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CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Fred C. Goetz, alias J. George Zeigler, with aliases, murdered at 11:00 P.M. on 3/20/34 in Cicero, Illinois by unknown party or parties, by four blasts of shotgun. This individual identical with Zeigler referred to by Arthur Johnson, alias Red Price, and who associated in 1931 with Nash, Miller, and others. Indications are that Goetz has been in Reno, Nevada and Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. Carter Baum, Chicago, Illinois dated March 9, 1934, and Chicago office letters to the Division and to Salt Lake City, dated March 21, 1934.

DETAILS: At Chicago, Illinois.

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These men were advised that the Chicago Division Office had been interested in looking for a man named George Zeigler and that it was believed that the slain man was the man desired for questioning. Chief Solar and Sergeant Donohue were anxious to know something about the connections of this man in order to ascertain the motive for the slaying, and Agent informed them that this man had probably been associated in 1931 with Frank Nash and other criminals who associated with Nash. This information was supplied solely to the two men named with no one else in the office and with newspaper men excluded. About an hour later articles appeared in several Chicago newspapers indicating that a Federal Agent had revealed that Zeigler had been identified as a participant in the Kansas City Massacre. Of course no reference to the Kansas City Massacre had been made since neither of the Officers that Agent contacted are reputed to be entirely trustworthy. In view of this fact these Officers were not supplied with further information and both of these Officers, especially Sergeant Frank Donohue, have evidenced a complete lack of cooperation in the supplying of information developed by them to this Agent.

The information to be had on March 21st was that this man had been killed by four discharges of a shotgun, fired at close range, in front of the Minerva Restaurant, 4811-13 Cermak Road (formerly 22nd Street), Cicero, Illinois, which restaurant was owned by one, F. M. Mangan of Cicero, Illinois. No one was reputed to have seen this killing, although on March 26th Sergeant Donohue indicated that he had an informant who had reported that he had seen three men standing over Zeigler's body after the murder, but Donohue refused to even give Agent a description of these men. At any rate, Zeigler was almost instantly killed by these shots and his face and head were horribly mutilated.

Zeigler's body and car produced numerous cards and papers, some of which seemed to be of value. These cards were as follows:

A card of the Associated News Service, 1933-34, signed by A.F.J. Managing Director, and showed that J. George Zeigler was entitled to membership as a member of the American Landscape Association.

A membership card in the Mohawk Country Club, signed by W.J.Gaede, for 1933, showing J. George Zeigler held membership number 416.

A membership card in the Chicago Yacht Club, dated 12/31/31 to one, J. George Zeigler, signed by Charles P. Barton, Secretary, and O.E.Smith (Ormond E. Smith).

One card showing J. George Zeigler as an Associate Member in the Sheriffs and Police Officers Association. This card was signed by P.H. VanMeter, Business Manager and was dated January 11, 1933.

One card dated January, 1933, showing J.George Zeigler was a member of the Oakdale Riding Club, signed by James Custer, Secretary.

One Membership card in the Onwentsia Golf and Country Club, Lake Forest, Illinois, to J. George Zeigler, signed by Charles Moore and James Bartley. This card was also signed by J. George Gibbs, President, and showed the number 07872.

Western Union identification card number 7612 dated 1933 to 1934 to J. George Zeigler.

The following papers were also discovered:

A notice from Standard Brands, Inc., Hugo Oswald, 19 Dover Green, Dover, Delaware to Floyd C. Zeigler and Mary Zeigler, as joint tenants and not as tenants in common, which was number 104381, calling attention to a Stock Holders meeting. This notice had been addressed to 40 West Chicago Ave., Oak Park, Illinois.

A similar notice from United States Steel Corporation, 71 Broadway, New York City, addressed as indicated above.

A personal card of J. George Zeigler, showing this man to be connected with the Suburban Landscape Company, 40 Chicago Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois.

A letter directed to the Secretary of State by Joseph Bergl, signed with a small "m" under Bergl's signature, requesting that license number 161304 on Ford Motor number 1090866 be transferred to a Chevrolet motor number 3326332 and serial number 21BA07-36161.

A Certificate of Title for 1934 issued to Suburban Landscape Company, 40 Chicago Avenue, dated 2/9/34, for a Chevrolet 1932 Coupe with motor number as listed above, signed by A.W.Johnson. The license number issued on this title was 375410 for 1934.

License certificate number 471496 issued to J. George Zeigler, 40 Chicago Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, on a Buick Coupe bearing motor number 2772268 and serial number 2721744.

One card of the Monarch Shade and Drapery Company, 1622-24 East 79th Street, Chicago, Illinois, operated by Edward W. Shake, Regent 1685, with the number 8695 Edgwood indistinctly written on the back and also number Oakenwold 4505.

One identification card issued to James George Zeigler in 1931 and number 481276 at 715 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York for license of 1929 Studebaker Sedan, motor number 428, serial number 7013803.

One piece of envelope with the words 4143 Cottage and the words Elm Judd indistinctly written on one side and the name Mr. Champlain, Chas. Mortenson 6306 Cottage Fair Fax 6306 written on the other side.

One card of Charles H. Howison, Jr., Salesman for Finchley, 19 East Jackson Boulevard, Harrison 3952, (this is a clothing concern and Zeigler purchased clothes there).

One certificate of the American Landscape Association dated January 22, 1931, made out to J. George Zeigler and signed by Francis Asbury Robinson and H.B.Manning.

One letter addressed to the Suburban Landscape Company by Mrs. McQuire, 1231 Glenview Avenue.

One certificate of membership, number 416, in the Mohawk Country Club, dated June 27, 1933. On the back was written the words "Olaf Severson, 2122 Atwood", and underneath the word, Johnson Gas, beneath the words, Ray Cederberg, 9636 Mer, beneath the figures 88 23 13; beneath the word, May.

One letter from the Secretary of State's office, Springfield, Illinois, dated April 10, 1933, indicating that notice of the loss of license 477818 had been obtained and application was being forwarded.

One Seed catalog of Peter Anderson and Company, New York City.

One registration card showing the Suburban Landscape Company, 40 Chicago Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, had registered a 1928 Ford Roadster, bearing motor number A-1090866 in 1931.

One card of the Anchor Gas and Oil Company, District Manager, J. J. Cotter, Saginaw 0973, 7665 West 63rd Street, with the numbers Franklin 2866, Rupert, written on the back; beneath, the figures 3398 Oak; beneath, the figures 4895 Oakenwold; beneath; the word Cook, 1255 Wab.

One registration for 1931 under number 877807 of a Studebaker Sedan in Illinois, which bore factory number 7013803 and motor number 428, which was registered in the name of James George Zeigler c/o of Humphries Oil Company, 40 Chicago Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois.

A motor operators permit for New York State, number 1823368, when Zeigler was living at 1715 Delaware Avenue, showing his height listed as 5 feet 9 inches, eyes blue, hair blonde.

A piece of paper with the words US finishing 771 West Jackson & Imperial Woodwork Company, 7203 South Halsted, third floor; the name Palkoffer; the word Chi. cardboard, Green Street.

One ticket number 8039 for the Chase Garage, 221 York Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. Written on this ticket were the words, Eastern Park and Prov., 118 W (or N) Washington

In addition, the police, had at the Humphries Filling Station, Incorporated, 40 Chicago Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, obtained an annual Corporation report, showing that the president of this company was one, Samatelsk, 2312 West Ohio Street, J. R. Figg, 2239 Iowa Street as Secretary and P. Duscher, 1047 North Grove Street as a Director. A similar corporation report was discovered for the Maywood one-stop Service Station, Incorporated, 19 North Second Avenue, Maywood, Illinois.

No examination was made of the clothes which Zeigler was wearing at the time of his death but he had in the car with him, a cheap suit case which contained the following clothes;

One rather new and apparently unwashed brown or khaki shirt which bore the makers name in the neck band as William Youhg and Company, 208 North Center Street, Reno, Nevada. There were no size marks on this shirt nor any laundry marks.

One pair of high-top leather hunting shoes with regular soles and heels but no identification marks of any kind.

One, size 32, Hickok brown leather belt, which had six steel saws concealed in a case fastened in back of the buckle (the police and press have not observed these saws).

One pair of Pools Demin pants, laundry mark CMC.

One package of Bellview Sterilized gauze, one yard in length.

Two pair of brown riding breeches with leather lining inside of the knee, but no identification marks.

One elastic knee supporter bearing the label C & G and also the label Honbro Seamless, size 5, number 66118.

One Plymouth shirt, gray in color, size 14½ with 33 sleeves; identification marks - 014 980.

Two pair of wool socks having gray feet and red tops.

Several pair of cheap silk socks.

In addition this man had a card which had no printing on it but which had 8695 Edgwood Parkway with the word Pelk written over the word Parkway; beneath the number was written the words LaGrange and beneath the word Parkway was also written the figure 500; beneath LaGrange was written the word and figure Oakenwold 4505, and beneath that was written the single word Palkoffer. On the end of this piece of paper or card was written the words Doc 300, Elm 250, me 300.

It is noted that Doc may have referred to Doc Stacey and Elm to Elmer Stacey or it may have applied to Elmer Farmer who is a friend of Doc Stacey's and who operates several saloons at Bensenville, Illinois.

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The police had discovered that this man was receiving mail in the name of J. George Zeigler at 40 Chicago Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois - a gas station. This gas station is operated by Tony Pirillo, 1027 North Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The attendant at this gas station is Frank Blohowiak, home address, 2004 Armitage Avenue. This man was grilled by Sergeant Donchue and by Chief Solar but gave no information other than that he had been instructed by Tony Pirillo to receive mail for Zeigler. Tony Pirillo, Donohue reported, was ill with dropsy and he had denied knowing Zeigler.

S. Samatalek, who is Manager of the Maywood one-stop Service Station, but who is listed as President and Treasurer of both stations, was interviewed, particularly in regard to his telephone call on the morning of March 21, 1934, when he called the gas station and asked if there were any mail there for Zeigler and indicated that if there were that it should be destroyed. He denied that he knew Zeigler and said that he had merely noticed this mail when he had been at that station on several occasions while Pirillo was sick.

Blohowiak was shown a number of pictures by Agent when other officers were absent, and he picked out a picture of Alvin Karpis as a good likeness of a young man that had been seen on two occasions with Zeigler. He described this man as having blue eyes.

It will be noted at this point that the pictures of subject Alvin Karpis, which Agent obtained during the investigation entitled FRANK NASH, with aliases, I.O. 1166, FUGITIVE, Escaped Federal Prisoner, carried the color of Karpis's eyes as brown. It is noticed that the Identification Order number 1218 on Alvin Karpis carries this subject's eyes as blue, and in the report of Special Agent A. R. Cere, Salt Lake City dated March 22, 1934, in the Bremer Kidnaping Case, it is noticed that the parties identified the picture of Alvin Karpis as a man who had blue eyes. It is believed that this matter is important and a letter is being directed to the Division, with carbon copies to the Kansas City and St. Paul offices, asking for a complete check on this question.

Blohowiak informed Agent that he had no knowledge of where Zeigler lived, but after Zeigler left the station he usually went in a Westerly direction, if he seemed to be on his way to his home.

As Agent has indicated, the questioning of these men was difficult due to the lack of cooperation on the part of Sergeant Donohue, who it was feared would give information to the press.

Sergeant Donohue communicated with Lieutenant Harry Wilson, Chief of Detectives, Oak Park, Illinois, during which time Agent heard the name Rocco De Grazia mentioned. Agent asked Donohue about this and Donohue said that he had merely mentioned this name to Wilson as a person who had formerly lived at a certain address, although Agent thought that this had been made in connection with the ownership of the gas stations.

Lieutenant Wilson was interviewed by Agent at a later date and he indicated that he had informed Sergeant Donohue that Tony Pirillo was formerly connected with the Capone syndicate and was known to be a good friend of Rocco De Grazia, who was supposed to have a financial interest in these gas stations, although this could not be shown. It will be noticed that Rocco De Grazia is a well known Capone hoodlum and is a very close friend of subject Doc Stacey.

The papers in Zeigler's possession showed that he had purchased his Chevrolet car in 1932 from Joe Bergl. Joe Bergl is, of course, well known in numerous files in the Chicago Division Office, having been reported to be related to the former notorious gangster, Gus Winkler, and Winkler is supposed to have had a financial interest in Bergl's business. This firm sold cars to such notorious hoodlums as Francis Keating, Thomas Holden, Frank Nash, James "Fur" Sammons, and others. Bergl denied that he knew this man under the name of Zeigler or Johnson. Sergeant Donohue said that he had known Bergl for twenty years and that Bergl ran a reputable business and that he did not blame Bergl for selling cars to people that had the money to buy them. Bergl was not questioned by these men with any thoroughness in Agent's presence. Bergl was later taken to the morgue to attempt to identify the body but Agent was never informed of what Bergl had said, although Agent asked for this information.

The members of the press had full information concerning the addresses on the cards found on Zeigler and the members of the press would come into Chief Solar's office frequently and report to him the results of investigations which had been made by them at the various addresses. They had discovered that the name, Mortenson was that of a real estate dealer at 6306 South Cottage Grove Avenue, and that one, C. B. Johnson, who formerly lived at 2141 Gunderson Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois, had applied for an apartment at 639 East 79th Street, apartment 304. This man had indicated that his former landlords were Ross and Browne, 919 North Michigan Avenue, Whitehall 7373, and gave as reference a Mr. H. Darre at 9 South Clinton Street, Chicago, and a Mr. M. L. Weiss, the Agent for his former residence. He listed his phone number as Berwyn 1599. Johnson had indicated that he desired a bachelor apartment, but Weiss had indicated that this man might have a wife and child with him, and due to this, Mr. Mortenson hesitated to rent the apartment and he had Johnson withdraw his deposit.

Sergeant Donohue raided the address 2141 Gunderson Avenue but reported to Agent that he found nothing, and Agent learned from newspaper men who accompanied him that G. B. Johnson had lived in apartment number 308 but had moved about a week before. These men have been unable to locate Mr. M. L. Weiss, the Agent for the building, who was out. Agent made a personal investigation at this residence and interviewed Mr. I. W. Rymkiewicz. This man indicated that G. B. Johnson had lived in this apartment about a year and a half having rented through Mr. Maurice L. Weiss. He said that this man sometimes would not visit the apartment for a month at a time and was seldom there more than two or three times a week. He stated that this man came on a number of occasions with different women whom he did not know. This man also had a party come to his flat whom Johnson said was his brother and this man was supposed to be a golf professional. He is described as about 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighing 175 pounds, medium to slender build, dark hair and round face. Mr. Rymkiewicz has telephone number Berwyn 5871 through which Mr. M. L. Weiss can be located when he is in that apartment. He said that Johnson had moved after notifying Mr. Weiss and that a small moving van with two employees had assisted in the moving but he said that he did not notice the name of this moving van. He said that the apartment had been thoroughly cleaned since Johnson had vacated, since it was a furnished apartment except for the linen and china, and that the various papers which were in this apartment had been destroyed. The only thing that he could discover which had been in this apartment was a Berwyn telephone book, which was taken by this Agent. This telephone book has no marks on it that seem to be of any value, although there is some scribbling on the book. The only check mark in the book was in the classified section where a check was made beside the listing of the B Electric Company, 2715 South Ridgeland Avenue, telephone Berwyn 3240. On the opposite pages were the figures. 333written in pencil as if scribbled and it is noticed that this is the number of the Ayers Electric Company, 2806 South Harvey Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois, telephone Berwyn 333.

Mr. Maurice L. Weiss was interviewed at his apartment at 2141 Gunderson Avenue and in the office of Ross and Browne, Room 320, 919 North Michigan Avenue. The second interview was made after it was discovered that Zeigler used the name George B. Siebert and had cards printed as a landscape engineer at the address of 9 South Clinton Street, Chicago.

These interviews with Mr. Weiss were conducted after interviewing Mr. Lustig, who is Mr. Weiss's superior in the firm of Ross and Browne.

Mr. Weiss gave information concerning the golf professional who visited Johnson and said that this apartment had been rented to Johnson before Ross and Browne had become Agents and before an application was required. He said that Johnson had been brought to this building by an Otto Chlebown, a former Cicero real estate dealer. Mr. Weiss said that this man was out of business and he did not know where he could be located but referred Agent to a Betty Chlebown, 1810 South 59th Street, who is listed in the telephone directory as having the telephone, Cicero 3556J. A telephone call to this number revealed that Otto Chlebown is the brother-in-law of Betty Chlebown but these people do not know his present location and have not heard from him for a year. Agent's identity, of course, was not revealed in this inquiry.

Mr. Weiss said that Johnson had told him that he had a wife and child and he had indicated that he had a home in Oak Park, Illinois. Whether this home was a house or an apartment, Weiss did not know. Weiss said that when Johnson was away on his many trips that he would usually state that he had been to Miami, Florida and he never remembers Johnson saying that he had been to any other place. When Johnson first moved to this apartment, Weiss thought that this man was reputable, but he quickly came to the conclusion that this man was using this apartment solely for an occasional party with women, although no noise or disturbance was made. A short time ago Weiss came to the conclusion that this man might be connected with the liquor racket but he had nothing on which to base this information. Weiss indicated that when he went out of town that he had a Buick car in which he made his trips and about a week before he moved he found that Weiss was anxious to purchase an old car and suggested that Weiss might like to buy a Ford Sedan that was in the possession of Johnson's wife.

A record of the toll calls from January 16, 1934 to the time of the slaying of Zeigler, alias Johnson was confidentially obtained and it was discovered that during that time he made the following telephone calls:

1/16/34 - Wabash 1255 - Burke Golf Co.,Inc.
14 East Jackson Boulevard, Room 1105.

1/19/34 Seely 4041 - Carlisle Instrument Company, 2101 West Van Buren Street, Second Floor.

1/25/34 Franklin 8877, Sutro Brothers and Company, 154 South LaSalle Street, First Floor.

1/25/34 Rockwell 0899, Julius Kudla Cafe, 2257 South Sacramento Avenue.

2/7/34 Franklin 8877

2/23/34 State 6509 - Cook County Republican Committee - 10 North LaSalle Street.

3/6/34 Whitehall 9573 - Ross and Browne, 919 North Michigan Avenue.

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Mr. Theodore W. Barry, Manager of the Manor Garage, 7843 Exchange Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, called at the County Morgue and informed Sergeant Donohue and Lieutenant Commerford, Cicero Police, that the dead man resembled one, George Seibert who parked his Chevrolet Coupe at the Manor Garage and lived at 7827 South Shore Drive, where he lived with his wife. Lieutenant Commerford sent this man to the Cicero Police Station where he was locked up until 8:00 P.M. on the evening that he supplied this information, March 23, 1934, while the police investigated this information. Donohue and Commerford made no effort to furnish Agent with the information found. Agent called at the Cicero Police Station on that evening and inquired as to the telephone number in this residence and other facts, but Donohue and the others were evasive.

A subsequent check by Agent, accompanied by Agents Nichols and Metcalfe showed that these parties are renting apartment number 308. Mr. Harmon Smith and Mr. Osburn Smith, father and son, the owners of this building, were interviewed. They stated that Mr. George Seibert and Mrs. Irene Seibert rented the apartment in that building during the last part of February, 1934 and lived in it until Seibert's death. Mrs. Seibert apparently checked out of the apartment on the morning of March 23, 1934, shortly before the arrival of the police. This

investigation disclosed that the telephone in this residence was still in place and the number was South Shore 1086. The police had made an extremely thorough search of this apartment it appeared, having gone through practically everything. There were cards on hand which indicated that Mrs. Seibert may have been a school teacher. She had an account book which apparently was for the year 1932 or 1933 which showed daily entries of expenses; also an entry each week for the upkeep of a Ford automobile and showing a number of entries of money paid to Robert. It will be remembered that Arthur Johnson recalled that Zeigler's wifes name was Irene and that they had a child named Robert about 9 years of age. This boy, however, was never in the Rainbow End Apartments.

An examination of this account book failed to show any further information of value except that it showed a number of entries in back of the name Patzer. Most of these entries had the item, milk, in back of them although some had no entries in back of the name and one other had the word "paper". These items ranged from twenty cents to three dollars. It was noticed that one item for school showed a payment of $35.00; another item listed Mayos for ten dollars. Whether this could mean the Mayos of Rochester, Minnesota is not known. (It will be suggested that the St. Paul Office make inquiry through the telephone directories to assertain if one, Patzer, is listed in the telephone directories as a milk dealer in St. Paul, Minneapolis or Rochester.)

Mrs. Zeigler was described as follows:

Age: 20 years
Height: 5 feet 5 inches
Weight: About 120 pounds
Build: Slender
Hair: Dark
Eyes: Unknown
Complexion: Medium to Dark.
No peculiarities noticed.
Suffering from anemia.

Of course it has been definitely determined that this George Seibert and the man who was killed were one and the same person.

There was a recipe in Mrs. Zeigler's book written on the stationery - The National Reserve Insurance Company of Illinois, G. O. Hlavin and Company, Agents, 2213 South Harlem Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois.

There was a small bit of paper in the bottom of Zeigler's golf bag which bore the name, Franklin and Lyndale, 601 Ridgewood, apartment 301. This paper had some figures on the back which looked like telephone numbers but which were not Chicago telephone numbers, and while there is a Ridgewood Court in Chicago, there appears to be no number 601.

The golf clubs which Zeigler had were a set of Walter Hagen wooden shafted irons, bearing the registration number 205. He had a MacGregor semi-goosenek accuracy putter; he had Jack White wooden clubs; namely, the driver, the spoon and the brassie.

On one of the pieces of paper with Mrs. Zeigler's recipes was the number 543J, but no exchange was listed.

Agent interviewed Mr. H. Darre, who has office number 822 at 9 South Clinton Street. He stated that he had permitted Weiss to use his name as a reference for some unknown man and this unknown man turned out to be G. B. Johnson, an alias for Zeigler. He said that he did not know this individual. However, Ross and Browne and also Mr. Darre at South Clinton, in their investigation in this matter had obtained the information that Zeigler had a mailing address at room 512, which is an office where desk space and mailing addresses are rented.

Miss Louise Graehms, telephone number State 5296, operates this office. This woman, it was believed, had been previously interviewed by Chicago Police working for the Cicero Police. Miss Graehms was interviewed by Agent and she stated that a Mr. Fisher, who is connected with the office of the building, had brought one, George Seibert in and Seibert had stated that he intended to rent desk space on April 1st, but merely desired a mailing service to that time. She said that he received only one personal letter but did receive a number of advertisements of seeds and landscaping machinery. She also remembered that he received several letters from John F. Clark, 231 South LaSalle, brokers, which letters had been in the office when the police arrived and which they had taken with them. Miss Graehms described this man accurately but had no information of value concerning his associates, stating that he never came to this office with anyone.

Agent noticed, however, that next to room 518 was the office of one, A. F. Denemark, Incorporated, which office was in room number 514. It will be noticed that this A.F. Denemark is a nephew to one, Emil Denemark who operates a Cadillac and Buick agency in Chicago and in LaGrange, Illinois. In the case entitled JACK KLUTAS, with aliases I.O. 1179, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, in which it is recorded that Klutas was a member of the kidnaping gang preying on Chicago gamblers, it is noticed that this Zeigler, under his true name, Fred C. Goetz, was reputed to be an associate of Klutas'. Klutas was known to have visited frequently with Emil Denemark, and the garage of Emil Denemark was a meeting place for this gang. This may be the connection which brought Zeigler to an office at that address.

Agent also checked information which proved to be erroneous; that Zeigler had been visiting the office of the Therm-O-Proof Insulating Company in Room 814 - it appearing that a man in that office named Marshal J. Decker resembled Seibert.

A check was made at the brokerage office of John F. Clark, 231 South LaSalle Street, Continental Bank Building, where it was determined that on March 17, 1934, when G. B. Seibert, 9 South Clinton Street had purchased 200 shares of Schenley Distillers Stock, the customers man for this account was Mr. William Siegel. There was a balance of about twenty-four to twenty-seven hundred dollars in this account, depending upon the fluctuation of the stock. Mr. Siegel said that he formerly worked for the firm of Ettinger and Brand which had offices in the Bankers Building - Mr. C. W. Brand now being located at the National City Bank Building in Cleveland, Ohio. He remembered this man at Brand's as using the name Zeigler. He met Zeigler in the bar of the Atlantic Hotel on South Clark Street in Chicago and this man asked Siegel where he was working and said that he would come over to see him in a short time. He came over in the next day or two and opened the account in question. At that time he gave the name of Seibert and told Siegel that that was his true name and Siegel said that because of the fact that he had not seen Zeigler for over a year, he thought that it was very possible that he had been mistaken as to the name and thought nothing more about it.

A request was made at this company that Agent be notified if anyone should attempt to collect this money. The newspapers carri articles several days later indicating that the Coroner's Office and the Public Administrator had located these funds.

Mr. A. H. Tod, a partner of Sutro Brothers and Company, 134 South LaSalle Street, First floor, was interviewed by Agent, and he stated that the picture of Zeigler in the papers had been recognized as a man who had done business for about a year with his concern. The account at this establishment was under the name of Irene Dorsey and Zeigler had a general Power of Attorney to trade this account. He said that Zeigler gave no home address and suggested that all mail be left for him at the office of the company. He also gave no telephone number. Mr. Tod said that all dealings with Siebert were in cash and that this man was never paid by check nor did he ever give a check. His balance at times was as high as fifteen hundred dollars and his original deposit was in the neighborhood of seven thousand dollars.

Mr. L. Williams, another partner who handled Seibert's account on the floor, informed Agent that Seibert was most affable and likeable and that Seibert had told Williams that he had about broke even in his stock market operations. He had withdrawn money from time to time from this account but never made a deposit other than the original seven thousand dollar deposit. His balance in March, 1933 was in the neighborhood of three thousand dollars and he withdrew all of this money, indicating to Mr. Williams that he was satisfied with his relations with this firm but that he had use for the money in a deal which was just coming out. The balance in the account now amounts to about six dollars. Mr. Williams said it was not unusual for business men to carry on cash transactions and to have mail left for them at the office. Traders receive mail more quickly by having it left at the office than by receiving it at home since they are on the way to their trading points by the time the mail reaches their home. Many men, particularly those having marital difficulties carry only transactions in cash in order to avoid difficulties. These gentlemen were asked to notify Agent immediately if anyone should call for information in regard to the account of Irene Dorsey.

In view of the fact that the 1928 Chicago City Directory listed the name of only one Irene Dorsey as living at 2913 East 78th Place and working for the Ellinwood Realty Company, Agent, after failing to locate Mr. Marvin E. Ellinwood, whose office is now at 111 West Washington Street, Franklin 7994, discovered that

a Mr. Henry P. Dorsey, a janitor at 2915 East 78th Place, was also listed in the directory. A check of the telephone directory for the winter of 1933 to 1934 showed that Henry P. Dorsey was not living at 7825 Coles Avenue, South Shore 6562. This is one block from the apartment of George B. Seibert.

In consequence, an immediate check was made at that residence and Mrs. Henry P. Dorsey was interviewed. She said that she had three adopted daughters, one of whom was named Irene. This daughter had recently married a man named Ely, who was employed by the Walgreen Drug Company on South Wabash Avenue. She said that this daughter had a 16 months' old baby and was in delicate health at the present time. She showed a picture of this daughter to Agent which appeared to be that of an extremely stout woman holding a small child. The pictures of the other two daughters were also shown to Agent and none answered the description of Irene Seibert, alias Zeigler.

Mr. N.M.Cook, Burke Golf Company, Incorporated, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, was unable to explain how Zeigler had his name. He stated that he has a Chicago representative of the Burke Golf Company that knew practically all of the professional golfers in this section of the country and he also knew most of the men engaged in designing and caring for golf courses. He examined the picture of Boetz, alias Zeigler, but he was unable to identify it. On a later interview, this picture was also shown to Mrs. Cook, but she could not recognize it as a customer. Mr. Cook stated that a great many professionals, who are now out of work, call at his office and received telephone calls there and it might be that in this way Zeigler had obtained his name and telephone number. Mr. Cook said that the golf professional at the Mohawk Country Club where Zeigler was a member in 1933 had been one, George Smock. Mr. Smock's mother acted as a cook and operated the dining room at this country club. Smock is not returning, however, to the Mohawk Country Club, but is going to the Elmhurst Country Club. He will probably be there about April 1, 1934, returning from the South where he has spent the winter at Lakewood, Florida. Mr. Cook offered to cooperate in any way that he could.

An article in the paper indicated that investigation had been made by the Chicago Police at 4505 Oakenwold, Chicago, Illinois, but though Agent asked Sergeant Donohue and Lieutenant Commerford to supply the results of this investigation, no information was given to Agent.

In addition, the number Oakland 3398 which apparently applied to that Oakenwold address was discovered to be an unpublished number.

The number Franklin 2866 which appeared in Zeigler's effects was discovered to be the Elks Club March number 4, 174 Washington Boulevard. The name Rupert was written on the back of this number and Agent called and asked for Mr. Rupert and was informed by the girl at the switchboard that Mr. Rupert was a member and that he was not in and was confined to the Jackson Park Hospital.

A call at the Cook County Coroner's Office, County Building, Chicago, Illinois revealed that there was nothing of importance to be found in the clothes of the dead man which had been taken from the South Shore apartment. It appeared that he had tailored shirts made by L. Heis, a shirt maker at 509 East 61st Street, Chicago, Illinois, and several tailor made suits made by Herman Mandis and Dogin Company of Chicago, Illinois. He had a number of newly laundered shirts which apparently had been laundered by the Best Laundry and by the Chapin Laundry Company. A laundry mark in these shirts, which appeared to have been on them for some time, was 411. There was a dry cleaning mark on the pocket of one of the pants which was 85 over a line with 9677 below.

In addition there was an R. B. Graflex Series B curtain aperture camera which had been found in this apartment. This camera had apparently been sold by the Eastman Kodak Stores, Incorporated, 112 to 116 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The camera case showed evidence of considerable wear but the camera itself did not seem to have been used a great deal.

There are undoubtedly numerous addresses and considerable information which is now in the hands of Sergeant Donohue and the Coroner's office and possibly the Cicero Police which has not been submitted to Agent.

As indicated in the letters of reference, the fingerprints of the James George Zeigler who was found dead disclose that this individual was in fact the Fred C. Goetz that had been arrested on June 5, 1925 in Chicago, Illinois, and assigned Chicago Police number 96578. He was arrested on a charge of attempted rape of a seven year old girl. Goetz was a graduate of the University of Illinois and played on the football team in that institution. He was a life guard at the Clarendon beach bathing beach in Chicago when this alleged crime occurred. The records reveal that Goetz forfeited his bond on this charge and was never apprehended.

The chauffeur for a Doctor Gross was killed in Chicago, Illinois in October, 1925, during an attempted holdup of that Doctor, and one man was sentenced to the Illinois State Penitentiary for a period of 20 years for this crime. In his confession this man implicated Goetz as his accomplice in this crime and in consequence Goetz was wanted for the crime of murder in Chicago. It appears that Goetz's bond was finally forfeited on October 29, 1925 and that on August 19, 1927 the charges of assault to rape and murder were stricken off and on May 4, 1929 the charge of attempted rape was also stricken off. It is supposed, however, that these charges were subject to reinstatement upon the apprehension of Goetz.

In connection with the case entitled JACK KLUTAS, with aliases, I.O. 1179, National Motor Vehicle Theft, investigation linked Goetz with Klutas. Special Agent McIntire of the Chicago Division Office made a review of the history of Goetz with the Chicago Detective Bureau, and the files indicated that after the murder in October, 1925, that Goetz was reputed to have associated with Fred "Killer" Burk, Ted Newberry, Gus Winkler, and other well known gangmen who were associated with the Capone syndicate. He was reported to have been hiding in Wisconsin at a resort conducted by these men. He is supposed to have been implicated in a number of bank crimes with these men, a detailed summary of which, at this time, would be of little use since Winkler and Newberry are dead and since Fred Burk is serving a life sentence in the Michigan State Penitentiary at Marquette, Michigan.

A telegram has been received from the Salt Lake City office in response to the letter of reference from Chicago to Salt Lake City, indicating that, although Johnson, alias Red Price, has positively identified the picture of Fred Goetz and the photograph of the murdered man as the photographs of the man whom he knew as George Zeigler; there is no known solution to this crime, although it is possible that Zeigler may have been the man who put Gus Winkler on the spot and in consequence his killing was in retaliation for that crime. It is possible that this man may have been the man who killed Ernest Rossi because of the rumor that Rossi was instrumental in the location of Jack Klutas and Zeigler's death was brought about by Lawrence "Dago" Mangano, former Capone Lieutenant and the husband of Rossi's sister.

All of these angles at this time, however, are conjecture and no definite information has as yet been obtained.

Special Agent V. W. Peterson submitted a memorandum which called attention to an article in the Chicago American which indicated that Goetz had the name of Roy Severson, 2122 Atwood Avenue, in his possession and Agent Peterson recalled that in a letter from Acting Special Agent in Charge R. C. Coulter, St. Paul, to the Chicago Office, dated May 2, 1933, one, Roy Severson of Madison, Wisconsin had supplied information of little value in connection with the file entitled VERNE SANKEY, with aliases I.O. 1183; GORDAN ALCORN, I.O. 1183, et al; Charles Boettcher, Second - Victim - Kidnaping. Agent Peterson suggested that Severson might be interviewed by the St. Paul office in view of the fact that Zeigler had his name. Attention is directed, however, to the fact that the article in the Chicago American was at fault in that the name of this man was Olaf Severson and not Roy Severson. The name immediately below Severson, however, was Ray Cederburg, and it was in this way very likely that the newspapers thought that the name was Roy Severson.

The Chicago Division Office will secure, confidentially, all telephone calls made from the number Berwyn 1599 and the number South Shore 1086 which have been made during the last 6 months, and a check of these numbers may reveal where Mrs. Zeigler can be located, since she may supply valuable information concerning the activities of her husband.

Two copies of the photostatic picture of Zeigler have been forwarded to the Kansas City Office, St. Paul Office and the Salt Lake City Office and a copy has also been directed to the San Francisco Office, San Antonio Office and the Oklahoma City Office by letter. An original photograph has been obtained from the Chicago Police Department of Zeigler and several copies are being made, two copies of which are being attached to this report to the New York Office, and one copy is being attached to the report to the Kansas City Office and St. Paul office.

In connection with the photograph of Zeigler, it is readily recognizable,, so Agent is informed, although he usually appeared carefree and did not appear as old as the picture although the picture was taken in 1925.

The description of Zeigler is as follows:

Name: Fred C. Goetz, alias James George Zeigler, alias George Zeigler, alias George B. Siebert or Seibert, alias A. W. Johnson, alias W. A. Johnson, alias George B. Johnson, alias Floyd C. Zeigler.
Age: 36 to 39 years
Height: 5 feet 7⅞ inches
(Given by Zeigler as 5 feet 9 inches)
Weight: 165 to 175 pounds
Hair: Sandy Brown
Eyes: Blue
Complexion: Ruddy
Marital Status: Married
Wife: Irene Zeigler
Son: Robert
Occupation: Claimed to be landscape architect, operated a suburban landscape company.
Marks, Scars and Peculiarities:
None noticed except that he had a scar on his right chest which was probably a bullet wound.
Hands: Small - delicate - well kept.
Race: White
Nationality: American of Dutch or German extraction.
Criminal Record:
As indicated above, Chicago Police Number 96578. Fingerprints submitted to Division under above police number and on March 22, 1934 by Chicago Division Office.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

ST. PAUL OFFICE.

At Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Will make a suitable check in order to determine whether Zeigler purchased the camera described herein in Minneapolis.

Will examine the telephone directories for Minneapolis, St. Paul and Rochester, Minnesota in order to ascertain if there is a party named Patzer, particularly in the milk business, since Mrs. Zeigler had this name in her account which account also had the name "Mayos". This may aid in locating where Zeigler lived in the vicinity of St. Paul.

SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE.

At Reno, Nevada.

Will make suitable investigation in connection with the clothing purchased at Reno by Zeigler in order to ascertain if he associated with known criminals at that point.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE.

At St. Louis, Missouri.

Will make suitable check at the Chase Garage, 221 York Avenue in order to ascertain what information may be on hand regarding check number 8039.

NEW YORK OFFICE.

At Buffalo, New York.

Will make suitable investigation at 715 Delaware Avenue, which is the Fairfax Apartment Hotel, in order to ascertain what information may be learned there regarding Zeigler and in order to determine if friends of this man may still be living at that point and if the Fairfax Apartment Hotel may be used by this gang as a stopping point between Chicago and the East. It is suggested that the New York Office display at this hotel the pictures of Alvin Karpis, I.C. 1218, Doc Barker, I.C. 1219, Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis and such other pictures as the office may deem necessary.

The picture of the late Vernon C. Miller should also be shown since it may reveal some of the associates of this gang in Buffalo.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE - OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE - SAN ANTONIO OFFICE - SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE:

The Agents in these respective offices who are familiar with the Kansas City Massacre will examine the picture of Fred C. Goetz, alias George Zeigler as a possible suspect in that crime.

CHICAGO OFFICE.

At Chicago, Illinois.

Will make a suitable investigation in order to determine the connections of Zeigler, and in that way endeavor to locate the other parties mentioned by Arthur Johnson, alias Red Price.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT DALLAS, TEXAS. FILE NO. 62-1790

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TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases; THOMAS H. MARION; GROVER C. [illegible], with aliases	OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Release of Federal Prisoner Harvey J. Bailey)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation at Cary, Illinois, discloses that Mrs. R. A. Schmid, has summer cottage there, which she has maintained for approximately eight years. Two Schmid children spent Summer of 1933 at Cary with mother of Mrs. Schmid; children usually brought to Cary for Summer months. No information secured indicating that Sheriff Schmid is acquainted with Louis Cernocky or visits his place. Telegraph records at Cary checked.

R.U.C.

REFERENCE: Letter from Dallas Division Office dated 3/20/34.

DETAILS: AT CARY, ILLINOIS.

DETAILS:

Postmaster J. Kvidera was interviewed and he advised that he knew of no cottage in the vicinity owned by Mrs. R. A. Schmid or a Mrs. John Crater. He could find no record of either of these names in his mail records. When questioned relative to the Cary Garage and the fact that Mrs. Schmid was possibly known there, Mr. Kvidera advised that his clerk in the Post Office, Miss Lillian Pichen, was formerly the bookkeeper at the Cary Garage, which garage up to March 15, 1934, had been conducted by Stanley Pichen, a brother of Lillian Pichen.

Lillian Pichen was then interviewed and she advised that she became acquainted with Mrs. Schmid about four years ago; that Mrs. Schmid was then Mrs. Wollbach, who with her husband, Mr. Wollbach, occupied a cottage in what, according to Miss Pichen, is known as the Mt. Marie subdivision.

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She stated that she became acquainted with Mrs. Schmid through the fact that she, Mrs. Schmid, and her husband bought a new Oldsmobile through her brother's garage, just before Mrs. Schmid and her former husband, Mr. Wollbach, left to go to Texas, about four years ago. Miss Pichen stated that she recalls Sheriff Schmid being in Cary during the Summer of 1933; that she knew Mr. Schmid from having met him in Cary in the Summer of 1932. She advised, when questioned relative to a call received by Sheriff Schmid from Dallas, Texas, that she could not recall Mr. Schmid having received a call at the garage from Dallas; that if he did it must have been at some time that she was not present, but that she recalls having heard Mrs. Schmid say that her husband received a call from Dallas that some prisoner had escaped and that it was necessary for him to get a plane in order to get back as soon as possible. Miss Pichen could not recall whether Mrs. Schmid had said that her husband received the call in Chicago or in Cary, but that she remembers that it was around Labor Day that the man escaped in Dallas and the call was received.

Miss Pichen further advised that she knew that Mrs. Schmid had the two children in Cary all of last Summer, as she recalls that Mrs. Schmid was in Cary early in June, 1933, and returned to Texas; that about July 4th a wire was received at the garage from Mrs. Schmid, asking if the tornado which occurred about that time had done any damage at Cary and if everything was all right at her cottage. She said that Mrs. Schmid later wrote her and said that she was worried about the children at the time she read of the tornado and would have phoned, only that there is no phone at her, Mrs. Schmid's, cottage. Miss Pichen advised that Mrs. Schmid has had the cottage for five years that she knows of. She could furnish no further information concerning the Schmids but advised that her brother, Stanley Pichen, would possibly know more about them as he was better acquainted.

Stanley Pichen, former proprietor of the Cary Motor Company, and now employed as an oil inspector by the State of Illinois, upon interview advised that he has known Mrs. R. A. Schmid for about four years; that at that time Mrs. Schmid was Mrs. Wollbach and was living with her husband, Mr. Wollbach, in a cottage about two miles East of Cary in what is known as the Normandy subdivision; that Mr. and Mrs. Wollbach bought an Oldsmobile automobile from him in about 1928 or 1929 and drove to Texas in this car. Mr. Pichen advised that after Mrs. Wollbach left Cary she made a practice of bringing the children back each Summer after school had closed and leaving them at Cary with their grandmother. He said that he does not know whether Mr. Wollbach died after going to Texas or whether Mrs. Wollbach divorced him, but that Mrs. Wollbach married Sheriff R. A. Schmid about two years ago. Mr. Pichen said that he first met Mr. Schmid about two years ago; that is, in the Summer of 1932; that Mr. and Mrs. Schmid brought the two children to Cary at the time. He stated that to his knowledge Mr. Schmid is not acquainted with Louis Cernocky, nor has he known him to visit Louis' Place. (Louis' Place is not located in

the town of Cary but is in the town of Fox River Grove which is 3/4 mile South of Cary). Pichen further stated that he, himself, saw more of Sheriff Schmid while he was in Cary on all occasions; that he recalls that Mr. Schmid was in Cary for a few days around Labor Day in 1933 and that he does not know of Schmid having visited Louis' place during this time; that he was with him himself ordinarily when he would come in to Cary and never heard him mention Louis.

With reference to the phone call received by Sheriff Schmid at the Cary Garage, advising him of the escape of Harvey Bailey, Mr. Pichen advised that he, Pichen, was in the garage at the time this call was received; that he cannot recall whether it was on Labor Day or Sunday but that when the call came in he, Pichen, went to the Schmid cottage and brought Mr. Schmid to Cary to receive the call. Pichen advised that when Schmid received the call telling him of the escape of Harvey Bailey that Schmid was terribly upset and voiced his chagrin very strongly to the deputy who reported the matter to him over the phone; that when Sheriff Schmid had hung up the phone he threw his hands up and said "It looks like I'm all through, I guess my job will be over with now". Pichen also says that he recalls that in talking to the deputy over the phone, Mr. Schmid made this remark, "Why the Hell didn't you shoot him and not take any chances". Agent was further advised by Mr. Pichen that immediately after receiving the call the Sheriff began to make inquiries as to the quickest possible way to get back to Dallas; that he, Pichen, assisted Schmid in calling railroads and airplane lines and that Schmid finally decided that he would fly to Dallas in order to get there sooner and left on a plane the same night of the day of the call. Pichen advised that Schmid came to Cary in a 1933 model Chevrolet Sedan, black in color, with Texas license plates. He also stated that Louis Zimmerman, the present operator of the Cary Garage, was the mechanic in the garage at the time the phone call from Dallas was received.

Louis Zimmerman, Cary Garage, was interviewed and stated that he was present in the garage at the time that Sheriff Schmid received a phone call from Dallas, Texas, telling him of the escape of Harvey Bailey; that when Schmid first got the message over the telephone, he, Schmid, appeared dumbfounded and was so surpised that he could hardly speak; that this was not a put on act by Schmid, and although he is a big strapping man about six feet six, he appeared to grow weak after receiving the call. Zimmerman advised that he sees Schmid often when he comes to Cary after the children, but that he has never known him to visit Louis' place while there; that Schmid always came to Cary and patronized the tavern there, Waltons Saloon. Zimmerman also stated that he assisted in ascertaining train and airplane schedules for Schmid after the call, and that Schmid left Cary the soonest he possibly could.

Rural mail carrier Guy Jones, Cary, Illinois, advised that to his knowledge Mrs. Wollbach has had a cottage at the Normany subdivision, near Cary, for the past eight or nine years. He stated that he knew very little of her except that she had, about two years ago, married a Texas Sheriff and that she usually brought the children to Cary for the Summer. Jones directed agent to the Wollbach cottage and pointed it out. After arriving at the cottage Jones advised that the cottage is actually situated in Abbott's Addition, which is on the Southwest corner of the Normany sub-division. Because it is not actually in the Normandy sub-division the cottage of Mrs. Schmid is not listed on the directory board located at the entrance to Normandy subdivision. The cottage, which is a one story brown frame building, with no basement, is two miles East of Cary, Illinois.

Herman Newhouse, who resides on the opposite side of the street from the Schmid cottage, and who is one of the few Winter residents located at the subdivision, was interviewed, and he advised that the two small children of Mrs. Schmid had been at the cottage with their grandmother durin the whole of last Summer. He advised that he recalled Mr. Schmid being at the cottage and stated that as he remembers he was there only a few days and during this time stayed very close and had no visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schugart, who operate the grocery store at Normandy subdivision, and whose store is on the same street with the Schmid cottage, advised the following with reference to Mr. and Mrs. Schmid. They stated that the cottage belonging to Mrs. Schmid was built eight years ago by Thor Wollbach, a civil engineer, at the time of his marriage to the present Mrs. Schmid. They lived in the cottage up until about four or five years ago, when they moved to Texas. Wollbach died shortly after they went to Texas and Mrs. Wollbach married R. A. Schmid. They advised that Mrs. Schmid has been bringing her two boys to the cottage immediately after school closes, for the past several years, and has been leaving them here with Mrs. Schmid's mother, Mrs. Kruger. (None of the previous parties interviewed could advise the name of the mother of Mrs. Schmid.) They stated that Mrs. Schmid returns to Texas after bringing the children here and then returns for them in the fall; that they first Mr. Schmid in the summer of 1932 while he was here with the children; that they saw him again around Labor Day, 1933; that he never had any visitors while at the cottage and they had never heard it intimated that he was acquainted with Louis Cernocky, but advised that they could not say if he ever visited there as most of the people in and around Cary and Fox River Grove drop in to Louis' for a glass of beer at one time or another. They said that the Schmid children were at the cottage during the last summer with Mrs. Kruger.

It was ascertained by reference to the Telephone Directory for Cary and interviews and the observation by Agent of the Schmid cottage, that there is not and has not been a phone installed therein.

Through Mr. O. E. Glascoe, Manager, Western Union Telegraph Office, Cary, Illinois, all telegrams emanating from or received at Cary and Fox River Grove during the months of August and September, 1933, were inspected by Agent. The following wire is the only one to or from Dallas or Fort Worth, Texas, noted:

"Dallas, Texas, 12:05 P.M. 9/4/33

R. R. Schmid
c/o Stanley Pichen
Cary, Ill.

Harvey Bailey in jail Ardmore Okla. Nick Tresp uninjured.

R. E. Alderson
7 A.M."

AT FOX RIVER GROVE, ILLINOIS

Agent interviewed Elmer Knoera, who is employed by his father in conducting the Fox River Grove Motor Sales, which place is separated from Louis' Place by only a small vacant store. Mr. Knoera could recall no one answering the description of Sheriff Schmid or any cars with Texas Licenses having been to Louis' during the past summer. Mr. Knoera advised that he stops in Louis' almost every night for a glass of beer and has an opportunity to see most of the people who come to Louis' Place. He advised that Louis Cernocky does not conduct a hotel but merely has some rooms where friends can stay; that for this reason it would be impossible to tell who had stayed at the place unless someone saw them. This was verified by Chief of Police Joe Bowman and Postmaster J. Zeman. Mr. Zeman advised that he mail other than that addressed to the immediate family of Louis Cernocky ever comes for Louis' place.

Previous investigations by the Chicago Division Office have shown that a direct inquiry at Louis' Place for information would be useless.

The Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, Illinois, has furnished the following list of toll calls made from telephone Cary 65, which is Cernocky's place, from August 12, 1933, to September 14, 1933. It is noted none were made to Dallas or Fort Worth, Texas:

CALLS FROM CART 65

Date	To
8-15-33	Crystal Lake 384-M
"	Canal 0641
8-17-33	Barrington 146-R-2
"	Lafayette 3822
"	Columbus 2770
"	Columbus 2770
"	Glan Ellyn 942
"	Delaven, Wis. 957-R-3
"	Monroe, Wis. 80
"	Kewaskum, Wis. 15-F-1 (Creamery)
8-18-33	Canal 3108
8-19-33	Barrington 65-J
"	Ravenswood 1804
"	Canal 3107
"	Libertyville 202
"	Elgin 2577
8-22-33	Yards 0642
8-23-33	Kedzie 1852
"	Graceland 3295
"	Elgin 3360
8-24-33	Lake View 10432
"	Woodstock 1640-M-1
"	Barrington 144-J-2
8-25-33	Crystal Lake 786
"	Crystal Lake 280
"	Elgin 5481
8-26-33	Cicero 3106-W
"	Kenwood 4300
"	Crystal Lake 608-M
"	Des Plaines 551
8-29-33	Dalton 916
8-30-33	Crystal Lake 384-M
"	McHenry 323
8-31-33	Vincennes 8300
"	Rockwell 5695
9-1-33	Fores 4248
"	Albany 0658
9-2-33	State 3000
"	Barrington 131-J-1
"	Barrington 163-R
"	Crystal Lake 280
"	Barrington 29
9-3-33	Elgin 349
"	Niles 0766

Date	To
9-4-33	Haymarket 6452
"	Longbeach 0292
"	Belmont 0125
"	Armitage 10099
"	Humboldt 6000
"	Columbus 4112
"	Barrington 376 (Jefferson Ice Co.)
"	Blue Island 3110
"	Janesville, Wis. 3520 (Miss Murphy)
9-5-33	Elgin 197
"	Randolph 1906
"	Crystal Lake 866
"	Belmont 1605
9-6-33	Central 4151
"	Lafayette 1900
"	Cicero 54
9-7-33	Elgin 6200
9-7-33	Crystal Lake 226-J
"	Barrington 26
"	Columbus 2780
"	Crystal Lake 866
"	Huntley 29-W
9-8-33	Dalton 716
"	Austin 5411
"	Columbus 2770
9-9-33	Kedzie 9100
"	Sealey 5119
9-10-33	Longbeach 0292
"	Crystal Lake 384-M
"	Crawford 5108
9-11-33	Palatine 17-J-1
9-12-33	Drexel 6658
9-13-33	Berkshire 4742
"	Andover 3300
9-14-33	Elgin 5481
"	Woodstock 539
"	Woodstock 559

There being to further work in the Chicago Office District, this case is being REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, w.a. (Deceased); et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Statements purporting to have been made by Harvey Bailey to effect that the prisoners released from Kansas Penitentiary through assistance of Frank Nash, are the parties responsible for Kansas City Massacre, and were assisted by two Kansas City gangsters - names unknown. Mr. Ralph Bray, former police photographer of Kansas City, not located at Ft. Worth, Texas.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Oklahoma City Office, dated March 29, 1934; and report of Special Agent M.F. Trainor, dated Kansas City, 3-29-34.

DETAILS:

Sam Sayre, Attorney, Sinclair Building, Ft. Worth, Texas, was interviewed by the writer in connection with the information contained in the above reference letter, who stated that he learned from Harvey Bailey that those responsible for the Kansas City Massacre were the prisoners who escaped from the Kansas Penitentiary through the assistance of Frank Nash, he stating that at the time Nash was captured in Hot Springs, Arkansas, the gang were in Kansas City, and with the exception of Underhill, all left for Hot Springs, Arkansas, where they attempted to release Nash from the arresting officers while proceeding to Ft. Smith, Arkansas with Nash; that they communicated with Underhill and Verne Miller, who were in Kansas City, and that these two persons secured the assistance of two Kansas City gangsters, and that they hastily went over the plans to be followed out at the union station in Kansas City upon the arrival of the officers with Nash, and that Bailey stated it was not the intention of Underhill and Miller to cause any

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injury but to cover the officers and escape with Nash; that through the commotion that followed the arrival of Nash at the Union Station, the two Kansas City gangsters began shooting after becoming excited; that, according to Bailey, Underhill, Verne Miller and the two Kansas City Gangsters were present at the scene of the murder; that Bailey informed him that this gang either hung out at the home of some doctor in Kansas City or in the immediate vicinity of this doctor's home, and as he (Mr. Sayre) understood it, either visited this doctor in his home, office or played golf with him; that Bailey informed him that this doctor and the doctor's wife both knew the Kansas City gangsters who were with Underhill and Miller.

Mr. Sayre stated he recalls about three or four weeks ago he saw an article in some newspaper where this doctor had been questioned in connection with the Kansas City Massacre, but that he could not remember the name of the paper or the authorities who were carrying on this investigation.

Special Agent H.T. Arterberry endeavored to locate Mr. Ralph Bray, former police photographer of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, who was reported to be engaged in commercial photography at Ft. Worth, Texas, but no information could be had relative to this person in Ft. Worth. The City and Telephone directories do not list him therein.

Inquiry was made at the Ft. Worth Post Office and the North Side Sub-Station for Mr. Bray, but their records reflected no information on this person.

All of the portrait and commercial photographers listed in the Ft. Worth Telephone Directory were called over the telephone, but no information could be had on this person's identity.

Inquiry was made at the Ft. Worth Police Department's Identification Bureau relative to Mr. Bray, but they, likewise, had no information.

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April 6, 1934.

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased)
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1801; ET AL
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. H. Hanson dated Birmingham, Alabama, March 30, 1934, in connection with the above case wherein it was indicated that Pat Sturney, the step-son of Galatas, is receiving mail from Charlotte, North Carolina.

This is to advise that the Birmingham Office has now received tracings of three letters postmarked Charlotte, North Carolina, March 15, 19, and 25th, the first bearing return address of 514 Colonial Avenue, Charlotte, N.C., the second and third bearing return address of Margaret Gibson Finley, 514 Colonial Avenue, Charlotte.

The above is being transmitted to the Charlotte, N.C., Office for its information in carrying out the lead set out in the above-mentioned report.

Very truly yours,

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

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Suite 2 -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
April 4, 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, with aliases(Deceased)ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent K. D. Deadrick dated at Oklahoma City, March 30, 1934, which sets out an interview with Dr. Early Williams(colored)of Seminole, Oklahoma. It will be noted that Dr. Williams, who is now serving a sentence for violation of the Narcotic laws, referred to a colored man known as "Brownskin," whom he stated introduced him to a party known to him as "Blackie," identified by photograph as Alvin Karpis. It appears that Dr. Williams indicates that the meeting took place one or two years ago.

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Investigation was made by Special Agent K. D. Deadrick to locate the negro known as "Brownskin," shown in Agent Deadrick's report as being employed in a barber shop at 13th and Highland Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

There is no barber shop located at 13th and Highland, and there is no business building at that intersection, or for one block in any direction, except for a grocery store building, which is now vacant. Inquiries developed that there has not been a barber shop situated there.

For a radius of several blocks in all directions from 13th and Highland the population is entirely negro. There is a barber shop located on the corner of 12th and Highland, known as the Watson Barber Shop. There is a barber shop in the middle of the block beyond Highland Avenue on 12th Street and several other barber shops two blocks west of Highland on 12th Street. Inquiries were made at each of these barber shops, without disclosing the purpose of same, in order to locate, if possible, the colored man known as "Brownskin," but same proved unsuccessful. An effort was also made to locate someone who might be acquainted with Dr. Early Williams, and who is employed in one of these barber shops, but none of the parties interviewed professed any knowledge of Williams.

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It was determined that there is a barber named W. V. Banks residing on the corner of 13th and Highland in a residence, and that at one time, he had a barber shop which he operated in his house. Inquiry was made of W. V. Banks under pretext, and he indicated that he is not acquainted with Dr. Early Williams. It was found that W. V. Banks is a man of fifty years of age, and is apparently about five feet, eight inches in height, weighing around one hundred fifty pounds. He was ill in bed when interviewed, and a more accurate description could not be secured under the circumstances.

The agent learned that Lemuel Banks, said by W. V. Banks to be no relative of his, manages the Watson Barber Shop and is a native of Oklahoma.

Agent Treinor observed Lemuel Banks at the Watson Barber Shop and would estimate his age as about thirty-five years, weight about one hundred forty pounds, height about five feet, six inches. At this time, it is not deemed advisable to interview Lemuel Banks until more concrete information is secured upon which to base an interview. Members of the negro population are totally evasive in the absence of such previous knowledge on the part of the agent.

Drs. Turner and Jones, colored physicians and Surgeons, and who appear to be reputable members of that profession, with offices at 1618 East 12th Street, were interviewed under suitable pretext, and advised that they are not acquainted with Dr. Early Williams, and that they are positive that he has never been known in the medical profession in Kansas City, at least not for a period of twenty-five years, during which time they have been in practice and familiar with all colored physicians here.

It is requested that Dr. Early Williams be again interviewed and pressed for further details in regard to his introduction to Alvin Karpis at Kansas City, Missouri. He should be requested to state where he was stopping in Kansas City at the time of the introduction, and whether or not he was residing here permanently, or visiting some friends at that time, and if the latter, the names and addresses of these associates should be secured. He should be questioned as to where he met the negro known to him as "Brownskin," and who else in Kansas City would be acquainted with "Brownskin."

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Particular effort should be made to establish whether or not Lemuel Banks is identical with the party referred to by Williams as "Brownskin."

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Salt Lake City, Utah,
April 8, 1934

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

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases (deceased),
et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner
S.L. File 62-474

Dear Sir:

With reference to your communication of March 21, 1934, with which you submitted a photograph of Fred Coetz and photograph of a deceased person thought to be Fred Coetz, permit me to advise that these photographs were exhibited to Tim Ping, Chinese owner of the William Young and Co., 208 North Center Street, Reno, Nevada. Tim Ping failed to identify either of the photographs or recognize same as being photographs of any person who purchased the goods referred to in your letter of March 21, or any other goods at his store or as being the photograph of any person known to him as having visited the store.

All records of the store of William Young and Company were thoroughly checked but failed to locate any record relating to purchases made by Fred Coetz or George Zeigler.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Division
St. Paul
Kansas City

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318 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California.

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April 6, 1934.

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

Dear Sir: Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased).
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201, et al:
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Your letter of March 31, 1934 was forwarded to Special Agent in Charge Vetterli, at present on special assignment at Reno, Nevada.

Relative to the questions therein asked, Mr. Vetterli has submitted the following memorandum to be forwarded you:

"With respect to Exhibit 9, mentioned in Agent Trainor's report, also Exhibit 10, I believe that I secured these exhibits from the Coroner at Kansas City. I am sure, however, that I did secure Exhibits G and H from the Coroner, and if the Kansas City Office will search the records of the Coroner's office there, they will find official coroner's envelopes in which I signed for these exhibits, and certain other articles.

"A check of the Coroner's envelopes will reflect whether I secured Exhibits 9 and 10 from them also. It may be that the envelopes will only reflect the articles of pecuniary value, but I distinctly recall the Coroner's office bringing the envelopes to the office in Kansas City, at my request, and I received at that time exhibits G and H, and am laboring under the impression that I also received exhibits 9 and 10 at the same time. 62-28915

"With respect to Exhibit D, please be advised that I secured this exhibit personally from Special Agent Lackey, after it had been removed from him by operation, and personally turned it over to Mr. Gill.

This was turned over to Gill about a week after Lackey's operation to have this bullet removed.

"I believe that the other exhibits were turned over to Gill within a few days after I receipted for articles from the Coroner."

Very truly yours,

E. B. MONTGOMERY,
Acting Special Agent
in Charge.

K.C. Division.

318 Lewes Building
San Francisco, California.

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April 5, 1934.

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

Dear Sir: Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased). RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.C. #1201, et al. Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Please find enclosed three tracings on mail delivered to H. A. McFadden, Arlington Hotel, 480 Ellis Street, this city.

Very truly yours,

E. B. MONTGOMERY,
Acting Special Agent
in Charge.

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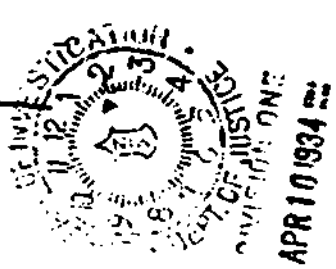

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

April 7, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U.S.Department of Justice
P.O.Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases,
(deceased) RICHARD TALLMAN
GALATAS with aliases, Fugitive
I.O. #1801, et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W.Carter Baum, Chicago, Illinois, dated 4-3-34, which details the slaying of Fred C. Coeta, alias George Zigler. Through Sergeant Joseph Healy, States Attorney's office, Agent Baum has been informed that an anonymous letter indicated that this man, who has been identified by Special Agent Lakey as one of the murderers at Kansas City, owns a $50,000.00 summer home on Cranberry Lake, which is 16 miles from Hayward, Wisconsin. It has been reported that a picture of the large summer home was discovered in the Buick automobile of this man, but an investigation of the papers found in this car has not been made as yet by the Chicago Division office.

It is suggested that a prompt inquiry be made in the vicinity of Cranberry Lake, Wisconsin, because the associates of this man may be involved in numerous crimes, and the summer place may at present be occupied by hoodlums who are hiding from Justice.

If additional information is secured in this connection, it will be forwarded to you.

Very truly yours,

M.H.PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to letter of March 22, 1934, from this office to the Oklahoma City Office relative to the possible location of Charles Arthur Floyd at Sulpher Springs, Arkansas.

On March 25, 1934, Mr. William Hodges, whose home is at Sulpher Springs, Arkansas, appeared at Kansas City, Missouri, where he was interviewed by Special Agent W. F. Trainor, together with Lawrence Hodges, Deputy Sheriff of Kansas City, who is a brother of William Hodges.

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He stated that Elmer Johnson is well known to him and that from his personal knowledge of the man he believes that the statement made by Johnson in the presence of Clara Stone relative to the location of Floyd at Sulpher Springs was merely idle talk, since Johnson is inclined to boast and make wild statements of this type.

He stated that Axel Johnson, the father of Elmer Johnson, who is now deceased, was a Ford automobile dealer at Sulpher Springs; that he was of Swedish Nationality and originally came from Kansas City, Missouri to Sulpher Springs; that he dealt with all types of people who purchased automobiles, and therefore sold many cars to members of the bootlegging class but was not on intimate terms with any such individuals. Aubrey Johnson, a half-brother of Elmer Johnson, is now conducting the automobile business formerly operated by his father at Sulpher Springs. Elmer Johnson is a very imaginative individual, has a penchant for talking about law enforcement and apprehension of bandits and has been of that disposition since childhood. Elmer Johnson was a member of a posse about seven years ago which pursued several bank robbers near Sulpher Springs, at which time William Hodges was also present on the chase, and at that time Elmer Johnson was shot and his right eye blinded.

Mr. Hodges stated that he is intimately acquainted with practically everyone in the vicinity of Sulpher Springs and that he

has never heard a report there that Floyd is or has been in the vicinity during recent years. However, he stated that there are a number of people around Sulpher Springs who know Floyd, since Floyd was reared near Salisaw, Oklahoma, which is about fifty miles from Sulpher Springs. He stated that there is a bootlegger named Eb Lovelace, age 50 years, who resides about 1½ miles south of Sulpher Springs, who is well acquainted with Floyd. He also stated that there is a filling station about 1¼ miles north of Sulpher Springs, close to the farm of the deceased Axel Johnson, and that this filling station is operated by a man who came from Oklahoma about one year ago and that last Fall the filling station man was arrested by local officers for bootlegging. He does not now recall the name of that individual but believed that if there was any truth to the statement of Elmer Johnson that Floyd was around the farm of Axel Johnson, his father, it might be that he would be in contact with the filling station operator.

William Hodges was proceeding to Sulpher Springs on March 31, 1934, where he stated he would be for about one week, and during that time he advised he would make thorough inquiry and pick up any information available concerning the possible location of Floyd there. He will advise the Kansas City Office through his brother, Lawrence Hodges, as to the results of his inquiries.

The above data is being furnished for your information as it does not appear that there is a basis for inquiry at Sulpher Springs in this connection at present.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 526
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

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

A copy of letter dated February 14, 1934, addressed to the Director from the office of Sheriff Ed F. Cooper, of San Diego, California, was received at the Kansas City Office, same reflecting that a report had come to the Sheriff at San Diego from the Sheriff of Yuma County, Arizona, to the effect that CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, Subject of Identification Order Number 1194, together with five other men, was recognized in the vicinity of Yuma County driving a maroon colored Oldsmobile Sedan, bearing Kansas license number 23363. It was not known to the Sheriff at San Diego whether the license tag was for 1933 or 1934.

The Sheriff at San Diego also addressed a letter to Victor L. King, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Topeka, Kansas, inquiring as to the details of the issuance of license tags of the above number for the years 1933 and 1934.

In the State of Kansas the counties are designated by the first number or numbers in the series, after which there is a dash. There are not 200 counties in Kansas, and therefore the number would be either 2-3363 or 23-363 for 1933 or 1934.

Special Agent B. R. Allen, Kansas City, made recent investigation at Topeka, Kansas, through the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, and rendered the following memorandum:

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"At the office of Victor L. King, Motor Vehicle Commissioner, Topeka, Ks., the records disclose that Kansas License 23-363 for 1933 was issued for a Ford DeLuxe Coupe 1931 Model, Motor No. 4,[illegible] in the name of Wilbur Louis of Florence, Kansas. On January 29, 1934, title was transferred to the Rice Motor Company at Florence, Kansas, and on the same date, title was transferred to Jack Seibel at Mound Ridge, Kansas.

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"1933 Kansas License No. 2-3363 was issued for a 1930 Oldsmobile Coach Motor No. F 211,898, to H. H. Hayden, 115 West Levi Street, Wichita, Kansas. On October 20, 1933, title was transferred to the Yingling Chevrolet Company at Wichita, Kansas, and on the same date was transferred to L. A. Fishback, 108 West Pine, Garden City, Kansas. On February 20, 1934, title was transferred to Ira Fishback, % Sheriff's office, Wichita, Kansas.

"1934 Kansas License No. 23,363 was issued to Ernest W. Hilbert, Hillsboro, Kansas, for a 1928 Chevrolet Coupe Motor No. 5,003,327. 1934 Kansas License No. 2-3363, was issued to L. F. Crouch, 406 North Vine Street, Wichita, Kansas, for a 1927 Studebaker Sedan, Motor No. 3548.

"The above information was obtained from Miss Agnes Hannigan, Clerk."

It appears that the 1933 Kansas license number 2-3363, which was issued for a 1930 Model Oldsmobile Coach, as mentioned above, would be the automobile referred to in the letter of the Sheriff at San Diego.

Thorough inquiry will be made as soon as possible at Wichita, Kansas, in this connection, and it is suggested that your office make contacts with the Sheriff at San Diego, California, and the Sheriff of Yuma County, Arizona.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

Dear Sir:

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

There is transmitted herewith copy of letter from W. C. Johnson, Foreman, Arkansas, under date of March 26, 1934, addressed to the Sheriff at Kansas City, Missouri, concerning "Pretty Boy" Floyd, together with my reply of even date.

It is suggested that when you have an Agent in the vicinity of Foreman, Arkansas, that he call to see Mr. Johnson and interview him for all information he may have regarding Fugitive Floyd.

Very truly youre,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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511 Burley-Wright Building,
Washington, D. C.

April 9, 1934.

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

Re: Vernon C. Miller (Deceased),
Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. #1201,
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter dated February 28, 1934 addressed to you by the Director.

Special Agent R. P. Burruss was informed on April 2, 1934 by Mr. L. Kahlert, Ordnance Division, War Department that they have no record of the loss of a 1911 model U. S. Army Colt .45 caliber bearing serial #156301. Mr. Kahlert stated that he will circularize the nine corps areas in the United States and will advise this office whether or not the pistol above referred to has been stolen from any of the corps areas.

In the event such a report is received by Mr. Kahlert, you will be advised accordingly.

Very truly yours,

L. R. PENNINGTON, Assistant
Special Agent in Charge.

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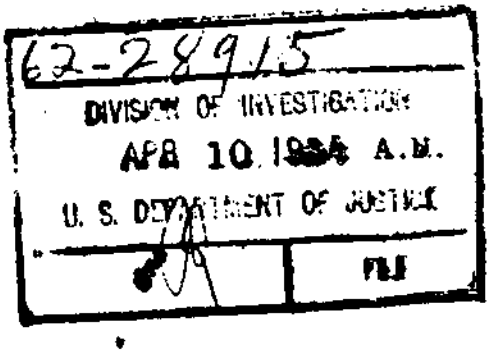

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

April 9, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U.S.Department of Justice
P.O.Box 1278
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (deceased) et al. RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases, Fugitive
I.O. #1801
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the file entitled "Frank Nash with aliases, Fugitive I.O.#1166, Escaped Federal Prisoner". Under date of June 5, 1933, a letter was directed to the Oklahoma City office indicating that Michael J. Michaels had received a letter from Hot Springs, Arkansas, having return address "Cap M. Gorman, 328 Olive Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas". Michaels was an alias for Gus Winkler, a notorious Chicago hoodlum, since slain, and who was extremely friendly and associated with Fred C. Goetz, alias George Zigler, who has been partially identified by Special Agent Lackey, as one of the murderers at Kansas City. Information had been developed at the time this letter was sent by the Chicago Division office that Nash was known to Gus Winkler, and had visited Gus Winkler in his apartment, which Winkler seldom permitted known criminals to do. While this erasing which was forwarded to Oklahoma City office may have received investigative action, a check of the file fails to disclose that the identity of Cap M. Gorman has been ascertained, and it is thought advisable to endeavor to locate this individual since he may be a contact for this gang in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Very truly yours,

M.H.PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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Division

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Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida

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April 10, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Suite L - Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram of the sixth instant advising that the Topeka, Kansas, Police were holding J. Don Whitney with aliases, believed wanted at Miami, Florida, for interstate transportation of machine guns and setting out his description requesting to be advised whether he was wanted.

Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, Jr., advised me on April seventh that inquiry was made of the Sheriff, Police, Marshal and Customs officials in Miami, Florida, and no record of this individual could be located by these officers.

In the Jacksonville Office we have a file entitled DONALD J. JONES alias JACK JOHNS alias JACK DONALD MASTERS; MILDRED COVIC alias MRS. JACK DONALD MASTERS alias ALICE HAYES alias MRS. DONALD J. JONES alias GRACE MILLER - VICTIM; WHITE SLAVE TRAFFICE ACT. These persons were arrested by the Jacksonville, Florida, Police on January 31, 1930, Victim on a larceny warrant and Subject on suspicion and investigation. It appears that Jones had transported Mildred Covne from Chicago to Jacksonville, Florida; they claimed they were married, however, this was disproven, at least no record of their marriage could be located and when all of the facts were submitted to the United States Attorney at Jacksonville, he declined prosecution. In February, 1930, after the Police arrested these persons they searched their apartment and in the bed springs they found a long dagger and a revolver which had been concealed there by Jones.

Very truly yours,

62-819
CC Division

R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

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1216 Smith Young Tower,
San Antonio, Texas,
April 10, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter of April 8, 1934, forwarding photograph of Charles J. Fitzgerald alias Big Fitz alias Old Fitz alias Old Charlie for identification by Special Agent F. J. Lackey as one of the assassins seen by him at Kansas City on June 17, 1933.

Agent Lackey has advised that this photograph of Fitzgerald is not that of any person seen by him at Kansas City.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge

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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 11, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letters dated April 6 and 7, 1934, advising that Captain Reid, of the Topeka, Kansas, Police Department, had in custody one J. Don Whitney, who at the time of his arrest was in possession of Plymouth Coupe bearing Pennsylvania license tags 35U991, registered in the name of Don Whitney, 519 Market Street, Marcus Hook, Pa., together with application for registration in the State of Delaware in the name of J. Don Whitney, 1628 West 4th Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

May I inform you that the records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, reflect that registration 5U991 (not 35U991) was issued to Don Whitney, 519 Market Street, Marcus Hook, Pa., for Plymouth Coupe, motor no. B013976, serial no. 2011558, Pennsylvania title no. 3827292.

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles, State of Delaware, advised that they have no record of any registration of J. Don Whitney, 1628 West 4th Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

Very truly yours,

R. G. HARVEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota

April 11, 1934.

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. B. 1201, et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter, dated April 9, 1934, concerning a house believed to be owned on Cranberry Lake, sixteen miles from Hayward, Wisconsin, by Fred G. Goetz, it is believed impracticable to make this investigation without further information from your office.

The letter of reference indicates that a picture of this home was discovered in an automobile owned by Goetz, together with other papers. If this investigation is desired, it is believed that this office should be furnished with this photograph, together with any other information which may be found among the papers of Goetz.

With the information now in hand, it appears that any investigation made may be fruitless.

Very truly yours,

VERNON HARNI
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
April 11, 1934

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

Dear Sir: Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases,
Deceased, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner,

Recently Special Agent M. E. Marshall of this office interviewed Sheriff R. B. Connors of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, who advised that a short time ago he had occasion to take into custody one Roy Fitzgerald of Pawhuska, who married a sister of Goldie Johnson, and that the latter, the paramour of Clark, is now in company with Jim Clark and Frank Delmar, both escapes from the Kansas State Penitentiary. Fitzgerald is said to be a good friend of Clark's, but when the Sheriff arrested Fitzgerald he released him on the promise he would secure for him all the information he could and Fitzgerald now informs the Sheriff that Jim Clark, Goldie Johnson and Frank Delmar are, or have been, living in McAllen, Texas and allegedly running dope into Big Spring, Texas, and they also have been going to Hot Springs, Arkansas; that they are said to be "well fixed", and would never give up or be taken alive.

This information is being transmitted to the Dallas and San Antonio offices, with the suggestion that perhaps it might be imparted to the state officers at McAllen and Big Spring, Texas.

Very truly yours,

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Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division
Kansas City
Dallas (2)

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
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Mr. Dewey L. Hicks,
Assistant Postmaster,
Moody, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

By reference from Mr. William H. Davenport, U. S. Secret Service, I am in receipt of your letter of March 17, 1934, relative to "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Karpis and Barker.

There is being transmitted herewith a copy each of the Identification Orders issued by this Division as follows: Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker.

In the event you have any information of their whereabouts I will be pleased to receive such information at the earliest possible time. When an Agent of this office is next in the vicinity of your town I shall instruct him to call upon you.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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April 12, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of April 6, 1934, concerning the case entitled RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1201, et al, Obstruction of Justice, Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash, please be informed that a search of the Division's fingerprint files fails to reveal any record of Edward Staud according to the information you have furnished.

It is suggested that inquiries be made at Rochester, New York or through channels at the Kansas State Reformatory in an endeavor to determine the identity of this person.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

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April 6, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with the investigation in the matter of RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1201, et al, Obstruction of Justice, Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash, the Division is requested to inform this office whether its fingerprint files disclose any record of one Edward Staud.

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No description of Staud is available to this office. He is from Rochester, N. Y. and is reported to have served time in the Kansas State Reformatory, and is acquainted with Charles Arthur Floyd with aliases, subject of I. O. #1194.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Kansas City, Missouri,
April 6, 1934.

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DEPT. OF JUSTICE

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

Dear Sir:

Captain Reid of the Topeka, Kansas, Police Department advised by long distance telephone on April 6th that their department is holding a man, who was arrested on a check charge, and who gives the name J. DON WHITNEY, and also uses the aliases John D. Marvin and Jack Masters. With this individual were arrested two other parties, names not mentioned, and from the other men, Captain Reid secured information that Whitney has somewhere in Indiana a trunk containing two machine-guns. Also he secured information that Whitney, during the past three or four months, has been sought by the Federal Government at Miami, Florida, on a charge which he believes to be interstate transportation of machine guns.

In possession of Whitney at the time of his arrest was found a Plymouth Coupe bearing Pennsylvania License Tags 3-5-U-991, registered to Don Whitney, 819 Market Street, Marcus Hook, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. There was also found evidence of application of the same car under the name J. Don Whitney in the State of Delaware and also in the State of Colorado.

The address on the Colorado Registration was mentioned by Captain Reid as 1358 Emerson Street, Denver, Colorado. The address for registration in Delaware was given as 1528 West 4th Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

Captain Reid described the individual, approximately as being:

Age 30; 5 ft. 9½ in.; sallow complexion; N
medium build; weight, 165 pounds.

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Captain Reid stated that the finger prints of Whitney had been forwarded to the Division at Washington, D.C. on April 6, 1934.

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Copies of this letter are being transmitted to the Philadelphia Division office and the Salt Lake City office for information at this time.

A telegram was transmitted to the Jacksonville office on April 6, briefly stating the above information, since Captain Reid stated that it would probably not be possible to hold Whitney for more than one or two days on the charge for which he was arrested, unless some more serious charge developed.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc-Division
Philadelphia
Salt Lake City

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April 12, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter dated April 7, 1934, there are enclosed herewith six additional copies of the photograph of Charles J. Fitzgerald, Toledo, Ohio Police Department #9010.

Copies of the photograph of this same individual were transmitted to your office with a copy of a letter addressed to Inspector Horer at St. Paul, dated April 9, 1934, together with copies of the abstract of criminal record, as reflected by the files of the Identification Unit of the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
APRIL 7, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to letter dated April 2, 1934, addressed from this office to the Chicago Office in the above entitled matter, copies of which were forwarded to the San Antonio, San Francisco and Oklahoma City Offices, relative to the possible identification of Charles J. Fitzgerald, Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, Register Number 6621.

It is requested that the Division furnish to the Kansas City Office six additional copies of photograph of Fitzgerald to be used for purposes of identification.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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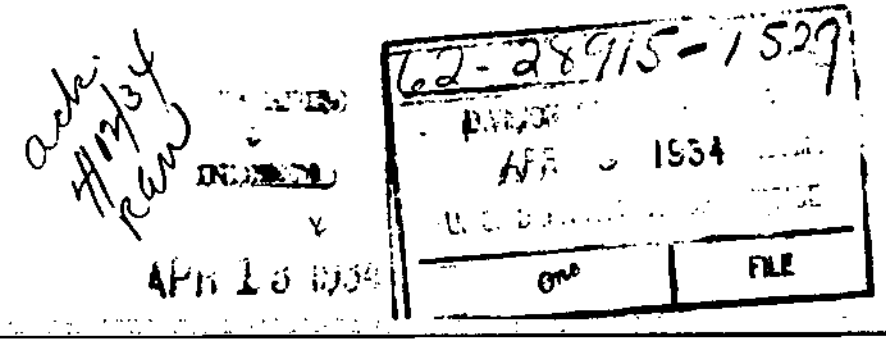

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APRIL 7, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

IN RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL
EDWARD G. BREMER- VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to the report by Special Agent D. W. Maher, dated at St. Louis, Missouri, 3-21-1934, in connection with the case of VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (DECEASED) ET AL, CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

This office is advised by letter from the Superintendent of the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, that there is not and has not been any inmate in that institution named "Ray Karpis", shown by the report of Agent Maher as a brother of Alvin Karpis. It is indicated, however, that Alvin Karpis, who was a former inmate of the institution at Hutchinson, used the alias "Ray Karpis". This record is reflected in the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, February 20, 1934 in the instant matter.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
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April 4, 1934.

MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
MR. CLEGG
MR. COWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. EVANS
MR. GANDY
MR. LESTER
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MR. HOPER

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Conroy telephoned and requested permission for Agent Andersen to leave on a 5:45 train tonight for St. Paul, Minnesota. He stated Anderson would arrive in St. Paul in the morning, could make inquiries at the St. Paul office and then proceed on a noon train to Brainerd, Minnesota in order to interview the daughter of Vivian Mathis concerning the Kansas City massacre case. Mr. Conroy stated it might take two or three days for Agent Andersen to complete this assignment.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley

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Suite L
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
April [illegible], 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to Division letter of February 9, 1934, in connection with the case of VERNON C. MILLER, ET AL, CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER, which specifically has to do with the question of filing a detainer against Subject Harvey J. Bailey at the U. S. Penitentiary Annex at Leavenworth, Kansas, who for administrative purposes has been carried as a fugitive.

This matter has been given careful consideration. Apparently, the only thing that could be gained in filing a detainer would be the clearing of the Division's records in connection with the fugitive status of this individual. On the other hand, the filing of the detainer might possibly bring about an undesirable condition. For instance, there is a possibility, even though it may be remote, that Bailey in the future might feel inclined to give Agents of this Division information of value in connection with the massacre and other major crimes. The filing of a detainer would in all probability have an unfavorable reaction on Bailey. It is my experience that, even though Bailey might not be advised directly by the Warden himself, that such information eventually would be conveyed to Bailey through underground channels in the penitentiary, it being noted that in all penitentiaries often trusties are employed in clerical positions and usually have access to the records.

In addition to the above, the Division's attention is respectfully directed to the fact that Bailey might demand an immediate trial in the event that a detainer is filed. He has informed Special Agent H. E. Andersen in the past that he has as an alibi witness an elderly doctor, who might die and thus would not be available in the event that he, Bailey, is to be prosecuted at a delayed trial. It is my impression that the filing of a detainer would afford proper legal grounds for the demand for an immediate trial. This might afford embarrassment to the Government, in view of developments which have resulted from recent investigation, which is not complete at the present time.

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In view of the above, the question of the filing of a detainer against Bailey will be held in abeyance until some more appropriate time, unless the Division is of an opinion to the contrary.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy mos

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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Pittsburgh, Pa.
April 6, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SPECIAL AGENTS:

VERNE C. MILLER with aliases et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

In all contacts with law enforcement officials I desire that arrangements be perfected whereby there will be transmitted to us bullets and shells fired from weapons confiscated by the police from underworld characters.

The specimens particularly desired are shells and bullets from Sub-Thompson machine guns, 38 calibre colt revolvers, 45 Colt Automatic pistols and 16 gauge shotguns.

Advise me in memorandum form of the contacts made by you with law enforcement officials upon this matter.

E. A. TAMM
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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March 15, 1934.

MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
MR. CLEGG
MR. ROWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. EGAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. HOPER

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I discussed with Mr. Bates, on the morning of March 12, 1934, the desirability of having Vivian Mathis transferred to Milan, Michigan, where she could be associated with Kathryn Kelly, in the hope of obtaining information from her, through Kathryn Kelly, concerning the Kansas City case; and also extend to Kathryn Kelly the privilege of corresponding with her daughter and being afforded similar radio privileges as other convicts.

Mr. Bates stated that he could without difficulty have Vivian Mathis transferred to Milan, Michigan where she will be associated with Kathryn Kelly. He stated, however, that he would like a letter from you requesting that this be done. Accordingly, the attached memorandum has been prepared.

In connection with extending correspondence and radio privileges to Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Bates stated he had been specifically instructed by Mr. Stanley and Mr. Keenan not to grant these privileges and he felt that instructions to the contrary should come from Mr. Stanley or Mr. Keenan. Accordingly, the attached memorandum has been prepared for Mr. Stanley.

Respectfully,

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S. P. Conley

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Follow up & see that these matters are carried forth.

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Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

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April 7, 1934

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

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases,
(deceased) RICHARD TALLMAN
GALATAS, aliases, Fugitive, I.O.1201, et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Fed.Prisoner

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Division letter dated March 29, 1934, which calls attention to the Chicago office letter dated March 23, 1934, which gives information concerning one Martin Quirk and his partner Fritzie (last name unknown). The names of Bubs Quillen and Arthur Dulek were not mentioned in the anonymous telephone call, but these pictures were forwarded because of information in my possession, which indicated that these men might be associated with Martin Quirk, and for this reason it might be advisable to show these pictures to the victims of this robbery.

Very truly yours,

M.H. Purvis

M.H.PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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April 14, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of your letter of April 7, 1934 in reply to Division letter of March 29, 1934 relative to one Martin Quirk and his partner Fritzie, subject of an anonymous telephone call received at the Chicago Office, the call stating that these persons were responsible for the robbery of a bank in Richmond, Virginia early in March 1934.

Your letter of April 7th is headed RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, (deceased) RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1201, et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Fed. Prisoner. The connection of Martin Quirk, Fritzie and the other individuals named in your letter of the 7th with the Vernon C. Miller and Richard Tallman Galatas case does not appear.

Please advise the Division in the premises in order that this information may be placed in the proper Division case files.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City, Mo. FILE NO. 62-1111

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San Francisco, Calif.	Apr. 5, 1934.	Feb. 23, Mar. 1, Mar. 26, 1934.	E.B. MONTGOMERY - AP.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No car registered, or out of State permit issued in name of Subject Galatas, or any name or alias used by him. Galatas has no property assessed in San Francisco. Cover on mail of H. A. McFadden unproductive of results.

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REFERENCE:

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

DETAILS:

In a letter dated March 12, 1934, received from the California State Department of Motor Vehicles, this office is advised that no record can be found of registrations in the name of Richard Tallman Galatas, nor under any of the aliases used by him. However, a registration was found in the name of Richard B. Sheridan. The Sheridan registration was for a 1925 Ford Coupe, Motor No. 11196832, for which 1933 license plates 9-H-2428 were issued. Application was signed "R.B.Sheridan" as sole owner, residence 558 14th St., San Francisco, California.

The premises at 558 14th St. was found vacant. Inquiry of neighbors established that R. B. Sheridan, who formerly lived at the address, was a printer by trade, age about 25 years. His description in no way answers that of Subject Galatas.

One H. A. McFadden, supposedly a relative of the wife of Galatas, for some months has had rooms at the Arlington Hotel, Eddy and Leavenworth Sts.

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: E.B. Montgomery SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Through P. S. Clauzade, proprietor, it was learned that McFadden is an itinera
sewing machine repair man, canvassing from house to house. No one answering th
description of Galatas has been seen in company with McFadden, or about the hote
McFadden is described as taciturn, somewhat of a hermit, keeping pretty much to
himself.

A cover placed on the mail of H. A. McFadden, March 1st, has been unpro-
ductive of results.

Agent examined the tax rolls of the City and County of San Francisco for
the years 1930 to date, finding no property, real or personal, assessed to
Richard Tallman Galatas, under his true name or aliases. This lead was suggested
in report of Special Agent Dwight Brantley, Detroit, Michigan, dated Jan. 23, 1934,
wherein a Mrs. Walter (Grace) Casy is quoted as saying she thought she had heard
that "Dick" Galatas owned property in San Francisco. No one of Subject's name or
aliases is known to be receiving mail at General Delivery.

Identification Order No. 1201, with photograph of Galatas, has been furnish
all State and County Officers in this district. The cooperation of the San
Francisco Police also has been secured. No evidence has been developed indicatin
the presence of Galatas in the San Francisco district.

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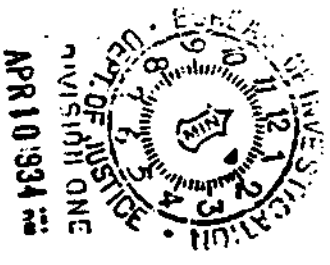
U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

P. O. Box 536
Los Angeles, California
April 6, 1934



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

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

L. A. File 62-964

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to Division telegram dated April 2, 1934, requesting information concerning the five machine guns which a party by the name of SAMUEL GOLDMAN, a second hand dealer in Venice, Calif., purchased at public auction.

SAMUEL GOLDMAN is the proprietor of a salvage store at 1349 Washington Blvd., Venice, Calif., and on March 27, 1934, he purchased five boxes of unknown contents at an auction held by the Burch-Smith Warehouse Company of Los Angeles, Calif., and on opening these boxes Mr. Goldman discovered five electrically operated alarm guns, which were later erroneously reported in the newspapers as being machine guns.

Contact with Detective Lieutenant LOQUOT, Robbery Detail, Los Angeles Police Department, who conducted an extensive investigation in this matter, resulted in the information that these guns were manufactured by the Dobbins Manufacturing Corp., Lytton Bldg., Chicago, Ill., to be sold to banking institutions as alarms to prevent burglaries; that each gun has six barrels 3/4" in length, with a trigger for each barrel; that each barrel is single action, firing only one shot; that the gun cannot shoot ball ammunition, but is made to accommodate only 38 caliber blank cartridges, and that the six triggers are released by electricity when contact is made by the opening of a door or the pressure of the foot on a floor button.

Lieutenant Loquot stated that he had interviewed MR. J. A. BENDER, attorney, 108 West 6th St., Los Angeles, Calif., who was formerly secretary of the Dobbins Manufacturing Corp., and that Mr. Bender stated that a few of these guns were manufactured for demonstrators, but owing to the fact that no sales were ever made, the Dobbins Manufacturing Corp. went out of business over six years ago with a loss of $140,000.00.

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Mr. Bender further advised Detective Lieutenant Loquot that in September of 1928, Mr. Dobbins, who was at that time residing in Mount Vernon, New York, shipped five of these alarm guns with some household goods to Los Angeles, and that this shipment was stored in the Burch-Smith Warehouse at Los Angeles upon its arrival; that owing to the fact that Mr. Dobbins never claimed this shipment it was recently sold at public auction by the Burch-Smith Warehouse to cover storage charges. According to Detective Loquot, the records of the Burch-Smith Warehouse in Los Angeles disclose that these guns have been in storage since the date of their arrival in the Fall of 1928.

Examination of these guns disclosed that they were manufactured without serial number, and that they are suitable only for firing from a fixed or stationary position.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. Dunn

J. E. P. DUNN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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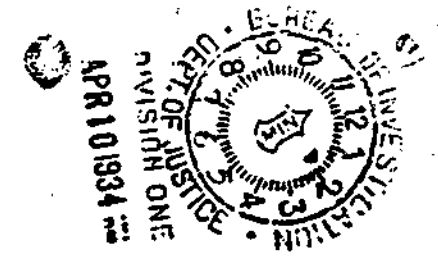

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of March 26, 1934 in respect to certain rumors alleged to have been disseminated by one Bill Graham of Memphis, Tennessee, to the effect that Floyd is wounded and he is supposed to be located in this, that and the other place.

You are advised that said Graham is known as William (Bill) Graham, a more or less free-lance operative in the state of Arkansas of the Burns International Detective Agency. Graham works by the day. He is said to have a wide acquaintance in the state of Arkansas among the underworld and it is said that on various occasions certain convicts have been paroled to him. He also is supposed to have been a Deputy United States Marshal at one time in the Northern District of Louisiana.

I recently saw this man in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He is about six feet tall and weighs approximately two hundred and seventy-five pounds. He wears a wide brimmed felt hat, typical of the western sheriff. He carries four pistols on his person practically all the time, two in shoulder holsters and two in holsters on his belt. In addition to the arsenal on his person, he carries in a long suit-case a high-powered rifle, a shot gun, and three or four other revolvers. He is extremely garrulous and verbose and is described by those who know him as being excessively "windy". Illustrative of the unreliable nature of the information Graham states he is possessed of, I cite the following:

While in Hot Springs Graham told others and me that he was almost certain of the location of Charles Cotner, notorious Arkansas and Oklahoma bank robber. When I left Hot Springs and arrived in Little Rock a short time later, I learned of the raid on that morning on Cotner near Mannford, Oklahoma. I, of course, recalled Graham's statements with respect thereto. Graham was very desirous of locating Cotner, or at least so expressed himself. I had Agent Chipman, who knows Graham well, contact him by phone at Hot Springs and had Chipman ask him if he were certain as

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to the location of Cotner. Graham replied that he would be able to learn in two hours exactly where Cotner was. Agent Chipman then informed Graham that Cotner had been arrested that morning in Oklahoma. Those who know Graham well are of the opinion that perhaps he will report to his superior officers that he was present when Cotner was arrested.

Illustrative further of some of his statements, he circulated the story that he was present at Arkoma, near Fort Smith, Arkansas, when Ford Bradshaw, notorious outlaw, was killed early in March. I have received reliable information that this is not true.

I have talked to one operative of the Burns Agency in Oklahoma who considers information given by Graham as entirely unreliable. Other operatives of this agency have told other agents of this office the same thing.

While in Hot Springs I believe that I successfully impressed upon Graham that we do not care to receive any "fairy stories", or unreliable stories concerning these matters from him, or from anyone else. I do not believe at this time that it is necessary for further interview with this individual for the reason that it has been many days since I have heard any rumors circulated by him. Should he, however, persist in this pastime, I shall contact him personally again with the end in view of dissuading him from further circulation of false information.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 31, 1934.

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

Dear Sir: Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
(deceased), et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.
St. Paul file No. 62-886.

Your letter of March 23, 1934, addressed to the Chicago office, a copy of which was received here, stated that Charles Fitzgerald, Kansas State Penitentiary No. 6621, at the present time an inmate of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, has been identified by Arthur Johnson as a party known to him as only "Charlie".

Undoubtedly, your office has received information that Charles Fitzgerald is at the present time in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas; and in the event you desire to do so, he can be interviewed there for whatever information he might desire to offer regarding this case.

Very truly yours,

E. A. BERGER,
Inspector.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases -
FUGITIVE. Identification Order #1261.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

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Dear Sirs

Reference is made to your letter dated March 31, 1934, in the above entitled case, addressed to the Kansas City Office, wherein you state that Charles Fitzgerald, Kansas State Penitentiary #6621, at the present time is an inmate of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas; that Fitzgerald has been identified by Arthur Johnson as a party known to him as "Charlie", and that he can be interviewed there for whatever information he might desire to offer regarding the above entitled case.

In this connection, reference is made to your letter dated February 22, 1934, addressed to the Division wherein you state Charles J. Fitzgerald, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, St. Paul file 26-2328, was sentenced on December 11, 1933 to one year and one day in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and further that this information was being furnished the Division in order that no efforts would be made to carry the fingerprints of Fitzgerald in the single fingerprint file for comparison purposes in this case.

A review of the file entitled John Hammond, with aliases, including the alias Charles J. Fitzgerald, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, was made at the Division and under date of March 9, 1934, a letter was addressed to you requesting that it be definitely ascertained whether Fitzgerald was or was not in custody between the dates December 11, 1933 and February 10, 1934. A copy of this letter was furnished the Kansas City Office of the Division, which office was instructed to interview Fitzgerald with reference to the above entitled case.

Under date of March 9, 1934, the Kansas City Office addressed a letter to the Division, furnishing a copy to the St. Paul Office, wherein it is reflected that an interview with John Hammond alias Charles J. Fitzgerald disclosed that this individual is not identical with the Charles J. Fitzgerald alias "Big Fitz", Kansas State Penitentiary #6621, whose photograph has been identified by Arthur Johnson, who is serving a life sentence in the Colorado State Penitentiary and who also has been identified by Eddie Doll, now serving a sentence in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, as set out in the letter of the Kansas City Office, dated March 23, 1934, addressed to the Chicago Office, a copy of which letter was also furnished to the St. Paul Office.

The purpose of this letter is to again advise that there are two individuals named Charles J. Fitzgerald with similar aliases, and the Division is retaining in its single fingerprint file the fingerprints of Charles J. Fitzgerald, Kansas State Penitentiary #6621, Division #95780, inasmuch as the Charles J. Fitzgerald in whom the Division is interested is not in custody at the present time and, therefore, should be considered in connection with the above entitled case, as well as the Bremer kidnaping case.

Photographs of Charles Fitzgerald, Kansas State Penitentiary #6621, and copies of the abstract of criminal record, as reflected by the files of the Identification Unit of the Division, are being transmitted herewith and with copies of this letter to the Kansas City and Chicago Offices of the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 661891

cc Kansas City
Chicago

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Under date of February 13, 1934, the Kansas City Office submitted to the Technical Laboratory a number of latent fingerprints taken from objects found in the house occupied by Verne Miller, at 6612 Edgevale Road, Kansas City, Missouri. Today there has been established an identification of one of these latent prints as being identical with the print of Adam Richetti, Oklahoma State Penitentiary #25773.

Respecting Richetti, the following information is quoted from the report of Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, June 26, 1933:

"It may be stated as general information that on the morning of June 16, 1933, Sheriff Jack Killingsworth of Bolivar, Missouri was kidnapped in an encounter at Bolivar, by Charles A. Floyd, alias Pretty Boy Floyd, who is mentioned in the statement of Mrs. West, heretofore shown. At that time, Adam Richitti accompanied Floyd. Sheriff Killingsworth was released in the vicinity of Kansas City, Missouri and returned to his home. His release happened on the night of June 16th. Killingsworth would make no statement whatever concerning the activities and whereabouts of Floyd, at the time he returned to his home, and was apparently frightened into such silence.

"Special Agents R. C. Suran, together with Sheriff Thomas Bash and other officers at Kansas City, proceeded to Bolivar, Missouri on June 17th, where Sheriff Killingsworth was interviewed. Agent Suran's memorandum concerning that activity, is quoted as follows:

'On June 17, 1933, Sheriff Thomas Bash and Deputy Sheriffs Jim Thorpe and —— Rhodes, all of Kansas City, and this agent, interviewed Sheriff Jack Killingsworth, Bolivar, Missouri, concerning his experience of being kidnapped by Charles A. Floyd, alias Pretty Boy Floyd.

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'Sheriff Killingsworth stated that about 7:30 A.M., on June 16, 1933, he proceeded to the garage operated by one Richitti. As he entered this garage, he observed Pretty Boy Floyd and Adam Richitti, brother to the garage man, having several people covered with a machine gun. This gun was immediately turned on him, the Sheriff, and he was advised by Pretty Boy that it would be necessary for him to accompany him, and accordingly, the Sheriff was forced to accompany Adam Richitti and Pretty Boy in a Pontiac car, to some point near Osceola, Missouri, at which time it was the opinion of the Sheriff, that the Pontiac would be easily recognized, and therefore, Pretty Boy ordered the Sheriff to stop a man by the name of Griffith, an insurance man from Clinton, Missouri. The Sheriff did not know Mr. Griffith's first name.

'Griffith's car was commandeered by Pretty Boy and Richitti, and Griffith and the Sheriff were compelled to accompany them throughout the eastern part of Kansas, going to near Ottawa and Paola, Kansas. The Sheriff stated that the main highways were avoided, and they took country roads. The Sheriff was unable to state exactly what route was taken; that Pretty Boy drove this car on into Kansas City, Missouri, entering Kansas City, Missouri, over the main viaduct leading from Kansas City, Kansas to Kansas City, Missouri, and when about half way across the viaduct, they turned from the viaduct to the left to the driveway leading from the viaduct into the Central Industrial District. This driveway was followed to the end, and at which point the Sheriff noticed two red lights. After arriving in the Central Industrial District, Pretty Boy turned the car to the left for approximately one-half block, and ordered the Sheriff and Mr. Griffith to remain with the car under the care of Adam Richitti.

'The Sheriff stated that Pretty Boy then walked approximately one-half block and turned to the right. That he, the Sheriff, was unable to observe into what building Floyd entered, but almost instantly a Chevrolet car appeared in view of the Sheriff; that Pretty Boy then transferred from the car in which they had been riding, to the dark Chevrolet sedan, which had appeared, two

machine guns which had been carried with him; one machine gun which was used to guard Griffith and Killingsworth is what is known as a "Tommy" gun. The other machine gun was a mounted gun, but which was carried unmounted. Pretty Boy Floyd also transferred to the Chevrolet sedan an O. D. trunk. The Sheriff stated that there was at least one other man in the Chevrolet sedan which approached, but that he was one-half a block away and was unable to give a description of him.

'The Sheriff said that this occurred about 10:00 P. M. on the night of June 16, 1933; that Pretty Boy then ordered him and Griffith to take Mr. Griffith's car and proceed home. That they proceeded to Lees Summit, Missouri, where he, the Sheriff, communicated with his family.'

With respect to Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, it will be noted from the same report that Mrs. Lottie West, an employee of the Travelers' Aid, stationed in the Union Station, at Kansas City, Missouri, on the morning of the Kansas City Massacre, viewed some photographs exhibited to her and selected the photograph of Floyd as the man who came from the vicinity of her parked car and walked to the rear of Caffrey's car while the shooting was in progress.

Other witnesses have partially identified Floyd as being one of the assassins, and based upon these identifications, Identification Order #1194 was issued by the Division.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
Director

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 7, 1934

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Clegg telephoned from St. Paul at six o'clock this morning, and gave the following information to Agent Peterson:

Mr. Clegg has spent the night interviewing a woman known as Bessie, a relative of the individual who was shot. Some very interesting and valuable information has been obtained, relative to the Dillinger gang. According to this woman, the Dillinger gang is now possibly in St. Paul. She referred to an individual by the name of "Red," and identified a photograph of John Hamilton as being this individual. Tommy Carroll, also a member of this gang, is a well-known local mobster. Homer Van Meter is also a member of this mob, as well as another individual by the name of Jimmy, who is little, light, and appears to be about twenty-four. This woman stated that last Wednesday or Thursday while she and Green were not at their apartment, John Dillinger and the girl with a dark complexion, known to her as "Billy", but whom she identified by photograph as being the Frechetti girl called at her home. As stated, she and Green were absent from the 3300 Freemont Avenue at the time. However, on the following day, Thursday she believes, Dillinger called with Evelyn Frechetti, and stayed in the apartment a few minutes, although she claims that she went to the kitchen at the time and did not engage in any of the conversation, since she dislikes this mob. There appears to be some friction between this woman and Dillinger, because in the mumblings of Green at the hospital he has indicated that John does not like Bessie. The woman further stated that at the Lexington Avenue address, where the shooting occurred last Saturday, it appeared to her from information she had received, that those there were John Dillinger and Evelyn Frechetti in the apartment, and definitely identified Homer Van Meter as the individual who drove up in a Ford coupe, and who came upstairs, representing himself as a soap salesman, and then opened fire on Special Agents and Police Officers. Shortly after this shooting scrape last Saturday, Evelyn Frechetti called at the apartment house of this Green woman, Bessie. She came in and asked for Green, making the remark that they had had trouble at their apartment, and that John was hurt, having been shot in the leg, although the wound was not a serious one. Green, the man who was shot last Monday, and the Frechetti woman immediately left the apartment, their destination being unknown to Bessie, according to her statement. Bessie further claims that later that night, Saturday, Homer Van Meter came to her apartment and stayed a few moments, then left. At that time he indicated that he was the individual who represented himself to be the soap salesman. She definitely states that Eddie Green, who was shot, was not at the scene of the shooting, although it is to be remembered that Green in his mumblings at the hospital stated that he walked away, indicating that he was on the outside. She definitely denies knowing the present whereabouts of this mob. She furnished certain names of those who might be placed under observation, and investigation along this line is already under way.

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Concerning the Bremer kidnaping case, this woman stated that she is of the opinion that those responsible for this kidnaping were the two Barker brother, Alvin Karpis, and other members of their mob unknown to her. She was shown photographs of the two Barker boys and Karpis. She immediately identified each of them by first names, except that of Arthur Barker, and she stated that of course that was Arthur, but that the photograph was not a very close resemblance. She was shown the photograph of Volney Davis, and she stated she had heard of Volney and had seen this man, but the photograph was evidently taken many years ago and there were man facial changes since that time. She failed to identify two others. She claims that when she previously ran a night club the two Barker boys, Alvin Karpis, and a woman referred to as "mother," who evidently goes around with the Barker boys as their mother, came to this club, accompanied by Sawyer (?), a notorious mobster in St. Paul. She also claims that Frank Nash, although she did not know his importance at the time, had been at the night club with the Barker boys. This is the Alimo (?) Night Club.

Concerning the Kansas City Massacre case, this woman stated she had no definite information and couldn't put us in touch with any definite information. She stated that the "underworld grapevine" headed by Verne Miller, handled this job, and that the Barkers and Karpises, being friends of Frank Nash, were probably the allies in this particular escapade.

The visit to the Alimo Night Club by Nash, the Barkers and Karpis occurred in the late fall of 1932.

Mr. Clegg also questioned the woman concerning the Touhy crowd and the Hamm case. She stated that the Touhys were not connected with this. He asked her who were the responsible parties, and she pointed her finger to the photographs of the Barker brothers and Alvin Karpis.

She has no information concerning the Lindbergh case, but she feels quite sure that offense was not committed by any gang operating in the St. Paul territory.

Mr. Clegg stated the gist of the situation at the present time, as he takes it from his notes is as follows: The woman is being held as one of the prisoners, and will continue to be held in spite of efforts by a local shyster lawyer to have her released. Mr. Clegg stated that after this conversation he was going to the hotel to get some sleep and get back in time to meet a representative of the Post Office Department. Mr. Rorer will be in charge until his return. He is stopping at the Lowry Hotel.

Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
April 7, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 766
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Confirming telegram emanating from this office on April 7, 1934, relative to J. DUR. WHITNEY, alias Jack Masters, alias John D. Marvin, there is being transmitted herewith a copy of this office's letter to the Jacksonville office, dated April 6, 1934.

On April 7, 1934, Captain George Reid of the Topeka, Kansas, Police Department, again called by telephone and advised that he had learned that Whitney had stored two or three machine guns at Indianapolis, Indiana, in a downtown warehouse owned by a Jew, the guns having been stored under the name of Marvin, Masters or Whitney.

Captain Reid advised that Whitney's fingerprint classification is:

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He stated that he had wired the above mentioned classification to the Division, together with the Subject's name and aliases in an endeavor to get an early report on any criminal record he might have and to indicate whether he might be wanted by some police officers throughout the country. Captain Reid advised that he is of the opinion that he has seen a circular indicating that Whitney is wanted by the Government or by the Burns Detective Agency and hence he is endeavoring to check up through this Division and the Burns Detective Agency relative to Whitney.

It is thought advisable to furnish ... information to you by telegram as this office, in connection with its investigation of the case captioned Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, et al, Kidnaping; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, endeavors to get ballistic specimens from all possible machine guns in the hands of suspicious

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characters in order that the same may be compared with the evidence bullets obtained subsequent to the Union Station massacre in that case.

In the event the Police Department at Indianapolis desires to cooperate in this matter and is successful in obtaining the above mentioned machine guns, please advise this office immediately by telegram.

Very truly yours,

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

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cc - Division
Jacksonville
Philadelphia
Salt LakeCity

CAUTION

April 9, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

In the case of Vernon C. Miller (Deceased), et al, Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases, Fugitive I.O. 1201; Charles Arthur Floyd, with aliases, Fugitive I.O. 1194; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, there are being forwarded under separate cover eight pill boxes containing ten cartridge shells marked from 1 to X inclusive, and three bullets marked J1 to J3 inclusive. These were recovered at the scene of the shooting at St. Paul recently when Special Agents attempted to apprehend John Dillinger.

These are forwarded for the purpose of permitting Mr. Merle Gill to compare them with the bullets and shells recovered at the Union Station in Kansas City. They must be returned as soon as possible.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

AIR MAIL.

cc - Inspector Rorer.
Division Office,
St. Paul, Minn.

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Charlotte, N. C.	4-9-34	4/1,2/34	D. K. BRENT, JR.

TITLE:

CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases - FUGITIVE

CHARACTER OF CASE:

MISCELLANEOUS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Forbes states he has been informed by unnamed woman that band of persons, probably engaged in criminal activities, has been making frequent trips through Greenville, S. C. One of these persons has been referred to as "Pretty Boy," not "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and reported to have entered negotiations with moving picture company in Hollywood, Cal., in capacity of actor.

REFERENCE: Letter from the New York Office dated 3-28-34 and Division letter dated 3-28-34.

DETAILS: Transmitted with letters of reference to this office were two letters from J. H. Forbes and W. Fred Newman, respectively. Both of these letters contain substantially the same information and had reference to the same informant, whose name was not given.

The gist of this information was that one Bert Kelley, alias Bert Brule, and certain of his associates, all supposed to be engaged in criminal activities, had been making frequent trips through Greenville, South Carolina, and that in conversation with informant the name of "Pretty Boy" Floyd had been mentioned as being one of the gang. These persons were reported to be using a bullet-proof automobile

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and to be in possession of various firearms.

AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Agent endeavored to interview State Detective N. Fred Newman but was not successful. State Detective Richardson advised by telephone that Newman made his home in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and spent as much time in that place as he did in Columbia; that he did not know when Newman was coming to Columbia and that in all probability, he could be more easily located in Spartanburg. Mr. Newman will be interviewed by an agent of this office at an early date.

AT SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

Jack H. Forbes, home address 405 West Calhoun Street, Sumter, South Carolina, an agent of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, advised upon interview that he did not feel at liberty to disclose the name of the informant above referred to; that his reasons for this were prompted solely by his concern for informant's personal safety and that he did not wish to do anything inconsistent with the ends of justice. He advised that if arrangements could be made, he would be glad to accompany an agent of the Division to Greenville, where informant lives, and where suitable interview with informant could be had. He stated that he was certain that informant would not give any information to an agent unless he was present.

Mr. Forbes stated that his information, as obtained from informant, concerning instant matter, was as follows:

That his informant is a woman who had lived in New York City during the years 1928 and 1929 and had been a member of a theatrical chorus; that while in New York she had made the acquaintance of Bert Kelley, whose job it was to interview persons for the purpose of raising money to back theatrical shows; that Kelley, with whom she had been fairly intimate, had introduced her to a person known as "Smittie." In 1930 or 1931 she returned to Greenville, South Carolina, to take care of her mother who was a paralytic invalid. In December, 1932, she met Kelley by chance in the Textile Hall in Greenville and in the ensuing conversation Kelley informed her that he had changed his name and now called himself Bert Brula (Broolay); that he had left New York and had gone to Chicago and become affiliated with Al Capone's gang; that he was at that moment en route to Atlanta, Georgia, where he was going to try to effect the release of Capone through some sort of habeas corpus proceedings and afterwards he was going to Florida. Several weeks after this meeting informant in fact received a postcard from Bert Brula from Miami, Florida.

In December, 1933 Kelley came through Greenville again with two other men, stopped at informant's house and asked her to accompany them to Charleston, South Carolina. Upon looking in the back

of Kelley's car, informant saw there a child's coffin, and when asking what it contained, received no special answer. She asked whether or not it contained drugs but received no answer and as it was her opinion that it did contain drugs, she refused to accompany Kelley to Charleston. On a later occasion, shortly after the mail robbery in Charlotte, North Carolina, in which Basil Banghart was involved, she again asked what had been in the coffin and was informed jokingly by Kelley that "it might have been a couple of grand."

Kelley's automobile is described as being a Chrysler sedan containing quite large interior pockets and also pockets in the roof and with a specially constructed back seat which opens like a lid of a trunk. Kelley advised informant that this car was bullet-proof.

Shortly after publication in the newspapers of the pictures of the persons involved in the mail robbery above referred to, Kelley again came through Greenville and stopped at informant's house. On this occasion he was wearing a false moustache and appeared to be highly nervous and was perspiring so freely that his false moustache would not stay in place. He made the remark that the Touhy gang of Chicago had come to Charlotte to kidnap some person and that they had instead participated in the mail robbery and for this reason there was likely to be trouble.

About two weeks after this Kelley again stopped at informant's house and asked her to write two letters for him. Both of these letters were to be addressed to Lew Schwartz, one addressed to General Delivery, Decatur, state unknown, and one General Delivery, Joliet, Illinois. Both of these letters were to contain the same message, namely; "please return my tailor made suit and other belongings." He stated further that "the tailor made suit was his personal machine gun which he had loaned to Schwartz and which had cost him $97.00.

On the Saturday before the Bremer kidnaping occurred, Kelley and another man, who was described as being dark-complexioned, with long hair and of larger build than Kelley, stopped at informant's house and took informant for a short ride around the neighborhood of Greenville. They remarked that they were about to go on a dangerous mission, and having stopped the car in an inconspicuous place, they took New York license tags off the car and replaced them with New Jersey tags. It is not known what numbers these license plates carry.

At the same time Kelley produced a small bottle of dye and requested informant to darken his eyebrows, which she did. The Bremer kidnaping occurred shortly after this and informant believed that Kelley and his associate were somehow connected with it.

Approximately three weeks after informant's last meeting with Kelley, his friend, "Smittie," came to informant's house, stating

that he had obtained her address from Kelley and thought that he might be able to get in touch with Kelley through her. He advised that Kelley had asked him "to locate" someone and that he had done this and was now attempting to get in touch with Kelley. While talking to informant and taking her address from his pocket, he dropped and left behind him a Chicago street car transfer, dated January 2, 1934 , (Mr. Forbes had this transfer in his possession and exhibited it to agent), Informant having advised "Smittie" that she knew nothing concerning Kelley's whereabouts, he departed but returned again in about ten days, saying that he had a watch kept for Kelley in Knoxville and Nashville, Tennessee, and other persons were on the watch for him in other places. Informant again advised that she did not know Kelley's whereabouts.

Approximately two weeks subsequent to this conversation "Smittie" called at informant's house, driving an automobile, and stated that he had a man with him who was sick; that both he and this man had eaten some oysters a few hours previously and that the sickness was no doubt caused by them. Informant offered to accompany "Smittie" and his friend to a hospital but this offer was refused. On looking in the back seat of "Smittie's" car, make unknown, she saw that a man was lying down there covered by a rug or lap robe which she remembered having seen in Kelley's automobile. She described this man as having a large, square face and square jaws and his hair parted on the left but could give no further description because he was lying down and had his hat partly over his face. Informant gave the sick man a morphine tablet, of the kind used by her mother, and "Smittie" and he drove away.

About a week later "Smittie" called informant's house and after some conversation, she asked him how his sick friend was. He replied that he was all right and made the statement that "that was Pretty Boy" (at this point Mr. Forbes stated that the police in Savannah, Georgia, had had a tip that "Pretty Boy" Floyd had been in Savannah a few days prior to "Smittie's" interview with informant).

On about March 20, 1934 some time in the early evening, Kelley, accompanied by the same man with whom informant had last seen him, appeared at informant's house. On this occasion Kelley's friend, who was dressed in a woman's sport or gold coat and was wearing a woman's beret and had a large doll, which had been dressed up to give the appearance of a child of about two years of age. This man stated that when they drove through towns, he held the baby in his arms. He stated further that the hat which he was wearing was too tight and requested her to lend him another one, which she did, giving him a knitted toque. On this occasion informant saw one pistol and one large gun which might have been a machine gun, lying on the back seat of Kelley's car. Upon informant's asking Kelley the result of the "dangerous mission," he replied that they had "done pretty well," and that they had just come from Fort Wayne. He also gave her $5.00, requesting that she buy some flowers for her mother. In the course

of the conversation informant told Kelley of "Smittie's" remark about "Pretty Boy," ("that was 'Pretty Boy'"), whereupon Kelley stated that if Smittie "didn't pipe down, he would be a pale boy."

On March 27, 1934 "Smittie," alone, called on informant and after some conversation asked her if she knew anyone who was at present living in Hollywood, California. Informant replied that she believed she did, whereupon "Smittie" stated that a moving picture company of Hollywood, California, was making a picture, the scene of which was to be laid in the Cookson Hills and implying that the picture was to be a gangster film; that it was desired to obtain some pictures of "Pretty Boy". From "Smittie's" statements informant inferred that "Pretty Boy" was to be hired by this moving picture company as an extra, as though his identity were not known and that thereafter, as a publicity stunt, his true identity would be revealed. "Smittie" stated that negotiations had been undertaken between this company and "Pretty Boy"'s family and that "Pretty Boy" had been offered some sort of security if he would undertake to come to Hollywood to be photographed for this picture and also $15,000.00 as salary. Although the person referred to is known as "Pretty Boy", it could not be determined whether or not reference was being made to "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Informant gave the following description of Kelley:

Name	Bert Kelley alias Bert Brule
Age	35
Height	5'7" or 5'8"
Weight	140
Complexion	Fair
Hair	Light brown or reddish
Eyes	Blue

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Informant does not know the residence of any of the above named persons and her interview with "Smittie" on March 27, 1934 represents the last knowledge she has of them.

Mr. Forbes stated that he had written to Mr. Bielaski, Assistant to the General Manager, National Board of Fire Underwriters, New York, New York, with regard to the statements that "Smittie" made in his last conversation with informant.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE, at Spartanburg, South Carolina, or Columbia, South Carolina, will interview State Detective W. Fred Newman in accordance with Division letter of reference.

At Sumter, South Carolina, will, if deemed advisable, make suitable arrangements with J. H. Forbes for the purpose of conducting an interview with informant in this case.

P E N D I N G

ARTHUR D. WOOD, CHAIRMAN
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PAROLE EXECUTIVE

Department of Justice
United States Board of Parole
Washington

April 10, 1934

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

In re: LLoyd Barker, Reg. No. 17243-L
Crime: Robbing U. S. Mail
Institution: U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas
Sentence: 25 years
District: Western Missouri

Your confidential report of April 3, which has a very material bearing on the above captioned case, has been received and I avail myself of this opportunity to convey to you the Board's appreciation and thanks for the same.

For your information and the record in this case, please be advised that upon receipt of this supplemental information the Order, granting parole effective July 16, 1934, was rescinded and an Order of Denial entered.

And in this connection may I bring to your attention a matter which has caused us concern for some time. This has to do with investigations that are made by your Division involving inmates of Federal penal, reformative and corrective institutions. Under the present procedure we are not advised when such an investigation is instituted until it is closed and a copy of the report transmitted to us. Oft-times our record and observation of an applicant for parole may present most favorable prospects, whereas the subject may be under suspicion of having committed a far graver crime than that for which he is under sentence.

It follows that if we had information that any applicant was under investigation by your Division, we would in no case grant the application. If we could be advised when these investigations are instituted we could then "flag" the file and hold in abeyance any action until such time as your Division has had an opportunity to complete the inquiry and report your finding.

Only recently we were advised by Congressman Woodruff of

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Michigan of an investigation which was in progress at the time relating to a prisoner who was serving his first sentence, his offense being a violation of the National Prohibition Act, and with a rather favorable social and economic background. The investigation was set in motion on strong prima facie evidence tending to show that he had committed a dual homicide in making disposition of two of his associates. We immediately took the matter up with your Division, were advised that such an investigation was in progress, and stayed action.

I merely relate this circumstance in order to illustrate the importance of having before the Board every possible vestige of evidence bearing upon a given case in order that in the administration of the Parole Act public interest may be safeguarded to the fulmost.

In view of the foregoing we are wondering if it would be possible to advise this Board as soon as may be after an investigation is instituted in which a Federal prisoner is involved. If such an arrangement can be made effective without too great inconvenience, it would prove most helpful in making a proper disposition of this character of case.

Again thanking you for your fine spirit of helpful cooperation which has been so graciously manifest in the past, I am

Sincerely yours,

Arthur D. Wood

ARTHUR D. WOOD,
Chairman

Suite 1
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri.
April 14, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Please ascertain disposition of arrest of George Barnes, who, under the alias Ralph E. Chamberlin, No. 30634-M-9, was arrested by the Police Department at Los Angeles, California, April 12, 1933, charge - suspected of Burglary.

The Kansas City office was in receipt of a report from the Burns International Detective Agency dated June 30, 1933, to the effect that George Barnes, mentioned above, who was referred to in that report as George Kelly Barnes, was in Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933. The report in question correctly refers to this individual as former Register No. 27,508, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. It was said also that he was in company on June 17, 1933, in Kansas City with George Kelly, U.S.Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, No. 29,362.

The party referred to as George Kelly, Leavenworth Penitentiary, No. 29,362, is identical with the party prosecuted in the Urschel Kidnaping Case, now serving life sentence at Leavenworth. It is believed that some confusion has arisen on the part of the Detective Agency reporting the above, between George Barnes and George Kelly, altho the penitentiary numbers seem to be given correctly. A transcript of the criminal record of George Barnes received from the U.S.Penitentiary at Leavenworth does not reflect that he used at any time the alias George Kelly Barnes.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Suite L
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
April 14, 1934.

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

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Dear Sir:

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

One Mitch Johnson, Deputy Sheriff at Olathe, Kansas, apparently an Indian of about 50 years of age, called at the Kansas City office on April 13th and stated that he is personally acquainted with Special Agent in Charge Guy T. Jones. That he spent many years as an officer in Arkansas and Oklahoma, having worked as a Deputy U. S. Marshal at Muskogee, Oklahoma, and Little Rock, Arkansas. He stated that while he is not now aware of the whereabouts of Charles Arthur Floyd, Subject of Identification Order #1194, he believes that through his numerous contacts in the States of Oklahoma and Arkansas, he might be able to locate Floyd. He state that sometime in the near future, he expects to proceed into the Osage County in Oklahoma and Arkansas, and while there, if he is able to secure any information whatever concerning Floyd's whereabouts, he will immediately communicate it to the Kansas City office.

Johnson wished to address a personal letter to Special Agent in Charge Jones, and he was furnished the address. He was also advised that should be be in the vicinity of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and happen to secure any information of value concerning Floyd's whereabouts, he might call at the Oklahoma City office.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CROOK
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Suite L
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri.
April 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.

Please refer to letter from this office dated April 7, 1934, relative to certain investigation at Sulphur Springs, Arkansas, in an endeavor to locate Charles Arthur Floyd, Subject of Identification Order #1194. Lawrence Hodges received a letter from his brother, William Hodges, on April 7th, stating that William Hodges had made inquiries in the vicinity of Sulphur Springs, and that he was unable to secure any definite information regarding the location of Floyd there; however, he indicated that he had some information to furnish that may be of importance, which he desired to impart personally. A personal interview will be had with William Hodges within the next day or so. He is now at Osawatomie, Kansas.

Elmer Johnson of Kansas City, mentioned in previous communications, advised Lawrence Hodges, on April 12th that he had been talking with his brother, ----Johnson, of Sulphur Springs, Arkansas, and ascertained there is a filling station known as the "Log Cabin Filling Station" a short distance north of Sulphur Springs, operated by a party, whose name is unknown to Elmer Johnson, and that there is an Indian named Joe Smith, who is very friendly with the operator of the station, and who is reported to be a close friend of Floyd. That Joe Smith stays around that filling station a good deal of the time, and that it is reported he shields Floyd in that vicinity. Also, it is reported, according to Elmer Johnson, that recently Floyd had his automobile serviced at the station.

Johnson also advised that the relatives of Joe Smith reside in Kansas City, Missouri, and stated that he would secure the address of these parties through his, Johnson's wife, who knows that family.

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On April 13th, Johnson informed Lawrence Hodges that the best information he could secure was that the relatives of John Smith, whose first names are unknown to him, live at 9th and Woodland Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. He intimated that he believes Subject Floyd hangs out at that residence when he comes to Kansas City. The city directory indicates that Mrs. Sadie Smith resides at 921 Woodland Avenue, having telephone number Harrison 4808. No other particulars regarding her are known at this time, and further investigation will be made.

It is suggested that at your earliest convenience, you have an Agent make guarded inquiry at Sulphur Springs, Arkansas, to learn any information of value regarding the identity and connections of the owner of the filling station, known as the "Log Cabin Filling Station," approximately two miles north of Sulphur Springs, as mentioned herein, in order to secure any facts relative to Floyd's whereabouts.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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CHICAGO ILL
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203 POST OFFICE BLDG
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POSSESSION VERNE MILLER AUTOMOBILE BEING SENT SPECIAL DELIVERY

THIS AFTERNOON

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April 25, 1934

Judge Arthur D. Wood,
Chairman,
Parole Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Judge Wood:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 10, 1934, with reference to Lloyd Barker, register number 17243-L, wherein you suggest that wherever possible the Parole Board be advised relative to any investigation conducted by this Division which in any way will affect the parole status of an inmate of a Federal institution.

In accordance with your suggestion, the supervisors of this Division are being instructed to call your attention to any investigation wherein information is developed which in any way will affect the parole status of such inmates.

This cooperation will be gladly extended in order to accomplish the desired ends of justice.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

JJE:LES

April 9, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Mr. H. T. Scott, of the Washington Detective Agency, 1034 National Press Building, Washington, formerly with the United States Marshal's Office of the District of Columbia, called today and stated that he would like to obtain a picture of "Pretty Boy" Floyd, as he had some information from an informant that Floyd was in Washington. He stated that he knew Mr. Keith very well and had worked with him on the Gaston B. Means case. I made arrangements for him to call at the Washington Field Office and furnish whatever information he might have to Mr. Pennington.

Respectfully,

John J. Edwards.

John J. Edwards.

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1331 First National Bank Bldg.

El Paso, Texas, April 8,1934.

[redacted]

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Dear Sir:

I have just received your letter of April 3, in regard to [redacted]

As I do not know you personally, it would be improper for me to write you all the details of the assistance [redacted] rendered in the apprehension of Wilbur Underhill. However, I want you to know that his help was appreciated and that I want to help him in so far as the bounds of propriety permit, and to that end, I have written all the facts to Mr. J.E.H. Dunn, Special Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles office of this Division at Room 617, Federal Bldg., Los Angeles.

I have told Mr. Dunn that I would have you call to see him, and have requested him to render you any assistance possible. I'm sure you'll find that he will do anything he can, altho you must realize that about all we could do, would be to recommend [redacted] parole of the remainder of his sentence. You will therfore, please call on Mr. Dunn, at the address above given, and tell him all the facts as to [redacted] sentence, so that anything he may feel justified in doing, will be in the light of full knowledge of the case, so that no criticism may arise.

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With best wishes for [redacted] early relief, I am,

Very truly yours,

R.E.Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

Suite L
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri.
April 10, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to letter from this office dated April 4, 1934, in the above captioned case, regarding the possible receipt at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, of Charles J. Fitzgerald, Kansas State Penitentiary No. 6621. In further connection with this angle, it is respectfully requested that the Division compare the fingerprints of Fitzgerald with those of John Hammond, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, Register No. 44630, and advise the Kansas City office and the St. Paul office whether the two are identical.

Very truly yours,

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

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of April 10, 1934 relative to the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER(DECEASED) ET AL CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER, please be informed that a comparison of the fingerprints of Charles J. Fitzgerald, Kansas State Penitentiary No. 6621 with the fingerprints of John Raymond, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas 44636 indicates these persons are not identical.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc to St. Paul

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Old Colony Insurance Company

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

WESTERN DEPARTMENT
B. L. HEWETT, MANAGER
LANSING, MICHIGAN

C. J. BECKER, AGENT
304 STATE NAT'L BANK BLDG.
TELEPHONE 2420

SHAWNEE, OKLA.

April 9, 1934

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

At the time of the capture of Underhill in this City on December 29, 1933, at 606 W. Dewey Street, where he was found and during that skirmish made his get away and was later found at 509 E. Main Street, this building belongs to the writer, and the Officers who went in the front way broke two door glass which cost me to replace $7.50. The Officers at that time told the Tennant that they would replace the damage.

I understand through Mr. Hatler Smith and the Fidelity Building and Loan Company of this City that you are making arrangments to pay all damages sustained by them. I would be pleased to hear from you in this matter.

Very Truly Yours

C. J. Becker

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Mr. C. J. Becker,
c/o Old Colony Insurance Company,
304 State National Bank Building,
Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 9, 1934, wherein you advise that the house at 606 West Dewey Street, Shawnee, Oklahoma belongs to you, and that you have received information from Mr. Hatler Smith and the Fidelity Building and Loan Company of your city that this Division is making arrangements to pay all damages sustained by them.

Please be advised that the facts with reference to the damages done to the property at 606 West Dewey Street have been presented to the officials of the Department of Justice, who have rendered the opinion that no action can be taken by the Department with respect to the damages sustained by the claimants. The only recourse which the claimants have in this matter will be by a special bill for their relief presented to Congress.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

SPC:DSS

April 11, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Brantley called from Oklahoma City. He stated that he had received a letter from H. Miller, 528 Park Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, an ex-police officer, the other day in which Miller advised that he had some information for him; that he immediately sent Agent Butterworth to see Miller; that Miller had advised Butterworth that Floyd is living in a house near Glenwood, Arkansas, some distance from Little Rock; that Butterworth has located the house and that he, Brantley, is sending Agents Black, Martin, Smith and Hollis to meet Agent Butterworth; that they will arrive at Little Rock tonight and will endeavor to enter the house by daybreak tomorrow. Mr. Brantley will keep the Division advised as to developments. Mr. Brantley stated he would go himself but he felt physically unable to do so.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

S. P. Cowley.

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Director
Division of Investigation APR 20 1934
U.S.Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER
with aliases, et al
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS
with aliases, Fugitive,
I.O.#1201
Conspiracy to Deliver
Federal Prisoner -File 62-1649

Deer Sir:

Reference is not only made to the above entitled case, but also to the case entitled "Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. #1218, Arthur R. Barker with aliases, I.O.#1219, et al, Edward George Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping". The identification order #1218 on subject Karpis in the Bremer case lists the color of the eyes of this subject as blue. In the case entitled "Frank Nash with aliases, I.O.#1166, Escaped Federal Prisoner", Agent Baum secured through the Kansas City office pictures of Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker, shortly before the capture of Nash in Hot Springs Arkansas, working on information that Nash was associating in bank robberies with the two men named. The original photograph from the Kansas State Penitentiary, which was sent to Chicago Division office bearing Kansas State Penitentiary No. 1539, listed color of the eyes of subject Karpis as brown. As is mentioned on page 8 of the report of Special Agent W.Carter Baum, Chicago, Illinois 4-3-34 in the above entitled matter, various other officials havehad the picture of subject Karpis identified as being an individual with blue eyes.

In view of this rather marked discrepancy, it is believed that a check of this feature should be made through the various fingerprint cards in the Division in order to determine whether an error was made at the Kansas State Penitentiary when the pictures were forwarded to the Chicago office in May 1933.

It will be noted from the criminal record of subject Karpis as forwarded to the Chicago office in May, 1933, at the request of Agent Baum, that Alvin Karpis does not appear to have been arrested at any time in Chicago, Illinois or in the Chicago office territory, and hence no work along this line can be conducted by the Chicago office.

Very truly yours,

M.H.PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,
Identification Order 1218;
Arthur R. Barker, with aliases,
Identification Order 1219, et al;
Edward George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

Reference is made to your letter of April 9, 1934, under the caption "Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, Deceased; Richard Talleman Galatas, with aliases, Fugitive, Identification Order 1201; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner" wherein you called attention to an apparent discrepancy in Identification Order 1218 issued by the Division on Subject Karpis in that the color of his eyes are stated to be blue, whereas the original photograph bearing Kansas State Penitentiary #1539 in the possession of the Chicago Office reflects the eyes of Subject Karpis as brown.

Please be advised that in preparing the Identification Order on the above named subject, the best available description of Subject Karpis as reflected by all the fingerprint cards in the files of the Identification Unit, was taken and it appears that the only fingerprint card showing the eyes of Subject Karpis to be brown is the fingerprint card referred to by you in your letter, all the rest reflecting the color as blue.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC Saint Paul
Kansas City

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April 11, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased),
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
Fugitive, Identification Order 1201, et al,
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

There has been received at the Division, in an envelope bearing the return address of the U. S. Department of Labor, Employment Service, 304 Pan-American Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, a copy of the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainer, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, March 29, 1934, rendered in the above entitled case, together with an envelope bearing the return address of the Kansas City Office, which envelope was addressed "Special Agent in Charge, United States Bureau of Investigation, 326½ Post Office Building, New Orleans, Louisiana". This envelope bears the notation "Opened through error—F. J. Chavrits (?), Assistant State Director, U. S. Department of Labor, U. E. S." Attached to the copy of the report above referred to was a copy of a letter dated at Kansas City, Missouri, April 2, 1934, addressed to the Director of this Division, in the case entitled John Herbert Dillinger, with aliases, et al, Identification Order 1217, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. This letter and the report of Special Agent Trainer are being forwarded to the New Orleans Office of the Division with a copy of this letter.

Although the address appearing on the envelope is that of the New Orleans Office of the Division, it is noted that the envelope is addressed to the "United States Bureau of Investigation". You are instructed to caution the stenographers at your office to use more care in addressing envelopes, so that reports covering investigations conducted by this Division will not go astray and result in irreparable damage to the investigations.

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A photostatic copy of the envelope referred to above is enclosed herewith for your information. A copy of this envelope is also being furnished with a copy of this letter to the New Orleans Office. 1934

Very truly yours,

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Director.

CC New Orleans
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City, Missouri FILE NO. 62-456

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Oklahoma City, Okla.	4-9-34	3-29,30,31-34	Dwight Brantley

TITLE:
VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201, Et Al.

CHARACTER OF CASE:
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. Peggy Wood, traveling for Fashion Studios, Dallas, Texas, informed an Agent that she saw a man in Hot Springs, Arkansas resembling Galatas. Investigation discloses the suspect Mrs. Wood had in mind is not Galatas.

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DETAILS:

On March 29, 1934 Special Agent T. M. Birch of this office was in Fort Smith, Arkansas and saw a woman looking at the Identification Order on Galatas posted in the lobby of the Federal Building there, and she was heard to make a remark to the effect that she had seen in Hot Springs the subject of said Identification Order, or a man bearing a strong resemblance to him.

Agent Birch interviewed this woman, who said her name is Mrs. Peggy Wood and that she is a representative of the Fashion Studios of Dallas, Texas; that she travels a great deal, making certain towns in Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas, among them Hot Springs. She sells patterns and makes showings thereof. She told Agent Birch that recently while she was in Hot Springs she saw a man at the Como Hotel who strongly resembled the photograph of Galatas; that this man is known as H. Miller or Ray Turner and combs his hair straight back over his head; that he is seen frequently at the Como Hotel, although he resides at a nearby apartment house; that he is daily seen at the races, usually accompanied by four men. She stated that she did not know whether the suspect she has in mind has a scar on his face such as Galatas has, but that her suspect can not see without glasses and that he is a member of the Elks and a Mason and Shriner. Mrs. Wood stated that at one time she met Miller and he told her that

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Dwight Brantley SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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certain gambling concessions that he owned in Hot Springs paid a ten per cent royalty to the mayor of that town, and that he was slightly intoxicated when he talked to her about these things. Mrs. Wood also told Agent Birch that the suspect she saw in Hot Springs spoke of his mother, as she recalls, in Long Beach, California and that she believed his occupation to be that of a salesman. She said that one of the four men he is seen with goes by the name of Kelly and allegedly came from Chicago, while another is a lawyer.

Mrs. Wood stated that she would be glad to contact an Agent of this office at Hot Springs, Arkansas the following day and point out the suspect in mind.

The writer immediately contacted Agents Butterworth and Chipman and instructed them to meet Mrs. Wood at the Como Hotel the following day in respect to this matter. Agent Butterworth has submitted a memorandum covering his investigation and that of Agent Chipman at Hot Springs in respect hereto, which is as follows:

"On March 30, 1934 Agent received a long distance telephone call from SAC Dwight Brantley, Oklahoma City office of the Division, stating that Mrs. Peggy Wood had reported to Special Agent Birch of the Oklahoma City office at Fort Smith, Arkansas that she had seen a man at the Como Hotel at Hot Springs, Arkansas, whom she believed to be Richard Galatas; that Mrs. Wood would be at the Como Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, on March 31, 1934 and would point out this man to an Agent of the Division, if an Agent would meet Mrs. Wood at the Como Hotel. Mrs. Wood stated that the man was known as H. Miller and Ray Turner at Hot Springs, Ark. Mr. Brantley instructed this Agent and Special Agent L. M. Chipman to proceed to Hot Springs, Ark. on March 31, 1934, interview Mrs. Peggy Wood at the Como Hotel and ascertain whether the man seen by Mrs. Wood was Richard Galatas.

"On March 31, 1934 Agent and Agent Chipman proceeded to Hot Springs, Arkansas and made inquiries of Mr. Al Reynolds, Manager of the Como Hotel, as to whether Mrs. Peggy Wood was registered at that hotel. Mr. Reynolds stated that Mrs. Wood had not arrived. He said that a man known to Mr. Reynolds as T. J. Tubbs, Ray Turner and H. Miller had been receiving mail at the Como Hotel for several weeks, that this man was not registered at the Como Hotel but called for mail daily. He said that Tubbs had been coming to Hot Springs, Arkansas for several years but had never stayed at the Como Hotel; that Tubbs was a professional gambler and that Mr. Reynolds had forbidden this man to play cards with the guests of the Como Hotel. Mr. Reynolds furnished the following description of Tubbs:

Age	-	38 years
Height	-	5 ft. 10 in.
Weight	-	180 lbs.
Complexion	-	Dark, sallow

Build - Heavy
Well dressed
Wore grey hat

"Mr. Reynolds said that he was well acquainted with Richard Galatas and that he has not seen Galatas in Hot Springs, Arkansas since the killing of Frank Nash. He said that he would have the hotel clerk point out Tubbs to Agents when Tubbs came to the Como Hotel. Agents covered the Como Hotel and in the afternoon the hotel clerk pointed Tubbs out to this Agent. The description furnished by Mr. Reynolds is a good description of Tubbs.

"Mrs. Wood did not register at the Como Hotel on March 31, 1934 so Agents could not interview her.

"Agent reported the contents in this memorandum to the Oklahoma City office on return to Little Rock, Arkansas on evening of March 31, 1934 by long distance telephone."

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Reno, Nevada,
April 8, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Referring to your letter of April 2nd to the Chicago Office, please be advised that I do not identify the photograph of Charles J. Fitzgerald as the individual wielding one of the machine guns at Kansas City, and as far as I am concerned I am positive that I did not see Fitzgerald. The individual I saw was not nearly as old as Fitzgerald. Frankly, I still believe that the general description of the individual I saw fitted more closely that of "Machine Gun" Kelly than anyone else, and when opportunity affords, possibly if and when he is transferred to Alcatraz, I want to again view Kelly when the yellow dye has left his hair and eyebrows.

Very truly yours,

R. B. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUG. I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases, FUG. I.O. #1194; HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases, FUG. I.O. #1189, ET AL

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. Chris Sailor, Laundrywoman, for Harry Campbell and Glen Wright at Casper, while they lived at 137 North Jackson, believes the woman with them was Campbell's wife. Believed they went to Enid, Okla.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. F. O'Connell, Salt Lake City Division Office, dated 3-15-34.

DETAILS: AT CASPER, WYOMING

Mrs. Chris Sailor, 1343 South Conwell Street, was located at H.C. Wheeler's residence, 125 South Jackson Street, where she is now employed. She stated she had done washing for Campbell and Wright, who used the names Jack Wade and Harry Martin, for about two months prior to April 1933. That from what talk she had heard about their home, 137 South Jackson St., the woman with the men seemed to be the wife of Campbell and also the sister of Wright. The woman mentioned she was from Oklahoma and that she was going to leave Campbell on account of the way he treated her. That they mentioned they were going to Enid, Oklahoma, when they left, which was in a hurry, on or about the first of April, 1933. She stated she did not become well acquainted with the people because she only was at their house a few times to do their washing. She was unable to furnish any more definite information.

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THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE AT ENID, OKLAHOMA: In the event the contents of this report suggest any leads that have not previously engaged the attention of the Oklahoma City Office, proper investigation should be made.

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Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases (Deceased);
et al;
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

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Dear Sir :

On the afternoon of March 27, 1934, Special Agent T. M. Birch of this office called me from Fort Smith, Arkansas and informed me that he had contacted a man in Fort Smith who, he believed, might have information of or a contact with Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and which might eventually lead to Floyd's apprehension and that he desired that I interview this man. I instructed Agent Birch to proceed to Oklahoma City with the man if he would be willing to accompany him. Birch arrived here late that night with the individual in question.

The individual referred to in the preceding paragraph stated that his name is Starlin T. Jones, age twenty-eight, known as Poley Jones, and that he resides at Vian, Oklahoma, twelve miles west of Sallisaw; that he was born and reared in that vicinity, and his parents resided there until February of this year; that he has never been sentenced in any court, nor charged with crime although he has been arrested on an occasion or two for drunkenness and for investigation. He told me that he is part Cherokee Indian. He stated that he has known Charles Floyd for the last ten or twelve years, and years ago played baseball with him in the vicinity of Akins, Oklahoma, which is near Sallisaw. It is known that the Floyds have lived near Akins, and Floyd's father is buried there. Vian, Oklahoma is the home of Charles Cotner, notorious bank robber recently apprehended at Mannford, Oklahoma, and also of Ford Bradshaw, another notorious outlaw who was killed near Fort Smith early this month.

Jones stated that from September, 1933 until March 25, 1934, he lived at 106 North Ninth Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas with his woman, Vera, who uses his name - Vera Jones - who has been married three or four times, and that he has also been married four times; that Vera's last husband was Carl Huffman. Her maiden name was Vera Harvel, and her mother now lives in Vian. Jones said that he obtained a marriage license, but did not

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marry Vera; that he has lived and is presently living with her at Vian. He said that the house in which he lived at Fort Smith is operated by Marie Carter whose husband, Frank Carter, died in February, 1934; that this house handles liquor, dope, and is an abode for women of loose virtue, and is also used as a fence for stolen goods. Jones stated that Vera sells dope which he has reason to believe she obtains through Charles Floyd, who is known to Poley as "Chock". Jones stated that sometimes he sees Floyd at Vian and on other occasions at Fort Smith; that when he sees Floyd, it is on occasions when he just happens to run across him; that he does not know where Floyd is now or where he spends his time, but that he believes he possibly has a hangout in Springfield, Missouri, goes to Fort Smith and to Vian, and probably has a hangout in the Cookson Hills, the exact location of which he does not know.

Jones stated that he has gambled with Floyd, and that when the latter comes to Vian he usually visits Rema Deetjen, a sister of Ford Bradshaw, and when he visits Vian, he stays about twelve hours and then drives on out to the home of John Cotner who resides northeast of Vian and which is a hangout for the outlaws of that section of the country. He said he believes that Floyd stays at Cotner's home from two to three days when he goes there. He stated that Floyd is not as flush with money as he has been in the past, but usually has from five hundred to one thousand dollars; that Floyd has not pulled any jobs since last summer; that when he last saw him it was between twelve and one o'clock on the morning of March 17, 1934 at Fort Smith, Arkansas; that on this occasion, Jones attended a dance together with Hobart Carter, the dance being at the Red Men's Hall on Ninth Street opposite where Jones lived in Fort Smith, and that Ruby Floyd, the former wife of Charles Floyd, was at this dance with Hobart Carter and he, Jones, was with Lillian Kimes; that when the dance was over, he, Carter, Ruby Floyd and Lillian Kimes went downstairs, and as they left the dance hall, they saw a man standing near a black Ford V-8 Coupe, 1934 model, in which sat another man; that the individual standing by the car was Floyd, but he does not know the identity of the other individual; that Floyd called Ruby over and talked to her for a few minutes, and later Floyd and Ruby called Hobart Carter and Floyd told Carter he wished he would stay away from his, Floyd's, woman and Carter promised he would do so; that about that time Ruby Floyd told Carter she was leaving for Tulsa with Floyd and would call him when she returned to Fort Smith; that Floyd got into the car with Ruby and the companion and they drove away. Jones said that Floyd spoke to him on that occasion and said, "Poley, are you still living at Fort Smith?" To which Jones replied he was. Jones stated that Floyd appeared to be in perfect condition at this time; that he judged that Floyd weighed approximately one hundred ninety to one hundred ninety-five pounds, and that he saw him move and walk and he gave no evidence of being injured or wounded.

Jones stated that the last time he saw Floyd prior to March 17 at Fort Smith was about February 17, 1934 at which time the Cookson Hills

raid was made and that at that time Floyd was at Fort Smith in the company of Ford Bradshaw and another man whom he does not know; that Floyd and Bradshaw were telling one Effie Collins, who is a drug addict, how they got away from Vian and the Cookson Hills, explaining to him that Curtis Hammond, City Marshal of Vian, had tipped off the raid by notifying Rema Deetjen who in turn notified Floyd and her brother, Ford Bradshaw.

Jones stated that the time he saw Floyd prior to February 17, 1934 he believes was sometime in December, 1933 at the home of Rema Deetjen in Vian; that this was in the nighttime and there were a number of the outlaws at Rema's place gambling; that Clyde Barrow was there on that occasion and had with him a red headed woman. He said there were others there whom he did not know as these individuals seldom called each other by their right names but referred to them as Jack or Slim or some nicknams. He stated that on this particular night the crowd gambled until the early morning hours, and that they seemed to have no fear whatever of anyone molesting them; that he is certain that the peace officers in that vicinity know that the outlaws frequent the home of Rema Deetjen.

Jones recited a story with respect to Floyd as follows: that Ford Bradshaw's father was killed in that vicinity in an automobile accident in January, 1934 and his body was taken to a funeral parlor in Sallisaw which is the home of Floyd; that on the night the body was in the funeral parlor his, Jones', mother was there and she saw Floyd and Ford Bradshaw who visited the place to view the body of old man Bradshaw, and that Sheriff Byrd was in the funeral parlor at the same time and he was laughing and talking with Floyd. Jones stated that his mother was not lying about this because she has known Floyd since he was a child and she knows the Sheriff well.

Jones stated that he does not mean to leave the impression that he is an intimate of Floyd's, but that he sees him as do other people in that locality and that Floyd has confidence in the most of them; that Floyd has no reason for feeling that he, Jones, would furnish officers any information concerning him, and that he believes that he can, within a reasonable time, finger Floyd for the Division; that he will be glad to do so but that he does not want any state enforcement officials to know that he has contacted this office and given any information about Floyd. He stated also that he does not want any Agent of this Division to contact him at Vian. He stated that his woman, Vera, has been intimate with many of the outlaws, and probably Floyd, and that in addition to information he gets himself, he obtains some through his woman concerning these individuals; that Vera has on more than one occasion borrowed money from Floyd with which to buy dope which she sells. He stated that Vera hustles the hotels in Fort Smith and most all the hotel porters have her telephone number, which is 7483 in Fort Smith.

Jones was told that this is a serious matter, and I endeavored to impress upon him, and I think I was successful, that we did not want to hear any fairy stories or be supplied with any misinformation with respect to this matter, but that if he were in a position to furnish us information concerning this fugitive we would be glad to receive it and give it appropriate attention. He was asked if Floyd or any of his representatives or agents had sent him to this Division to ascertain whether the Government is eager to apprehend him, and he replied in the negative. He stated that no one could realize better than he that it is a serious undertaking and that if it became known by Floyd and his cohorts, that his life would not be worth two cents. He stated that his interest in giving information about Floyd, and his willingness to finger him is for what money he can get out of it. He did not express a desire to go on the payroll and stated that he did not want any money until he had furnished the information that would result in Floyd's apprehension or death. He said that he had heard Floyd say that he would never be taken alive. I told him that this Division would pay him five hundred dollars if he furnished information to this office which resulted in Agents of this Division causing the apprehension of Floyd, but that not one cent would be paid him until this had been effected; that is to say, I told him that it was a collect on delivery proposition, and he told me that he did not expect anything until such had been done.

He asked about other rewards for Floyd, and I told him that I was not in a position to give him specific data with respect to other rewards, nor could this Division guarantee any rewards that had been offered for Floyd's apprehension, but that if he furnished the information which effected Floyd's apprehension and it was later divulged that rewards were outstanding, that I believed that officials of this Division, without any specific recommendations, would state impartially the facts to the persons or stetes or municipalities which might have offered these rewards. He stated that that would be entirely satisfactory.

Jones stated that he does not mean to give the impression that he can put the finger on Floyd within the next week or ten days, but he believes that within a reasonable time he can do so, and that he will most certainly do it if he can.

He was shown photographs of the suspects in the Bremer case, of Adam Ricchetti, Clyde Barrow, Bonnie Parker, Charles Cotner and many others. He said that he had never seen Adam Ricchetti and did not recognize the photographs of any except the following: Floyd, Cotner, and Clyde Barrow.

Jones appears to have some native intelligence. He has had part of a high school education, is a healthy and robust animal-like individual and probably knows his way around; at least he gave this impression. He does not appear to be a user of drugs, and says he will take a drink but does not

get drunk. He said he has been employed by the Missouri-Pacific and Frisco Railroads until last summer when he was laid off. He said that he knows Mr. Cooper Hudspeth, United States Marshal at Fort Smith and Mr. Weaver, Prohibition Agent at Fort Smith, and that Weaver has used him to obtain information; that is, he has given information to Weaver about the operation of stills in the Cookson Hills, for which he has received money, but he has never appeared in court.

I talked to United States Marshall Cooper Hudspeth about Jones, and he stated that he had found Jones to be reliable and would do what he said he would do, and that he would have no reluctance whatever in using him on a confidential matter. It was through Marshall Hudspeth that Agent Birch contacted Jones, and Jones told me that he had had in mind for some time approaching someone about Floyd, but that he was afraid to go to any state officers about it, and did not know how much the Federal Government wanted him.

Jones said that not under any circumstances would he telephone this office from Vian, but that he could go to either Fort Smith or to Muskogee and contact this office by telephone. Fort Smith is about thirty-two miles from Vian, and Muskogee is forty miles distance. I told Jones to go to Muskogee and call which he said he would do should any development arise which he believed this office should know about. He was furnished the office telephone and the telephone of my residence. It was understood between Jones and me that no names would be mentioned over the telephone, but that the conversation would center about fishing, as in the past, Jones has called persons at Fort Smith and other towns relative to making preparations to come down and have him take them fishing in the hill section of that country, and the fishing season is about to begin.

While at this time, I do not know whether Jones is, or ever will be, in a position to furnish any information about Floyd, yet I do believe that he knows him and has seen him in the recent past, and it is my best judgment at this time that information which results in Floyd's apprehension will have to be obtained from someone along the lines contained in this letter.

If the Division has any suggestions or advice to give in respect to the contact which has been made with Jones, I shall certainly be glad to receive the benefit of it at the very earliest possible time.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

1331 First National Bank Bldg.

El Paso, Texas, April 8,1934.

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Mr. J.E.P.Dunn,
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S.Department of Justice,
P.O.Box 536,
Los Angeles, Calif.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL:

Re: [redacted] Confidential Informant.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith, a letter just received from [redacted] has requested me to write him a letter setting out the facts as to assistance rendered this Division by [redacted] in the apprehension of Wilber Underhill (deceased) subject of Identification Order #1191; in order that he may use same in effort to procure the release of [redacted] As I am not personally acquainted with [redacted] and for other obvious reasons, I deem it imprudent to write such a letter; but at the same time, I do desire to help [redacted] in any legitimate way possible.

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[redacted] was motivated by the offers of employment. So far as I have been able to ascertain, he has not engaged in any criminal activity since his release from McAlester.

If there is anything you can consistently and not in contravention of propriety or of Division policy, do to secure the parole or release of [redacted] I would appreciate your taking that action. [redacted] is a valuable undercover informant and might be utilized on future occasions. I wish you would talk to [redacted] whom I am directing to call on you.

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Very truly yours,

cc Division.

H.H.Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CLANTON, ALABAMA

March 27 1934

Department of Justice
Washington DC

Gentlemen

If you will let one of your Operators get in touch with me. Posibly I may be able to give your Department some information regarding Charles, (Pretty Boy) Floyd) In contacting your Operative let him write me just when and where to meet him so as to keep down suspious I am employed with Ala Mills Clanton Ala In weaveing Dept,

Have worked In Sand Springs Okla and have seen Floyd there And I am almost satisfied that I seen Him and one of His Pals In this State New Yer I can give you the Whole details Personally And will tell you where I beleive his hideout is at,

Refference Homer Roberts, Supt
Alabama Mills Clanton Division
And scores of others,
Treat this strictly confidently,

Respt Yours

/s/ C. W. Noell

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April 12, 1934.

Mr. Charles W. Noell,
c/o Alabama Mills, Incorporated,
Clanton, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 27, 1934, addressed to the Department of Justice, wherein you request an interview concerning Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Please be advised that I have forwarded copies of your letter to

Mr. J. E. Hanson,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
320 Federal Building,
Birmingham, Alabama,

who will assign an agent to interview you in a manner so as not to arouse suspicion.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama.

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

Dear Sirs

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter dated March 27, 1934, addressed to the Department of Justice, by Mr. Charles E. Boell, c/o Alabama Mills, Incorporated, Clanton, Alabama, wherein he states that he may possibly be able to furnish information concerning Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd and requests that the interview be arranged through correspondence in order not to arouse suspicion. Therefore, you are instructed to have an agent interview Mr. Boell, after appropriate arrangements have been made, and obtain all the information in his possession concerning Subject Floyd and his associates at the earliest practicable date.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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SPC:ps April 12, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Dr. L. M. Thompson, Commanding Officer of the Transient Camp, one of the Federal Emergency Relief organizations, at Mount Gretz, Pennsylvania, called at the Division offices on April 11, 1934, and advised that one Harry Englehart, a transient from Los Angeles, California, who is at the present time living at the above named camp, advised him, Dr. Thompson, that he had information concerning the whereabouts and activities of Charles Arthur Floyd, and that he, Englehart, was en route to Washington to submit this information to officials of the Division. Englehart also advised Dr. Thompson that he was in fear of his life should the submission of such information become known to some of his associates.

Dr. Thompson was advised that an Agent of the Philadelphia Office would contact him, Dr. Thompson, at Mount Gretz, Pennsylvania, and make arrangements to interview Englehart for such information as he had in his possession, Dr. Thompson stating that Englehart did not want to be interviewed by an Agent of this Division at the camp, but that he could make arrangements with Englehart to meet a Division Agent at some other point.

Accordingly, it is requested that an Agent of your office interview Englehart, through Dr. Thompson, and obtain such information as he may have in his possession concerning the whereabouts and activities of Floyd.

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Very truly yours,

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RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194
HARVEY J. BAILEY with aliases - FUGITIVE, et al

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

INVESTIGATION
APR 14 1934 PM

Vivian Mathis and daughter Betty left Brainerd, Minnesota, 5-20-33, in Ford Sedan, drove to St. Paul where they left two men who arrived in Brainerd with Vivian; then drove to Kansas City where met Verne Miller at his residence. Betty failed to identify photos of suspects and claims she recollects only one individual visiting them in Kansas City. Verne Miller, Vivian and Betty left Kansas City by auto latter part June, 1933, for Chicago where Miller remained. Vivian then returned Betty to grandparents, Brainerd, then disappeared. While there Vivian broke down telling parents "something awful has happened". Parents indicate they may cooperate.

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DETAILS: From a review of the file of this case it became apparent to the Division and this office that it might be advantageous to interview the daughter of Vivian Mathis, with aliases, Subject in this case, and her grandparents with whom she lives near Brainerd, Minnesota. On 4-4-34 Mr. Cowley of the Division, during a telephone conversation with Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, Kansas City, Missouri, authorized the writer to proceed to Brainerd, Minnesota, for the purpose of conducting interviews with Betty Mathis, daughter of Vivian Mathis, and her grandparents, John and Bertha

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

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Gibson. Consistent therewith the writer conducted the following investigation in the vicinity of Brainerd.

Miss Dorothy Rogers, 519 League Avenue, Brainerd, Minnesota, has charge of the Gordon School, District #28, located near Brainerd, Minnesota. Betty Mathis is a student there. When interviewed, Miss Rogers stated that Betty Mathis is eleven years of age, intelligent and very accomplished in music and dancing. She indicated that the Mathis girl is very sly and more worldly wise than the usual child of her age. Miss Rogers remarked that Betty Mathis has never mentioned the Kansas City massacre, Verne Miller, her mother Vivian Mathis or anyone closely connected with them. She said that several of the children at school had informed Betty that her mother was in prison and that her stepfather, Verne Miller, had been killed. According to Miss Rogers, this caused the child considerable worry and agony. Miss Rogers advised that she had confidentially talked to several of the pupils and told them not to make such remarks to Betty. Miss Rogers asserted that the grandparents of Betty, John and Bertha Gibson, bear a very good reputation and could undoubtedly be contacted openly regarding their knowledge of this case.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gibson live on a farm in the vicinity of Brainerd, close to a hamlet known as Parkersville. This place is located about six miles due north of Brainerd on Rural Route #5. The Gibson telephone number is Brainerd 39F12. They were interviewed and advised that for several years they have known very little about the activities of their daughter, Vivian Mathis. She has visited them once or twice a year and on a few occasions has been accompanied by Verne Miller. The Gibsons stated that they have reared the daughter of Vivian Mathis who now resides with them.

Mrs. Gibson related that on 5-19-38 she received a telephone call from her daughter Vivian from St. Paul or Minneapolis, Minnesota, inquiring about a dance recital Betty Mathis was to take part in that evening. When Vivian Mathis learned the details she informed her mother that she was driving over to Brainerd to attend the recital and intended to take her daughter with her on a vacation trip to Kansas City, Missouri. Later that day Vivian Mathis arrived at the farm driving a 1933 Ford Sedan and accompanied by two men, one of whom she introduced as Mr. Stacci while she called the other Johnnie. Their descriptions will be set forth hereafter in this report. Vivian and her two companions informed the Gibsons that they had driven to the farm from St. Paul. After attending the dance recital at Brainerd that night the party returned to the farm and the next morning the two men, Vivian and her daughter Betty left in the Ford Sedan for St. Paul, Minnesota.

Betty Mathis was interviewed at this point and recounted that when they arrived in St. Paul the two men left them. She did not remember where the men were let out of the car nor did she know where they were stopping. Betty and her mother then went in the car to the home of a friend in St. Paul and remained overnight. Betty described the friend of her mother as a woman of her mother's age who had a daughter about six years of age. Several names were mentioned to her included that of Mrs. Ryan of Minneapolis who has previously been mentioned in this investigation as an acquaintance of Vivian, but the child claims she did not remember the name of the family with whom they visited.

Betty continued by saying that the next morning she and her mother left early in the Ford Sedan and drove straight through to Kansas City, Missouri, where they drove up to a house which had been furnished for them by Verne Miller. She asserted that while she was at this house, the number of which she did not remember, she often visited a young girl, who lived across the street from her and from whom she learned the name of a dancing academy which she attended. Betty insisted that the only car at this house was the one she and her mother rode in from Brainerd, Minnesota, and claims she had no recollection of any car other than the one mentioned ever being at her home. She informed that Verne Miller often played golf, sometimes in the morning and sometimes in the afternoon, when he invariably drove the Ford Sedan. She said that the only man she remembered being a guest at their house was an individual whose name she did not recall, but whom she described as follows:

Age - 30 to 35 years
Height - medium
Build - medium
Complexion - light
Hair - brown
Peculiarities - long face

She stated that with the exception of one night when Verne Miller went to a Turkish bath he was never away from home in the evening for any great period of time. She did not recollect the date that Verne was away to take this Turkish bath, but insisted that he came home late at night. She said she remembered this by the fact that she and her mother heard a noise around the house and became quite frightened and sat up until Verne Miller returned.

While Betty Mathis was furnishing the information set forth above her grandparents were present and seemingly were attempting to influence her in telling everything that she remembered in connection with her trip to Kansas City. The grandmother remarked that Betty had mentioned

several names, such as the name of the woman with whom Betty and her mother stayed overnight in St. Paul, the name of her playmate in Kansas City and the hotel in which they later remained in Chicago as hereafter set forth.

Betty Mathis did not in any way indicate she had knowledge of the Kansas City massacre and, according to her grandparents, she has not been apprised of what occurred. She was questioned at length as to whether Verne Miller had returned to his home in Kansas City in the forenoon in an excited condition and replied he had not. She informed that at no time had Miller ever brought a number of men to their home. She claimed that she, her mother and Verne Miller generally retired about the same time and said that Verne and she arose in the morning about the same time. She seemed to recollect this vividly and remarked that she and Miller had much fun in trying to arouse her mother, who was a hard and long sleeper. Betty Mathis remarked she, Verne Miller and her mother had breakfast together every morning she was in Kansas City. She advised that while it was possible that Miller had visitors at her home, try as she could she was unable to think of but the single individual mentioned heretofore. She was asked if she had any photographs or postal cards of her trip and said the only one she had was an airplane photo which will be treated later in this report. She stated that her mother never had any dinner parties while in Kansas City, but advised that she, her mother and Miller had often gone to dinner downtown and to the movies occasionally. She said she had never visited any of Miller's friends or her mother's friends in Kansas City.

Betty Mathis viewed photographs of the following, but failed to identify any of them as anyone known to her or whom she had ever seen:

Mary Crawford	Charles Arthur Floyd	T. L. Carroll
Paula Harmon	George Kelley Barnes	Wilber Underhill
Kathryn Kelley	Bob Brady	Leland Varian
Jim Clark	Richard Tallman Galatas	Harvey Bailey
Ed Davis	Alvin Karpis	Bonnie Porter
Jim Lawson	James (Fur) Sammons	Herb Farmer
Sol Stern	Bernard Phillips	Fred Barker
Harry Campbell	Arthur R. Barker	Volney Davis
Lillian Holden	Charles P. Clause	William E. Engler
Edward Wilhite	Louis (Doc) Stacci	Adam Richetti
Mary Keating	Charles J. Fitzgerald	Eddie Doll
Albert Bates	James George Ziegler	Fritz Mulloy
Esther Farmer	Frank Nash	Mrs. Frank Nash
Lou Conner	John Dillinger	

Betty Mathis stated that sometime during the last part of June, 1933, she, her mother and Miller left Kansas City in the Ford Sedan for Chicago, Illinois. They stopped overnight at some town enroute, but Betty claims she did not remember the name of the town or the hotel in which they stayed. The next day they drove into Chicago where all three remained for a few days in some hotel which Betty claimed not to know the name of. She and her mother then parted with Miller and flew to St. Paul, Minnesota, Miller retained the car. As she remembers, Miller purchased the airplane tickets for the St. Paul trip. Betty produced an airplane folder which she said she had obtained on the airplane during her trip from Chicago to St, Paul. The folder in question appears to have been issued by the Northwest Airways. Upon arriving in St. Paul, Betty advised, her mother borrowed a one seated car and drove her to Brainerd, Minnesota, to the home of her grandparents. Since then she has been with her grandparents and attended school.

While the child appeared sincere, it is believed that she probably has some information which she did not furnish. She apparently did not identify any of the photographs in her own mind as when viewing them she would make remarks such as, "Gee, ain't he funny looking." When asked if she recognized the photographs, she would say, "Oh, no." The child is extremely intelligent and apparently possesses a very discerning mind. From her makeup it appears entirely possible that, acting on instructions from her mother, she may have forgotten certain instances which would be of value to this investigation.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson were again interviewed, in the absence of Betty, and expressed the opinion that the grand-daughter really did not have any information of value to this case. They indicated that they would like to feel satisfied that all the perpetrators of the massacre at Kansas City were in prison. In this connection they advised that they fear that one or more of these individuals, if at large, might likely come to Brainerd and kill Betty thinking that she might have information regarding the crime. They also expressed apprehension over what might happen to Vivian Mathis when she is released from the penitentiary, saying that in their own minds they felt that she necessarily must know considerable concerning the killings and therefore might be killed to keep her from giving any information. The writer did not attempt to dispel their fear in respect to the foregoing and indicated that it might be to their daughter's and grand-daughter's advantage if the perpetrators are found and imprisoned. In this connection it was suggested to the grandparents that after giving the matter consideration they might desire to cooperate with the Government in bringing this case to a successful conclusion. It was pointed out that in this way the safety of their beloved ones might be assured. They seemed to take the suggestion seriously and

asked for the writer's address, saying that while they did not care to be involved in any way, they would like to be in a position where they could feel that their lives and the lives of their loved ones would be safe.

It appears from information furnished by the Gibsons that a few days prior to the writer's visit a strang car was seen driving about the school which Betty attends. The child became greatly perturbed and has been quite nervous since then. It is believed that at a later date contacts may be made to advantage with the Gibsons and that through them possibly additional information may be obtained from Betty Mathis. The writer did not attempt to force the suggestions upon the family and apparently left them on very friendly terms.

With reference to the return of Vivian Mathis and her daughter to Brainerd during the latter part of June, 1933, Mrs. Gibson stated that she placed the time as about a week or ten days before the 4th of July, 1933. She related that Vivian and Betty drove up in a small, one seated car which Vivian said she had obtained in St. Paul; that Vivian appeared very much worried and when crying remarked that "something awful has happened." While she did not openly state, she left the impression with her mother that Verne Miller had been mixed up in something of a very grave nature. Mrs. Gibson said that she attempted to persuade her daughter Vivian to remain on the farm, but that Vivian said, "No, it might make trouble for you." Vivian, when asked about what had happened, replied that her mother and father would learn soon enough. Vivian drove away that night without leaving any address or telling where she was going. Occasionally thereafter, until she was apprehended, packages were mailed to Betty by Vivian from various parts of the east and on two occasions Mrs. Gibson received letters from Vivian dated at Chicago, Illinois. In the letters from Chicago Vivian wrote that she had not seen Verne for a long time. Mrs. Gibson stated that Vivian also telephoned to her on two occasions from Chicago, Illinois, while a fugitive from justice.

With reference to the individual heretofore mentioned as Johnnie, Mrs. Gibson stated that this individual was a visitor at the farm about two years ago when he arrived with Vivian. While there he remarked that he had never been able to drive a car and said that he had driven in from Chicago with Vivian; that he had merely been visiting in Chicago as he was on a vacation from New York City where he resided. He was only there overnight and left with Vivian the following day. She described this individual as follows:

Height - 5 feet 7 inches
Weight - 140 pounds
Build - slender
Hair - dark
Complexion - dark
Thin face, not nice looking

She described Mr. Stacci as follows:

Height - 5 feet 8 inches
Build - heavy
Age - 30 to 35 years
Complexion - medium
Hair - dark
Round face
Nice looking
Teeth - straight

At the Bell Telephone Company, Brainerd, Minnesota, it was ascertained that no long distance telephone calls had been charged to telephone 39F12, the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gibson, except a call on 10-9-33 from the number in question to Mrs. Gibson, telephone #8, Swanville Road, Minnesota.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

ST. PAUL OFFICE at Parkersville, near Brainerd, Minnesota, is requested to reinterview Mr. and Mrs. John Gibson, parents of Vivian Mathis, at a later date. If their attitude is friendly, it should be suggested to them that they attempt to secure any additional information their grand-daughter Betty may have regarding her knowledge of this case, with particular reference to visitors and associates of Miller in Kansas City and Chicago.

It is possible that the name and address of the woman with whom Betty and her mother visited in May, 1933, may be also obtained and that further information may be secured regarding Mr. Stacci and the individual described in this report as Johnnie.

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April 13, 1934

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

Attention: Mr. Caldwell

Pursuant to the request of Mr. Caldwell for certain data concerning Charles Arthur Floyd, Clyde Champion Barrow and John Herbert Dillinger, there are attached copies of this Division's Identification Orders #1194, #1211 and #1217, respectively, which reflect the known aliases used by these criminals and the charges for which they are wanted by the Federal Government.

In addition thereto, the files of the Identification Unit of this Division reflect the following data concerning each of them:

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CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD

*Arrested Kansas City, Missouri, four other times, all cases of investigation of holdups and was released each time.
WANTED: as Charles Arthur Floyd alias Frank Mitchell, alias 'Pretty Boy' Smith, 11-24-30, sentenced 12 years Ohio State Penitentiary (bank robbery, Sylvania, Ohio), 12-10-30, escaped enroute to Penitentiary. Notify: Ohio State Penitentiary or Comm., Bowling Green, Ohio.
STILL WANTED: As Charles Floyd, murders and bank robbery. Notify: Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri and Sheriff's Office, Bowling Green, Ohio.
STILL WANTED: As Charles Arthur Floyd, for murder, according to information received, 5-16-32 in Police Department Bulletin. Notify: Sheriff's Office, Bowling Green, Ohio.*

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CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW

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*WANTED: as Clyde Barrow for robbery and theft. If apprehended notify Sheriff, Waco, Texas. Notified. Still wanted as Clyde Champion Barrow, #414, escaped County Jail, 10-11-30, after being sentenced to 2 years in State Penitentiary. If apprehended notify Police Department, Waco, Texas, or Sheriff's Office, Waco, Texas.

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Clyde Champion Barrow (continued)

"WANTED: as Clyde Barrow, alias Clyde Champion Barrow alias Elvin Williams, #414, Police Department, Waco, Texas, murder. Notify: J. W. Freeland, Hillsboro, Texas. Still wanted: as Clyde Barrow (Ident. record) murder. Notify: Sheriff's Office, Hillsboro, Texas.
WANTED: as Clyde Champion Barrow, holdup and safebreaking, 5-25-32, 8-1-32; Notify: Police Department, Dallas, Texas.
WANTED: as Clyde Champion Barrow, holdup, 5-12-32; notify - Police De artment, Lufkin, Texas.
WANTED: as Clyde Champion Barrow, murder and assault to murder, 8-5-32; notify: Sheriff's Office, Atoka, Oklahoma.
WANTED: as Clyde Champion Barrow (possible identification) for murder and robbery at Hillsboro, Texas. Notify: Police Department, Denison, Texas.
WANTED: as Clyde Champion Barrow (possible identification) for murder. 4-13-33. Notify: Police Department, Joplin, Missouri. Also notify: Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri.
ALSO WANTED: as Clyde Champion Barrow for murder and robbery. Notify: Police Department, Sherman, Texas.
WANTED: as Clyde Champion Barrow (possible identification) murder. Notify: Sheriff's Office, Van Buren, Arkansas.
WANTED: as Clyde Champion Barrow, assault to murder. Notify: Sheriff's Office, Wharton, Texas.
10-8-32, Wanted at Abilene, Texas - robbery by firearms."

JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER

"WANTED, as John Dillinger for bank robbery and auto banditry; notify Sheriff's Office, Muncie, Indiana.
WANTED as John Dillinger for jail delivery, murder and bank robbery; notify State Bureau, London, Ohio.
WANTED, as John Dillinger, for bank robbery; notify State Police, Indianapolis, Indiana.
WANTED as John Dillinger (#14535, Indiana State Reformatory), for violation of parole, May 11, 1933; notify State Reformatory, Pendleton, Indiana.

John Herbert Dillinger (continued)

"WANTED: as John Dillinger, (#10587, Police Department, Dayton, Ohio), murder and bank robberies; notify Police Department, Chicago, Illinois.
WANTED, as John Dillinger, (#14487, Sheriff's Office, Crown Point, Indiana) for escape; notify Sheriff's Office, Crown Point, Indiana."

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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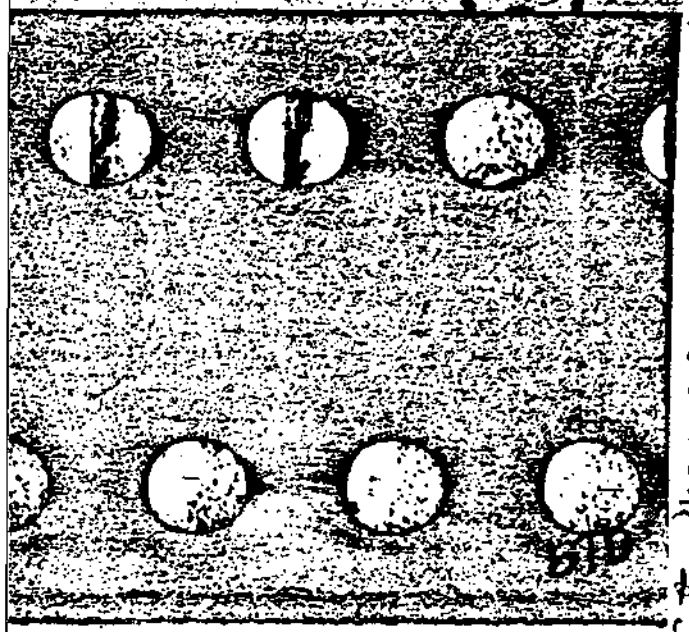

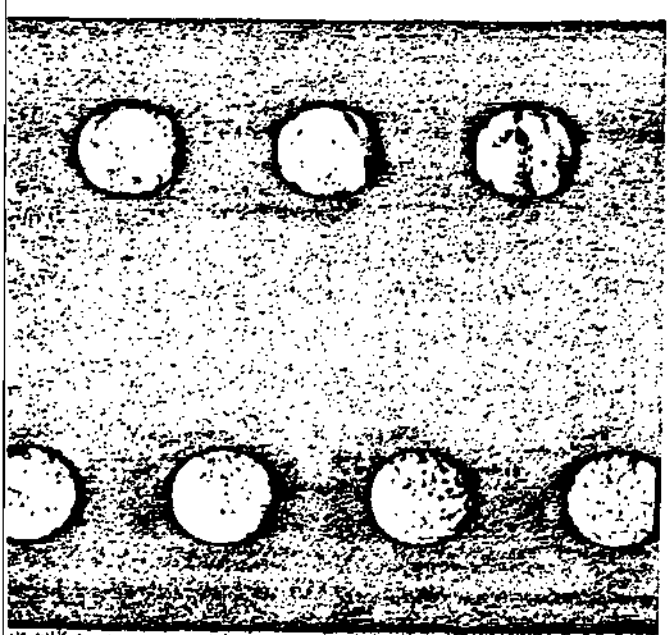

Attached is the record, fingerprints, and photograph of an individual which Mr. Schilder believes to be identical with [redacted] the informant at Chicago whom Mr. Hoover was inquiring about today. Mr. Schilder stated that the identification is not certain, as yet, that he has forwarded a copy of the fingerprints of the attached together with a copy of the photo to Mr. Purvis at Chicago, in order that Mr. Purvis may possibly effect an identification. See the attached copy of a note from Mr. Schilder to Mr. Purvis which explains the above.

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In regard to the attached file, see Serial 485, which is marked, the individual mentioned therein as [redacted] is the same individual as the one whose fingerprints were forwarded to Mr. Purvis, as stated above, and is the same individual whose fingerprints are attached to this note.

Mr. Schilder asked that you be informed of the above and to be certain that I made it clear to you that until word was received from Mr. Purvis, the identification was not positive, but it was the closest Mr. Schilder could come to it from the information he had.

Respectfully,

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Confirming our phone talk of this evening, I am enclosing a copy of the photo, fingerprints and record of the person known as [redacted] who may be the person concerning whom you have inquired. The description shows on the back of the card, the most recent in our files. Of course, we are not sure that this is the man in whom you are interested - but the description, New Jersey "wanted notice" and names check. Steps will be taken here tomorrow to determine why the New York office requested this record in the Miller case and you will be advised further then.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

L. C. SCHILDER

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 314,
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Attention: Mr. Rorer.

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Attention: Mr. Nathan.

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Special Agent in Charge,
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Attention: Mr. Keith.

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Special Agent in Charge,
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Attention: Mr. Tolson.

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Special Agent in Charge,
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Attention: Mr. Edwards.

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Kansas City, Missouri.
April 11, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE.

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

Thomas R. Mc Lean, 1200 15th Street N. W., Washington, D.C., stating that he is a labor organizer, was brought to this office today by J. A. Flaherty, Radio Department of the Kansas City Star, where he was introduced by Mr. Flaherty to Special Agents Andersen and Trainor.

Mc Lean stated he knew of a "club" or hangout in Kansas City, where a certain smooth confidence man was located, who represented to him that he sells large automobiles to gangsters, which he delivers to various points in this vicinity. He went on to state that the man told him of a drug store in Coffeyville, Kansas, where there is a sliding panel in the wall, behind which he, the unknown party, had seen a group of gangsters, who wore long beards and appeared very desperate. He wanted to take one of the Agents to the Kansas City hangout to talk with the man in question. He was questioned as to the location and ownership of the place here and informed that it is owned and operated by a brother-in-law of City Manager Mc Elroy, located at 11th and Walnut Streets.

The tale of Mc Lean was fantastic and incongruous. It seemed that he is not familiar with the workings of the underworld and apparently he may have had some other motives in mind when he was brought here. It may be noted that the Kansas City Star is now at war with the local Democratic Machine.

Mr. Mc Lean was asked to secure whatever additional information he can and to report it here, and that any matter appearing to possess facts giving this Division jurisdiction will be investigated, but he was tactfully informed that his plan to appear with an Agent at Kansas City as he had suggested would be scarcely workable and not deemed advisable by these Agents.

Respectfully submitted,

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TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased); et al.	Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Results of mail cover placed on Post Office Box 465, Phoenix, Arizona, reported. J. T. Murphy, Phoenix, Arizona, not yet contacted.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent C. J. Endres, Los Angeles, California, dated April 2, 1934.

DETAILS: AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

The following mail tracings covering Box 465, Phoenix, Arizona, have been received by agent and are enumerated for the information of the Chicago Division office:-

#1, Typewritten-addressed letter with typewritten return, addressed to Mrs. M. J. Murphy, Box 465, Phoenix, Arizona; from the Hartford Fire Insurance Co., Otto H. Hoppe & Co., Agents, 5930 Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

DETAILS

#2, Letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Murphy, Box 465, Phoenix, Arizona, from St. Joseph's Juniorate, Peabody, Mass., mailed at Cambridge, Mass., on March 26, 1934, at 10:30 A.M.

#3, Letter addressed to Mrs. M. J. Murphy, postmarked at Chicago, Illinois, on March 27, 1934, at 8 P.M. (the post office clerk made the notation that this item seems to be Easter Greetings.)

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#4, Letter to Ernest and Joan Murphy, in care of M. J. Murphy, postmarked at Chicago, Illinois, on March 27, 1934, return address Mrs. M. Clark, 5047 South Wood Street, Chicago, Illinios, in care of A. Karsik.

#5, Letter to Mr. M. J. Murphy, postmarked at Chicago, March 29, 1934, at 8:30 P.M., from F. C. Enderlin, 6311 North Clark Street, Chicago, Ill.

#6, Letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Murphy, postmarked Chicago, Ill., April 1, returns address Mrs. M. Clark, 5047 South Wood Street, in care of A. Kirsik.

#7, Letter addressed to M. J. Murphy (typewritten), postmarked Chicago, April 3, return address (printed) Lake View Trust and Savings Bank, Lincoln and Belmont Avenues, Chicago.

#8, Letter addressed to Norma Lampert Murphy, postmarked Chicago, April 6, evidently from Mrs. B. McDonough, Chicago, Illinois. Further portion of return address not legible.

Lee M. Paschall, Manager of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, Phoenix, Arizona, advised that there was no telephone listed in the name of Murphy or any other name at 533 West Willetta Street, for the winter of 1931-32 or 1932-33. He further advised that there is no unlisted number for 1817 Palmcroft Way, N. E.

Agent made various efforts to contact J. T. Murphy, Realtor at 30 East Monroe Street, without success.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE, at Phoenix, Arizona, will report further results of mail cover placed on Post Office Box 465, Phoenix, Arizona, and will also make further attempt to interview J. T. Murphy and ascertain from him any knowledge he may have of the activities of M. J. Murphy.

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