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KANSAS CITY, MO.

March 31, 1934

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased)
RICHARD GALLATAS, Fugitive, I. O. 1201
CHARLES ARTHUR LOYD, Fugitive, I. O. 1194
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

Confirming our telephone conversation of this date you are advised that Fred Judge of the Automobile Underwriters, St. Louis, Missouri informed me today that according to his information Big Homer, suspect in the instant case and the Bremer kidnaping, is at Hot Springs, Arkansas with one Malloy, head of the Motion Picture Union at Chicago, Illinois. Judge's information, which was obtained by him from Sergeant Healey of the State Attorney's Office, Chicago, is that Homer and Malloy are due to arrive in Chicago Sunday night, April 1, 1934. Sergeant Healey is making plans to take Homer into custody in connection with several bank robberies.

This information has been furnished to you in order that you may take appropriate steps to secure photograph and fingerprints of Homer when he is arrested in order that photographs may be exhibited to witnesses of the Kansas City massacre and that his fingerprints may be compared with evidence of this nature now in the Division at Washington. It is also desired that he be interviewed in connection with the massacre and Bremer case.

Very truly yours,

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May 8, 1934

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

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RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased)
Richard Tellman Galatas, Fugitive,
Identification Order #1201
Charles Arthur Floyd, Fugitive,
Identification Order #1194
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Kansas City Office dated March 31, 1934, addressed to your office, in the above entitled case, wherein you were advised that "Big Homer" was accompanying Malloy, head of the Motion Picture Union at Chicago, Illinois, and was due to arrive in Chicago April 1, 1934.

Kindly advise the Division the results of your investigation with regard to the above.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc St. Paul

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,

Post Office Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama. + ALL FIELD OFFICES

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62-28915-1629

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Special Agent in Charge,
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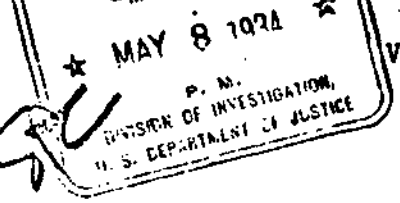

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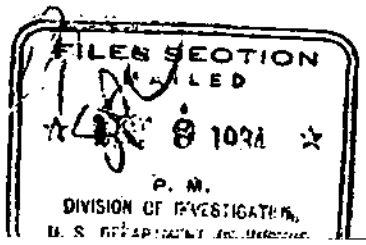

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City, Mo. FILE NO. 62-826 Mo

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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Deceased. RICHARD TALMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUTIGIVE, I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194; ROBERT G. BRADY, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1190; ET AL

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Record of Charles J. Fitzgerald at U.S.P., Atlanta, Ga., from 5-19-14 to 5-19-15, including letters received and sent, visitors, personal history given record clerk, and criminal record obtained. Investigation in vicinity of Memphis, Tenn., fails to reveal whereabouts of Pretty Boy Floyd.

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REFERENCE: Letter of Acting Special Agent in Charge M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Mo., dated 4/21/34.

DETAILS: At ATLANTA, GA.:

With the assistance of B. F. Bates, record clerk, Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga., agent examined the file of Charles J. Fitzgerald, Prison No. 4975. This file reflects that Fitzgerald was sentenced in the U. S. District Court, Chattanooga, Tenn., to serve a term of a year and a day for unlawful transportation of explosives. He was incarcerated in U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, on May 19, 1914, and was discharged from this institution May 19, 1915.

These records reflect that Fitzgerald was married, his wife, Mrs. J. C. Fitzgerald, living at Toledo, Ohio, at that time. He gave Toledo, O., as his address. He gave his occupation at this time as telegraph operator and stated he had no children and his parents were not living.

DETAILS

Following are the aliases recorded by the Penitentiary, used by Fitzgerald: Charles J. Fitzgerald, alias Charles Morgan, alias W. M. Funk, alias J. M. Hammond, alias Frank West, alias "Chi Clim", alias "Slim" Williams, alias "Big Charley", alias "Big Fritz".

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Following is a list of persons who visited Fitzgerald at Atlanta Prison:

Mrs. C. J. Fitzgerald,	Chicago, Ill. July 4, 1914
C. C. Abernathy, Atty.,	Chattanooga, Tenn. July 4, 1914
Mrs. C. J. Fitzgerald,	Chicago, Ill., July 6, 1914
Mrs. C. J. Fitzgerald,	Chicago, Ill., July 7, 1914
T. C. Hamilton,	No address, Feb. 10, 1915.

Following is a list of letters sent by Fitzgerald from the Atlanta Prison:

Miss Jessie Fitzgerald, sister	111 Park Road, Chicago, Ill. June 1914
Mrs. C. J. Fitzgerald, wife	42 Ontario St., Toledo, O. Nov. 1914
C. C. Abernathy, Atty.	Chattanooga, Tenn. Aug. 1914
Mrs. C. J. Fitzgerald, wife	623 N. Avon St., C/O Will Walters, Rockfort, Ill.
Miss Jesse Fitzgerald, sister	619 Walnut St., Chattanooga, Tenn. Aug. 1914
Miss Jessie Fitzgerald, sister	1167 S. Wabash St., Chicago, Ill. Sept. 1914
John McMullen, friend	1162 S. Wabash, Chicago, Ill. Dec. 1914
Harry E. Carpenter, friend	General Delivery, Chicago, Ill. Jan. 1915

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Jesse Fitzgerald, sister	Toledo, Ohio. June 1914
Jesse Fitzgerald, sister	Springfield, Ill. June 1914
Mrs. C. J. Fitzgerald, wife	c/o Minnie Walton, Rockfort, Ill. Oct. 1914
C. E. Kruss, friend	Toledo, Ohio. Nov. 1914
Wm. P. Walters, friend	623 N. Avon, Rockfort, Ill. Jan. 1915
C. C. Abernathy, Atty.	Chattanooga, Tenn. Jan. 1915
Harry, friend	Chicago, Ill. Jan. 1915

Mr. B. F. Bates, record clerk, Atlanta Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga., stated that he was clerk at the Penitentiary at the time Fitzgerald was incarcerated there and that he remembers him but does not remember with whom he associated while in the prison. Warden Aderhold was a guard at the prison at that time but does not remember Fitzgerald. Photographs of Fitzgerald were obtained at the Penitentiary.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents Wm. T. Morton and W. P. Friar, at Memphis, Tenn., and vicinity on the above date.

About 4:00 P.M., while Special Agent Friar was in the office of the U. S. Attorney, Memphis, Tenn., the house detective, Gayoso Hotel, Memphis, Tenn., called over the telephone and advised that he thought he had some news of interest for the Division. The writer advised that he would immediately proceed to that Hotel, which he did, accompanied by Special Agent Morton.

In the lobby of this hotel, agents were introduced to one Bob Dudley, who advised that he was an inspector of the Gasoline Inspection Unit, State Highway Department, Nashville, Tenn. Dudley then advised that while enroute from Nashville to Memphis on instant date, he picked up a woman near the town of Huntingdon, Tennessee, and rode her to a farm house located approximately twenty-seven miles from Memphis; that while he and the woman were riding along, he had occasion to converse with her on various subjects; that she told him that her name was Mamie; that she was from Oklahoma and had lived and worked near the oil fields and wells located in that state; that she had known "Machine Gun Kelly" well but that his name was not Kelly but George Barnes and he used to operate a garage in Memphis; that she knew where "Pretty Boy Floyd" was at the present time; that numbers of people thought that Floyd was in Oklahoma, but that he was in Arkansas; that she told him the name of the town in Arkansas but that he had forgotten same; that he had taken her to a farm house located approximately two and a half or three miles from the town of Arlington, Tennessee, where she advised him that she expected to stay for a few days; and that this woman talked rather convincingly relative to her knowledge of the whereabouts of Floyd.

Agents proceeded to the farm house described by Dudley and found same to be located about three miles from Arlington on Route 2 and located on farm land owned by one Bob Griffen, Galloway, Tennessee. The house is approximately 300 yards from the gravel road and is a two-story frame structure. A neighborhood inquiry disclosed that said house was and had been occupied for the past two or three years by a farmer by the name of Terry Holden; that his wife was dead; that he had several children; and that his mother, who is an invalid, stayed at the house with him.

Walter Burrow, Rural Mail Carrier on Route 2, Arlington, Tenn., advised that he knows Terry Holden only slightly, that Holden receives very little mail, that most of his mail is from a sister who lives in Arkansas, that he understood her name was Mrs. Mamie Canada, and that he could give very little information relative to Holden's reputation in the community.

B. Frank Thomas, Route 2, Arlington, Tenn., who lives and farms approximately half a mile from the home of Terry Holden, advised that he has known Terry Holden about four or five years; that Holden had a very good reputation in the community; that, to his knowledge, Holden had never been in any trouble, that he had never seen any strange people or cars around the Holden home or farm; and that he could not state positively whether Holden had a sister living with him at the present time or not. Thomas was interviewed under pretext and agents did not reveal their identity.

A description of Mrs. Mamie Canada, as related to agents by Bob Dudley, is as follows:

Name	Mrs. Mamie Canada
Age	38
Weight	140 lbs.
Color of Hair	Black
Build	Heavy

Appropriate arrangements were made to interview Mrs. Mamie Canada and she was subsequently interviewed by Special Agent T. E. Nance at the Majestic Hotel, Memphis, Tenn., and advised that she knew "Pretty Boy" Floyd, but did not know his present whereabouts. She further stated that in her opinion he was living at the time in Van Buren, Arkansas, but could not give any reason for such opinion or state where he could be located at that place.

She promised that upon her return to Oklahoma, she would notify Agent Nance at the Birmingham office, of Floyd's whereabouts, stating that she was unwilling to contact any other person in the matter for fear of being killed if her connection with the case should become known in Oklahoma.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The BIRMINGHAM OFFICE at Chattanooga, Tenn., will make proper inquiry from criminal records of Fitzgerald and report all data obtainable as to friends, relatives, and other associates which may lead to his whereabouts. Also ascertain if C. C. Abernathy,

Atty., is located in Chattanooga and interview him relative to any information he may have regarding Fitzgerald. Ascertain from U. S. Clerk's records if others were involved with Fitzgerald when he was sentenced at Chattanooga in May, 1914.

At Memphis, Tenn., will make proper inquiry for criminal records of Fitzgerald and report all data obtainable as to friends, relatives and other associates and any other information that may be valuable in the location of Fitzgerald.

At Montgomery, Ala., will endeavor to obtain any available information about Richard Tallman Galates, subject in this case, through Pat Sturney.

The CHICAGO OFFICE, at Chicago, Ill., will make appropriate inquiries of John McMullen, 1162 S. Wabash and at 1167 S. Wabash and 111 Park Road, addresses given by Miss Jesse Fitzgerald, concerning whereabouts of Fitzgerald or for any information helpful in tracing him. Will also endeavor to contact Harry E. Carpenter, whose address was given as General Delivery, for the same information.

At Rockfort, Illinois, will make similar inquiries of William P. Walters, 623 No. Avon and of Minnie Walton.

The DETROIT OFFICE, at Toledo, Ohio, will make similar inquiries of C. E. Kruss, if he can be located, and at 42 Ontario St., an address given by Mrs. C. J. Fitzgerald.

Two photographs of Fitzgerald, U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga., #4975, are attached to the Kansas City Office's copies of this report. One photograph is likewise attached to copies of the reports for the Division, Chicago and Detroit offices.

P E N D I N G

C.F. Fitzgerald

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DALLAS TEXAS,
May 3, 1934.

E E CONROY
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I VESTIGATE SHOOTING AFFRAY BETWEEN STATE HIGHWAY POLICE AND TWO MEN AND WOMAN SUSPECTED BEING BARROW AND COMPANIONS EARLY THIS MORNING AT SPRINGFIELD MISSOURI NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE

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5034 U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
May 4, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

On May 1st, 1934, I received a communication from the Division dated April 27th, 1934, in which the Division referred to my letter dated March 16, 1934, wherein I requested that the .45 Colt Automatic, abandoned at Mason City, Iowa, on March 13th, 1934, bearing No. 91620, Model 1911, United States property, be traced. The Division further informed that no record of this gun could be located through the War Department.

A copy of this letter appears to have been directed to you, and since this office can locate no record in this matter, I will be pleased if you will let me know what you know about the matter, and if the Division's letter was mis-directed to me.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division.

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

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

Dear Sir:

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

From a recent review of the file of the instant case in the Kansas City Office there have been found certain memoranda which appear to be of interest to your office and which are transmitted herewith as follows:

Memorandum dated July 9, 1933, at Creston, Iowa, by Special Agent O. C. Dewey referring to identifications of parties who robbed the Ottumwa Savings Bank at Ottumwa, Iowa, September 9, 1930.

Copy of letter dated July 10, 1933, at St. Joseph, Missouri, addressed to Special Agent in Charge Vetterli, of this office, signed [redacted] a confidential informant, referring to various members of the Nash Gang, some of whom are said to reside in Chicago, Illinois. Attention is called to the references to Roger Touhy and Joe Saltis, of Chicago.

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Memorandum dated July 7, 1933, received by this office from the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department by Police Detective Rowland, referring to Vernon C. Miller and a party known as "Murphy", probably identical with C. J. Murphy who frequented the Rosedale Bath House at Kansas City, Kansas, during the Summer of 1933.

The above are furnished for your information.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

62-78915

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
MAY 9, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

From a review of the instant file in this office there has been found a communication which may be of interest to your office and a copy of same is forwarded herewith. The communication is a letter signed by [redacted] a confidential informant, addressed to this office dated July 10, 1933, at St. Joseph, Missouri, furnishing information regarding Frank B. Mulloy and other contacts of the Nash Gang. It is noted that reference is also made in the communication to the Shelton gang of St. Louis.

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This is being furnished at this time for your information.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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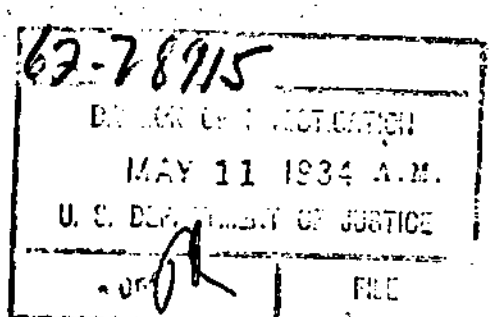

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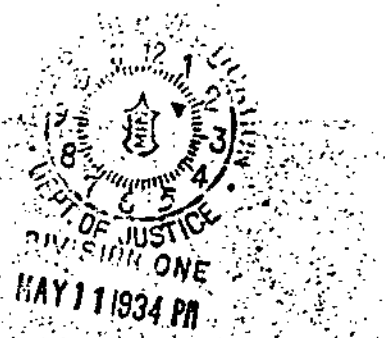

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

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

From a review of the file in the instant case at this office there have been found memoranda, copies of which appear to be of interest to your office and same are transmitted as follows:

Memorandum by Special Agent O. C. Dewey dated at Creston, Iowa, July 9, 1933, relative to identification of the parties who robbed the Ottumwa Savings Bank, Ottumwa, Iowa, September 9, 1930.

Memorandum by Special Agent R. B. Nathan, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, June 24, 1933, and referred to on Page 18 of the report of W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, July 3, 1933, with particular reference to automobiles serviced at the Barnes-Collard Motor Company (Chevrolet Agency), Leavenworth, Kansas, around April 18, 1933. You will note mention of "C. W. Davis, St. Paul, Minnesota", as having had service on a 1933 model Chevrolet Sedan, Motor Number 3511319, Minnesota license tags for 1933 number B14-859. Evidently this data may be of interest in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

A memorandum received from the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department during June 1933 referring to an identification made by an unknown party of the photograph of Vernon C. Miller, which appeared in the Kansas City newspaper, as a likeness of a friend of Mrs. Dan Boggari. It is noted that persons who allegedly identified this photograph are said to have a rendezvous about four miles from Bemidji, Minnesota, on Bass Lake. The communication was received by the Police Department here anonymously.

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The above are furnished for your information and any investigative action you deem advisable.

Very truly yours,

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cc - Division

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

SUITE L FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
MAY 9, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
503-a U. S. Court House & P. O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

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

From a review of the file in the instant case at the Kansas City Office there is found a memorandum which may be of interest to your office and a copy of same is transmitted herewith. Same is a memorandum dated July 9, 1933 at Creston, Iowa, by Special Agent O. C. Dewey, referring to identifications of the individuals who robbed the Ottumwa Savings Bank at Ottumwa, Iowa, September 6, 1930, which robbery was mentioned by Arthur Johnson, a convict in the Colorado State Penitentiary.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc- Division

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P. O. Box 709
Portland, Oregon

May 9, 1934

Warden
U. S. Penitentiary
McNeil Island, Washington

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this Division, will you kindly forward any samples of handwriting available at the penitentiary of one Walter Benjamin Palmer, who served a term in your institution for violation of the White Slave Traffic Act. From information available here he was sentenced at Pocatello, Idaho, on April 5, 1929 to serve a sentence of one year and one day. If you have any letters or other communications in addition to his signature I will appreciate receiving same for the purpose of comparing with handwriting here, and will be glad to return any such samples as you may forward by return mail.

Thanking you in advance for the above and your many past courtesies, I am

Very truly yours,

C. C. STEARS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Division

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P. O. Box 709
Portland, Oregon

May 10, 1934

MAY 15 1934 AM

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1583
Butte, Montana

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

Dear Sir:

This will refer to your telegram of the 7th instant pertaining to a letter postmarked at La Grande, Oregon, May 5, 1934, and addressed to the United States Marshal at Boise, Idaho; this communication being signed "Hazel" and containing information that Charles Arthur Floyd, alias Pretty Boy, was in La Grande, Oregon.

Please be advised that investigation at La Grande definitely determined that the information contained in the letter is unfounded. The woman referred to in the communication as Mrs. Race is Mrs. Lora Race of La Grande, who is known to be demented. However, investigation developed that she did not write the letter. There is some indication that one Walter Benjamin Palmer, who was sentenced at Pocatello, Idaho in 1929 for violation of the White Slave Traffic Act, and who is now employed as a cook at the Salvation Army headquarters at La Grande, may have written the letter. Walter Benjamin Palmer is referred to in your file 31-636, and I am writing to inquire whether or not you have any samples of Palmer's handwriting which I desire to use in comparing with the handwriting appearing in the note signed "Hazel".

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Suite L
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri.
May 11, 1934.

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

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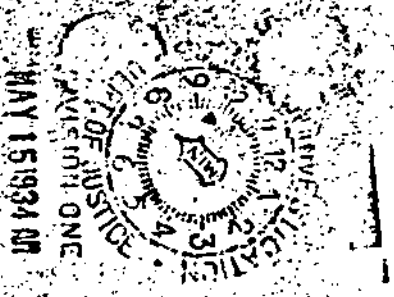

Dear Sir:

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

Kindly refer to the fourth paragraph on page one of Division letter of May 4, 1934, regarding the entitled case. The Division calls attention to a variance with respect to information furnished by your office. It appears that Special Agent T. M. Birch, a new employee, conducted certain investigation. Later, Special Agent K. D. Deaderick, an experienced employee, went over the same ground and found certain discrepancies in the investigative report of Agent Birch. Accordingly, this appears to be a matter relating to personnel.

It is respectfully requested that your office communicate with the Division with regard thereto, and furnish this office with a copy of your letter.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge.

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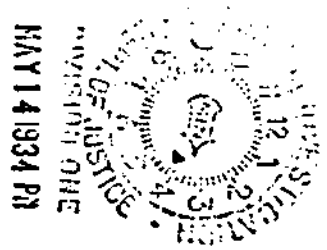


Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

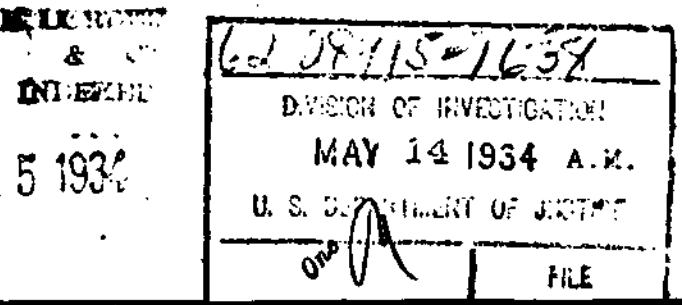
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of May 8, 1934 addressed to all offices in connection with the investigation involving RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201, et al.

This is to inform that copies of all reports, communications and memoranda which contained information of possible value to the investigation, were currently furnished the Kansas City Office.

While the investigation was active in this district in July, August and September 1933, what may be termed a continuing memorandum was maintained. The various agents assigned to the investigation, daily dictated and added to this memorandum. Naturally some of the information developed proved upon further investigation to be absolutely immaterial. When a report was prepared and submitted, the memorandum was not incorporated in it verbatim, due to the immateriality of certain information developed. For example, in August and September 1933 a tap was maintained on the telephone of Louis Buchalter. A log was maintained covering all outgoing and incoming telephone calls. Very few, if any, of these calls were germane to this investigation. Practically all of them had to do with food, newspepers, delicatessen shop, the florist shop, and other purely personal items. This log was quite lengthy and was included in the memorandum but not included in the report.

Inasmuch as the only written matter not furnished by this office to the office or origin, are these continuing memoranda,



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and inasmuch as the only information not incorporated in the reports from these memoranda, is of no possible value to the investigation, the Division is requested to inform this office whether copies of these continuing memoranda should be furnished the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

F.X. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Kansas City Office.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
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Collinsville, Illinois,

May 7, 1934

Mr. Homer S. Cummings,
Attorney General,
Washington, D. C.,

Dear Attorney General:

Could you or our Grand President, Franklin D. Roosevelt find it in your heart to send out a statement to Charles Arthur(Pretty Boy Floyd)that you would save him from the death penalty if he(Floyd)will surrender, plead guilty and take a life sentence.

He is nothing to me, just a bad criminal but the statement of his wife in the St. Louis Globe Democrat about their boy is really pathetic. Then I think that act would have an incentive that would cause other desperadoes to take their eyes off the mountain that they are fleeing to and cause them to reflect and change their course.

Fraternally yours,

Isaac D. Dalton

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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P.O.Box 515, St.Paul,Minn.

May 12,1934.

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

Dear Sir: Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases(deceased)etal.
CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD FEDERAL PRISONER.
St.Paul File No.62-838

With reference to your letter of May 9,1934, transmitting memoranda of certain agents as well as a copy of a Kansas City Police Report, it is noted that in the above mentioned police report a place owned by a MRS. DAN HOGGARI is mentioned as being the place where six persons have, for the past three years, visited and apparently agree that the photograph of VERNE MILLER appearing in the Kansas City Times, is a likeness of a friend of MRS. DAN HOGGARI.

For your information, this is undoubtedly the resort of MRS. DAN HOGAN, widow of DAN HOGAN, former leader of the Twin City Underworld, who was killed a few years ago by the placing of a bomb on the self-starter of his automobile. She has a place known as LEE'S LODGE on Bass Lake, near Bemidji, Minnesota. This office has known for the past year that this place was a probable hoodlum hangout. A perusal of the police report indicates that same was not anonymous as the first sentence of the second paragraph requests that under no circumstances must the source of the information be revealed. It also mentions, "hang, shoot, or imprison these fellows," et cetera, which indicates that the Kansas City Police Department received more information than was furnished to your office.

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In the event this assumption is correct, will you kindly furnish this office with whatever further information you may be able to receive from the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department.

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Very truly yours,

O.C.HALL, ACTING,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Suite L
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
May 12, 1934.

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), Et Al,
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Kindly refer to Division letter of April 16, 1934, which pertains particularly to Adam Richetti.

It is noted that investigation is now under way by the Kansas City office and other Division offices which should result in securing complete information which the Division may use in the preparation of an Identification Order on Adam Richetti. In connection therewith, the Division may deem it inadvisable to issue an identification order in the immediate future, in view of steps being taken by this office at the present time to secure the services of Confidential Informant "G." Complete details regarding the same are being transmitted to the Division this date under personal and confidential cover. It is felt that the issuance of an Identification Order might cause publicity, which apparently should be avoided, in the event that this confidential informant is used.

This office anticipates securing in the near future a complaint and warrant against Adam Richetti, charging him as a conspirator in the entitled case. This complaint will be secured secretly, in order to avoid any publicity, and in order to keep from placing Richetti on his guard.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City, Missouri FILE NO. 62-7

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Butte, Montana	5/9/34	5/7/34	Russell Bryon drd

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

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Letter received by U. S. Marshal, Boise, Idaho, from La Grande, Oregon, postmarked May 5, 1934, 6:30 P.M., signed Hazel, advising that Pretty Boy Floyd had been in La Grande, Oregon, for the past six or seven weeks; that further information could be obtained from Mrs. Race, care Salvation Army Home, La Grande, Oregon.

FBI MAY 14 1934

Details:

At Boise, Idaho

The United States Marshal received a letter from La Grande, Oregon, postmarked May 5, 1934, 6:30 P. M., which was on Foley Hotel stationery, which read as follows:

"United States Marshal
Boise, Idaho

Floyd Haried known to you as Pretty Boy Floyd is in La Grande and has been for 6 or seven weeks. You can come to La Grande and get more particulars by inquiring at Mrs Race c/o Salvation Army Hdqtrs.
(Signed) Hazel."

DETAILS: This information was immediately telegraphed to the Portland Office and the letter was mailed direct to the Portland Office from Boise, Idaho. This letter was considered important as it may be from one of the above Subject's women whom he has discarded and she may give information as to Subject's whereabouts.

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DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: R. Baldy acting SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Suite L
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri.
May 11, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Receipt is acknowledged of Division letter of May 4, 1934, regarding the entitled case.

Investigation is being conducted at Kansas City, Mo., at the present time with reference to Dr. Fred Farr and George Lindsey, Jr. It has been ascertained that the correct name of Mike Pitts is Piscone, and that he is now incarcerated in the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, on a long sentence. He will be interviewed at that place at the earliest practicable moment.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

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Dear Sir: RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, et al -- Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner

With reference to your letter of May 8, 1934, relative to furnishing the Kansas City office with copies of all communications and memoranda on this case, you are advised that the Charlotte office file reflects that the Kansas City office has copies of all communications and memoranda on file here.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Fagan

LBR:F
cc-Kansas City
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R. L. FAGAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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ST. LOUIS, SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 6, 1934

Son of 'Pretty Boy' Floyd Brought Here for Proper Rearing

Lad of 9 Comes to City with Mother to Be Placed in Church Hands.

Jack Dempsey Floyd, 9-year-old son of the widely sought Oklahoma desperado and killer, Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, has been brought by his mother, Mrs. Ruby Hargrove Floyd, to St. Louis where she is making arrangements for the youngster to be enrolled in church and Sunday school.

Resembling his notorious father in facial appearance, the boy, when seen yesterday with his mother, seemed interested in the usual childish attractions, but did not like to talk about the activities of his bad-man father, known as the phantom bandit of Oklahoma.

"Pretty Boy," who is 30 years old, has been a fugitive from justice for about five years. During that time he has been accused of approximately seventy-five bank robberies in various states, thefts of a score of automobiles, innumerable minor crimes and machining-gunning to death a dozen peace officers and others who have sought to capture him.

He is known as a ruthless killer who has been hunted with armored cars, airplanes and machine guns,

SON OF DESPERADO

Was Fine Husband.

"Charley and I were schoolmates in Salliaw," she said, "and he was a fine husband after we were married 14 years ago. Then about 1925 he went north looking for a job and got into bad company. His first offense was a Kroger store holdup in St. Louis for which he served a penitentiary sentence.

"He adores Jackie and tries to see the boy and me whenever he can. He wants the boy baptised and enrolled in church and Sunday school. His ambition is to give the boy a good education and have him go into a profession.

"I love him dearly although his activities have caused me no end of worry and sleepless nights. Maybe some day it will be possible for him to come home safely and live a peaceful life with us without being hounded constantly by officers."

Asked about the many killings her husband is credited with—rewards aggregating $10,000 have been offered for his capture, dead or alive—she denied knowing he has killed anyone.

"When he got into trouble," she continued, "he did not realize what he was getting into. Now, it is a question of self-preservation for him.

Worse Men Than Him.

"There are worse men than my husband who are walking the streets enjoying their liberty. He was a wonderful man to me and during hard times several years ago in our community in Oklahoma he fed several hundred poor families.

"He is not guilty of all those

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

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

Suite L
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri.
May 7, 1934.

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

Personal and Confidential

Dear Sir:

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

The office confidential file in this office was recently reviewed and in same there were found certain memoranda and communications relating to the above entitled case, copies of which do not appear to have reached the Division.

Copies of these have been made and are being forwarded herewith to the Division, same being as follows:

Letter from Special Agent in Charge Colvin, June 29, 1933.
Memorandum by Special Agent in Charge Jones, June 30, 1933.
67D Letter from [redacted] Confidential Informant, July 1, 1933.
" " " " July 2, 1933.
" " " " " " July 5, 1933.
" " " " " " July 10, 1933.
" " " " " " July 11, 1933.
Memorandum by Special Agent F. S. Smith, July 11, 1933.
Letter from [redacted] Confidential Informant, July 12, 1933.
" " " " July 13, 1933
" " " " " " July 15, 1933.
" " " " " " July 17, 1933.
Memorandum by S.A.C. Dwight Brantley, July 18, 1933.
Telegram to Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Okla. City, Okla., 7-18-33.
" from " " " " " " " "
67D Letter from [redacted] Confidential Informant, July 20, 1933.
" " [redacted] " " July 20, 1933.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

June 29, 1933
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Gus. T. Jones,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Gus:

In accordance with word brought me by Agent Frank Smith, I am directing informant [redacted] to report to you tomorrow morning and to work under your instructions. He will introduce himself as [redacted] I have advanced him a hundred dollars. What are the instructions from the Bureau? Is he to be paid on a voucher or on Blue Slips?

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I don't know anything about this boy; but Frank Smith wouldn't let up until he was tried. I hope he can produce the goods. I enclose his picture so you will know him. He is thinner now than the picture shows.

You will probably have to arrange to get him out of stir in case he is picked up as he is almost sure to be. Keep me posted and tell me what you want done.

Ralph.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
July 11, 1933

Memorandum for SAC Colvin:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE,
(Endeavor to deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash)

Pursuant to your instructions the writer contacted confidential informant from Hot Springs at Little Rock, Arkansas on the 7th instant. He stated that Galatas, gang No. 1 man at Hot Springs, has not showed up since his disappearance shortly after the killing; that he expects him to show up most any time at Hot Springs and that when he does, he, informant, will then be able to obtain all facts in his possession, together with the identity of the killers and their possible future plan of operation. He stated that in his opinion Herb Farmer, who is No. 1 man for the gang organization at Joplin, actually participated in the massacre and that he is the individual thought to be "Pretty Boy" Floyd as he closely resembles him, however, that he has no definite information to establish this line of theory. Further, that one White is the No. 1 man for the gang organization at Chicago and no doubt he was communicated with from Hot Springs by telephone after the apprehension of Nash, and that White probably directed the operations with reference to the massacre; that in his opinion the members of the massacre squad went to Chicago and are probably "cooling off" in Wisconsin around a hideout they have situated on or near some lake. Informant mentioned the Wisconsin Dells, having recalled hearing the inside mention this particular place. He further stated that Walter Hamlin is the gang's No. 1 man at Eureka Springs, Arkansas; that he has a filling station and tourist camp on a water front near Eureka Springs, which is operated for the protection of the gang; that Hamlin is closely connected with a Congressman in that district who lends them every assistance. He further stated that U. S. Judge Martineau of Arkansas is absolutely "fixed up" with the gang organization and lends them perfect protection through the Courts; that one Charlie Lockefeller, who operates a bath house at Hot Springs; is the "Go-between" for the gang with Judge Martineau.

Informant further advised that after the killing Galatas came to him and told him that there were only three men in Hot Springs who knew that Nash was there and these three men were he, Galatas, the United States Commissioner, through whom the gang gets all information

concerning Government matters of interest, and informant. Galatas stated that he would kill the man who furnished the information of Nash's identity; that he, informant, told Galatas that he would help him; that he told him this in the interest of protection. Informant stated that Herbert Graham, mugman for the Post Office Department at New York City, has the criminal records of Walter Hamlin and his brother, who is associated with him at Eureka Springs, and Herb Farmer, and in fact numerous other members of the gang organization. He further stated that Murray Humphreys, a gang member, wanted by the Government in connection with income tax violation, was in Hot Springs a week or so before Nash was apprehended; that "Bugs" Moran was also there and carried a heavy bodyguard with him.

Informant expressed the belief that he would be able to obtain conclusive information as to the participants in the massacre and details of the handling of the situation by the gang within the very near future. It is clearly evident, however, from his conduct that he is deathly afraid of the results of exposure. He stated to the writer that he is afraid that either S&C Colvin or the writer will be kidnaped by the gang and tortured until they divulge the information as to who put the "spot" on Nash, and cautioned the writer in that respect.

The informant stated that if the Oklahoma City Bureau office desired to confer with him, to communicate with him by telephone, mention a car case, giving motor numbers, and then say enough to indicate what they wanted and he would immediately respond.

Informant further stated to the writer that the gang organization has a "setin" in New York City through which they get any information desired from the Bureau and expressed the belief that the same condition existed in other spots and warned the writer that the Bureau should be careful and cautious in setting up reports containing information of interest if they ever expected to get results; that unquestionably such information would leak out and get into the hands of this gang organization. He stressed on the magnitude of this gang organization involved in this particular case and laughed at the comparison with that of Al Capone. He stated that Frank Nash was traded into this organization through a deal made at Detroit, based on his general abilities and especially on account of his being a nitro expert. Informant warned the writer against agents carrying in their baggage or brief bags information of interest to gangdom due to danger of pilferage in hotels or theft of baggage.

It will be noted that information herein involves men of high standing in the Government service and the writer feels that every precaution should be taken to safeguard the information herein from the possibility of a leak.

E. G. Smith

(RE: Vernon C. Miller - Deceased - et al,
Obstruction of Justice,
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner,
K. C. File # 62-760.)

Kansas City, Missouri.
July 16, 1933.

MEMORANDUM. (CONFIDENTIAL) K.C.File #62-760-

[redacted] appeared at the Bureau office, expressing a desire to furnish certain information concerning Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd and Wilbur Underhill.

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[redacted] he had talked this matter over with his father, who advised him to report the matter to the Government.

[redacted] stated that he is acquainted with Special Agent Frank Smith of the Oklahoma City Bureau office, who conducted investigation of a case in which he was a Subject, and which resulted in his imprisonment at Leavenworth, Kansas. The Kansas City Bureau office has a file on this case, and it was consulted. Information relative to [redacted] given by himself checks with the information contained in this file.

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[redacted] says that he knows Wilbur Underhill and has seen him since the Lansing prison break and since the shooting at the Union Station; that one George Ford of Eldorado, Kansas, wanted him to get in touch with Underhill and sent him, [redacted] to Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, to contact Underhill, which he did in a hotel there, the name of which he doesn't know. He said Underhill is now growing a mustache and appeared to be alone.

[redacted] stated that he saw Pretty Boy Floyd at Fort Scott, Kansas, last Friday evening at the home of one Helen Gardner of that city, whose exact street address he doesn't remember, but he knows that she resides with another family there, the name of which he doesn't remember. He stated that Floyd was driving a new Ford coupe with an Illinois license; that he is well armed and was complaining about being named as a participant in the Union Station shooting. He stated that Floyd told him that he believes that Verne C. Miller is "pretty hot;" that he, Floyd, knows Miller well, and has visited him in Kansas City, Missouri.

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[redacted] stated that while in Leavenworth prison he became acquainted with a prisoner by the name of Julius Craft, who is from South Dakota, and knows Verne Miller; that Craft's wife, Meta, Meda or Mena, is now

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residing somewhere in Kansas City, Kansas, and that some of the parties who escaped from Lansing prison, as well as other criminals, are frequenting her home, and that he believes it would pay to watch this house. (It was ascertained from Leavenworth prison that the address of Julius Craft's wife is #26 South 6th Street, Kansas City, Kansas.)

67D [redacted] stated that he is certain that he will be able within a very short time to inform this Bureau office as to the whereabouts of either Underhill or Floyd; that all he needs is expense money to make a trip to Ft. Scott, Kansas, and Eldorado, Kansas. He was furnished money for expenses. He said he would use the name of [redacted] 67D in communicating with this office. He was furnished the names of Agents Jones and Brantley and instructed as to how he should communicate with them in case he obtains any information.

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Dwight Brantley,
Sp.Agt.

(Telegram) (RE: Vernon C. Miller - Deceased - et al,
Obstruction of Justice,
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner,
K. C. File 62-700.)

K.C.Mo. 7-18-1933

COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES
CARE SECRETARY OF STATE
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE(Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner FRANK NASH)

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BUFFALO, N. Y.	5/14/34	5/10/34	G. V. DOHERTY

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

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mr. and Mrs. Lee H. Cady, Leroy, New York, advised they have received no additional information as to present whereabouts of Dick Galatus or his wife; however, indicated that Galatus may be in Mexico or South America and furnished the name of one Shutz of Detroit, Michigan, as a person in the theatre business with whom Galatus was friendly; also indicated that a $30,000.00 deposit was made by Galatus approximately eight years ago. Long distance telephone calls charged to Leroy 49 and 481 procured and set forth.

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REFERENCE: Report Special Agent G. V. Doherty, New York City, dated 2/28/34 and Special Agent W. Carter Baum, Chicago, Illinois, dated 4/3/34.

DETAILS: AT ROCHESTER and LEROY, NEW YORK

DETAILS: Mr. J. E. Wykoff, Rochester Telephone Company, Lincoln Alliance Bank Building, upon being interviewed, advised the writer that the following are the only toll calls which were made from February 14 up to and inclusive of May 8, 1934 to the following numbers:

Leroy 49 - Has not had any long distance telephone calls during the above described period.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: J. P. MacFarland SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Leroy 481 - listed under the name of Roscoe W. Babcock on March 8, 1934, had a long distance call to Dr. Mun, Detroit, Michigan, at Townsend 88-7094, at 9:20 p.m.

- On March 8, 1934, a call was made from the same number to Dr. Mun at Townsend 88-7094 at 1:19 a.m.

Mr. Wykoff stated that his files indicated that Lee H. Cady to date has not had any telephone installed. He also had his files searched to ascertain if any wires were received or sent over the telephone lines, but there is no record appearing which would indicate that any wires had been sent or received and charged to said number.

Mr. Lee H. Cady, 22½ Lake Street, Leroy, New York, upon being interviewed by the writer, advised that he has not received any information as to the possible whereabouts of Dick Galatus; that since last being interviewed he has communicated with several of the relations, but that none of the family have heard from Betty to date; that he received information that various relations in Canada had been interviewed by agents of this Division, and that said relatives have, in turn, communicated with others, but no one has received any information from Betty or Dick; that his wife received a letter recently from Lena in California, and that Lena advised his wife that Mrs. Galatus had called at her home recently and indicated that she had not heard anything from Betty or Dick. However, said letter indicated that Mrs. Galatus at the time was very anxious to procure a trunk which had been left in Hot Springs, Arkansas and that said trunk presumably contained a lot of Mrs. Galatus' clothes; that there was also a radio which was in Hot Springs, Arkansas and that Lena indicated to his wife that she would like to get said radio. Mr. Cady was unable to state whether or not Mrs. Galatus had suggested that Lena assist her in procuring said trunk and that she would receive the radio for any assistance which she might render. This information is being set forth for whatever value can be attached thereto, the writer having no knowledge as to the trunk, or its contents, about which Mrs. Galatus spoke.

Mr. Cady, continuing, advised that the more he has considered the case of Dick, the more he is inclined to believe that Dick is in Mexico or maybe in South America, and in speaking of South America, Mr. Cady stated that possibly Dick may have interested himself in the show business, due to the fact that approximately seven or eight years ago Dick was connected with one, Shutz, and with him operated the Broadway Vaudeville House in Detroit, Michigan, which was a burlesque house. Mr. Cady was unable to supply any further information relative to said Shutz, nor was he able to supply any information as to the said show house, other

than that it was on Broadway, downtown, in the city of Detroit, Michigan.

During this conversation, Mr. Cady spoke of a transaction which occurred approximately eight years ago in the city of Detroit, Michigan, when Dick Galatus requested that he introduce him to some banking institution; that he at the time introduced him to, he believed, the American National Bank, which bank was subsequently taken over by, he believed, the Citizens' Traders Bank, said banks no longer being in existence, although he believed that they subsequently consolidated with some larger banks in said city. At that time Dick Galatus deposited $30,000.00 in cash in said bank, and this information is being set forth in the event the office of origin has not received any information in this regard that might possibly be checked to ascertain Dick Galatus' other banking connections.

The writer questioned both Mr. and Mrs. Cady for a considerable period of time, however, they were unable to supply any information other than that stated above. Both indicated their willingness to co-operate with the Buffalo Division office and stated that in the event they received any information, same would be immediately transmitted to said office.

In view of the fact that the Buffalo office is not in possession of a complete file on instant case, no leads are being set forth for the Detroit, Michigan office to check the information set forth in this report, same being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

AT LEROY, NEW YORK - The Buffalo office will subsequently interview Lee H. Cady and his wife for what additional information they may have. Will also contact the Post Office Department, ascertaining whether or not they are still maintaining a cover on the mail being sent to the Cadys and Babcocks, and also for what other information they may have of value.

AT ROCHESTER, NEW YORK - Will check the long distance telephone calls being made to and from Leroy 49 and Leroy 481, subsequent to May 8, 1934.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

LAH:AMP.

June 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Reference is made to the letter addressed by the St. Louis Division office to the Kansas City Division office under date of May 14, 1934, in connection with the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased), RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1201, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner. This letter refers to Division letter dated April 30, 1934, transmitting the criminal record of Charles J. Fitzgerald, Identification Unit #95780. The letter referred to above dated May 14, 1934, indicates that investigation by the St. Louis, Missouri Police Department reflected that Charles J. Fitzgerald was arrested on July 20, 1916, by the St. Louis Police Department, charged with assault. The Identification Unit file reflects that Fitzgerald was arrested July 20, 1916, charge, bank burglar and robber - discharged. This information appears on a fingerprint record in the files of the Identification Unit.

The St. Louis Division office letter dated May 14, 1934, in paragraph six recites that Fitzgerald was arrested by the Memphis, Tennessee Police Department on December 7, 1918; charge, counterfeiting; no disposition. The file at the Identification Unit in this regard shows a fingerprint card received from the Memphis Police Department, indicating that Fitzgerald was arrested December 7, 1918, as a suspected safe blower and that he forfeited $50.00.

The St. Louis Division letter dated May 14, 1934, also refers to Henry Comstock, Identification Unit file #86448, indicating that Comstock was arrested February, 1904, for burglary and sentenced to three years. The Identification Unit file reflects that Comstock alias Carroll was sentenced to 2½ years at the Utah State Prison.

The transcripts of record previously prepared in the Identification Unit with reference to Charles J. Fitzgerald, Identification Unit file #95780 have shown as a notation the following: "WANTED: As John Craig Hammond, (poss. ident.), grand theft. Notify SO, Los Angeles, Calif., per inf. recd. 12-13-32 and per inf. recd. in Daily Police Bulletin, PD, Los Angeles, Calif., 3-10-33." Information received from the Los Angeles Division office under date of June 4, 1934, indicates that the John Craig Hammond referred to in this notation is not identical with Charles J. Fitzgerald.

Two corrected copies of a transcript of the criminal record of Charles J. Fitzgerald are transmitted herewith for the Division's files.

Respectfully,

L. A. Hince

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter, dated April 30, 1934, directed to the Kansas City Division Office relative to the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased), RICHARD T. LILLIAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1201, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner, which letter transmitted therewith a complete criminal record of Charles J. Fitzgerald, Division #95780.

Investigation at the St. Louis, Mo. Police Department reflected that Charles J. Fitzgerald of Kansas City, Mo. was arrested on July 20, 1916 by the St. Louis Police Dept., together with one Henry P. Carroll of 215 W. 9th St., Pueblo, Colo., charged with the assault of one George Woelfel, 2623 E. Arlington Ave., St. Louis. The report covering the assault charge reflects that Charles J. Fitzgerald was in possession of a bulldog and entered a saloon where George Woelfel was apparently drunk and after considerable abusive talk Fitzgerald caused the bulldog to attack Woelfel, after which a general "brawl" took place and Henry P. Carroll was also injured.

At the time Fitzgerald and Carroll were arrested they had in their possession a Ford automobile, which car, after due investigation by the Police Dept., was found to be the property of Henry P. Carroll, he having purchased same in Denver, Colo.; also, at the time of the arrest of these individuals they were in possession of several watches, guns and ammunition, all of which were found to be the legitimate property of Fitzgerald and Carroll by the St. Louis Police Department.

The St. Louis Police Dept. records further reflect that Henry P. Carroll is a known associate of Charles J. Fitzgerald and at the present time Henry P. Carroll is confined in the State Prison at Salt Lake City, Utah under #5940 serving a sentence of five years imposed on December 21, 1932 upon a charge of breaking and entering. Carroll during his activities has used the aliases of Thomas O'Brien, Harry Carroll, Frank Calvert, Henry Comstock and his St. Louis Police Department number is 10901.

Henry P. Carroll, under the name of Harry Carroll, on Jan.

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2, 1907 was sentenced to serve six months time in Jail at St. Joseph, Mo. upon an unknown charge and under the name of Frank Calvert was sentenced to serve 3½ years time in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas under date of March 30, 1909 upon a charge of counterfeiting, same having been committed at Lincoln, Nebraska. Under the name of Henry Comstock, Carroll was on February 15, 1904 sentenced to serve three years time in the Utah State Penitentiary for burglary and at the present time he is wanted by the Sheriff's Office at Yankton, South Dakota under the name of Frank Calvert, he having escaped from the Sheriff on August 8, 1912.

The St. Louis Police Dept. files further reflect that when Charles J. Fitzgerald was arrested in Memphis, Tenn. under the name of Daniel Mathias Logan, alias T. M. Logan, on December 7, 1918 he was accompanied by one William Burke, Memphis Police Dept. #3051, and James C. Jones, Memphis Police Dept. #3066 and with one A. F. McAllester, Memphis Police Dept. #3067, the details of which are not available from the St. Louis Police Dept. records, except the charge was that of counterfeiting.

When Fitzgerald was arrested in Detroit, Mich. on January 30, 1919 under the name of Charles Jordan, with aliases, #11006, he was accompanied by one John Russell, alias Morgan, the details of which arrest are not available from the St. Louis Police Dept. files.

When Fitzgerald was arrested at Chattanooga, Tenn. on April 23, 1914 he was seen at that point with one Frank Mathews, alias J. C. Winnfield, the details of which are not known to the St. Louis Police Department.

There appeared to be no leads in the St. Louis district relative to the present whereabouts of Fitzgerald. Lieut. Walter Heitz of the Identification Bureau, St. Louis Police Dept., advised it was his understanding that Fitzgerald could be located in Minneapolis or St. Paul, Minn. and that he was sure he was not in and about St. Louis inasmuch as Fitzgerald was well-known to the personnel of the St. Louis Police Dept. who would arrest him upon sight.

Very truly yours,

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

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P. O. DRAWER 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri.

May 14, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 21, 1934 in the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased), RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1201, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash, in which letter you request that the St. Louis file in the case [redacted] b7D office of origin St. Louis, be thoroughly reviewed and appropriate leads set forth which might result in the location of Adam Richetti, whose whereabouts are desired by the Division in the instant massacre case.

Please be advised that a review of the St. Louis file in this case reflects that the only report containing any information whatsoever concerning Eva Simpson, nee Eva Richetti, and her relatives is that of Special Agent A. C. Russell, dated December 28, 1931, St. Louis, copies of which were furnished the Kansas City Division office. The other reports contained in the St. Louis file deal only with [redacted] b7D in which no valuable information was obtained.

Inasmuch as it appears that the Kansas City Office is in possession of all material information in connection with the above White Slave Traffic Act case the matter of setting forth proper undeveloped leads is being left to the discretion of that office.

Very truly yours,

F. F. YEARSLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation
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Suite L
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
May 10, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Special Agent in Charge Dowd of the Salt Lake City office dated May 3, 1934, copy of which is attached hereto relative to tracing a .45 Colt Automatic abandoned at Mason City, Iowa, on March 13, 1934, the gun bearing Serial No. 91620, being a 1911 model.

Altho it is stated in Mr. Dowd's letter that a copy of Division communication to Salt Lake dated April 27, 1934, was designated for the Kansas City office, I fail to find that a copy of this letter has been received at this office. It appears that the original inquiry directed to the Division under date of May 16, 1934, was in the form of a letter from Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni to the Division under the caption of VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases(deceased)ET AL, etc., a copy of Mr. Hanni's letter having been furnished this office.

The above information is being furnished, as it is thought that the Division will desire to send a copy of its letter dated April 27, 1934, addressed to the Salt Lake City office, both to the St. Paul and Kansas City offices.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

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

Dear Sirs

Reference is made to your letter dated March 16, 1934, wherein you requested that the .45 Colt Automatic abandoned at Mason City, Iowa, on March 13, 1934, bearing #91620, Model 1911, United States property, be traced.

Please be advised that through the War Department, all arsenals were requested to check their records with respect to this gun, but information has been received from Mr. Kahlert of the Ordnance Division, War Department, that no record of this gun could be located.

The above information was inadvertently furnished the Salt Lake City Office in a letter of the Division dated April 27, 1934. It appears from the Division file that a copy of this letter, addressed to the Salt Lake City Office, was furnished the Kansas City Office, as well as a previous Division letter relative to this same matter, dated March 28, 1934.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

Dear Sir:

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

There are being transmitted herewith three copies of a memorandum dated May 9, 1934, by Special Agent W. E. Miller of this office relative to inquiries made at West Plains, Missouri, in connection with the ballistic evidence found after the murder of Sheriff Kelly there during December, 1931.

It will be noted that additional investigation is being made in the vicinity of West Plains, Missouri, in connection with the location of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, who are said to have certain contacts in that vicinity, and who are charged with the murder of Sheriff Kelly.

Two copies of the memorandum of Agent Miller are being forwarded to the St. Paul office for information in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping case.

The Kansas City office has in its possession at this time the ballistic specimen mentioned in Agent Miller's memorandum, which was received from Raymond Tiner at West Plains, and which is said to have been fired from one of the pistols used in the murder of Sheriff Kelly.

Sergeant F. M. Massey of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, stationed at West Plains, Missouri, was interviewed several days ago by Special Agent W. F. Trainor of this office, when contact was had with him in connection with another case, and at that time,

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he advised that he could secure all available information at West Plains, Missouri, in connection with Karpis and Barker, and that his inquiries would not arouse any suspicion in the minds of probable friends of those parties there, because of his permanent assignment at West Plains. He was requested to seek all available data and he was particularly requested to pick up any ballistic evidence, which might have been found after the murder of Sheriff Kelly.

On May 11, 1934, Sergeant Massie notified this office by long distance telephone that he had secured a .45 calibre projectile which had been fired from one of the pistols at the time Sheriff Kelly was killed. Apparently he secured this from Raymond Tiner. He was requested to send same to this office by registered mail with appropriate information as to the source from which he received it, and same is being done.

It is requested that the Division authorize this office to submit these two ballistic specimens to Merle A. Gill, Forensic Ballistician at Kansas City for comparison with the evidence bullets in the instant case and with other ballistic specimens, which he has in his possession.

In the memorandum of Agent Miller it will be noted on page two. paragraph five, that a bullet is said to have lodged in the body of the deceased Sheriff Kelly, which was not removed before his burial, and this bullet would probably be in excellent condition for an analysis. The wife of the deceased Mr. Kelly became Sheriff after his death and has been very energetic in her efforts to bring about the capture of Karpis and Fred Barker. It has occurred to this office that Mrs. Kelly would no doubt be willing to cooperate to the extent of authorizing the disinterment of the body of her deceased husband, in order that the bullet might be removed and used as evidence. No approach has been made to her in this connection.

The Division is respectfully requested to advise whether such action would meet with its approval. There would be

certain expenses incident to the exhuming of the body, and if the action is to be taken, it is requested that authorization be also given for the payment of these costs.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

WFT-c
cc-St.Paul(2)

Kansas City, Missouri
May 9, 1934

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, Deceased, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER
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Investigation was made at West Plains, Missouri, in compliance with lead contained in the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, 12-27-33, which disclosed that immediately following the murder of Sheriff C. W. Kelly at West Plains, Missouri, and the appointment of his wife to succeed him, she, together with James A. Bridges, Chief Deputy Sheriff, conducted a thorough investigation for the purpose of locating the murderers, who were identified from photographs as Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker, the identification having been made by C. W. Davidson, proprietor of the garage in which Kelly was slain, and also by some of Davidson's employees. Mrs. Kelly was subsequently succeeded by Els Siberling as Sheriff, who apparently had no connection with the investigation of the murder and, therefore, apparently knows nothing of interest concerning it.

James A. Bridges, formerly Chief Deputy Sheriff at West Plains, was interviewed and stated that immediately following the murder of Sheriff Kelly, Bridges and other parties, including C. W. Davidson, proprietor of the garage where Kelly was slain, conducted a very thorough investigation; located the car which was used by the murderers and later raided the home of a Mrs. Asher near Thayer, Missouri, which had been a hangout for Karpis and Barker for some time. They also arrested Karpis' wife when she came to West Plains looking for him. She was subsequently released, but while in custody advised that Karpis sometimes used the name of Ray Hamilton, Ray Dunn. She also furnished considerable information concerning hiding places and names of relatives of Karpis and Barker. Bridges advised that all of this information was filed away at his home and that as he was then working on a building at West Plains and would be so employed until late that night, it would be impossible for him to leave his work in order to get this information. He added that he has a photograph of Mrs. Karpis and considerable other material which he believes would be of interest in this investigation, unless the information had been previously obtained.

As I understood that investigation had previously been made in that vicinity concerning Karpis and Barker and that the only thing desired in my investigation was to obtain ballistic evidence in connection with the murder of Sheriff Kelly, I requested Bridges to assemble the data in his possession

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and have same available in the event an Agent of the Kansas City office should call upon him in the near future, this he agreed to do.

During the interview he advised that so far as known to him his son-in-law, Raymond Tiner, of Davidson's garage, had the only bullet which was recovered following the shooting of Sheriff Kelly.

Raymond Tiner was interviewed and delivered to Agent a .45 caliber bullet in the base of which Tiner had dropped some solder and inserted a wire loop, later using this bullet as a watch charm. Although the bullet has been considerably worn, the grooves cut between lands of the gun are still plainly visible and it may be possible to identify same. This bullet is being attached hereto in an envelope which has been labeled by me for identification. Tiner stated that he is willing for this department to use this bullet as long as is desired, but upon completion of the investigation he requests that the same be returned to him.

Accompanied by Tiner, Agent interviewed Kirk Benn, cafe operator, West Plains, Missouri, who stated that he has a .45 caliber automatic bullet which was picked up at the scene of the shooting of Sheriff Kelly; that such bullet had apparently dropped to the floor after passing through Kelly's body; that the bullet is in excellent condition and has merely been lying on the mantel of his home where it has not been subjected to any wear; that he has recently moved, and it will require a little time for him to locate the bullet, but he will locate the same and will notify the Kansas City office when the bullet has been located in order that it may be picked up by the first Agent in that vicinity.

C. W. Davidson, garage proprietor, and the other parties aforementioned advised that so far as known to them the two bullets are the only ones recovered; that a third bullet lodged under the skin at the back of Kelly's neck or shoulders, but was never removed; that the shooting was done with a .45 caliber automatic pistol which ejected the shells in the garage, the same were picked up and scattered by parties whose names at the present time are unknown. All of these men agreed to locate any further ballistic evidence in connection with this matter and to advise the Kansas City Division office of the results of their search.

Since returning to Kansas City I have discussed this matter with Agents Andersen and Trainor, who inform me that so far as known to them no investigation has previously been made in the vicinity of West Plains for the purpose of developing leads for locating Karpis and Barker. In view of this fact I believe that considerable information of value would be developed by examining the papers and other material in the possession of Bridges, above mentioned, and possibly by making investigation in the vicinity of Thayer,

Missouri, which was the hangout for Karpis and Barker for some time prior to the murder of Sheriff Kelly in December, 1931.

Sheriff Kelly was killed with a .45 caliber automatic pistol, according to the parties who witnessed the killing. If it is believed that the ballistic evidence is of sufficient value to warrant same, it is suggested that authority be requested from the Division to arrange for the exhumation of Sheriff Kelly's body for the purpose of recovering the bullet which is reported to be lodged in his shoulder directly beneath the skin as above mentioned. While Agent was in West Plains, Sheriff Kelly's widow, upon learning of Agent's inquiry, sought out Agent and expressed considerable interest in the investigation, as a result of which it is believed that she would readily assent to any move which had for its purpose the apprehension and prosecution of Karpis and Barker.

I expect to again be in the vicinity of West Plains in the near future and will at that time conduct further investigation concerning ballistic evidence and will obtain all available leads for the location of Karpis and Barker, unless contrary instructions are received.

W. E. MILLER,
Special Agent.

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May 22, 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, I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY
BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1194,
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 14, 1934 wherein you request authority to submit the two ballistic specimens obtained at West Plains, Missouri, which were found after the murder of Sheriff Kelly in December 1931, to Mr. Merle A. Gill, Forensic Ballistician at Kansas City for comparison with the evidence bullets in the instant case, and other ballistic specimens which he has in his possession. The Division desires that you forward the specimens forthwith to the Division for examination in its Technical Laboratory.

With reference to your request that the Division authorize expenses incident to exhuming the body of Sheriff Kelly for the purpose of obtaining additional ballistic evidence, the Division does not feel that any useful purpose will be served by authorizing that this be done.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. Dallas file: 62-410-

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DALLAS, TEXAS.	5-15-34	5-11-34	H.T. ARTERBERRY.

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATIS, w.a. FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; et al.	CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Jack Walters unknown at Overton, Texas. Mrs. S.F. Cooper has called a number of times recently for mail at General Delivery. Letter addressed to S.F. Cooper now at Overton, Texas Post Office unclaimed, which was received April 27, 1934. Mrs. S.F. Cooper described as small, dark-haired person.

P.

REFERENCE: Special Agent J.V. Murphy's report, San Antonio, Texas, dated March 30, 1934.

DETAILS:

Assistant Postmaster Brown, Overton, Rusk County, Texas, advised that Jack Walters and S.F. Cooper were unknown to him; that neither had called for mail in person, to his knowledge, but that Mrs. S.F. Cooper had been calling for mail occasionally for the past three months until recently; that he had a letter now addressed to Mr. S.F. Cooper from Credit Bureau, Los Angeles, California; that said letter was received at his office on April 27, 1934 but had been unclaimed. Mr. Brown described Mrs. S.F. Cooper as a small woman, neat in appearance, dark hair and eyes; no further description available. Mr. Brown further advised that Mrs. Cooper was always alone when she came for mail.

DETAILS: Accompanied by Deputy J. Walker Green and Ranger Reagen Stone, located at Overton, Texas, the writer called at local utilities offices, checked the pay rolls of local oil companies including the Humble Oil & Refining Company, the largest operator and employer of men in Overton Field, in an effort to locate and determine the identity of Mr. & Mrs. S.F. Cooper and Jack Walters, but without success.

Arrangements were made with the above named local officers who will be notified by Assistant P.M. Brown in the event anyone calls for letter ad-

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: R.G. Beaty SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE 62-28915-164 RECORDED AND INDEXED MAY 18 1934

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dressed to Mr. S.F. Cooper to make appropriate investigation and notify the Dallas Division Office by telephone of the results thereof.

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P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana,
May 16, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of, and replying to, your letter of May 10, 1934, in regard to letter from La Grande, Oregon, May 5, 1934, addressed to the United States Marshal at Boise, Idaho, and stating that probably Walter Benjamin Palmer may have written the letter, and asking for sample of handwriting, if available, of Palmer. I am sending herewith a letter supposed to have been written by Palmer to the Victim in the White Slave case for which he was tried and received a sentence of one year and a day on April 16, 1931; incarcerated at McNeil Island. I am also sending copy of a registration in a hotel register supposed to have been written by him. The case referred to is Walter Benjamin Palmer; Hazel Blankenship - Victim, White Slave Traffic Act; old Butte file 51-636. The victim in this case was feeble-minded.

Will you kindly return the letter when it has served its purpose? If necessary, samples of his writing or tracings of his writing or signature could probably be secured from McNeil Island.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Dickason
Special Agent in Charge

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TITLE:
VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased)
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, IO 1201; HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases,
~~FUGITIVE, IO 1189; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with~~
aliases, FUGITIVE, IO 1194, ET AL.

CHARACTER OF CASE:
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER
FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. Charles Arthur Floyd and son, together with E. E. Beech and party registered New Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, 5-1-34 and checked out therefrom 5-10-34 apparently enroute for Sperry, Okla. Microphones installed in rooms occupied by members of party but no valuable information obtained. Beech and party were in St. Louis for purpose of promoting a chart depicting that "Crime Does Not Pay." Beech an ex-convict, reliability doubted. Beech Mrs. Floyd and son now residing at McClellan Hotel, Wichita, Kansas.

P.

REFERENCE: Report Special Agent J. O. Hichew, St. Louis, Missouri, dated 3-14-34.
St. Louis Division Office letter, dated 5-6-34, directed to Division.

DETAILS:

On May 2, 1934 E. Edison Beech contacted Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, through Mr. Bunsen of the Crime Investigating Bureau, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri, and advised that he had, at that time, Mrs. Charles Arthur Floyd and her nine year old son, Jack Dempsey Floyd, in St. Louis, Missouri at the New Plaza Hotel, 3301 Olive Street; that his purpose in bringing them to St. Louis was to induce Mrs. Floyd to back a crime chart which he, Beech, intended to publish, and by which he intended to point out "Crime Does Not Pay." Mr. Beech suggested that this Office might desire to place a dictophone in Mrs. Floyd's room and arrange to overhear any conversation between Mrs. Floyd, her son, and other members of the party, which included Mrs. Robert (Faye) Collins, a cousin of Mrs. Floyd, a Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smith,

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: A. H. Yearsley Acting SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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who Mr. Beech included in the party to keep Mrs. Floyd company and keep her satisfied, the purpose thereof being to locate and cause the apprehension of Subject Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Accordingly on the morning of May 4, 1934, through the cooperation of Mr. E. E. Beech and Mr. C. M. Finch, the latter being the Manager of the New Plaza Hotel, a microphone was installed in Room 306, which was occupied by Mrs. Charles Arthur Floyd, her son, and her cousin, Mrs. Robert (Faye) Collins. The dictophone itself was placed in Room 206, directly below the room occupied by Mrs. Floyd. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smith occupied a connecting room, that is Room 308, in the same hotel, and on May 6, 1934 a microphone was placed in this room, attached to the dictophone in Room 206, the latter being occupied by Agents of this Office, accompanied by Detectives from the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. A twenty-four hour cover was maintained upon the above noted rooms until 6:00 A. M. 5-10-34, at which time Mr. E. E. Beech advised Special Agent J. M. Baker, of this Office, who was then on duty at said hotel, that Mrs. Floyd and other members of the party had become dissatisfied because he would not take them to the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus, which was then in St. Louis, Missouri, and they had decided to leave St. Louis; however, he, Mr. Beech, would remain in St. Louis for possibly two or three days, after which he would endeavor to induce Mrs. Floyd to return. Mr. Beech advised that the party was going to Sperry, Oklahoma, from whence they had come, and they were to stay with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smith. At the time of the departure, Mr. Beech was indebted to the Hotel Plaza in the approximate sum of $100.00, and had not checked out of the hotel.

During the presence of E. E. Beech and party in St. Louis, Missouri, they were in possession of a Buick sedan, which carried 1934 Oklahoma license No. 333-955, which car was used by them continuously while in St. Louis, Missouri.

During the maintenance of the cover upon E. E. Beech and party in St. Louis, Missouri, they were not noted to contact anyone relative to Subject Charles Arthur Floyd, and very little conversation was had in the room concerning Charles Arthur Floyd, none of which was material to this investigation.

Immediately upon ascertaining that Mrs. Charles Arthur Floyd and party, with the exception of E. E. Beech, had departed from St. Louis, Missouri, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Kirkwood, Missouri, was contacted, and requested to keep the car being used by the party under surveillance through the State of Missouri, and contact the Kansas City Office of this Division in the event said

party appeared in Kansas City, Missouri or took up residence at any hotel located within the Kansas City Division Office territory. This surveillance was immediately picked up in St. Louis County, at which time Missouri State Police ascertained that the automobile involved contained three women, two men and a boy, and that one of the men was described as E. E. Beech, there being no doubt that he was the other individual in the automobile. At this point Agent desires to point out that E. E. Beech failed to check out of the New Plaza Hotel, and departed therefrom without advising Mr. Finch, the Manager thereof, and without paying his hotel bill. Mr. Finch was advised of this fact, and informed Agent that Beech had made no arrangements prior to his departure from the hotel.

At the same time the Kansas City Division Office was advised by telephone of the above, and that the Missouri State Highway Patrol were maintaining a surveillance of E. E. Beech and party, and should they appear in Kansas City, Missouri, said State Patrol would immediately notify the Kansas City Division Office.

It is noted at this point that through the courtesy of Mr. C. M. Finch, Manager of the New Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, all incoming and outgoing telephone calls were covered, and the St. Louis Division Office advised thereof.

On May 7, 1934 Special Agent J. M. Baker, of this Office, then on duty at the New Plaza Hotel, overheard the following telephone conversation:

> "Hello, Callahan? Beech Talking. How are you, son? How's business? We will have to do some advertising. Did you see the Globe-Democrat yesterday morning,---the front page? No, --- the Globe. Coming down to see you in a few minutes. What's the address? 513 Locust? Will make you some money. 513 Locust. Will get me some clothes on."

On the evening of May 8, 1934 Mr. Callahan called at the St. Louis Office and advised Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd that he operated a saloon at 513 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri. He stated that on the evening of May 7, 1934 Mr. Beech, whom he had previously met in connection with an endeavor to publish certain crime charts in which Beech was interested, called at his saloon with Mrs. Floyd; that in the course of the evening Beech told Mrs. Floyd that Callahan was OK, and that his place would be a good spot for her to contact "Charlie." Mr. Callahan requested a photograph of Floyd, and advised that should he obtain any information as to the whereabouts, of in the event Floyd should call at his place, he would

immediately communicate with this Office. He further advised that he had learned that Beech had served a term in a Colorado Penitentiary. He was unable to advise under what name or upon what charge Beech served this sentence. Callahan advised that Beech was now endeavoring to have a crime chart published by the Wolff Printing Company, 1531 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

It is stated at this point that E. E. Beech did not advise any representative of this Division of the above noted telephone call nor of his conversation with Callahan while at the saloon.

During various interviews had by Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd with E. E. Beech, it was evident that he was a "promoter" and endeavoring to make a sum of money through the charts he was seeking to publish in connection with Subject Charles Arthur Floyd, in fact, he mentioned to Agent that he believed he could "clean up $50,000.00 on these charts."

Sometime before the departure of E. E. Beech and party from the New Plaza Hotel on 5-10-34, Special Agent Baker observed a Ford Victoria coupe, Missouri license No. 192-781, occupied by two men, in the vicinity of the New Plaza Hotel. The identity of the individuals in this car is not known at this time. Also, shortly prior to the departure of E. E. Beech and party from the New Plaza Hotel, a telephone call was received by Room 306 at 5:10 A. M., which is quoted as follows: "Hello --- yes --- all right." A woman answered the phone and is believed to be Mrs. Charles Arthur Floyd. The hotel clerk, upon inquiry, knew nothing of the call except that it was probably a call merely advising the party of the time of day, which had been made at their request.

The hotel records of the New Plaza Hotel reflect that E. E. Beech and party registered at said hotel on May 1, 1934 from Tulsa, Oklahoma, first being assigned to Rooms 432 and 422, which rooms were changed to 306 and 308 upon the request of Agent, in order that a microphone might properly be installed therein.

It is noted that E. E. Beech advised Mr. Callahan that he was endeavoring to have the crime charts published by the Wolff Printing Company, 1531 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. In this connection, Special Agent J. E. Daley, of this Office, interviewed Mr. A. B. Ebling, Vice-President and Mr. O. G. Balser, Office Manager of the Wolff Printing Company, correct address 1310 South Spring Street, regarding the printing of the Allegorical Charts, the sale of which one Mr. Beech was endeavoring to promote. It had been Mr. Beech's idea to sell these charts, depicting the progress of youth

along the path of rightousness and along the path to moral destruction, using and commercializing the name of the nine year old son of Charles Arthur Floyd, to wit, Jack Dempsey Floyd.

Mr. Ebling then stated that his concern had done some printing for Beech on one occasion last summer (1933) when about five thousand charts, displaying the picture of Winnie Mae Judd, were printed. Since that time some twelve thousand charts belonging to Mr. Beech have been started, and are now awaiting any new idea which Beech might propose. These charts are already lithographed, but are not complete; however, they do contain testimonials of prominent people as to the value of the charts in giving a moral lesson to American youth. Mr. Ebling further stated that his concern had no other dealings with Mr. Beech except in a business way; that they do no work for Mr. Beech unless immediate cash is received in advance; further, that about ten days ago Beech approached Mr. Ebling on the idea of making some charts on which he intended to use the picture of Jack Dempsey Floyd. There was no signed contract for this deal, but it was intended that five thousand charts be printed as soon as the photograph of Jack Dempsey Floyd was received. Beech encountered considerable difficulty in obtaining this photograph, without which the work upon the charts could not be started; to date, the photograph has not been received, and the Wolff Printing Company is awaiting Beech's return to St. Louis, Missouri.

It was Mr. Ebling's opinion that E. E. Beech is an ex-convict, he adding that his company was always careful in any dealings with Beech. Both Mr. Ebling and Mr. Balser stated that during their conversations with Beech, he made no mention of the Division of Investigation of the Department of Justice.

On 5-14-34 Mr. Finch, Manager of the New Plaza Hotel, advised Agent that he had on that date received information to the effect that E. E. Beech, Mrs. Charles Arthur Floyd, and Jack Dempsey Floyd were residing at the McClellan Hotel, Wichita, Kansas, having arrived there on the night of 5-13-34; and further that the other members of the party, namely, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smith and Mrs. Robert Collins, were then in Sperry, Oklahoma, address Post Office Box No. 475. Mr. Finch stated that he was of the opinion that Beech intended returning to St. Louis, Missouri with Mrs. Floyd and her son, and in the event they do return to this city, the St. Louis Division Office will be immediately notified.

Upon receipt of the information that Mr. Beech, Mrs. Floyd and her son were in Wichita, Kansas, the Kansas City Division Office was immediately contacted by telephone and advised thereof.

At this point Agent desires to state that when E. E. Beech and party were in St. Louis, Missouri, and particularly on the night of 5-7-34, all members of the party, except Jack Dempsey Floyd, were drunk; they cursed and talked loud, but created no disturbances otherwise.

Attention is invited to the reference report, and in connection with the lead set forth therein for this Office, it is stated that Mr. E. H. Huffman, Manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Hannibal, Missouri, has advised that telephone No. 5006-F-2 is assigned to George Kirtlink, R. F. D. #3, Hannibal, Missouri.

In this connection Sheriff Arch Leonard, Hannibal, Missouri, advised that Kirtlink was not of the best class of an individual, but was the type who would be likely to associate with Charles Arthur Floyd. Mr. Kirtlink resides on a farm, which would, according to Sheriff Arch Leonard, suffice for a good hide-out for a badly wanted criminal. Due to the recent rains and the necessity of Agent returning to St. Louis, Missouri, Kirtlink was not at that time interviewed; however, the matter is being given attention at the present time.

For the information of the interested Offices, E. Edison Beech is described as follows:

Age:	45 to 50
Height:	6' 0"
Weight:	220
Build:	Large
Hair:	Dark Brown
Eyes:	Brown, no glasses
Complexion:	Ruddy, smooth shaven
Teeth:	Good
Peculiarities:	Invariably wears what is commonly known as a ten-gallon cowboy hat; speech is of a boastful character.
Occupation:	Promoter.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY OFFICE: At Wichita, Kansas: Will conduct such investigation as deemed advisable in connection with the presence of E. E. Beech, Mrs. Charles Arthur Floyd and son at the McClellan Hotel.

At Jefferson City, Missouri: Ascertain to whom 1934 Missouri license No. 192-781 is issued, it being recalled that this was on a Ford Coupe seen in the vicinity of New Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri when E. E. Beech and party departed therefrom on 5-10-34.

At Jefferson City, Missouri: Will contact Missouri State Highway Police, and ascertain any facts in their possession concerning the points entered in the State of Missouri by E. E. Beech and party on 5-10-34, enroute apparently from St. Louis, Missouri to Sperry, Oklahoma.

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE: At Sperry Oklahoma: Will conduct such investigation as deemed advisable and necessary at residence of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smith, with whom Mrs. Robert (Faye) Collins, a cousin of Mrs. Charles Arthur Floyd, is residing. All facts relative to Mrs. Collins, her connections, etc. should likewise be developed.

SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE: At Denver, Colorado: At the Colorado State Penitentiary, ascertain nature of the charge upon which E. E. Beech was confined there.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE: At St. Louis, Missouri: Will keep in touch with Mr. Finch, Manager of the New Plaza Hotel, Mr. Callahan, who operates a saloon at 513 Locust Street, and the Wolff Printing Company, 1310 South Spring, for any information received by them relative to the possible present whereabouts of Subject Charles Arthur Floyd.

The remaining undeveloped leads in this district will likewise be given the necessary attention.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #2344
Boston, Massachusetts.

May 17, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, w.as.(Deceased),
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, w.as.-FUG.,
I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY
BOY" FLOYD, w.as.-FUG., I.O. #1194,
et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal
Prisoner.

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant concerning the above entitled matter, it is desired to advise that a review of this office file indicates that Kansas City Office has been furnished with copies of all reports, communications, and other memoranda relating to the investigation.

Very truly yours,

C. D. McKEAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

Dear Sir:

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 A FEDERAL PRISONER.

Reference is made to your letter dated May 8, 1934, relative to obtaining all evidence regarding the massacre and information regarding its perpetrators.

Please be advised that a review of the Birmingham office file reflects that copies of all reports, letters, photographs, with other data have previously been forwarded to the Kansas City Division office.

Very truly yours,

D. O. Smith

D. O. SMITH, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

CC: 2 Kansas City.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 15, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

With reference to your letter pertaining to this case under date of May 3, 1934 advising that Henry Bucker of Fairview, Oklahoma was possibly associated with Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, wish to state that Special Agent N. E. Marshall recently interviewed Mrs. Emma Johnson at Arnett, Oklahoma and she furnished the following information:

Mrs. Johnson stated that sometime about last Christmas, her daughter got into trouble with a boy in Arnett whose name was Carl Becker; that he circulated gossip to the effect that his brother, Henry Becker (not Bucker) was one of Floyd's right-hand men; that, however, she has later learned that Carl Becker, who is now married to her daughter, is entirely untruthful and that there is no foundation whatsoever to the effect that Henry Becker or Carl Becker are either associated with or known to Subject Floyd.

Very truly yours,

Earle M. Black

EARLE M. BLACK - Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Kansas City

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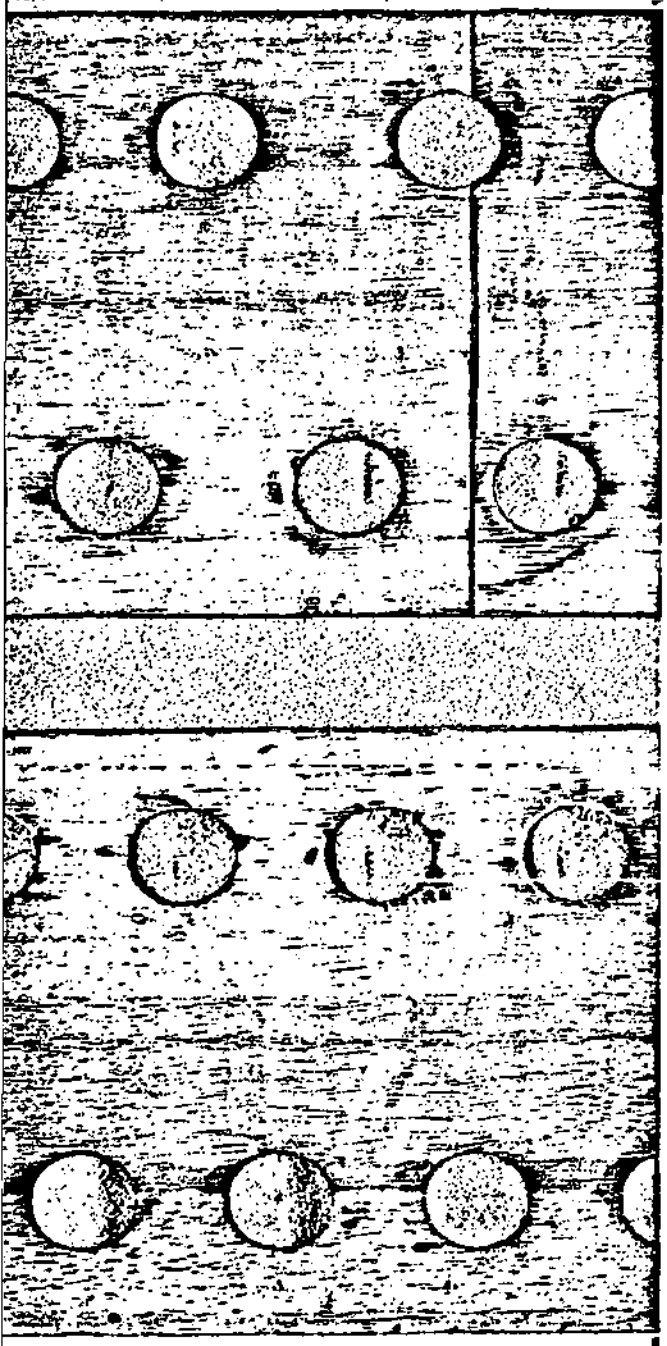

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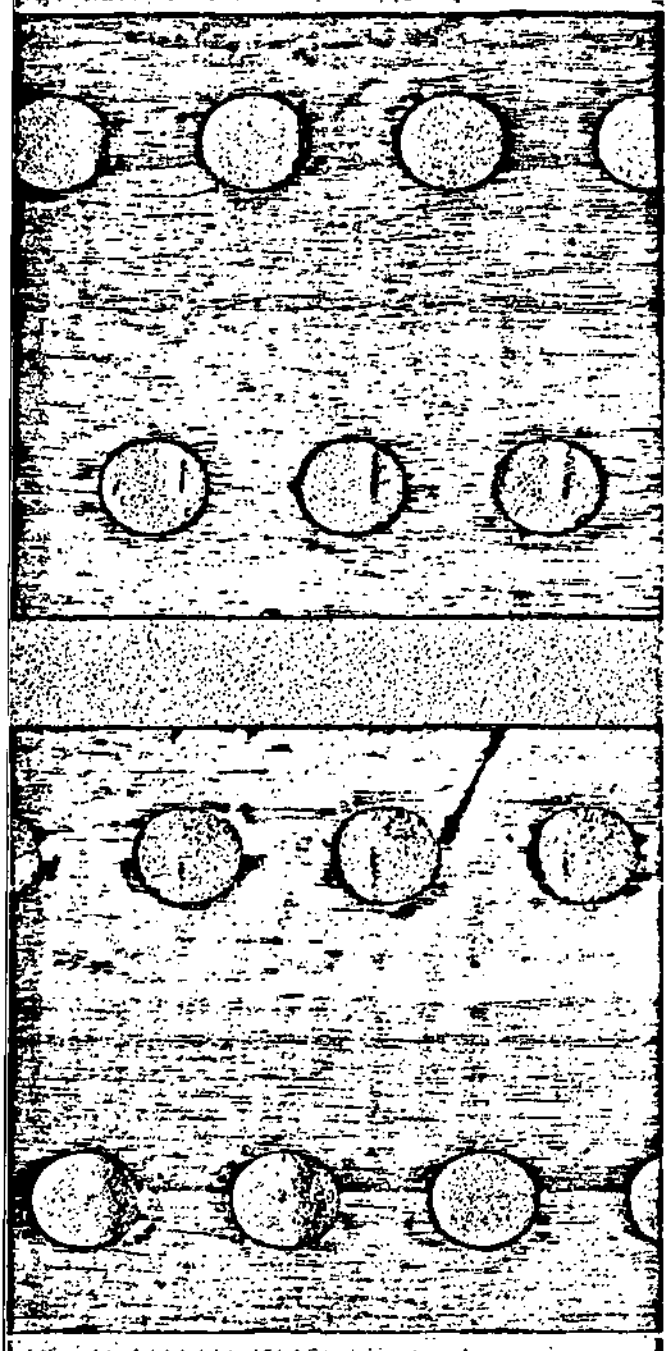

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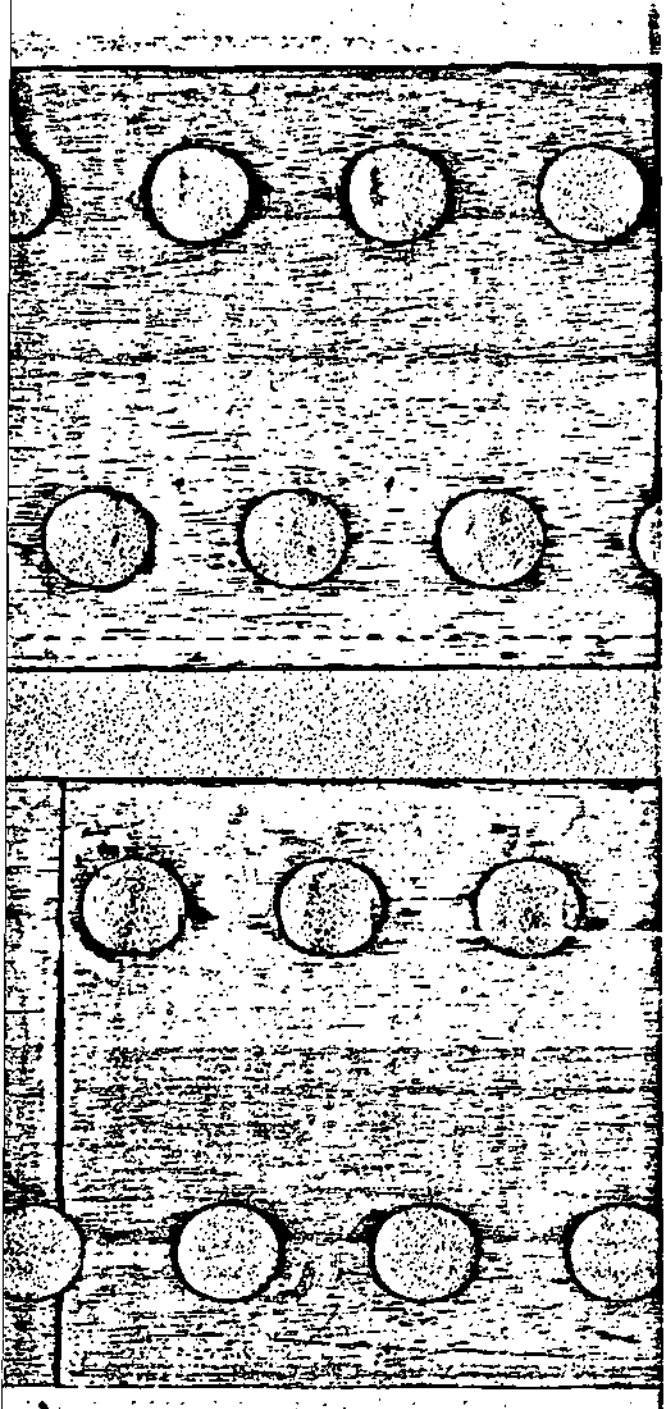

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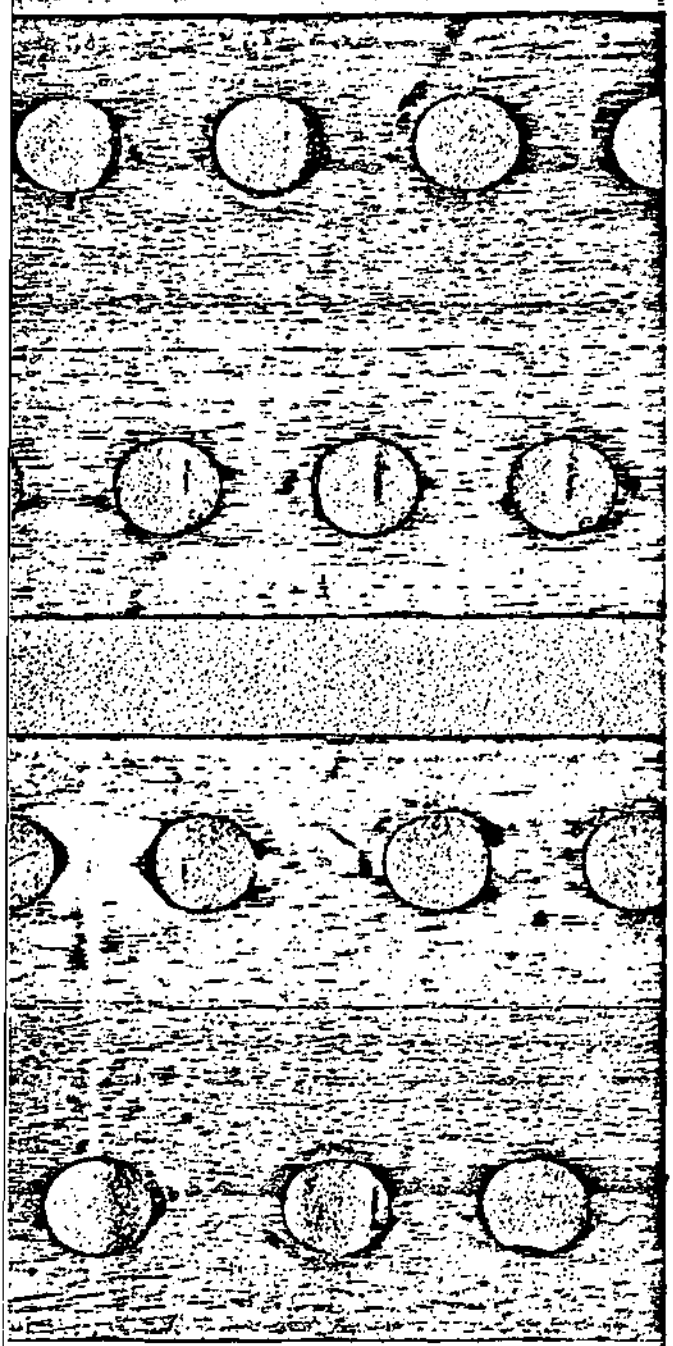

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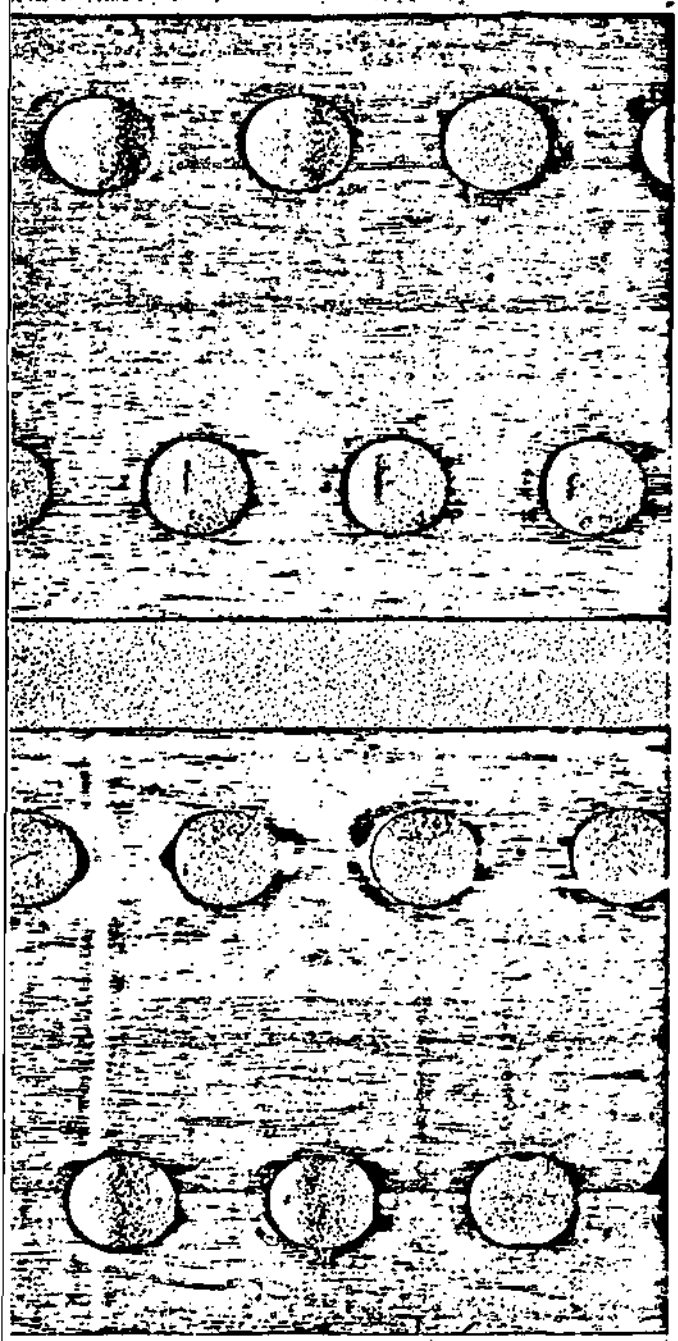

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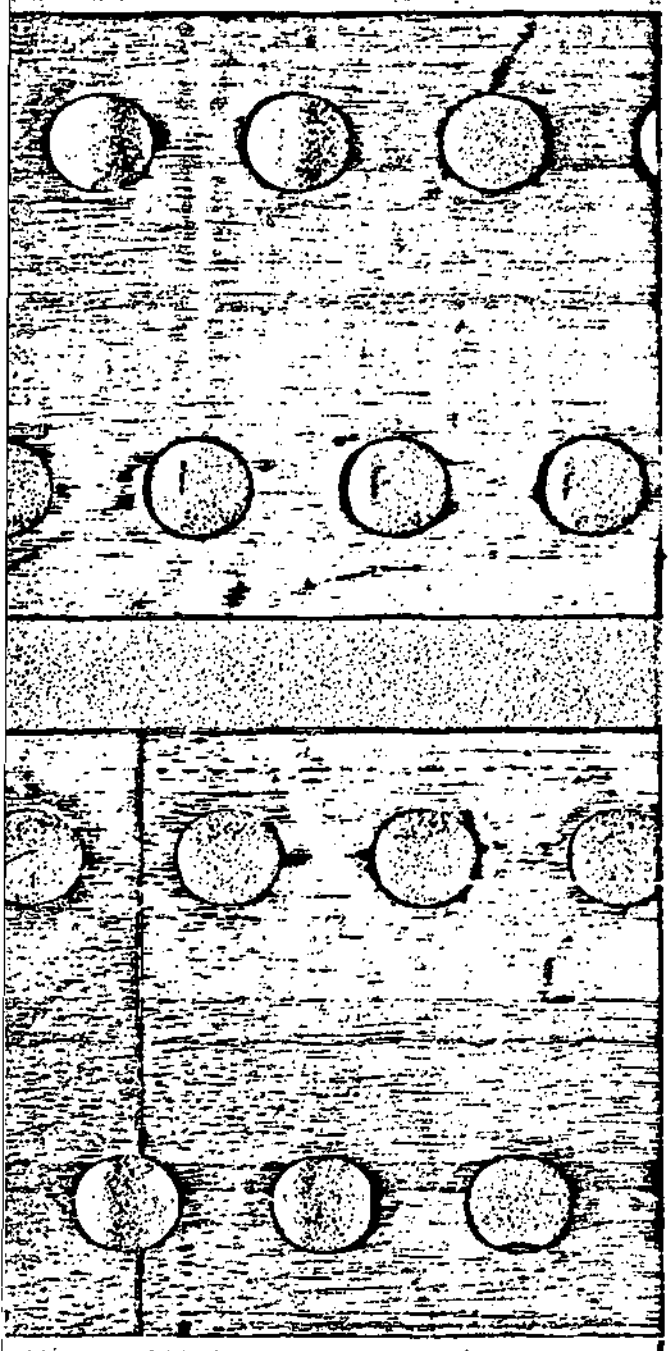

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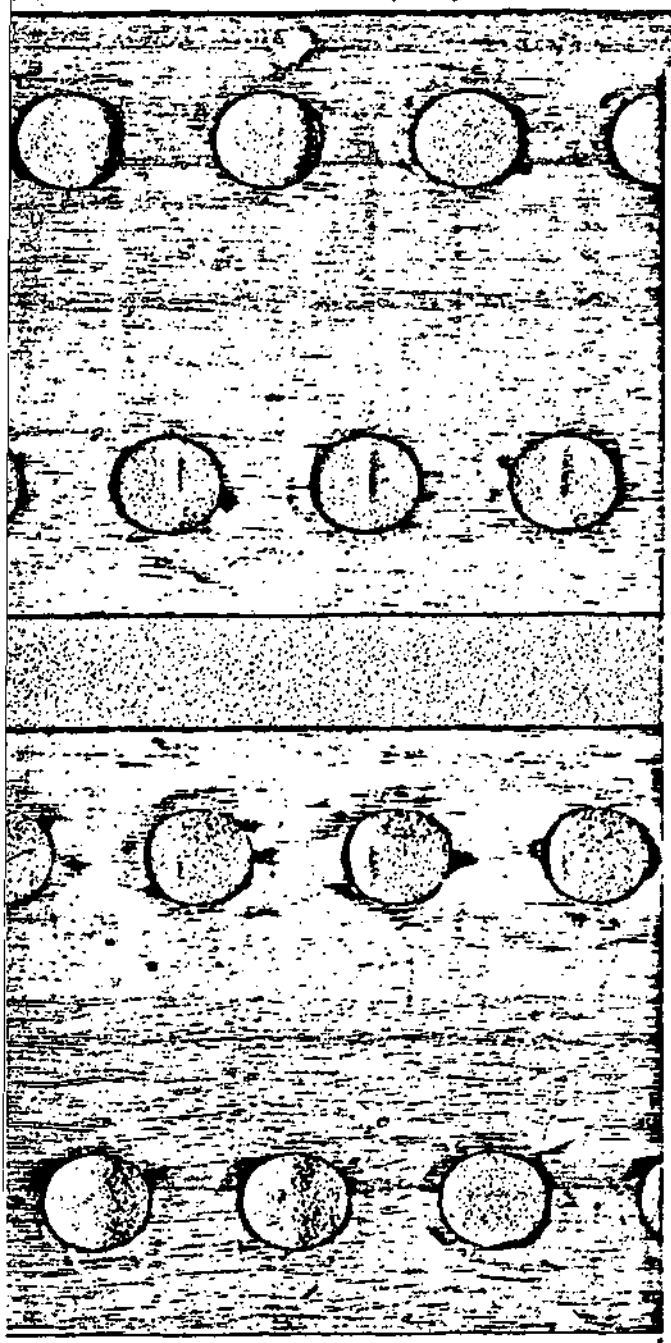

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JEH:HCB

May 16, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

Agent Black telephoned from Oklahoma City this evening. He told me of a conference he had had with A. E. Comstock, a criminal lawyer at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, who is representing "Pretty Boy" Floyd. He stated that Floyd is willing to surrender to our Agents upon the promise that he will be sentenced to Leavenworth for life instead of being sent to the electric chair. Comstock also requested a reward. I told Mr. Black to inform Mr. Comstock that we of course can make no promises as to the sentence, but that if he surrenders to us, we will take him alive. I instructed Mr. Black that if Floyd does surrender, the matter should be given absolutely no publicity, and he should be taken to our office for questioning on the Kansas City massacre. I told him I wanted the arrest kept quiet until it would be possible to make other arrests, and when an announcement is made, I desired the Attorney General to make it at Washington. I told Mr. Black that a reward of $500 might be offered to Comstock. Comstock has been in communication and knows exactly where he can get in touch with him. Mr. Black will proceed to Pawhuska immediately and will keep me advised of developments.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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May 17, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,
BUREAU OF PRISONS.

This Division, for some time, has been endeavoring to bring about the location and apprehension of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, who is wanted in connection with the murder of Special Agent Raymond J. Caffrey and four others, at Kansas City, Missouri on June 17, 1933. Floyd is known to be associating with one Ader Bichotti and it has been brought to the attention of the Division that a prisoner, [redacted] possibly be of some assistance to this Division in effecting the location and apprehension of Floyd.

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This prisoner is [redacted]

Special Agents of the Division have recently interviewed [redacted] at the Penitentiary and he has indicated a willingness to assist this Division in bringing about the location and apprehension of Floyd, in the event he can be released on parole. At the time of the interview with [redacted] there was on file a detainer placed against him by the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, but the detainer has now been removed inasmuch as the authorities at Joplin, Missouri do not desire to press prosecution of [redacted]

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It is not my policy to intercede in behalf of prisoners who are serving sentences in Federal institutions, but in this instance it is my opinion that the parole granted to this individual will be of material assistance in bringing about the apprehension of Floyd, who is a notorious murderer, and in the event the parole is granted it is suggested that it be granted on condition that he cooperate with representatives of this Division as outlined above.

[redacted] 67D

[redacted] The files of the Identification Unit of this Division do not reflect any other criminal record respecting this individual.

It is desired that this matter be treated as strictly confidential in that if it becomes known [redacted] is in any way assisting the Federal Government in connection with the search now being made for Floyd, his services will be of no further value. 67D

I shall appreciate your advice in this matter at an early date.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5/18/34	5/3/34	T. M. Birch

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

CHARACTER OF CASE: Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Harry Gideon, night officer at Maud, Oklahoma, and E. H. Cook, neighbor of Frank Hall who is a friend of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, have no further information relative to whereabouts of Floyd.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. J. Perkins, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 1-3-34.

DETAILS: The writer interviewed night officer Harry Gideon at Maud, Oklahoma. Mr. Gideon stated that he had no further information relative to Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, but that in the event he should receive any information he deemed valuable, he would immediately communicate with the Oklahoma City Division office.

E. H. Cook, a neighbor of Frank Hall who is a well known bootlegger near Maud, Oklahoma, was interviewed at his home and he stated that since the time mentioned in the report of reference, he had not noticed any activity around the Hall home and he did not believe that subject Floyd nor any of his friends had been visiting there, but in the event he should come into any information that would be of assistance in the apprehension of Floyd, he would immediately communicate with the Oklahoma City Division office.

DETAILS

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Dwight H. Connelley SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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CHARACTER OF CASE: - Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Adam Racchetti, Okla. State Penitentiary #25773, incarcerated there from 4/5/32 to 8/25/32 for safe keeping. Released on Court order (made bond). No correspondents while incarcerated there. Descriptive and personal data obtained.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, 4/21/34.

DETAILS:

Adam Racchetti, aliases Adam Richetti, Adam Richette, Adam Rechard, Adam Richard, received at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma on April 5, 1932 from Johnson County for safe keeping, having been charged with bank robbery. Racchetti's description at that time as reflected by the records is as follows:

DETAILS:

Age	23
Height	5 feet 7½ inches
Weight	139 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Nativity	Texas
Color	White
Complexion	Dark
Race	Italian
Marital Status	Single
Religion	Catholic
Drink	No

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Chew	No
Smoke	Yes
Occupation	Painter
Schooling	8th grade
Scars	3 inch cut scar left elbow inner
Fingerprint Classification	(19) 1 R IOI 10 M 1 U OOI 12
Mother	Elizabeth Racchetti, Lehigh, Oklahoma
Father	Bill Racchetti, Lehigh, Oklahoma
Brothers	Joe Racchetti, Bolivar, Missouri Bill Dematte, Dillonsville, Ohio Dave Racchetti, Dillonsville, Ohio Ralph Dematte, Lehigh, Oklahoma
Sisters	Marie Smalley, Wewoka, Oklahoma Eva Simpson, Lehigh, Oklahoma Minnie Sustick, Dillonsville, Ohio

There is no record of Racchetti having corresponded with anyone while incarcerated in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, nor is there any record of any visitors he might have received.

His criminal record reflected by the penitentiary records is as follows:

As Adam Richetti, #887, arrested P.D., Hammond, Indiana 8/7/28; charge - hold-up. Held to criminal Court. ✓

As Adam Richetti, #7674, arrested S.O., Crown Point, Indiana 8/8/28; charge - hold-up. Held to criminal Court. ✓

As Adam Richetti, #18243, received State Reformatory, Pendleton, Indiana 9/22/28 from Crown Point; crime - robbery; sentence - one to ten years. Disposition not given. ✓

As Adam Rechard, #-----, arrested S.O., Sulphur, Oklahoma 3/9/32; charge - bank robbery. Pending. ✓

A letter is being directed to the Sheriff's Office at Sulphur, Oklahoma requesting that they furnish the Oklahoma City office with the final disposition of the case of bank robbery against Adam Rechard for which he was arrested March 9, 1932.

The only handwriting specimen available at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary is Racchetti's signature signed "Adam Richetti". This was clipped from the Chaplain's card and is being forwarded herewith to the Division to be used in the issuance of an Identification Order.

There is contained in the Oklahoma City file several pictures of Racchetti. These pictures, taken in 1932, are said by the record clerk at the State Penitentiary to be a good likeness.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The Kansas City Division Office

At Bolivar, Missouri will place a mail cover on relatives of Adam Racchetti.

The Cincinnati Division Office

At Dillonsville, Ohio will place a mail cover on relatives of Adam Racchetti.

The Oklahoma City Division Office

At Lehigh and Wewoka, Oklahoma will place a mail cover on relatives of Adam Racchetti.

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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, $300.

Signature of Adam Racchetti

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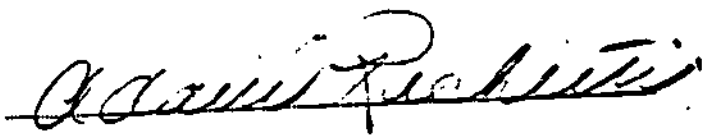

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 18, 1934

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases, I.O.#1201 - FUGITIVE; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD alias "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, I.O.#1194 - FUGITIVE; et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash.

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephonic conversation with you May 17, 1934 in regard to this matter, please be advised that upon my return to the City today, I found a letter dated May 14th from Blaine Danley, U. S. Probation Officer, Memphis, Tennessee. I interviewed Danley in January of this year when I was in Memphis conducting some investigation in an effort to locate Galatas. Danley put me in touch with an informant at Memphis who contacted Lou Conners in an effort to obtain some information from her as to the whereabouts of Galatas. The letter from Danley indicates that he is in a position to obtain information as to the whereabouts of Galatas and that this information is coming through another source, and his informant is willing to "put Galatas on the spot" but wants $1,000 for doing it. The letter further suggests that I come to Memphis and take the matter up in person and that I wire him the date I will arrive there.

Pursuant to authority granted by you for me to proceed to Memphis, I wired Danley that I would meet him for a conference in Memphis Sunday morning May 20, 1934. He wired me to the effect that the date will be satisfactory. I therefore propose to leave Saturday night, arriving in Memphis Sunday morning for this conference.

You will be advised of any developments.

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Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Kansas City.

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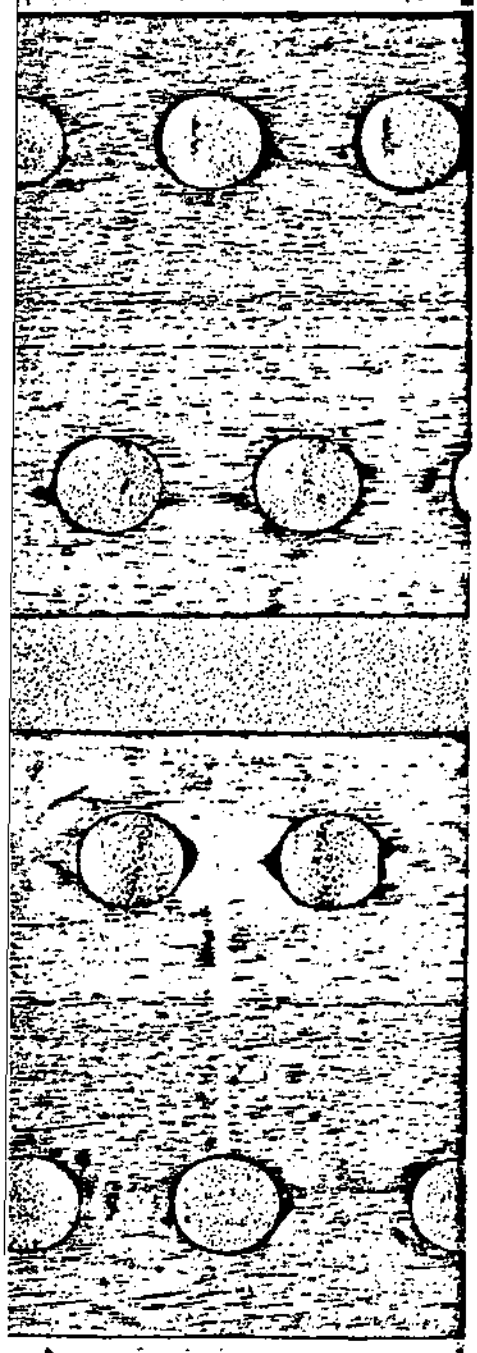

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

TO

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Mr. Appel	( )
Mr. Baughman	( )
Mr. Coffey	( )
Mr. Cowley	( )
Mr. Edwards	( )
Mr. Egan	( )
Mr. Lester	( )
Mr. Glavin	( )
Mr. Quinn	( )
Mr. Rorer	( )
Inspector	( )
Unit	( )
Secretary	( )

See me	( )
Prepare Reply	( )
For Your Information	( )
Note and Return	( )
File	( )

Remarks: Please call Mr. Black at Okla. City & let him know of this so there will be no crossing of wires. I am dubious as to this contact for I fear it is a publicity stunt & there may be an outburst of cheap publicity. I. E. N. Okla. City

DIV INVEST CHICAGO 5/19/34 2:30 PM DR

DIRECTOR

[redacted] PITT ENGINEERING CO120 W KINZIE CHICAGO ILLINOIS CALLED THIS OFFICE STATING BELIEVED COULD CONTACT PRETTY BOY FLOYD AND AID IN APPREHENSION. [redacted] WHEN REPORTER WAS COVERING STORY LYLE COLLINS SPRINGFIELD MISSOURI WHO WAS ARRESTED FOR SHOPLIGHTING. LYLE COLLINS NAME AT TIME UNKNWON TO [redacted] AT HER REQUEST REFRAINED FROM INVOLVING LYLE COLLINS AUNT. BECAME FRIENDLY WIH LYLE COLLINS AND IN SUMMER 1932 LEARNED SHE HAD MARRIED TWO MEN BOTH BANK ROBBERS AND BOTH NOW DEAD. ONE OF THESE NAMED COLLINS . SUBSEQUENTY LEARNED SHE IS QUITE INTIMATE WITH FLOYD AND ASKED HER TO ARRANGE INTERVIEW SO HE COULD PUBLISH FLOYD LIFE HISTORY. GAVE HER FIFTY DOLLARS. PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN UNDER WAY WHEN SHE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERVIEW AND [redacted] UNABLE TO GO THROUGH WITH ARRANGEMENTS AT THAT TIME ALTHOUGH FLOYD AGREED TO SEE [redacted] LAST FALL LYLE COLLINS TOLD [redacted] FLOYD ACCIDENTLY SHOT IN SHOULDER BY COMPANION. LYLE CARED FOR HIM DURING ILLNES. [redacted] WILLING GO TO TULSA MEET LYLE AND ARRANGE INTERVIEW. AT FIRST INTERVIEW WILL ARRANGE FOR ONE FEDERAL MAN AND TWO STENOGRAPHERS TO BE PRESENT WHEN SECOND INTERVIEW MADE AND STATEMENTS TAKEN. BELIEVE USELESS TRY LEARN MUCH ON FIRST INTERVIEW BUT COLD PROBABLY DETERMINE HIDEOUT AT SECOND INTERVIEW. [redacted] SUGGESTED CALL C. HCM BAKER POSTAL INSPECTOR, SPRINGFIELD TO LEARN IF LYLE COLLINS STILL IN TOWN. CAL MADE BAKE OUT OF TOWN FOR SEVERAL DAYS. PERSON TO PERSON CALL MADE FOR LYLE COLLINS AT FORMER ADDRESSES. LOCATED AND CONVERSATION BETWEEN [redacted] AND LYLE HEARD BY AGENT. LYLE SAW FLOYD SHORT TIME AGO. SAID FLOYD SHOULDER IN BAD SHAPE. BEIVES SHE CAN LOCATE AND ARRANGE FIRST INTERVIEW.

MR. NAT.
MR. TOL.
MR. CLE.
MR. COW.
MR. EDW.
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[redacted] AGREED MEET HIM TULSA TOMORROW AFTERNOON. HE IS TO LET KNOWN BY WIRE. [redacted] HAS LIMITED TIME CAN [redacted] BE AWAY FROM BUSINESS AND CANNOT GO UNLESS DOES SO IMMEDIATELY.. PLANE OUT CHICAGO FOUR FORTY FIVE PM MAKES CONNECTIONS ARRIVAL TULSA SIX TWENTY AM CST FORTY THREE FORTY SIX ROUND TRIP. TRAIN WOULD NOT ARRIVE UNTIL TOO LATE. IF ARRANGEMENTS MADE WOULD NEED ADVANCE MONEY. LYLE COLLINS HER TOTAL EXPENS FIFTY DOLLARS. WOULD BE CONSIDERABLE AUTO HIRE EXPENSE. INCLUDING EVERYTHING COST WOULD RUN ABOT TWO HUNDRED. LYLE COLLINS REFUSES MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITHOUT [redacted] PRESENT. ADVISE WHETHER WANT [redacted] PROCEED TULSA AT ~~FORTY~~ FOUR FORTY FIVE THIS AFTERNOON AS HE CANNOT GO LATER. [redacted] NO LONGER NEWSPAPER REPORTER

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 18, 1934

MR. NATHAN....
MR. TOLSON....
MR. CLEGG.....
MR. COWLEY....
MR. EDWARDS..
MR. EGAN.....
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

MAY 22 1934

Dear Sir:

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 a Federal Prisoner.

Reference is made to telephonic conversations with the Director on May 16th and 17th, 1934 relative to Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

About 3:30 P.M. on May 16, 1934, A. W. Comstock, a seventy-three year old attorney, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, who is reputed to be in more or less close contact with various outlaws and bank robbers of the Osage country, telephoned this office and advised that he had received a communication from Floyd, who desires to negotiate for his surrender. Mr. Comstock, upon being asked the nature of his communication from Floyd, stated, "direct communication." Mr. Comstock stated that Floyd wants to surrender but desires assurance that he would be given life imprisonment at Leavenworth and not electrocuted, and that Comstock and his, Floyd's, wife divide the reward. Mr. Comstock was advised that this office under no circumstances could enter into any agreement pertaining to the surrender of Floyd whereby he would be given such assurances, but that if Mr. Comstock furnished information as to Floyd's location, which resulted in his apprehension by this Division, that he, Comstock, would be paid the sum of $500.00; also Mr. Comstock was advised that this office would communicate with and place the matter before the Division, whereupon Comstock stated that quick action was necessary as "they won't let him stay in one place long." It is to be noted here that at this time Mr. Comstock made no reference to the fact that Floyd was wounded.

Subsequent to the telephonic communication with the Director, Special Agents Earl M. Black and F. S. Smith arranged a conference with Mr. Comstock and proceeded to Pawhuska. A lengthy conference ensued. Mr. Comstock began his conversation by stating that he was in direct communication with Floyd, who is in very bad physical condition, that Floyd is

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broke and badly wounded, having been shot through the back, the bullet ranging downward, coming out his abdomen; that Floyd has little hope of recovery unless he can get the proper medical treatment; that he had been getting treatment from a doctor (who Comstock later advised is a Tulsa doctor), but that this doctor had advised Floyd that he could not see him again as it was too dangerous, and made reference to the fate of the doctors at St. Paul in connection with the Dillinger case. It became apparent from the conversation with Mr. Comstock that Floyd's first concern is to receive medical treatment, as he stated that the doctor told Floyd that unless he receives medical attention, he will die. Mr. Comstock was allowed to do most of the talking. He was advised that if Floyd surrenders, the Division agrees not to kill him in taking him into custody, but that if he does not surrender, he will be killed on sight; also that the Division is willing to pay Mr. Comstock $500.00, but that no money will be paid to Floyd's wife, and that the Division does not care what Comstock does with the money paid him. Comstock stated that Floyd is under the impression that $7000.00 in rewards would be paid, however, after Mr. Comstock was advised relative to the $500.00, he observed, "Well even if there are other rewards, they are offered by the states and, of course, the states wouldn't pay if Floyd was turned to Federal custody."

As the conference progressed it was obvious that Mr. Comstock had been instructed to perfect the best possible arrangement. Mr. Comstock was advised that the Government would not enter into any agreement with fugitives, but that if Floyd surrenders and furnishes information which would be susceptible of proof relative to all parties who participated in the Kansas City massacre, this fact will be presented to the Court for such consideration as the Court cares to give it. Finally, Mr. Comstock asked only that Floyd be given assurance that if he surrenders to Division Agents, that he be taken secretly to Leavenworth, where he can receive medical aid. Mr. Comstock, although a lawyer and a foxy one, apparently was operating on the theory, as is Floyd, that if the Government assumes custody of Floyd for safe-keeping, that he can not be taken by a state and Mr. Comstock also seems to know that Floyd has committed some crime which gives the Government jurisdiction, which offense carries the death penalty. It appeared that Floyd wants to surrender, but feels that if he surrenders to anyone other than the Government, he would likely be killed at the time of surrender, and that unless he were placed in Leavenworth, he would not receive proper medical treatment and would probably be killed.

In summation I desire to state that only two promises were made to Mr. Comstock. First, that if Floyd surrenders to Division Agents and makes a

clean breast of everything, confessing to his participation and that of others in the Kansas City massacre, he will not be killed in taking him into custody. Second, that he will immediately be taken to Leavenworth for medical treatment and safe-keeping. It was also pointed out to Mr. Comstock that Floyd's statements relative to the Kansas City massacre, or any other crime calculated to give the Government jurisdiction carrying a death penalty, would have to be susceptible of proof and, if not proven, Floyd would be turned over to state authorities. Mr. Comstock stated that he realizes this situation.

Agent Smith advises that he has known Mr. Comstock for many years and feels that in the event Floyd does not surrender, he, Agent Smith, will be able to obtain confidentially from Mr. Comstock all information in his possession relative to Floyd.

Mr. Comstock in conclusion stated that he would resume contact with Floyd and that in the event he, Comstock, telephoned the Oklahoma City office, he would desire that Agents immediately meet him for the purpose of effecting Floyd's surrender.

Mr. Comstock spoke at some length as to the manner in which Floyd would be taken to Leavenworth, indicating in the minds of the interviewing Agents that he had been instructed to effect the best arrangement possible, the primary motive being to place Floyd where he can receive medical attention.

On the morning of May 18, 1934 Mr. Comstock called this office and stated that "the man" wanted either a copy of the indictment returned at Kansas City, or to be advised relative to the charges therein. Mr. Comstock was advised that this was impossible and that Floyd well knows what the indictment charges. Comstock then stated that Floyd wanted to know if he is considered one of the principals, to which query Mr. Comstock gave his own answer by stating that he knows all parties participating, or who were in the car in the Union Station at Kansas City, are principals. Mr. Comstock further stated (indicating that he had been so informed by Floyd)-that when this affair was planned at Kansas City, there was no intention to commit the crime which actually was committed, but there was an intention to commit an unlawful act. Mr. Comstock, in concluding his telephonic conversation, stated that everything had been arranged and he would be ready in a day or two, indicating that Floyd intended to surrender.

The Division may rest assured that no publicity has been, or will be, given to this matter and that in the event Floyd does surrender, he will be taken to Leavenworth Penitentiary with the utmost dispatch, and the Division advised in order that any publicity issued may issue from the Department. The Division will be immediately advised of all developments.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Kansas City.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Suite L
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri.
May 11, 1934.

MR. NATHAN.....
MR. TOLSON.....
MR. OLEGO.....
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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

The files of this office contain a letter from Warden F. G. Zerbst of the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, dated June 22, 1933, with which he transmitted a request slip from [redacted] The Warden advised [redacted] had stated that he was familiar with Pretty Boy Floyd and his connections, and, if released, could locate him.

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The slip has the notation "Important" on it.

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b7D [redacted] Eva Richetti resides at Tewoka, Oklahoma. [redacted] appears to have told Agent Hervey that he was still in love with her. He claimed to know of Floyd's hang-outs, but would not name them unless he could get out on parole. He also stated that he could locate Fred Barker, who in the past associated with Floyd. He stated that he has known Floyd since 1929. He stated that Rechetti had been associating with Floyd a short time prior to that time. He advised that if released he would be willing to go with a guard, but it would be better for him to work alone; that he would immediately go to Tewoka, Oklahoma, where he would contact Eva Richetti and then get in touch with Floyd, and that if necessary, he could have Eva come to the prison and visit with him and in this way might be able to secure some information concerning Floyd's whereabouts.

Why? It appears that no further action was taken regarding [redacted] subsequent to the interview.

b7D An examination of the files of this office reveals the case of [redacted] In addition, the Division has recently furnished this office with a copy of the report of Special Agent L. M. Chipman, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, August 21, 1933, in the case of Eva Marie Richetti, alias Eva Simpson, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

It will be noted in connection with the case of [redacted] that this office under date of April 21, 1934, in a letter entitled Vernon C. Miller, (Deceased), Et Al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, requested the St.Louis Division office to furnish us more complete information from their files regarding Eva Richetti, in order that it might be available for purposes of bringing about the apprehension of Adam Richetti.

A short time ago, when the file at this office had been thoroughly reviewed and copies of memoranda contained therein furnished the Division, it occurred to Agents Andersen and Trainor that there might be a possibility of using [redacted] as a confidential informant. Accordingly, he was interviewed at the Leavenworth Penitentiary by Agent Andersen, and a short time later, I personally accompanied Agent Andersen to the penitentiary, where [redacted] was again interviewed. Substantially, [redacted] proposition was as follows:

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The detainer placed against him by the Joplin, Missouri, Police Department, had made him not eligible for parole. He wished, if possible, to have the process at Joplin dismissed. He wished also, if possible to secure parole, which would mean now less than two months time in the penitentiary, in view of the fact he is eligible for release on July 4, 1974. In addition, he desires restoration of his civil rights. [redacted] stated, however, that it would not be necessary to take any action regarding this at the present time, but later, in the event he accomplishes what is desired of him by the Division, that he would like some action taken.

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[redacted] stated that he is no longer in love with Eva Richetti. He indicated that he bore a grudge against both Adam Richetti and Floyd [redacted] He intimated that he had participated in crimes with both Adam Richetti and Floyd. There appears to be little question but what he is associated with them, and that in the event he is sincere, he would have little difficulty in getting in touch with them at the present time. It will be noted that [redacted]

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Inspection of prison records revealed also that detainer filed against [redacted] is merely a letter from the Chief of Police at Joplin, Missouri. The records further reveal that while at the penitentiary, [redacted] has had an excellent conduct record.

Agent Andersen upon my instructions interviewed Chief of Detectives Ed Portley of the Police Department at Joplin, Missouri. It was ascertained that there was no process outstanding against [redacted] at Joplin. Mr. Portley indicated that there never had been any intention to prosecute [redacted] but that a detainer had been placed against [redacted] merely in order to prevent his parole. Mr. Portley further stated that he would be glad to remove the detainer in the event this office desired such. Accordingly, on May 7, 1934, I talked to Mr. Portley on long distance telephone and informed him that I would be pleased if he could take such action. He immediately addressed a letter to the Warden of the Leavenworth Penitentiary. The detainer has now been removed.

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Agent Andersen, while indirectly discussing [redacted] with the Warden of the penitentiary, was advised that it would be a simple matter to now secure [redacted] parole. He stated that the Division in Washington could make arrangements with the Parole Board to address a communication to the Warden of the penitentiary stating that in view of the fact detainer has been removed, the Board considered that [redacted] should be granted a parole forthwith.

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It appears now that the way is cleared to use [redacted] as a confidential informant. The matter of restoration of civil rights can be taken up at a later date.

[redacted] has asked no money except a small amount for expenses to take him as far as Tewoka, Oklahoma. He stated that he would like, however, to have some old automobile, which would probably not cost to exceed $25.00. The purchase of that automobile could be arranged easily here. [redacted] has stated that he could keep in touch with an Agent of this Division, but under no circumstances would he want any local law enforcement officer in the State of Oklahoma to be advised regarding his activities. He indicated that he would cooperate to the utmost and even suggested the use of veronal. He stated that when he found Floyd and Adam Richetti, and after he had notified this office, in order that Agents might be in the vicinity to effect the apprehension of Floyd and Richetti, he, [redacted], would place this drug in some drinks of intoxicating liquor that Floyd and Richetti almost invariably have present when not actively engaged in crime, and that the capture of the two men would then probably be effected while they were both asleep. He also advised that he would be willing to jam the guns of both Floyd and Richetti so that they could not be fired in the event they were awake at the time the Agents attempted to bring about their capture.

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Of course, I realize that most informants of the character of [redacted] are unreliable, and there is considerable possibility, even after he is released, that he may not deliver Floyd and Adam Richetti into Federal custody. However, there appears to be little question but what he is intimately acquainted with those two men and can deliver them, if he so desires. He has stated that in the event there are any rewards that of course he would naturally like to have that money after he brings about their capture. In view of these circumstances, I believe it advisable to proceed with the use of this individual.

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It is respectfully suggested that the Division take appropriate action regarding the above. It will be noted that in the event the Division indicates that we should proceed with this individual that in further communications, he will be designated as Confidential Informant "G." It is suggested that the Division also use that designation. Of course, the Division realizes that extreme caution should be exercised in keeping the identity of this individual and his activities highly confidential. It would probably lead to the death of this man in the event that Floyd and Richetti became aware of his designs.

It is requested that the Division wire this office any action which may be taken.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
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.

MAY 21 1934

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O.1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O.1194; CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 11, 1934 wherein you request that arrangements be made through the Board of Parole to obtain the release of [redacted] in order that he might be used as a confidential informant in bringing about the location and apprehension of subjects Floyd and Richetti.

You set forth in your letter that "the Division realizes that extreme caution should be exercised in keeping the identity of this individual and his activities highly confidential. It would probably lead to the death of this man in the event that Floyd and Richetti became aware of his designs." You further suggest that the informant be referred to as Confidential Informant "G".

In keeping with your suggestion that extreme caution be used in obtaining the release of this prisoner, it was deemed advisable to take the matter up in person with the Parole Board, and when the file of the Parole Board was examined it was found to contain a photostatic copy of a letter addressed to the Warden of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, by the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, dated May 7, 1934, requesting that the detainer previously placed at the institution be withdrawn "at the request of the Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation". This letter was received at the institution in the regular course of business and, no doubt, has been brought to the attention of the inmates working in the office of the institution, and

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through the grapevine channels has become known to other inmates of the institution that this Division has interceded on behalf of [redacted] This information will, of course, be conveyed to Floyd and his associates, as suggested in the penultimate paragraph of your letter.

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It appears from your letter that Agent Anderson, acting upon your instructions, interviewed Chief of Detectives Ed Portley of the Police Department at Joplin, Missouri with reference to the detainer which had been placed against [redacted] in order to prevent his parole, and further that on May 7, 1934 you talked with Mr. Portley by long distance telephone with regard to removing the detainer and informed him that you "would be pleased if he could take such action"; that he immediately addressed a letter to the Warden of the Leavenworth Penitentiary, and that the detainer has now been removed.

From your letter and the letter addressed to the authorities at the institution by Mr. Portley, it appears that you have not "exercised extreme caution" and the Division now feels that the usefulness of this individual as a confidential informant has probably been destroyed.

Under the above circumstances, no action will be taken by the Parole Board inasmuch as any action taken at this time will be irregular and will cast further suspicion on [redacted] It appears, however, that

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[redacted] and inasmuch as it is already a matter of record at the institution that this Division has interceded on behalf of [redacted] no further action need be taken by the Division.

I desire that you immediately advise me fully with respect to the above.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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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 TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY
BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1194;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 11, 1934 setting forth information with respect to [redacted]

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Leavenworth, Kansas. The question of obtaining a parole for [redacted] so that he can assist your office as a confidential informant, has been taken up with the Director, Bureau of Prisons, and you will be immediately advised when action has been taken with regard to granting [redacted] his parole.

In the event [redacted] is granted parole, you are instructed to give this matter very careful attention and to press the investigation vigorously with a view to bringing about the early apprehension of Floyd and Richetti.

It is noted on page two of your letter that no further action was taken by your office with regard to [redacted] subsequent to the interview had with him by Special Agent in Charge R. C. Harvey as reflected in the latter's memorandum dated July 7, 1933. Kindly advise the Division why this matter had not been followed up.

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For your information the records at the Bureau of Prisons do not reflect that [redacted] has made application for parole, but it is believed that this will be taken care of by the Bureau of Prisons at a very early date, and you will be accordingly advised.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

May 17, 1934

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

RE: VERNON C. MILLER,
deceased, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER
FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of May 4, 1934, enclosing a bullet and cartridge fired from Thompson machine gun #6315, recovered from some of the Dillinger gang, please be advised that interview with Mr. Frank Ballou, the Chicago Police ballistician, determined that he no longer handles ballistics work for the police department, but that all this work is performed by Colonel Calvin Goddard.

The articles in question were submitted to Colonel Calvin Goddard, room 506, 469 East Ohio Street, Chicago, on May 7, 1934, for the purpose of comparison with any other specimens of bullets recovered at crimes, at which time Colonel Goddard stated that he desired to compare this bullet and cartridge with specimens now in the hands of the coroner's office at Cook County, Chicago, which were submitted by the Indiana Police Department, and that he expected to conclude his examination in about one week's time.

This bullet and cartridge were obtained from Colonel Goddard after he had completed his examination, and Colonel Goddard advised that he had been unable to make any identification. The bullet and cartridge are being returned to you herewith.

Very truly yours,

M.H.PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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May 18, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

I have arranged with the Prisons Bureau, through Mr. Bennett, for "Pretty Boy" Floyd, if and when he surrenders, to be taken to either the Leavenworth Penitentiary Hospital or the Government Prison Hospital at Springfield, Missouri. Mr. Brantley today informed me that he prefers to have Floyd taken to the Leavenworth Penitentiary Hospital in view of the fact that the safe keeping of him would be better there than at the Springfield institution. Should word be received from the Oklahoma City Office that Floyd has surrendered, I wish that you would immediately communicate with Mr. Bennett of the Prisons Bureau and inform him of the fact that I am desirous that he notify the proper official at Leavenworth, and advise us of the name of that official, so that when our Agents arrive at the penitentiary with Floyd, there will be no delay or red tape involved to deposit Floyd within the institution. It is understood that our Agents will possibly desire to interrogate Floyd at some length after he is received at the institution.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO

AUTHORITY GRANTED TO ADVANCE TO [redacted] $200 FOR TRIP TO 67D

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

CHARACTER OF CASE: Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Photographs, fingerprints and criminal records obtained of Jack Griffin and John E. Huber at St. Louis, Mo. which are being forwarded to Division. Efforts to locate Bernie Shelton at E. St. Louis, Ill. for interview unsuccessful. Car check #8639 left at Chase Garage, 221 York Ave., St. Louis, Mo., by colored porter of Chase Hotel who called for said car without delivering check therefor. Mrs. J. W. Dunlap, mother of Fred and Arthur R. Barker, is not known to have ever resided at 2739 Howard St., St. Louis. Efforts to locate Helen Fergerson, 3703 Keokuk, St. Louis, unsuccessful.

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REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agents W. Carter Baum, Chicago, Ill., 3-9-34, D. W. Maher, St. Louis, Mo., 3-21-34 and W. Carter Baum, Chicago, Ill., 4-3-34 and letter of Kansas City Division office dated 4-21-34.

DETAILS: At St. Louis, Mo.

Interview was had with Lieut. Walter Heitz, Superintendent of Identification, St. Louis Police Dept., and examination was made of the file of Jack Griffin, St. Louis Police Dept. #19861. It was ascertained that the St. Louis Police Dept. also formerly carried this subject under No. 19136, which probably accounts for the Identification Division not being able to locate a print of this party. However, a photographic copy of the fingerprints of Jack Griffin, with a large, full length photograph and two smaller photographs, were obtained and same are being forwarded to the Division for comparison with latent fingerprints taken at the former residence of Vernon C. Miller at Kansas City, Mo.

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St. Louis Police Dept. file #12431 of John E. Huber was also examined and it was ascertained that no fingerprints of this party have ever been forwarded to the Division's identification unit. However, Lieut. Heitz made a photographic copy of the fingerprints of John E. Huber and same are also being forwarded to the Division, for use in making comparison with latent fingerprints obtained at the former residence of Vernon C. Miller, as well as two small photographs.

Interview was had with Mr. Jack Witterschein, manager, Chase Garage, 221 York Ave., St. Louis, who stated that all information in his possession has previously been given to some officer and he is positive that same was a special agent of the Division of Investigation concerning automobile check No. 8039 which is reported to have been found among the personal effects of one J. George Zeigler, who was found dead at Cicero, Ill. during March, 1934.

Mr. Witterschein stated that cars are most commonly brought to the Chase Garage by the colored porters of said hotel; that a triplicate check is issued, each part of which bears the same number, one part being placed on the car, one given to the party bringing said car, and the other held in his office; that in this particular case it must have been that the colored porter at the Chase Hotel called for said automobile and did not bring with him the check given for same when it was originally left at said garage; that knowing the porters of said hotel they some times release an automobile to them without the check to same; that he has no way of knowing the name of the party to whom said check was issued; that he cannot recall what particular porter of the Chase Hotel brought said car to his garage and he cannot recall the date on which said car was checked unless he had the original check which was issued for same.

Agent called at 2739 Howard St., St. Louis, and ascertained that this house has been occupied for the last nine years by John and Mary Jasinski, who stated that during the nine years they have lived at this address they have never been informed that anyone by the name of Mrs. J. W. Dunlap ever resided at that number.

Investigation was made at 3703 Keokuk Ave. and it was ascertained that Mr. H. W. Davies still occupies an apartment at that address, however, it was not ascertained whether Helen Fergerson is still making her home with the Davies family or not as no one was at home on date of agent's investigation, but this matter will receive investigative attention in the near future.

At East St. Louis, Ill.

Interview was had with Chief of Detectives George Byrnes, who stated he has never had any information to the effect that Pretty Boy Floyd has ever been associated with the Sheltons at East St. Louis. He stated that there had been two or three bank robberies at Granite City, Ill. during the past year and that a man by the name of Moore had been killed as a result of some labor trouble in a squabble over the erection of an oil refinery at East St. Louis; that it is possible that Pretty Boy Floyd may have some connection with the Shelton Gang, but that he doubts same very much as the Sheltons have always been regarded more as being engaged in the bootlegging business than any other form of law violation.

Chief Byrnes advised agent that in his opinion an interview with Bernie Shelton or any of his brothers concerning Pretty Boy Floyd or other fugitives wanted by the Government would not result in any information of value being received as the Sheltons have never been known to divulge any information concerning any other underworld character. Chief Byrnes stated that when Police Commissioner Lauman was selected as such at East St. Louis this Spring that he issued an order for the Sheltons to be arrested every time they were observed in East St. Louis; that Carl Shelton has not been seen at East St. Louis since the issuance of this order and his present whereabouts are unknown, but that Bernie Shelton is known to reside at 720 39th St. where he lives with a widow by the name of Carrie Stevenson, whose husband was murdered at New Orleans, La. about two years ago; that he has received information that Bernie Shelton makes infrequent visits to East St. Louis since the issuance of the order of Police Commissioner Lauman, but the general impression is that the Sheltons are spending the greater portion of their time now at some point in Williamson County, Illinois.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

ST. LOUIS OFFICE will ascertain if Helen Fergerson is still residing at the home of W. H. Davies, 3703 Keokuk Ave., St. Louis, and whether or not she still has in her possession Buick coupe bearing an Illinois license.

If deemed advisable by the Special Agent in Charge, a watch will be placed for this woman because of her former association with Karpis and the Barkers.

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May 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

I talked to Agent in Charge Brantley at Oklahoma City this morning. He stated that during his investigation in connection with Galatas 4th January of this year, he had occasion to contact Mr. Blaine Danley, at Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. Danley was formerly an Agent of this Division and is now a Probation Officer. Mr. Brantley stated he had just received a letter from Mr. Danley, as follows: "I believe I am now in a position to get you the whereabouts of the party you talked to me about. According to my information, which is coming through another source, the party who is willing to put him on the spot wants $1,000. If you are interested I suggest that you come to Memphis and take the matter up yourself, direct. I suggest that you wire me the date you will be here if you decide to come, so I will be here." I authorized Mr. Brantley to proceed to Memphis.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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May 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COLEY

I talked to Agent Black at Oklahoma City by long distance this morning. He advised that he talked to Mr. Comstock in regard to the Floyd matter until two o'clock last night. Comstock is requesting $7,000 reward. It seems that the chief reason for Floyd's desire to surrender is for the purpose of receiving hospitalization. He has been shot in the back and his condition is very serious. During the last few weeks he was given medical treatment at Tulsa. Mr. Black said he would try to obtain the name of the doctor in Tulsa who treated Floyd if the deal doesn't go through with Comstock. Comstock advised Mr. Black that Floyd knows who was implicated in the Kansas City massacre, and will give a complete statement, but refuses to testify. Comstock will contact Floyd, and asked that we defray his expenses, which, of course, was refused. Floyd requests to be taken to Leavenworth by our Agents at night upon his surrender. Mr. Black, of course, made no promise as to this. I told him I would take the matter up with the Department and advise him as to what decision is made.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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May 19, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to seventeen original negatives of latent fingerprints obtained by your office in the house occupied by Vernon Miller in connection with your case entitled Vernon C. Miller (Deceased), et al, Richard Hallman Galatas, with aliases, Fugitive, I.C. #1201; Charles Arthur Floyd, with aliases, Fugitive, I.C. #1194; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

In addition to those comparisons of which you were previously advised, the latent prints remaining unidentified in connection with this investigation have also been compared with the fingerprints of the following persons:

Gordon Francis Alcorn, Div. Off. Chicago
Frank Anderson, our #413627
Irvin Ashbridge, USP Fargo
George Austin, our #163338
Thomas E. Ashbridge, our #539049
C. D. Austin, our #159112
Eddie Baker, our #463668
Basil Banghart, our #45784
Richard C. Baker, our #85450
Joseph Hill Banks (Dead), our #29541
Hugh Bannon, our #724917
Joseph Bannon, our #724915
Doc Barker, our #289428
Fred Barker, alias A. J. Renkin, our #35129
Theodore Benz, our #510598
Edward Bentz, our #15279
Ben Binder, our #269788
Isadore Blumenfield, our #700949
Sam Cain, our #299774
Harry Campbell, our #419856
(Mrs.) George M. Chase, our #29294
James Clark, our #152706
Russell Clark, our #137616
Thelma Collins, our #743473
Grover Comstock, our #50242
Rufus Costner, our #545300
Earl Courtney, our #719395
Edward Darrow, our #745946
Volney Davis, our #400441
Lloyd Doyle, our #529844
Evroul J. Doe, our #134492

Comparisons of the unidentified latent prints with the fingerprints of all persons named in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer are going forward.

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Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

Director.

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cc - Mr. H. H. Clegg.

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May 21, 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, I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY
BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1194,
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sirs

There is enclosed herewith an abstract of the criminal record on one Eva Simpson, nee Iva Richetti, Little Rock, Arkansas Police Department Number 6522, who is a sister to Adam Richetti, now being sought in connection with the above entitled case.

This criminal record is being furnished for your information, and it is suggested that the St. Louis Office advise the Division relative to the dispositions which can be ascertained in its district.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent in Charge Brantley called from Memphis and advised that he had told the informant, who states she can submit information concerning the whereabouts of Galatas to the Division, that the Division would pay her a reward of $1,000 if and when she produced the information which resulted in his apprehension, but that the Division would not enter into any written agreement to such effect; that after considering this matter she advised that she was willing to obtain the information upon Mr. Brantley's promise that the money would be forthcoming; that she is proceeding to St. Louis tomorrow night and that he, Mr. Brantley, will go with her at that time. It is in St. Louis that she expects to obtain information concerning the whereabouts of Galatas. Mr. Brantley stated that she could not leave before tomorrow night because of arrangements she had to make before leaving. Mr. Brantley stated that he would keep the Division advised of any developments.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Special Agent Brantley called from Memphis, Tennessee, last night and advised that the informant who claims she can locate Galatas is [redacted] b7D insists on a $1000 reward if information submitted by her results in the apprehension of Galatas; that she also states it will be necessary for her to proceed to St. Louis, which will cost about $50. Mr. Brantley stated that this would be in addition to the $1000; that [redacted] also wants something in writing, that is, a contract assuring her of the $1000 should the information furnished by her result in the apprehension of Galatas. I am to call Mr. Brantley back this morning.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

S. P. Cowley.

I see nothing objectionable to the above arrangement if the Division can be assured no publicity will be given to such a contract or statement in writing. I would also suggest that the contract be taken from [redacted] b7D if she fails to produce within a specified time or when the reward money is paid.

I do not think we should put it in writing

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May 21, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 4, 1934 with which was transmitted a box containing specimens of the bullet and cartridge fired from Thompson Machine Gun #6315, recovered from some of the Dillinger gang.

In accordance with your request the specimens were examined by Sergeant Butts, Ballistics Expert, New York City Police Department and compared with other specimens of bullets recovered at the scene of crimes and in his possession. However, the specimens which you furnished were not found by Sergeant Butts to be similar with any in his possession.

The above mentioned specimens fired from Thompson Machine Gun #6315 are being returned herewith to you.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased) RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.1194; HARVEY J. BAILEY with aliases, - FUGITIVE, I.O.1189, et al

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: John A. Funck, micro-ballistician, Pennsylvania State Police, Hershey, Pa., has no bullets or shells which contain markings similar to those mentioned in report of reference.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, 3-29-34
" " " " J. F. McDevitt, Philadelphia, 4-23-34

DETAILS: AT HERSHEY, PA.

On May 10, 1934, agent conferred with John A. Funck, micro-ballistician, Pennsylvania State Police, who advised that he gets the bulk of the work along this line in the State of Pennsylvania and that he has not had a machine gun case in the last six years and has no exhibits which might be connected with instant case. He stated that he does have some shotgun and .45 automatic pistol exhibits, but that they are all from local individuals and are not connected with gangs in any way. He informed that all his exhibits are connected with some case in Court which has either been disposed of or is in process of trial.

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Mr. Funck advised that, in the event any exhibits which might be connected with this case come to his attention in the future, he will notify this office.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: PHILADELPHIA OFFICE at Dover, or Wilmington, Delaware, will interview the ballistics expert of the Delaware State Police.

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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, with aliases
(Deceased), Et Al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.

Reference is made to a letter from the Kansas City office dated May 11, 1934, in which attention is called to a variance with respect to information obtained by Special Agent T. M. Birch of this office at Chickasha, Oklahoma, and that obtained at a subsequent time by Special Agent K. D. Deaderick, an experience employee. Mention is made concerning these matters in Division letter of May 4, 1934 to the Kansas City office, a copy of which was furnished the Oklahoma City office.

I have taken this matter up with Special Agent T. M. Birch, who informs me that at the time of his interview with Mrs. Belle Downey at Chickasha, Oklahoma, her husband was not present, but that Deputy Sheriff Al Marlow of Chickasha was there and both Marlow and Mrs. Downey, according to Birch, informed him that the matter of the interview must be kept from her husband, Ed Downey, as he is an uncle of George Lindsay's wife. Mr. Birch also informed me that at the time of his interview with Mrs. Downey and when he first met her, she had the odor of whiskey on her breath, and that she took a drink or two while he was there. He stated that he would not consider that she was drunk, but that it was entirely possible that she was under the influence of whiskey.

Mr. Birch also informed me that he did interview "Bob" Boston at a garage in Chickasha and that Boston at the time of the interview had whiskey on his breath. Mr. Birch stated that Boston's statement to the effect that "no damn machine gun would ever have hurt anyone in that car" was voluntarily made by Boston.

Mr. Birch further informed me that it is his understanding that there was a friendship existing between Mrs. Belle Downey and Deputy

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Sheriff Marlow at the time of the interview, or probably had existed prior to that period, which was more than Platonic. Mr. Birch also informed me that Mrs. Downey and "Bob" Boston impressed him as being people who are given to exaggeration.

I have also discussed this matter with Special Agent K. D. Deaderick of this office, who conducted an interview with these people at Chickasha subsequent to the time they were interviewed by Mr. Birch. Mr. Deaderick informed me that he interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Downey together and at the time they were sober. He stated that while he would not consider them as people occupying the upper social strata, they impressed him as being plain, ordinary people. He also informed me that at the time he interviewed the man Boston at the garage, he also was sober. He stated that Boston appears to be the same type of person as he would characterize the Downeys.

It would appear therefore from the foregoing that these persons, when interviewed by Agent Birch, might have been slightly under the influence of intoxicants, which would explain the variance in the statements made by them.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Kansas City

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

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May 17, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

memo Mr Carole 5-18-34

Today I conferred with Judge Arthur D. Wood, Mr. Tucker, and Ray L. Huff in the offices of the Parole Board, concerning the matter of obtaining a parole for [redacted] United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas in order that the latter might be used by the Kansas City Office as an informant in bringing about the location and apprehension of subjects Floyd and Richetti in the KANMO case.

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I explained to the members of the Board that it was not the policy of the Division to seek the release of prisoners from penitentiaries, and in this instance the request was being made in view of the aggravated nature of the case for which Floyd and Richetti were being sought. I further explained to them that it was desired that [redacted] be released in a regular procedure so as not to cast suspicion on him which would defeat the purpose for which he would be released.

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Judge Wood stated that he would gladly cooperate with the Division in effecting the release of [redacted] on parole, and sent for the file on the prisoner. On top of the file was a photostatic copy of a letter forwarded to the Parole Board by the Penitentiary officials, which letter was dated May 7, 1934, and was received at the Penitentiary from the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, sent by Ed Portley, wherein it was requested that a detainer previously placed against [redacted] by that department, be withdrawn at the request of "The Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation".

When Mr. Huff saw this photostatic copy of the letter, he stated that the fact that the Division was interested in obtaining the release of [redacted] had become generally known among all prisoners upon receipt of this letter, and that if [redacted] is now released prematurely, either on parole or through commutation of sentence, he will, no doubt, be put on the spot in that the information will be sent out of the Penitentiary through underworld channels.

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Mr. Huff, after examining the file on the prisoner, stated that [redacted] had formerly declined to apply for parole; that his name had not appeared on the docket of prisoners heard by the Parole Board on the occasion of its last visit to the institution; that the next session of the Parole Board at Leavenworth will be held on July 7, 1934; and that any re-

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lease of the prisoner prior to that time would be an irregular procedure and would immediately become known to all the inmates. He further stated that the prisoner could be released by commutation of sentence whereby it would be necessary for him to report to a designated officer for an indeterminate time; that this procedure is prerequisite to a restoration of civil rights, and in order to effect a release under this procedure it would be necessary to make a request for the release based upon some emergency such as the death of a member of the family

In view of the above I did not leave the memorandum dated May 17, 1934 prepared for the Director, Bureau of Prisons, requesting the release of [redacted] inasmuch as I thought that perhaps this matter would be reconsidered by the Division, and it is attached hereto.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CHARLEY

MAY 25 1934

In regard to the memorandum of Mr. Newby, dated May 17, 1934, reporting his conference with the officers of the Parole Board in connection with the possibility of a parole for [redacted] who we thought might be able to be of some assistance to us as an informant in the apprehension of Floyd and Richetti in the Kansas City Massacre Case, I believe that we should await further word from the Kansas City Office concerning this matter. Obviously, our Kansas City Office did not handle the matter properly with the police authorities at Joplin, Missouri, or otherwise the police authorities would not have written the kind of letter with the notation upon it which they did. Until we hear further from our Kansas City Office, we of course will not press the matter with the Parole Board.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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