

CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD  
KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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Chicago, Illinois.

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April 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Ave., Room 1408,  
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

It is requested that a very confidential and discreet inquiry be made of the Newark, New Jersey, Police Department, for the purpose of determining whether one Ruben Bass is wanted by that Police Department. The notation appearing on his fingerprint card is as follows:

Wanted for Payroll stickup. If located arrested will extradite from any part of country, Chief of Police, Newark, New Jersey.

It is suggested that when this inquiry is made, you inquire of them as to the last time when they had information as to his whereabouts.

It is desired that I be advised of the results of your inquiry there under personal and confidential cover.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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April 16, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
617 Federal Building,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

It is requested that a very confidential and discreet inquiry be made of the Los Angeles Police Department, for the purpose of determining whether one Ruben Bass is wanted by that Police Department. The notation appearing on his fingerprint card is as follows:

Wanted: As Ruben Bass (St. Louis No. 7549) for Viol. Chapter  
652 Statute of 1927, a Felony (pos of Machine Guns)  
If apprehended notify D. L.A. Calif, (inf rec'd  
in L.A. Police Bulletin dated 4-5-30 jfc)

It is suggested that when this inquiry is made, you inquire of them as to the last time when they had information as to his whereabouts.

It is desired that I be advised of the results of your inquiry there under personal and confidential cover.

Very truly yours,

H. H. MEVILS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Harry Englehart states that he met Ted Johnson at Omaha and travelled as far as Harrisburg; during the travel Johnson stated he was a member of the Dillinger gang and Dillinger and Floyd were hiding near Joliet, Illinois. He stated that the Dillinger gang intended to rob a bank at an unknown town south of Joliet. Ted Johnson also known as Theodore Eggers, released from Vancouver Prison, British Columbia, 1-1-34.

**R.U.C.**

**REFERENCE:** Letter from Division dated 4-12-34.

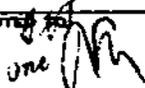
**DETAILS:**

At MOUNT GRETNA, PA.

Agent interviewed Harry Englehart at the Federal Emergency Transient Camp at Mount Gretna, Pa., and he informed agent that while traveling from San Francisco, California, to Pennsylvania, he met one Ted Johnson at Omaha, Nebraska. The two of them proceeded from Omaha to Chicago, thence to Louisville, to Altoona, and finally to Harrisburg, where they parted. Johnson proceeded to Philadelphia and Englehart went to the Transient Camp at Mount Gretna. He stated that while traveling with Johnson, Johnson talked about Charles Arthur Floyd and John Dillinger, stating he knew their whereabouts. He informed Englehart that at present Floyd and Dillinger are hiding around Joliet, Illinois, living with some of the ~~detour~~ farmers. Englehart also stated that Johnson told him that the Dillinger gang intended to rob a bank in a small town with a population of about 6,000, south of Joliet, but was unable to inform agent the name of the town. He stated this town has a population of 6,000 and is a manufacturing community with a monthly payroll of \$70,000 received at this bank for the employees of the manufacturing plant.

Englehart also informed agent this Ted Johnson had just been released from serving a prison term of 6 to 7 years at Vancouver, British Columbia. Agent, in talking with Special Agent J. F. McDevitt, was informed that this Ted Johnson is probably

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Theodore W. Eggers who was sentenced October 6, 1925 to serve a six months' sentence in the county jail at San Francisco, California, for alleged conspiracy to violate Section 141, U. S. C. C. Englehart also stated this Johnson was a killer type and furnished agent the following description of Ted Johnson:

Weight	About 170 pounds - heavy set
Height	5'8"
Age	40 -45 years
Complexion	Fair
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Light, becoming sparse;
	Southern drawl, quiet spoken, nice appearance, pleasing personality.

that Ted Johnson was released from Vancouver, British Columbia, January 1, 1934, and at present is supposed to be under-cover in Philadelphia.

Englehart stated that while at the Transient Camp he received a letter from Johnson in which Johnson stated he could be reached at the Transient Bureau in Philadelphia.

Englehart stated that while in Louisville with Johnson they met two men who were supposed to be with the Dillinger gang, but he could not inform agent as to their names. He stated they were between 45 and 50 years of age, heavy set, about 5'8", and fairly well dressed. Johnson also informed Englehart he is now a member of the Dillinger gang and that the police were on his trail. Englehart stated that while traveling east with Johnson they met a partner of Johnson but he could not give agent this partner's name but gave agent the following description of the partner, who was supposed to be in the Floyd gang.

Hair	Sandy red
Age	35 - 40 years
Weight	180 - 190 pounds
Height	6'1"
Tattoo	On back of left hand.
Complexion	Florid

This man did time with Johnson at Vancouver, British Columbia. Englehart stated this was the only information that he was able to obtain from Johnson and he desired that his name be kept confidential as he is afraid if Johnson hears of what he has told the Division he will suffer, at the hands of Johnson.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Room 1403,  
370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York City.

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

Dear Sir:

As of possible interest in connection with the investigation in the matter of RICHARD TALIMAN<sup>0</sup>GALATAS with aliases, I.O. #1201, et al - Obstruction of Justice -, I am attaching hereto an article which appeared in "Time", issue of April 9, 1934.

It will be noted that this article sets forth:

" .... (4) Desperado Harvey<sup>6</sup> Bailey was arrested while playing on one of the city's best golf courses; (5) Verne<sup>0</sup>Miller had played in a foursome with Police Director E.C. Reppert shortly before he machine-gunned to death four State and Federal officers in Kansas City's Union Station plaza last June."

Very truly yours,

*F.X. Day*  
F.X. DAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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## POLITICAL NOTE

### *Little Tammany*

Sprawled across the sidewalk in front of a Kansas City polling place lay the body of William Findley, Negro election worker, blood on his face, a bullet in his brain, spats on his feet.

Slumped in a heap lay Lee Flacy, deputy sheriff, pumped full of buckshot. To his bride of a fortnight went news of her widowhood by radio: "A shooting at 5824 Swope Parkway—Lee Flacy killed—"

A mortal head wound crumpled Larry Cappo, sleek little gangster, onetime prize-fighter, night-club headwaiter, in the back of a wrecked sedan.

Few doors away Pascal Oldham, 78, hardware merchant, was locking up his store when he turned to see a car flash by, to hear guns crackle. A stray bullet drilled clean through his head. Hours later he died in a hospital.

Slugged and beaten with blackjacks, brass knuckles, gun-butts and baseball bats were a housewife, a Kansas City *Star* newshawk, a candidate for the City Council, a chauffeur, a policeman, and five other persons.

Such was last week's score in Kansas City's municipal election. When black-jacks were pocketed and votes were counted, Kansas Citizens knew the worst: The Fusion attempt to break the rule of Boss Thomas Joseph ("Big Tom") Pendergast's Democratic machine had failed. Re-elected by a 59,566 plurality was Boss-backed Mayor Bryce Byram Smith, a mild-mannered baking company official in his spare time. Defeated was Dr. Albert Ross Hill, 64, anti-Boss Democrat, onetime (1908-20) president of the University of Missouri, holder of a dozen college degrees and author of *The Epistemological Function of the "Thing in Itself" in Kant's Philosophy*.

Thus ended Kansas City's hope of a municipal New Deal, as represented by the Citizens-Fusion ticket put forth by the National Youth Movement. Founded a year ago by a small group of young, public-spirited citizens, the National Youth Movement aimed to depose the Pendergast machine as Tammany had been deposed in New York and the Vare machine in Philadelphia.

For all its defeat the Citizens-Fusion party could look with some pride on the past, some hope to the future. It had won two of the nine seats in the City Council. With no Seabury as Grand Inquisitor, with no LaGuardia to dramatize the issue, it had managed to present to the electorate these facts and allegations: Twenty-five members of the police department have

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Turkish and less English. The court asked: was Samuel Insull a Turkish citizen? No. Was his crime political or military? No. Therefore he should be detained, handed over to the U. S.

"The court," said the twisted interpreter, "says that you are not an American citizen and that you are free."

Beaming Insull walked out and hailed a taxicab. Two Turkish policemen leaped in after him, and his face fell. They drove up a back street to a little fifth-rate hotel, got him a shabby room. Ignorant of what it was all about Insull raged and despaired. He sat down on his bed. "I am all alone," he said. "I am a victim of fate." He began to weep.

Next day Insull got himself a Turkish lawyer to appeal his case, got himself transferred to a better hotel, began to take heart again. As he was sitting in the lounge reading papers after luncheon, five Turkish detectives marched in, surrounded him, lugged him off to the House of Detention near the Mosque of St. Sophia—to lie behind bars until deported. Same day, to make his fate more certain, the Turkish Assembly at Ankara ratified an extradition treaty with the U. S.—a treaty negotiated in 1923, which had lain forgotten for eleven years.

## RECOVERY

### Wages of Steel

In the plant of smallish Corrigan-McKinney Steel Co. in Cleveland one day last week, employes clustered around bulletin boards on which were posted notices of a 10% wage increase effective April 1. Such was the signal for a general upping of all steel wages. One by one other steel companies fell in line. Finally U. S. Steel made it official for the industry by announcing a raise of "approximately 10%" for some 140,000 of its employes. Noteworthy was the fact that for the first time U. S. Steel allowed an independent to initiate the new wages of steel.

A 10% wage increase affecting some 420,000 workers will add about \$40,000,000 to steel's annual wage bill at current rates of operation. It will up production costs about \$1.30 per ton. Ducking off the front page where their wage news had landed them, steelmasters promptly raised prices for the second quarter between \$3 and \$4 per ton.

Upping of steel wages was no altruistic gesture by steelmasters. The industry as a whole is still losing money. Smart for once, they had their eyes on two places—Washington and Detroit. In his NRA speech last month President Roosevelt had asked a 10% cut in hours and a 10% increase in wages by all industry. By its

criminal records, and the acting chief served a term in the penitentiary; glory insurance rates are the highest of any city in the country: Conrad Mann, president of the Chamber of Commerce and good friend of Herbert Hoover, was saved from serving five months in a Federal House of Detention on a lottery conviction by a pardon from President Roosevelt (TIME, Nov. 27).

Other charges: 1) Sworn affidavits testi-



THOMAS JOSEPH PENDERGAST

Proud of his grammar, not of his face.

fied to 8,000 "ghost" voters; 2) gambling and vice are wide open in Kansas City; 3) it is notorious as a hangout for the criminal riff-raff of the Midwest; 4) Desperado Harvey Bailey was arrested while driving on one of the city's best golf courses; 5) Verne Miller had played in a foursome with Police Director E. C. Reppert shortly before he machine-gunned to death four State and Federal officers in Kansas City's Union Station plaza last June;\* 6) the \$200,000 pay-off in the Urschel kidnaping case took place on a Kansas City boulevard; 7) City Manager Henry F. McElroy's daughter Mary was kidnaped almost from under his nose last July and ransomed for \$30,000 (TIME, July 24, et seq.).

Leader of the National Youth Movement is Joseph C. Fennelly, 29, native of Kansas City—educated at the University of Virginia, vice president of a paint company. Tall, slender, blond, an expert golfer, he is married, has one son. Germ of the movement was born five years ago when five young businessmen who knew nothing of government or politics sat around a fireside in Fennelly's home discussing the local situation. The young men of Cincinnati had cleaned up their city. Why could the young men of Kansas City not do the same? Then & there they decided "that boss control would remain

as long as the young men and women sat quietly at home and allowed the bosses to rule." Out they went to build up "a fighting organization of younger men and women to whip the bosses in Kansas City." Thousands of members were enrolled and a State charter obtained.

Average age of the Youth Movement leaders is about 30. Its organization is permanent and hopes to become nationwide. Slogan of the party in the last campaign was: "Give the charter a chance," based on the fact that Kansas City's charter, adopted in 1926, was designed to create a non-partisan local government, but failed to do so. Termed "young radicals" by the opposition, the Citizens-Fusionists were charged with being a mask for the Republican party seeking to work against President Roosevelt. For its campaign slogans the Pendergast machine took: "A vote for us is a vote for Roosevelt," and "Stand by the President."

Little Tammany is not so little. Founded in 1898 by the late Jim Pendergast, oldtime saloon-keeper, its control stretches from the Governor at Jefferson City to the policeman on the corner. Jim Pendergast's memory is kept green by a bronze statue with cherubs at his feet, commemorating his civic virtue. Upon Brother Tom, who looks like a Nast cartoon of Bossism personified, has devolved the more important duty of preserving the organization. His control of Kansas City and Jackson County is undisputed. Every county officer is obligated to him, virtually

every State officer owes his job to Pendergast's support, and he personally lifted Governor Guy Brasfield Park from an obscure rural judgeship to the State House in 1933. Boss Pendergast finds politics "good business," supports a string of race-horses with his profits.

Mercilessly caricatured in hostile newspapers, Boss Pendergast does not mind, but when reporters quote him as saying "I seen," he rages. Educated at St. Mary's College, Kansas, he is proud of his English, makes occasional errors which he quickly corrects. A huge, hearty man (232 lb.), he is 61, has thin hair almost white. A wholesale liquor dealer before Prohibition, he now runs a ready-mixed concrete business which local contractors wisely patronize. In his shabby little office he dispenses patronage three days a week.

Soft-spoken, never given to profanity, he is a teetotaler, plays neither golf nor cards, accepts no invitations to banquets, luncheons, conventions. His success he attributes to friends among the poor. Annually at Christmas he feeds 5,000 Democrats' mouths. Always he carries a pocketful of 25¢ pieces which he hands out to Kansas City bums who are useful on Election Day. Rich and full of honors, he lives in a fashionable \$100,000 mansion which burglars once robbed of \$150,000 worth of loot including 480 pairs of silk stockings from his daughter Marceline's trousseau. Again & again he says: "I'm just an ordinary fellow who was able to keep his word."



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OLDHAM & CAPPO (TOP); FINDLEY & FLACY  
For them, Death; for Kansas City, an Old Deal.

\*Four days after Election Director of Police Reppert resigned under fire, told newshawks: "I have no apologies to make. . . . Statistics will prove crime has been reduced 45%."

# GREAT BRITAIN

## Surplus

Up in Scotland, tired and wet after a day's fishing, Chancellor of the Exchequer Neville Chamberlain changed his socks and sat down with a warm drink. The telephone jangled.

"Government priority," an excited voice called. "The Treasury calling the Chancellor of the Exchequer."

As Mr. Chamberlain listened his face broke into a broad grin. When the call was finished he went back to the sideboard and filled up his glass again, for here was something better than a 40-lb. salmon. The young man at the Treasury had just finished balancing Britain's books for the fiscal year. The Treasury could now announce a surplus of £31,148,000, greatest since 1923-24, and an achievement in belt-tightening unmatched by any other country since Depression.

Year ago Britain had a deficit of £32,279,000. In announcing his very stiff budget for the year Neville Chamberlain hoped publicly for a surplus of £1,300,000 but privately was ready to consider himself lucky if the budget balanced. In Scotland last week Chancellor Chamberlain went over the figures carefully to see where he had made his happy mistake.

Income tax receipts were almost exactly what he had expected. The tariff had proved to be a gold mine, bringing in £17,000,000 more than anyone had estimated. General business improvement accounted for most of the rest. But what really brought the surplus to such pleasing plumpness was that no one thought Sir John Ellerman would die so soon.

Sir John Reeves Ellerman was one of the least publicized and richest men in the world. An impressive fellow with a great spade beard and a hawk nose, he owned and operated some half-dozen lines of steamers, besides great quantities of real estate and at one time a string of newspapers and a batch of London smart-charts. Living in an almost miserly simplicity, he was only a vague name to most Britons, despite his fat checks to British charities. His last charity occurred when he died in Dieppe last July, aged 71, leaving an estate of \$70,000,000. The British Treasury took enough out of that estate in death duties to round out its surplus.

Because most Britons feel certain that the present improvement in British trade is bound to continue they estimate that Neville Chamberlain will have a surplus of approximately £50,000,000 to toy with before the next budget must be presented April 17. Last week one result seemed certain—some relief for the British taxpayer who last year paid a basic rate of 25% on his income.

The most important person to oppose any reduction in the income tax was none less than the Most Reverend William Temple, Archbishop of York. Long regarded as a parlor pink by most of the Conservatives of his flock, His Grace would leave income taxes where they are,

apply almost the whole surplus to increasing the dole and relieving unemployment. In all churches of the Archdiocese of York last week appeared posters begging prayers "for the Divine guidance of the Chancellor of the Exchequer."

His Grace's suggestion was received with marked apathy not only by businessmen but by nearly all politicians, anxious to sweeten taxpayers' tempers. Raged



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Economist Francis W. Hirst in the *Times*: "If the Chancellor of the Exchequer or a mere economist were to urge upon the Episcopal Bench a change in the theology or ritual of the Church of England, his recommendations would doubtless evoke an appropriate expression of gratitude; but I doubt whether much weight would be attached to them."

## Vickers Meeting

Last week Vickers, Ltd., one of the greatest armament firms in the world, held its annual meeting in London. General the Hon. Sir Herbert Alexander Lawrence, chairman of the board, cleared his throat, sipped a glass of water, and read his report.

There had been, he was glad to say, "a very satisfactory increase in orders for land armaments, in particular light tanks and anti-aircraft equipment." He had a novelty to announce. The Whitehead Torpedo Co., a Vickers subsidiary, had just produced a new torpedo specially designed for firing from airplanes, and the Air Ministry was charmed with it. Striking back at uncomfortable exposés of the international armament makers, Sir Herbert cried:

"The inflated profits of private armament firms exist only in the imaginations of ill-advised critics. The Vickers group has no part in any international arma-

ments ring. On the contrary there is the keenest competition to secure orders from any country which is strengthening its defenses and has not the necessary manufacturing resources available. . . . Munitions manufacturers should rather be considered as rendering a patriotic service so long as our products are necessary for the defense of the Empire."

All this was very comforting for the tycoons and estate managers who sat in the front rows, but in the back rows were a number of people who had bought two or three shares apiece of Vickers stock for the sole purpose of attending this meeting. One of them, Miss Eleanor Rathbone, Independent M. P., rose to ask a few questions. Was it not true that despite the prohibitions of the Versailles Treaty full-page advertisements of Vickers tanks were published in Berlin papers? Would the chairman swear on his honor that no Vickers munitions were being secretly shipped to Germany and Austria, possibly to be used against British troops?

Chairman Sir Herbert blushed very red, and explained that the tank advertisements in the Berlin papers were really intended for South America where those papers had large circulation.

"Unfortunately," said he, "I cannot give definite assurance that none of our products is reaching Germany or Austria, but to our critics I can say this. Nothing is done without the complete sanction and approval of the British Government."

## IRISH FREE STATE

### Seanascal Domnhall

His Majesty's representative, the governor general of the Irish Free State, reading the papers in his suburban tige outside Dublin. At the U. S. Mission Minister William Wallace McLuckie buckled on a very clean collar, put a hat on his head, took up his papers, and went forth to present his credentials from President Roosevelt to George Buckley. The two men never met. Governor General Buckley continued to read the papers while Minister McDowell rode behind a clattering cavalry escort to present himself to scrawny President Eamon de Valera of the Irish Free State.

Such a thing had never happened before in diplomatic history. Had the onetime copperman from Montana deliberately snubbed King George's representative? Not at all. Minister McDowell had simply followed the wishes of the de Valera Government. To be sure that Britain would not be insulted, the Free State High Commissioner in London, John W. Dulanty, had obtained King George's permission to break an ancient precedent.

Only in Ireland could there be a king's representative like Donal Buckley. An ardent Republican and oldtime Sinn Feiner, he was nominated for the governor generalship by his good friend Eamon de Valera in the sneaking hope that Britain would make an issue of the matter by objecting. Britain did not. Once the pro-

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

**Washington, D. C.**

**April 17, 1934.**

SPC:DSS

MR. TOLSON  
 MR. E. A. TAMM  
 MR. C. G. SMITH  
 MR. LESTER  
 CHIEF CLERK

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.**

Agent Black called from Oklahoma City and advised that he had just received a telephone call from Agent Burch at Muskogee who advised that the Sheriff there had just picked up a man in connection with the shooting of Johnson at Tulsa recently; that this man had given the Sheriff information to the effect that he was in possession of information as to the place where Jim Clark is located near Fairmont, Oklahoma; that one Frank Delmar is there with Jim Clark; that the Sheriff and his deputies are proceeding to Fairmont and will reach there at 2:00 P. M; that they will enter the house in the daytime in an effort to apprehend these individuals; that the informant advised that Jim Clark has an injured foot and will not resist arrest but that probably Delmar will offer resistance. Agent Burch is proceeding to Fairmont with the Sheriff and his deputies and Agent Black will keep the Division advised as to developments.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
 S. P. Cowley.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 17, 1934.

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MR. LESTER  
CHIEF CLERK  
MR. ROBEY

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent Black called from Oklahoma City and advised that the informant who claimed that he was in possession of information to the effect that Floyd was at Hot Springs is out of the city at the present time and is not expected back until Thursday or Friday and that, therefore, no action can be taken in this case until he returns as he is the only person who knows the location of the house in which Floyd is supposed to be.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

April 13, 1934.

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MR. NATHAN.....
MR. TOLSON.....
MR. CLEGG.....
MR. COWLEY.....
MR. EDWARDS..
MR. EGAN.....
MR. QUINN.....
MR. LESTER.....
CHIEF CLERK.....
MR. ROBER.....

*Mr. Newby*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

While talking with Agent in Charge Brantley on another matter he advised that the Agents entered the house located by Agent Butterworth, in which Floyd was reported to be by one H. Miller, but he was not there; that apparently the wrong house had been picked and the Agents are still endeavoring to locate the house reported by Miller. He will advise the Division in the event of any developments.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

*Chas. A. F. G. 1*

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

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March 1, 1934.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Mr. George E. McKinnis of Shawnee, Oklahoma was referred here by the Court of Claims Division of the Department. He was accompanied by W. R. McWilliams, 125 North Harvey Street, Oklahoma City.

Mr. McKinnis is one of the officers of the Fidelity Building & Loan organization in Shawnee, Oklahoma, which owns the house in which Wilbur Underhill was located and which was allegedly damaged by machine gun fire by the Special Agents of this Division and other peace officers.

He presented his claim for \$230, which I refused to accept, but noted that it was itemized as follows:

Patch to plaster	\$ 15.00
Replacing broken glass	7.00
Repairs to screens	13.00
Repairs to windows and doors	7.00
Repairs to siding	3.00
Inside decoration	125.00
Outside painting	60.00
Total	<u>\$230.00</u>

I told these gentlemen that this Division was an investigative Division and did not pass upon the legitimacy of claims. Mr. McKinnis stated his son is an attorney and had written the Division previously. I informed Mr. McKinnis that upon receipt of this letter the Division ordered an immediate investigation to ascertain the facts. However, this investigation had a two-fold purpose - to determine whether the owners of the building, the lessors or sub-lessors were in any way involved in a conspiracy to harbor a fugitive from justice and, if so, the facts would be presented to the United States Attorney with a view to prosecution; and secondly to determine the facts concerning the damage to the building. I informed him that in the Machine Gun Kelly case there had been convictions for harboring fugitives and if the facts justified in this case, the matter would be referred to the United States Attorney regardless of who the owners of the building might be.

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It was then that Mr. McKinnis informed me that it was their rental agent who rented the building to an individual by the name of Smith. Smith was a well known individual in Shawnee, who was formerly in the fire insurance business, and has later been in the oil and oil brokerage business. He can be definitely identified. According to information furnished the officers of the building and loan organization by Mrs. Smith, Underhill was introduced to Mr. and Mrs. Smith by Joe Smalley of Shawnee, who is a member of the State House of Representatives of Oklahoma. He repeated that the man (Underhill) to whom the house was to be sub-leased, was known to ~~Smith~~, <sup>Smalley</sup> that he was O.K. and he offered a nice price for the rental.

Underhill was introduced <sup>by Smalley</sup> as a friend and as an ex-druggist. This information should be enlightening and it is believed should be transmitted by telephone to the Oklahoma City office before McKinnis and McWilliams return to Oklahoma so that this investigation can be completed, looking toward the possible harboring of a fugitive by Representative Joe Smalley.

Mr. McKinnis stated that Smith, the lessor, had put in a claim and I inquired of Mr. McKinnis as to whether <sup>his</sup> company and Smith expected to collect from the Government in the same amount and he appeared not to know what the procedure was, claiming he was in Washington solely on other business and had brought along this claim for whatever value it might be to the Department. I told Mr. McKinnis that the matter was being investigated and the facts would be submitted to proper Departmental officials.

Respectfully,

H. H. Gregg.

P. O. Box 1876  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 17, 1934

HEH:CG

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of April 8, 1934, addressed to Special Agent H. E. Hollis, a copy of which was furnished this office, which letter directs the transfer of Agent Hollis to the Chicago Division Office. After conferring with Agent Hollis, I beg to advise that it is expected he will leave for Chicago on or about April 21, 1934.

A few days ago, Agent Hollis was furnished information regarding the possible location of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd in the vicinity of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, the exact location at this time being unknown. This information was furnished originally by one Julius, a bootlegger, to Mr. Louis Barnes, an ex-deputy sheriff at Prior, Oklahoma. The bootlegger Julius resides south of Rose, Oklahoma. Agent Hollis on April 16, 1934 contacted Mr. Barnes at Prior, Oklahoma and accompanied him to the home of Julius. However, Julius was not there and information was received that he would probably not return home until April 19th or 20, 1934. It will be necessary to see Julius to obtain information regarding the exact location of the alleged hide-out of Floyd, and inasmuch as Agent Hollis has already made the contact with Mr. Barnes, it is deemed advisable for him to follow this matter to its conclusion. Therefore, his departure from this district will be delayed until about April 21, 1934.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Chicago Division Office in confirmation of the telegram forwarded to that office today advising that Agent Hollis is expected to arrive in Chicago on April 23, 1934.

Very truly yours,

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EARLE M. BLACK,

Acting Special Agent in Charge

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

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TITLE: <b>VERNON O. MILLER with aliases (deceased), et al.</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.</b>
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mail cover placed in effort to locate "L. W. Beard" at San Diego, Calif., as witness in "Pretty Boy" Floyd case. A suspect reported by Yuma, Arizona, Sheriff establishes his identity as a Wichita, Kansas, citizen and not Floyd.



**REFERENCE:** Letters from the Kansas City Division office dated February 15 and April 7, 1934.

**DETAILS:** AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

This lead originated at the California State Agricultural Border Station at Yuma, Arizona, when the suspect stopped for inspection, and the inspectors noted the Kansas license number 23365, and that the owner of the car resembled "Pretty Boy" Floyd. The inspectors whispered among themselves and finally decided to report the matter to the Sheriff at Yuma, Arizona, after the car had proceeded into California. The Yuma Sheriff reported the matter to Sheriff Campbell at El Centro, Calif., and the result of same was the issuance of the teletype bulletin to all Sheriffs' Offices in California.

In San Diego the car and its occupants (only two men, who declared they were the only occupants of the car at Yuma, and not five occupants as first reported) were located, and an investigation by Deputy Sheriffs Moran and Mason

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was conducted with the result that the suspect satisfied the officers that he was not Floyd, and that he was old enough to be Floyd's father. He was shown a picture of Floyd and readily admitted the facial resemblance, and then recalled that while undergoing inspection at the state line several inspectors in a "huddle" were saying "Yes, that's him. What will we do with him, etc."

Mr. Franklin of Wichita, Kansas, who was the suspect, said at that time he did not know to whom the inspectors referred and did not understand their talk. However, he said, they did not question him as he would gladly have proven his identity to them.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Herbert B. Kennedy at San Diego made the following explanation of the incident:-

"On February 15th, 1934, information was received via an All Points Bulletin, emanating from Los Angeles Control of the State Teletype System, stating that Floyd had been seen at or near Yuma, Arizona, and that he was traveling in an OLDSMOBILE SEDAN, maroon color, bearing Kansas license plates, No. 25563, with the letters "G. W. G. A." on the windshield of said car, and that subject was accompanied by five men in said car. This bulletin was sent at 3:47 P.M., of the date above, as an emergency broadcast.

"Subsequently, under date of 2-15-34, a 'phone message was received from Descanso Park, Calif., by a man who stated that his wife had seen this car, which was driven by a man who gave his name as Franklin, and stated that he was stopping at the Churchill Hotel; this Mr. Franklin stated to informant that he - Franklin - desired to purchase a service station owned by informant. Informant 'phoned the Churchill Hotel, and was advised by the clerk that they had no guest of that name.

"Upon investigation by Deputies Moran and Mason, a photograph (Banker's Association circular) was positively identified as that of the man known to the Hotel as Franklin, it appearing that after approaching the Descanso Park informant that Mr. Franklin and his companion had visited the races at Agua Caliente, arriving at the Churchill after the call from Descanso Park, accounting for the statement of the hotel clerk that no such guest had registered there. Mr. Franklin was contacted, and presented ample identification to assure the deputies of the fact that he was not subject, it appearing that Mr. Franklin is a man of approximately 50 years, about five inches taller than Pretty Boy, also that he has grey hair. Mr. Franklin stated that his home is in Wichita, Kansas, that he was accompanied by a Mr. Wallace, also of Wichita, further that he would welcome any questions as to his identity, standing in his home community, or any investigation as to his character; the deputies did not examine the car, nor obtain correct license number, or other information.

"Under date of 2-16-34, a teletype message was sent to George L. Campbell, Sheriff of Imperial County, stating the substance of the result of the investigation of Mr. Franklin, the purpose of this being so that proper cancellation of bulletin might be made, but to date, none has appeared."

A check of the racetrack at Agua Caliente, Mexico, was made several times during the recent race meeting which closed three weeks ago, in a vain effort to locate the fugitive Richard Galatas. Other leads within the Los Angeles district having been developed subsequent are receiving attention.

Efforts having failed to identify L. W. BEARD, referred to in the Kansas City letter of February 15, 1934, a cover has been placed on mail for this person at the General Delivery of the San Diego Post Office. The post office directory does not have this name, nor is there any record in the General Delivery of mail ever having been received or delivered to such person. It is quite possible the letter referred to as having been sent to "L. W. Beard at San Diego" February 5, 1934, may have been delivered, and even subsequent mail, but the General Delivery clerks do not recall the name, and state that undoubtedly he is not a regular or frequent patron of the service or they would remember him.

A check of the city and telephone directories and public utilities and poll tax rolls failed to reflect this name.

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

JFC:LS

April 19, 1934.

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

RE: RUBEN BASS.

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Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of April 16, 1934, please be advised that on April 16, 1934, Special Agent J. F. Carney, of this office, interviewed in a discreet and confidential manner Detective Sergeant Thomas Moore, of the Identification Bureau, Newark, N. J. Police Department, relative to Ruben Bass, Newark Police Department #9332. The following appears on the record card of Ruben Bass at the Identification Bureau of the Newark, N.J. Police Department:

Residence: 132 Orchard Street.  
Date of arrest: October 16, 1925--crime, assault and battery and robbery (payroll stickup). Officers, Myers and Sweeney, 6th Precinct.

Complainant's name and address: Kaufman & Co., 160 Murray Street.

Nature of crime: The prisoner, with one George Gross, #9251, and others who escaped, entered the complainant's office as the payroll of \$9,000 was being made up. They held the office staff at bay with revolvers and escaped with the money. Bass and Gross were caught while escaping and the money which was in their possession, recovered. On October 19, 1925 Bass was held in \$27,500 bail for the Grand Jury by Judge Albano. On January 11, 1926 bail of \$10,000 was declared forfeited by Judge Flanagan, and Bass is now carried as "Fugitive".

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Records:

- 8-14-11 -- St. Louis, Mo., as Ruben Bass, burglary and larceny; sentenced to 3 years in the Boonesville, Mo. Reform School. Escaped from the school December 11, 1911.
- 9-14-13 -- St. Louis, Mo., - burglary and larceny. Charge continued from previous conviction. 9-23-13 returned to the Reform School.
- 9-5-15 -- St. Louis, Mo. -- With another, held up butcher shop with revolver and stole \$15. 10-26-15, Circuit Court \$10, robbery, first degree; plead guilty to larceny from person. Sentenced to 3 years, Jefferson City, Mo. Penitentiary; Paroled 4-17-17.
- 8-13-20 -- St. Louis, Mo. -- With five others, carting a load of whiskey that was suspected of being stolen; released.
- 8-22-21 -- St. Louis, Mo. -- With two others, was found on the roof of a wholesale whiskey house carrying loaded revolvers, and it was suspected that they intended to burglarize the place. On 8-24-21, discharged in Police Court on charge of idling.
- 2-15-22 -- St. Louis, Mo. -- Assault, with intent, and concealed weapons; D-3-22 sentenced to 2 years in the City Workhouse.

Detective Sergeant Thomas Moore stated that Ruben Bass is still wanted by the Newark, N.J. Police Department, and will be returned to that city for prosecution, if located, and that the Newark Police Department last had information respecting the whereabouts of Ruben Bass in the summer of 1931, which information came in the form of a letter dated June 25, 1931 from Joseph A. Gerk, Chief of Police, St. Louis, Mo., informing the Newark Police Department that Bass was, at that time, reported to be residing at Clearwater, Los Angeles, Cal., under the name of Penny, but that efforts to locate Bass through this information had been unsuccessful.

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The letter of Chief of Police Carr, of St. Louis, also indicated that Ruben Bass at that time was wanted by the United States Secret Service at Los Angeles, Cal., on a charge of passing counterfeit money.

Mr. Moore also called attention to the fact that the daily news bulletin of the Los Angeles, Cal. Police Department for April 8, 1930 contains a wanted notice for Ruben Bass, alias Morris Cohen, alias Rube Cohen, St. Louis #7549, in connection with an indictment returned against Ruben Bass at Los Angeles, Cal., #44747, on a charge of possession of machine guns, on which charge bail had been set at \$25,000. The description of Ruben Bass, which appears on the reverse of the Newark, N. J. Police Department photograph, as of the time of his arrest at Newark, N. J., in 1925, is as follows:

Age:	39
Height:	5' 4 1/2"
Weight:	128 1/2 lbs.
Build:	Slim
Hair:	Dark brown
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Light
Nativity:	Detroit, Mich.
Occupation:	Decorator

Attached hereto will be found Newark, N. J. Police photograph of Ruben Bass, together with a wanted circular issued by the Newark, N. J. Police Department, which circular contains his fingerprints and a description of the offense for which he is wanted by the Newark, N. J. Police Department.

As suggested in your letter of April 16, 1934, I am forwarding the information contained herein to you under personal and confidential cover.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

APR 23 1934

Today Congressman Patman of Texas called by telephone, and stated that he wished to introduce a bill providing for a reward in a substantial sum for Dillinger, Barrow, and "Pretty Boy" Floyd. He wanted to know whether such a piece of legislation would be of assistance to this Division. I informed him that matters dealing with legislation must be taken up with you, as Assistant to the Attorney General, and that I would be very glad to relay to you his inquiry and ask that you call him by telephone. I of course will do nothing more about this matter, as I assume that you will take care of it, with Congressman Patman.

Respectfully,

(s) J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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April 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Please be informed that on this date Mr. Caldwell of the Department appeared at your office and exhibited to me the original memorandum signed by the Director, dated April 10, 1934, addressed to Mr. Stanley, relative to the telephone call had between the Director and Congressman Patman of Texas concerning possible legislation offering a reward for the apprehension of Dillinger, Barrow and "Pretty Boy" Floyd. He stated that Mr. Stanley had requested that the rough draft of the bill be prepared today and that he was not in possession of sufficient facts such as their names and aliases and the substance of the charges pending against them, such information to be included in the draft, and wanted to know if the Division could furnish him with this information.

I conferred with Mr. Baughman and arrangements were made to prepare a memorandum addressed to Mr. Stanley furnishing him with the information set forth on the Division's Identification Orders issued in connection with these individuals.

Mr. Caldwell also wanted to be informed as to whether the Director had any suggestions concerning the division of the reward, which has tentatively been set at \$25,000.00. I informed him that the Director was out of the building just at that time and I was unable to furnish him with any information concerning this phase of the matter, whereupon he stated that the bill would be prepared in rough form and undoubtedly Mr. Stanley would contact the Director in this regard.

Respectfully,

*SPL*

(s) T. D. Quinn

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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April 11, 1934

MR. NATHAN.....
MR. TOLSON.....
MR. CLEGG.....
MR. COWLEY.....
MR. EDWARDS.....
MR. EGAN.....
MR. QUINN.....
MR. LESTER.....
CHIEF CLERK.....
MR. ROER.....

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Dr. L. M. Thompson, Commanding Officer of the Transient Camp, one of the Federal Emergency Relief organizations, at Mt. Greta, Pennsylvania, called at this office this afternoon, and advised that one Harry Englehart, a transient from Los Angeles, California, was at the present time stopping at the above named camp; that Englehart had advised him that he was en route from Los Angeles to Washington for the purpose of submitting information concerning the whereabouts of "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Dr. Thompson stated that he came to Washington on official business, and that he had indicated to Englehart that he would discuss this matter with the Division.

He stated that Englehart admitted being affiliated with criminals, but that he seemed to be a fairly well educated young man and had done some good under-cover work for him at the camp.

I told Dr. Thompson that the Division would be glad to obtain the information in Englehart's possession, and that it could be obtained by an Agent of the Philadelphia Office at Mt. Greta.

A letter will be directed to the Philadelphia Office requesting that Englehart be interviewed, through Dr. Thompson, Dr. Thompson stating that Englehart did not want to be interviewed openly, and that he did not want a representative of this Division to contact him at the camp.

Respectfully

*S. P. Cowley*  
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April 17, 1934.

Mr. R. H. Clegg,  
Assistant Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

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Dear Sir:

RE: CONFISCATION OF AUTOMOBILE

Referring to my telephone conversation with you relative to the procedure necessary in the confiscation of an automobile, and also to your request to forward copies of petition and court order, giving the Division possession of Verne Miller's automobile, there are enclosed herewith the following papers:

- Copy of petition and affidavit of Special Agent Jay C. Newman.
- Copy of brief statement of motion.
- Copy of order of Federal Judge James H. Wilkerson, dated December 22, 1933.
- Copy of certificate of Clerk of the Court pertaining to said order.
- Copy of Division letter dated December 11, 1933.
- Copy of memorandum for Special Agent in Charge, dated December 15, 1933, pertaining to the investigation conducted by the Division upon which the petition above referred to is predicated.

Since dictating the above letter I received your telegram requesting that copy of court order giving this office possession of the Verne Miller automobile be expedited, and I have this date wired you that copy of court order and related papers were being forwarded to you Special Delivery today.

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Very truly yours,

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W. H. WHEAT,  
Special Agent in Charge. FILE

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December 11, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, fugitive,  
I.O. #1195, et al - Obstruction of Justice,  
(Attempt to deliver Frank Nash, Federal  
Prisoner)

With regard to your communication of November  
28, 1933, concerning the Ford coupe abandoned by Vernon C.  
Miller, in Chicago, and suggesting that this car be con-  
fiscated for the use of the Chicago office, please be in-  
formed that the Division believes that you should consult  
with the United States Attorney in order to ascertain  
whether there would be any obstacles which would have to  
be overcome with the view in mind of having this car taken  
over by your office.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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December 15, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE M. E. PURVIS:

In Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased)  
I.O. 1195; et al. OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
(Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank  
Nash) CHICAGO FILE NO. 62-1649.

The automobile which was abandoned by Vernon E. Miller was a Ford V-8 coupe, black in color with white stripes, 1932 model, motor no. 1836196, New York license plates, 1933, No. 8-L-1469. This car was purchased on 10/23/33, by one A. Silverman, now deceased, having been murdered at Somers, Connecticut, recently.

The car was purchased from Nathan Klang, 338 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, telephone Nevins 6-1821, Silverman giving the alias of Frederick J. Glaubach. Nathan Klang conducts an open-air lot at 1035 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, telephone Mansfield 6-9897. The car was paid for in cash in the sum of \$425.00. Nathan Klang positively identified the signature of Silverman, who was formerly a member of the Longie Gang at Newark, New Jersey, as the purchaser. Silverman was the coverup man for Miller in the vicinity of Newark, New Jersey. The handwriting of Glaubach on the application for registration of the car is identical with the handwriting of Silverman appearing on his fingerprint record at the time he was arrested on May 13, 1932, at New York City, N.Y.

Investigation at the Motor Vehicle Bureau, New York City disclosed that 1933 license plates No. 8-L-1469 were issued to one Frederick J. Glaubach, 1991 Crotona Avenue, Bronx, for 1932 model V-8 Ford coupe, motor No. 18-36196, on October 23, 1933. In the application for registration it was stated that the age of the owner was 34 years. Attached to the application for registration was the certificate of sale, indicating that this car was purchased by Glaubach from the Klang Motor Sales, 1035 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, on October 23, 1933. A photostatic copy of the application for registration and the certificate of sale was obtained and the same is on file in the New York City office.

Mrs. Menassah Alexander, the owner of a one family house located at 1991 Crotona Avenue, Bronx, stated that no person by the name of Frederick J. Glaubach was living in her house, and that she had never heard of such a person before. Apparently a fictitious address was given by the person known as Glaubach.

The operators license for the above car which was in the name of Frederick K. Glaubach, was found at 1991 Crotona Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, it having been left there by the letter carrier on October 21, 1933, and which was never called for. This operator's license is now in the possession of the New York Office. The number of the license is 1282972, dated October 20, 1933, issued to Frederick K. Glaubach, 1991 Crotona Avenue, Bronx. The name and address were printed. The license was signed by Glaubach and it set forth that he was born on December 29, 1904; that he is white, male, weighs 155 pounds, is 5' 6" tall, has blue eyes and blond hair.

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The Motor Vehicle Bureau records which were located at 1014-1016 Avenue St. John, Bronx, New York, disclosed that Ferdinand Wocel was the inspector who gave the road test to Frederick K. Glaubach, on October 19, 1933, between the hours of 3:00 and 4:00 P.M. Inspector Wocel was located at the headquarters of the State Motor Vehicle Bureau, 80 Center Street, New York City. Upon an examination of the original application of Glaubach for operator's license, Inspector Wocel advised that he recalled very distinctly the examination of applicant in this case, because of the fact that he had disqualified Glaubach owing to an impairment of vision of his left eye and advised Glaubach that it would be necessary for him to take another test. Inspector Wocel stated he had made a notation on the application of Glaubach of the number of the license plates of the automobile in which he came to take the road test in question, and that it is 1933 New York license No. E-4406. Inspector Wocel stated that although the description of Miller was somewhat similar to that of Glaubach, he believed the party that he had given the road test to was not Miller. Inspector Wocel could offer no explanation why the operator's license in question was issued to Glaubach since he disqualified him for poor vision, and advanced the implication that someone in the Motor Vehicle Bureau in the Bronx was reached.

The Motor Vehicle Bureau records disclose further that 1933 License No. K-4406 was issued to Philip Greenspan, 249 South Second Street, Brooklyn, New York. At the police precinct covering this residence, it was ascertained that Philip Greenspan operated the Owl Auto Rental, 163 Norfolk Street, New York City; that he has a criminal record and is known to the Metropolitan police to have rented cars in the past to stick up men and on one occasion his car was involved in a shooting where a policeman was seriously wounded. Greenspan was described by the police as a bad character.

Greenspan was subsequently interviewed at 163 Norfolk Street, New York City, and was questioned concerning the rental on October 19, 1933 of the Chevrolet bearing 1933 New York plates K-4406, which was used for a road test by Glaubach. Sales slip No. 724, dated 10/19/33, indicated that at 2:20 P.M. on that date, Chevrolet car license No. K-4406 was rented to one, Herman Borenstein, 439 Manida Street, Bronx, with a deposit of \$10. and that the car was returned at 4:10 P.M. that day with a charge of \$2.00. In the form provided Greenspan always makes a notation thereon as to the chauffeur's license number of the person renting the car. This chauffeur's license No. was 1483726. The slip itself is signed "H. Borenstein".

Herman Borenstein was interviewed and advised that he was employed as a truckman with the Champion Trucking, Inc., 158 West 36th Street, New York City, and that this trucking firm is owned by Abraham Chait and Dave Wollman. He stated that he had been employed there about two months; that he did not receive an operator's permit, but did have a chauffeur's license. He produced chauffeur's license No. 1483726, which is the same number which appears on the slip covering the rental of the car. This chauffeur's license was issued May 23, 1933, in which he stated that he was born on December 29, 1912. The signature of Herman Borenstein corresponded with the signature on the rental slip and the handwriting was exactly similar to the

handwriting of Frederick K. Glaubach as it appeared on the operator's license above referred to. Borenstein admitted that he applied for this operator's license for a man named Al, who is Al Silverman and who is a very close friend of his employer Abraham Chait; that Al asked him to make this road test for him and that Chait gave him the money to take the test. He stated he gave the address 1991 Crotona Avenue, Bronx, New York, as Chait's mother, Mrs. Menassah Alexander lived there.

Chait was interviewed and admitted that he is personally acquainted with Albert Silverman, now deceased, and who was Miller's friend. He denied having anything to do with the issuance of the license to Glaubach. Chait is an ex-convict, previously having served six years and eleven months in Sing Sing prison for robbery. A case is now pending against Chait and Borenstein in the Federal Court, Southern District of New York, in which they are charged with conspiracy in knowingly aiding and abetting a Federal FUGITIVE. The New York police No. of Albert Silverman is B-51316.

The aforementioned information is set out which definitely shows that Vernon C. Miller, legally never owned or purchased Ford coupe, motor No. 1B-36196. The car in question was purchased by Albert Silverman, an ex-convict and a member of the Longie mob, for Miller and possibly Miller's money, in the sum of \$425.00. When Silverman purchased this car it is evident that he knew that Miller was wanted as a Federal fugitive in the Kansas City massacre, as he purchased it under the name of Frederick J. Glaubach. Fraud was also used in obtaining the New York operator's license for this car. In other words, legal ownership could never be proven, as the name Frederick K. Glaubach is fictitious. Silverman or Miller could never prove the legal ownership of the car in question.

This car was placed in storage at the Fair Oaks Garage, Broadway and Montrose Avenue, Chicago, from 11/1/33 to 11/27/33, and for this storage the Government paid the sum of \$13.53. It is now in dead storage at the Clark-Van Buren garage, the storage of which the Government is responsible for. The Government, therefore, apparently has a lien on this property.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. KEATING,  
Special Agent.

JJK:MG

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VS.

D. C. #4297

ONE, 1932 MODEL, FORD V-8 COUPE,  
Motor Number 18-36186

PETITION

To The Honorable Judges of the United States Court for the Northern District of Illinois:

Your Petitioner, Dwight H. Green, United States Attorney, for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, represents unto this honorable Court that on, to-wit, the last day of November, A.D. 1933, by U. Egan, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, Department of Justice, in the District and Division aforesaid, did find and take possession of, among other things:

One, 1932 MODEL, FORD V-8 COUPE,  
Motor Number 18-36186.

Your Petitioner further represents that the said Ford automobile was abandoned by Vernon S. Miller that a fugitive from justice. That the said Special Agent investigated, and caused to be investigated, the title of the said automobile. That he was unable to find the true owner of said automobile, and that from investigation made by himself and other members of the said Department of Justice, it was found that all names connected

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there were fictitious, and furthermore your Petitioner states that at no time was this property owned by the said Vernon C. Miller, now deceased. Your Petitioner further states that the said automobile was not attached to nor found in the land.

Your Petitioner further states that the said car has been in the possession of the said Department of Justice since November 1, 1933, and that the storage charges on said car are increasing daily.

WHEREFORE, your Petitioner prays that an order be entered declaring the said automobile to be owned by the United States of America as against all persons excepting the true owner thereof, and that the said car be retained by and delivered to the Division of Investigation of the Department of Justice to be used by the said Division of Investigation of the Department of Justice in the regular course of business.

DWIGHT H. GREEN  
United States Attorney.

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS )  
EASTERN DIVISION )

vs:

Jay C. Newman, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that he has read the above and foregoing petition, knows the contents thereof, that the same is true to his own knowledge, excepting as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief, and as to those matters

he believes it to be true.

JAY C. NEWMAN  
Special Agent

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
twenty-first day of December A.D. 1933.

WILFRED M. HOGAN  
Notary Public



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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS )  
EASTERN DIVISION )

I, Charles M. Bates, Clerk of the District Court of the United States of America for the Northern District of Illinois, do hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct copy of an order made and entered in said Court on the 22nd day of December, A.D. 1933 as fully as the same appears of record in my office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereinto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in Chicago, in said

District, this 2nd day of January, A. D. 1934.

(Signed) Charles M. Bates  
Clerk

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

Cause No. D.C. 42971

Date December 22, 1933

Title of Cause UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs

ONE, 1932 MODEL, FORD V-8 COUPE,

Motor Number 18-36196

Brief Statement of )  
Motion )

To deliver to the Division of Investigation of the  
Department of Justice to be used by the said  
Division of Investigation of the Department of  
Justice ONE, 1932 MODEL, FORD V-8 COUPE, Motor  
Number 18-36196.

Name of Moving )  
Counsel )  
Representing

Dwight E. Green  
United States Attorney (Tappey)

Name of opposing  
Counsel (if any)

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Enter order.  
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Hand this memorandum to the Clerk.

Counsel will not rise to address the Court until motion has been called.

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Ewing, Va., April 19, 1934.

Sir:-Please furnish me with photographs and descriptions of the following:

Glyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker,

John Dillinger and companions,

Pretty Boy Floyd,

Very truly,

Dan V. Richmond, P.M.

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**ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN**  
 To  
**OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK**

- The Attorney General .....
- The Solicitor General .....
- Assistant to Attorney General Stanley .....
- Assistant Attorney General Wideman .....
- Assistant Attorney General Stephens .....
- Assistant Attorney General Sweeney .....
- Assistant Solicitor General MacLean .....
- Mr. Stewart .....
- Director, Division of Investigation ✓
- Mr. Bates, Director, Bureau of Prisons .....
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- Appointment Clerk .....
- Division of Supplies .....
- Mail and Files .....
- Mr. Finch, Pardon Attorney .....
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- Mr. Morrison .....
- Mr. Kiefer .....
- Mr. Norris .....
- Mr. Gottshall .....
- Miss Brookley .....
- Miss Broomhead .....

**MEMORANDUM**

Attached is letter from Auto-Ordinance Corporation with enclosure from Merle A. Gill, requesting information from Colt's Firearms Company.

J.W.B.S.

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| MR. NATHAN  | ✓ |
| MR. TOLSON  | ✓ |
| MR. CLEGG   |   |
| MR. COWLEY  | ✓ |
| MR. EDWARDS |   |
| MR. EGAN    |   |
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| MR. ROBER   |   |
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*Letter to Mr. W. J. Ryan  
 Mr. 4/17/34  
 JWC*

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AUTO-ORDNANCE CORPORATION  
31 Nassau Street  
New York City

April 3, 1934

Honorable Joseph B. Keenan  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We hand you, herewith, a copy of a letter dated March 30, 1934, addressed to the Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company, Hartford, Conn., which they have in turn forwarded to us for attention, from Mr. Merle A. Gill, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Gill has, of course, asked for information which we do not make public, and we would appreciate your informing us whether it is your wish that we supply him with the information he requests.

Thanking you in anticipation of your reply, we are

Respectfully yours,  
AUTO-ORDNANCE CORPORATION

W. B. Ryan, Jr. President

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MERLE A. GILL  
FORENSIC BALLISTICIAN  
6900 Kensington Ave.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

March 26, 1934

Mr. S. W. Dinick, Manager,  
Small Arms Division,  
Colt's Firearms Co.,  
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Mr. Dinick:

In connection with my work with the Department of Justice, handling the ballistic evidence in the Plaza Massacre case, we have examined a score or so of Thompson guns and hundreds of fired exhibits from like weapons left at the scenes of many bank robberies by different mobs, which has caused some argument as to just how many machine guns may be in the hands of the under world. I will appreciate it very much if you will favor me with a reply as to the number of such guns your company has made to the present time. I am aware that you folks never sold these weapons direct to users.

Any information you may be in a position to supply me with concerning this subject will be highly appreciated by me.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Merle A. Gill

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN.

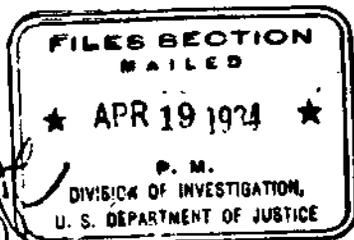
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In connection with the attached letter dated April 3, 1934, from Mr. W. B. Ryan, Jr., President of the Auto-Ordnance Corporation, transmitting a copy of a letter dated March 26, 1934, from Mr. Merle A. Gill, Forensic Ballistician of Kansas City, Missouri, in which he requests information of the Auto-Ordnance Corporation, this is to advise that Mr. Gill is not in any way connected with this Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 554108



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**Treasury Department  
SECRET SERVICE DIVISION  
OFFICE OF CHIEF**

Washington, D.C., April 20 1934

Respectfully referred to the  
Director, Division of Investigation  
Department of Justice. The writer  
has not been communicated with by  
this office.

C.C. Daniel,  
762 Elma Street,  
Ontario, Calif.  
April 17 1934

Letter offering his services  
in the capture of an Oklahoma  
outlaw.

*W. H. Murray*  
Chief

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762 Elma St.  
Ontario, Calif.  
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United States Secret Service Department  
Washington, D.C.  
Dear Sirs -

Seems as though your  
honor that you've not the right  
information together with the  
right man, to be able to secure  
your most wanted Oklahoma  
outlaw. I was raised in that  
country I know the ropes to pull  
to bring justice to the long looked  
for Floyd.

Understand this bit of News  
is not for newspapers.

And if you want  
please send me orders and  
also permit to carry my hardware  
I will furnish such as  
as needed -

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past please let me know  
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it is.

I don't need any company  
until the last moments of  
the game -

Yours Very Truly  
A.C. Hamilton

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Mr. C. C. Hamil,  
762 Elma Street,  
Ontario, California.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 17, 1934, by reference from the Secret Service Division of the Treasury Department, wherein you indicate that you are in possession of information concerning one Floyd, an Oklahoma outlaw.

Please be advised that a copy of your letter has been furnished to Mr. J. E. P. Dunn, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 617 Federal Building, Los Angeles, California, who will assign an Agent to interview you with reference to this matter in the very near future.

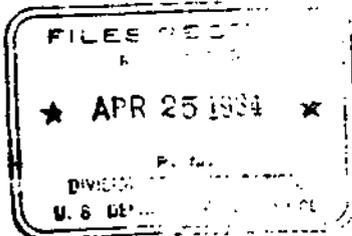
Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased),  
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, Identification Order 1201,  
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, Fugitive,  
Identification Order 1194,  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

There are transmitted herewith copies of a letter dated April 17, 1934, addressed to the United States Secret Service by Mr. C. C. Hamill, 762 Kima Street, Ontario, California, wherein he indicates that he is in possession of information concerning one Floyd, who is possibly identical with Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

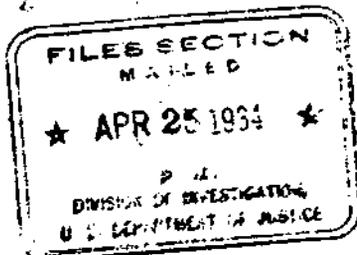
You are instructed to have an Agent interview Mr. Hamill at the earliest practicable date for the purpose of obtaining whatever information he cares to disclose to the Division with reference to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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CC Kansas City.



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Kansas City, Missouri.

April 9, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

RE: <sup>D</sup> VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased)  
ET AL  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Tracy J. Berry, Constable of Pierce City, Missouri, while at the Kansas City Division office on April 7, 1934, advised that Paul Wagner, presently incarcerated in the County Jail at Mt. Vernon, Missouri, in connection with a breaking and entering charge at Pierce City, Missouri, claimed that he had been in the penitentiary with Frank Nash and two brothers (names not stated). Wagner claims that Nash and these two brothers reached an agreement while in the penitentiary that if any of them escaped and there was an attempt to re-arrest them and return them to the penitentiary, the other members of the trio would endeavor to rescue the re-apprehended individual.

Wagner is expected to plead guilty at the next term of court in May, 1934. He was originally arrested in Emporia, Kansas, and has served about 19 1/2 years on former prison sentences.

W. C. Spear  
Special Agent

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

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MR. NATHAN	.....
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April 13, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Please refer to my letters dated September 28 and October 10, 1933 with respect to Benjamin (Bugs) Siegel, notorious New York City gangster, formerly of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City.

In my letter of October 10 mention was made of the fact that Mrs. George J. Hatfield of San Francisco, together with some of her friends, had stopped at the Waldorf Astoria in September, 1933 as guests of Siegel.

Further reference is made to letter from the Los Angeles Office dated November 28, 1933, and of this office to that office, dated December 5, 1933, in connection with the miscellaneous matter entitled "Fred Harris with alias, and Harry Mouchley with alias", which appeared to confirm the report that previous to September, 1933 Siegel was on the West Coast and visited Hatfield.

A short time ago the New York City Office received information to the effect that a group of New York City gangsters and their wives had departed New York City for California, traveling by way of water, and that Siegel was one of the group.

Inquiry at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel disclosed that Siegel checked out of his suite on March 2, 1934. The records at the Hotel fail to reflect that he left any forwarding address. An investigation with respect to the toll calls made by him a short time before he departed revealed the following:

February 4, 1934 - Mr. Siegel called Mrs. Siegel at 5:14 A.M. at Oxford 7111, Los Angeles.

February 11, 1934 - Main 3743 at Springfield, Ill., was called at 4:22 P.M.

February 25, 1934 - Bittersweet 7700 at Chicago, Ill., was called at 8:14 P.M.

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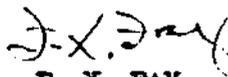
February 25, 1934 - Miami 5-2131 - The Fleetwood Hotel, Miami, Florida - was called at 7:09 A.M. This was a person to person call to Ann Lansky, c/o Mr. Lansky. It is believed that Ann Lansky is the wife of Meyer Lansky, a partner of Siegel.

February 26, 1934 - Capitol 0025, Boston, Mass., was called at 11:53 A.M.

A copy of this letter is being furnished the Los Angeles Office with the request that it advise you as to the listing of Oxford 7111 and further inform you as to any pertinent information developed in this connection.

This office is also ascertaining the listings of the telephone numbers mentioned at Springfield and Chicago, Ill., and Boston, Mass.

Very truly yours,



F. X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Los Angeles  
cc-N.Y. File 62-5111

Post Office Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

April 19, 1934.

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JHH:G

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

RE: VENNIE C. MILLER, with aliases, DECEASED  
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1801; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE I. O. #1194  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 25, 1934,  
to the Chicago Office in connection with the above entitled case.

This is to advise that inquiry has been made by Special  
Agent H. C. Douglas of this office at the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta,  
Ga., the inquiry being made of Mr. E. F. Bates, Record Clerk, as well  
as Warren A. C. Adenhold, and no record was found for Charles  
Fitzgerald, alias Old Charlie, alias Big Fitz, or for Big Homer.  
Neither Mr. Bates nor Mr. Adenhold could recall anyone having been  
in the Penitentiary named Charles Fitzgerald or with his aliases,  
or for Big Homer.

It is also noted from your letter that Fitzgerald is  
supposed to have served a term in the United States Penitentiary  
in Atlanta, Ga. It is requested that the Kansas City Office  
furnish the Birmingham Office with additional specific information  
in this connection, if possible his registry number, in order that  
an additional inquiry may be made at the penitentiary for the purpose  
of identifying this individual. In your letter you also refer to a  
letter dated February 14, 1934. There is no record in the Birmingham  
Office of this letter of February 14th.

In connection with this case the Birmingham Office has  
not been conducting any investigation at Montgomery, Alabama, to  
determine if Pat Cardelle Sturney, the step-son of Galatas, is in  
communication with the latter or the latter's wife, Sturney's Mother,  
this investigation having been held in abeyance since the recent  
visit of Special Agent Dwight Brantley and H. E. Anderson, at which  
time they made arrangements with Inspector of Police Z. D. Steele  
of the L. & N. Railroad at Montgomery, Alabama, to cover this  
possible lead. It appears that Inspector Steele is not doing all

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that he might in this case, and if the Kansas City Office does not believe that it will interfere with the investigation that has been undertaken to date, it is my belief that an Agent working under cover in Montgomery could possibly secure information about Galatas through Sturney. If the office of origin approves of this suggestion, it is requested that it advise the Birmingham office when such efforts will be undertaken, and the Kansas City office will be advised of the plans that will be undertaken.

Very truly yours,

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

cc: Division ✓

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Los Angeles, California, April 19, 1934

Dwight Brentley  
 Division of Investigation  
 U. S. Department of Justice  
 224 Federal Bldg  
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



PRETTY BOY FLOYD ID ELEVEN NINE FOUR STOP LOCAL POLICE HAVE INFORMANT WHO ADVISES THAT ON JANUARY THIRD LAST ONE JOE FLIPP THEN INCARCERATED COUNTY JAIL POTEAU OKLAHOMA WROTE LETTER TO HIS MOTHER PRESUMABLY RESIDING TULSA OR VICINITY IN WHICH HE REFERRED TO SHOOTING AT PANAMA OKLAHOMA WHEREIN DAUGHTER OF ONE VIRGIL GEORGES WAS KILLED WHILE RUNNING WITH FLOYD OUTFIT STOP IN LETTER FLIPP INFORMS HIS MOTHER THAT HE EXPECTS FLOYD TO TAKE HIM OUT STOP HE ALSO REQUESTS HIS MOTHER WHEN SHE VISITS HIM TO BRING HACKSAW BLADES STOP INDICATIONS IN LETTER THT SAME WAS SMUGGLED FROM JAIL THOUGH WHETHER BY TRUSTEE OR CORRUPT OFFICER DOES NOT APPEAR STOP LOCAL OFFICERS HAVE UNDER OBSERVATION ONE MAXINE DELANEY ALIAS BEATRICE AGED TWENTY SIX MEDIUM COMPLEXION REDDISH HAIR WHO IS BELIEVED TO BE SWEETHEART OF JOE FLIPP STOP ADVISE STRAIGHT WIRE WHETHER JOE FLIPP KNOWN TO YOUR OFFICE AS INTIMATE PRETTY BOY AND ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY OF ASSOCIATES OF FLIPP PARTICULARLY HIS WOMEN ASSOCIATES

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 Div. of Inv. 617 Fed. Bldg.  
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J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

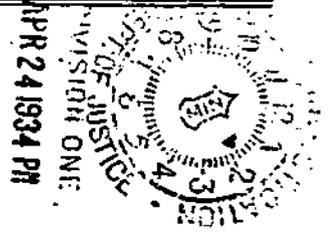
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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APRIL 19, 1934



J E P DURN  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
617 FEDERAL BUILDING  
LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA

PRETTY BOY FLOYD JOE FLIP UNKNOWN THIS OFFICE ONE JOE WILLIAM FLIPPIN ALIAS JESSE  
FLIPPIN CONFINED JAIL POTEAU OKLAHOMA DECEMBER LAST STOP APRIL TEN LAST FLIPPIN  
SENTENCED STATE COURT POTEAU SERVE TWENTY FIVE YEARS OKLAHOMA PENITENTIARY ROBBERY  
WITH FIREARMS MAY BE IDENTICAL JOE FLIP STOP FLIPPINS ACTIVITIES INDICATE  
POSSIBILITY BEING ASSOCIATE FLOYD ALTHOUGH NEVER IDENTIFIED AS ~~such~~  
FLIPPIN AGE TWENTY THREE HEIGHT SIX FEET WEIGHT ONE EIGHT FIVE POUND MEDIUM HEAVY  
EYES GREY HAIR DARK COMPLEXION RUDDY

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P. O. Box 836  
Los Angeles, California  
April 20, 1934.

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

Re: <sup>O</sup>VERNON C. MILLER (deceased) et al.  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal  
Prisoner.  
L. A. File 62-964.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of April 14, 1934, requesting disposition of arrest of GEORGE BARNES, alias Ralph E. Chamberlain, L. A. P. D. No. 30634-M-9, I wish to state that the records here reflect that under the name of R. E. Chamberlain, alias Dr. G. Harrison Barnes, subject was arrested by the Los Angeles police on April 12, 1933, on suspicion of forgery (not burglary), and that he was held to answer, but was released on his own recognizance and failed to appear. A bench warrant was issued, but he was never apprehended.

From this, it would seem possible that he was in Kansas City in June 1933, as claimed in the Barnes report to which you refer. There is nothing to indicate that he ever used the name of George Kelly Barnes, but the criminal record, as reflected in a report from the Division of Investigation, shows that under No. 27808, he served two years at Leavenworth Penitentiary for violation of the Dyer Act, having been received from Springfield, Mo., April 8, 1927; and at that time he used the name of George Barnes.

Very truly yours,

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

LB:RS  
cc Division.

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Suite 1  
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Kansas City, Missouri  
April 21, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 615,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: **VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) et al**  
**Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner**

The residence formerly occupied by Vernon C. Miller at Kansas City, Missouri, where he resided as of June 17, 1933, was searched for latent fingerprints on June 29, 1933, a few days after his departure, and certain unidentified latent fingerprints were photographed. Recently it has been discovered that one of these latent prints is identical with the fingerprints of Adam Richetti, Oklahoma State Penitentiary No. 25,773. It is known through the investigation in this case that Adam Richetti appeared in company with Charles Arthur Floyd, Subject of I O 1194, on the night of June 16, 1933, at Kansas City.

Vernon C. Miller disappeared from the residence at Kansas City sometime about June 19, 1933, after the massacre, which occurred on the morning of June 17th. Apparently Richetti's latent fingerprint was placed on the object in the residence where found sometime between June 16th and a time shortly subsequent thereto. This Division is now seeking the location of Richetti in connection with the instant case. No process of arrest has been issued. He is being sought also by the Missouri State Highway Patrol on a charge of murder. No process has been issued for his arrest in that connection, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol wishes the matter held in strictest confidence. The charge which will eventually be brought by Highway Patrolmen, according to the present information will involve Richetti and Subject Floyd in the murder of Sergeant Benjamin Booth and Sheriff Roger Wilson, who were murdered at Columbia, Missouri, on June 15, 1933.

At this time, the Division is considering the issuance of an Identification Order for Richetti and data is being collected for that purpose.

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The best description of Richetti at this time available is that furnished by the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, which is given as follows:

Age	33 years (as of 4-5-32)
Height	5 ft. 7½ in.
Weight	139 pounds
Build	medium
Eyes	brown
Hair	dark brown
Complexion	dark
Occupation	painter
Scars and Marks	3" cut- scar on elbow, inner.
Race	white
Oklahoma State Penitentiary No.	25,973
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A report dated April 21, 1934, has been rendered by the Kansas City office with copies to Oklahoma City, Chicago, Cincinnati and the Kansas City offices, which are the interested offices to perform present investigation thru the relatives and places of incarcerations of Richetti, who served in the State Reformatory at Pendleton, Indiana, and in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary according to present records.

This information is being furnished to all field offices, in order that they may be advised of the connection between Richetti and the deceased Vernon C. Miller, which was heretofore not known to the Division offices.

Identification Order No. 1194 was issued on June 22, 1933, for subject Floyd. Since that time investigation in all parts of the United States looking toward his location has failed to definitely determine his whereabouts and both Floyd and Richetti have apparently remained inactive, and are probably in hiding, which indicates a probability of their connection with this offense. There are not available in the Kansas City office copies of the photograph of Richetti for transmittal to the various field offices, and a letter to the Division from this office will suggest that if deemed advisable such photographs be immediately transmitted.

Very truly yours,

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

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cc-Division - ALL FIELD OFFICES.

Suite 1  
Federal Building  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
April 21, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

A review of the Kansas City file in the above entitled case now in progress discloses certain memoranda, copies of which are being furnished you, which appear of possible value for investigation in your territory, and which are mentioned as follows:

Memorandum by Special Agent H. D. Bray dated at Kansas City, Missouri, January 31, 1934, relative to contacts at Joplin, Missouri, of Abe Caplan, Chicago, Illinois.

Memorandum by Special Agents H. E. Anderson and L. G. Turrou dated at Kansas City, Missouri, November 10, 1933, indicating interviews with Vivian Mathis and Bobby Moore on November 9, 1933, while at Chicago, Illinois. This has been covered for the most part in reports from your office heretofore.

Memorandum of Special Agent H. D. Bray dated at Coffeyville, Kansas, August 10, 1933, referring to investigation to locate one C. J. Murphy, friend of Vernon C. Miller, as mentioned in report of Special Agent W. F. Trainer dated at Kansas City, Mo., 7-15-33, in this case.

Memorandum of Special Agents Dwight Brantley and L. G. Turrou dated at Kansas City, Mo., August 14, 1933, reflecting an interview with Mr. E. T. Moreman, paramour of Subject Louise Conner. It is noted that Moreman resided in Chicago, Illinois, with Mrs. Conner.

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Memorandum by Special Agent R. B. Nathan dated at Kansas City, Missouri, July 15, 1933, indicating a contact of C. J. Murphy, who is mentioned in the memorandum of Agent Bray, above referred to, said contact being Josephine Holburt, formerly a resident of Independence, Missouri, and having had Telephone No. 1296, at Independence.

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Copies of the above have also been furnished the Division, and the Kansas City office is taking steps to have all undeveloped leads in this and other districts vigorously pursued in this case.

Very truly yours,

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

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

Dear Sir:

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

Recently the Kansas City office forwarded to the Division photographs of latent fingerprints taken at the former residence of Vernon C. Miller at Kansas City, Missouri, and suggested the names and police numbers of various criminals in order that comparisons of fingerprints might be made. The Division has advised that it has been unable to locate in the fingerprint files records of the following individuals:

Harry Carlton, Chicago, Illinois, Police Department # 16239.  
Jack Griffin, St. Louis, Missouri, Police Department # 19261.  
John E. Huber, St. Louis, Missouri, Police Department # 2451.

The Chicago and St. Louis office are respectfully requested to secure through their police departments copies of the fingerprints of the individuals listed above, which should be immediately forwarded to the Division for the purpose of comparison as mentioned herein.

Very truly yours,

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

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

Dear Sir:

RE:

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

Please refer to the report of Special Agent Trainor dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 15, 1933, with certain undeveloped leads for your office.

It has been determined by investigation at Des Moines, Iowa, that the telephone call made on October 8, 1933, from Room 319 of the Chamberlain Hotel in Des Moines by George D. Lindsey was made to one Miss Lee at Chicago, Illinois, Telephone Longbeach, 8734, at 8:47 p.m. It is indicated from the records of the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company at Des Moines that the telephone in Chicago mentioned here is situated at the Northgate Apartments, 4701 Beacon Street.

It is requested that investigative attention at Chicago, Illinois, be given to this and other undeveloped leads appearing in the report of December 15, 1933, from this office.

Very truly yours,

E. C. SPRAAG, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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SUITE L FEDERAL BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
APRIL 21, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to your letter of April 19, 1934,  
addressed to this office in the above entitled case.

The letter of February 16, 1934, from this office which  
you refer to was addressed to the St. Paul Office, and a carbon  
copy of same was furnished to you. That letter deals with the  
criminal record and correspondents of Charles J. Fitzgerald and  
was captioned in the Bremer kidnaping case since Fitzgerald is a  
suspect in that and in the instant matter.

There has been recently received from the Division a  
complete transcript of the criminal record of Charles J. Fitzgerald,  
Kansas State Penitentiary Number 6621, and a copy of this transcript  
is forwarded herewith to the Birmingham Office. You will note that  
Fitzgerald was arrested by the Memphis, Tennessee Police Department,  
their number 3050, December 7, 1918; by the Chattanooga, Tennessee  
Police Department #—, April 23, 1914, and was received at the  
United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, as number 4975 on  
June 2, 1914, under sentence of one year and one day upon conviction  
for unlawful transportation of explosives between Cincinnati, Ohio  
and Chattanooga, Tennessee.

It is suggested that investigation be made at Atlanta,  
Chattanooga and Memphis to secure all pertinent facts, including  
personal contacts of Fitzgerald, which may now lead to his apprehension.  
You will note from the transcript of criminal record that Fitzgerald  
is wanted by local authorities at Los Angeles, California, Estherville,  
Iowa and Lincoln, Nebraska for bank robberies and grand larceny.

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The requests as made of the Birmingham Office in the letter from the Kansas City Office dated March 25, 1934, which was addressed to the Chicago Office should be again pursued. There is enclosed for your use a photograph of Charles J. Fitzgerald taken by the Toledo, Ohio Police Department where he is register number 9010.

Referring to that portion of your letter of April 19, 1934, regarding proposed investigation at Montgomery, Alabama, to locate Subject Richard Tallman Galatas, it is the desire of this office that you make the arrangements mentioned in your letter to secure any available information through Pat Cardelle Sturney.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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P.O. Box 815, St. Paul, Minn.

April 21, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: **VENNON C. MILLER (DECEASED)** with aliases;  
**RICHARD TALING GALATAS**, with aliases;  
**FUG. I. O. #1801**; **CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD**, with  
aliases, **FUG. I. O. #1194**.  
**COMM. H. C. Y TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.**  
**St. Paul File No. 62-862**

Reference is made to your letter of March 28, 1934, to the Division, concerning the various ballistic specimens, copy of which was transmitted to this office. Paragraph 1, page 2, makes mention that a shell case, involved in the slaying of **BOY MCCOUD** of St. Paul, was transmitted to the Division. For your information, please be advised that **BOY MCCOUD** was not killed.

The same paragraph makes mention that **ALVIN KARPIS** and others are believed to be the individuals who robbed the First National Bank of Mason City, Iowa.

Will you kindly furnish this office with whatever information you have indicating that **ALVIN KARPIS** and other members of his gang robbed that bank?

Very truly yours,

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CC Division

H. H. CLEGG, INSPECTOR.

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SUITE L FEDERAL BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
MARCH 21, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased.)  
RICHARD T. GALATIS, with aliases, FUG.  
I. O. 1801; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with  
aliases, FUG. I. O. 1104  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to the case entitled Edward Doll, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and to the report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 23, 1934.

Before Doll was removed from Tampa, Florida, he requested Agent E. E. Andersen to contact him after he had received his prison sentence. Incidentally, Doll is now serving a term of ten years in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Doll was interviewed by Agent Andersen recently at the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and advised that one "Old Charlie", a Chicago character, who may possibly have been connected with the Kansas City massacre, has a woman named Belle with whom he associates most of the time. This woman, according to Doll, testified as a defense witness when Jack Davenport was tried at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, about eight years ago for participating in the Northwestern Bank robbery at Milwaukee. Doll indicated that the court records of this case will disclose the residence address of Belle's parents who live somewhere in Wisconsin. He advised that Belle frequently visits her parents, and suggested that her present whereabouts can easily be established since her parents' home address is secured. He asserted that when she is located it will be an easy matter to locate "Old Charlie" as they will probably be together, unless Belle is visiting her parents.

He pointed out that when "Old Charlie" is located if his contacts are checked up on it will not be hard to find one "Gus", suspected machine gunner in the Kansas City massacre. Doll reiterated

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that "Old Charlie" and "Gus" are close associates, and again expressed the opinion that "Gus" was one of the machine gunners at the Union Station massacre in Kansas City. He said that he would not be a bit surprised to learn that "Old Charlie" was in on the massacre, but claimed to have no information to that effect. He based his statement on the fact that "Old Charlie" and "Gus" frequently work together in robberies and in crimes which call for gun play.

Doll described Belle as follows:

AGE	About 45
HEIGHT	5' 6"
WEIGHT	135 lbs.
BUILD	Medium
COMPLEXION	Medium
HAIR	Dark
CHARACTERISTICS	- Wears glasses and attempts to dress like a girl.

In connection with the foregoing Doll stated that the investigation would naturally have to be discreetly made. He declared, however, that if an inquiry is made as outlined above, there is no doubt in his mind but that both "Old Charlie" and "Gus" can be located.

Inquiry at the office of the William J. Burns Detective Agency, Kansas City, Missouri, reveals that the Northwestern National Bank of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was robbed on December 8, presumably 1924. John H. Davenport, of 4109 Columbus Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota appears to have been one of the robbers. The above inquiry was made to establish whether there was a bank answering the description of the one described by Doll.

The Kansas City Office desires to secure all information possible in reference to "Old Charlie" and "Gus" and is seeking photographs and fingerprints of these individuals. It should be noted that several latent fingerprints found at the home of Vernon C. Miller in Kansas City, after the massacre, are now in the Division Laboratory at Washington, D.C. It is desired to secure the fingerprints of all suspects in this case in order that proper comparisons may be made in Washington. Photographs of "Old Charlie" and "Gus" are desired in order that they may be viewed by witnesses to the tragedy at the Union Station at Kansas City on the morning of June 17, 1933.

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It is requested that the Chicago Office conduct investigation at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with a view to developing the leads suggested in the body of this letter.

Very truly yours,

M. O. SPEAR, ACTING  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Division  
cc - St. Paul

Suite L  
Federal Building  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
April 21, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

There is transmitted herewith one copy of the report by Special Agent W. F. Trainer dated at Kansas City, Missouri, April 21, 1934, in the above captioned case.

The report in question deals with Adam Richetti, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, #25,773, whose location is urgently desired by the Division in connection with the instant massacre case.

The Kansas City office was in receipt of a copy of letter from the Oklahoma City office dated September 26, 1933, addressed to the Division transmitting a memorandum dated September 16, 1933, by Special Agent L. E. Chipman, with special reference to an interview with John L. Moore, a trusty at the Arkansas Training School for Girls, Alexander, Arkansas. One copy of that memorandum is enclosed herewith for your use.

It is noted from the memorandum of Agent Chipman that reference is made to Eva Richetti, sister of Adam Richetti, as the victim in a certain White Slave Traffic Act case.

In the Kansas City office there is found [REDACTED] Eva Richetti, alias Eva Simpson, victim, White Slave Traffic Act. It is evident that she is the individual referred to as a sister of Adam Richetti. Your office appears to have been the office of origin in the White Slave Traffic Act case in question, your file No. 31-1703. The Kansas City file is apparently not complete in

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[REDACTED] offered to endeavor to locate Charles Arthur Floyd, a Subject of this case, through Eva Richetti, whom he stated is a sister of Adam Richetti. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for the purpose of carrying out his offer. At this time appropriate action is being taken in an endeavor to secure information from the prisoner in question. b7D

It is requested that your office make a thorough review of the file of the case of [REDACTED] and furnish to this and other appropriate offices any undeveloped leads, which may result in the location of Adam Richetti, or any general information contained therein with reference to this aspect, which is not in the possession of the Kansas City office.

Very truly yours,

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

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on June 29, 1933, the residence which was discovered in Kansas City, Missouri, as that occupied up to a few days before by Vernon C. Miller, was entered by Special Agent J. E. Brennan of this Division, accompanied by Police Detective Jack Jenkins of the Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department, and at that time latent fingerprints were secured from all available surfaces, photographs of which latent impressions were immediately taken.

The investigation has disclosed that Vernon C. Miller was in Kansas City on June 16, 1933, and that subsequent to the massacre, which occurred on June 17th, Miller departed. The best available information is that he left Kansas City about June 19th.

It may be further stated that Charles Arthur Floyd, together with Adam Richetti, on the morning of June 16, 1933, appeared at Bolivar, Missouri, in an automobile and went to the garage operated by a brother of Adam Richetti at Bolivar. Sheriff Jack Killingsford of Bolivar entered that garage about 7:30 a.m. on June 16th and accidentally there confronted Floyd and Adam Richetti. Upon recognizing the officer, Floyd and Adam Richetti produced a machine-gun and took Killingsford prisoner. They transported him to Kansas City, Kansas, having traveled by way of Osceola, Missouri, at which point they deserted a Pontiac car which they were driving and commandeered a car belonging to an insurance salesman named Griffith, also taking Mr. Griffith prisoner. Mr. Griffith's home is at Clinton, Missouri. With the two captives, Floyd and Richetti then proceeded to Kansas City, traveling on country roads and avoiding the main highways. They arrived in the industrial section of Kansas City, Kansas, after dark on the evening of June 16th.

Floyd and Richetti ordered Griffith and Killingsford to remain in the car of Mr. Griffith for a few minutes, while the two outlaws proceeded about one block from the car, having removed their firearms and other articles of luggage. Sheriff Killingsford observed that almost instantly a Chevrolet car appeared in view at the point where Richetti and Floyd were standing, and to this car the belongings of the bandits were transferred. It was remarked by the Sheriff that Floyd had a small trunk of olive drab color. The Sheriff described the Chevrolet car only as a Sedan, not furnishing any more minute details and stated that there was one man driving the car, which met Richetti and Floyd, and that he was unable to give a description of him. Messrs. Griffith and Killingsford were released about 10:00 p.m. June 16th and immediately upon their release they proceeded to Lees Summit, Missouri, where the Sheriff communicated with his family. No alarm appears to have been given at Kansas City at a proper time which could have enabled local authorities to attempt the apprehension of Floyd and Richetti, on the night of June 16th.

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The Kansas City office was advised by Mrs. Lottie West of the Traveler's Aid Society, stationed at the Union Railroad Station at Kansas City, immediately after the massacre that she positively identified a photograph of Charles Arthur Floyd, which was shown to her, as a likeness of one of the participants in the massacre, and also she stated that she had seen the same individual sitting in her chair at the front of the lobby in the Union Station about 7:00 a.m. on the morning of June 17th, when she came to work, which time was about fifteen minutes before the massacre. However, it subsequently was stated by various employees of the Union Railroad Station at Kansas City, including H. Bouse, a red cap, that the man who sat in the chair of Mrs. West was Harry Blanchard, another employee at the Union Station. Blanchard has not been interviewed. The photograph of Floyd was not identified by any other witness, in a manner which would establish a positive identification. Charles Arthur Floyd has been sought since June 22, 1933, on Division Identification Order No. 1194.

Letter dated October 19, 1933, from the Kansas City office to the Division furnished information to the effect that the Missouri State Highway Patrol desires the apprehension of Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti for the murder of Sergeant Benjamin Booth of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Sheriff Roger Wilson of Columbia, Missouri, who were murdered at Columbia on June 15, 1933. (The State Highway Patrol has requested that this office treat the latter information as strictly confidential.) A WANTED NOTICE was placed for Floyd and Richetti pursuant to that letter in the manner desired, in order that Richetti's apprehension might be known by the Kansas City office in the event he were arrested.

Apparently the latent fingerprint was placed on the beer bottle sometime on the night of June 16th or shortly subsequent thereto. It will be noted that Miller departed about June 19th from the residence in question. This establishes an apparent connection between Vernon C. Miller, Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti.

The Kansas City office requested by letter of December 11th addressed to the Cincinnati office that investigation be made at Dillonvale, Ohio, through relatives of Richetti to determine his whereabouts, as a means of locating him and Floyd.

The reference report of Agent Harris sets out facts to indicate that Mrs. Henry Sustek, sister of Richetti and Dave Richetti, relationship not shown, and also Nick Balazy, apparently a relative of Adam Richetti, were residing at and near Dillonvale. None of these parties has been directly approached, and a mail cover has not been maintained. The Postmaster at Dillonvale promised at the time of the investigation to secure all possible information through confidential sources and report same to the Cincinnati

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office, but no further activity appears to have been had in this connection.

The report of Agent Harris indicates an undeveloped lead for the Oklahoma City office at Lehigh, Oklahoma, where other relatives of Richetti appear to reside, which information was secured through the postmaster at Dillonvale. The Kansas City file fails to reflect the completion of that lead at Lehigh.

The reference letter from Chicago Division office to the Kansas City office reflects certain information furnished by a confidential informant of the Chicago office with reference to a certain connection between the Kansas City Italian underworld mob of John L. Lazia, Floyd and Adam Richetti. More complete details are desired in this connection if it is possible to secure them from that informant, since there are many elements in the Kansas City Italian underworld and various places of contact in this city which they may use.

The Division furnished to the Kansas City office a criminal record of Richetti, which is based upon the fingerprint files in the Division at Washington, D.C., and same is given as follows:

As Adam Richetti, #877, arrested 8-7-28, Hammond, Indiana, P.D., charge - hold up; disposition not given.

As Adam Richetti, #7674, Bu. of Inv., 8-8-28, Crown Point, Indiana; charge - hold up; disposition not given.

As Adam Richetti, #18,243, received State Reformatory, Pendleton, Indiana, 9-22-28; charge - robbery; sentenced 1-10 years; paroled 9-26-30 (t. W.A.S. discharged 9-24-31).

As Adam Rechar, #---, arrested 5-9-32, SO, Sulphur, Oklahoma; charge - bankrobbery; ~~disposition not given.~~

As Adam Pacchetti, #25,773, received State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, 4-5-32, for safe keeping. ~~Further disposition not given.~~ Released 4-15-32

The description of Richetti as shown on the fingerprint card furnished the Division by the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, as of 4-5-32, is as follows:

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NAME	ADAM RICCHETTI, with aliases.
Age	23 years
Height	5 ft. 7 1/2 in.
Weight	139 pounds
Build	medium
Eyes	brown
Hair	dark brown
Complexion	dark
Occupation	painter
Color	white

Marks and scars 3-inch cut scar left elbow, inner.

Oklahoma State Penitentiary No. 25,773.

Handwriting specimen(signature) attached to fingerprint.

Photograph in Kansas City file.

The reference letter from the Division to the Kansas City office of April 16, 1934, directs that information be secured and transmitted to the Division for use in the issuance of an Identification Order.

Information shown in this report is all the personal data available to the Kansas City office as to Richetti, and it is desired that the interested offices collect all material facts, including family connections, friends, all possible additional criminal record, original handwriting specimen and any other material facts relating to the Identification Order.

It seems desirable that the correspondence records of Richetti at Pendleton, Indiana, be secured through the State Reformatory, and if Richetti served a term in the State of Oklahoma, which is not definitely shown, similar data should be secured at Mc Alester, with reference to his correspondence.

Any attorneys, parole advisors, etc., who are shown by the records, should be promptly interviewed, or other appropriate action taken as may seem desirable.

The penitentiary records should also be searched particularly for names and addresses of any visitors who called upon Richetti while serving in the institutions in question, since this will be a means of ascertaining his closest friends.

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**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

THE CINCINNATI, OHIO OFFICE at Pendleton, Indiana, is requested to make thorough investigation through the State Reformatory to secure all personal data available as to Adam Richetti, including information as to friends and relatives as discussed in this report, and all possible data for the purpose of issuance of an Identification Order; such information should be immediately transmitted to the Division with a copy for the Kansas City office.

At Dillcavale, Ohio, it is requested that further inquiry be made along the lines pursued as indicated in the reference report of Agent Harris. However, it is requested that continued contact be maintained with reliable parties there to secure information regarding the whereabouts of Richetti. An effort should be made to develop further personal data as to Richetti, securing the names of all possible relatives with their relationships and addresses. The general reliability of these individuals should be ascertained if possible. A cover should be placed on the mail of all these relatives where facts indicate that same would be useful. Any confidential informants who may be secured as a means to determining the location of Richetti through any of these relatives should be found.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at McAlester, Oklahoma, is requested to secure all facts relative to the sentence of Richetti in the State Penitentiary at that place and to secure Richetti's correspondence record, if available, and all other pertinent facts as mentioned in this report. Kindly pursue this matter through the relatives of Richetti who may be found located in the Oklahoma City or other territories.

At Leigh, Oklahoma, the relatives of Richetti should be investigated as to reliability. If open interviews appear advisable, same should be had, and if not, confidential informants should be secured, if possible, to determine appropriate information through them. Mail covers are suggested.

The Oklahoma City office is requested to secure any and all data pertinent to the issuance of an Identification Order, which should be transmitted immediately to the Division, with copy to this office.

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The Oklahoma City office will please secure the disposition of arrest of Richetti at Sulphur, Oklahoma.

THE CHICAGO OFFICE is requested to re-interview the confidential informant whose name appears in the letter from that office dated June 30, 1933, addressed to the Kansas City office and obtain from him if possible full data relative to the contacts of Richetti and Floyd with the Kansas City underworld element.

Please secure disposition of arrests of Richetti at Hammond and Crown Point, Indiana, as mentioned herein.

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Bolivar, Missouri, will conduct thorough and discreet investigation to determine all possible information as to the location of Adam Richetti through his brother, whose first name is unknown, said to operate a garage at Bolivar. A cover will be placed on his mail and all information pertinent to that individual will be secured.

At Kansas City, Missouri, further investigation at the Union Railroad Station will be made in an endeavor to identify Adam Richetti and Charles Arthur Floyd as having been there on the morning of June 17, 1933. An interview will be had with Harry Blanchard, who is employed by the Station Master at the Union Station, to determine whether he was actually the individual who might have been mistaken for Floyd by Mrs. West, as mentioned in this report.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Suite L  
Federal Building  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
April 21, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
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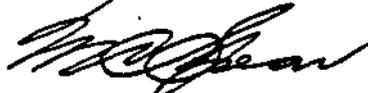
Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to letter from this office addressed to the St. Paul Division office, together with a copy thereof to each Division field office, outlining the facts relative to the identification of Adam Richetti, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, No. 25,773, as an associate of Vernon C. Miller, and a likely suspect as a participant in the instant offense.

Although, it is pointed out in letter to this office from the Division dated April 16, 1934, that the issuance of an Identification Order as to Richetti is contemplated, it is suggested at this time that the Division furnish to each field office a supply of photographs of Adam Richetti for use pending the issuance of the Identification Order, if such procedure is deemed advisable. It is noted by letters from the Division dated March 24 and 26, 1934, addressed to the Kansas City office that copies of photograph of Richetti have already been furnished to the St. Louis, Oklahoma City, Chicago and Kansas City offices.

Very truly yours,

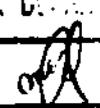


M. C. SPEAR, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Kansas City, Mo.  
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
DIVISION ONE  
APR 24 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

Re: VIRNON C. MILLER, Deceased, ET AL  
File #62-760

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

It has come to my attention that Mr. H. W. Soard who resides at Apartment #507, 436 West 47th Street, Kansas City, Mo. and who is employed as a salesman by the National Cash Register Co., was present during the shooting at the Union Station on the morning of June 17, 1933.

Inasmuch as I had occasion to talk with Mr. Soard I inquired as to what had taken place. Mr. Soard stated that on the morning of June 17, 1933 he had taken some people to the Union Station and that he parked his car at the curb at the east entrance of the Station; that he got out of his car and bid farewell to his friends; that he re-entered his car and had driven only a few feet when he heard some shots. He stated that a policeman ran in a southeasterly direction in front of his car, at the same time flagging him to the curb. Soard stated that upon being flagged to the curb he stopped his car and got out and stood on the sidewalk. He stated that he saw men lying in the street and also saw a black Reo Royal straight "8" Sedan proceeding in a westerly direction immediately behind the car of Special Agent Caffrey. Soard stated that two men ran from the parking lot and entered this Reo car. Soard is positive in his statement that the car is a Reo stating that a friend of his owns a similar car. When questioned regarding the complete description of this car Soard stated that it was black with black wheels but he noticed in particular a chromium plated trunk rack on the back of the car. He did not, however, note the license plates on the car. Soard stated that this car proceeded in a westerly direction at a speed of about 45 miles a hour to the end of the parking lot turning and going east on Pershing Road at a high rate of speed crossing Main Street and turning south on McGee Trafficway. Soard stated that there was so much excitement at the time that no one seemed to know just what had happened. He is also of the opinion that there was a Chevrolet Sedan proceeding in a westerly direction from the parking lot. Mr. Soard has not previously been interviewed by Agents of this Division.

Respectfully submitted,  
B. R. Allen,  
Special Agent

cc - 2 Division  
cc - Oklahoma City

Kansas City, Mo.  
April 19, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

RE: VERNON C MILLER (deceased) et al.  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

With reference to Mr. H. W. Soard mentioned in my memorandum of this date in connection with file #42-760, it will be noted that Mr. Soard stated that he was born and raised at Fort Smith, Arkansas; that in his school days he played football and baseball and often times played against a team of which Pretty Boy Floyd was a member.

Mr. Soard likewise stated that he was formerly a tobacco salesman and covered the territory in which the Cookson Hills of Oklahoma are located. Mr. Soard stated that he has read numerous articles in the local newspapers concerning the activities of Pretty Boy Floyd and other Oklahoma outlaws and being from that section of the country is naturally interested. Mr. Soard stated that he is entirely familiar with the Cookson Hills country and hide-outs and methods of getting into the country. He also stated that his brother-in-law, whose name is Everson, operates a gasoline station and garage at Fort Smith, Arkansas, and might possibly have considerable information about the various outlaws who come through Fort Smith.

This is being submitted for any value the Division may see fit.

Respectfully submitted,

B. R. Allen,  
Special Agent

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cc - Division  
cc - Oklahoma City

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Dear Sir:

MAY 5 1934

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

It is requested that a transcript of the criminal record of CHARLES J. FITZGERALD, Kansas State Penitentiary Number 6621, be forwarded to each of the following offices not already furnished same, where it is indicated he has been arrested or is wanted by local authorities:

St. Louis; Cincinnati; Detroit; Oklahoma City; Dallas and Los Angeles.

The St. Paul and Kansas City Offices have already been furnished with such criminal record by transmittal from the Division, according to the records here, and the Birmingham Office has been furnished with a copy of the transcript by the Kansas City Office. It is indicated that Fitzgerald has certain criminal records in those latter territories.

It is also requested that the Butte, Montana Office be furnished with the criminal record since it appears that certain investigation may be had at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, to locate Fitzgerald.

The Division letter dated April 16, 1934, reflects that pursuant to request from this office a comparison of fingerprints of Charles J. Fitzgerald, Kansas State Penitentiary Number 6621, with the fingerprints of John Hammond, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, number 44630, indicates that these individuals are not identical. This is mentioned in view of the fact that certain offices may heretofore have been advised that the two are identical since John Hammond, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, number 44630, has similar aliases to Fitzgerald. Hammond is now serving at Leavenworth.

Charles J. Fitzgerald is a prominent suspect as a participant

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in the massacre which occurred on June 17, 1933, at Kansas City, which is dealt with in this case.

A letter dated February 16, 1934, addressed by the Kansas City Office to the St. Paul Office, with carbon copies to the Salt Lake City, Cincinnati, Detroit, Oklahoma City and Birmingham Offices, captioned in the Bremer kidnaping case, sets out the names of correspondents who sent communications to Fitzgerald while he was serving in the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing. These correspondents should be immediately and thoroughly investigated by the various offices as a means to securing information to locate Fitzgerald.

In the correspondence record, reflected in the letter from this office of February 16, 1934, there is listed one Buster Blair, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, shown as a friend. A copy of the letter of February 16th was not furnished the Butte Office, and for the information of that office Fitzgerald was received at the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing 10-26-19 on a charge of burglary in the second degree, under sentence of from 5 to 10 years, according to the complete transcript of the criminal record of this individual recently received from the Division. A photograph of Fitzgerald, bearing his description, is herewith transmitted to the Butte Office with request that appropriate investigation be made at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

For the information of the various offices there is no Federal process of arrest outstanding for Fitzgerald in this case. However, he is a prominent suspect in the massacre case and also is being considered in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case. He is wanted by local authorities for bank robberies and grand larceny at Lincoln, Nebraska, Estherville, Iowa and Los Angeles, California. He is well known to Eddie Doll, now serving in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and is said to be one of the major members of the underworld in the United States at this time, being an associate of the so-called Barker-Karpis mob.

It is requested that all offices make every effort to locate him, and when in possession of the criminal record the various offices should perform investigation at places of former arrests and incarceration to secure pertinent data relative to friends,

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relatives and other associates which may lead to his whereabouts. Correspondence records and records of visitors at the penal institutions should be reviewed and reported.

Very truly yours,



M. C. SPEAR, ACTING  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - St. Paul  
Birmingham  
Detroit  
Cincinnati  
Oklahoma City  
Salt Lake City  
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April 30, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Federal Building, Suite 14,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: VENNON C. MILLER with aliases  
(Deceased), et al -  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal  
Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter dated April 21, 1934, a copy of an abstract of the criminal record of Charles J. Fitzgerald, Kansas State Penitentiary #6621, is being forwarded with a copy of this letter to the offices indicated below followed by the word "enclosure".

As requested in your letter, all offices receiving a copy of this letter should make every effort to locate Fitzgerald and, as of possible assistance, investigation should be conducted at all places where he was formerly incarcerated, for the purpose of obtaining pertinent data relative to friends, relatives and other associates. The correspondence records and records of visitors at the penal institutions should be reviewed and reported to the Kansas City and St. Paul offices of the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC St. Paul  
Birmingham  
Detroit (enclosure)  
Cincinnati (enclosure)  
Oklahoma City (enclosure)  
Salt Lake City  
St. Louis (enclosure)  
Dallas

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

P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 19, 1934

HEH: CG

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

Dear Sir:

Under date of April 8, 1934, a Mr. H. Miller, 528 Park Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, addressed a special delivery letter to the Oklahoma City Division Office in which letter Mr. Miller stated that he had positive information as to the location of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd. This location, according to the letter of Miller was less than eight miles from the Garland County, Arkansas Court House.

Special Agent R. N. Butterworth of this office contacted Mr. Harry Miller at 528 Park Avenue in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Miller stated that a Mrs. Dillard who keeps a rooming house on the corner of Central Avenue and Broadway in Hot Springs, Arkansas, told him that a woman had occupied a room at her rooming house on March 27th and April 3, 1934, and that this woman had dates on the afternoon of these days with Joe Scott, a policeman attached to the Police Department at Hot Springs. Miller further stated that Mrs. Dillard advised him that the woman was supposed to have had a date with Scott on the afternoon of April 10, 1934, but called on the telephone from Glenwood, Arkansas on the morning of April 10th and told Mrs. Dillard to tell Scott, "Things are uncertain -- will not be in today." Mrs. Dillard is reported to have delivered the message to Scott who seemed very much worried and said that he hoped the woman would leave where she was working, as she might be killed. Mrs. Dillard, according to Miller, also reported to him that the woman referred to was a nurse who had been taking care of Floyd in a house near Glenwood, Arkansas; that this house had been vacant for some time until a few weeks ago, and further that the house is located just across Caddo River from Glenwood, Arkansas, and is about one hundred yards from the road. According to Miller, Joe Scott did not furnish the name of the nurse to Mrs. Dillard, and he, therefore, was unable to give this information. However, Mrs. Dillard stated that the woman is married and lives at Friendship, Arkansas with her husband, and further that she is dismissed from duty every Friday night until noon on Sunday, at which time, she goes to her home in Friendship, Arkansas. Miller also advised Agent Butterworth that

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Mrs. Dillard reported to him that the nurse telephoned on March 27, 1934 from Amity, Arkansas, and on April 3, 1934 from Glenwood, Arkansas, making dates with Scott, and Mrs. Dillard received these messages. The nurse is reported to have told Scott that Dr. W. W. Jackson, 307 Lynwood Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, with offices in the Thompson Building at Hot Springs, visits Floyd every day and that he travels in his Buick Sedan to make the visit and has a negro chauffeur, and further, that Dr. Jackson brings the provisions for the people at the house in which Floyd is supposed to be located. The nurse is also alleged to have told Scott, who in turn told Mrs. Dillard, who reported to Miller that Floyd has been in bed all of the time he has been in the house until April 10, 1934 when he was able to sit up for a short time. He is supposed to be suffering from gangrenous poisoning which has settled in his hip, and was also reported to be suffering from syphilis. The nurse also reported that Floyd is guarded by four men with machine guns, two being on duty days and two at night. Scott told Mrs. Dillard that he had not been to the house and had not seen Floyd.

Special Agent Butterworth on April 10, 1934, made a trip to Glenwood, Arkansas and passed over Highway number 8 which leads from Glenwood over Caddo Creek in the direction of Amity, Arkansas. It should be mentioned that Miller reported that the house is located on this road. Agent Butterworth observed that immediately after he crossed Caddo Creek, there was a house on a hill on the right-hand side of the road, approximately one hundred yards from the highway. This apparently was the house referred to by Miller.

Special Agents Earle M. Black, R. N. Butterworth and H. E. Hollis, accompanied by Mr. P. W. Hampton, Postmaster at Glenwood, Arkansas, went to the vicinity of the above-described place. Mr. Hampton advised that the place in question is occupied by a Mr. Maxey, and that he had been residing there for over two years. Agents Black and Hollis interviewed Mrs. Maxey in the absence of Mr. Maxey, and ascertained that she does not have any roomers or boarders. Agents Black and Hollis were invited into the Maxey home and they had an opportunity to observe the whole house which is a one-story frame house, and Floyd was not there. There were no cars parked at the Maxey home nor was there any evidence that any persons other than members of the Maxey family were there. Mr. Hampton advised that Mr. Maxey is a very reliable and respected citizen.

It is noted that Harry Miller furnished information concerning telephone calls on March 27 and April 3 and 10, 1934, which calls were reported to have been made from Glenwood and Amity, Arkansas by the nurse. Agent Hollis examined the telephone records at Amity, Arkansas and Glenwood, Arkansas, and Agent Smith examined the records of the telephone company at

Gurdon, Arkansas, as all long distance calls clear through the latter office. However, no record of any of the above-mentioned calls was found.

Agent Black and Hollis interviewed Harry Miller at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and he related to these Agents substantially the same story as related to Agent Butterworth and set out above. Miller stated that his first information to the effect that Mrs. Dillard had some information concerning Floyd came to him through a Mr. Mack, a spiritulist preacher at Hot Springs. Mack, according to Miller, told him that he, Mack, was at the home of Mrs. Dillard about three weeks ago when the nurse came in, and that later, Mack talked to Mrs. Dillard who informed him that the nurse was taking care of Floyd, and that she would like to get in touch with someone who could get the information to the proper authorities. Mack then told Miller and Miller interviewed Mrs. Dillard and then reported to the Oklahoma City Division Office.

Mrs. L. E. Dillard, 315 Pleasant Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, was interviewed and she stated that the name of the preacher referred to above is Dr. Lindsberg, and not Mack as reported by Miller. She further stated that the nurse referred to is Mrs. Nelson or Nichols, and further, that the first and only time this nurse was at her place was on Friday, April 6, 1934. Mrs. Dillard further stated that the nurse did not call her on March 27, April 3d or April 10, 1934, nor did she telephone her home for Joe Scott. Mrs. Dillard stated that the only location she furnished Miller as to the house in which Floyd was supposed to be located, was that the house was a one-room shack between Glenwood and Amity, Arkansas, and she did not tell Miller anything about the house being located just across Caddo Creek near Glenwood. Mrs. Dillard further stated that she did not tell Miller that Dr. Jackson was bringing provisions to Floyd.

From the above, it will be noted that Miller apparently created a story of his own, as the only information Mrs. Dillard gave him was that Floyd was supposed to be in a house some place between Glenwood and Amity, Arkansas. The other details were creations of Miller's own mind.

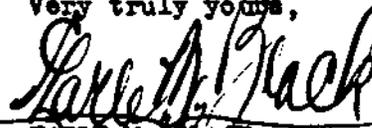
Agents Black, J. T. Hartin, and Hollis interviewed Police Officer Joe Scott at Hot Springs, Arkansas on April 14, 1934, and it was obvious that he was very much perturbed during the interview. In fact, he stated that he did not intend that Mrs. Dillard should give out the information until he had an opportunity to check it. Scott admitted that he had told Mrs. Dillard that Floyd was located in a house between Glenwood and Amity, Arkansas, but stated that he told her this merely to satisfy her, as she was asking him numerous questions concerning the location. Scott

stated that his information did not come from a nurse, but that the information was furnished him by one Gladys Wilson, 518 South Border Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Scott advised that Gladys Wilson is the editor of "Public Opinion", a newspaper published in Hot Springs. Gladys Wilson, according to Scott, reported that Floyd was in a house a short distance from Hot Springs, Arkansas, and in order to reach this house, it is necessary to travel twelve miles out of Hot Springs on Highway number 70, and then turn to the left, but Scott did not know the exact location. He said that Gladys Wilson had agreed to accompany him at a later date and point out the house. Scott reluctantly furnished the name of Gladys Wilson, and it is very doubtful that Scott is telling the truth about this matter.

An effort was made to interview Gladys Wilson at her home, 518 South Border Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas. However, it was learned that she was out of the city and was not expected to return until about April 18, 1934. Arrangements are being made to have Gladys Wilson interviewed upon her return to Hot Springs.

Special Agent Frank Smith of this office made an investigation at Friendship, Arkansas in an effort to locate the nurse in question. Investigation of Agent Smith did not result in the location of the nurse; however, he learned that there is a woman living at Friendship named Ann Fowler. She bears a bad reputation and is a known associate of gangsters and underworld characters. Agent Smith also ascertained that Joe Scott had been to Friendship approximately two weeks prior to his investigation there, endeavoring to locate Ann Fowler. The investigation of Agent Smith at Friendship, Arkansas was made on April 14, 1934, and he learned that Ann Fowler had left Friendship on a bus the day before. Her destination was unknown.

Very truly yours,



EARLE M. BLACK,

Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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April 25, 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, Identification Order 1201,  
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, Fugitive,  
Identification Order 1194, et al,  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter addressed to the Division by Acting Special Agent in Charge Earle M. Black of the Oklahoma City Office, dated April 19, 1934, reporting the results of an investigation looking toward the location and apprehension of subject Floyd.

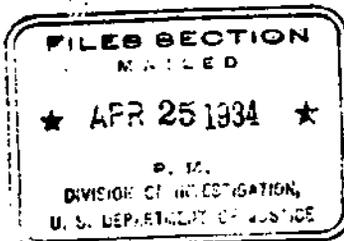
A copy of this letter is being furnished to the Oklahoma City Office, and attention is called to the fact that the Kansas City Office, as the office of origin, should receive copies of all reports and communications covering investigations regarding subject Floyd or any other subject or suspect in the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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CC Oklahoma City.



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Kansas City, Mo.  
April 17, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

~~RE: VERNON C. MILLER ET AL, CONSPIRACY TO KIDNAP, RED. PRIS.~~

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, Deceased, ET AL  
File #62-760

It has come to my attention that Mr. H. W. Soard who resides at Apartment #307, 436 West 47th Street, Kansas City, Mo. and who is employed as a salesman by the National Cash Register Co., was present during the shooting at the Union Station on the morning of June 17, 1933.

Inasmuch as I had occasion to talk with Mr. Soard I inquired as to what had taken place. Mr. Soard stated that on the morning of June 17, 1933 he had taken some people to the Union Station and that he parked his car at the curb at the east entrance of the Station; that he got out of his car and bid farewell to his friends; that he re-entered his car and had driven only a few feet when he heard some shots. He stated that a policeman ran in a southeasterly direction in front of his car, at the same time flagging him to the curb. Soard stated that upon being flagged to the curb he stopped his car and got out and stood on the sidewalk. He stated that he saw men lying in the street and also saw a black Reo Royal straight "8" Sedan proceeding in a westerly direction immediately behind the car of Special Agent Caffrey. Soard stated that two men ran from the parking lot and entered this Reo car. Soard is positive in his statement that the car is a Reo stating that a friend of his owns a similar car. When questioned regarding the complete description of this car Soard stated that it was black with black wheels but he noticed in particular a chromium plated trunk rack on the back of the car. He did not, however, note the license plates on the car. Soard stated that this car proceeded in a westerly direction at a speed of about 45 miles a hour to the end of the parking lot turning and going east on Pershing Road at a high rate of speed crossing Main Street and turning south on McFee Trafficway. Soard stated that there was so much excitement at the time that no one seemed to know just what had happened. He is also of the opinion that there was a Chevrolet Sedan proceeding in a westerly direction from the parking lot. Mr. Soard has not previously been interviewed by Agents of this Division.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. H. Allen,  
Special Agent

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cc - 2 Division  
cc - Okla City

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY.**

**E.P. FILE NO. 62-553.**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>El Paso, Texas.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-21-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4/19-20/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>B. H. Colvin.</b>
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TITLE: <b>VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUG., IO 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, FUG., IO 1194; HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases, FUG., IO 1189, et al.</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE:  <b>CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.</b>
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

"Ducky" Doyle, true name John Alexander Brady, with various aliases, now serving 16 months at U.S. Detention Farm, LaTuna, Tex., for opium smuggling, was interviewed; he knows Galatas but will not admit having seen him for past two years.

REFERENCE: Letter from Kansas City office to San Antonio office, 12-15-33, and report J.C. White, El Paso, Tex., 1-31-34.

**DETAILS:**

Agent ascertained that one Wm. M. Daugherty is confined in the U.S. Detention Farm at La Tuna, Texas, for conviction at Tucson, Ariz., on a charge of smuggling opium and that he was probably identical with "Ducky" mentioned in report and letter of reference.

Agent proceeded to La Tuna and ascertained that Wm. M. Daugherty, LaTuna #2697, was received at that institution Feb. 5, 1934, having been convicted at Tucson, Ariz., in January, 1934, on a charge of smuggling opium into the United States, being sentenced to 16 months imprisonment and fined \$500 which he paid.

The following criminal record was reflected:

- \*5-17-18 - Detroit, Mich., 19010, as John A. Doyle, charged confidence man.
- 7-3-18 - Toledo, O., 7970, as John A. Doyle, suspect confidence man, released.

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- 8-14-18 - Cleveland, O., 17579, as John A. Brady, suspicious person.  
 2-19-19 - Little Rock, Ark., as --, charged vagrancy, fined \$25.  
 1-5-20 - Memphis, Tenn., 3974, as John A. Alexander, charged vagrancy and confidence man.  
 6-31-21 - Kansas City, Mo., 11052, as John Hyland, charged confidence man, fined \$100.  
 4-22-25 - Los Angeles, 24836-M-1 as John Brady, charged suspect grand larceny, burco.  
 4-15-29 - Sacramento, 12796-E as John Doyle, charged vagrancy and violation Wright Act (with Mrs. Alma Benson #12796-D) had brandy in room; vagrancy charge dismissed. Vio. Wright Act - fined \$25.00; 4-19-29, paid.  
 Kansas City, Mo., 11052 as John Hyland, wanted, \$500 reward, arrested State warrant for bond jumping - 6-9-29."

The above record is practically the same as disclosed by Division of Identification file #10145. Brady's description, from the prison records at La Tuna, is as follows:

Age - 50  
 Ht. - 5' 8 1/2"  
 Wt. - 123  
 Comp. - Fair  
 Eyes - brown  
 Hair - black, tinged with gray  
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Agent interviewed Brady, alias Baugherty, who admitted that his true name is John Alexander Brady, a native of St. Louis, Mo., and who stated he was arrested at Nogales, Ariz., in March, 1933 in possession of smoking opium which he had smuggled from Mexico for his own use, he being an addict; that he was released on bond and tried in U.S. District Court at Tucson in January, 1934, being convicted and sentenced to 18 months at La Tuna and to pay a fine of \$500.

Agent had ascertained from an outside source that this man was supposed to have been engaged at Tucson in the promotion of a brewery. Agent ascertained at LaTuna prison that Brady had corresponded with Joe P. Keiser at Tucson, Ariz. When questioned as to whom he was associated with in the promotion of a brewery, he stated his partners were Joe P. Keiser, a slot machine racketeer of East St. Louis, Ill., and one Bill Gleason, a gambler from Cairo, Ill.; that they had attempted to promote a brewery in Tucson but were unsuccessful in selling any stock. Brady remarked that it was quite a joke to think that a son man like himself and a racketeer and a gambler should attempt a legitimate promotion.

Brady stated he had never been convicted but had been arrested many, many times, and that his racket is that of son man. He stated that he was well acquainted with Richard Tallman Galatas, having known him at Hot Springs, Ark., two and a half or three years ago where he, Brady, was living at the time and that he had also met Richard Tallman Galatas in New York, Detroit and other cities.

stated that Galatas was a native of Alabama and that he had a step-son named Pat now in school somewhere in Alabama and that he had also met Pat when the latter was running a "book" at Hot Springs for his step-father. Brady stated that when he was residing in Hot Springs he lived at the Cameron Apartments and that both he and his wife were acquainted with Galatas and Galatas' wife. He stated he had never operated in the con racket with Galatas but knew Galatas' business; that he has not seen him for a period of probably two or two and a half years; that the last time he saw him was in Hot Springs and that if Galatas had ever come to or through El Paso he is not aware of the fact.

An informant had reported to this office after looking at the picture of Galatas that he was confident he had seen him in El Paso in the Fall of 1933 in company with "Ducky" Doyle, otherwise John Alexander Brady. Brady persisted in denying this, however. Brady stated that there was no particular friendship between him and Galatas and that if he had information as to his whereabouts he would furnish it. He suggested that if he were looking for Galatas he would look in Europe or in some foreign country. He said he was reluctant to believe that Galatas would be mixed up in the Kansas City massacre for the reason that he had never known Galatas to take part in any killings or any other crimes of violence.

In agent's opinion it is doubtful if Brady would divulge any information if in possession of same, although he talked quite freely. Brady's wife now resides at the Worth Hotel in El Paso, Texas.

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April 30, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge R. H. Colvin, dated at El Paso, Texas, April 21, 1934, in the above entitled case, wherein it is noted that John Alexander Brady, now serving a sentence at the U. S. Detention Farm, La Tuna, Texas, admits that he and his wife were acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tallman Galatas but that he had not seen Subject Galatas during the past two and a half years.

The report indicates that an informant, after examining the photograph of Subject Galatas, stated that he was confident he had seen Subject Galatas in El Paso during the fall of 1933 in company with Brady. It further appears that, in your opinion, Brady would not divulge any information concerning the whereabouts of Galatas and further that Brady's wife is residing at the North Hotel in El Paso, Texas.

Please advise the Division why Brady's wife has not been interviewed relative to this matter. The Division desires that a thorough investigation be made for the purpose of locating Subject Galatas and does not desire that possible sources of information, concerning his whereabouts, be overlooked.

★ APR 30 1934 ★ should receive your prompt attention.

F. B. I.  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

FILE NO. **62-977 AM**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-23-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4-18-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>J. F. McDEVITT</b>
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TITLE: <b>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. #1189, et al.</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.</b>
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Phila. Police have no weapons which contain similar markings to those mentioned in report of reference.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated Kansas City, 3-29-34.

**DETAILS:** At PHILADELPHIA, PA.

On 4-18-34 agent conferred with George Spangler, lieutenant of Phila. City Detectives, and the ballistic expert, who said the Philadelphia Police Department have no weapons at this time with markings corresponding with those mentioned in the report of reference. Lieutenant Spangler made a notation and in the event any are confiscated by the Philadelphia Police in the future this office will be immediately notified.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS.**

The PHILADELPHIA OFFICE at HARRISBURG - John Funk, the ballistic expert of the Pennsylvania State Police, will be interviewed.

At DOVER or WILMINGTON, DELAWARE - Will interview the ballistic expert of the Delaware State Police.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is hereby made to Division letter dated April  
12, 1934 concerning the identity of one W. A. Rush, a reported associ-  
ate of "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Please be advised that the W. A. Rush who is alleged to be  
an associate of Floyd is not a negro and therefore the William Alexandria  
Rush, Division No. 243007, is not identical with the alleged associate  
of Floyd.

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Mr. D. Arthur Wilson, who is connected with the Oklahoma  
State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, has advised  
that that Bureau has attempted upon numerous occasions to obtain the  
fingerprints and a photograph of W. A. Rush, but so far has been un-  
successful. Mr. Wilson states that this person is presently wanted  
for bank robbery in the state of Oklahoma and his activities would  
indicate that it is possible that he may be associated in some way  
with Floyd, though there is no definite information to this effect.  
Mr. Wilson further advises that Rush originally came from around  
Earlsboro, Oklahoma and that he has two brothers who reside near the  
city limits of Earlsboro at present.

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As soon as the opportunity presents itself, an agent will  
make inquiry at Earlsboro, Oklahoma concerning the activities of W. A.  
Rush and endeavor to secure his photograph and fingerprints.

Very truly yours,

*Earle M. Black*  
EARLE M. BLACK, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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April 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. COWLEY

Mr. Nathan telephoned from Oklahoma City this evening. He stated he feels that the situation at the Oklahoma City Office is in rather bad shape with regard to the three major cases, namely, the Bremer case, the Barrow case, and the Dillinger case.

The Barrow case was assigned to Agent Hollis on February 6, 1933. At the present time Agent Hollis is at Tulsa, which of course handicaps his working on the Barrow case. In addition to this fact, Agent Hollis is being transferred to another office. The Dillinger case has been assigned to Agent Sutterworth, who has been at Little Rock for the last couple of months. The Bremer case was assigned to Agent Hansen on February 15th. However, Agent Hansen didn't appear to be well acquainted with the case. Mr. Nathan stated that in justice to the Agent in Charge, he assumes that these cases have been assigned to these Agents in name only, and that he, himself, has been performing all the work on them, or at least has all the information on them. Mr. Nathan instructed Agent Hansen to thoroughly review the Bremer file and he, Mr. Nathan, has been reviewing the Barrow file. There is no indication in the Barrow file that the leads were handled. For instance, there is a memorandum from the Kansas City Office dated April 8, giving information concerning three or four hideouts, although there is no indication that any action has been taken. Mr. Nathan further stated that three or four weeks ago he knew that Paula Harmon had connections with the Barker-Karpis gang in the Oklahoma City territory, although so far he has found no such indication in the file.

The case of "Pretty Boy" Floyd is in about the same status. Mr. Nathan's personal opinion is that there is nothing definite in any file in any office to show that Floyd was located June 16, 1933, in spite of many reports to this effect.

Mr. Nathan stated he felt cases such as those referred to above should be handled by some one who can work on them intensively and continuously. He suggested that the Agent in Charge should take care of such personally, leaving the routine work of the office for some one else to handle. I inquired if he felt the Agent in Charge would be able to personally handle all three of these cases, namely the Bremer, Barrow and Dillinger cases. Mr. Nathan stated that although the Bremer case involves a great amount of work, there is not so much in that territory of Dillinger. He stated there are some hideouts reported in connection with the Barrow case, and contrary to the policy which has previously been followed along this line, he felt that when such a hideout is discovered, an effort should be made to develop a confidential informant in that vicinity. I told Mr. Nathan I would be more inclined to assign each of these cases to an agent in the office, instructing the Agent in Charge to exercise particular supervision over them. In this connection, Mr. Nathan expressed the opinion that the only

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Agents in that office who are competent to handle these cases are Agents Black, Hansen and Deaderick. Mr. Deaderick is assigned to Mr. Purvis at the present time with his "raiding squad" and is also a witness to statements that Evelyn Frechette is alleged to have made. It is therefore very uncertain when he will return to Oklahoma City. Mr. Nathan and I agreed that the Floyd and Barrow cases could be assigned to one Agent. The Bremer case needs immediate supervision.

Mr. Nathan stated he was informed by Agents Black and Hansen that the lack of supervision of these cases at the Oklahoma City Office was due to insufficient men.

I instructed Mr. Nathan to assign these cases and to carefully go over them with the individual agents to whom they are assigned. Mr. Nathan stated he wired Mr. Clegg today in an effort to ascertain when Mr. Deaderick may be expected to return to Oklahoma City, and learned that it is very uncertain since it may be necessary for this Agent to proceed to St. Paul from the Chicago territory. I instructed Mr. Nathan to again wire Mr. Clegg, indicating that it is imperative that Agent Deaderick return to Oklahoma City as soon as possible. Mr. Nathan suggested that he would assign the Bremer case to Mr. Deaderick, the Dillinger case to Mr. Black, and the Barrow and Floyd cases to Mr. Hansen.

Mr. Nathan stated the Agents at Oklahoma City are too heavily assigned; that there are ten men carrying thirty-one cases per Agent, which, of course, is entirely too many. I stated that I felt it would be far less misleading to carry these cases as unassigned. I told Mr. Nathan that I had directed Agent in Charge Brantley to return to Oklahoma City by way of Washington, at which time I would discuss this situation with him. I directed Mr. Nathan to also impress this upon Mr. Black.

Mr. Nathan expressed the opinion that there are a number of unsatisfactory Agents in the Oklahoma City Office. I called his attention to the fact that there has been no indication to this effect in the efficiency ratings which have been received. Mr. Nathan stated there is no doubt that a lot of work is being done; that Mr. Brantley has been working until midnight every night. I directed Mr. Nathan to make a survey of the personnel while he is in Oklahoma City, also obtaining Mr. Black's views. I directed that he take similar action at Dallas, as well as in any other office at which he may stop, mentioning particularly the Kansas City Office.

I also directed Mr. Nathan to clear up the matters pertaining to Agents Edgar and Black.

With regard to personnel matter, Mr. Nathan will make notes and dictate upon his return to Washington.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Kansas City, Missouri,  
April 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE:

RE: <sup>D</sup>VERNON C. MILLER, Deceased, et al,  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.  
File # 62-760-

At the Kansas City Airport, thru the cooperation of Mr. Leonard Jerdon, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Aeronautics, and also thru the cooperation of Mr. Roy Farrell, Manager, Kansas City Airport, the log-book of the airport for the period of June 16th and 17th, 1933 was checked, revealing the arrival on June 16th of an Eagle - Rock Plane, No. NC882E, owned and operated by Harry M. Johnson Jr., carrying one passenger in route from Wichita, Kansas to Burlington, Iowa. On the same day, June 16th, 1933, a Stinson Plane, No. NC12197, piloted by O. P. Gay, pilot's license No. 93923, plane owned and operated by L. C. Loew, care of Roosevelt Field, New York, carrying one passenger from Amarillo, Texas to Peoria, Illinois.

At the Fairfax Airport, North Kansas City, it was ascertained from Mr. Keith, Asst. Manager, that there were no arrivals in June, 1933.

Agent was informed by Mr. Jerdon, that it is his belief that no records are kept at Richard's Airport on U. S. Highway No. 50 south-east of Kansas City, but that the manager usually can recall any planes having landed at that field. The manager of the Richard's Airport should be interviewed.

Respectfully submitted,

B. R. ALLEN,  
Special Agent.

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RE: ONE

April 23, 1934

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

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased),  
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases -  
Fugitive, Identification Order 1201,  
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, Fugitive,  
Identification Order 1194, et al,  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 26, 1933,  
addressed to the Division, transmitting copies of a memorandum dated  
September 16, 1933, prepared by Special Agent L. M. Chipman, cover-  
ing an interview with John L. Moore a trusty at the Arkansas Training  
School for Girls, located on Route 1, Box 16, Alexander, Arkansas.

It does not appear that the information contained in this  
memorandum has been given consideration by your office or the Kansas  
City Office, which is the office of origin. It would appear that  
the information contained in this memorandum should receive further  
attention in view of the fact that a latent fingerprint of Adam  
Richetti was found in the house formerly occupied by subject  
Vernon C. Miller.

There are transmitted herewith photographs of one Cecil  
Cooley, #30243, State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, who  
is possibly identical with the Cecil Cooley named on page three of  
the memorandum submitted by Special Agent Chipman. There are  
also transmitted herewith copies of the abstract of criminal record  
of this individual, as reflected in the files of the Identification  
Unit of the Division. Copies of this criminal record, together  
with photographs of Cecil Cooley, are also being forwarded, with  
a copy of this letter, to the Kansas City Office.

Very truly yours,

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Dear Sir:

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

The Division's attention is respectfully directed to the last paragraph on Page 4, which is continued on page 5, of letter from this office dated December 7, 1933, and the third paragraph on page 3 of letter from this office dated February 15, 1934, which has called the Division's attention to the fact that the Division and the Kansas City Office apparently are neither in possession of complete data available to other field offices regarding this case.

After addressing the above communications to the Division, it has occurred to me that the Kansas City Office has probably been somewhat negligent itself in not furnishing the Division with copies of all pertinent memoranda in the file here. There are being transmitted herewith in excess of 200 copies of memoranda taken from the file at the Kansas City Office. A perusal of these memoranda will reveal that in some instances the Division has been informed as to their content generally in the reports. In some instances the Division has never been aware of the information contained in the files. By transmitting these memoranda the Division will have available copies of all memoranda, letters and reports on file here.

I consider it paramount that Kansas City, the office of origin, which is responsible for the direction of this investigation, be in possession of complete information regarding this case. Accordingly I am again making the request of the Division to instruct all field offices of this Division to furnish Kansas City copies of all communications and memoranda in their files which have not been furnished this office heretofore, together with copies of all photographs or other material not furnished heretofore. It has been noted that recently the Division, when in receipt of communications from other offices, copies of which were not furnished this office, has instructed those offices to furnish this office copies of such correspondence. However, for several months this procedure was not in effect and, accordingly, I feel that the file at this office is not

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complete.

This office is now conducting a very comprehensive and detailed review of the file to determine whether all evidence regarding the massacre and information regarding its fugitives has been properly developed. The review necessarily cannot be complete until the file at this office is complete.

The Division has instructed this office to bring this case to an early and logical conclusion. In order that this office may be in a position to accomplish the desires of the Division it is respectfully requested that appropriate action be taken regarding the above.

Very truly yours,



E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

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Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases  
(Deceased); Richard Tallman<sup>o</sup> Galatas,  
Fugitive - I. O. #1201, et al.  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

On April 25th A. W. Comstock, attorney, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, advised the Oklahoma City Division office by phone that he had some very "hot" information concerning "Pretty Boy" Floyd; that his wife and child were there at that time, and requested that an agent be sent to him immediately.

I instructed Agent F. S. Smith to proceed to Pawhuska and contact Mr. Comstock and Agent Smith has advised me that he conferred with Mr. Comstock on the evening of April 25th at Pawhuska, who stated that his son-in-law, E. Edison Beach, an ex-convict, grafter and manipulator, in whom he has very little confidence, appeared at Pawhuska on April 23rd with Mrs. Charles A. "Pretty Boy" Floyd and her boy and had executed contracts with Mrs. Floyd for public exhibitions of her and her son in vaudeville and pictures throughout the country; that Beach had advised him that he was without funds to finance the transportation of Mrs. Floyd and son to St. Louis, Missouri, where they desired to go, and their maintenance until he could derive revenue from his venture; that Beach in discussing this matter with him, Comstock, had impressed him with the belief that Floyd would sanction his wife's endeavor in this connection and would no doubt keep in direct touch with her and the child, and that with Beach's cooperation Floyd's capture would be easy and sure.

Mr. Comstock exhibited to Agent Smith two contract agreements entered into at Pawhuska on April 24, 1934, between Mrs. Charles A. Floyd and E. Edison Beach, bearing their signatures with the names of two witnesses appearing thereon, Mrs. Cecil Bennett and Mrs. Faye Collins.

Relative to Contract Agreement No. 1, the stipulations thereon

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are briefly that Mrs. Charles A. Floyd agrees to appear with her child, Charles A. Floyd, Jr., the son of "Pretty Boy" Floyd, at theatres, vaudeville houses, motion picture houses, auditoriums and other places throughout the United States, under the management of Beach, and to share in the profits derived therefrom equally with Beach, who was to make all contracts and bookings.

Contract Agreement No. 2 stipulates in an agreement between Mrs. Floyd and Beach that the Wolf Printing Company, St. Louis, Missouri, is to print, publish and furnish, from a chart furnished by Mrs. Charles A. Floyd, allegorical pictorial charts denominated, "Crime Never Pays," prepared from ideas obtained by Floyd from his actual experiences in life, and that it is the desire of the said Charles A. Floyd and his said wife that this chart have a wide distribution throughout the land as a lesson and warning to every father, mother and youth, and that Charles A. Floyd Jr.'s picture is to appear in said chart; that said charts are to be sold and Mrs. Floyd and Beach are to share equally in the royalties.

Agent Smith through Mr. Comstock contacted Beach, who stated that he had been successful in securing contracts with Mrs. Floyd as above outlined; that he manipulated through Mrs. Floyd's father at Bixby, and Mrs. Faye Collins to contact Mrs. Floyd; that he defrayed the expenses of her father in bringing her from Fort Smith, Arkansas to his home; that he feels that he can make plenty of money exhibiting Mrs. Floyd and son and the charts, which he states he contemplates preparing from information to be obtained from Mrs. Floyd, and which would purport to be coming from Floyd. He stated that he has no contact with Floyd and has no information as to where he may be; that Ruby Floyd stated to him that it would be a relief to know that he was dead and expressed fear of the law running in on him and possibly killing her and her child in an effort to effect Floyd's capture; that she stated to him that "Pretty Boy" Floyd did not participate in the Kansas City massacre as she was with him on that date. Beach further stated that Mrs. Floyd, her son, and Mrs. Faye Collins, the latter a bosom friend of Mrs. Floyd and a relative, and the wife of a man in the Arkansas penitentiary, are now in Pawhuska; that Mrs. Floyd declined to travel unless accompanied by Mrs. Collins; that he has promised to take them to St. Louis, Missouri, leaving Pawhuska on April 26th, and there arrange to exhibit Mrs. Floyd and her son to the public. He stated that in his opinion when he gets Mrs. Floyd and her son to St. Louis

and away from Oklahoma, that Floyd would no doubt contact them frequently; that he would soon have Mrs. Floyd and Mrs. Collins in his confidence to the extent that he would know their every movement; further, that an agent of this Division could be assigned undercover and that he would place him in a position to get all information of interest and would guarantee him full cooperation in causing the apprehension of Floyd, provided that his name, as informant, was kept in strictest confidence. Beach stated that he had no desire to collect the reward.

It was conclusive from Beach's inferences, in the opinion of Agent Smith, that he was feeling out this Division with respect to defraying the expenses incident to the travel of him and his party to St. Louis, Missouri. Agent Smith promptly advised Beach that the Division would not in his judgment entertain such a proposition; that it operated on the principle of cash on delivery; that in the event he furnished information that eventually resulted in the apprehension of Floyd, he would receive liberal compensation therefor and that the Division would assign competent men to investigate any information that he might furnish at St. Louis or elsewhere; however, that his suggestion would be submitted by Mr. Smith to the Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City office and that Mr. Comstock would be advised of his conclusions in the matter by phone.

On April 26th Mr. Comstock was advised by phone by Agent Smith, with my approval, that Beach's proposition was not approved by me and was being submitted to the Division at Washington for its consideration.

Very truly yours,

*Earle M. Black*

EARLE M. BLACK, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Kansas City.

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**TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);  
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUG., IO 180;  
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, FUG., IO 1194;  
HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases, FUG., IO 1189, et al.**

**CHARACTER OF CASE:  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER  
FEDERAL PRISONER.**

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** John Riddle (possibly J.L.Riddle) has ranch south-west of Bovina, Tex., the ranch being in New Mexico, and which may be place where Pretty Boy Floyd allegedly hiding. Riddle lives in Clovis, N.M., and frequents Elks Club where there is gambling. Jack Lemison, police officer, advises will check up on this ranch and advise El Paso office of identity of persons living there.

**REFERENCE:** Letter from Special Agent in Charge Brantley, Oklahoma City, March 12, 1934.

**DETAILS:** AT CLOVIS, N.M.

The letter of reference contains information to the effect that A.B. Cooper of the Burns Detective Agency, Oklahoma City, had advised SAC Brantley that Pretty Boy Floyd was possibly hanging out with one John Riddle who owned a ranch or a farm in the vicinity of Clovis, N.M.

On April 21, 1934 agent while in Clovis, N.M., interviewed Jack Lemison, formerly deputy sheriff, now with the police department at Clovis, and he stated he did not know of any person in or around Clovis by the name of Jack or John Riddle, but would check up on the matter and any information obtained he would furnish the El Paso Division office.

Police Officer Weatherspoon, formerly sheriff at Clovis, N.M., was interviewed and stated he had never heard of anyone by the name of Jack or John Riddle around Clovis, stating that there was an Arthur Riddle who formerly worked for the railroad but who now lived, he believed, at Lubbock, Tex.

The postmaster at Clovis advised agent that the only Riddle who was receiving mail at the Clovis post office was J.L.Riddle but was unable to give a

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description of this man, but stated he believed that J.L. Riddle was receiving mail in care of the Elks Club at Clovis.

On Sunday, April 22, this agent while in Tucuman, N.M., received a long distance telephone call from Jack Lamison of Clovis, N.M., who stated that on Saturday night after agent had left Clovis he was in the barber shop and that he noticed a man who getting shaved when he went in; that when this man started to leave the barber called him Mr. Riddle and requested him to call again; that he asked the barber what the man's given name was and he said it was "John" and that he was the owner of a ranch southwest of Beving, Tex., in New Mexico which would possibly be about 15 miles northeast of Clovis, N.M. Mr. Lamison stated the barber said that Riddle is an Elk and a gambler and that he was spending a good deal of time at the Elk's Club in a poker game. Mr. Lamison described Riddle as being a man about 45 years of age, rather dark complected; dark hair and brown eyes; well dressed, having the appearance of a man who does not do common labor.

Mr. Lamison advised agent that he would make a confidential investigation at the Riddle ranch and ascertain who was living there, obtaining descriptions of all persons and that if there is anyone there answering the description of Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd he will immediately notify the El Paso office by wire and stated he would assist in any way possible in the apprehension of Floyd.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

With reference to the identity of Dr. E. G. Mortinsen, M.D., 360 Bremer Arcade, St. Paul, Minnesota, who is alleged to have administered to the wounds of John Dillinger, this doctor is also mentioned in connection with the activities of the Barker-Karpis gang, as reflected in the report of Special Agent G. G. Hall, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, July 27, 1933, rendered in the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (deceased), et al., Obstruction of Justice.

On page 3 of this report it appears that when the individuals identified as members of the Barker-Karpis group rented the premises at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, from James P. McLaren, the owner, the individuals gave as references the names of Dr. E. G. Mortinsen, 360 Bremer Arcade and Thomas J. Newman, attorney at law, Commerce Building.

Mr. McLaren advised Agents that before renting the premises he telephoned Mr. Newman and was informed by Mr. Newman that J. Stanley Smith (the alias used by the Barkers when renting the premises) was "all right so far as Newman knew", Newman stating that he had done legal work for Smith who was employed by the Federated Metal Company, of St. Louis, as a salesman. Mr. McLaren also stated that he attempted to call Dr. Mortinsen, but was unable to reach him.

An interview had with Dr. Mortinsen is reflected in the following quoted paragraphs taken from the report of Special Agent Hall, referred to above:

"Dr. E. G. Mortinsen, 360 Bremer Arcade, who was given as a reference by Smith but who was not contacted by McLaren, was interviewed. In addition to the giving of his name as a reference, the further lead in that connection was that when the house was searched by McLaren, he found in the bath room a small medicine bottle containing gonorrhoea medicine which had been given to some individual on February 16, 1932, by Dr. Mortinsen. Dr. Mortinsen stated, after searching his records very thoroughly, that he doubted that he would have made a record because he suspected that the patient was a transient recommended to him probably by some druggist. Dr. Mortinsen has a considerable

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business of that nature, is the only doctor specializing in that type of ailments in that section of downtown St. Paul. He is a well known doctor.

"Dr. Mortensen was shown the photographs of individuals previously mentioned as well as the photographs of Francis Keating and Thomas Golden, but he could identify no one. He promised his cooperation and requested that photographs of all suspects be given to him and stated that he will most certainly inform this office should any of them appear in his office. The necessary arrangements were made with him by the St. Paul Office."

Paragraphs taken from the same report reflect the results of an interview had with Attorney Newman:

"Mr. Thomas Newman, attorney at law, Commerce Building, who was given as a reference by J. Stanley Smith when renting the house from James P. McLaren was interviewed. Thomas Newman was engaged to represent Mrs. Fern Sankey, participant in the kidnaping of Charles Boettcher, II, of Denver and Haskell Behm of St. Paul, Minnesota. For some reason or other, shortly before the trial, Newman withdrew from the case, it being rumored that the purpose of the withdrawal was to cause an adjournment until the fall term of the Criminal Court at St. Paul. The clientele of Mr. Newman is composed to some extent of local hoodlums. Mr. Newman advised that an individual giving the name of J. Stanley Smith appeared at his office in March, 1933, and endeavored to employ Newman to act as his attorney to collect a note due from John Bevard, Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri. On April 30, this individual again appeared at Newman's office and again on May 13, 1933. On the first two occasions, Newman wrote letters to Bevard to an address on Oliver Street at St. Louis, Missouri, requesting payment of a \$250 promissory note payable on demand made by John Bevard. On the back of this note there was an endorsement that \$87.50 had been paid, leaving a balance of \$162.50. On the third visit on May 13th, the individual Smith requested that the copies of the letters which Newman had written to Bevard be given to him as Smith intended to go to St. Louis and wanted the copies in the event the person Bevard denied receiving the communications. From that point, the story of Mr. Newman becomes involved and garbled. He stated that Smith took the letters as they were written to the Post Office and registered them, according to

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his own statement. Newman also claims that he (Newman) wrote the letters as his stenographer was not at the office when Smith visited him and consequently there are no stenographic notes, Newman writing the letters himself. He stated there are no copies of the correspondence in his office. Newman was questioned at considerable length regarding this matter but nothing farther was obtained from him that would be of value. He stated that on the first visit, the man was accompanied by a woman but he did not look at her so he could describe her. The photographs of the several individuals previously mentioned herein were shown to Newman. When he examined the photograph of Karpis, he looked at same for a considerable length of time and indicated without saying anything that probably some consideration should be given to that photograph. When asked if Karpis was the individual, Smith replied he could not say that he was as he was very poor at identifying people.

"Newman, as a point of information, is very friendly with certain members of the St. Paul Police Department; that he had considerable influence under the regime of Chief Thomas Brown."

Respectfully,

R. E. Herby

P O Box 556  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
April 21, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Reference is made to your communication of April 16, 1934,  
pertaining to one RUBEN BASS.

Please be advised that Special Agent G. D. White of this  
office made discreet inquiry at the Los Angeles Police Department and  
the following information was ascertained.

Chief of Detectives Joe Taylor under date of February 12, 1934,  
directed a communication to John O'Brien, Chief Inspector, New York City  
Police Department, advising that the Los Angeles Police Department holds  
a grand jury indictment returned on November 22, 1929, and a felony war-  
rant for Ruben Bass, charging that individual with the possession of a  
machine gun; and further advising that the Los Angeles Police Department  
was in possession of recent information to the effect that Bass was re-  
cently arrested by the Vice Squad at Brooklyn, New York, and is presently  
operating a race horse booking agency at that place.

Further discreet investigation will be made and such informa-  
tion as obtained will be furnished to you.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DURN  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P O Box 536  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
April 24, 1934

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

Dear Sir:-

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

With further reference to Ruben Bass, and particularly my letter of April 21, 1934, please be advised that Special Agent C. D. White secured the following additional information with reference to the warrants held by the Los Angeles Police Department for the arrest of Bass.

It appears that on June 18, 1929, a hardware store in Los Angeles was broken into and some machine guns, together with numerous firearms, were stolen; and on the same date one of the participants in the robbery was captured by the Los Angeles Police Department, confessed to the robbery of the hardware store, but refused to name his companions in the crime. However, the major portion of the merchandise was recovered and the fingerprints of Bass were obtained from one of the guns.

The Police Department apparently has not had any definite information as to the whereabouts of Bass, but in 1931 he was supposed to have been living in Clearwater, California, under the name of Penny. Investigation at that point, however, disclosed that he was not there.

With the exception of the information to the effect that Bass is presently in Brooklyn, New York, the Los Angeles Police Department has no information as to his whereabouts.

Very truly yours,

J. K. P. DUNN  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

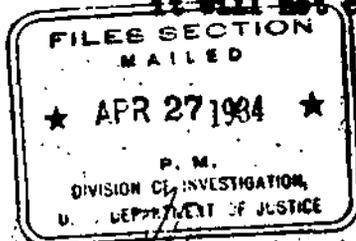
RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased);  
RICHARD TALLMAN DALATAS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE - IDENTIFICATION ORDER #1201;  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your personal and confidential letter dated March 20, 1934 in the above entitled case, wherein you discuss the exhibits in this case, with particular reference to those now in the possession of Marie A. Gill, ballisticsian, Kansas City, Missouri.

On Page 2 of your letter it is noted that Mr. Gill has requested that he be furnished with the X-ray photographs of the bullets now imbedded in the spine of Special Agent F. J. Lackey, and that possibly from these X-ray photographs the caliber and type of the gun, from which these bullets were fired, could be definitely determined.

The Division concurs in your suggestion that the request of Mr. Gill be complied with, in the event that it has not already been done, provided, however, in obtaining the X-ray photographs, it will not cause any further inconvenience to Special Agent Lackey.



Very truly yours,

Director.

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

March 29, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-30.

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[redacted] paid informant of this office, was again interviewed by Special Agent O. G. Hall on March 28, at which time he was given \$10 to meet living expenses.

He stated that "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt is returning to the Twin Cities within the next two or three days and that "Frisco Dutch" has promised him employment of some kind.

He stated that he has discussed with many underworld characters, mostly minor, the story appearing in the press regarding the identification of the Karpis and Barker gang, and it appears that none of the local characters know Karpis and the Barkers. All of them were of the opinion, however, that Karpis and Barker had done the kidnaping inasmuch as they had been named by this Division. He believes that the story in the papers will keep the Karpis and Barker gang out of the Twin Cities. There is also some talk among the underworld characters that there must be at least two or three local men involved in the kidnaping because of the familiarity with the habits of the Bremer family.

Concerning "Dutch Louie", who was living at the Nicolllet Hotel until two days ago, the informant stated that Louie is Louis Schonsberg and he described him as being 200 pounds, light hair, Jewish, 48 years of age. He stated that Dutch Louie was visited by Jack Pfeiffer and Mose Barrett.

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Concerning the Kansas City massacre, he advised that Frankie Barton has talked about the case but appeared to have no further information regarding same.

"Chic" Berman, brother of Dave Berman, an inmate of Sing Sing in New York State, is at the present time in the Twin Cities operating a baseball pool. He advised that Stanley Schultz, who lives at the Elgin Hotel, Minneapolis, Frankie Barton, and Sam Gordon are planning on sticking up a payroll, as he understands it, in St. Paul sometime this week.

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[redacted] instructed to telephone this office immediately upon the return of "Prisco Dutch" Steinhardt.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO ILLINOIS

BREXID EXHIBIT PHOTOGRAPH CHARLES J. FITZGERALD KANSAS STATE  
PENITENTIARY NUMBER SIX SIX TWO ONE FURNISHED TO YOUR OFFICE  
WITH COPY OF DIVISION LETTER DATED APRIL 9 1934 ADDRESSED TO  
INSPECTOR BOKER IN KANMO CASE TO SUBJECTS McLAUGHLIN ET AL  
AMONG FITZGERALDS ALIASES ARE CHL SLIN SLIN WILLIAMS AND BIG  
FITZ HE HAS BEEN ARRESTED TOLEDO DETROIT AND OTHER PLACES  
DURING INCARCERATION AT KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY FOLLOWING  
1919 HE CORRESPONDED WITH NUMBER OF PERSONS IN TOLEDO  
DETROIT HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CHECK THE ADDRESSES

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**Los Angeles, California  
April 28, 1934**

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

**Dear Sir:**

**Re: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases  
I. O. 1194  
L. A. File 62-964**

Reference is had to letter from the San Francisco Office to the Division, dated February 9, 1934, relating to a conference between Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli and the Sheriff of Salinas, California, relative to "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

James Ross, Sheriff, Santa Barbara County, Santa Barbara, California, has informed that about February 1st this year, W. P. Butcher, attorney at law at Santa Barbara, reported to him that a man representing himself to be "Pretty Boy" Floyd, had called upon him with intent to interest him in locating and delivering to Floyd certain stolen securities which had been hidden by Floyd outside the State of California.

Mr. Butcher has been interviewed at his office, 215 San Marcus Building, Santa Barbara, and advised that about 11:00 o'clock one day towards the forepart of February, this year, a man called him on the phone, stating that he wanted to come to the office to see him immediately; that shortly thereafter, this man appeared at the office, and addressed him by his middle name "Preston" and introduced himself as "Pretty Boy" Floyd. According to Mr. Butcher, this man stated that he had been referred to Mr. Butcher by a friend of the latter who resided in San Francisco. That he wanted to go back to Oklahoma to visit his wife, but was without funds and wanted Mr. Butcher to go to Colorado and get possession of some "hot" securities which he had cached away. Mr. Butcher stated he told this man he was not interested in the proposition, and that he would not handle stolen property, whereupon, at the instance of the caller, Mr. Butcher accompanied him to a nearby news stand, where the caller showed Mr. Butcher a picture of Floyd in a True Detective Magazine, and asked Mr. Butcher if he could not see a great resemblance between the picture and himself.

Mr. Butcher stated that the man then endeavored to get him to go for a ride with him in a small, open, tan car, and when Mr. Butcher refused to do this, he then asked Mr. Butcher if the latter could not lend him \$2.00, which Mr. Butcher refused to do.

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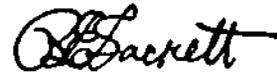
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Mr. Butcher stated that he immediately reported the matter to the sheriff's office at Santa Barbara, and that after an examination of the picture of Floyd appearing on the Identification Order at the sheriff's office, he was positive that his caller and Floyd were not identical. Mr. Butcher stated that the man who called upon him is much older than Floyd, weighs approximately two hundred pounds and had blue eyes.

Mr. Butcher was asked if he had talked to the sheriff at Salinas, California with reference to this matter, and he advised that he had not. He was also asked if he had any doctor friends who might have communicated with the sheriff, and he replied that he had a number of friends who were prominent in the medical profession in Santa Barbara, with whom he had discussed the incident, but he had no knowledge of them having referred the matter to the sheriff at Salinas, California.

Very truly yours,



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

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CC San Francisco

April 24, 1934.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In connection with the conditions in the Oklahoma City office, as outlined by Mr. Nathan in his telephone call with you on April 20, 1934, I discussed these matters with Mr. Brantley, who advised that in his opinion two Agents should be assigned to work exclusively on the Galatas case and of the personnel now assigned to his office recommended Agents Black and Marshall for this assignment; that two Agents should be assigned exclusively on the Floyd and Michetti case and recommended Agents Denderick and Smith; that two Agents should be assigned to work exclusively on the Bremer case, primarily looking toward the apprehension of the Barker and Karpis gang, and recommended Agents Hansen and Franklin. Mr. Brantley is of the opinion that the Dillinger case does not require special assignment in the Oklahoma City territory at this time, there being no indication that Dillinger has ever been in that district or that his hide-outs or contacts are in that section but that the leads such as have been coming into Oklahoma City in connection with this case could well be handled as general assignments; they, of course, to be given preference over other matters.

There are at the present time thirteen Agents assigned to the Oklahoma City office and Mr. Brantley is of the opinion that in order to give the above named cases the attention they deserve they should be made specials, as above indicated; and that to take care of the general assignments in the Oklahoma City territory eight additional Agents should be transferred to Oklahoma City, some of whom at least should be experienced.

In connection with Mr. Nathan's comments on the personnel in the Oklahoma City office, Mr. Brantley advises that Agent Birch is a willing hard worker; that he is inexperienced and is not an average Agent but that with careful and close supervision he may eventually develop into an average Agent, but not into a better than average Agent.

With respect to Agent Black, Mr. Brantley advises that he is energetic and forceful and a very efficient Agent.

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Mr. Brantley advised that Agent Butterworth is capable of handling most any kind of assignment well but he does not believe him to be as well adapted to work involving raids in the pursuit of hardened criminals as to other classes of work.

Mr. Brantley advises that Agent Chipman is qualified for any type of work, as is Agent Deaderick.

Mr. Brantley advises that Agent Franklin is a bit slow, but his work is fair.

He reports that Agent Hansen is an efficient Agent and is well qualified to handle any type of case.

Agent Martin is an average Agent.

Agent Marshall is comparatively new in the service. He does good work and will, in Mr. Brantley's judgment, develop into an average Agent.

Agent Owens has been in the service since June, 1933. It is Mr. Brantley's opinion at this time that it is doubtful that with close supervision he will ever develop into an average Agent.

Agent Perkins has been in the service several years, is a hard worker and handles a large volume of work, but it is not believed that he is adapted to handling those investigations involving hardened criminals.

Agent Smith is a seasoned Agent. He handles a great deal of work and is especially valuable for his contacts with peace officers and enforcement agencies. He is qualified to handle investigations involving hardened criminals.

With the exception of Agents Birch and Owens Mr. Brantley is of the opinion that all of the Agents now assigned to the Oklahoma City office are doing at least average work and that the following Agents are above the average; Black, Chipman, Deaderick and Hansen, in the order named.

Respectfully

E. P. Cowley.

U. S. Department of Justice  
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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 26, 1934.

MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
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MR. RORER

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

Personal and Confidential

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to a letter of even date from this office relative to an interview with A. W. Comstock, Attorney, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, in connection with the above titled case.

Soon after my arrival at the Oklahoma City office on the 25th instant Special Agent F. S. Smith advised me that he had just received a long distance telephone call from A. W. Comstock, Attorney, at Pawhuska, stating that he had "hot" information relative to "Pretty Boy" Floyd and that he desired Agent Smith to proceed to Pawhuska at once. I questioned Agent Smith and endeavored to find out if Comstock intended to convey the impression that Floyd was then at Pawhuska. Agent Smith was unable to advise me as to this and, not being in a position to decide whether Agent Smith should go alone or have help, I instructed Agent Smith to telephone Mr. Comstock and ascertain if Floyd was then at Pawhuska, or if he had information as to his whereabouts. Pursuant to my instructions Agent Smith telephoned Mr. Comstock who advised that the wife and child of "Pretty Boy" Floyd were at Pawhuska at that time and that he wanted to make plans with him, Smith, which would result in the immediate apprehension of "Pretty Boy" Floyd. In talking with Special Agent Smith, after the second call, I first gained the impression that Comstock had advised Agent Smith that "Pretty Boy" Floyd was in Pawhuska, but after some further discussion Agent Smith stated, "No", that only Floyd's wife and child were at Pawhuska.

As you are aware, Assistant Director Nathan while at this office, after communicating with you, instructed that the above titled file and the Clyde Barrow file be assigned to Agent Deaderick

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exclusively and in view of the fact that Agent Deaderick was handling the matter, I contemplated sending Agent Deaderick on this assignment, however, Agent Smith advised me that in all probability Mr. Comstock would not divulge the information to Agent Deaderick. In view of this statement I personally called Mr. Comstock on the telephone and advised him that Agent Smith was engaged on other matters at the time and that I would like to send Special Agent Deaderick to confer with him. Mr. Comstock immediately and very gruffly stated that he would talk to no one but Agent Smith, that he had known him ten years and did not desire to talk to anyone else. I endeavored to point out to Mr. Comstock that Agent Deaderick would have his credentials and that any information Mr. Comstock might impart to him would be treated in a strictly confidential manner. Mr. Comstock then stated that if I couldn't send Agent Smith to let the matter drop as he would talk to no one but Agent Smith; that he had known Department of Justice Agents for fifty years and wouldn't have anything to do with anyone but Agent Smith. Accordingly, in view of this statement I assured him that Agent Smith would proceed to Pawhuska.

This information is being furnished in order that you might be fully advised.

Very truly yours,



EARLE M. BLACK, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Suite L  
Federal Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
April 24, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 176,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Dear Sir:

RE:

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

A review of the Kansas City file in this case, which is now in progress, has to date indicated certain memoranda in the file, of which two copies each are being furnished you herewith. These memoranda appear to be of value for investigation in your territory, and they are mentioned as follows:

An anonymous letter dated March 1, 1934, postmarked Eureka Springs, Arkansas, addressed to the Special Agent in Charge of this office, not signed, indicating that Subject Floyd has certain contacts named Oscar Colbert and two individuals named Cook and Borders, who are automobile repair men at Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

Memorandum by Special Agent A. E. Ferland dated at Kansas City, Missouri, January 31, 1934, indicating an interview with Deputy Sheriff George Tobler of Coffeyville, Kansas, who furnished certain information relative to contacts of Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker, and others.

Copies of the foregoing mentioned memoranda are being furnished the Division from a review of this file.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Suite 1  
Federal Building  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
April 24, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

A review of the instant file which is in progress at the Kansas City office has disclosed certain memoranda which may be of value for investigation in the instant case, and in the case of Alvin Karpis, with aliases, IO 1218, et al, Edward George Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping. A copy of each of these memoranda is being furnished to you herewith. The Kansas City office is taking steps to have all undeveloped leads in this and other territories vigorously pursued and concluded as soon as possible. The memoranda enclosed are as follows:

Memorandum dated Feb. 10, 1934, at Kansas City, Missouri, by Special Agent G. F. Hurley relative to the escape of Jesse Howard, Kansas State Penitentiary No. 7859, who is said to be a contact of the Barkers and Alvin Karpis.

Memorandum of Special Agent E. H. Mc Kee dated at Omaha, Nebraska, December 22, 1933, indicating facts in connection with the family of Harry Sawyer, whose true name appears to be Harry Sandlovich, and who is a notorious St. Paul underworld character. The memorandum indicates that Harry Sawyer has several relatives residing at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Memorandum by Special Agent J. J. Green dated at Lincoln, Nebraska, November 15, 1933, which indicates that one Jack Burbeck, a former convict in the Nebraska State Penitentiary may now be located at Avon, South Dakota. In this connection, please refer to a letter from the St. Paul office to the Kansas City office dated August 22, 1933, in the above captioned case, which indicates a possibility that Burbeck might furnish confidential information.

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Memorandum dated November 29, 1933, by Special Agent O. C. Darcy at Des Moines, Iowa, which outlines certain information secured through Park Fendley, Chief of the State Bureau of Investigation, Des Moines, Iowa, relative to the hide-outs of gang members around Des Moines, Iowa, and St. Paul, Minnesota, which information appears to include data relative to the so-called Karpis-Barker Gang.

Memorandum by Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated at Kansas City, Missouri, January 11, 1934, showing certain information with reference to one W. E. Hodge, who was arrested for automobile theft at North Kansas City, Missouri, and who apparently has a son in St. Paul, Minnesota, who may associate with the underworld there. Facts in connection with the Hodge family are not definitely established through investigation here, and if further data is desired immediately, that angle will be followed at your request.

The Division is being furnished with copies of these and other memoranda from the review of the file.

Very truly yours,

E. A. DONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Kansas City, Missouri  
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Mr. H. M. Clegg  
Division of Investigation  
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P. O. Box 515  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: <sup>0</sup>VERNON G. MILLER, Deceased, with  
aliases, et al  
ORIGINALLY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to your letter of April 21, 1934, concerning  
identification of ballistic exhibits in connection with the wounding of  
Roy McCord and the robbery of the First National Bank at Mason City,  
Iowa.

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With reference to the question of tentative identification of  
Alvin Karpis and other members of his gang in connection with the Mason  
City bank robbery, please refer to letter from this office dated  
April 13, 1934, addressed to the Director, paragraph four, page one;  
also please refer to a telegram from this office to the St. Paul office  
dated March 16, 1934, in the Bremer kidnaping case. U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Mr. Marie A. Gili, Forensic Ballistician, has reported since  
letter of April 13, 1934, was written that he positively identifies two  
shell cases fired from a .361 caliber rifle as having been fired from the  
same gun. One of these shell cases was found after the robbery of the  
bank at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on March 6, 1934, and the other was  
found after the robbery of the bank at Mason City, Iowa, which I believe  
occurred on March 13, 1934. Microphotographs of these shell cases,  
appropriately labeled, are transmitted herewith for your attention.

The wire from this office to the St. Paul office of March 18,  
1934, indicated that the Chief of Police at Sioux Falls, South Dakota,  
had informed the Sheriff at Topeka, Kansas, that photographs of Alvin  
Karpis and others had been identified in connection with the bank  
robbery at Sioux Falls. At the time of writing the letter from this  
office dated March 20, 1934, to which you refer, it appeared that Karpis  
and others probably figured in the Mason City and Sioux Falls bank  
robberies.

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The letter of April 13, 1934, mentioned above, however indicates that the bullets from the machine gun of John Herbert Dillinger have been identified with bullets found after the Mason City bank robbery and it appears probable that since the same weapons were apparently used in the Mason City and Sioux Falls bank robberies, an identification of John Dillinger's gun in connection with those offenses is made.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Kansas City, Mo.  
April 25, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased) ET AL  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER  
K.C. File #62-763

REFERENCE: Letter from Director to Okla. City Office 3-21-34.

The only information as to the whereabouts of Floyd, Richetti and W. A. Rush which the St. Joseph Police Department used as a basis of their request for information from the Division, was the following newspaper clipping from the St. Joseph News-Tress:

Loot Pays for Cars

Two of Pretty Boy's Aids Buy  
New Fords in Oklahoma

Currency is Identified as Part  
of Whitesboro, Texas Bank  
Cash, Officers Declare.

Seminole, Okla. March 14 (A.P.) - Two pals of Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, long-sought Oklahoma outlaw, are enjoying shiny new automobiles, officers said today, as a result of the recent Whitesboro, Texas bank robbery.

Two men believed to be W. A. (Shine) Rush and Adam Richetti, Pretty Boy lieutenants purchased the cars (a Ford Sedan and a Ford Coupe) yesterday afternoon from George Fowler's automobile agency at Maud, paying for them with currency which was identified as part of the Whitesboro loot.

Fowler said the men had the titles made out to Rush and Richetti, who are wanted on several charges of bank robbery.

State operatives rushed here from Oklahoma City last night in an unsuccessful effort to trail the pair.

Respectfully submitted, *62-24715*

L. A. Quindry, APR 25 1934  
Special Agent

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P. O. Box 215,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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April 30, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

RE: <sup>D</sup>VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,  
(Deceased), et al.  
CONSPIRACY TO KILL VERNER FETISCHER.  
St. Paul File No. 62-928.

From a confidential source it was learned that FRANKIE BARTON, Minneapolis gangster, had, in discussing the Kansas City massacre with a friend, remarked that one GUS was probably involved in the killing.

FRANKIE BARTON shortly after making the above statement was seriously wounded while attempting to rob a hotel in Minneapolis. At about the time he was to go to trial, Chicago, Illinois, authorities requested his custody in order to place him on trial for murder. He was released to the Chicago authorities, and information has now been received that FRANKIE BARTON at one time was employed for Mr. Hertz, who was then in the taxicab business in Chicago, and that Mr. Hertz had somehow or other secured the custody of BARTON for the Chicago authorities.

It is requested that your office interview FRANKIE BARTON regarding the Kansas City massacre. For your information, FRANKIE BARTON has been suspected of being involved in the Wilmar, Minnesota, bank robbery of 1931 with FRANCIS KEATING, THOMAS HOLDEN, VERNON MILLER, and others, and would probably be able to give considerable information if he so desired.

Very truly yours,

VERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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April 30, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: VENON G. MILLER, deceased, with aliases, et al.  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.  
St. Paul File No. 62-393.

With reference to your letter of April 24, 1934, setting forth information to the effect that the KARPIS-BARKER gang was involved in the Mason City and Sioux Falls, South Dakota, bank robberies, please be advised that this office has received no information indicating that these parties were implicated in these robberies.

The information of this office is that the MILLER gang performed both robberies and that the KARPIS-BARKER gang was not with them at the time. No one, as far as this office knows, has ever identified the photograph of any member of the KARPIS-BARKER gang as being implicated in the robberies.

Very truly yours,

E. L. CLEGG, DIRECTOR.

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Suite L, Federal Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
May 1, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

67D There are transmitted herewith two copies of a memorandum dated May 1, 1934, by Special Agent W. F. Trainor at this office, with reference to the probable location of Charles Arthur Floyd, showing information received from [redacted] of Kansas City, Missouri.

This office will thoroughly check the reliability of this informant and it is requested that at your earliest convenience you have inquiries made at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, regarding his record there.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Kansas City, Missouri  
May 1, 1934

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, Deceased, et al  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER  
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On 4-30-34 [redacted] was interviewed by the writer at the  
Kansas City office where he appeared to furnish information. He  
stated that he resides at [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri,  
and is employed [redacted]

[redacted] He showed  
[redacted] as evidence of his employment. He has  
no telephone but can be reached through the telephone of a neighbor,  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Kansas City, Missouri.

[redacted] stated that he lived at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, [redacted]

[redacted] (He stated he was a  
civilian employee at the jail.)

The informant advised that he has known Subject Charles Arthur Floyd,  
I.O. #1194, for practically Floyd's entire life, as he stated Floyd  
was reared close to Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and that he, Williams, knew  
Floyd's father quite well although he was unable to state the given  
name of Floyd's father when questioned as to this. He stated that he  
knew Subject Floyd at a time when that Subject served thirty-three  
days in the County Jail at Sapulpa sometime between 1924 and 1926 on a  
charge of petty larceny.

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[redacted] stated that Floyd has a brother-in-law who works at the Rudy  
Patrick Seed Company, located in the west bottoms at Kansas City,  
Missouri, adjacent to the Leese-Wiles Biscuit Company. He does not  
now recall the name of the brother-in-law, but stated that that  
individual married a sister of Ruby Floyd, the first wife of Charles  
Arthur Floyd whom he states formerly resided at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and  
is the mother of Floyd's young son Jackie. (It may be noted that  
according to present information Mrs. Ruby Floyd resides with her son  
Jackie at Fort Smith, Arkansas.) [redacted] stated that he can easily

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secure the name of the brother-in-law of Floyd through a discussion with [redacted] wife and that he will notify the Kansas City office of this information telephonically.

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It was stated by [redacted] that on last Wednesday night, 4-25-34, about 9:45 P.M., [redacted] was on his way to the residence of one Bob Uhlan, 3527 Hall Street, Kansas City, Missouri, to consult Uhlan regarding the payment of lodge dues in the lodge known as the Degree of Honor. As a point of information he stated that one Mrs. Murk, who has her office at Fairyland Park, is Secretary of the lodge and had requested him to see Uhlan regarding the payment of lodge dues.

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He stated that when he was at a point near the Schutte Lumber Company at 30th and Southwest Blvd. on the occasion mentioned on his way to Uhlan's place he saw a 1934 Model Ford Coach of black color parked in front of the drug store which is the second door west of the Schutte Lumber Company. In the front seat of the car Floyd was sitting, according to [redacted] and beside Floyd sat a man, who appeared to be a Dago. He alleged that Floyd addressed him by name and seemed glad to see him. He stated he asked Floyd what he was doing in Kansas City. Floyd advised him that he has a cousin, who lives upstairs over a building adjacent to the drug store in front of which the car was parked and that he was there to see his cousin. He stated that he noticed that there were two flights of stairs west of the drugstore mentioned and that it was indicated by Floyd that his cousin's residence is reached through the second stairway to the west.

He stated that Floyd did not seem apprehensive in the least and that the Italian appearing man did not speak a word during the few minutes of his conversation with Floyd. He also informed that Floyd had three machine guns in the car and that while he was talking to him at the side of the car he noticed two or three sets of foreign state auto license tags, but he was unable to observe the numbers or states of any of the tags either in or on the car of Floyd.

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With reference to the companion of Floyd, [redacted] describes him in terms similar to the description of Adam Richetti, Oklahoma State Penitentiary #25773. When shown a photograph of Richetti, among others, he stated that he believed the photograph of Richetti is a likeness of the companion of Floyd whom he saw except that the man seen by him is said to have a fuller face and to bear a small scar about three-fourths of an inch long horizontally on his right temple. He stated that the

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light from the window of the drug store and the street light were sufficient to enable him to observe the scar while standing by the car in conversation with Floyd which conversation he advised lasted between five and ten minutes.

b7D [redacted] made no request for any reward or employment and stated that his only purpose for furnishing this information is in the interests of law enforcement. He seemed somewhat vague in details. He is a man of approximately fifty-five years of age, with all of his fingers on his right hand amputated at the second joint. He is of small stature. This information may be of benefit to the Oklahoma City office in identifying [redacted] should his background be traced at Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

[redacted] was given the telephone number of the Kansas City office and was advised that he may communicate with this office at any time up to midnight of each day or with the Special Agent in Charge after that time by telephone.

He promised to secure any additional details possible and to watch for the reappearance of Floyd at Kansas City and furnish such data promptly to the Kansas City office. He desires that his name be held strictly confidential.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. TRAINOR,  
Special Agent.

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May 4, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the case of Vernon C. Miller,  
(Deceased), et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, there  
is transmitted herewith a box containing specimens of the bullet  
and cartridge fired from Thompson Machine Gun #6315, recovered  
from some of the Dillinger Gang.

This should be displayed to the police ballisticsian in  
order that it may be compared with any other specimens of bullets  
recovered at crimes, and should then be returned to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #698790.

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May 4, 1934

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, Identification Order #1201,  
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,  
with aliases - Fugitive, Identification  
Order #1194, et al;  
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Dear Sir:

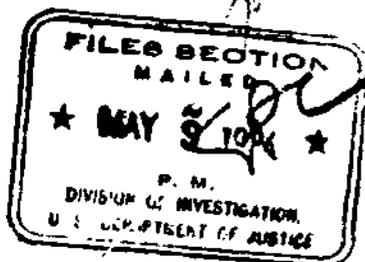
This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 26, 1934, transmitting to the Division more than two hundred copies of memoranda taken from the file at the Kansas City Office in the above entitled case where it appears that these memoranda have not previously been furnished to the Division, although in some instances the Division has been informed as to their content generally in the reports submitted.

The Division is directing a letter to all field offices, instructing that a similar review be made of their respective files in the above entitled case for the purpose of furnishing the Kansas City Office with copies of all reports, communications and memoranda where it appears that copies have not been previously furnished your office.

Very truly yours,

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May 4, 1934

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 TALLMANGALATAS with aliases -  
Fugitive, Identification Order #1201,  
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,  
with aliases - Fugitive, Identification  
Order #1194, et al;  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

The Division desires to call your attention again to the apparent delay in following out leads in your district in connection with the above entitled case.

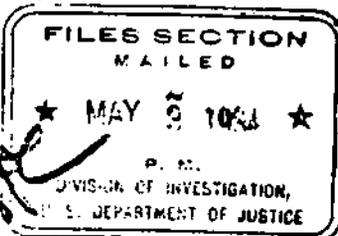
Under date of March 14, 1934 the Division addressed a letter to the Oklahoma City Office, copy of which was furnished your office, and on page four it was requested that the photograph of "Curly" X(Clouse as P. G. Sanford, No. 2143, Police Department, Sioux City, Iowa, be exhibited to Dr. Farr for the purpose of establishing the identity of the "Curly" who has not yet been identified by him. A different photograph of this same individual has previously been exhibited to Dr. Farr as reflected in the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainer, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 15, 1933.

In the same letter, it was suggested that George Lindsey, Jr. be approached in a direct manner and thoroughly questioned concerning this case. This has not yet been done.

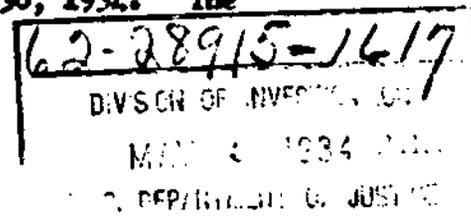
Under date of April 16, 1934 the Division addressed a letter to your office, calling attention to a variance with respect to the information previously furnished by the Oklahoma City Office relative to the investigation conducted at Chickasha and Seminole, Oklahoma, from the information set forth in the report of Special Agent E. D. Deaderick dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, March 30, 1934. The

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Division has not received copies of any letter or report which your office may have directed to the Oklahoma City Office requesting that this matter be fully explained.

Your attention is also invited to Division letter dated March 30, 1934, addressed to the St. Louis Office of the Division, copy of which was furnished your office. In the concluding paragraph of this letter, it was suggested that one Mike Pitts, 218 1/2 Independence Street, Kansas City, Missouri, be located and thoroughly questioned concerning his knowledge of the above entitled case, it being noted on page six of the report of Special Agent J. O. Niches, dated at St. Louis, Missouri, March 14, 1934, that the automobile of Pitts was used to meet Floyd in Kansas City when Floyd kidnaped Sheriff Killingsworth.

The Division desires that your office, as the office of origin, exhibit prompt positive action in carrying out all leads in connection with the above entitled case in your district.

This matter should receive your personal attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc - Oklahoma City

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

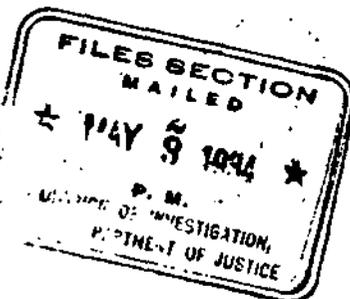
Dear Sir:

In the case of Vernon C. Miller (Deceased), et al, Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1801; Charles Arthur Floyd, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1194; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, there were forwarded on April 9, 1934, eight pill boxes containing ten cartridge shells marked from I to X inclusive, and three bullets marked J1 to J3 inclusive. These were to be shown to Mr. Merle Gill in order that they might be compared with the bullets and shells recovered at the Union Station in Kansas City.

Please advise when they will be returned.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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May 5, 1934

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

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RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased);  
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
Identification Order #1201.  
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, Identification Order #1194, et al.  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

In connection with your efforts to obtain data relative to Adam Richetti, there is transmitted herewith a copy of a report of Special Agent L. M. Chipman, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, August 21, 1933, in the case entitled EVA MARIE RICHETTI, alias Eva Simpson, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. This report contains a description of Eva Richetti, who appears to be a sister of Adam Richetti, an associate of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd. The relatives of Richetti are also set forth in this report.

It is suggested that appropriate steps be taken to have the mail addressed to these individuals covered with a view to possibly determining the whereabouts of Adam Richetti.

For your information, the case against Eva Richetti was dismissed, at Little Rock, Arkansas on August 28, 1933, because of a lack of evidence.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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VERNON C. MILLER, WITH ALIASES, DECEASED;  
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, WITH ALIASES,  
FUGITIVE, IDENTIFICATION ORDER 1201;  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.  
Birmingham File 62-826.

It appears from the letter of the Birmingham Office dated April 19, 1934, addressed to the Kansas City Office that investigation with a view to locating Subject Galatas by keeping his step-son, Pat Cardelle Sturney, under surveillance has been held in abeyance since the time Special Agents Dwight Brantley and H. E. Andersen were at the Birmingham Office when arrangements were made with Inspector Z. D. Steele of the L. and N. Railroad at Birmingham, Alabama to keep Sturney under surveillance and report any information which may be of value in locating Subject Galatas. A number of relatives of Subject Galatas are also resident in the district covered by the Birmingham Office and it is believed that this office is one of four offices which should constantly be on the alert to pick up information which will indicate the whereabouts of Galatas, and that arrangements should be made by the Birmingham Office to establish confidential sources of information whereby this information will be periodically reported to the Birmingham Office.

It is noted that the Kansas City Office in a letter dated April 21, 1934 to the Birmingham Office approved the suggestion made by the Birmingham Office that arrangements be made to have an agent work under cover in Montgomery for the purpose of obtaining information concerning Galatas through Sturney.

This matter should be followed very closely by the Birmingham Office, in addition to the other suggestions set forth above relative to contacts with confidential sources of information.

In the Kansas City letter dated April 21, 1934, the Birmingham Office was also requested to obtain information concerning Charles J. Fitzgerald, a suspect in the above entitled case, as well as in the Bremer Kidnaping Case. Complete and detailed information should be obtained by the Birmingham Office concerning this individual as requested by the Kansas City Office. This matter should receive prompt attention.

Inspection Birmingham Office,  
May 1, 1934.

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May 4, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the case of Vernon C. Miller,  
(Deceased) et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, there is  
transmitted herewith a box containing specimens of the bullet and  
cartridge fired from Thompson Machine Gun #6315, recovered from  
some of the Dillinger Gang.

This may be displayed to Mr. Gill in order that it may  
be compared with specimens recovered at the Kansas City massacre,  
and should then be returned to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #698788.

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**U. S. Bureau of Investigation**

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled **VERNON C. MILLER**, with aliases (Deceased), et al; **OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE**.

On May 2, 1934 one E. Edison Beach contacted the writer, through Mr. Bunsen of the Crime Investigating Bureau, and advised that he had at this time Mrs. Charles Arthur Floyd and her nine year old son in St. Louis, Missouri; that his purpose in bringing them to St. Louis was to induce her to back a crime chart which it is his intention to publish, and by which he intends to point out that "Crime does not pay." He advised that Mrs. Floyd and her son were at that time residing at the New Plaza Hotel, 3301 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri, and suggested that this Office might desire to place a dictaphone in her room and arrange to overhear any conversations between Mrs. Floyd, her son, and a cousin who was with her in St. Louis, in an effort to locate and cause the apprehension of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Accordingly on the morning of May 4, 1934, through arrangements perfected with Mr. Finch, Manager of the New Plaza Hotel and Mr. Beach, above referred to, a dictaphone was installed in Room 306 which is occupied by Mrs. Charles Arthur Floyd, and the dictaphone itself was placed in Room 206, directly below. Since that time a twenty-four cover has been maintained at this hotel. To date nothing of value has been obtained; however, this cover will be maintained during the time Mrs. Floyd is in St. Louis, and the Division will be promptly advised of any information of value obtained.

As a matter of record it might be stated that Mr. Beach is, at this time, driving a Buick sedan, bearing Oklahoma 1934 license plates No. 333,955.

Very truly yours, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. Ladd,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Oklahoma City

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May 4, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the case of Vernon C. Miller,  
(Deceased) et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, there is  
transmitted herewith a box containing specimens of the bullet and  
cartridge fired from Thompson Machine Gun #6315, recovered from  
some of the Dillinger Gang.

This may be displayed to the police ballisticsian in order  
that it may be compared with any other specimens of bullets recovered  
at crimes, and should then be returned to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #698789.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

On May 5, 1934, the Division received a telegram from T. P. Sullivan, Superintendent, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Springfield, Illinois, requesting the complete record of one ROBERT BASS, alias HARRY LEVIN, Newark, New Jersey, Police Department #9232, and requesting that the reply be sent by night letter. There has been prepared in the Identification Unit a telegram addressed to Mr. Sullivan setting forth the criminal record, as reflected in the files of the Identification Unit, which shows this individual to be wanted by the police of Newark, New Jersey for a payroll stickup and also wanted by the Police Department, Los Angeles, California, for possession of machine guns.

On April 10, 1934, the Division was requested to furnish the Chicago Office with a photograph and criminal record of this individual [redacted]

Under date of June 21, 1933, the Chicago Office addressed a letter to the Kansas City Office, wherein it is noted that [redacted] informant of the Chicago Office, advised that he had arranged for [redacted] to proceed to Kansas City with a view to contacting members of the Johnnie Laria gang in an attempt to ascertain if members of that gang participated in the Kansas City Massacre, or whether information regarding the identity of the murderers could be obtained through that source. The description of [redacted] is set forth in this letter, and it is noted that [redacted]

The letter also sets forth that [redacted] is known to W. H. Deavenport of the United States Secret Service in Kansas City.

In the letter of the Chicago Office, dated June 26, 1933, addressed to the Kansas City Office, it is stated that [redacted] has advised that he would have [redacted] contact the Kansas City Office at the earliest possible date and submit information of value that he may have obtained.

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Under date of June 30, 1933, a special delivery letter was directed to the Kansas City Office advising that [redacted] had personally called at the Chicago Office to advise that he was proceeding on that date to Kansas City, Missouri, at the request of Roy Lapits, a representative of the Burns Detective Agency. The letter also sets forth that [redacted] furnished information to the effect that he had recently been in Kansas City and had received information there that Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Adam Richetti participated in the shooting, and that immediately after the murders, Floyd and his companion were concealed by Johnnie Lasia; that about eight hours after the shooting, Lasia assisted Floyd and Richetti in leaving Kansas City. This letter also sets forth that [redacted] called at the Chicago Office apparently for the purpose of obtaining protection while at Kansas City, inasmuch as he was fearful that Chief of Detectives Higgins, and other local police, might arrest him while he was associating with other underworld characters; that [redacted] was reluctant to furnish any information relative to the charges on which he is wanted; that he was informed this Division would not endeavor to protect him from arrest by law enforcement officials and that in the event he furnished information of value the Kansas City Police would be advised of the same, in the event inquiries were made regarding him.

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Under date of November 14, 1933, the Kansas City Office addressed a letter to the Chicago Office reporting a conversation heard over the telephone of Frank S. Walloy, one of the individuals under indictment in connection with the Kansas City Massacre Case, with an individual identified as [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, who was registered in Room 417, of the Claridge Hotel, and from the conversation it was apparent that [redacted] was evidently friendly with Walloy and other members of this group prior to the date of the Kansas City Massacre.

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It is my understanding that [redacted] was used as an informant by the Chicago Office up to April 10, 1934, but I do not know whether he is now being used as such.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby

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

Kansas City, Missouri  
May 8, 1934

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**FRANK BLAKE**  
 Division of Investigation  
 U S Department of Justice  
 Post Office Building  
 Dallas, Texas

RETEL PARTIES WHO ENGAGED STATE PATROL GUN BATTLE NEAR SPRINGFIELD TODAY  
 NOT BARROWS OR ASSOCIATES STOP FLORENCE WILLIAMS CAPTURED WITH CAR HARRY  
 WILLIAMS KILLED BY PATROL AND WALTER ALLEN WOUNDED AND CAPTURED STOP  
 WILL ADVISE FURTHER UPON RECEIPT MORE DETAILS FROM AGENTS THIS OFFICE

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

OKLAHOMA LICENSE PLATES  
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Dear Sir:

Referring to copy of letter from Acting SAC Marie E. Black, Oklahoma City, to the Director under date of April 25, 1934, this is to advise that in connection with the many reports received concerning Clyde Barrow, Pretty Boy Floyd and other gangsters traveling about the country, a prominent citizen of San Antonio reported a 1931 model Chevrolet sedan bearing Oklahoma 1934 license plates #345175 as having four suspicious men in it and entering San Antonio from the North over Highway No. 90.

This office telegraphed the Oklahoma City office to obtain the identity of the person to whom license plates were issued and if it would have resulted that the plates did not belong on the type of car to which the plates were affixed a further inquiry would have been made into the matter. When it developed that the plates were issued to Walter H. Clark, 4125 Robertson Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma, for the identical type of car to which the plates were affixed, no further inquiry was made into the matter.

It was not intended that any investigative action be taken in the matter by the Oklahoma City office.

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Very truly yours,

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cc Oklahoma City.

One T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to Division letters dated March 26, 1934 and April 11, 1934 with reference to request by the Division to be furnished with information relative to confidential informants employed by the Kansas City Office since January 1, 1932.

Considerable delay in furnishing this information was occasioned by the search of all available sources of this information in the Kansas City Office and correspondence with Special Agents in Charge of the San Francisco, San Antonio and Oklahoma City Offices, in order to assemble complete data relative to informants employed in the Kansas City territory in connection with various investigations here. There has been no central source of this information maintained in the Kansas City Files heretofore.

It is found from a review of the blue slips rendered by various agents in this office in expense accounts showing confidential items paid for the period in question, and from the review of other sources, that the following confidential informants have been so employed since January 1, 1932 in the Kansas City territory:

January 27, 1932, in the case of WILL GREEN (DECEASED) with aliases, ET AL - PROCURING ESCAPE OF FEDERAL PRISONERS, Special Agents F. J. Laskey and Hugh Larimer.

[Redacted] paid to [Redacted] the sum of \$25.00 for the purpose of securing at that time information in possession of [Redacted] relative to the place and method of contact which had been had by Harold Fontaine and his accomplices when they had participated in and executed a plan to ship firearms into the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. The information was necessary also as a means of locating certain fugitives in connection with that case.

[Redacted] is well acquainted with members of the so-called "Frank

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"Nash Gang", and in the case wherein he was approached as an informant by the agents he was believed sincere and dependable.

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[REDACTED] used by them in the capacity of a confidential informant. In connection with informant [REDACTED] reference may be had to a memorandum dated January 28, 1932, in the case of Mill Green, with aliases, Et al, rendered by Special Agent F. J. Lackey in the Detroit Office, a copy of which is in the Division file of that case.

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During November 1932 Special Agent in Charge R.E. Vetterli, at Kansas City, Missouri, in connection with the case entitled ANTHONY FERRARA, ET AL - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, paid at various times and in various amounts the total sum of \$71.00 to [REDACTED] of Kansas City, Missouri. This payment was made to [REDACTED] for services rendered by him as a confidential informant in securing data from certain underworld characters in Kansas City, Missouri; Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Chicago, Illinois, relative to their activities in transporting women for immoral purposes and stolen cars in interstate commerce. The services of [REDACTED] for which this payment of money was made, extended from September 1, 1932, to November 30, 1932, and during that time he made one trip from Kansas City, Missouri to Tulsa, Oklahoma and return, and three trips from Kansas City to Chicago, Illinois, and return, for the purpose of securing information in that case.

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[REDACTED] is a professional "informant" and he seeks employment in that capacity from various organizations. He sought and secured similar employment from the Kansas City Street Railway Company about two years ago and was placed on the payroll by that company to secure data for the defense of a damage suit for personal injuries then pending against the company. Mr. W. A. Kitchen, an attorney of the Street Railway Company who employed [REDACTED] has stated to an agent of this Division that he believes [REDACTED] totally unreliable, based upon his experiences with him. [REDACTED] claims to have numerous underworld contacts but in the instance of his employment by this office his services were discontinued because of his failure to produce.

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Special Agent Hal D. Bray on July 8, 1932, paid to [REDACTED] of Keta, Missouri, the sum of \$4.00 in lieu of ex-

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penses of travel spent by her in proceeding from Keta, Missouri, to Lebanon, Missouri, and return, a total distance of 200 miles. [redacted] who resides at Keta, Missouri, had been, prior to that time, in possession of about 40 gallons of whiskey in violation of the National Prohibition Act and was evidently in the bootlegging business. Joe McBride, Subject in the case of Joe McBride, et al, IMPERSONATION, in which case [redacted] acted as an informant, falsely represented to [redacted] that he was a Federal Prohibition Agent and seized the 40 gallons of liquor which [redacted] had in her possession. She appeared at Lebanon, Missouri, pursuant to Agent Bray's request, where she saw and identified McBride as the impersonator who had victimized her. Her services as an informant were used only on July 8, 1932, and it was necessary to employ her in this manner because McBride was not then in Federal custody.

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In the case of VERNON C. MILLER, ET AL - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER - on August 14, 1932, Special Agent W. F. Trainor paid to the Missouri State Fair Association at Sedalia, Missouri, the sum of \$2.00 for a Season Ticket to the State Fair, which was given to IRVING WITHERS, of Odessa, Missouri, who had appeared at the Kansas City Office and alleged that he was in position to make contact with criminal characters on the Fair Grounds at Sedalia, which parties he claimed were harboring and associating with Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, Subject of Division Identification Order Number 1194. Withers claimed that these parties intended to rob the Fair Association and that his presence at the Fair Grounds was all that would be necessary for him to make the contacts and that thereby he could secure information regarding the exact time that Floyd was at a certain camp in the Osage River country near Warsaw, Missouri. He described the location of the Camp and after three days on the Fair Grounds he furnished alleged information that he had learned that Floyd was very probably then at the Camp in question. A posse of officers went to the location described by Withers, having taken the informant along. Withers admitted, when it was found there was no such camp located at that spot, that he had falsified and offered as his motive the fact that he had desired to be in the company of officers. He apparently has a complex along the line of crime detection and is not considered in any manner reliable or a dependable informant.

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In the case of VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, ET AL -  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER - on October 2, 1933, at  
Kansas City, Missouri, Special Agent W. F. Trainer paid to [REDACTED]

the sum of \$1.00 for services rendered by [REDACTED] in furnishing in-  
formation to the Agents as to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is trusted with  
confidential information by the manager of that hotel. He demon-  
strated great competency in handling matters of this kind in his  
activities in this case. His services were utilized for a period of  
about five days on and after October 2, 1933.

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In the case of VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, ET AL -  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER - on November 10, 1933, this  
office paid to MR. BERT HAYCOCK, Special Agent of the Southwestern  
Bell Telephone Company, at Kansas City, Missouri, in the form of  
U. S. Treasury Check, payable to him, the amount of \$100.00 for his  
services which were given with the sanction and knowledge of his  
employer, in securing and furnishing information to this office re-  
garding locations of telephones, arranging for observations on tele-  
phone lines, etc., which information is usually held as confidential  
by the telephone company. His services have been rendered to this  
office from June 17, 1933, to the present date. He has been of  
valuable assistance and has had years of police experience in  
Kansas City, Missouri, prior to his employment with the telephone  
company about four years ago. The payment was made as a token of  
appreciation by the Division through authority received from the  
Director.

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In the case of VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, ET AL -  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER, Special Agent R. C. Sures,  
on January 14, 1934, paid to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] the sum of \$5.00 in lieu of railroad fare and subsistence  
in a trip from Topeka, Kansas, to Kansas City, Missouri, made by

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which individual was unknown to [REDACTED] but with whom he claims to be acquainted. He knows that individual only as "Frank". [REDACTED] made the trip to Kansas City and made contact while here with this office. He furnished certain indefinite information that could not at the time be checked, and promised to return within a few days which he failed to do. However, [REDACTED] is believed to actually have the contacts which he claims in this connection.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is of the underworld type, quite discreet in his disposition and possesses a boyish appearance. He has furnished to the Police Department and the Sheriff at Topeka, Kansas, in the past, information that has resulted in the solution of important offenses. It is believed, however, that he works best through fear of punishment --- therefore, his best activities are had by police who possess a certain amount of leverage over him.

[REDACTED] was paid \$1.50 two days after the \$5.00 sum was given him by Agent Suran in order that he might return to Topeka, Kansas, the latter sum being his railroad fare.

[REDACTED] again returned to Kansas City, Missouri, on February 19, 1934, when he was reminded of the completion of his mission by the Sheriff at Topeka, Kansas. He remained in Kansas City, Missouri, on the latter occasion from February 19 to February 23, 1934, and was furnished \$13.00 by Special Agent W. F. Trainor, of this office, in the form of cash, for the purpose of paying his lodging and meals during the period February 19 to 23, 1934. This sum also included his railroad fare back to Topeka on the latter date. [REDACTED] failed to secure tangible information regarding [REDACTED] but he furnished information that it has been impossible to definitely verify or disprove to date regarding individuals in the Italian underworld at Kansas City, whose surnames he claims not to know but whom he states are contacts [REDACTED]

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In the case of VERNON C. MILLER, as mentioned above, on November 18, 1933, MURRAY F. SEYLER, a Deputy Sheriff, of Wellsville, Kansas, was paid \$24.42 as reimbursement to him for traveling ex-

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penses and meals and lodging for a trip made by him from November 4 to 10, 1933, when he traveled from Wellsville, Kansas to Eldorado, Kansas and return, in the interest of securing the location of Wilbur Underhill, a Subject of the case in question. He made the trip in his personal automobile and the above amount paid was for actual expenses on his car, plus a reasonable allowance for meals and lodging.

Seyler is considered conscientious and has been successful several times through his informants in locating and causing the apprehension of notorious criminals. His trip in the instance here mentioned was for the purpose of making contacts with confidential informants of his who were expected to disclose information which they might have relative to Underhill's location.

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In the case of VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, as mentioned heretofore, MR. JOHN BUNYAN, of Ottawa, Kansas, on March 21, 1934, was paid the sum of \$1.00 at Kansas City, Missouri, for the purpose of paying his street car fare to various points in the city in order that he might make contacts at various "speakeasies" where he claimed to be able to secure information regarding the whereabouts of Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, Subject of Division Identification Order Number 1194.

Bunyan was partially intoxicated when he returned to the Kansas City Office later on the same day after receiving the above amount of money and he had no tangible or reasonable information to offer. He is considered a drunkard and a typical "chiseler".

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Other confidential informants who were furnished certain amounts of money for services performed in connection with the case of VERNON C. MILLER, et al - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER - are outlined in a letter dated April 6, 1934, addressed by Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones from the San Antonio Office to the Kansas City Office, a copy of which was transmitted to the Division, and reference thereto is hereby made.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE