forwarded to your office. However, it is impossible for the Division to reconcile the requests for expeditious action with the lengthy and admittedly inexcusable delay on the part of the Kansas City Office in forwarding this material to the Division.

In this connection your attention is invited in particular to the letter from your office, dated February 21, 1934, signed by Acting Special Agent in Charge W.G. Spear, wherein it was stated,

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"However, it appears that in the excitement in connection with this investigation at that time, shortly after the massacre happened, this was overlooked".

The Division feels that this is not a satisfactory explanation for the delay and that this matter has not been properly supervised, for an examination or review of the file would clearly have indicated that this latent evidence had not been sent to the Division during the period that it was a part of the Kansas City Office file in this case, and when it was forwarded there was not an explanation of a satisfactory character concerning this delay, and the explanation, showing an unjustifiable cause for the delay, was not forthcoming until the Division, on February 21, 1934, telegraphed your office for an explanation.

In this connection you are advised that Special Agent Anderson, when recently at the Division in Washington, explained that at the time those fingerprints were found in the file, after Mr. Anderson's arrival at Kansas City, there appeared to be some discussion as to whether sending them to the Division would result in a criticism of the Kansas City Office. The Division believes that there should be no question but that those fingerprints should have been forwarded, in spite of the expected criticism, and it further feels that criticism in the handling of this matter is entirely justified.

I desire that you ascertain the identity of those responsible for this delay and that you submit a more detailed statement concerning this matter at once.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

March 16, 1934.

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

Re: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al,
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In response to Division letter of March 13, 1934, with reference to one BOYER of Gainesville, Texas furnishing machine guns to George Kelly and other gangsters, you are informed that on August 30, 1933, Special Agents J.C. White and C.B. Winstead interviewed F. J. Boyer at Gainesville, Texas, who had requested Chief of Police Loving to put him in touch with an agent of the Division. F.J. Boyer was known to both Agents White and Winstead as he was in 1920 to about '22 mounted watchman in the U.S. Immigration Service at El Paso, Texas. His reputation for truth, veracity and honesty was questionable.

At that time Boyer stated to Agents that on August 26, 1933, Goerge and Kathryn Kelly called at his house in Gainesville and attempted to purchase a Thompson Machine Gun from him but he did not have one and did not sell one to them; that he first became acquainted with George Kelly through Wolff & Klar of Ft. Worth, Texas, who sent Kelly to him to purchase two machine guns. He at that time stated also that he had never sold a machine gun to anyone except police organizations, and at the time he made the sales he was a representative of the Auto Ordnance Company of New York.

He also at that time stated that Kelly was implicated in the kidnaping of the Lindbergh Baby, and had told him (Boyer) that he had kidnaped a man in Ft. Bend, Indiana; that this victim was watering his lawn when kidnaped. He also stated that Kelly and one Hendricks were implicated in the Kansas City Massacre; that he obtained this information through deduction.

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Boyer at that time informed the Agents that if they did not believe his information was on the level to just check telephone number 4-2150 - Ft. Worth, which telephone number was formerly in the name of Kathryn Kelly in Ft. Worth.

This matter is set out in detail in report of Special Agent C.B. Winstead, dated at Dallas, Texas, 9-14-33.

On September 5, 1933, Agent Winstead at Gainesville, Texas, interviewed C.H. Kirthenbauer, gunsmith at that place, who stated that during the preceding winter two men who gave their names as Kelly and Hendricks, stayed around Gainesville for several days; that Kelly came into his shop once and asked if he knew how he could get in touch with Boyer; that F.J. Boyer had at one time kept a Thompson Machine Gun in his (Kirthenbauer's) Shop, but that had been a year or two ago; that about two months before the raid was made on the Shannon Farm at Paradise, Texas, (August 12, 1933,) George Kelly with a woman and a young girl came to his place in a Ford, Model A, Sport Roadster, and had him make a switch key for the car; that at that time Kelly asked if he (Kirthenbauer) had a 50-bullet drum or a 20-bullet clip for Thompson Machine Guns; that at that time he also asked where he could find Boyer; that about one month before the raid on the Shannon Farm was made - exact date he could not fix - Kelly alone came by his shop and stated, "The key you made worked all right," then asked if Boyer was around; that the time George Kelly was in his shop with Kathryn and the little girl, Kelly engaged him in conversation and asked if he had machine guns for sale, and remarked, "We could sell a lot of them between here and Kansas."

Thereafter, in response to letter from the New York City Division Office, dated October 2, 1933, requesting that inquiry as to F.J. Boyer be made at Gainesville, Texas, to whom Thompson Sub-Machine Gun No. 4685 had been sold on January 21, 1927, which gun was found in the personal effects of Albert L. Bates at Denver, Colorado, Agent Winstead again interviewed F.J. Boyer at Gainesville, Texas, the results of which interview are set out in report by Special Agent Winstead, dated at Dallas, 10-13-33.

According to Chief of Police Sid Loving at Gainesville, Texas, the only machine gun that he knows of which was ever in the possession of F.J. Boyer, is the one Boyer attempted to sell to the City Police Department at Gainesville. That probably is the gun which was seized in Albert Bates' effects in Denver, Colorado. However, the records of the Auto Ordnance Company may disclose further sales to Boyer of Machine Guns, or may disclose that they were shipped to other consignees by his direction as a representative of that organization.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake

F. J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

March 16, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 14, 1934, in which you made inquiry concerning a room which has been rented by this office from March 10, 1934, until June 1, 1934, at a cost of $25.00.

Please be advised that in connection with the Kanno and Brekid Cases, authority was secured to place a wire tap. It has not been, as yet, determined as to the length of time it will be necessary to maintain this wire tap, but it appeared that it would be in excess of two weeks, probably for approximately two months. Through the courtesy of Mr. R. B. Tanner, Real Estate Agent for apartments located at 119 Cullerton Street, a vacant eight room apartment was turned over for the use of Agents maintaining a surveillance on this wire tap. Mr. Tanner stated that the minimum price at which he would rent this apartment would be $25.00; however, if it were used for less than two weeks he would make a refund, but if it were used for two weeks or longer, it would be necessary to charge $25.00 and he stated that he would permit the apartment to be occupied until June the 1st at this price. It is to be noted that as a result Mr. Tanner has agreed not to show the apartment to prospective tenants without first giving this office one day's notice and advising as to the exact hour the persons will view the apartment. The regular rental of this apartment is approximately $50.00 per month.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR NATHAN.

Re: Eddie Doll, with aliases,
National Motor Vehicle
Theft Act.

Reference is made to Division letter of February 23, 1934, to the Jacksonville Office, enclosing photographic copies of a get-away chart found in an abandoned automobile shortly after the Holland Bank robbery at Holland, Michigan.

The chart in question was exhibited to Doll at Tampa, Florida on February 25, 1934 by Special Agent H. E. Andersen, but Doll was not able to identify it. However, after going over the chart and checking it with the State map of Michigan, he stated that a portion of the chart undoubtedly had reference to a planned get-away from Holland, Michigan. He gave his opinion that the map was poorly prepared and was not the handiwork of any of his associates. He was questioned about the handwriting on the chart and asserted he had no idea as to the identity of the writer.

Doll suggested that the chart be shown to Wayne Whitey, who is now serving twenty-five years at Waupun, Wisconsin for participating in the bank robbery at Madison, Wisconsin last fall. He indicated that Whitey and one Earl, last name unknown, who was shot and apprehended after the robbery of the bank at Grand Haven, Michigan last summer might be able to state definitely who prepared the chart in question. Doll remarked that he had never seen a get-away chart prepared on a typewriter.

Doll expressed the belief that Eddy Bentz, Whitie Anderson, Jack Pheiffer's brother and their associates at that time were responsible for several mail truck and express robberies in Saint Paul last summer. He was unable to furnish any reason for his belief but appeared to be sincere in his statements.

The following information was furnished by Doll for what it might be worth to the Division:

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He said that Eddy Bents often spoke of having a priest friend in East Michigan City or Indiana Harbor, Indiana. This priest permitted Bents, Whitie Anderson and Jack Phaiffer's brother to store their car in his garage after holdups. He also made frequent trips with them to the twin cities and Chicago, Illinois when they desired to avoid being stopped on the road. Doll said that while he could not vouch for the truth of the information it was furnished to him by Ed Bents, who told him that while Earl was ill at Grand Haven, Michigan, the priest in question went to visit him. He intimated that a check of the hospital records would undoubtedly establish the veracity of these statements.

In connection with Whitie Anderson, who he believes had some part in the Bremer kidnaping, Doll suggested that photographs of all escapes from the State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois for the last five years be secured and exhibited to him. He said he could and would identify a photograph of Anderson.

With reference to the procuring of machine guns by gangsters, Doll related that George Kelly was always able to obtain them through a chemist at Gainesville, Texas. He suggested that Kelly be approached for the name of the individual in the event the Government is interested.

Doll was asked if he had thought of other likely suspects in addition to Big Homer in connection with the Union Plaza killing in Kansas City, Missouri on June 17, 1933. He suggested that an individual known as "Old Charlie", a Chicago character be considered as a possibility. He pointed out that the latter was at one time a very close associate of Frank Nash. He described "Old Charlie" as a wild individual who might "go in for anything". He stated that he had a "red er" on Old Charlie at one time but could not recollect by whom it was issued or to what it related.

Speaking of Big Homer he said he has known this individual for about ten years; that Big Homer often remarked that he had served a term in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth for mail and post office robbery. Doll said that in reminiscing, Big Homer spoke of having worked in the institution as a butcher or baker and remarked that he had often played handball while there. Doll suggested that photographs be procured of all mail and post office robbers received from the West from 1917 to 1924 inclusive, including those received by transfer from McNeil Island. He stated that if the photographs are exhibited to him, he will be glad to attempt to identify Big Homer.

He expressed himself as confident that he can identify this individual even though the photograph is old.

In view of the foregoing, it seems advisable to secure the photographs of all escapes from the Joliet Penitentiary and inmates of Leavenworth Penitentiary indicated above for the purpose of exhibiting them to Eddie Doll, who, incidentally, is now held at the County Jail at Springfield, Illinois. It should be noted that Whitie Anderson, is named as a suspect by Doll in the Bremer kidnaping case. This information is set out in detail in the report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers, dated at Jacksonville, Florida February 23, 1934 in the case entitled Eddie Doll, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

With reference to the Effingham mail robbery, Doll stated that he recalled that one of the participants, known to him as Red, who is wanted in connection with the Luer kidnaping, has a brother-in-law who is a manager or clerk for the Indian Trails or Indian Bus Company at Cleveland, Ohio. He intimated that Red could easily be located through this individual. He said that according to information he had secured in the past, Red usually hangs out around Toledo, Ohio and is generally in the company of one Jim Evans, another participant in the Effingham mail robbery. He had no definite information regarding the places these men frequented in Toledo.

While discussing the Kansas City Massacre with Doll, he was asked for his theory as to the attempt to deliver Nash. He stated that Frank Nash was reputed to have furnished money to finance many of the bank robberies which originated in Chicago. Because of this Nash came into possession of huge sums of negotiable paper, which he disposed of for the most. It is Doll's belief that when arrested Nash was holding much of this paper or money and that those who sought to liberate him did so primarily to protect their own interests. He discounted the theory that the hoodlums would attempt to deliver Nash because of a sense of loyalty and said that, generally speaking, they will not go far to help one in trouble unless to serve a selfish end.

The information set forth above was obtained from Doll over a period of several days, subsequent to the time he made his confession, as reported by the Jacksonville Office. He requested that Agent Anderson call to see him immediately after he receives his sentence, saying that he will then be in a position to furnish some vital information for the Department.

It is suggested that a copy of this memorandum be forwarded to the following field offices for their information in furthering this investigation: Jacksonville, Saint Louis, Chicago, Kansas City and Saint Paul.

Respectfully,

H. E. Anderson.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT KANSAS CITY. FILE NO. 62-333.

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El Paso, Tex.	3-16-34	3-14-34	J. C. White.

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased), et al.	CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

W.C.Gilkerson, a barber and operator of pool hall in Royalty, Tex., reported that he saw Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd in Royalty shortly after Christmas, 1933. Claims to have recognized Floyd from pictures he had seen in newspapers; that Floyd was driving new Pontiac coupe.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Director, dated Jan. 24, 1934, addressed to Sp.Agent in Charge Jones, San Antonio, Tex.

DETAILS:

Agent interviewed W.C.Gilkerson who operates a barber shop and pool hall in Royalty, Tex. Mr. Gilkerson stated that soon after Christmas, 1933 a man drove up to his barber shop about 12:30, midnight, and got out of a new Pontiac coupe and came to the barber shop door and asked him where he could get something to eat; that he noticed the man was well dressed, wearing a blue suit of clothes and a white Stetson hat and had a muffler around his neck; that he recognized this party as Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd from photographs he had seen of him in the newspapers; that he weighed about 195 pounds; that he noticed a woman who remained in the Pontiac coupe, which car bore a Texas license the number of which, however, he did not obtain.

Mr. Gilkerson said that after this man left the barber shop he drove over across the street to a cafe which was closed and he could not arouse anyone; that he then drove away headed south towards Grand Falls, Tex. Mr.

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Gilkerson further stated that soon after this, a man whose name he does not know, came there from Ballinger, Texas, who reported that he had seen Pretty Boy Floyd in that city just before he came to Royalty, Texas.

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

Deer Sir:

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

Reference is made to your letter of March 14, 1934 relative to identification of latent fingerprints found at the former residence of Vernon C. Miller at Kansas City, Missouri.

In connection with the question of which of the latent fingerprints were identified at this office with those of Vernon C. Miller, attention is called to letter to the Division from the Kansas City Office dated July 5, 1933, transmitting two enlargements of photographs of latent fingerprints identified by Special Agent J. E. Brennan on June 29, 1933. The Kansas City Office has a copy of each of these enlarged photographs bearing the original notes for identification by Agent Brennan. There is also in possession of this office two copies of the same photographs in small size with Agent Brennan's original notes for identification purposes.

To facilitate this identification in the Division the smaller photographs bearing the initials of Agent Brennan, showing the identification with the right index fingerprint of Vernon C. Miller, are herewith transmitted. It is requested that these particular copies of photographs be returned to the Kansas City Office for possible later use on trial of this case.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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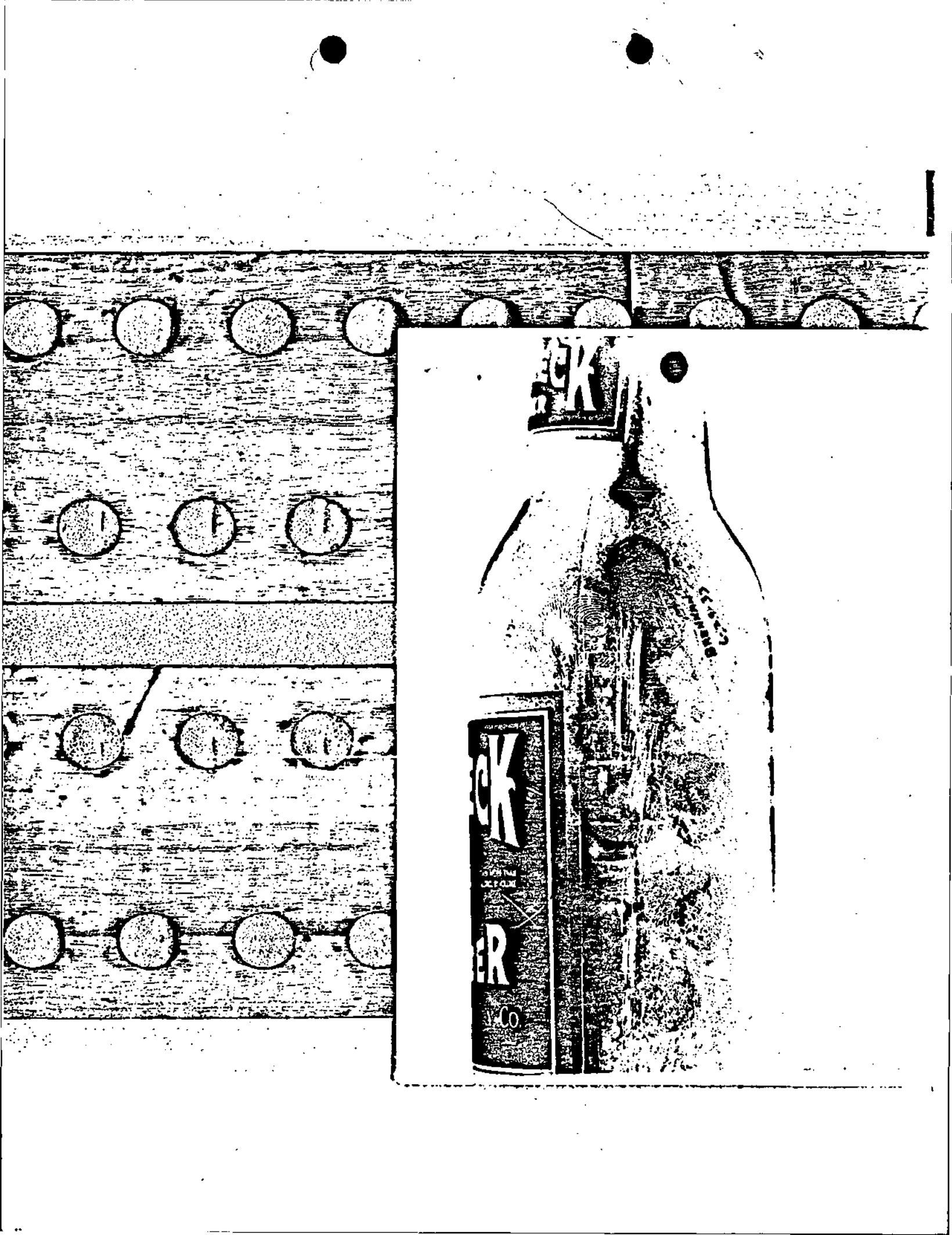

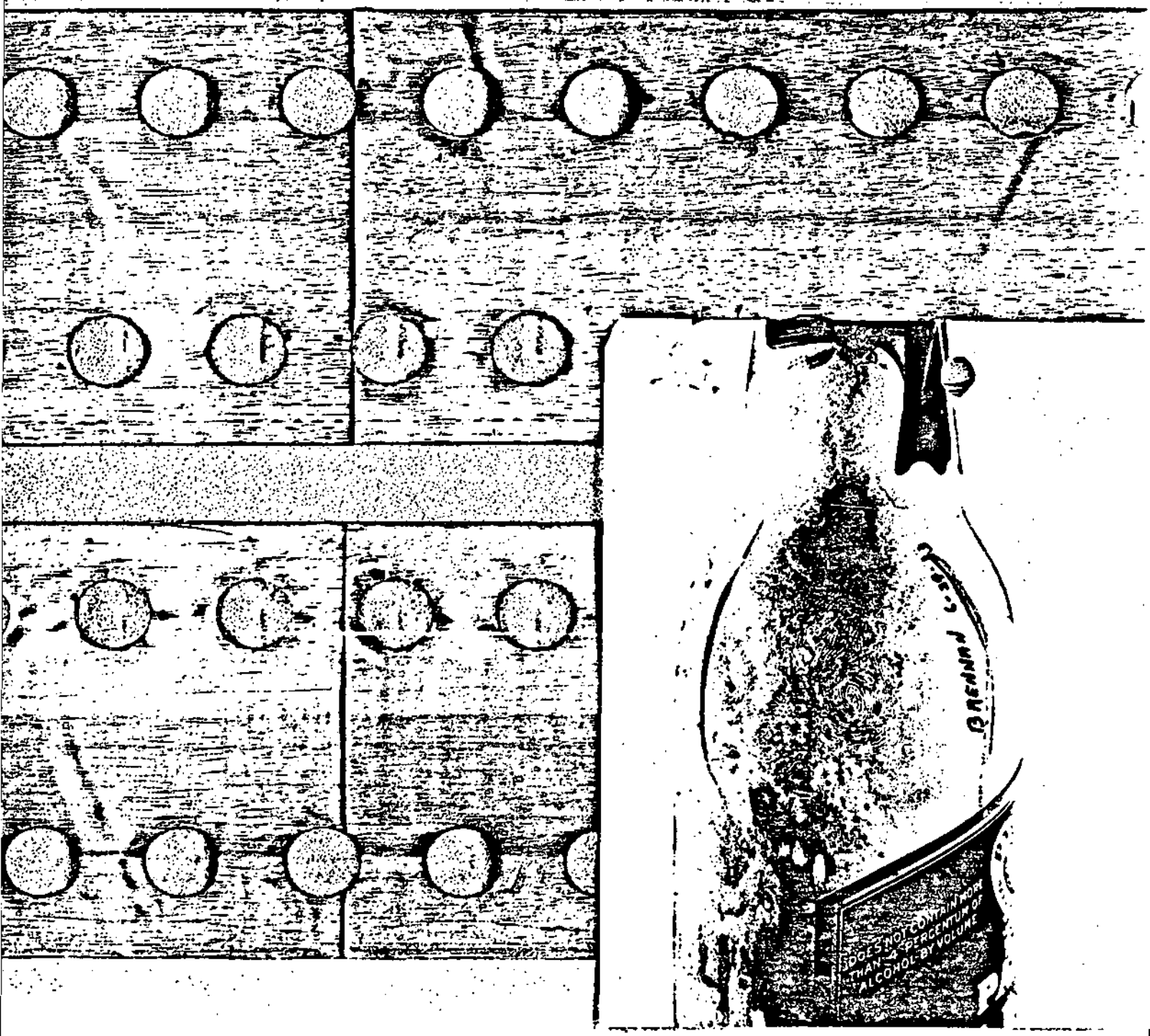
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Suite L -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
March 16, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Mrs. Margaret Turner, colored, of Olathe, Kansas, was recently taken to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, where she viewed Harvey J. Bailey, and after so doing, she stated that she will still identify him as the individual whom she saw at the Union Station, Kansas City, Missouri, on the night of June 16, 1933, as reflected in her statement contained in the report of Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 6-26-33, pages 25 and 30.

She also stated when she viewed the photograph of Vivian Mathis, paramour of Vernon C. Miller, that the build and size of the individual appeared identical with that of a woman whom she saw in contact with men at the Railroad Station, among whom was Harvey Bailey, on the night of June 16, 1933. She did not see the features of the woman at the station and, therefore, she could not make any definite identification of Vivian Mathis.

She believed upon viewing the photograph of Vernon C. Miller that it is a likeness of the man who drove the Chevrolet car on the night of June 16, 1933, in which the woman heretofore mentioned rode. Mrs. Turner also stated that the photograph of James (Fur) Sammons resembled a man who was in the back seat of the Chevrolet Sedan, in which rode the other woman and the other man as here noted. She stated that the man whom she believed might be Sammons at one time put his head out of the side window of the car, and she secured a good view of him.

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March 24, 1934.

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

RE: WARREN C. MILLER (DECEASED) et al -
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter dated March 16, 1934, there are transmitted herewith, and to each of the offices designated below, a supply of photographs of Adam Richetti, Kansas State Penitentiary #25773, Rose Baird alias Rose Ash, Kentucky State Reformatory, Frankfort, Kentucky #187931, and Beulah Baird alias Jaunita Baird, Kentucky State Reformatory, Frankfort, Kentucky #187941, who are reported to be associating with Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, subject of Identification Order No. 1194.

The Division is taking steps to furnish each of the field offices with a supply of photographs of each of the above named individuals.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. O. Hichew, dated at St. Louis, Missouri, March 14, 1934, in this case, which sets out a resume of facts pertaining to the contacts and associates of Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti.

Inasmuch as the information shown in Agent Hichew's report pertains in a great many instances to the Oklahoma City territory, a copy of that report is being transmitted to the Oklahoma City office with a copy of this letter.

It is requested that the Division make a supply of photographs of Rose Baird, alias Rose Ash, Georgetown, Ky., PD #187, and of Beulah Baird, alias Jaunita Baird, Georgetown, Ky., PD #186, furnishing four copies each to the New Orleans, Dallas, Oklahoma City, Cincinnati, Detroit and St. Louis offices, for use in this case. The Kansas City office is in possession of photographic copies of fingerprints and photographs of these women and also has one extra copy of the photograph of each.

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Reference is made to letter from the St. Louis office to the Division dated March 5, 1934, transmitting photographs and photographic copies of the fingerprints of Rose Baird and Beulah Baird.

The Kansas City office is not in possession of photographs of any other women friends of Floyd.

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A copy of the report of Special Agent J. F. Sears, dated at Cincinnati, Ohio, March 5, 1934, in connection with Floyd, Beulah Baird and Rose Baird, which contains descriptions of the latter two individuals, is transmitted to the St.Louis office, with a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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