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KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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May 21, 1934.

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

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased)
et al - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

Dear Sir:

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[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, communicated by telephone with Special Agent V. W. Peterson of this office, at which time he advised he was in possession of information which might be of interest to the Division. Immediately thereafter Special Agent J. R. Welles was instructed to interview [redacted] and arrangements were made to confer with [redacted] at the Chicago Division office on the night of May 18, at which time he was interviewed by Special Agents J. R. Welles, H. E.Hollis, and V. W. Peterson.

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During the time that [redacted] was engaged as a newspaper reporter he was assigned to cover a story concerning one LYLE COLLINS, Springfield, Missouri, who was arrested for shop-lifting. The name under which she was arrested is unknown to [redacted] It also appears that an aunt of Lyle Collins was implicated in this matter, and at her request [redacted] refrained from involving this individual in his newspaper article. As a result of this favor to Lyle Collins she became somewhat friendly with him, and he talked with her on various occasions. In the summer of 1932 he learned that Lyle Collins was closely associated with bank robbers and that she had married two men both of whom were bank robbers. These men are now deceased. During the course of a conversation with Lyle Collins it was learned by [redacted] that she was very friendly with PRETTY BOY FLOYD. [redacted] conceived the idea that an interview with Floyd would produce material for an outstanding

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newspaper article which would be extremely remunerative, and as a result he approached her with reference to arranging an interview with Pretty Boy Floyd. She advised him that she thought that it would be possible for her to arrange an interview if he actually desired to contact Floyd. At that time [redacted] gave Lyle Collins fifty dollars in order to pay her expenses in connection with arranging an interview with Floyd. Apparently she was unable to contact Floyd at that time. However, at a later date when [redacted] was in Kansas City he received a long distance telephone call from Lyle Collins advising him she had made arrangements with Pretty Boy Floyd, and that he had agreed to talk to [redacted] although no assurance was given that he would provide details concerning his life history as [redacted] desired. At this time however [redacted] was in the midst of an intensive publicity campaign which he was directing and he was unable to proceed with the arrangements. As a result, the negotiations were discontinued.

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[redacted] advised that Lyle Collins informed him that Pretty Boy Floyd was accidentally shot in the shoulder last fall by a companion. During his illness Lyle Collins cared for him, and it appears from the information provided by [redacted] that she is quite closely associated with Floyd. [redacted] expressed a willingness to proceed to Tulsa, Oklahoma for the purpose of meeting Lyle Collins and arranging for an interview with Floyd. At the first interview he planned to make arrangements to have a Special Agent and two stenographers present at the second interview, when statements would be taken. [redacted] was of the opinion that it would be useless to attempt to learn much concerning Pretty Boy Floyd at the first interview.

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[redacted] communicated by telephone with Lyle Collins at Springfield, Missouri on two occasions on May 18 and 19, 1934, in the presence of Special Agent J. R. Welles. She informed [redacted] during said telephonic conversations that she saw Pretty Boy Floyd a short time ago, and volunteered information that his shoulder, which was injured last fall is in bad shape at the present time. [redacted] again approached her with reference to arranging for an interview with Floyd, and she informed him that she thought she could arrange for an interview. Special Agent Welles was able to listen to part of the conversation, and he

advises that it appears that Lyle Collins seems to have a considerable amount of confidence in [redacted] In the telephone conversations between [redacted] and Lyle Collins on May 19, Lyle Collins agreed to meet him at Tulsa, Oklahoma on the following afternoon.

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The substance of the information contained in this letter was immediately furnished to you by teletype on May 19, 1934, at which time you were advised that the expenditures attending the trip of [redacted] to Tulsa would approximate $200.00. Upon receipt of your authorization to grant [redacted] the amount of $200 for the trip to Tulsa I conferred with [redacted] and he departed on an airplane at 4.45 P.M. May 19, 1934, and planned to arrive in Tulsa, Oklahoma at 6 A.M. May 20, 1934. He advised he would stop at the Mayo Hotel at Tulsa. I communicated by long distance telephone with the Oklahoma City office of the Division, at which time details concerning this matter were provided, and arrangements were made for Special Agents of the Oklahoma City office to contact [redacted] at the Mayo Hotel in Tulsa.

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The results of [redacted] trip to Tulsa will be reported to you at a later date. The original plan of [redacted] was to return to Chicago on the morning of May 22, 1934.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS, Jr.

Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Okla.City

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

SPC:DSS

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
May 21, 1934.

MR. NATHAN
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I talked with Mr. Black at Oklahoma City and he advised that Agent Deaderick went to Tulsa and contacted the informant from Chicago; that the informant told him that he was going to Sallisaw and Tahlequah in an effort to locate Floyd; that after he had him located he would notify an Agent to accompany him under the pretext that he had to have a witness to the information given to him by Floyd and that Agent Deaderick would accompany him on this trip, but that Deaderick has not yet heard from him.

In connection with Attorney Comstock, Mr. Black advised that they had heard nothing further from him. I told Mr. Black that we should not postpone this matter any longer but that he should be advised point-blank that unless he produces immediately action would be taken looking towards the prosecution of him on charges of harboring a fugitive. Mr. Black stated that Agent Smith had an appointment with this attorney tonight and that he would get in touch with this Agent and the attorney would be so advised. Mr. Black will advise the Division of the result of this conference, as well as any other information the informant from Chicago is able to obtain.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

S. P. Cowley.

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May 22,1934.

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

Personal

Dear Hoover:

Herewith for your personal and confidential information is a copy of a letter from our Agent in South Carolina, giving what purports to be information concerning some gangsters in whom you probably have an interest.

You understand, of course, that all we can vouch for is the integrity of our Agent.

If we can be of any help to you in this matter, we will be glad to give it a try.

Very truly yours,

A. Bruce Bielaski

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Enclosure.

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Sumter, S. C.

May 18, 1934.

Mr. A. Bruce Bielaski,
National Board of Fire Underwriters,
New York, New York.

PERSONAL

Dear Mr. Bielaski:

Referring to your Agent's letters, marked "Personal" relative to the crowd of gangsters passing through South Carolina, among others being "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and noting your letter under date of March 28, 1934, instructing the writer to give all the help possible, in the event any representative of the Department of Justice should call on him, please be advised that on April 2, 1934, Special Agent Brent, of Charlotte, N. C., Office of Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, conferred with your Agent at Sumter, S. C., and was given all the information at that time available, in regard to this subject.

Since the interview with Mr. Brent, your Agent learned that the gangster, known to his informer as "Smittie," went to Oklahoma, then to Indianapolis, and returned through South Carolina on his way to the lay-out of this gang, near Savannah, Georgia, having been seriously shot in the left thigh, but is now reported to be recuperating at the lay-out - my informer having seen this subject and personally examined his wound.

Your Agent is further informed that the leader of this gang, Bert Kelley, alias Bert Burla, alias Al Kelley, born and reared on the East River water front of Brooklyn, N. Y., visited my informer at Greenville, S. C., on May 5th, gave my informer a general description of the location of their lay-out, near Savannah, Georgia, and stated that he was on his way to New York; admitted that he was connected, at one time, with the contemplated kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer, and that he was now on a mission to investigate Andrew Mellon, which investigation would probably take from two to three months - intimating that his part of the "racket" was to get the low-down on the subject contemplated to be kidnapped, and intimating that he was to investigate, not only Andrew Mellon, but any other members of his immediate family, who would be a subject for kidnapping; this decision, of course, to be made after a thorough investigation.

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This man gave an address in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he could be reached; requested my informer to join him there - offered to give them a checking account, which offer was refused at the time and produced for their observance a copy of the Sunday News,

New York Pictorial newspaper, dated Sunday, April 29, 1934, and showed them an article on pages 6 and 7, captioned "Mellon Family Always Had Its Tax Problem," which article contained photographs of Andrew Mellon, as Secretary of the Treasury, as Ambassador to the Court of St. James, also photograph of a show place known as Barton Lodge, at Hot Springs, Virginia; and anoth photograph of the Mellon summer residence, estate at Southhampto L. I.

Your Agent being of the opinion that Special Agent Brent of the Charlotte Office, Department of Justice, was not interested and did not appreciate this information, has conferred with State Detective W. Fred Newman, and Charles H. Gerald, Secretary of the Governor of South Carolina, two of your Agent's personal friends, and it was their opinion that this information should be taken direct to J. Edgar Hoover, at Washington, and the Governor's Secretary instructed State Detective Newman to proceed to Washington for a personal interview with Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, which trip is contemplated in the next few days.

Your Agent thoroughly appreciates the fact that he is Special Agent for the National Board of Fire Underwriters, whose primary duty is to investigate fires, and that the above subject matter is not of primary importance to the arson division of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, and for that reason has not jeopardized the Board's interest in any way, in receiving this information. However, being thoroughly cognizant of the reliability of the informer, your Agent thinks it advisable to call this matter to your attention.

Yours very truly,

Special Agent.

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62-29715-1678 May 26, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1806 First National Bank Building,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
Identification Order 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
Identification Order 1219, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter dated May 22, 1934, addressed to the Division by Mr. A. Bruce Bielaski, of The National Board of Fire Underwriters, 85 John Street, New York City, New York, together with copies of a letter dated at Sumter, South Carolina, May 18, 1934, addressed to Mr. Bielaski by one of his agents, wherein information is set forth concerning the operations of an alleged gang of kidnapers.

It is noted from the contents of this letter that some of this information has already been furnished to Special Agent D. K. Brent and the Division desires that this information be thoroughly investigated. It is also noted that reference is made to certain contacts of the gang at Savannah, Georgia. It has been known for some time that Willie Haar, and associates, have been contacted from time to time by members of the St. Paul underworld, and it is possible that members of the Barker-Karpis gang have been in the vicinity of Savannah, Georgia. This matter should receive the attention of the Jacksonville Office.

Any other leads that are suggested in the enclosed correspondence should be carefully covered.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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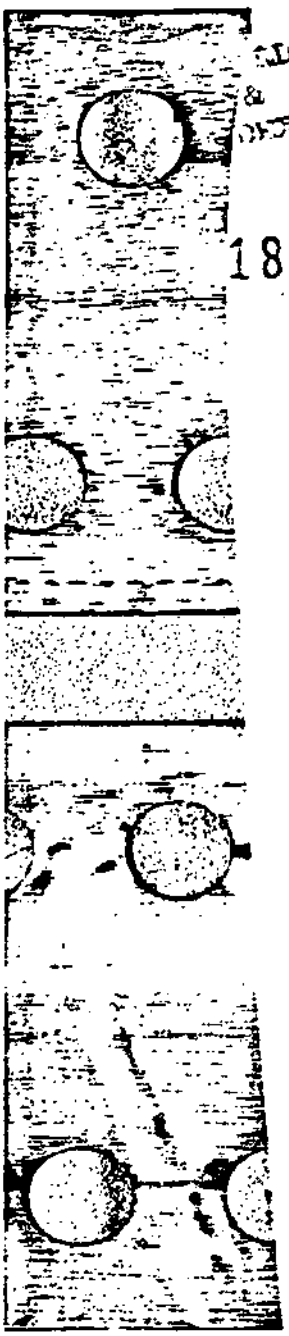

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May 26, 1934

Mr. A. Bruce Bielaski,
The National Board of Fire Underwriters,
85 John Street,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Bielaski:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your personal letter dated May 22, 1934, transmitting a report of one of your Agents, dated at Sumter, South Carolina, May 18, 1934, wherein information obtained from an informant is set forth relative to the operation of certain members of the underworld.

The reference which the informant makes to the operation of an alleged kidnaping gang is of considerable interest to this Division, and this matter has been referred to the field offices of the Division to be given immediate investigative attention.

Your continued cooperation and interest in the work of this Division is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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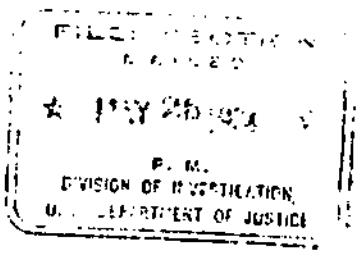

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (deceased), et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

On the afternoon of May 19, 1934, Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis of Chicago, Illinois called this office by long distance telephone and advised that [redacted] stated he was of the opinion that he could contact subject Floyd and aid in his apprehension, further advising that [redacted] was proceeding to Tulsa, Oklahoma where he would stop at the Mayo Hotel. b7D

In view of my inability to meet [redacted] at Tulsa, I instructed Special Agent K. D. Deaderick to proceed to Tulsa and meet [redacted] for an interview.

Sunday afternoon, May 20, 1934, Special Agent K. D. Deaderick interviewed [redacted] registered at Room 1037, Mayo Hotel, Tulsa, Oklahoma, at length. [redacted] stated to Agent Deaderick that he had met Mrs. Lyle Collins several years ago, probably about 1926 or 1927, and that he did not see or hear of her again until about 1932, at which time, she met him on the street in Kansas City, Missouri and recognized him, and in their conversation at that time, she stated to [redacted] that she knew Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd; that he made an agreement with her to contact Floyd and arrange that he, [redacted] could interview Floyd for a newspaper story, and gave this woman $50.00 for expenses in this undertaking; that she took the $50.00 and went to the State of Oklahoma, and approximately one month thereafter, called him by long distance telephone and stated that it had been arranged for [redacted] to interview Floyd; that nothing further was done relative to the matter at that time. b7D

[redacted] stated that he did not give this matter a great deal of consideration until he entered into conversation with Agents of the Chicago Division Office, and that he has now renewed his contact with Mrs. Lyle Collins, and that he is of the opinion that she can arrange an interview with subject Floyd. b7D

[redacted] arrived at Tulsa, Oklahoma shortly after one p. m. Sunday, May 20, 1934, and Agent Deaderick was with him from time to time after his arrival until 9 p. m. of that day, during which time at intervals, [redacted] was

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with Mrs. Lyle Collins, and it appears from the present set-up that Mrs. Collins is endeavoring to locate and interview Floyd's ex-wife, Ruby Floyd, and thereby endeavor to contact Floyd. This was so stated by [redacted] to Agent Deaderick. [redacted] frankly stated to Agent Deaderick that he did not know Floyd and did not have any first-hand information as to the possible whereabouts of Floyd or his possible hideouts, and that Mrs. Collins had stated to him at Tulsa on the 20th instant that she had not been either directly or indirectly in touch with Floyd for two years or more.

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Agent Deaderick informs me that his impression of [redacted] is that his motive is possibly twofold -- first, if possible, to contact Floyd for a newspaper story for what financial benefits he may obtain therefrom, and second, possibly for personal reasons, to renew his acquaintance with Mrs. Lyle Collins and thereby have a few days' vacation in Oklahoma at the Government's expense. It is not Agent Deaderick's opinion that either Mrs. Collins or [redacted] can cause the apprehension of Charles Arthur Floyd, [redacted] stating that even though he were successful in contacting Floyd, that it did not necessarily follow, of course, that he could cause his apprehension.

On the morning of May 21, 1934 about 10:30 a. m., [redacted] called the Oklahoma City Division Office and stated that he was hiring a car and that he and Mrs. Collins were proceeding to Sallisaw, Oklahoma and would probably tour the Cookson Hills area and stop either at Sallisaw or Tahlequah, Oklahoma in an effort to locate Mrs. Charles Arthur Floyd (Ruby). The Division, of course, is well aware of this woman's whereabouts. [redacted] so I am informed by Agent Deaderick, endeavored to question Agent Deaderick in detail as to what information the Government had as to Floyd's whereabouts, his physical condition, etc., but no information was furnished him.

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[redacted] advised Agent Deaderick that he expected to remain in Oklahoma for three or four days, and if nothing developed during that time, he would return to Chicago, Illinois; that during his stay in Oklahoma, he would keep in touch with the Oklahoma City Division Office. Any information of value developed in this matter will be immediately forwarded to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Earle M. Black

EARLE M. BLACK, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Kansas City
Chicago

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

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 1275,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

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

In a communication under date of May 8, 1934, one E. O. Smith, 835 Valley Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, advised this office that there has been persistent rumors in Hot Springs to the effect that Fugitive Dick Galatas is staying somewhere in the county in which Hot Springs is situated. It appears that two or three individuals in Hot Springs have remarked that they have seen Galatas at some camp near Lake Catherine. Mr. Smith asserted that he felt confident the information is sufficiently reliable that an investigation would be justified. He promised to cooperate in every way possible.

For your information, Mr. Smith is a former Sheriff of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and has worked with Agents of this office in the past.

It is suggested that you have an Agent of your office interview Mr. Smith for more detailed information regarding the alleged hide-out of Dick Galatas.

Very truly yours,

E. K. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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Suite 1 -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
May 14, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases(Deceased)
ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FIREARMS AND OTHER

In connection with the case entitled Eva Marie Richetti, alias Eva Simpson, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, wherein Oklahoma City is the office of origin, it is shown from the report of Special Agent L. M. Clipman, dated at Oklahoma City, 5-21-34, that Eva Richetti has the following relatives:

Parents:

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Richetti,
Lehigh, Oklahoma.

Brothers:

Joe Richetti, Bolivar, Missouri.
Dave Richetti, whereabouts unknown.
Adam Richetti, whereabouts unknown.

Sisters:

Mrs. [illegible],
New Lima, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Henry [illegible],
[illegible] Box 134,
Millonville, Ohio.

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The Oklahoma City and Cincinnati offices are requested to immediately place covers on the mail of these relatives residing in their respective territories, in an effort to locate Adam Richetti, who is a brother of Eva Richetti.

The Kansas City office will take similar action at Bolivar, Missouri.

Any additional relatives who may be discovered through these relatives should be considered also for further covers.

In view of some recent developments, the Kansas City office requests that the interested offices do not directly approach any of the relatives of Richetti, and that inquiries be handled in a highly confidential manner.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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P O Box 536
Los Angeles, Calif.
May 16th, 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.

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Dear Sir:-

Mr. Fred Phillips, Chief Special Agent for the Santa Fe Railway at Los Angeles, advised this office that "Pretty Boy" Floyd and a gang of outlaws are located in the hills of Southwest Colorado and Northeast New Mexico and vicinity, and have been there for several weeks.

Mr. Phillips stated that he did not have the details or know the exact location of the rendezvous, but that Mr. Sam Fabrizo, Chief Special Agent for the Santa Fe System at La Junta, Colorado, has all the information about the hangout and recent activities of the gang.

It appears that an Informant tipped off the Santa Fe officials of a train robbery planned by the mob and the railroad and Railway Express Agents have been working on the tip. While the train robbery did not take place, Mr. Phillips stated the railway and express agents located the gang and gathered valuable information.

It is respectfully suggested that Mr. Fabrizo be contacted for particulars with a view of establishing evidence of the whereabouts of Floyd.

Very truly yours,

B. R. SACKETT
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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cc El Paso
cc Kansas City

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P. O. Box # 987
Pittsburgh, Pa.

May 15, 1934

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

VERNON C. MILLER with aliases
(Deceased) et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A
FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the instructions contained in the Division's communication of May 8, 1934, I am attaching hereto copies of the following documents appearing in the Pittsburgh Division Office file which have not heretofore been transmitted to your office.

Memorandum of Special Agent in Charge Tamm, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2-7-34.

Letter of Acting SAC Bangert, addressed to the Portland Division Office under date of 11-15-33, together with copies of the enclosures referred to therein.

Memorandum of Special Agent W. H. Haywood, Charleston, W. Va. 10-31-33.

Memorandum of Special Agent D. DiLillo, Pittsburgh, Pa., 8-31-33.

Letter of SAC C. D. McKean, addressed to the Division, 7-21-33.

Memorandum of Special Agent F. M. Ames, Pittsburgh, Pa., 7-15-33.

Memorandum of Special Agent F. M. Ames, Pittsburgh, Pa., 9-15-33.

Very truly yours,

E. A. TAMM
Special Agent in Charge

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1231 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,
El Paso, Texas,
May 18, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Mr. W.D.Creet, present county clerk and a former police officer of El Paso, Texas, and who it is reported has a friendly contact with most of the old time confidence and bunco men who pass through El Paso, was shown a copy of the Identification Order on Richard T. Galatas and he stated he had never seen this individual in El Paso and did not believe he had frequented El Paso very often if he were a confidence man as he would have seen or heard of him.

Mr. Creet volunteered the information that one George Sadlo, a professional gambler, is now in possession of the gambling concessions at McAllen and Laredo, Texas, and Matamoras, Mexico, and that he had recently been informed that a number of the Kansas City and Hot Springs, Ark., old-time gamblers and confidence men were operating in that district and it might be possible that Subject Galatas is there too; that, however, if he is not there, he believes if George Sadlo is contacted in a confidential way he will disclose to an agent any information he may have regarding Galatas' whereabouts. Mr. Creet said that while Sadlo is a professional gambler and operates gambling houses he is not very much in sympathy with the average confidence man.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Street,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
May 18, 1934.

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DIVISION ONE

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

MAY 22 1934 PM

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.

Dear Sir:

A review of the Salt Lake City file in this matter, indicates that copies of all reports and related memoranda prepared at this office in this matter, have been forwarded to your office.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division.

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P. O. Box 536
Los Angeles, California
May 18, 1934.

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

MAY 22 1934

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith photostatic copy of a letter dated May 11, 1934, received from Arthur W. Crowford of Healdton, Oklahoma.

In view of the fact that he claims to have information regarding Pretty Boy Floyd, it would appear advisable to interview him.

Very truly yours,

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

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Encl.

cc Division.

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P. O. Box #766
Cincinnati, Ohio

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MAY 21 1934

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62-765

May 18, 1934.

Mr. W. R. Briggs,
Post Office Inspector in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased)
RICHARD TALIEAF GALATAS with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD
with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1194 et al.,
Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner.

In connection with the above entitled case, it is respectfully requested that a cover be placed on all first-class mail addressed to the Henry Sustek family, residing on a rural route out of Dillonvale, Ohio, Box 134. Kindly continue this cover for thirty days, sending all tracings as they are made, to this office.

You are advised that there are warrants outstanding in the instant matter and it is felt that a cover on the mail of this family at Dillonvale, Ohio may be productive of results in locating Fugitives in connection with the instant matter.

Very truly yours,

N. B. KLEIN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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KANSAS CITY MISSOURI
May 20, 1934

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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62-826

P. O. Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama,
May 21, 1934.

Mr. P. T. Anderson,
Postmaster,
Macon, Georgia.

19283

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this Division, it would be appreciated if you would have a thirty day mail cover placed on all mail going to

Miss Myrtle Duncan,
99 Osbourne Drive,
Macon, Georgia.

It is requested that you treat this matter confidentially, and that all tracings be forwarded to this office, for attention of file 62-826.

I wish to thank you very kindly for your cooperation in past instances.

Very truly yours,

D. O. SMITH, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 514,
Birmingham, Alabama,
May 21, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above entitled file, this is to advise that I today talked to Mr. Z. D. Steele, Inspector of Police, L. & N. Railroad Company, Montgomery, Alabama, in connection with the assistance that he has been rendering at Montgomery, Alabama, toward maintaining a surveillance on Pat C. Sturney, in accordance with previous arrangements made by Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley and Special Agent H. E. Anderson.

Mr. Steele stated that Sturney is still residing at the same place, that he is unemployed and absolutely destitute. The Beeches, with whom he is residing, furnish him with a place to sleep and with his board, merely out of generosity, and because of Sturney's friendship for one of their sons. Steele claims that Sturney is sleeping with one of the Beech children, and that he did not even have money enough to pay for a postage stamp a few days ago, which stamp was purchased by Mrs. Beech when she noticed that Sturney had written a letter to his sweetheart, and that the letter had been laying around the house without Sturney mailing it.

Mr. Steele also said that his officer John Kelly, who is Mrs. Beech's brother, had not been able to render active assistance in this case heretofore, inasmuch as Kelly had been ill himself for three weeks, and had later been off from work for another five week period, during which time his wife was ill. However, since that time Kelly has been able to make visits to the Beech home, during which time he has observed all of the letters that are in Sturney's possession, none of them containing anything of value, there being no indication whatsoever that Sturney is in communication with either his mother or Calatas.

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Steele stated that he himself on several occasions had searched through Sturney's possessions, mentioning that Sturney kept nothing locked at all, and that the only letters he could find were love letters from Sturney's sweetheart, Myrtle Duncan, 98 Osbourne Drive, Macon, Ga., also some letters from his grandmother and aunt in Canada, there being no indication in any of these letters that Sturney was receiving information from them concerning Galatas or the latter's wife.

Mr. Steele also mentioned that there would be no possibility of anyone else renting another room in the Beech home, as Steele himself is at the present time sleeping with one of the Beech children, and they have no accommodations for anyone else. It had been my intention, as was outlined in my previous letters, to have a man do some undercover work in Montgomery in connection with the above case, but in view of the above data, as furnished by Mr. Steele, I do not see that it would be practical to do this at this time.

Mr. Steele has promised to continue to watch this and should conditions change so that a man can do some undercover work in Montgomery in connection with this case, I will then arrange for such plans. However, in the event that Sturney is receiving mail through his sweetheart, whose address is 98 Osbourne Drive, Macon, Ga., the Birmingham Office is arranging to place a cover on all mail going to her for the purpose of checking it.

Very truly yours,

D. O. SMITH, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC: Oklahoma City

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma FILE NO. 62-481

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5/21/34	5/18/34	F. S. Smith.

TITLE:

HAZEL HUDSON UNDERHILL, et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE:

Harboring and Concealing Wilbur Underhill for whom a warrant of Arrest had been issued.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Federal Grand Jury at Oklahoma City, Okla., Western District of Okla., April 3, 1934 in case 10672, returned a true bill of indictment charging Hazel Underhill, Lon J. Johnson and Sedell Johnson, jointly, with conspiracy to harbor and conceal Wilbur Underhill, a Fugitive from Justice. In case 10670, April 3, 1934, the same Grand Jury returned a true bill of indictment against Ralph Rowe, charging in one count harboring and concealing Wilbur Underhill. All subjects arraigned in U.S. Court, Hon. Edgar S. Vaught presiding, Oklahoma City, Okla. April 3, 1934; entered pleas of not guilty. $2,500 bond set for Hazel Underhill and executed. $10,000 bond set for Lon J. Johnson remanded in default. $10,000 bond set for Sedell Johnson remanded in default. $10,000 bond set for Ralph Rowe remanded in default. Date of trial not yet set.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F. S. Smith, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 2-13-34.

DETAILS:

DETAILS: Under date of April 3, 1934, a Federal Grand Jury convening at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in the Western District of Oklahoma, in case No. 10672, returned a true bill of indictment charging Hazel Underhill, Lon J. Johnson and Sedell Johnson jointly with Conspiracy in one count for harboring and concealing Wilbur Underhill, a Fugitive from Justice. In case No. 10670 on the same date, a true bill of indictment was returned charging Ralph Rowe in one count with harboring and concealing Wilbur Underhill. All subjects were

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: L. M. Black Acting Special Agent in Charge

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arraigned April 3, 1934 before the Honorable Edgar S. Vaught, presiding in the United States Court at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and entered pleas of not guilty. Appearance bonds were set for Hazel Underhill in the sum of $2,500.00 and executed; Lon J. Johnson, $10,000.00, in default of which he was remanded to jail; Sedell Johnson, $10,000.00, in default of which he was remanded to jail; Ralph Rose in the sum of $10,000.00 in default of which he was remanded to jail. There has been no date set for the trial of these cases.

Recently Mr. Tankersley, County Attorney of Pottawatomie County, Shawnee, Oklahoma, expressed to the writer a desire to prosecute Ralph Rowe under the State laws for harboring Underhill in Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma whenever the Government desired to release him to that jurisdiction.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Oklahoma City will keep in touch with and report subsequent prosecutive action in this case.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT KANSAS CITY, Mo. FILE NO. 62-474.

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Charlotte, N. C.	5/23/34.	4/5,6/34; 5/4,11,18/34.	L. E. RIGGINS. :MO

TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. 1201; ROBERT G. BRADY with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. 1190; HARVEY J. BAILEY with aliases - Fugitive, I. O. 1189; WILBUR UNDERHILL with aliases - Fugitive, I. O. 1191; et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Turner and wife residing Rock Hill, S. C. Turner well known, reputable character; has been employed by Southern Railway for number of years. Mrs. Turner's daughter and children have been visiting at this address, have recently returned to home in Montgomery, Ala., where reside at 109 Woodley Terrace. Margaret Gibson Finley, respectable young lady of reputable character, met Pat Gardelle Sturney socially while visiting her aunt, residing in Montgomery, Ala. She maintains friendly correspondence with Sturney.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. H. Hanson, Birmingham, Alabama, dated 3/20/34.

DETAILS:

L. C. McFadden, Postmaster, Rock Hill, South Carolina, advised upon interview that a letter addressed to 328 Wilson Street, Rock Hill, South Carolina, would necessarily be delivered to 328 North Wilson Street, inasmuch as South Wilson street does not contain the number 328. He further stated that E. R. Turner and his wife, who are an elderly couple, reside at 328 North Wilson Street; that Turner has been a flagman on a branch of the Southern Railway which serves Rock Hill, South Carolina, for a period of at least thirty years, and

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: L. B. Rice Acting SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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that he was a very reputable elderly man and well known in the community. At the Post Office it was also learned that Turner has two sons, Haskell and J. D., who live in Birmingham, Alabama, and Montgomery, Alabama, although it is not known in which city they respectively reside. One of his sons is thought to be connected with the Royster Fertilizer Company, in either Montgomery or Birmingham.

At Police Headquarters Detective J. V. Porter and Chief of Police B. R. Ross advised that Turner had been an employee of the Southern Railway for approximately forty years and had always shown himself to be a good citizen. Constable C. I. Bailey advised agent to the same effect.

F. A. Tate, the postman who serves 328 North Wilson Street, stated upon interview that on or about March 1, 1934, Mrs. Turner had been visited by her daughter, a Mrs. Duncan, who had been accompanied by her two children, and who lived in Alabama. Agent requested Tate, who was interviewed while making his rounds, to ascertain at 328 North Wilson Street the names and addresses of all persons who had been visiting at the Turner home during the month of March, 1934, suggesting to Tate that he do this under the pretext of obtaining forwarding addresses. In this manner it was learned that Mrs. Turner's daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Duncan, her son Paul Duncan, and her daughter Myrtle Duncan, had come from their home in Montgomery, Alabama, in the early part of March to pay Mrs. Turner a visit; that after a short period they left Rock Hill, but returned again soon afterwards; that on or about March 25, 1934, Mr. Duncan came to Rock Hill, and they, accompanied by Mr. Duncan, went back to their home in Montgomery, Alabama. Tate advised that the name Mrs. Myrtle Duncan seemed familiar to him and stated that he believed there was some mail for her at the Rock Hill Post Office.

At the Post Office agent found three letters addressed to the Duncans. All of these letters had been forwarded from Montgomery, Alabama, to the respective addressees at 328 Wilson Street, Rock Hill, South Carolina, and all had been postmarked from Montgomery, Alabama, on April 5, 1934. The letters were addressed to Miss Frances Duncan, to Mr. Paul Duncan, and to Mrs. Myrtle Duncan, and all had been originally sent to 109 Woodley Terrace, Montgomery, Alabama. The letter to Miss Frances Duncan bore the return address, "Alabama Journal"; the one to Mr. Paul Duncan bore the return address, "P. O. Box 33, Montgomery, Alabama; and the one to Mrs. Myrtle Duncan, the return address, "Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Montgomery, Alabama," and was evidently a bill.

Mr. E. R. Turner, being a trainman engaged in active duty, was absent from Rock Hill on the date of Agent's investigation. However, inasmuch as the date of receipt of the letters by Sturney in Montgomery corresponds with the time that the Duncan family, also residents of Montgomery, were in Rock Hill, South Carolina, it appears highly probable that some member of this family has been communicating with Sturney, especially as the only other persons residing at 328 North Wilson Street, Rock Hill, South Carolina, are an elderly couple who have been living in Rock Hill for a number of years. For these reasons and also because the Duncan family are reported to be at the present time in Montgomery, Alabama, further investigation is not at this time being conducted at Rock Hill, South Carolina.

The foregoing investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. K. Brent, Jr.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent L. F. Huntt:

Chief of Detectives Frank N. Littlejohn, Charlotte, North Carolina, advised that William P. Finley, father of Margaret Gibson Finley, was a messenger for the Southern Railroad, and he believed that he had been connected with that railroad for several years; further, that records of the Identification Unit of the Charlotte Police Department did not reflect any criminal record of William P. Finley, Margaret Gibson Finley, or any of the Finley family.

Inspector Cox of the Southern Railroad Police, Charlotte, North Carolina, advised that William P. Finley had been employed by the Southern Railroad Company for a period of about twelve years; that several years ago he was caught retailing intoxicating liquors by the police of the Southern Railroad, but nothing was ever done about it, and Finley is still employed by the railroad as a combination baggage and express agent on a short line of the railroad running out of Columbia, South Carolina. Inspector Cox stated that he knew nothing further of the Finley family.

Mr. H. B. Keller, of the Keller Real Estate Company, Charlotte, North Carolina, advised that his company rented the premises of 214 Colonial Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina, to William P. Finley about one year ago, and that he knows nothing of the Finley family

other than he believes that they have been residing in Charlotte, North Carolina, for some time prior to renting the above premises.

The writer interviewed Miss Margaret Gibson Finley at her home, 214 Colonial Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina, and it was observed that she lived in a highly respectable neighborhood, and the home appeared to be very neat and clean. She impressed agent as being a cultured young lady about eighteen or nineteen years of age, and of reputable character. Miss Finley stated that she met Pat Gardelle Sturney socially last summer in Montgomery, Alabama, while she was visiting her aunt who resides there, and that she keeps up a friendly correspondence with him. Miss Finley further stated that Pat Sturney was attending summer school at the University of Alabama when she met him. Agent questioned her discreetly with regard to her knowledge of Mr. Sturney's relatives, but she advised that she has never met any of his relatives, as she had never been to his home. She did say, however, that she was of the opinion from remarks he made, that his parents lived some place other than Montgomery, Alabama, and that he was only in Montgomery for the purpose of attending school.

Miss Finley stated further that she has never heard Mr. Sturney speak of his step-father, and she was unable to furnish information concerning any of Mr. Sturney's relatives.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: BIRMINGHAM OFFICE, at Montgomery, Alabama, will conduct appropriate investigation concerning the Duncan family, who reside at 109 Woodley Terrace, ascertaining which member of this family has been corresponding with Sturney and whether such correspondence appears to have reference to Gelatas.

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TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN

U. S. Department of Justice
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
~~Bureau of Investigation~~
P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 21, 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),
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.

With reference to the Division letter under date of April 4, 1934 pertaining to alleged information in possession of one A. W. Crawford of Healdton, Oklahoma as to the possible whereabouts of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, I wish to advise as follows:

Special Agent K. D. Deaderick of this office recently interviewed Mr. A. W. Crawford of Healdton, Oklahoma and was informed by Mr. Crawford that he had received his investigative training via. correspondence, and upon closely questioning this person, it is clearly evident that he has no information whatsoever as to subject Floyd or any other person involved in this case.

It might be stated that this office is now in receipt of three letters just received from Mr. Crawford in addition to numerous letters previously received, none of which are of any value.

Attention is also invited to a letter under date of May 18, 1934 from the Los Angeles Division Office to this office, forwarding a photostatic copy of a letter forwarded by Arthur W. Crawford of Healdton, Oklahoma to that office.

At the time Agent Deaderick interviewed Mr. Crawford, he went into a long story of how he read all the newspapers and kept in touch with all the criminals and outlaws in this section of the country, but it is clearly evident that his information on these matters is that drawn from his vivid

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imagination. He desires to be financed by the Government and sent about over the country to try and locate subject Floyd. Mr. Crawford stated that should he at any future time receive any information of value as to Floyd's whereabouts, he would immediately advise this office.

Very truly yours,

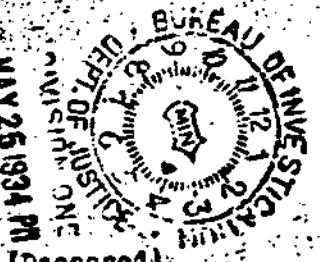
Earle M. Black

EARLE M. BLACK, Acting,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Kansas City
Los Angeles

Suite I -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri,
May 23, 1934.

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



Dear Sir:

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

Chief of Police Enos, St. Joseph, Missouri, just telephoned this office to the effect that he had learned from an individual at St. Joseph, who was reliable, but whose name he did not desire to divulge, that one of this individual's salesmen had been in Best, Benton County, Arkansas, three weeks ago last Saturday, which would have been April 28, 1934, and while there, one George D. Cook, a merchant at Best, Arkansas, pointed out a man in a restaurant there as Charles Arthur Floyd.

Chief Enos stated that his informant could give no further information than that set out hereinabove. The information is being furnished you for appropriate attention at Best, Arkansas.

Very truly yours,

E. C. STEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Drawer 1457
Saint Louis, Missouri
May 23, 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:

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Please be advised that on May 19, 1934 Sheriff James S. Trainer of Steeleville, Missouri, called this office and advised that he had in custody one TONY BOMBACK, for jail breaking and forgery; that this subject had informed him of a hideout near Maude, Oklahoma.

Bomback stated that one GEORGE MORGAN and wife lived about three miles south of Maude, Oklahoma, in a brick house; that in the rear of this house there is a garage and a barn, and about one-half mile in back of the house there is a small creek. From the bluff on this creek there is an entrance going back underground into a large room, which is completely concreted on the inside.

Bomback states that about a year ago he was in this vicinity, and was taken to this place by a party whom he knows as SALTY SIMMONS, of Conway, Oklahoma; that at that time there were eight or ten men there, all heavily armed, and that Charles Arthur Floyd was among those present.

The above information is being forwarded to you for your assistance in connection with the investigations conducted by you in the vicinity of Maude, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

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

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Department of Justice

Post Office Drawer 1457
Saint Louis, Missouri
May 24, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Special Agent W. F. Trainor, of the Kansas City Division Office, called this office by telephone from Mexico, Missouri, advising that he arrived there at 12:30 P. M., May 23, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, et al, Obstruction of Justice, and that he was departing Mexico, Missouri at 7:00 A. M., May 24, 1934, enroute Jefferson City, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

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

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
May 19, 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-
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201;
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with
aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1194, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

Special Agent J. M. Edgar has reviewed the file in the above case and two copies of all correspondence, memoranda and reports indicated as not having gone to Kansas City have been sent to the Kansas City Office. Two copies are also inclosed for the Division herewith.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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Detroit Michigan
June 20 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT M. W. MEEKINS

I am in receipt of a letter from Thomas Lovitt, Sheriff at Jackson, Michigan requesting photographs of Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd and Adam Richetti, Oklahoma bandits.

The Sheriff states that they had a bank robbery last week and it is believed that perhaps these individuals might have been involved.

I understand that Floyd's Toledo number is 21458 and I wish that you would call at the Identification Bureau, Toledo Police Department in an attempt to secure a photograph of each one of these individuals and have the Department forward same to the Sheriff at Jackson.

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WM. LARSON
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Toledo, Ohio
June 21st, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

Reference is made to your memorandum to this Agent dated June 20th, 1933, concerning Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd and Adam Richetti, Oklahoma bandits. In agreement therewith, Agent interviewed Superintendent John Loury, Bureau of Identification, Police Department, this City. Mr. Loury furnished Agent with a descriptive circular on Floyd and advised he had no record of Richetti. The circular on Floyd is attached hereto, which Mr. Loury requested that we forward, rather than himself.

Very truly yours,

M. W. Meeking,
Special Agent

C O P Y - vas - 5/19/34

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625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
June 22, 1933

Thomas Lovitt, Sheriff
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Sheriff:

Your letter of June 17, 1933, requesting photographs of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Adam Richetti, Oklahoma bandits, was turned over to this office by the United States Internal Revenue Bureau at Detroit, to whom the letter was delivered.

In the absence of photographs of either of these two men at this office, I made inquiries and finally located a circular on Floyd at the Toledo Police Department, and same is being transmitted herewith. This circular it will be noted contains his fingerprints, photograph and description. I have been unable to date to find a photograph of Adam Richetti. However, I am today communicating with our Bureau at Washington requesting that a search be made in the fingerprint files of the Identification Division and in the event a photograph is available that same be forwarded to you.

I am glad to render you this assistance.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
June 22, 1933

Director
United States Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of communication from Sheriff Thomas Lovitt, Jackson, Michigan, requesting photographs of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Adam Richetti.

I was able to secure a circular from the Toledo Police Department which includes fingerprints, photograph and description of Floyd, but I have been unable to locate a photograph of Richetti, who is believed to be Floyd's partner.

The Sheriff states that there was a bank robbery in his county last week, and it is for this purpose that he desires the two above mentioned photographs.

It is respectfully requested that the records in the Identification Division be searched in an effort to locate a photograph of Richetti, and if one is found it should be forwarded to the Sheriff at Jackson, Michigan.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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625 Lafayette Bldg.
Detroit Michigan
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Director
United States Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir;

Confirming long distance telephone conversation had this afternoon with Special Agent Cowley at the Bureau, the following data is submitted:

Special Agent M. W. Meeking at Toledo, Ohio inquired as to this matter of the Superintendent of the Toledo, Ohio Police Identification Section and was advised that CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD alias FRANK MITCHELL alias PRETTY BOY SMITH alias PRETTY BOY FLOYD was sentenced at Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio in Common Pleas Court 11/25/30 for the crime of Bank Robbery committed at Sylvania, O. The sentence indicated was twelve to fifteen years confinement in the Ohio State Prison. Floyd escaped December 10, 1930 at Kenton, Ohio while being transported to prison. He was 23 years of age in 1930 and the Toledo Police Department submitted his fingerprints to the Bureau at Washington. His Toledo Police Department number is Z1458.

In addition to the above, Floyd was taken into custody on this charge at Akron, Ohio with two other persons, John King and Bert Walker. King was returned to Toledo and received a sentence in the Ohio State Prison and Walker was electrocuted for murder of an Akron Ohio policeman.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Donaldson, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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625 Lafayette Bldg.
Detroit Michigan
June 29 1933

Postmaster
Madison, Michigan

Dear Sir:

In connection with a matter being investigated by this office, we have discovered a circumstance which it is desirable to verify or disprove.

It has been indicated that a bank at Madison, Michigan was robbed in October, 1931 and further, that possibly one of the individuals included among the photographs herewith might have participated in the robbery.

I shall deem it a great favor, if a bank robbery did occur in your town about October 1931, to present the four enclosed photographs to officials at the bank who may be able to identify the bandits, for their inspection. Also, will you advise me as to the date the bank was robbed and whether anyone has been convicted for the offense - if so, when and at what place.

After making this inquiry, will you please return all of the photographs with your reply, using the enclosed self-addressed envelope which requires no postage. This is a very urgent matter and your prompt attention will greatly facilitate same.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Very truly yours,

R. B. Donaldson, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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Toledo, Ohio,
June 29, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

Confirming our telephonic conversations of this date, relative Charles Arthur Floyd alias F. Mitchell. Agent interviewed Superintendent John Louy, Bureau of Identification, Police Department, Toledo, Ohio who stated that CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD alias "Pretty Boy" Smith alias Frank Mitchell, their No. 21458, was sentenced on 11-24-30 to 12 to 15 years in the Ohio State Penitentiary, in the Common Pleas Court, Toledo, Ohio for bank robbery at Sylvania, Ohio, and escaped from the Sheriff at Kenton, Ohio on 12-10-30, en route to the State Penitentiary. That FLOYD, with John King and Bert Walker, was arrested by the Akron, Ohio Police on 3-8-30. Bert Walker was convicted of the first degree murder of an Akron Police Officer and sentenced to electrocution, while FLOYD and King were returned to Toledo and convicted on the Bank of Sylvania robbery and sentenced to the Ohio State Penitentiary, FLOYD subsequently escaping, while King is now in that State Institution. There is enclosed a police circular on FLOYD.

Very truly yours,

M. W. Keskins,
Special Agent.

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625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan,
June 30, 1933.

Mr. Fred R. Seger,
Sheriff,
Adrian, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

In connection with a case being investigated by this office we have received some information to the effect that in October of 1931 a bank was held up and robbed at Madison, Mich. I should like to confirm this and will appreciate it if you will look over your records and see if any such robbery occurred and, if so, advise me as to whether or not anyone has been apprehended and prosecuted for same and the name of such person or persons.

I am sending herewith one of our official envelopes, self addressed, which requires no postage for your use in replying and I will thank you to give this matter your early attention.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Donaldson,
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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Notation received July 5, 1933, from office of Sheriff Fred R. Seger, Adrian, Michigan:

There is no bank at Madison and our records show no robbery there in 1931.

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WESTERN UNION

Detroit, Mich., July 4, 1933

R. E. Vetterli
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

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Detroit, Michigan July 6, 1933

R. E. Vetterli
United States Bureau of Investigation
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City Missouri

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DETROIT MICH JULY 5, 1933 5:48 PM

R E VETTERLI
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
905 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BLDG
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

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POSTAL TELEGRAPH

DETROIT MICH JULY 5, 1933 3:47 PM

DIRECTOR
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D C

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS KANSAS CITY SHOOTING STOP VERNE C MILLER ALIAS

VERNE MILLER NOT WANTED BY MICHIGAN STATE POLICE

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625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan,
July 5, 1933.

Mr. Oscar Olander,
Public Safety Commissioner,
Michigan State Police Barracks,
East Lansing, Michigan.

- Attention Lieut. Van Loomis -

Dear Sir:

Recently one of our agents interviewed a prisoner who is serving a life sentence and who related a story about the crimes he had committed and, among other things, stated that he had operated out of Chicago, Ill., with an organized bunch of bank robbers and in October, 1931, he participated in a bank robbery at Madison, Mich. I find this place, which has no post office, is located in Lenawee County and the sheriff at Adrian states that no robbery was committed at Madison, according to his records, in 1931. It is possible that this prisoner is mistaken as to the place where this robbery was committed.

Will you kindly look over your records and advise me if any cases of bank robbery were called to your attention in the vicinity of Adrian which occurred in October, 1931, or close to that time. I have a photograph of the man who gives this information and if you have any information that seems to fit in with this, this office will be glad to give you any assistance, including this man's photograph.

Thanking you for an early reply, I am

Very truly yours,

R.B.Donaldson,
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan,
July 8, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - Obstruction of Justice; Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent A.R. Cere dated 6/26/33 at Salt Lake City, Utah. The informant mentioned therein, Arthur Johnson, told of being implicated in a bank robbery at Madison, Mich. Inquiries by this office reveal there is no bank at Madison and no robberies have been committed there of this character. In communicating with the Michigan State Police at East Lansing, Mich., I was informed by Lt. VanLoomis that they had no information concerning any such occurrence at Madison, Mich., but they did have information concerning a bank robbery at Madison, Indiana, which occurred on November 12, 1931. For the various details concerning this robbery Lt. VanLoomis suggested that Mr. Paul Girard, an agent for the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Co., at Chicago, Ill., be contacted as he, Girard, had submitted a rather comprehensive report on the Madison, Indiana, bank robbery.

It is also suggested that the agents of the American Express Agency at Chicago, Ill., would know something of the case and may be able to supply some data.

It is suggested that this matter be given appropriate attention at Chicago.

Very truly yours,

R.B.Donaldson,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
July 12, 1933

Roscoe B. Huston, Postmaster
Postoffice
Detroit, Michigan

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
Obstruction of Justice
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash)

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation which is being conducted by this Department, it is kindly requested that a thirty day cover be placed on all first class mail addressed to Mrs. Laura M. Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. John W. (Helen) Early, both residing at 2547 West Grand Boulevard, and the tracings thereof be forwarded to this office.

In replying kindly refer to our file No. 62-690.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this case, I remain

Very truly yours,

R. B. Donaldson, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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Detroit, Michigan.
July 14, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE:

Re - UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Obstruction of Justice, Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash.

In accordance with instructions of Acting Special Agent in Charge R. B. Donaldson, agent made inquiries at the Elks Lodge #34, presently located at 8109 East Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, and determined that Richard Tallman Galatas is presently a member of that organization and is yet in good standing.

Mr. N. J. Engstler, Secretary of this Lodge, upon request exhibited to the writer application for membership, submitted by Galatas, which reflected the following information:

Dated - April 27, 1928
Name of Applicant - Richard T. Galatas
Born - Montgomery, Ala., 11/18/90.
Residence Address - 135 N. Kitchener St., Detroit, Mich.
Business Address - 1039 Penobscot Bldg., Detroit, Mich.
Occupation - Salesman, real estate.
Claims to never have been a member of any other lodge.

L. Roy Crites, 467 Henry St., Detroit, is listed on said application as the person who proposed that Galatas be admitted to the Elks Lodge.

Attention is called to the fact that Crites is subject of Detroit file #26-3861, and is presently confined to the United States Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa., to serve a total period of 12 years on five different indictments, which were outstanding against Crites at Cleveland, Ohio, and Danville, Ill. In this connection, he was found to have been actively engaged in the interstate transportation and sale of stolen automobiles between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio, Danville and Chicago, Ill., the state of Indiana, and other surrounding territory.

References given on said application are George Walters, whose address was shown as 60 Winder St., but who may now be located at the Checker Barbecue Club on Brush Street, just north of Adelaide,

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Detroit; and Nathan Keiter, address Library Park Hotel, Detroit. There also appear on this application the names of Harold Schenfler, 135 N. Kitchener St., Detroit, and Edward A. Attix, 207 S. Chalmers, Detroit, business address Penobscot Building, Detroit, #1039.

Previous residences furnished by Galatas are as follows:

Pontchartrain Apartments, from summer, 1922, to Oct. 1927
135 N. Kitchener St., Detroit - claims to have lived there in October, 1927.
505 Dexter Ave., Montgomery, Ala.

Mr. Engstler advised agent that he personally does not know Galatas but believes that George Walters will probably recall him. He stated that the latest address contained in his files for Galatas is 107 Harrell St., Hot Springs, Ark.; that Galatas moved to this address last February from the Morris Hotel, Hot Springs, Ark. He does not know what Galatas' business is, nor when he was last in Detroit, but stated that Galatas had sent him a $20.00 check from Hot Springs last February in payment of Lodge dues, but at present he could not find said check, which was found to be no good.

A tracing of Galatas' signature, as contained on his application for admittance to the Elks Lodge was made by agent and is being submitted herewith.

L. D. SOCEY,
Special Agent

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Washington, D. C.
July 11, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your communication of July 6, and particularly notes that portion thereof in which Captain Marmon, of the Michigan State Police, refers to his acquaintance with a reliable confidential informant at Chicago, Illinois, who has given information upon Verne Miller in the past, and also the possibility that Captain Marmon may secure information from this man, who is now in Chicago.

Will you please express to Captain Marmon the Bureau's appreciation of his offer of assistance. If the Commissioner of the Michigan State Police should see fit to order him to Chicago and if he could there contact his informant, the Bureau would be indeed glad to receive from his informant, through Captain Marmon, any and all information possible. The Bureau feels, however, that it would be undesirable to attempt to arrange with the Commissioner at East Lansing for this trip. Captain Marmon, of course, can acquaint his informant when he sees him with the fact that the Bureau would gladly reward any information which would result in the capture and conviction of those responsible for the murders in Kansas City.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan,
July 15, 1933.

Mr. Oscar Olander,
Commissioner of Public Safety,
East Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

This Department is extremely desirous of effecting the apprehension of one Verne Miller, with aliases, who is the subject of Identification Order No. 1195, issued by the United States Bureau of Investigation. This man in the past has been a suspect in a number of bank robberies and at the present time is wanted by the Government in connection with the murder of several officers, one of whom was an officer of this Bureau, at Kansas City, Missouri on June 17, 1933.

Several days ago the writer had the pleasure of a brief conference in Detroit with your Captain I. H. Marmon. At that time Captain Marmon indicated that he had conducted some investigation of bank robberies wherein this man was a suspect and that he had a confidential informant located in the City of Chicago, Illinois, who was in a good position to supply some information concerning Miller.

I have called this to the attention of the Bureau at Washington, D.C., and they desire me to express to Captain Marmon, through you, the Bureau's appreciation of his offer of assistance in this matter. Should it happen that Captain Marmon will be in Chicago, Ill., on business at any time in the near future we would be very glad to avail ourselves of his offer of cooperation and would be glad to make suitable arrangements to have him contacted by officers of our Chicago office. I will be glad to hear from you in the event Captain Marmon should be going to Chicago in the near future.

In closing I wish to thank you very much for the wholehearted cooperation this office has received from your personnel thoughout the State in the past.

Very truly yours,

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R.B.Donaldson,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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WILLIAM LARSON, UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION -
625 LAFAYETTE BLDG -

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS DELIVERY OF NASH TRACE NINETEEN THIRTY THREE

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POSTAL TELEGRAPH

DETROIT MICH JULY 27, 1933 9:12 AM

T. F. CULLEN
UNITED STATES BURRAU OF INVESTIGATION
370 LEXINGTON AVE ROOM 1403
NEW YORK CITY N Y

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS DELIVERY OF NASH CADILLAC MOTOR TEN NAUGHT NAUGHT NAUGHT

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625 Lafayette Bldg.
Detroit Michigan
July 28 1933

W. E. Peters
United States Bureau of Investigation
Semler Tavern
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, et al.
Obstruction of Justice - Endeavor to Deliver
Federal Prisoner FRANK NASH

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith please find copy of letter today received from the Birmingham Bureau office, which, it will be noted, concerns a letter addressed to Mr. Pat Sturney alias Bill Sturney at the University of Alabama with a return address of #208, The University Club, 105 Fir Hill, Akron, Ohio. Sturney, you will note, is a step-son of Richard Tallman Galatas, a Subject of the instant case who played a very important part in this matter and who is being sought all over the country.

It is noted in reports received at this office that Galatas has evidently kept in close touch with his son or step-son, Pat Sturney, i.e., prior to the instant crime, and it is quitepossible that if Subject Galatas is not the individual at Akron, Ohio, he might possibly be relaying letters through the above address at Akron to his step-son at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where the University of Alabama is located.

I am transmitting herewith for your information in conducting the necessary investigation, a good photograph of Galatas. His complete description is as follows:

Age - 42 November 1, 1932).
Height - 5 ' 9 1/8"
Weight - 155 lbs.
Build - Slender
Hair - Dark Chestnut, mixed with grey (in 1926)
Eyes - Blue
Complexion - Medium
Marks & Scars - 1 upper rear gold tooth (1926)
Obl. cic. rt. jaw
Marital Status - Married
Occupation - Professional gambler and racketeer
Residence - Hot Springs, Arkansas
Nationality - American
Born - Montgomery, Alabama

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It is desired that you give this matter preferred attention and put forth every effort in an attempt to determine the writer of the letter in question. This should be handled, of course, very discreetly and the writer of the communication if located, should not be informed concerning the search for Galatas or anything concerning the crime.

Please submit your memorandum by <u>air mail</u>

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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Detroit, Michigan
July 31, 1934

MEMORANDUM:

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

Reference is made to letter from the Birmingham Bureau Office dated July 26, 1933.

At the University Club, 105 Fir Hill, Agent interviewed J. B. Casey, Manager. He advised that since June 4, 1933, Room #208 at that club had been occupied by David C. Peebles, who had registered from Athens, Alabama. He advised that Mr. Peebles was a young man in his early twenties and was attending the school held by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company for prospective salesmen of that company. He further advised that the registration records of the University Club indicate that Peebles was formerly a student at the University of Alabama.

David C. Peebles was interviewed. He stated that he is acquainted with Pat Sturney alias Bill Sturney having first met him during the summer of 1932 when they were both students at the Summer Session of the University of Alabama. He advised that his contacts with Sturney had been more or less limited, as they belonged to different fraternities. Just prior to the closing of school in 1933, at which time Peebles was graduated, some of the boys had a small poker game as a result of which Sturney became indebted to Peebles in the sum of $30.00. Peebles ran short of money recently and he wrote to Sturney in an attempt to collect the debt. To date, he has received no reply to his letter.

Peebles advised that he has never met any of the other members of the Sturney family and knows little about him with the exception of the fact that he formerly spent several week-ends in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Peebles believes that he quite often went to Montgomery, Alabama, but he is not certain.

W. E. Peters
Special Agent

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION
RECORDS AND STATISTICS
East Lansing

Aug. 7, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
U. S. Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Mich.

Sir:

The following identification is made on your Ident. Order #1201, Richard T. Galatas alias Dick Gladis alias Richard Galatis alias Richard F. Galates alias Prichard Sheridan alias Dick Sheridan:

7/3/1918	As Richard Galatas #7973 Police Dept., Toledo, Ohio. Charge: Suspicion - Con Man. Released.
3/14/1923	As Richard F. Galates #21434 Police Dept., Los Angeles, Cal. Charge: Fugitive - Bunco from Chicago.
4/29/1926	As Prichard Sheridan #9091 Police Dept., Columbus, Ohio. Charge: Suspicious person.
5/1/1926	Forfeited $50 bond.
4/11/1927	As Dick Sheridan #5283 Police Dept., Flint, Mich. Charge: Suspicion - Con Game. Disposition not given.
8/1/1933	As Richard T. Galatas alias Dick Gladis alias Richard Galatis alias Richard F. Galates alias Prichard Sheridan alias Dick Sheridan, Identification Order #1201, U. S. Dept. of Justice, Washington, D. C. WANTED in connection with murder of Otto Reed, Chief of Police of McAlester, Okla., Wm. J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson, police officers of Kansas City, Missouri, Raymond J. Caffrey, Special Agent of the U. S. Bureau of Investigation, and their prisoner, Frank Nash, at Kansas City, Mo. on June 17, 1933. If apprehended, please notify the Director, U.S.Bureau of Investigation, Dept. of Justice, Washington, D.C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the U.S.Bureau of Investigation, hearest your city.

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Respectfully yours,

I. H. Marmon,
Supt. of Bureau

Copy to: U.S.Dept. of Justice, Wash. Police, Flint, Mich. Columbus, Ohio, Police - Police, Los Angeles, Cal. Police, Toledo, Ohio - Ohio St. Bureau, London, O. Cal. State Bureau, Sacramento, Cal. Police, McAlester, Okla. Police Kansas City, Mo.

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Bowling Green, Ohio

Wednesday

Dear Sir;

Wrote you a letter about three weeks ago, concerning the Union Station affair that happened on June 17, -33. You were to advertise in the Chicago papers on the 11-12-13 of August -33. I did not see your ad if you did put one there.

I seen a picture of one of these men in a paper recently, I am positive it is the same man that was holding a gun in a parked automobile with a Oklahoma license on in the front of the Union Station in Kansas City on June 17, if you care to communicate with me you can advertise in the Toledo, Ohio, Evening paper the Blade in the personal ad - Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13.

Would like information and then give address where I can reach you and I will communicate with you. This is no joke. I mean it.

A friend.

Please give name of Allen.

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625 Lafayette Bldg.
Detroit Michigan
September 13, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE WM. LARSON

Re: VERNON O. MILLER with aliases
FUGITIVE, I.O. #LL(5, et al
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor
to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

Reference: Letter from Kansas City Office to Detroit
dated September 9, 1933.

In agreement with your telephone conversation of today, Agent communicated with Mr. Werneke, Re-write Editor, City Desk, Toledo Blade, Toledo, Ohio in the absence of the City Editor, Fred Mollenkop and inserted the following advertisement in that paper to be published this date in the last edition going to press at 4:00 p.m.:

"Union Station, Kansas City,
June 17, 1933 - Call Cadillac
2835, Detroit - Allen"

Arrangements were also made through Mr. Werneke to have the same advertisement run in the morning edition, September 14, 1933 of the Toledo Times, Toledo, Ohio, the only morning paper in that City.

M. W. MEEKINS
SPECIAL AGENT

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

ATTENTION: S.A.C.-

The attached clipping was given to Agent by Assistant United States Attorney Herman Krueger, this date. This is the matter I spoke to you about on your recent return from Cleveland.

TOLEDO BLADE
PERSONAL AD COLUMN
9/13/33

"UNION STATION, Kansas City, June 17, 1933. Call Cadillac 2835, Detroit. Allen"

Very truly yours,

M. W. Meekins,
Special Agent.

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Toledo, Ohio, September 15, 1933

The Special Agent in Charge,
Department of Justice,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:

On Thursday morning, September 14, 1933, the advertisement shown below appeared in the Toledo Morning Times.

"PERSONALS

"UNION STATION, Kansas City, June 17,
1933. Call Cadillac 2835, Detroit. Allen."

It is recalled that a Department of Justice Agent was killed at Kansas City in June, 1933, while accompanying a certain outlaw from Oklahoma, and, being of the opinion the above may have some connection therewith, it is thought you may want to give the matter some attention.

Sincerely yours,

H. H. Smith
Post Office Inspector,
Toledo, Ohio

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625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
September 19
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Mr. H. H. Smith
Post Office Inspector
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Mr. Smith:

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of September 15, 1933, calling our attention to the advertisement in the Personal Column of the Toledo Times which referred to the Massacre in the Union Station, Kansas City, on June 17, 1933.

For your confidential information please be advised that an anonymous letter was received by this Division from an individual stating that he was desirous of submitting some information concerning this matter, and requested that we contact him by placing an ad in the Personal Column indicating our telephone number.

Your excellent spirit of cooperation in regard to this matter is greatly appreciated and I want you to know that we are very desirous of being of service to you whenever we can. Again thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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625 Lafayette Bldg.,
Detroit, Michigan.
September 26, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE WM. LARSON:

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases - Fugitive,
I. O. #1195, et al.
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
Detroit file 62-690

Pursuant to the letter addressed to the New York City office by the Kansas City office, dated 9/23/33, enclosed with which were micro-photographic exhibits of one of the exploded shells obtained in connection with this case, I have made inquiry relative to a proper person to contact locally regarding same.

From inquiry I find that Mr. James Payne is the only ballistic expert of any reputation in Detroit or vicinity. Mr. Payne is employed by the Detroit Police Department and is attached to the scientific laboratory of said police department located on the 6th floor at police headquarters.

I also find that Mr. Payne has testified in court in a good many cases in matters involving expert testimony pertaining to arms and ammunition, such experience being confined not only to criminal cases in the City of Detroit but adjoining cities. He recently testified in a murder case in Toledo, Ohio.

The exhibit supplied was presented to Mr. Payne who evidenced a great deal of interest in same and stated that he would be very glad to cooperate with the government as desired in the matter.

It was indicated to Mr. Payne that there must be absolutely no publicity of any sort in connection with this exhibit or the scheme or procedure being adopted in this matter.

R. B. Donaldson
SPECIAL AGENT

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Mansfield, Ohio
September 25, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases -
FUGITIVE - I.O. #1195, et al.
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor
to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

REFERENCE:

Letter from St. Louis to Detroit, dated 9/9/33.

In agreement with reference letter, inquiries at the Bureau of Identification, Police Department, Toledo, Ohio, resulted in information that CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" BLOYD alias Frank Mitchell, Toledo PD #21453, was arrested by the Akron, Ohio Police Department March 8th, 1930 with JOHN KING alias NATHAN KING, Akron PD #19972, and BURT WALKER, Akron PD #19984, all on a charge of suspicion. WALKER was tried at the City of Akron for murder, convicted and sentenced to the Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio, for electrocution. FLOYD alias MITCHELL and KING were released to Toledo Police on May 20, 1930, to face State charges of robbery of the Sylvania, Ohio State Bank, and were released to the Sheriff of Lucas County, Toledo, Ohio, and removed within a few days to the County Jail. On November 24, 1930, both FLOYD alias MITCHELL and KING were sentenced to the Ohio State Penitentiary to a minimum term of 12 years. On December 10, 1930, while both were being removed in agreement with their sentences, FLOYD alias MITCHELL escaped from a Deputy Sheriff, at Kenton, Ohio, and has not been apprehended to date, while KING was committed to the Ohio State Penitentiary where he is now reported in confinement.

CHARLES SCHENK alias CHARLES S. SHANK, Toledo, Ohio Police No. 21471, OSP No. 26293 was arrested by Toledo Police on May 22, 1930, on a charge of Arson and released within a few days to the Sheriff of Lucas County to face State Arson Charges. He was convicted November 11, 1930, and sentenced to 1 to 20 years in the Ohio State Reformatory, Mansfield, Ohio, being granted his first parole on September 10, 1932. He is described as Age 30 (11/6/30) eyes blue, hair medium chestnut, height 5' 10½", build medium slender, weight 161, born Danville, Illinois, fingerprint classification (7) $\frac{1}{1}\ \frac{Aa}{Aaa}\ \frac{4}{}$ reference (7) 1 $\frac{Aa}{Aa}\ \frac{4}{1}$, Toledo PD #21471, a photo attached.

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Jay Gilday, Chief Jailer, Lucas County Jail, Toledo, Ohio was interviewed and he advised that he has been connected with the Sheriff's Office since 1929 and personally recalls that CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD alias FRANK MITCHELL, NATHAN KING and CHARLES SCHENK alias CHARLES S. SHANK were confined in that jail together and within the same cell block, and had continuous opportunities to see and to talk with each other. From the jail records, Deputy Sheriff Gilday advised that FLOYD was received at the jail from the Toledo Police on May 29, 1930, and released by removal to Ohio State Penitentiary on December 11, 1930, escaping en route to that institution. That KING was received from the Toledo Police on May 29, 1930 and released for removal to the Ohio State Penitentiary on December 11, 1930, where now confined. That Schenk alias Shank was received from the Toledo Police on May 23, 1930 and released for removal to the Ohio State Reformatory, Mansfield, Ohio on December 17, 1930.

J. J. Feeney, Superintendent Records, Ohio State Penitentiary, Mansfield, Ohio, was interviewed and he stated that he recalls Charles Schenk very well, and that Schenk had been a trusty for a time while confined in that institution but had been reduced to the ranks from trusty for immoral relations with another prisoner. That he recalls Schenk as a prisoner who liked to talk a lot and was known as a "hot air bag", given to exaggerations and was unreliable in that sense of the word. Mr. Feeney advised of the following records in that institution: Received December 17, 1930, from Lucas County, Toledo, Ohio, crime of Arson, minimum sentence 1 year, maximum sentence 20 years, place of birth Bismark, Illinois born 11/6/01, race white, military record claimed service in U.S.Army in 1920, honorable discharge 1922, completed 5th grade schooling, occupation auto mechanic, height 5' 10½", weight 158 pounds, paroled 9/10/32, and present address 405 Commercial Street, Danville, Illinois. The following comments appear on the offense for which convicted: May 23, 1930, crime of Arson, 1-20 years. States he was working for R.R. Express Company at Toledo, Ohio and went into the garage to a cupboard for a scratch pad and struck a match and dropped it between the partitions and went on his way to work. In a few minutes the cupboard burst out in flames and ran up to the roof. Total damage $30,000.00. Pleaded Guilty. Mr. Feeney further stated Schenk was tried by the Reformatory Board for Immoral Relations with another prisoner on 2/17/31 and given 180 days additional time and 24 hours in the correctional cell. Two photographs were obtained of Schenk from Mr. Feeney, which are forwarded to the St. Louis Office. A third copy was obtained from the Toledo Police Department and is being retained in the Detroit File.

Very truly yours,

M. W. Meeking
Special Agent

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625 Lafayette Bldg.,
Detroit, Michigan.
October 28, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

At 6:40 P. M. on October 28, 1933, Special Agent J. J. Keating of the Chicago Division office called and advised that the Chicago office has had Vivian Matthews, paramour of Verne Miller, under observation; that she is presently living at the Sherone Apartment Hotel, located at 4423 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois, and is living in an apartment which was rented in the name of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hays. In checking telephone calls she has received at this address, it was found that a long-distance call was received by Mrs. C. T. Hays on October 21, 1933, at 4:30 A. M. from a Mr. Hays, who was registered in the Royal Palms Hotel, Detroit, Michigan. It is thought that Hays, who was registered at the Royal Palms Hotel, and made this call on October 21, is identical with Verne Miller, and the Chicago office requested that an immediate check be made at that hotel to establish the identity of this person; also that a description be secured of this man, and a record of all telephone calls made from his room be secured.

The telephone number of the Sherone Apartment Hotel is Longbeach 0800.

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1195, et al.
Obstruction of Justice, Murder

Dear Sir:

Confirming the telegram directed to your office by Special Agent in Charge J. M. Keith, dated November 1, 1933, requesting to determine whether R. C. Hayes or R. C. Noyes or O. L. Vaden are known at Temple, Texas, and also referring to your reply of even date advising that Vaden conducts an automobile finance company there but that neither Hayes nor Noyes are known in that city:

Please be advised that during the course of an investigation in Detroit it was determined at the Royal Palm Hotel that O. L. Vaden and R. C. Noyes registered there on August 7. The name Noyes was not clear and it appeared perhaps that it might be Hayes. In view of the fact that Vivian Matthews, paramour of Vernon Miller, is now residing in Chicago under the name of Hayes, it was deemed advisable to determine the identity of these persons. It now appears doubtful that the persons in Temple, Texas, have any connection with the instant case in view of the fact that Vaden apparently registered for both himself and the other person whose name is either Hayes or Noyes, and apparently that person although not known in Temple, Texas, is a friend of Vaden who was traveling around with him.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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Detroit, Michigan.
November 3, 1933.

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Re - VERNON C. MILLER with aliases
- FUGITIVE, I.O.#1195, et al
Obstruction of Justice; Murder

Mr. Neil of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, telephonically advised this agent that the following three station-to-station calls had been checked by his office from the Royal Palm Hotel, Cadillac 8310, Detroit, Michigan, to the following telephones in Chicago, Ill.:

(1) Whitehall 6040, 3 minutes, 11:32 P.M., 11/1/33
(2) Juniper 10135, 3 minutes, 1:03 P.M., 11/1/33
(3) Inglewood 5095, 4 minutes, 9:33 P.M., 11/1/33.

This information was communicated by long distance telephone to Acting Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith, Chicago, Ill., who informed that Vernon C. Miller had escaped between 8:30 P.M., and 9:00 P.M. of the 1st of November and that he was unable to advise at this time if the Inglewood 5095 call from the Royal Palm Hotel in Detroit had any connection therewith. He informed further that in the event investigation was desired to determine the identity of the calling parties from Detroit, Michigan, that he would advise this office immediately relative thereto.

M. W. MEEKINS, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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POSTAL TELEGRAPH

WASHINGTON D C NOVEMBER 4, 1933 11:36 AM

ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
625 LAFAYETTE BUILDING
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

KANSO NOTIFY MR [redacted] TELEPHONE COMPANY TO DISCONTINUE ACTIVITY

ON THIS MATTER IN VIEW RECENT DEVELOPMENTS CHICAGO STOP IT IS

DESIRED YOU CONTACT HIM PERSONALLY

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Toledo, Ohio
November 21, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases -
FUGITIVE I.O. #1195, et al.,
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor
to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash)

REFERENCE:

Letter from Cincinnati Office to Detroit, dated 11-15-33.

In an effort to determine outstanding rewards for CHARLES ARTHUR (Pretty Boy) FLOYD, Agent interviewed Superintendent John Loury, Bureau of Identification, Police Department, Toledo, Ohio and he informed that he had no record of any reward, outstanding or otherwise, for the individual in question except that offered by Wood County, Ohio.

Assistant County Prosecutor Arnold Bunge, Lucas County, Toledo, Ohio, advised in connection with the conviction of FLOYD in Lucas County for Bank Robbery, and his escape en route to the Ohio State Penitentiary, that no reward had been authorized by the County Commissioners, and that none was outstanding as a result thereof. This was verified by Mr. Bunge through contact with the Secretary to the Lucas County Commissioners.

Deputy Sheriff William Bush, Bowling Green, Ohio (Wood County) was interviewed via long distance telephone, in the absence of the Sheriff, and he informed that WOOD COUNTY Commissioners had authorized a reward of $1,000.00 for the arrest and conviction of FLOYD, who stands indicted in that county for the murder of a police officer, and that the reward, in that amount, was presently outstanding and would be paid by that County upon arrest and conviction.

Very truly yours,

M. W. Meekins,
Special Agent.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Lansing

December 8, 1933

R. B. Donaldson,
Department of Justice,
625 Lafayette Bldg.,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request, we are enclosing herewith true photostatic copy of the application for certificate of title No. 0166895.

Yours very truly,

O. E. Atwood
Director - Motor Vehicle Division

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
THE STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I, Frank D. Fitzgerald, Secretary of State of the State of Michigan and Custodian of the Great Seal thereof, Do Hereby Certify that.... I have the custody of the files and records of the Motor Vehicle Division as is required by the laws of the State of Michigan and that the attached sheet is a true photostatic copy as compared by me with the original on file in this office. The application for Certificate of Title describing Buick Coupe, Motor No. 2722124, Serial No. 2572105, for which certificate of title No. 0166895 was issued by this Department to John J. Grady, Lee Plaza Apts. 505, Detroit, Michigan, under date of February 22, 1933, with no record of transfer to date. This record is a true photostatic copy thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State at the Capitol, in the City of Lansing, this ....8th....day of....December.... A. D. 1933

SEAL

Frank D. Fitzgerald
Secretary of State

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF STATE 0166895
MOTOR VEHICLE TITLE DIVISION 33Y 4589
LANSING, MICHIGAN

Application for a Certificate of Title for a Motor Vehicle

FRANK D. FITZGERALD, SECRETARY OF STATE, LANSING, MICHIGAN: I (we).....
.....John J. Grady.....
the owner of the following described motor vehicle, hereby make application for certificate of title of ownership for said vehicle, and for that purpose state the following facts:
Residence Address.....Lee Plaza, Apt. 505, Detroit, Wayne County
Business Address.....
Name of Car.....Buick.....Style of Body.....Coupe.....Year Built.....1931
Weight of Car.....4300 OK F.B. Capacity of Commercial Car.....
ENGINE NO.....2722124.....SERIAL NO.....2572105.....MODEL NO.....31-96
or
LETTER--Important
Has engine number been altered or tampered with..No..If so, how: New Engine---
Plate Removed.....New Cylinder Block.....Numbers chiseled off....License No....
I (we) purchased or acquired the above-named car...New...Date...May 15..1931
from.....James Levy Motor Sales Co.
whose address is.....2255 Michigan Blvd., Chicago, Ill.
by.....Cash
Liens or Encumbrances.....None.....Kind of Lein.....
Date of Lein.....19.....In favor of.....
Whose address is.....

STATE OF...Mich.)
COUNTY OF...Wayne) ss.

John J. Grady
Signature of Applicant

On this...17th...day of...Feb...1933, before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, personally appeared...John J. Grady.....
who makes oath that the statements made above are true.

My Commission expires....1/19/37

Donald W. Riopelle
Signature of Notary

1932 Louisiana Reg. #231258

FEB 23 1933

PAID
DETROIT BRANCH
Checked by.....

FEB 17 1933

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625 Lafayette Bldg.
Detroit Michigan
December 1, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE WM. LARSON:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases,
I.O. #1195 - FUGITIVE, et al

In agreement with your verbal instructions regarding the above entitled matter, the following memorandum brief is submitted:

A. The following named individuals appear to have escaped from the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas on Independence Day, 1933:

1. Robert G. Brady, with aliases, I.O. #1190
2. Harvey J. Bailey, with aliases, I.O. #1189
3. Wilbur Underhill, with aliases, I.O. #1191
4. James Clark, with aliases, I.O. #1192
5. Ed Davis, with aliases, I.O. #1193
6. Frank Sawyer, apprehended Siloam Springs, Arkansas about June 25, 1933
7. Lewis Bechtel, apprehended
8. Clifford Dopson, apprehended
9. Billie Woods - apprehended
10. Kenneth Conn - killed
11. Alvie Payton - killed

B. The following named individuals are Subjects of and suspected in the matter entitled, VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, I. O. #1195, FUGITIVE, et al.:

1. Robert G. Brady with aliases: Bob Brady, Pat Brady, J. H. Taylor, Bob Ross, I.O. #1190.

(a) This individual was apprehended at Tucumcari, New Mexico on October 6, 1933 after being seriously wounded. He appears presently undergoing hospitalization in that city and a detainer has been filed for his removal, based on a Federal warrant in connection with pending prosecution in the instant matter at Kansas City, Kansas. This individual was one of the eleven escaped prisoners

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from the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas on Independence Day. Kansas State Penitentiary #3337.

2. Harvey J. Bailey with aliases: J. J. Brennan, John Brown, F. J. Bloom, J. P. Bloom, I.O. #1189.

(a) One of the eleven convicts who escaped Independence Day from Kansas State Penitentiary. Kansas State Penitentiary #3045. Apprehended Paradise, Texas, 8/12/33. Now serving life imprisonment U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kans. for URSCHEL Kidnaping, Oklahoma City.

3. Wilbur Underhill with aliases: Wilber Underhill, Henry Wilber; I.O. #1191.

(a) Kansas State Penitentiary #2337. This individual was one of eleven convicts who escaped from Kansas State Penitentiary on Independence Day.

4. James Clark with aliases: Jim Clark, Jack Martin; I.O. #1192.

(a) Kansas State Penitentiary #2988. This individual one of eleven convicts escaping from Kansas State Penitentiary on Independence Day. Apprehended Tucumcari, New Mexico Oct. 6, 1933.

5. Ed Davis with aliases: W. E. Davis, Keith Stone, Sebron Edward Davis, George Allen, George Keith Allen, I.O. #1193.

(a) Kansas State Penitentiary #2987. This individual one of eleven convicts escaping from Kansas State Penitentiary on Independence Day.

6. Charles Arthur Floyd with aliases: "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Frank Mitchell, "Pretty Boy" Smith; I.O. #1194.

(a) Kansas City Police Department #16950.

7. Melvin Ivan Barrow, Dallas, Texas, Police Department #5177.

8. Clyde Champion Barrow, F.P.C. $\frac{29}{29}\ \frac{}{U}\ \frac{MO}{00}\ \frac{9}{9}$

9. Herbert Bleigh, Oklahoma State Reformatory #7436.

10. Harry Carlton, Chicago Police Dept. #C-16239

11. Kenneth Conn, Kansas State Penitentiary #2195.

(a) This individual was one of the eleven convicts escaping from the Kansas State Penitentiary on Independence Day. Now deceased.

12. William E. Engler, St. Louis Police Department #16270.

13. Jack Griffin, St. Louis Police Department Nos. 19130 and 19861.

14. Alvin Karpis alias George Haller, Kansas State Penitentiary #8008.

15. Stewart Lambert, St. Louis Police Dept. #36072.

16. Vernon C. Miller with aliases: Verne C. Miller, V. C. Moore, Vincent C. Moore, V. C. White, V. C. Mason, Vern Marlen, V. C. Manion, D. J. Gross, Frederick G. Glaubach, T. C. Hayes, T. C. Hays, Stephen J. Gross - FUGITIVE, I.C. #1195.

(a) South Dakota State Penitentiary #4240. Killed at Detroit, Michigan, 11/29/33 in isolated section near City limits and identified through fingerprints taken and compared by the Bureau of Identification, Police Dept., Detroit, Michigan.

17. Bernard Phillips alias B. A. Courtney, I.C. #1196.

(a) U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas #26,600.

18. Alvie Payton.

(a) Kansas State Penitentiary #1755. This individual was one of eleven convicts escaping from the Kansas State Penitentiary on Independence Day. Now deceased.

19. Adam Richitti.

(a) Oklahoma State Penitentiary #25773.

20. Wincel J. Urban.

(a) St. Louis Police Department #18972. Arrested Police Department Clayton, Missouri, June 11, 1933 and released under $10,000 bond.

21. Edward Wilhite.

(a) St. Louis Police Department #17734.

22. Earl Doyle

(a) U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kans. #28842.

23. Herbert Allen Farmer with aliases: Herbert Farmer, Herbert Black, H. A. Patton, W. H. Williams, W. H. Baker, Harry J. Garner, Harry Allen Farmer, William Hilary Baker.

(a) Kansas State Penitentiary #12790. This individual was arrested on a Federal warrant on July 9, 1933 in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1195, and was released at Kansas City under $25,000 bond and is now awaiting trial with several other defendants under arrest in this matter.

24. Fred Barker.

(a) Kansas State Penitentiary #9836.

25. Frank B. Mulloy alias Fritz Mulloy.

(a) U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas #39295. This individual was arrested on a Federal warrant in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1195, at Kansas City and was released on bond, and is presently awaiting trial in connection herewith.

26. Mrs. Esther Farmer.

(a) This individual was arrested on Federal warrant, Kansas City July 9, 1933 in connection with the matter entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases, I.O. #1195 - Fugitive, et al and subsequently released under $25,000 bond and is now awaiting trial along with several other defendants in the matter above referred to.

27. Mrs. Frances Nash with aliases: Mrs. Francis Miller alias Mrs. Francis Harrison alias Mrs. George W. Miller alias Mrs. Francis Mikulich Miller.

(a) This individual was arrested on a Federal warrant on July 11, 1933 at Kansas City in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases, I.O. #1195, Fugitive, et al, and was subsequently released under $25,000 bond and is now awaiting trial with several other defendants in the case above referred to.

28. Richard Tallman Galatas with aliases: Dick Galatas, Richard F. Galatas, Dick Gladis, Pritchard Sheridan, Dick Sheridan, I.O. #1201 - Fugitive

(a) This individual is wanted in connection with the matter entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases, I.O. #1195, Fugitive, et al, which involves the killing of several peace officers at Kansas City on June 17, 1933.

29. Mrs. E. B. Conner with aliases: Mrs. Louise Conner alias Lou Conner alias Mary Conner - Fugitive. Apprehended.

(a) This individual is likewise wanted in connection with the matter entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases, I.O. #1195, Fugitive, et al.

30. Louis Stacci aliases: Louie Stacey, Doc Stacey.

(a) This individual was arrested on a Federal warrant and released under bond at Kansas City, Kansas in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases, I.O. #1195, Fugitive, et al. and is presently awaiting trial with several other defendants arrested in connection with the above matter.

C. Of the above individuals, the following are carried as Subjects in the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, I.O. #1195, Fugitive, et al, Detroit File 62-690:

1. Robert G. Brady with aliases, I.O. #1190 - APPREHENDED
2. Harvey J. Bailey with aliases, I.O. #1189 - APPREHENDED
3. Wilbur Underhill with aliases, I.O. #1191 - AT LARGE
4. Vernon C. Miller with aliases, I.O. #1195 - DECEASED
5. Herbert Allen Farmer with aliases - APPREHENDED
6. Frank B. Mulloy with aliases - APPREHENDED
7. Mrs. Esther Farmer - APPREHENDED
8. Mrs. Frank Nash - APPREHENDED
9. Richard Tallman Galatas, I.O. #1201 - FUGITIVE
10. Mrs. E. B. Conner with aliases - FUGITIVE
11. Louis Stacci with aliases - APPREHENDED

D. INTERESTING NOTATION:

George Kelly Barnes alias "Machine Gun" Kelly alias George R. Kelly alias Roy Stewart alias C. L. Johnson alias George Bonner alias J. L. Baker alias Thompson alias George Kelly, I.O. #1203, and Albert L. Bates with aliases, apparently were friends of VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, and from time to time their photographs have been identified as participants in bank robberies, etc. in which Vernon C. Miller is thought to have participated.

Respectfully submitted,

M. W. MEEKINS - Special Agent

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625 Lafayette Bldg.
Detroit, Michigan
December 11, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1405
New York City, New York

Re: KARPIS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication dated November 20, 1933 directed to the Cincinnati office requesting that the photograph of one Sammy Schrager with aliases be exhibited to Kathryn Kelly for the purpose of determining if the photograph is that of the "Sammy" about whom she referred while recently interviewed by Agents of the Cincinnati office. It will be noted that this matter was referred to Detroit in view of the incarceration of Mrs. Kelly at Milan, Michigan, to which point she was recently removed.

Mrs. Kelly was interviewed by me yesterday concerning this matter and upon viewing the photograph in question, which is being returned herewith pursuant to request, she stated that this is the person to whom she had reference, further advising that she knew him as Sammy Weinstein. She also stated that he associated himself with a girl named "Pigeon" who, Mrs. Kelly stated, at one time worked in a cabaret at Montreal, Quebec, Canada. She further advised that Sammy lived with Vern Miller at the President Hotel in Kansas City about two or three years ago and that he was very closely connected with Miller; that while Sammy was in Kansas City, she, Mrs. Kelly and Vivian Matthews, a paramour of Miller, lived in an apartment on Linwood Avenue across the street from the Commodore Apartments and that both Sammy and Vern Miller visited theirapartment at that time. She also stated that this Sammy with Vern Miller, Harvey Bailey, George Kelly, Thomas Holden and Francis Keating, committed a bank robbery at Sherman, Texas about one year ago. This information might be of value in showing the close association of Miller and Sammy.

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Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Cincinnati

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State of Connecticut
Department of State Police
100 Washington Street
Hartford, Connecticut

(COPY) December 1, 1933

Future Reference to this subject matter should be marked Case L-6554.

Chief of Police,
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir: Re: Verne C. Miller

It is noted from the public press that the above subject recently met with sudden, violent and untimely death at the hands of persons unknown.

We are interested in this matter by reason of the fact that the deceased is said to have been closely associated in sundry matters with the late Albert Silverman, alias Al Silvers alias Jacob Lubin, etc., formerly of Brooklyn, New York and Newark, N.J.

We are concerned in this matter by reason of the fact that at about noon on November 29th Silverman's body was found about twenty feet from a back road in the town of Somers, Conn. This location is close to the Massachusetts State Line and about nine miles from the city of Springfield, Mass. The body was nude except that it was covered with a gaudy colored blanket of cheap type. Around the neck was a necktie which was so tightened that the noose had a diameter of about twelve and one-half inches. Around the neck was a piece of rope of the type used for clothes line purposes. This rope was tied with a square knot and was drawn as to be approximately twelve and one-half inches in diameter. Another piece of rope of the same material was bound around the outside of the blanket and around the legs between the hip and knees so tightly that the marks of the rope were plainly visible on the flesh. The body was on the ground except that the feet were on a barbed wire fence that was partially tipped over.

It appeared that the man had been struck on the head and on the face with a heavy instrument so applied as to produce a concussion of the brain but not a fracture of the skull. Nose was broken and there was also cut wounds around the left eye. There were also two stab wounds between the fifth and sixth ribs, both of which cut through the heart. In the opinion of the medical examiner the deceased had been dead less than twenty-four hours when found. Content of stomach indicated that the taking had been shortly after he had enjoyed a good meal.

The identification was by fingerprints which were readily recognized as those of Silverman inasmuch as he had been committed to Sing Sing on two separate occasions.

Further information relating to Silverman is that he had

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been a prominent Lieutenant of Louis Buchalder alias Louis Lepke the head of the so-called Lepke mob which engaged in matters of crime and violence extensively both in New York City and northern New Jersey.

We have been further informed that Silverman was sought by Federal Officers on charge of having concealed Miller in New York and vicinity.

It seems to the writer that there may be some common interest between the above crimes and in the investigation of the death of Miller if you find any information bearing upon the murder of Silverman we will highly appreciate it.

Up to the present time we have no information connecting Silverman with any activity or with any persons in the State of Connecticut neither are we able to place the situs of the crime it being fully as likely to have occurred in Massachusetts as in Connecticut. However, we feel that the dignity of our laws have been seriously infringed upon by the leaving of this body in our jurisdiction and we are anxious to pursue the matter as far as may be practical.

We enclose herewith pictures of Silverman with the thought that he may be identified by his activities in your city.

Yours very truly,

(S) A. Sunderland

A. Sunderland,
Commissioner of State Police

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State of Connecticut
Department of State Police
100 Washington Street
Hartford, Connecticut

In Reply Refer to
Case No. 1-6554

December 8, 1933

Chief of Police
Detroit,
Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Referring to our letter of yesterday relative to the murder of Al Silverman who was closely associated with Verne C. Miller, will advise that we have been interested in tracing the automobile which Silverman used when last seen in the vicinity of New York.

This vehicle is described as follows: Pontiac 1933 Sedan, Motor Number 946442, Serial Number 4517, bearing New Jersey registration E-15518, issued in the name of Larry Krug, 237 Fairmount Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. The name of Krug and the address are both fictitious.

The further identifying numbers on this vehicle are: Transmission PCQ-03719, Rear Axle 421537, Key P-382.

Any information concerning this car or the placement of Silverman in your city will be highly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) A. Sunderland
Commissioner of State Police.

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

Dear Sir:

Assistant Director Harold Nathan and the writer yesterday interviewed Kathryn Kelly of the KANNO case at the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan for such information as she might submit in connection with the Urschel Kidnaping and the Kansas City crime.

It was learned during this interview that both Mrs. Kelly and her mother, Mrs. Shannon, are kept in solitary confinement and have been so kept since their removal to Milan. In view of this type of incarceration they are not permitted to send or receive any letters or obtain newspapers. The window leading into their cell has been painted to obstruct any view to the outside.

Kathryn Kelly advised that she would greatly appreciate having some of the restrictions lifted, adding that she was desirous of being given some sort of employment in order to occupy her mind and to give her the necessary exercise. She spoke frequently about her daughter stating that she has not heard from her for a period of about two months and also was somewhat concerned regarding the present activities of her attorney, who, it is understood, is in possession of certain property to be turned over to either her daughter or other relatives. Mrs. Kelly indicated that she desired to cooperate with this Division in furnishing information.

In view of this and because it is felt that from time to time she will be in a position to give information which will be of material assistance, it is felt that she would become more inclined in this respect if we could secure her some privileges. Mr. Nathan requested that this communication be forwarded and that consideration be given Mrs. Kelly's requests. It is not felt that granting her the privileges of corresponding, receiving newspapers and being permitted to see the outside will in any way affect the safety of her incarceration.

During this interview she furnished the names ofcertain individuals who she stated were responsible for recent bank robberies in the State of Michigan, particularly the robbery about a month ago which took place at Lansing. She advised that George Kelly had conferred with some of his associates to rob this particular bank last summer, which conversation she overheard and was present when the alleged plans were laid. Members of the Michigan State Police were

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recently in Detroit and conferred with me regarding certain Fugitives who they thought perhaps were involved in this particular crime and I feel certain that the information furnished by Mrs. Kelly will be of much value to the local authorities.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

WL:MED

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625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan

December 21, 1933.

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases
(Deceased) - Obstruction of Justice

Dear Sir:

I have been informed by members of the Homicide Squad of the Detroit Police Department that Frank J. Lake, who resides in Chicago or Oak Park, Illinois, and who served 18 months at Leavenworth for income tax evasion, while at Detroit recently, remarked that a Mr. Allen, who is alleged to be a post office inspector at Chicago, is in possession of information regarding the killing of Verne Miller.

It is suggested that if there is a Mr. Allen attached to the post office department at Chicago, that he be interviewed and that this office be advised of the results, so that the information can be transmitted to the local police.

Very truly yours,

WM. LARSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

WL/dv
cc: Division

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Edward J. Kelly
Mayor

CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT
Central Police and Courts Building
1121 S. State Street.
CHICAGO

James P. Allman
Commissioner

January 6, 1934.

Fred W. Frahm,
Chief of Detectives,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 21st, 1933 in reference to George Kelly, Verne, Miller, and Gus Winkler, will state that on September 22nd, 1933, at 12:25 A. M., four messengers from the Federal Reserve Bank while returning from the post office with mail were accosted by four or five men all carrying machine guns and wearing masks and a very meager description was obtained.

Ten munites later the bandits had an automobile accident at Adams and Halsted Sts., and near the street intersection at the time were three uniform patrolmen who went to the assistence of the occupants of the wrecked cars. When the bandits saw the officers they opened fire and shot and killed Patr. Miles Cunningham. One of the witnesses got a fair look at one of the men and later identified the picture of Verne Miller as one of the bandits. The wrecked automobile was a 1933 Hudson Sedan which was all rebuilt with armoured steel plates and bullet proof glass, and from our investigation it was established by a garage owner that this car was the property of George Kelly. He identified the photograph of George Kelly. In the Hudson Sedan was also found a number of State license plates, one of them being No. 141-186 Minnesota 1933. Officers from So St Paul, Minn., identified this car and these plates as having been used in a payroll robbery in So. St. Paul, on August 30th, 1933, in which a police officer was shot and killed. From investigation it was learned that this Hudson car was installed with armored plates and bullet proof glass by orders of Joseph Bergl, owner of Bergl Motor Sales Co., 5401 W. 22nd Street, Cicero, Ill. Out State's Attorney's office seized all of Bergl's books and it was clearly shown that Joseph Bergl had a number of dealings with well known hoodlums but never made admissions that he had this car equipped for Kelly or that he knew Verne Miller, but it was established that Gus Winkler was financially interested in the Bergl Motor Sales Company.

For your information the following revolvers and machine guns were taken in Chicago and So. St. Paul in above described robberies; One Colt blue steel revolver, 4" barrel, No. 153654; one Colt nickle plated revolver, 4" barrel, No 145098, both of which are the property of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. One Thompson machine gun No. 7679; two 38-Cal. Colt Police Positive, blue steel, revolvers, Numbers 586355 and 581660, which are the property of the So. St. Paul Police Department.

Hoping that this information will be of some value to you and if further details are desired, advise me.

Yours truly,
WILLIAM H. SCHOEMAKER
Chief of Detectives

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625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
January 10,
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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
203 Post Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated 12/26/33 addressed to your office, copy of which was directed to this office, wherein it is requested that the Detroit office make appropriate inquiry in this district concerning possible gunshot wounds on the right side of Subject Miller's body, which were allegedly in evidence at the time the autopsy was performed on him.

Please be advised that this matter was taken up with Drs. Paul A. Klebba and D. W. Johnston, who performed the autopsy on Miller, neither of which recall having observed a wound of any kind on the right side of Miller's body. These doctors allege that unless the wound was quite permanent and/or appeared to be fresh, that their attention would not have been attracted to same, as they perform approximately 2,000 autopsies a year and in this case as in others they were concerned only in determining the cause of death, which from the deep wounds in Miller's skull, was apparent.

Inspector John I. Navarre of the Homicide Squad, Detroit Police Department, and one of his officers who was also present at the County Morgue in the city of Detroit when the autopsy was performed on Miller, claimed that while they inspected the latter's body, no gun shot or other wounds were observed by them on the right side of the body.

Very truly yours,

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Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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625 Lafayette Bldg.
Detroit Michigan
February 6, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with request from this office, the .45 Colt Automatic Clip containing cartridges which was left by Verne Miller when he escaped on November 30 from the Sherone Apartments, Chicago, was forwarded to this office as the local police desired to determine if the shells would correspond with certain shells found in the vicinity of Pontiac, Michigan following the slaying of Abe Axler and Eddy Fletcher, Detroit gangsters, whose bodies were found on the morning of November 26, 1933.

The police advised that the shells in this clip do not correspond with those found following the murder of the two above named gangsters. In view thereof, the clip, containing the shells, has now answered its purpose in Detroit and as same appears to be of no value to the Chicago office, it is being transmitted to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

WL:MKD

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625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
March 6, 1935

TO ALL POSTMASTERS:

There is being transmitted herewith an Identification Order No. 1201 concerning RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, who is badly wanted in connection with the massacre which took place at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933, at which time four law enforcement officers were killed.

It is kindly requested that this Identification Order be prominently displayed in your Post Office for an extended period of time.

Thanking you kindly for your attention to this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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Sanford Bates
Director

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bureau of Prisons

Washington

March 30, 1934

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION:

Agreeably with your request of March 15 I am ordering the transfer of four inmates from Alderson to Milan to take effect at the time of the completion of the women's quarters which I am informed will be one week from today.

As you will see from the attached copy of the letter to Mr. John J. Ryan, Superintendent at that point, I am advising him to be guided by the instructions of your Agent as to further developments.

(Signed) Sanford Bates

Director.

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Mr. John J. Ryan,
Superintendent,
U. S. Detention Farm,
Milan, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

I am ordering the transfer of four women inmates from Alderson to your institution. In the case of one of these women the transfer is being made at the request of the Division of Investigation. You will follow instructions that they give you with reference to her.

I am sending the other three women solely in order that there may be no comment over the transfer of a single individual, and am timing it to coincide with the time when you open the new women's quarters in order that it may seem a logical thing to do. You, of course, are to know nothing of the reasons for the transfer, but to accept it as though made in the regular course of events.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Sanford Bates

Director

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Flint, Michigan,
May 8th, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, aliases, et al,
Obstruction of Justice, etc.

In agreement with your verbal instructions, Agent again communicated with Joe Remue, of Toledo, Ohio via long distance telephone from Pontiac, Michigan, concerning his efforts to obtain information concerning the whereabouts of Charles Fitzgerald, with aliases. Mr. Remue informed that to date he has heard nothing further but will continue in his efforts and in the event information is received he will telephone the Detroit Office he having been advised of the telephone number previously.

Mr. Remue informed that although he had no positive information at this time, that he desires to see an Agent as soon as possible and was advised that when an Agent was next in Toledo, he would call on himconcerning this matter. It is felt that Mr. Remue must be laboring under the impression that there is a reward in this matter.

Very truly yours,

M. W. Meekins,
Special Agent.

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~~Bureau of Investigation~~
P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 23, 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 - Fugitive, Identification Order #1201,
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - Fugitive, Identification Order #1194, et al;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

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With further reference to [redacted] I wish to advise that about 1:45 p. m. yesterday, May 22, 1934, [redacted] called this office collect from Joplin, Missouri while I was at lunch, and Special Agent K. D. Deaderick talked with him. He stated that he, together with Mrs. Lyle Collins, had hired an automobile at Tulsa, Oklahoma and had traveled to Sallisaw, Oklahoma and Tahlequah, Oklahoma and through the Cookson Hills in the Eastern part of the State of Oklahoma, and had interviewed a sister of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd from whom they failed to learn Floyd's location; that they had "some" experiences and had driven until after midnight arriving in Joplin, Missouri late at night.

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[redacted] further stated that it was now necessary that he return to Chicago, Illinois, and that he was proceeding to Kansas City, Missouri on the afternoon of May 22, 1934 and would catch an airplane at Kansas City on the night of May 22d and proceed to Chicago, Illinois; that upon arriving in Chicago, he would make a detailed report to Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis.

He stated that when he next had an opportunity to do some more work on this case, that he desired all information now contained in the Division files relative to subject Floyd, and in respect thereto, Agent Deaderick advised him that he would have to secure authority from the Director of this Division before securing such information.

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On the afternoon of May 22, 1934, this information was submitted to the Division at Washington, D. C. via. long distance telephone.

Very truly yours,

Earle M. Black

EARLE M. BLACK, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Chicago
Kansas City

EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

SPC:mtr

May 22, 1934

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Acting Special Agent in Charge Black called from the Oklahoma City Office and advised that as a result of another interview with the Attorney at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, it appeared that the sum of $100 was standing in the way of the Attorney's making contact with Floyd; consequently, $100 was advanced to him; that he left this afternoon with Floyd's wife for some unknown point to contact Floyd; that he had indicated it would probably be late tomorrow afternoon or tomorrow night before they heard from him, at which time he would call the Oklahoma City Office and advise where Floyd could be reached.

In connection with informant [redacted] of Chicago, Mr. Black advised that a telephone call had just been received from him from Joplin, Missouri, advising that he had talked with Floyd's sister but that he had nothing more to report at the present time; that he was returning to Chicago. He was requested to contact Mr. Purvis upon his arrival at Chicago.

Mr. Black and Mr. Deederick who ~~have~~ has been in contact with this informant are both of the opinion that this informant is not in a position to produce, but is merely after information concerning Floyd.

Respectfully,

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

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Kansas City (2)
Chicago.

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

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

ar Sir:

Recently while Special Agent R. L. Morgan was at Calhoun, . interviewing Mr. George Fox, County Commissioner at Calhoun, the ,ter's father, Mr. J. C. Fox of 832 Malvern Avenue, Hot Springs, ansas, who was visiting his son, when learning of Special Agent yan's identity, informed the latter that he was in possession of information that might be useful in apprehending subject Galatas.

According to Mr. Fox, Galatas hides out part of the time Chicago and the rest of the time near Hot Springs, Arkansas, where is reported to have numerous friends. Fox stated that a driver, ose name he does not recall, but who was employed by Dick Merritt, olesale tobacco and beer man, 726 Federal Avenue, Hot Springs, Ark., ld him that he had seen Dick Galatas at George Clark's home on Cedar reet in Hot Springs about three months ago.

Fox also stated that he believes that Dutch Akers, City tective, Hot Springs, is Galatas' best friend and knows where he be located. Fox mentioned that it is possible that Galatas is ar Akers' rock house located on Lake Catherine near asmuch as John Young, a constable at Hot Springs, had here was a house on the hill above Akers' rock house be very suspicious. Fox added that he questioned house and that Akers told him that he did not know

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also stated that Dan Neevius, a friend of Galatas' ess, with his place of business located the ight House at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that he ton outside of Hot Springs, suggesting also that be kept under surveillance, inasmuch as it is ntact with Galatas.

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

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May 24, 1934

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Brantley called tonight from St. Louis, Missouri and advised that the informant had contacted Carney in St. Louis with reference to the whereabouts of Galatas; that she had not obtained any definite information but that during one of the contacts he asked whether she knew Bob Graham of Natchez, Mississippi and that she also told him that she intended to go to California and see Galatas' mother. At this time Carney indicated considerable interest and requested her to get in touch with him before leaving. Mr. Brantley stated that he was undecided as to whether the reference to Bob Graham had any bearing on the matter, but stated that he was known to have harbored a number of fugitives and that it may have been his way of advising her that Galatas could be contacted either at his place or through him.

He stated, however, that the informant could not go immediately to Natchez, Mississippi, but would do so as soon as she could do so with discretion and had some excuse for such a trip; that she had promised to contact him, Mr. Brantley, as soon as she had obtained any information of value.

Mr. Brantley stated that she did not seem to be concerned about any money at the present time and that her trip to St. Louis had only cost $40.00.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

S. P. Cowley.

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U. S. Department of Justice
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May 25, 1934.

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MR. TOLSON
MR. CLEGG
MR. COWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. EGAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
CHIEF CLERK
MR. NOREA
Mr. Tamm

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent Hickey of Philadelphia advised me this morning that he had talked with Mr. Irving B. Tucker, former United States Attorney at Wilmington, North Carolina and now a member of the Parole Board, who told him in confidence that the Parole Board was greatly surprised recently at receiving a memorandum from Mr. Hoover requesting that a certain individual be paroled from Leavenworth in that it was believed he had information which might prove helpful in solving the Kansas City Massacre case. He stated that he had known Mr. Hoover for a number of years and was surprised that he would make such a request and the other members of the Parole Board were also surprised. Mr. Tucker explained further that the case involved was one in which the local authorities had a detainer placed against the prisoner which automatically made him ineligible for parole and the Division of Investigation had requested the local authorities to dismiss the charges against the prisoner in order that he might be paroled to assist in the investigation of the Kansas City Massacre case.

Mr. Tucker stated that he did not believe in such procedure and indicated that it was a more or less unethical method of obtaining information, it appearing that the Division was making a trade or buying information from a known criminal.

This has reference to the request recently made by the Division of the Parole Board for the parole of convict [redacted] was eligible for parole on March 3, 1933 but that he had not made application due to the fact that a detainer was filed against him by the local authorities at Joplin, Missouri, which precluded any possibility of him being paroled. After it was determined by the Kansas City office that such detainer was filed, they made inquiry at the Joplin, Missouri Police Department and advised the Division that the authorities there had said they had no case against [redacted] and they did not intend to prosecute him and consequently had no reason for retaining the detainer. However, they did direct a letter to the Warden at Leavenworth advising that the detainer was being removed at the request of the Division of Investigation.

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I advised Mr. Hickey of the circumstances of this case and he is going to talk to Mr. Tucker and explain the whole situation to him, indicating that he obtained the facts on his own initiative from the Division's files in that Mr. Tucker advised that he was giving this information to Mr. Hickey as a personal and confidential matter.

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Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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See that Mr. Hickey informs Mr. Tucker fully re this.
J. E. H.

Taken care of. M.C. 5-29-34

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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May 26, 1934.

MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
MR. CLEGG
COWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. EGAN
MR. O'NEIL
MR. LESTER
CHIEF CLERK
MR. NASH
H.v. Tamm

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Black telephoned from Oklahoma City at 10:15 A.M. and advised that the woman in Tulsa - the wife of Herman Barker - is leaving Tulsa Monday morning for Neosho, Missouri to contact Barker's father in an effort to learn the whereabouts of his mother.

In connection with the attorney Comstack, Mr. Black advised that they had heard nothing from him since the $100 was advanced and he promised to leave and return with Floyd. I advised Mr. Black that the Oklahoma City Office should not tolerate Comstack's "playing" with them any longer and Comstack should be so advised. Mr. Black stated that he was not certain whether Comstack had returned to Pawhuska or not but an Agent would on Monday request Comstack to produce.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

S. P. Cowley

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT KANSAS CITY, MO. FILE NO. 62-977 AG

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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:

Delaware State Police, and Wilmington, Del., Police, have confiscated only one gun since June 1933, this being a 38 cal. Colt. Arrangements made to have gun discharged and bullets forwarded to this office. In future should guns be confiscated samples of bullets will be forwarded here for transmittal to Division.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J.F. McDevitt, Philadelphia, Pa., 4-23-34.

DETAILS:

AT WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

An interview was had with Captain H. Ray and Lieutenant E. Cole of the Delaware State Police, for the purpose of procuring bullets from any guns confiscated by the Delaware State Police since June 1933. They advised that since that time only one gun, 38 cal. Colt, has been confiscated and that this gun was not presently available for discharge purposes. Lieut. Cole advised that he will discharge this gun at the earliest opportunity and forward the bullets to this office for transmittal to the Division. These two gentlemen made a notetion to the effect that should any guns of the following types be confiscated

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they will furnish this office with discharged bullets:

2 Thompson Submachine Guns
1-38 cal. Colt Revolver
1-45 " " "
1-16 gauge double barrel shot gun.

Interview was also had with Chief of Police H. Boyd, and Ceptain of Detectives Wilson of the Wilmington Police Department. They advised that no guns had been confiscated since June 1933. Chief of Detectives Wilson made a notation and should any guns of this caliber and type be confiscated discharged bullets will be furnished this office for transmittal to the Division.

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PHILADELPHIA OFFICE at Harrisburg, Pa., will interview John Funk, Ballistic Expert, Penna. State Police, for similar information.

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CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City, Missouri

FILE NO. 62-456

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Oklahoma City, Okla.	5/25/34	5/19-20-21-22-23/34	T. M. Birch.

TITLE: "Changed" VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, I.O. 1201 - FUGITIVE; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, I.O. 1194 - FUGITIVE; ADAM RACCHETTI, alias Adam Ricchetti, alias Adam Richette, alias Adam Riechard, alias Adam Richard; et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE: Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Descriptive data of William Walter Rush, alias "Shine" Rush secured. Hideouts of Rush and Recchetti in Oklahoma also incorporated. Mail covers placed on mail of relatives at Wewoka, Seminole, New Lima and Earlsboro, Oklahoma in an effort to effect apprehension.

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REFERENCE: Division letter dated April 12, 1934.
Report of Special Agent T. M. Birch, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 5-17-34.

DETAILS:

The title of this case is being changed to include the name of Adam Racchetti, with aliases, inasmuch as investigation reveals that he is a subject of this case.

Allen Armond "Louisiana" Lee, who resides next door to the Rush family in Earlsboro, Oklahoma, was interviewed at an oil lease three miles southeast of Earlsboro, Oklahoma, where he was working. Mr. Lee was interviewed by the writer and Deputy Sheriff Bob Short of Seminole County, Oklaho Mr. Lee stated that at the present time there is pending against him in Seminole County, Oklahoma a case wherein he is charged jointly with "Shine" Rush with the theft of certain belts and equipment, the property of the Amerada Oil Company; that he was involved in this case through the duplicity of "Shine" Rush and for this reason, he would like to assist in the apprehension of "Shine" Rush and Adam Racchetti. Mr. Lee, upon being questioned, stated that he knows Rush well and gave the writer the following description of Rush:

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Name	William Walter Rush, alias "Shine Rush
Age	30 years
Height	6 feet
Weight	180 pounds
Hair	Dark Brown
Eyes	Hazel
Build	Athletic
Occupation	Oil field worker
	Dresses neat -- usually wears 10 gallo sombrero and cowboy boots
	Speech is good -- fast
Relatives	Mrs. James Brown, mother, Bartlesville Oklahoma;
	Brother - Floyd O. Rush, alias "Runt" Rush, Earlsboro, Oklahoma.
	Brother - James Rush, alias Jim Rush, Earlsboro, Oklahoma.
	Sister - Mrs. Hargis (first name unkno residing on Pure Oil Lease No. 6, Seminole, Oklahoma.
	Wife - Kate Rush, nee Haddock whose parents, Charles Alexander Haddock and Annie May Haddock, reside at 1208 Northwest 6th Street, Oklahoma. Kate Rush has a brother, Jack Haddock, who is an ex-convict and lives in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

A photograph of William Walter "Shine" Rush is being forwarded to the Division, which photograph was obtained from Mrs. Annie May Haddock, "Shine" Rush's mother-in-law, and is a kodak picture. While not a good likeness, one copy of this photograph is being forwarded to the Division and one copy is being retained in the Oklahoma City Division Office file.

Investigation at Police Departments at Oklahoma City, Wewoka, Seminole, Earlsboro and Shawnee, Oklahoma reveal that there is no fingerprint classification on record of Rush, as he has never been fingerprinted.

Mrs. Bob Burdett who resides one-half mile east of Earlsboro, Oklahoma, was interviewed by the writer and Deputy Sheriff Bob Short. Mrs. Burdett stated that Adam Racchetti was apprehended at her residence a little over a year ago by Seminole County, Oklahoma officers and that since that time, Racchetti, while having been there on numerous occasions, has only stopped a few minutes and that his last visit was about two weeks ago when he drove his car up to her place and inquired if her husband was there. Upon being told

het he was not, Racchetti departed. Mrs. Burdett stated that at this time, Racchetti was accompanied by "Shine" Rush and was driving a 1933 Black Chevrolet Coach, Texas 1934 license No. 430183. Mrs. Burdett stated that Racchetti and Rush had several places in Oklahoma near Seminole where they could be located, among these being the home of John Sartin, a former county commissioner, who resides fifteen miles northeast of Atoka, Oklahoma, and at whose place Racchetti and Rush escaped from officers about six months ago; that they were also known to frequent the farm of Gus Hearn, a negro who resides fifteen miles northwest of Atoka, Oklahoma; also the home of Jack Frost, an ex-convict, who lives in Castle, Oklahoma. Mrs. Burdett stated that Adam Racchetti frequently visits the home of his sister and brother-in-law W. A. Smalley, alias "Blackie" Smalley who lives five miles north of Wewoka, Oklahoma on the Wewoka-Seminole highway.

Agent interviewed C. D. Rodman, Postmaster at Wewoka, Oklahoma. Mr. Rodman stated that he is well acquainted with the Smalley, Racchetti and Rush families, and at the present time, Eve Simpson, nee Racchetti, (Adam Racchetti's sister) is living at a rooming house on the outskirts of Wewoka, Oklahoma, and is receiving mail at the Wewoka Post Office. Mr. Rodman stated that he frequently has occasion to pass this house and had, out of curiosity, kept track of Eve Simpson's movements, and that he would keep the Oklahoma City Division Office notified should any information come to him that Adam Racchetti and Rush were staying at this house.

Pete Northcutt of Earlsboro, Oklahoma was interviewed by the writer upon the recommendation of Deputy Sheriff Bob Short. Northcutt stated that he had no personal enmity toward the Rush family, but that he is well acquainted with all the members of the family and also the members of the Racchetti family, and that he would give any information that might come into his possession relative to the whereabouts of Rush and Racchetti to the Oklahoma City Division Office.

The writer interviewed Jake Sims, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma, as set out in the report of Special Agent K. D. Deaderick, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated March 30, 1934, relative to any information he might have obtained from his informant concerning the activities of Dr. Early Williams on the night of June 21, 1933. Chief Sims stated that he has been unable to obtain any additional information.

Throughout this investigation, there was no indication that Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd was traveling in company with Adam Racchetti or "Shine" Rush. Mail cover was placed on the relatives of Adam Racchetti at Lehigh, Wewoka, New Lima and Seminole, Oklahoma. Mail cover was also placed on the family of William Walter "Shine" Rush at Earlsboro and Seminole, Oklahoma.

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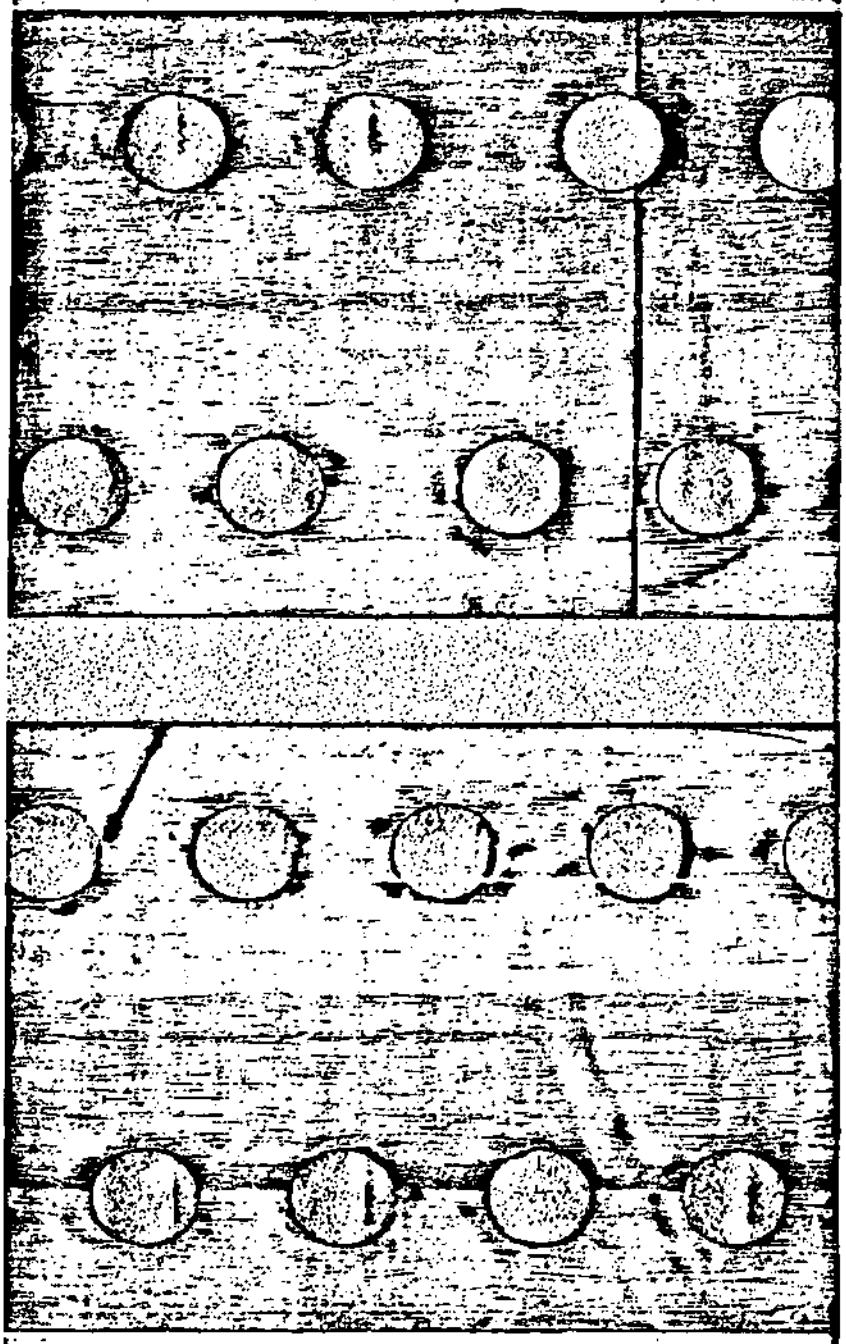

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Any way of locating record on Rush??

V. W. Hughes
Room 418.

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Alias Shine Rush

Age 30 192 3 Ht. 6 Wt. 185 Col. W

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U. S. Department of Justice

Suite L
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
May 29, 1934.

DIVISION ONE
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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.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent T. M. Birch, dated at Oklahoma City, 5-25-34, in the above entitled matter.

It is noted from page 3, paragraph 1, that Adam Richetti is now allegedly traveling with one William Walter Rush, alias "Shine" Rush, and that about two weeks ago, according to Mrs. Bob Burdett of Earlsboro, Oklahoma, Richetti and Rush appeared at the Burdett home driving a 1933 Model Black Chevrolet Coach, bearing Texas License for 1934, #430183. There were no copies of the report of Agent Birch furnished the Dallas office. However, this office requested the Dallas office today, by wire, to make investigation to determine ownership and other pertinent details concerning the license tags in question. The Dallas office was requested to notify the Oklahoma City office regarding the results of inquiry as to the ownership of the license tags.

One copy of Agent Birch's report is being forwarded with copy of this letter to the Dallas office.

Very truly yours,

R B Nathan

R. B. NATHAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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May 29, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

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

Clyde Champion Barrow, our #147077.
Hubert Bleigh, our #242514.
Clin Brunner, USP Edwardsville, Illinois.
Charles Connors, our #411644.
Eddie Curran, our #406451.
Ray Davis, our #759120.
Michael De Laurentis, our #605038.
Fred Doll, our #276748.
Earl H. Doyle, our #111174.
Chester Eckert, our #574574.
William Engler, our #401444.
Claude Evans, our #445078.
Thomas V. Filbin, our #731483.
Patrick Fraine, our #677543.
Dave Gifford, our #242951
Edward Gorman, alias Alfred Coonie, our #7967.
Paul G. Hanford, alias Charles Adams, our #18726.
Barnet Herman, #2908 USP Leavenworth.
Douglass C. Brown, our #504960.
Florence V. Casey, #590-B PD Minneapolis.
Isaac Costner, our #729082.
John B. Davenport, our #128820.
Rocco De Grazia, our #389499.
Frank Dillon, our #718340.
Phoenix Donald, our #17920.
Jess Doyle, our #99402.
Bertha Engler, #20406 PD Kansas City, Missouri.
John Patrick Ferrick, our #531809.
Carl Fontana, our #851956.
Fred Gant, our #182712.
Thomas L. Gilbert, our #7151.
Jack Griffin, our #580437.
David Cutterman, our #479550.

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No identifications have been effected in this manner.

* May 29 - Comparisons of those unidentified latent impressions with the fingerprints of all other persons named in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer are going forward.

Very truly yours,

cc - Mr. H. H. Clegg.

Director.

Post Office Drawer 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri,
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter received from the Kansas City Division Office, dated May 26, 1934, in which request was made to locate George M. Lindsay, Jr., and to be advised as to the status of the State case in St. Louis, Missouri as to George M. Lindsay, Sr. and Jr., and also if possible to ascertain if fingerprints of these two parties could be obtained at St. Louis, Missouri.

Please be advised that George M. Lindsay, Sr. and Jr. were arrested at Kansas City, Missouri March 31, 1934 upon a state warrant issued for them at St. Louis, Missouri, charging them with conspiracy to issue and sell bogus chiropractic diplomas, being charged jointly with one Gustave H. Lindhorst, Dr. William T. Gallagher and Henry Feuhrer; that all of the subjects mentioned above furnished bond in the State Court with the exception of George M. Lindsay Junior, against whom said case was dismissed, and that the status of said case in the State Court is unchanged due to the fact that the Post Office Department is conducting an investigation against these parties for use of the mails to defraud.

At the St. Louis Police Department, Special Agent H. G. Maynor, of this Office, ascertained that George M. Lindsay, Jr. and Sr. were returned to St. Louis, Missouri from Kansas City, Missouri on March 31, 1934; that their residence in Kansas City, Missouri at the time of arrest is given as 1220 East 44th Street, and St. Louis Police Detectives Albert Bean and Marty Cliffe advised Agent Maynor that they were present in Kansas City at the time of the arrest of the Lindsays, and know for a certainty that both Lindsays and their families were at that time residing on the second floor of the apartment building located at 1220 East 44th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Lieutenant Walter Heitz, Superintendent of the Identification Division of the St. Louis Police Department, advised that on April 1, 1934 both George M. Lindsay, Jr. and Sr. were fingerprinted by his

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department, and a copy of said fingerprints forwarded to the Division's Identification Unit on that date, and that on April 5, 1934 a reply was received from the Division, advising that no criminal record as to either of the Lindseys had been found. Lieutenant Heitz further advised that no photographs of either of these subjects were taken by the St. Louis Police Department, but that in the issue of April 10, 1934 of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch a picture of George M. Lindsay, Jr. appeared. Three copies of this picture were obtained, one picture of George M. Lindsay, Jr. is being forwarded to the Kansas City Division Office, one copy to the Division at Washington, D. C. and a third copy retained in the St. Louis file in this case.

The following descriptions of George M. Lindsay, Sr. and Jr. were obtained from the fingerprint files of the St. Louis Police Department, which bear no police number and are dated April 1, 1934.

Name:	GEORGE M. LINDSAY, SR.
Age:	44
Height:	5' 6½"
Weight:	229
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Chestnut gray
Build:	Stout
Complexion:	Florid
Residence:	1220 E. 44th St., Kansas City, Mo. (At time of arrest)
F.P.C.	$\frac{19\ 9\ R\ 00\ 14}{M\ 1\ U\ 00\ 13}$

Name:	GEORGE M. LINDSAY, JR.
Age:	35
Height:	6' 3/4"
Weight:	222
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Dark chestnut
Complexion:	Medium ruddy
Build:	Stout
Residence:	1220 E. 44th St., Kansas City, Mo. (At time of arrest)
F.P.C.	$\frac{19\ 9\ R\ I\ 18}{M\ 9\ R\ I\ 16}$

As to the present address of the Lindseys, Agent Maynor interviewed the clerk at the American Annex Hotel, Sixth and Market Streets,

St. Louis, Missouri, who advised that the Lindsays stayed at that Hotel during the time they were in St. Louis, Missouri immediately after furnishing bond in the State case at St. Louis, but left without leaving a forwarding address, but that mail was subsequently received for them, and the carrier on the route supplying said hotel advised that the Post Office Department had received instructions from the Lindsays to forward any mail to Kansas City, Missouri, address unknown.

At the office of the Post Office Inspector, St. Louis, Missouri Agent Maynor ascertained that on April 11, 1934 George M. Lindsay gave instructions to forward all mail received for him in care of the American Hotel Annex to 304 Steuben Club Building, Kansas City, Missouri, and that on May 9, 1934 a subsequent letter was received from George M. Lindsay requesting that all mail for him be forwarded to 204 Huron Building, Kansas City, Kansas, where it is believed the Lindsays may now be located. It is possible that they have office space at 204 Huron Building, Kansas City, Kansas and may still be residing with their families at 1220 East 44th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

The Division at Washington, D. C. is requested to make a comparison of the fingerprints of George M. Lindsay, Sr. and Jr., which were forwarded to the Division April 1, 1934 by the St. Louis Police, with the latent fingerprint impressions found at the residence of Vernon C. Miller, which were transmitted to the Division with letter from the Kansas City Division Office, dated February 13, 1934, and to advise the Kansas City Division Office of the results of said comparison.

The Kansas City Division Office is advised that all leads for the St. Louis Division Office contained in the report of Special Agent W. P. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri December 15, 1933, will be followed and a report submitted at once.

Very truly yours,

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

HGM:A
cc Division
cc Chicago

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April 10-34

LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

ONE OF MEN ACCUSED OF DIPLOMA FRAUD

— By a Post-Dispatch Staff Photographer
GEORGE M. LINDSAY

TWO MEN PLEAD NOT GUILTY OF BOGUS DIPLOMA PLOT

George M. Lindsay and William P. Gallagher to Have Hearing on May 15.

George M. Lindsay and William P. Gallagher, both of Kansas City, appeared today in the Court of Criminal Correction and pleaded not guilty to the charge of conspiracy to issue and sell bogus chiropractic diplomas. Judge Butler set their hearing for May 15.

They were arrested, Gallagher here and Lindsay in Kansas City, in a police investigation of the purchase, by a St. Louis man, of a diploma from a Kansas City institution for $650.

Lindsay, who was president of the City College of Law and Finance here up to 1926, said to reporters that he would make no statement about the case, on advice of his lawyer, Jasper Vettori, who represents Gallagher also. They were required to furnish new bonds of $500 each. Gallagher is an optometrist, who formerly was in business here.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. FILE NO. 62-481.

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5/29/34	5/21-22-28-29/34	T. M. Birch.

TITLE: HAZEL HUDSON UNDERHILL, et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE: Harboring and concealing Wilbur Underhill for whom a warrant of arrest had been issued.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Property scheduled by subject Rowe in effort to make bond not of value stated. Alleged owners not owners of record. Taxes on property unpaid.

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DETAILS:

The Oklahoma City Division Office is in receipt of a letter from the Honorable W. C. Lewis, United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, under date of May 15, 1934 wherein Mr. Lewis states that there have been referred to him as sureties on a $10,000.00 bond for subject Rowe, the names of W. Robertson, Felix Alexander, and J. W. Hill all of Wewoka, Oklahoma, and that Mr. Robertson had scheduled the following property:

Lots 1 to 6, inclusive, Block 27, original town of Wewoka . . . . . $ 5,600.00

Lots 18 and 19, Block 2, original town of Wewoka . $15,000.00

and that Felix Alexander had scheduled the following property:

One-half (1/2) interest in NE¼ SW¼ NW¼ and N½ SE¼ NW¼, Section 11, Township 1 South, Range 1 West, Murray County . . . . . $ 2,000.00.

DETAILS:

Mr. Lewis in his letter states: "Knowing the character of this man Rowe as I do, I am reluctant to believe that any decent citizen would make the bond and this is to request that you make inquiry as to whether or not the parties named own the lands described and also the status of the same with reference to mortgages and taxes."

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Paul Hansen Acting Special Agent in Charge

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The writer at Wewoka, Oklahoma made an investigation at the office of the County Assessor, Mr. V. Z. Anders, who produced the assessment books which revealed with regard to Lots 1 to 6, inclusive, Block 27, original town of Wewoka, that the owner of record of Lots 1 and 2 is S. M. Myers, Administrator for the estate of C. N. Myers, and that the assessed value of these two lots is $150.00 each; also that there is a chattel mortgage against this property, as reflected in book 108, page 55, to the amount of $1,008.00. This mortgage was filed March 3, 1925, and at the present time, there is no release of record.

The records of Mr. O. P. Ford, Deputy County Treasurer of Seminole County, Oklahoma revealed that the taxes on Lots 1 and 2 had been unpaid since 1923.

The records of the assessor's office show that the owner of record of Lots 3 and 4 is Frank Madkins, and that the assessed value of these lots is $40.00 each. There is no record of any indebtedness against these two lots with the exception of the taxes which are unpaid since 1923.

The records of the County Assessor's office show that Virgil Robertson is the owner of record of lots 5 and 6, and that the assessed value of these lots is $40.00 each. The records of the County Treasurer show that the taxes on this property have not been paid since 1923. This is the only lien against these two lots.

All of the above-mentioned property is located on South Ouchesee Street, Wewoka, Oklahoma, and on the six lots are three one-story frame dwellings in a bad state of delapidation, and at the present time, occupied by negros. These dwellings are approximately fifteen years old and an outside figure on the cost of building them, material included, would probably be $1,000.00. This information was obtained from Mr. Jack Criswell of the Pioneer Abstract Company. Mr. Criswell also informed the writer that Virgil Robertson and W. Robertson, as shown in Mr. Lewis' letter, are one and the same person, and that Virgil Robertson is a man approximately fifty years of age who is known in this vicinity as a high-powered bootlegger and a person of bad reputation. The above information was corroborated by Frank Aldridge, Sheriff of Seminole County, Mr. Ellrey Criswell, Assistant County Attorney, Seminole County, Mr. C. M. Rodman, Postmaster, Wewoka, Oklahoma, and Mr. William Nicholson, Deputy Sheriff, Seminole County, Oklahoma.

With regard to Lots 18 and 19, Block 2, original town of Wewoka, Oklahoma, the records of the County Assessor's office show that L. A. Tyson (negro) and W. K. Holiwell (negro) are joint owners of this property, and that it was deeded to them on April 16, 1921 from Robert Robertson; further, that the assessed value of these two lots is $500.00 each. The records of the County Treasurer reflect that the taxes on this property have not been paid since 1929. The above-mentioned property is improved by a two-story brick dwelling, the first floor of which is a warehouse and shops. The second floor has rooms occupied by

a low class of people. The above-mentioned property is located on the southeast corner of Cedar and Wewoka Avenues, Wewoka, Oklahoma.

Mr. Jack Criswell, Mr. Frank Aldridge, Mr. Ellis Cooper and Mr. C. M. Rodman were interviewed regarding the value of this property and all expressed the opinion that $7,500.00 would be a high market value for this property at this time.

Throughout this investigation, no information was obtained relative to J. W. Hill as set out in the letter from Mr. Lewis. However, Mr. C. M. Rodman, Postmaster of Wewoka, Oklahoma, informed the writer that Charles L. Hill is an Attorney in Wewoka and is also a member of the Oklahoma State Legislature and would probably have some knowledge of J. W. Hill. The writer interviewed Mr. Oscar Hill, son and law partner of Charles L. Hill. Mr. Oscar Hill stated that his father is one of the attorneys representing subject Rowe and others in this case; also that Mr. Homer Bishop of Seminole, Oklahoma is another attorney who is representing the subjects. Mr. Oscar Hill stated that there was probably some mistake as he was certain that his father was the man mentioned in the letter.

As to the one-half interest in NE¼ SW¼ NW¼ and N½ SE¼ NW¼, Section 11, Township 1 South, Range 1 West, Murray County, Oklahoma, Mr. S. T. Cooper, County Assessor of Murray County, Oklahoma, produced the assessment books which reflect that the above property consists of thirty acres of unimproved mountain land which is assessed at $3.00 per acre. Mr. Cooper stated that a fair sale price on this property would be $4.00 an acre. Miss Agnes Marr, Deputy County Clerk of Murray County, produced the land records of that county which reveal that the above property consists of 30 acres of mountain land with no improvements and is assessed at $3.00 per acre; that the above property is located near the northern end of Murray County, near the Garvin Township.

Mrs. Nadine Talley, produced the tax books of Murray County, Oklahoma which reflect that taxes on this property were last paid in 1930 by a C. M. Milroy, and that the taxes since 1930, amounting to $11.41 are delinquent. Mrs. Nadine Talley presented to agent a statement of delinquent taxes which is being retained in the Oklahoma City file. There is also being reteined in the Oklahoma City file a certification as to delinquent taxes on Lots 1 to 6, inclusive, Block 27, original town of Wewoka, Oklahoma for the years 1923 to 1933, inclusive, and Lots 18 and 19, Block 2, original town of Wewoka, Oklahoma for the years 1930 to 1933, inclusive. This certification is signed by O. P. Ford, Deputy County Treasurer, Seminole County, Wewoka, Oklahoma.

Under date of May 22, 1934, V. Robertson addressed a letter to the Honorable Edgar S. Vaught, Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma. This

letter is incorporated in this report as follows:

"Wewoka, Oklahoma,
211 N.Mekusukey,Ave.

May,22nd,1934

"Hon.Edgar Vaught,
Judge of Western District of Oklahoma,
Oklahoma City,Oklahoma,

Dear Sir:

"On Saturday May,12th of this year,there were some fellows down here with a bond to get some one to sign for the appearance of a fellow then in custody of the marshal,the name I do not recall, and asked me to sign said bond. We went before Commissioner Crutcher, Holdenville,and signed it. One fellow named Dave Moore,I have known for some time,told me I would not have to schedule any thing but two lots I own here in Seminole County,Oklahoma. Since then an agent out of your district has been here stating that the bond contained property purported to be scheduled by me that I do not own and never intended to schedule. Those fellows misrepresented things to me and included property I never intended to put up. I am writing you to inform that I wish to withdraw from the bond and want the bond cancel as to obligating me, as I do not intend to be surety on any such bond."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) V Robertson"

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE: HAZEL HUDSON UNDERHILL, et al;
HARBORING AND CONCEALING WILBUR
UNDERHILL FOR WHOM A WARRANT OF
ARREST HAD BEEN ISSUED.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent T. M. Birch, dated Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, May 29, 1934 covering an investigation conducted at the request of the Honorable W. C. Lewis, United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma. It does not appear from the report whether any prosecutive action is contemplated as a result of the investigation made although it appears that perjury has been committed in the execution of the bond in question. It is suggested that this matter be pursued vigorously and to that end you should confer with the United States Attorney and obtain his opinion in the premises.

The Oklahoma City Office is instructed to furnish the Kansas City Office with all pertinent serials in the above entitled case which gave rise to the instant matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

311 Hurley-Wright Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

May 29, 1934.

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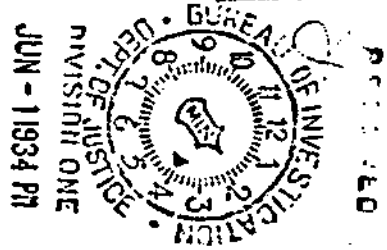

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY.

With further reference to my conference with you on Friday, May 25th, concerning the Division's interest in a certain inmate of a Federal institution, and the attitude taken by the Parole Boerd in reference thereto, I have as requested by the Director, talked with Mr. Irving B. Tucker, a member of the Parole Board, fully explaining to him the situation with reference to the request, and I feel satisfied that Mr. Tucker is now fully conversant with all facts relating to this matter, and the reason for making such a request of the Parole Board.

He is a good friend of the Division and comes in personal contact with a number of the Agents during his travels about the country, and again expressed to me his high regard for Mr. Hoover.

Very truly yours,

F. M. Hickey

F. M. HICKEY,
Special Agent.

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1531 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,
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May 29, 1934.

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DIVISION ONE

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased)
RICHARD T. GALATAS - FUGITIVE, I.O.1201;
CHARLES A. FLOYD - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1194;
et al - Conspiracy to Deliver Fed. Prisoner.

This agent while in Fort Sumner, N.M., on May 24, 1934 interviewed Charles Dunlap, Sheriff of DeBaca County, N.M. Mr. Dunlap advised that he had received a letter from Sheriff McCamant of Carrizozo, N.M., advising him that Mr. McCamant might need his assistance in the next few days, stating that he had information that Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd had been in the vicinity of Duran and Encino, N.M.; that he was making an investigation of the matter and in case Floyd and his party were located he would ask his assistance in an attempt to arrest them.

As this agent was going to pass through Carrizozo that night a wire was sent to Sheriff McCamant requesting that he meet agent at the train that night. Mr. McCamant met the train and stated to agent that through a confidential informant he had received information that Pretty Boy Floyd and two others had been in the vicinity of Encino and Duran for the past six weeks; that Floyd was supposed to have a cousin who resides four miles north of Encino by the name of John Rucker and that Floyd and these two men had been staying at Rucker's place for sometime and that he had also received information that they had spent several nights in Duran, N.M., stopping at the Duran Hotel; that he had made an investigation in this matter and had exhibited a photograph of Charles Floyd to the woman who runs the hotel in Duran and she had stated that one of the men bore a very close resemblance to Floyd and that she believed Floyd was one of the party.

Agent requested the name of the woman who runs the hotel in Duran but Mr. McCamant stated he had not learned her name; that he had gone to Duran and the hotel people had advised him that Floyd and his party had not been seen around the hotel since about May 10. Mr. McCamant stated he was making a further investigation in the matter with a view to ascertain whether they had been seen around Encino recently.

At Agent's request, Mr. McCamant stated that in case he receives any further information regarding the whereabouts of these parties he will notify the El Paso Division office at once and in case they are located he will request, either by telegraph or telephone, the assistance of the El Paso office in apprehending them.

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When an agent is next in the vicinity of Duran he should interview the hotel people there, as there is only one hotel in D uran, and exhibit photograph of Pretty Boy Floyd; also ascertain the name of the people who run the hotel. At Encino, N.M., make investigation relative to John Rucker and ascertain the exact location of Rucker's ranch which is supposed to be four miles north of Encino. The peace officers at Encino should be contacted and it ascertained from them if they have seen anyone around there who fills the description of Floyd.

J. A. Street,
Special Agent.

JAS:bg
cc Division
cc Kansas City.

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Suite L -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri,
May 25, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
801 Title Guaranty Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased) et al,
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Please be advised that Special Agent W. H. Trainor is today at Mexico, Missouri within your territory in connection with an investigation in the above captioned case, relative to the possible whereabouts of Charles Arthur Floyd.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division

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Suite I
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
628 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to your letter of July 18, 1933, addressed to Mr. Oscar Olander, Commissioner of Public Safety, East Lansing, Michigan, and to letter from the Division addressed to the Detroit office, dated July 11, 1933, copies of which were furnished to this office, arriving here May 28, 1934, pursuant to recent instructions from the Division to all offices that this office be furnished with copies of such communications.

It is noted that these communications indicate that Captain I. H. Harmon of the Michigan State Police has a confidential informant, said to be reliable, at Chicago, Illinois, who, at times in the past, furnished Captain Harmon with information regarding Vernon C. Miller. Since the death of Vernon C. Miller, apparently no activity in connection with securing information through Captain Harmon has been had. This office deems it desirable to pursue this line of investigation through the cooperation of Captain Harmon, if possible. The informant of Captain Harmon might be in position to furnish information regarding the confederates of Vernon C. Miller, who participated in the instant massacre.

Please advise this office at your earliest convenience regarding what action is contemplated in this connection.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. E.E.Conroy
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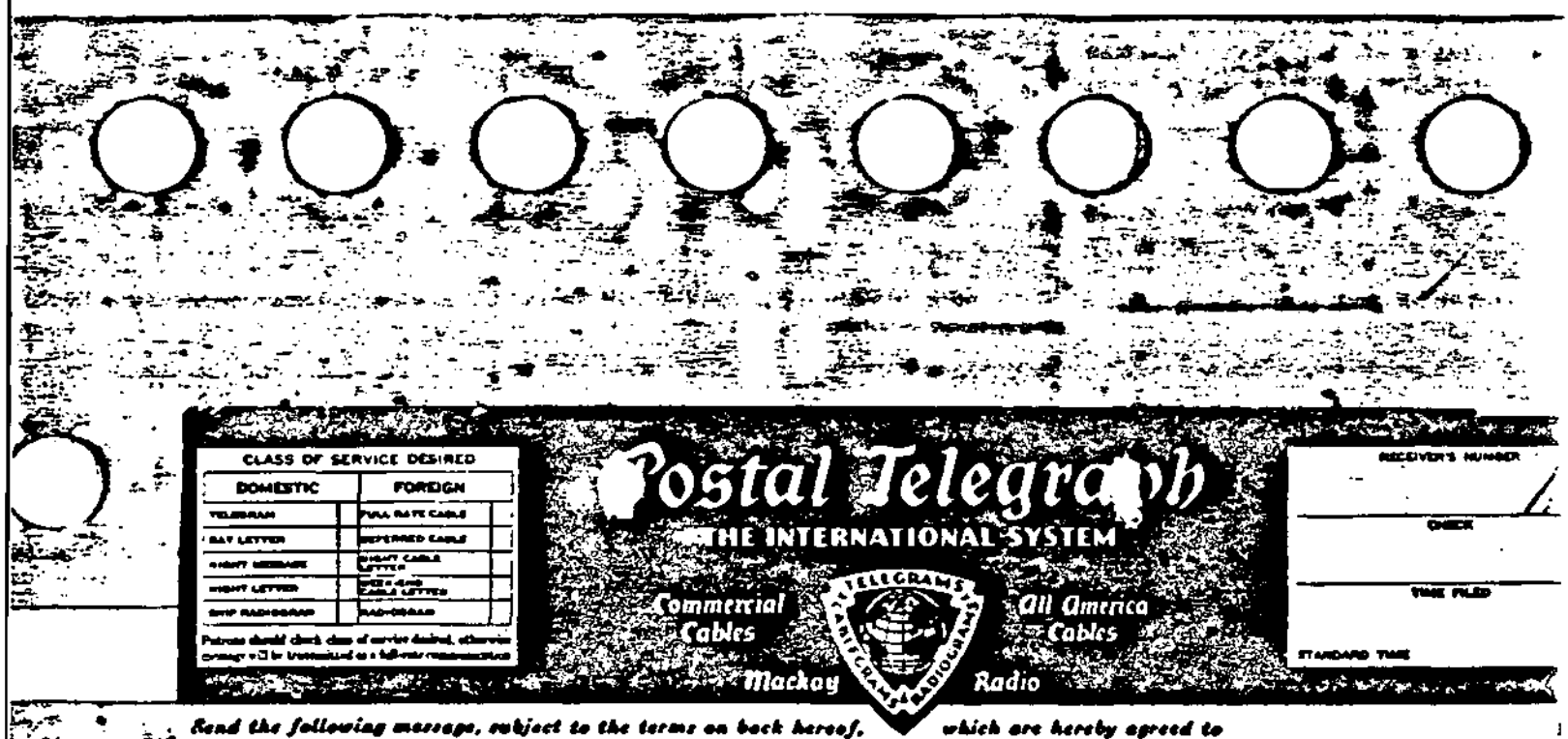

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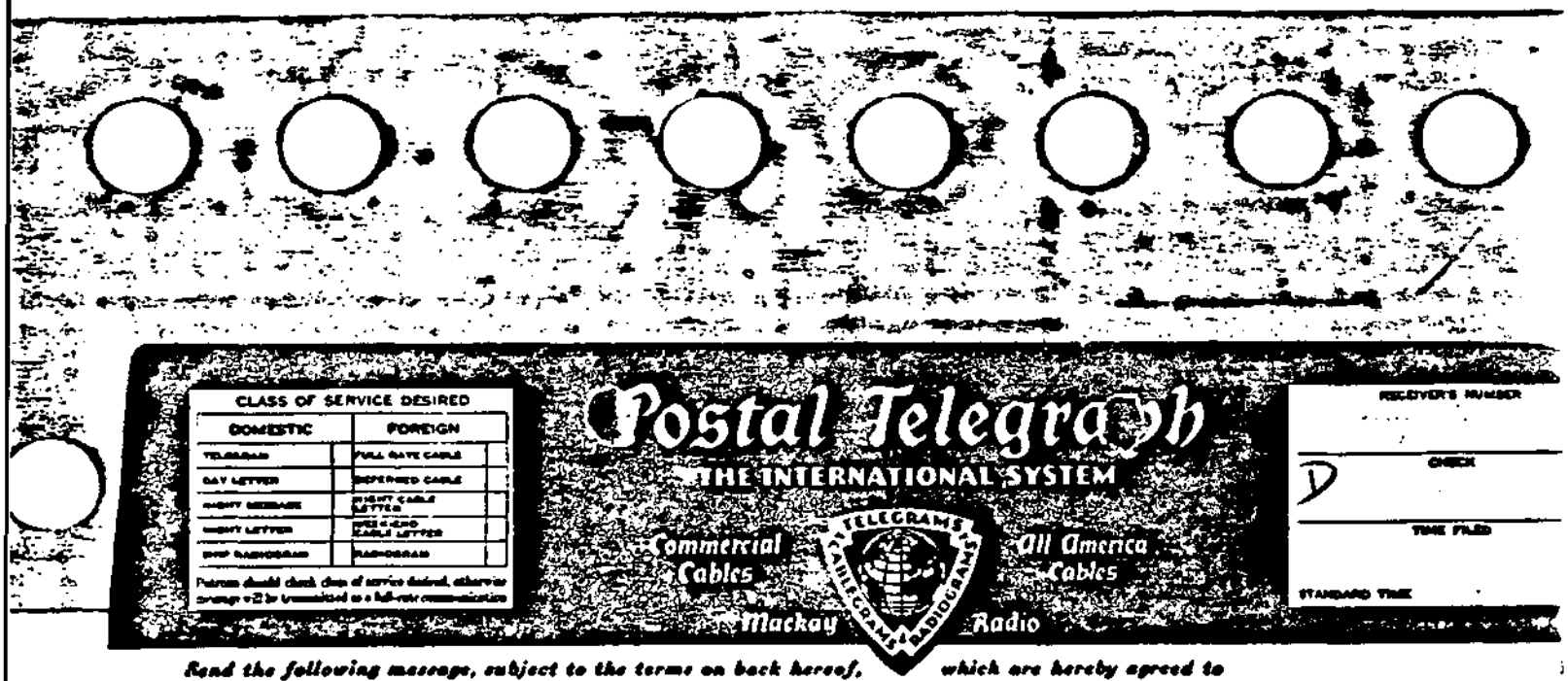

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P. O. Box 536
Los Angeles, California
May 31, 1934.

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

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, I. O. #1194; et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.
L. A. File 62-964.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. J. P. Slough, Deputy Sheriff at Los Angeles, has advised this office that one George Higgins, 1945 Spring Garden Avenue, Riverside, California, telephone 5149-W, has recently informed him that he is personally acquainted with "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and that he saw him in San Bernardino, Calif., a few weeks ago; that on one occasion he rode into Los Angeles with Floyd, who was driving an Oldsmobile Coupe bearing Arizona license, but number not obtained.

According to Higgins, Floyd lived at 646 - 19th Street, San Bernardino, for two days, and was associated with a Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Shrader, who lived at 500 Rosedale Court, San Bernardino. Mrs. Shrader was formerly Mildred Brooks, and is alleged to have recently married Shrader. While in San Bernardino, she worked at Abbott's Department Store.

Deputy Sheriff Slough advised that he contacted Mrs. Abbott, the owner of the store, and Mrs. Abbott was shown a picture of Floyd and thought it looked like some man she saw with Shrader around the store. Mrs. Shrader was discharged and she and her husband went back to Pawnee, Okla., where Mrs. Shrader is now employed at the Peoples Department Store at 1306 E. Main Street.

Mr. Slough also advised that he showed the owner of the property at 646 - 19th Street, San Bernardino, a picture of Floyd, but she could not identify same, but said a tough gang was seen around the premises; however, she did not come in direct contact with them.

It is suggested that inquiry be made at Pawnee and that Mrs. Shrader be interviewed discreetly, if advisable, in order to determine the identity of the persons at San Bernardino, California.

Very truly yours,

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

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
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Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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While talking with Mr. Brantley at Oklahoma City, he advised that they had received a letter from Comstack as follows:

"I find the party we are dealing with was sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary in the State Of Ohio. The trouble was in Toledo; one was executed, one sentenced to serve fifteen years and one escaped. The question arises as to what can be done with the State of Ohio. Of course, he realizes that with this hanging over him no parole would ever be possible. This will not prevent the making of the arrangements we are making but our friend would rather die in the woods than go to Ohio. Collins, serving a term in Leavenworth, recommends that this party come in at once. (Collins is a dope fiend and his wife associates with Floyd's wife). This indicates that my friend has had no profits out of the narcotic deal. Four men in a car at Sperry, Oklahoma inquired whether this party had been in Sperry but I do not believe they were Federal men and do not believe they were sent from your office. Look up your file and see what you have on this party in Kansas City. We have not decided what offenses he can plead guilty to. Ruby is still here and I am having the doctor look after her but she does not appear to be sick."

Mr. Brantley advised that Comstack is apparently seeking information as to whether Floyd will go to the penitentiary and wants to be assured that Floyd will be sent to a Federal institution for life. I told Mr. Brantley that we can assure Comstack that Floyd will be sent to a Federal penitentiary but we do not know whether it will be for life. Mr. Brantley stated he will get in touch with Comstack within a day or two and put this up to him. Mr. Brantley was requested to expedite this matter.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

With reference to your memorandum of May 31, 1934, reporting a conversation had by you with Mr. Brantley at Oklahoma City in connection with the "Pretty Boy" Floyd matter, I do want you to indicate to Mr. Brantley that this matter must be pressed, and pressed vigorously. This matter has now dragged along for several weeks, and we don't seem to be any nearer toward the getting hold of Floyd than we were when the original negotiations were entered into. We must either bring about a successful conclusion of the negotiations or take diligent and intensive steps to apprehend this fugitive from justice. Please impress upon Mr. Brantley that this is my wish and that I do want the matter to be pressed to an early and successful conclusion.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. Purvis telephoned from Chicago at 12:25 P.M. and advised that the informant [redacted] who had gone to Tulsa to locate Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd had submitted an itemized bill for $273.00; that the biggest item was an automobile trip on Monday, $100.00. Mr. Purvis advised that he had told [redacted] that he would receive $200.00 and he had not promised him any more than that sum. Mr. Purvis wanted to know whether he should pay this extra $73.00.

I advised Mr. Purvis that inasmuch as the original agreement was to the effect that [redacted] should receive $200.00, I was of the opinion he should not receive more than that, particularly as nothing had been gained from this informant and it appeared as though nothing would be developed.

Mr. Purvis stated he would see [redacted] this afternoon and advise him that he is not authorized to pay more than $200.00 unless [redacted] can produce, in which event he will receive further payment.

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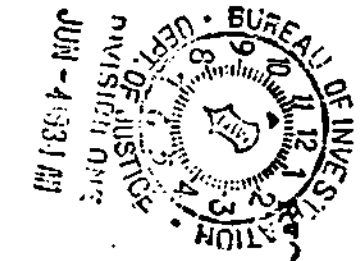

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to the trip which [redacted] made to Tulsa, Oklahoma recently in connection with an alleged effort to contact "Pretty Boy" Floyd. There is quoted below an itemized bill submitted by you on his return to Chicago:

Plane fare Chicago at St. Louis	$13.95
Advance and Wire to Collins	11.35
Bus from Airport to Mayfair Hotel, St. Louis	1.00
Telephone to Collins	2.45
Room	2.50
Bus fare to St. Louis Airport	1.00
Plane Fare to Tulsa	21.00
Bus to Mayor Hotel	.75
Taxicab for trip to Wynona and later	16.00
Rooms for Collins and Myself	5.00
Telephone to Deaderick	1.20
Auto hire on Monday trip	100.00
Gave Collins fifty dollars	50.00
Expenses on Monday trip, including ten dollars given for Aunt Rosy, approximately	20.00
Room rent at Thompson Hotel (Tahlequah)	1.50
Bus fare to Fayetteville	2.20
Bus Fare to Joplin for Collins and Kansas City for myself	6.60
Train Fare over Santa Fe to Chicago	16.75
Total	$273.25

[redacted] was not informed by this office that he would be allowed any more than $200.00, for his expenses to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and this amount was given to him prior to his departure, and it was only upon his return that I learned of the exorbitant charges made by him, as will be noted by the list above.

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I talked with [redacted] on Tuesday, May 29, when he called at this office, and informed him that in view of the fact that the Government had agreed to expend $200.00 for the purpose of his trip to contact Pretty Boy Floyd, it would be impossible to give him any more money. [redacted] indicated that he would continue to endeavor to contact Pretty Boy Floyd, and that he felt in view of the situation that he should reimburse the Government in the sum of $200.00. I informed him that that would not be necessary, and it is my opinion that he would not do so anyway, because he stated that he did not know how he could do so. It is my opinion also that this man merely desired a trip to Oklahoma, and that he cannot contact Pretty Boy Floyd, although if he furnishes me other information, I will give it due consideration.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

MHP/dr

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California
May 29, 1934

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 FLOYD, with aliases,
Fugitive, Identification Order 1194,
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER
L. A. File 62-964

With reference to Division letter dated April 25, 1934, transmitting a copy of letter dated April 17, 1934, addressed to the United States Secret Service Department by Mr. C. C. Hamil, 762 Elma Street, Ontario, California, indicating information concerning "Pretty Boy" Floyd, the following is respectfully submitted:

Calvin Cline Hamil, 633 25th Street, Cucamonga, California, mail address 1042 Jefferson, Ontario, was interviewed by Special Agent H. J. Kneen of this office. Mr. Hamil advised that he had formerly lived at Hennessey, Oklahoma, where he had worked for his father-in-law Fred Herscher, and that he left Oklahoma for California in February, 1933. When questioned with reference to his knowledge of "Pretty Boy" Floyd, he stated that Floyd formerly lived at Seminole, Oklahoma, and that his brother, first name unknown, now resides at Seminole; that Floyd's mother, first name unknown, resides at Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

Hamil admitted that he does not know the whereabouts of Floyd, but stated that if he were given a position as a Special Agent in the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, and permitted to go by himself to Oklahoma, he believes he could find Floyd, due to his intimate knowledge of the Sallisaw, Oklahoma territory.

Mr. Hamil stated that he saw "Pretty Boy" Floyd a year ago in Stuart, Oklahoma; that in December, 1932, he saw "Pretty Boy" Floyd and two strangers eating in a restaurant at Tablequab, Oklahoma, the man who owned the restaurant informing him that one of the three men eating in the restaurant was "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Hamil further stated that he saw "Pretty Boy" Floyd in Panhandle, Texas, September, 1932, at which time Floyd was eating in a restaurant. At

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that time, Floyd had two women and a man with him; that the male companion of Floyd was seated in a Pontiac car, and had some kind of gun barrel across his lap.

Mr. Hamil stated that his regular occupation is that of a gold and copper miner, having originally lived at Mosquero, New Mexico.

Mr. Hamil is twenty-seven years of age, admitted that he is presently unemployed, and earnestly desires to return to Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

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

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U. S. Department of Justice
Postoffice Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama,
June 1, 1934.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Hurley-Wright Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir: Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, (deceased)
Richard Talisman Galatas, with aliases, et al.,
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

This is to confirm telephonic conversation with Mr. Cowley of the Division today, when he was advised that Special Agent M. J. Sherry at Montgomery, Alabama, learned this afternoon from Miss Grady Clifton, 28 Clayton Avenue, Montgomery, which woman is mentioned in report of Special Agent G. N.Lowden, Birmingham, January 19, 1934, that Jules Galatas, a cousin of subject Dick Galatas, arrived in Montgomery today, and is stopping at the Greystone Hotel. According to information obtained from Special Agent Sherry, Jules Galatas came to Montgomery in connection with a recent liquor violation involving a man named Abrahams, who was arrested and a large quantity of beer and liquor, which Abrahams had stored in a warehouse in Montgomery, was confiscated. It will be noted from previous reports in connection with this case, that Jules Galatas was reported to have been operating a gambling game at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago, and information was received indicating that possibly subject Dick Galatas would contact him in Chicago. However, efforts of the Chicago office to locate Jules Galatas have been unsuccessful.

Telephonic conversation today with Acting Special Agent in Charge, R. B. Nathan, Kansas City, Missouri, resulted in learning that Jules Galatas had never been contacted in connection with this case. It was my opinion, in which Acting Special Agent in Charge Nathan agreed, that inasmuch as Jules Galatas had never been contacted by Agents and since it is more likely that Dick Galatas would be in touch with Jules Galatas at Chicago, rather than Montgomery, that if investigation at Montgomery did not indicate that subject Dick Galatas was there with Jules Galatas, that a surveillance only should be maintained at the latter place, endeavoring, of course, to ascertain through the hotel records if possible, with whom Jules Galatas is communicating by telegram, telephone or mail. Further, that if the investigation

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and surveillance of Jules Galatas does not indicate that Dick Galatas is in Montgomery, Alabama, that an Agent continue this surveillance as far as Chicago, should Jules return there; inasmuch as Mr. Cowley authorized this, these plans will be carried out, the Chicago office of course being notified if Jules Galatas returns there, and if an Agent has him under surveillance at that time.

In accordance with the above, Special Agents D. O. Smith, W. M. Sirene, and E. S. Hostetter have proceeded to Montgomery, Alabama. Special Agents Smith and Sirene will be located at the Greystone Hotel and Agent Hostetter will be located at the Exchange Hotel. Special Agent M. J. Sherry is residing at the Whitley Hotel in Montgomery and Special Agents Smith and Sirene will contact him telephonically only, and complete arrangements to maintain the surveillance of Jules Galatas.

The Division will be promptly advised as to the progress of this investigation.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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2 Chicago
1 St. Paul

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Cowley
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Lester
Chief Clerk
Mr. [illegible]

DIRECTOR

RE VERNO CXX VERNON C. MILLER, DECEASED, ET AL., - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. REFER TO CHICAGO TELETYPE MAY 19 CONCERNING PROPOSIION XX PROPOSIIOXX PROPOSITION OF [redacted] TO LOCATE PRETTY BOY FLOYD. [redacted] VISITED CHICAGO OFFICEMAY 30 WITH A TELEGRAM FROM HIS CONTACT, LYLE COLIXX COLLINS, ASKING HIM TO MEET COLLINS IN ST. LOUIS. [redacted] CLAIMS TO HAVE TELEPHONED COLLINS WHO INSTRUCTED HE MEET UNIDENTIFIED MAN AT MAYFAIR HOTEL, ST. LOUIS, WHO WOULD GIVE INFORMATION ABOUT FLOYDS LOCATION. [redacted] REQUESTED MONEY FOR TRIP BUT REFUSED HERE. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE MADE TRIP TO ST. LOUIS VIA PERSONAL AUTOMOBILE AT OWN EXPENSE WHERE HE HAD MEETING WITH A STRANGE MAN IN LOBBY OF MAYFAIR HOTEL. THAT STRANGER CLAIMED HE INTENDED MAKING TRP XX TRIP INTO OKLAHOMA TO ARRANGEMEETING WITH FLOYD AND VOLUNTEERED HAVING [redacted] ACNOXX ACCOMPANY HIM ADVISING HE SAW FLOYD SHORT TIME AGO AND FLOYD NOT BADLY INJURED. [redacted] INQUIRED RELATIVE TO AMOUNT OF TIME NECESSARY TO MAKE CONTACT AND STRANGER INDICATED SEVERAL DAYS. [redacted] ADVISED IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO BE GONE THAT LONG. THE STRANGER INFORMED [redacted] HE WAS LEAVING IMMEDIATELY BUT SUGGESTED [redacted] EXPLAIN HIS PROPOSITION RELATIVE TO OBTAINING LIFE STORY FROM FLOYD O FLXX TO FLOYDS RELATIVES IN OKLAHOMA AND INDICATED THEY ARE IN CONTACT WITH FLOYD AND MIGHT ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW. [redacted] REQUSXX REQUSXX REQUESTS EXPENSES FOR OKLAHOMA TRIP TO INTERVIEW FLOYDS RELATIVES AND SUGGESTS AGENT ACCOMPANY HIM TO POSE AS NEWSPAPER MAN ALSO. [redacted] FAILURE TO PRODUCE ON PREVIOUS OKLAHOMA TRIP AND PRESENT QUESTIONABLE PROPOSITION INDICATE SOME DOUBT CONCERNING HIS SINCERITY OR ABILITY TO PRODUCE. PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY.

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO ILLINOIS

VERNON C MILLER DECEASED ET AL OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

IN REPLY TO YOUR TELETYPEWRITER MESSAGE OF TODAY ADVISING THAT [redacted] HAD INDICATED THAT HE COULD OBTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD AND REQUESTS EXPENSES FOR TRIP TO OKLAHOMA CITY TO INTERVIEW FLOYDS RELATIVES ADVISE [redacted] THAT A MINIMUM REWARD OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS WILL BE PAID FOR INFORMATION RESULTING IN THE APPREHENSION BY DIVISION AGENTS OF FLOYD BUT THAT NO PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE IN ADVANCE OF SUCH INFORMATION

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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased) with aliases
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:

Subject Charles Arthur Floyd reported to be suffering from infection in injured limb and hiding near a small town a few miles from Fort Smith, Arkansas.

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DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon a letter from the Division dated 5-16-34 enclosing a copy of letter received from J. C. Huffman, Jr., 1302 Hovey Street, Springfield, Missouri, and requesting that Mr. Huffman be interviewed to ascertain if he had information concerning a fugitive wanted by this Division as indicated by Mr. Huffman's letter.

J. C. Huffman, Jr., 1302 Hovey Street, Springfield, Missouri, was interviewed and stated that he is engaged in the interstate trucking business at Springfield and is the nephew of one of Springfield's leading physicians. From his manner and general appearance it is believed that the information received from Mr. Huffman is reliable.

DETAILS

He advised that about 4-1-34 he spent the night at a large red brick hotel located at the north edge of the business district of Carthage, Missouri, and about half way between the viaduct over the Frisco Railway tracks and the place where U. S. Highways 66 and 71 intersect, there being no other hotel in the immediate vicinity. He believes the name was Drake Hotel although it might have been the Crane or Ingram Hotel, there being hotels with these names in Carthage. Immediately upon registering, Mr. Huffman went to his room

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and went to bed, this being about 11 or 11:30 P.M. He at that time noted that there was a light in the adjoining room and that a man was walking around in the room. This man was joined by another one a few minutes later and the two talked briefly about some matters which did attract Mr. Huffman's attention. They finally began talking about roads and maps and by this time had been joined by a woman. Every time the woman tried to talk, however, she was silenced with some rough language from the men. Mr. Huffman paid no particular attention to the conversation until he heard them say that they were on their way to see Charley Floyd; that he was suffering from an infected wound in one limb and the infection had spread to his side so that he could not be moved at that time. The men remarked, however, that Floyd was being cared for by some one who knew how to dress wounds and that he had enough money so that he could get the best service available. They added, however, that Floyd "might make a die of it this time." They also stated that Floyd is one person that they can tie to; that he doesn't "buck up like an Indian" the way some of the others do and that one good thing about him is that he doesn't have too many friends. The men also remarked that Floyd is hid away where none of the officers would ever expect to find him; that he has always been smart that way; that his wife and child had visited him at the place where he was hiding and knew how he could be reached.

From the conversation, Huffman understood that these parties had travelled a considerable distance, were very anxious to reach Floyd as soon as possible and that they either were taking some valuable information to him or were expecting to bring away something of value after seeing him. At one time they remarked that if Floyd thought it safe, they would go to Colwell(or some similar place), Oklahoma, and do a job or get a job. The woman interrupted at one time to remark that the fellow who looked at them so hard at Harrisonville (Missouri?) while they were eating supper looked pretty "screwey" to her. The men told her to keep quiet as they were trying to figure out a way "to get away from here." Both men appeared to know towns in the vicinity of Carthage, Missouri, one of the men inquiring if the route they selected would take them through Monett, Missouri, and Berryville, Arkansas. It appeared that for some reason he preferred not to go through these two places. This fellow had a smooth voice. The other man, who appeared to be the leader, had a very rough voice.

From the conversation it appeared that they were trying to locate Floyd's hiding place by means of directions contained in a letter which they had received from "Heinie" at Fort Smith, Arkansas, a remark being made at one time that "Heinie" should have known enough to tell them the exact distance the house was located from the place where they were to turn off from the highway and follow a country road. Huffman understood that these men were going to follow 71 highway from Joplin until they came to some little town with a short name located about ten miles this side of Fort Smith. Upon being shown a map of Arkansas, Huffman stated that he believed Alma was the town mentioned. They were to go on through

this town until they came to a filling station. They thought there was a little store there too at this corner, but were not sure. They finally decided that they would know the place when they saw it from description contained in the letter. At the filling station which Huffman understood to be anywhere from two to five miles beyond the little town, they were to turn right and follow a country road. They did not know the exact distance Floyd's hiding place was from this corner, but felt that they would have no trouble in finding it as the letter from "Heinie" contained the name of the man in whose home Floyd was hiding. They did not mention the name so that Huffman could hear it but they did mention that the man has a "family of children" and that the lower part of the house is made of logs while the upper part, apparently a second story, is a frame structure. The men mentioned that Floyd was well hidden and that they would be careful in going to and from the place so as not to attract any attention.

The conversation consumed about thirty minutes after which all three parties left the room presumably to continue their trip to Floyd's hiding place. As they were ready to leave, the man with the smooth voice remarked that he was going to carry his coat on his arm. The other man replied, "Yes, and you can carry this too." Huffman suspected that "this" might be a gun but heard nothing to confirm this suspicion. Huffman explained that he was unable to see into the other room as a dresser blocked the keyhole in the door connecting the two rooms.

Huffman explained that he had not previously mentioned this matter to any one as he feared that in some manner he might become involved in the matter. He finally made inquiries of some friends, who advised him to mail the information to this Department. During the interview he requested that the matter be kept strictly confidential, explaining that his trucks and drivers might be subjected to reprisals if it became known that he has furnished this information. He was assured that the source of the information would be kept confidential.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Carthage, Missouri, will locate the hotel above mentioned and examine register to ascertain identity of parties occupying room adjacent to that of J. C. Huffman about 4-1-34; will make such further investigation as appears desirable for purpose of ascertaining identity and whereabouts of these parties.

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Fort Smith, Arkansas, will make such investigation as appears warranted for purpose of locating Subject Floyd, it being noted that his hiding place is known to his wife and child who have visited him; also to one "Heinie" whose identity may

be known to Fort Smith officers. Subject Floyd is reported to be in serious condition and may be receiving treatment by some physician. It may be possible to locate his hiding place by directions contained in this report. It is suggested that efforts be made to locate the filling station, probably in the vicinity of Alma, Arkansas, as mentioned above. By keeping a close watch on traffic turning to the right, as one goes from Joplin to Fort Smith, and following the country road from the filling station mentioned, it may be possible to locate Floyd's alleged hiding place.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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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, I. O. #1210-FUGITIVE; Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases, I.O. #1194-FUGITIVE; et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Referring to telephonic conversation between Acting Special Agent in Charge Earle M. Black and Mr. Sam Cowley at the Division, May 29, 1934, concerning Fugitive Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, the following is a summarization of the information furnished Mr. Black by Deputy U. S. Marshal Allen Stanfield, alleged to have been obtained by him from a confidential informant:

....."Floyd is staying on the place of a man by the name of Simmons, twenty (20) miles from Van Buren, Arkansas; that Floyd is not in the house with Simmons but in a small house somewhere on Simmons' place; that Simmons is the son-in-law of a Dr. John Peters of White Rock, Arkansas; that this Doctor has been treating Floyd at his, Dr. Peters, office and may have visited him on the farm of Simmons." .....

Acting SAC Black with Special Agents F. S. Smith and Geo. H. Franklin reached Fort Smith, Arkansas at 5:00 P.M., May 29, 1934, and were there joined by Special Agents Birch and Perkins. An immediate conference was had with Allen Stanfield there by previous arrangement and it was found that his information concerning persons and their relations and places necessary to contact was indefinite as to identity and location, therefore it was decided to secure the cooperation of Sheriff Maxey of Crawford County, Van Buren, who bears an excellent reputation, has a wide acquaintance and is familiar with the country, and is known to be loyal to this Division.

Agents Smith and Perkins proceeded to Van Buren, Arkansas, where they contacted Sheriff Maxey and subsequently proceeded to Mulberry, Arkansas

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where Sheriff Maxey ascertained through a confidential source that Dr. John Peters is residing in the vicinity of White Rock, Arkansas on a farm which is situated in Franklin County, Arkansas; that he is an ex-convict, unscrupulous and with no character or reputation; that he married the daughter of Hiram Simmons, who resides in Crawford County in a remote and inaccessible section on a farm and surrounded by numerous relatives.

These Agents accompanying Sheriff Maxey next proceeded to the vicinity of Simmons' farm and there contacted a personal friend and confidential informant of Sheriff Maxey in the interest of determining if Dr. Peters had been seen going to or from Simmons' farm. This informant stated that Hiram Simmons has two sons and a son-in-law named James White living in tenant houses on his farm; that the only inlet or outlet to this farm is a narrow lane extending a quarter of a mile from the section road to Hiram Simmons' house, where you enter a gate and follow roads which lead from one to the other of his tenant houses; that James White, the son-in-law, bears a bad reputation and that he and the Simmons' family are all in bad financial circumstances; that the informant about one month ago overheard a conversation between White and others in which it was stated that Dr. Peters had a car, a V-8, which was given him by "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Informant further advised that he had not seen Dr. Peters in the vicinity of Simmons' farm for a long period of time, however, that he could have frequented said farm without his observing him. He suggested the probability of Dr. Peters secreting and treating patients at his home, stating that Peters would do anything for money.

Sheriff Maxey with Agents then contacted a personal friend, a reliable farmer, who resides a short distance from the Simmons' farm, and whose farm Dr. Peters would most likely pass in traveling to and from the Simmons' farm. He stated that he has not seen Dr. Peters pass his place in more than a year and has seen no strangers around the Simmons' place or activity of a suspicious nature.

Agent Black with the other Agents assigned, Sheriff Maxey and his Undersheriff next proceeded to Franklin County, Arkansas and there they met the Sheriff of that County by appointment and proceeded to the farm of Dr. John Peters, where a careful search of the premises and surroundings was made without results. Dr. Peters was minutely questioned by Agents Black and Smith and separately and collectively with Sheriff Maxey, and he emphatically denied knowing Floyd or that he had ever treated him, and stated that he had not been on or about the Simmons' farm for

more than a year; that he became involved in a civil court action with a son of Hiram Simmons, his father-in-law, which created a family enmity and he has not since had any contact with the Simmons' family.

Inquiry through neighbors developed that Dr. Peters has been driving an old car and has not been seen in possession of a strange car, and that no has been seen at or visiting his home of a suspicious nature.

Agent Black and the rest of the party next proceeded to the farm of Hiram Simmons and while the surroundings were safeguarded, Agent Perkins, in company with Sheriff Maxey and his Undersheriff, proceeded to the home of Simmons, who is a man 78 years of age, whom Maxey knows personally and considers an honorable citizen. Hiram Simmons, when questioned, emphatically denied knowing Floyd or that he had ever been at his place, stating that if he had appeared there he would have immediately advised Sheriff Maxey.

Agent Perkins and Sheriff Maxey next went to the tenant house occupied by James White and there talked with James White and his wife, Willie White. They both denied knowing Floyd and of his presence on the Simmons' farm. Mrs. White stated that she was at the home of Dr. Peters in November, 1933 and that Dr. Peters' wife told her that Floyd was at their home during the previous August and spent about ten days there and that Dr. Peters treated him; that Floyd appeared restless and when he left the house for any reason carried a machine gun in an umbrella; that at this point Dr. Peters entered the conversation and corroborated his wife's statements about Floyd.

While the information relative to Floyd being on the premises of Simmons under treatment by Dr. Peters appears unfounded and without merit, it does appear probable that Floyd was treated by Dr. Peters at his home last August. Therefore, Special Agent Perkins, who is now assigned on other investigations in the section where Dr. Peters resides, has been instructed to conduct appropriate investigation in the interest of locating Floyd, who may be in direct touch or communication with Dr. Peters.

I shall promptly advise the Division of any developments in connection herewith.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Kansas City

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June 4, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Maynor under date of May 21, 1934, transmitting fingerprints of Jack Griffin, #19861 Police Department, St. Louis, Missouri, and John H. Huber, #12481 Police Department, St. Louis, Missouri, in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased); Richard Tallman Gulatas, with aliases, Fugitive, I.C. 1201, et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

The fingerprints of Huber and Griffin have been compared with the remaining unidentified latent impressions taken at the former residence of Vernon C. Miller at Kansas City, Missouri, but no identification was effected. A search through the main fingerprint files of the Division disclosed no previous criminal record on John H. Huber. The criminal record of Jack Griffin in the Division's fingerprint files is as follows:

Subject as Jack Griffin, #19136, arrested PD St. Louis, Missouri, April 9, 1931, charge suspected of robbery; disposition not given.

As Jack Griffin, #----, arrested by U. S. Marshal, St. Louis, Missouri, (date not given), charge violation Harrison Act; sentence 8 months, Audrain County Jail. Print received June 10, 1931.

In this connection it is noted that the fingerprints of Harry Carlton, Chicago, Illinois, Police Department #C-16239, previously requested by the Division have not been received.

Very truly yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SMITH

During telephonic conversation today, Agent in Charge Brantley at Oklahoma City advised that he had spent several hours talking to the 76-year-old attorney of "Pretty Boy" Floyd at Pawhuska, Oklahoma. Mr. Brantley thinks that unquestionably this attorney has had contacts with bank robbers and other underworld characters in that section of Oklahoma. However, he doubts seriously whether this man has ever had any direct contact with Floyd. He has been in communication with Floyd's ex-wife, Ruby Floyd. He would not give Mr. Brantley any information. Mr. Brantley finally gave him until Wednesday morning to either discontinue negotiations or produce something upon which we could proceed, to which he agreed. Mr. Brantley believes the old man felt that because he had met the Floyd woman, he would probably be able to induce him to surrender. I told Mr. Brantley that if he doesn't receive any further information by Wednesday, he should make arrangements to go into that section, tapping telephones, placing people under surveillance, or taking any other steps necessary to bring about an early apprehension of Floyd. I approved Mr. Brantley's suggestion that two men be assigned exclusively to this case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

Dear Sir:

On June 1, 1934, Mr. C. E. Parker, Noel, Missouri, who states he is a Deputy Sheriff of McDonald County, called at this office and advised that he has information indicating that CHARLES A. (Pretty Boy) FLOYD may be located in his County.

The substance of Mr. Parker's information is that certain residents of McDonald County are reputed to be cousins of Floyd. He states that he obtained this information from the former Sheriff of his County. Parker has recently caused certain inquiries to be made in the vicinity of the home of these people by a young man who resides in that section. This young man reports that he saw a man in a cottage located on the land of Floyd's supposed cousins who to some extent resembles the description of Floyd. He has also ascertained by inquiries that there is supposed to be a sick man in that vicinity and Mr. Parker has determined that none of the doctors in the vicinity have been in attendance on any person there. Mr. Parker's informant further advised him that he saw suspicious looking individuals at various points located on the land in question and noted a number of automobile tracks, the tracks indicating that they were made with new tires. On one occasion when he was on the land the informant reports that when he approached two men they fired a revolver several times into the air.

Mr. Parker's informant obtained a number of torn scraps of paper, which are incomplete but indicate that they were parts of an order for some newspaper. The name "Holt" is typed on one of the scraps and the address "1603 Park Place" is typed on another scrap of paper. The date "Jan. 12, 1934" is stamped in red ink on one of the scraps. Mr. Parker expresses the opinion that the address indicated is in Tulsa, Oklahoma, although he has no definite information to that effect. He considers that the finding of these scraps of paper corroborates his suspicions that Floyd is in the vicinity.

Mr. Parker advised that he is in financial straits and is unable to finance any further investigation. He advises that he was instrumental in putting Gene Johnson "on the spot" for officers,

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and that although a reward of $1000.00 was offered he received only $75.00 as his share. He accordingly desires to negotiate before giving any more definite information in the instant matter. He declined to divulge the name of the supposed cousins of Floyd or to indicate the section of McDonald County in which these persons reside. He stated that it would cost approximately $100.00 to continue the necessary investigation to determine whether or not Floyd is in that vicinity, and that in addition to this sum he would desire to receive any rewards which might be offered and any sum which the Division might be in a position to give for information of this character.

He was informed that undoubtedly in the event he were able to give good information as to the location of Floyd arrangements could be made for a payment to him, but that I did not think we would be in a position to make any payment until he had demonstrated his ability to furnish this information. He indicated that he expected to handle negotiations with other persons for the purpose of making the best possible deal, stating in this connection he was acquainted with Mr. Ed Portley of the Joplin, Missouri Police Department and had anticipated talking to Portley. It was, of course, called to Parker's attention that if he did have accurate information the desirable procedure to follow would be to communicate his information to as few persons as possible until such time as it could be acted upon.

Mr. Parker had been referred to this office by a brother of Deputy Sheriff Lawrence Hodges, of Jackson County, Missouri, with whom he is acquainted, and Mr. Lawrence Hodges was present during the interview had with Parker, as were Special Agents Andersen and Trainor. None of us were particularly impressed with the fact that Parker's information is valuable. It is noted in this connection that Parker advised that he had not talked to his superior, the Sheriff of McDonald County, concerning his information, he indicating that the Sheriff had not in the past given him proper treatment.

I advised Mr. Parker that the advice of the Division would necessarily have to be obtained before any promise of remuneration in any respect could be made, and it is accordingly requested that the Division advise in this regard.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN, Acting
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri

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 FEDERAL PRISONER.

Reference is made to your letter dated June 4, 1934 wherein you set forth the results of an interview had with Mr. C. E. Parker of Noel, Missouri, a Deputy Sheriff of McDonald County, who indicated that he was in possession of information concerning the whereabouts of Subject Floyd. It does not appear from your letter that the information furnished by Mr. Parker impresses you as being authentic and, therefore, under the circumstances, no remuneration can be advanced to Mr. Parker without first corroborating some of the information which has already been furnished. In the event Mr. Parker furnishes the Division with information leading to the location and apprehension of Floyd, he will, of course, be entitled to receive the sum of $500.00 which has been offered by the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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New Orleans, La.
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Division of Investigation,
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P. O. Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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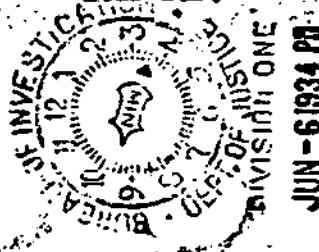

Dear Sir:

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, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Following is copy of a memorandum dated June 1, 1934, at Shreveport, Louisiana, by Special Agent L. A. Kindell, of this office, relative to the above entitled case:

"This morning City Marshal Sam Bass of Campti, Louisiana, came to the hotel and advised that Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd has been reported to be making contacts in Natchitoches and vicinity. He is alleged to be making trips into the vicinity and on several occasions has been fishing on Black Lake. One Leshing, phonetic spelling, who sells bait on the Campti-Goldonna Highway about a mile from Campti, has seen him. He is accompanied by a woman, presumably his wife, and a twelve year old boy. The informant states Floyd is driving a late model Plymouth Coupe with Oklahoma plates, numbers unknown.

"For your future information, it is not advisable to ever contact the authorities at Natchitoches in a case of this nature. They are reported to be closely aligned with the bootlegging element, including the State's Attorney, Simmons Thomas, and the Sheriff, Mr. Payne. We knew this in working out the Barrow case.

"Chief of Police D. D. Bazer is working with me on the case and advises that Floyd's wife has a very good friend, a Mrs. C. M. Westerman, 1144 Leander, Shreveport, with whom she corresponded in late 1933.

"Floyd is also reported to have a friend, Bertha Free, prostitute, at 406 or 416 Douglas, Shreveport. McVeety and I are checking the latter angle tonight.

"Please forward late photographs of Floyd, his wife, (she has been arrested in Oklahoma in the past), and, if possible, the young boy. Request Oklahoma City to expedite.

"I will line up the leads and make every effort to effect the arrest."

MCA

This office is in possession of several photographs of Subject Floyd. It is requested that any available photographs of his wife and his son be furnished to this office, together with any recent photographs of Floyd which might be of assistance.

The offices receiving copies of this report are requested to furnish the New Orleans office with any information in their possession which might be corroborative of that set forth in Agent Kindall's memorandum quoted above, or of assistance in the further investigation of this matter in the New Orleans office territory.

Very truly yours,

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

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TITLE: VERNON C.MILLER, WA, Deceased,
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, WA, Fugitive, I.O.
1201 - CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, WA
Fugitive, I.O. 1194, et al

CHARACTER OF CASE: Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Sheriff at Las Cruces, N.M., on telephonic request of Sheriff, Globe, Ariz., detains Lester Wilson and wife Olive Wilson in Plymouth Coupe, California license 8E-5295, suspected of being implicated in instant matter. Wilson fingerprinted and released; gives home as Oakland, Calif., and Joplin, Mo.

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REFERENCE: Telegram from Kansas City Office dated June 1, 12:55 a.m., 1934.

DETAILS:

At 1:04 a.m., June 1, the following telegram was received from the Kansas City Office relative to the instant case:

"Information received through press that person arrested LasCruces NewMexico in Plymouth Coupe California License 8E 295 or 8E 5295 being held connection with above case Stop Identities of individual not known here check and advise."

(S) Nathan, Acting.

DETAILS: Agent called the Sheriff's Office at Las Cruces, by long distance telephone and was advised by some Mexican Deputy, name unknown, that they were holding Lester Wilson and wife Olive Wilson in the above described coupe, the deputy stating that he did not know for what reason they were arrested except that it was on request from the Sheriff at Globe, Arizona.

Agent called the Kansas City Office by telephone endeavoring to learn more as nothing had appeared in the press in this section concerning the arrest; but was unable to establish a connection with the Agent in Charge, owing to the fact that the Kansas City Office was being moved. Agent proceeded

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: R.H.Colvin SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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immediately to Las Cruces, N.M., and interviewed Sheriff Dick Triviz who had just come to the office and who advised that the suspect had just been released on orders of the District Attorney; that he had fingerprinted him and obtained his description.

He exhibited the following telegrams:

GLOBE ARIZONA MAY 31, 1934 205 P.

"Stop and hold man and woman in Plymouth car license number 8E295 California Man has full growth of beard Have little dog with them Passed through here nine am Very dangerous as badly wanted several places east. Take no chances."

(S) Chas. R.Byrne - Sheriff
Gila County.

GLOBE ARIZONA MAY 31, 1934 454 P.

"Have interviewed Deputy Sheriff Pinal County Ariz regarding Plymouth car 8E5295 California License The man that gave information was driving big Buick Sedan Illinois No not known Says that he is one of the Delaney gang East side Chicago and is badly wanted Refuses to give his own name and the party in the Plymouth. I feel sure that if you will fingerprint this man and wire classifications to Chicago you will find he is wanted Please check car for small Powell Radio one desk check book Shell Oil Co Miami Ariz as we had two safes robbed here last night Along with things taken there was two Five Dollars Gold pieces and some old coins."

Charles R.Byrne, Sheriff.

Sheriff Triviz stated that the man who gave his name as Lester Wilson was travelling with a woman, Olive Wilson, whom he claimed to be his wife; that they were in a black Plymouth Coupe with a red stripe around the body, bearing California license 8E 5295, and motor #PD 106641; that they claimed to be proceeding from their home at Oakland, Calif., to Joplin, Mo., to visit Wilson's mother. They had a lot of baggage in the car but no arms or anything suspicious whatever. Sheriff Triviz said that he called the Sheriff at Globe for further information and was advised that he had nothing on the man and was merely reporting information received from an individual, name unknown, who was driving a big Buick Sedan with an Illinois license, and who claimed that Wilson was one of the Delaney gang of the east side of Chicago and was badly wanted.

Sheriff Triviz stated that he fingerprinted subject, rushed the prints to El Paso, where they were compared with the records of the Police Department and found no previous record; that he mailed a copy of the fingerprints to the Police Department at Chicago and to the Division of Identification, Washington, by airmail; that thereafter, upon advice of the District Attorney of Las Cruces, he held the Plymouth car and released Wilson and his wife on the night of May 30; and that they had both appeared at the office at 10 a.m. the 31st and the car was released to them and they proceeded towards El Paso.

Lester Wilson is described as:

Age 27	Height 5' 4"
Weight 135	Build Stocky
Complexion Fair	Hair Black
Eyes - Light Brown	
Burn scar on inside upper calf left leg.	

He gave his residence address as Oakland, Calif., where he claimed to be operating a parking lot on 14th St., number not given, with his half brother Jack Conway. He claimed that his mother resides at Joplin, Mo., Route 2, Box 624.

The woman who was with him claimed to be his wife, having been married to him for two years; and that her mother Grace McKane lives at Moberly, Mo., with her father Robert McKane; and that her brother George McKane lives in Los Angeles, Calif. No description of the woman was obtained other than that she was 19 years of age.

Subsequently, the Kansas City Office advised by phone that they were looking for one Big Homer, alias Homer Wilson, over 6' tall, about 40 years old and weighing 200 to 220 lbs. in connection with the instant case.

There is apparently nothing to connect Lester Wilson with this matter. For the information of the Kansas City Office, there is attached hereto a copy of his fingerprint card which has not been classified.

Copies of this report are furnished the Chicago and San Francisco offices for their information only.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With further reference to Mr. Black's telephone call to the Division on May 29th from Oklahoma City advising that Guy Stanfield had called the Oklahoma City Office and had given information indicating that Charles Arthur Floyd might be located on a place owned by one Simmons, 20 miles from Van Buren, Arkansas, Mr. Black called again yesterday afternoon and advised that investigation in that vicinity had failed to substantiate this report; that the indications were that Floyd had been there but not during the last eight months.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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TITLE:
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, alias Frank Mitchell, alias "Pretty Boy" Smith.
ADAM RICHETTI

CHARACTER OF CASE:
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

About 6-16-33, Subjects abandoned Pontiac Coupe, Motor No. 898716, at Bolivar, Missouri. Owner's name and details of theft not available. On same date, Subjects kidnaped the Sheriff at Bolivar and transported him to Kansas City, Kansas, the trip from Clinton, Missouri, to Kansas City, Kansas, being made in the car of Walter Griffith, which was seized by Subjects at Clinton, Griffith also being compelled to accompany them to Kansas City, Kansas. Subjects apparently had been staying in Kansas City for some time prior to the date in question. Richetti's home reported to be near Maud, Oklahoma, where he has numerous relatives.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from the St. Louis office dated 2-22-34.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DIVISION ONE JUN 8 1934 P.M.

DETAILS:

C. R. Oliver, State Highway Patrol, Springfield, Missouri, advised that on 6-16-34, Subjects abandoned a Pontiac Eight Coupe at the Bitzer-Chevrolet Company, Bolivar, Missouri, kidnaped the Sheriff, who appeared at the garage while the Pontiac car was being repaired, and escaped in another car, the Sheriff being later released at Kansas City.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [signature] Acting Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Oliver examined the motor number on the Pontiac car for the purpose of tracing it, but was unable to locate his notes covering the examination.

Mr. Oliver also examined the records of the Highway Patrol office at Springfield, but no record could be found except a copy of a letter addressed to the Automobile Protective & Information Bureau, Chicago, Illinois, under date of 6-26-33, advising that no further investigation was desired, as the owner(name not shown)of the car in question had been located. Mr. Oliver further stated that he had no further connection with the car, as it was left in the Bitzer-Chevrolet Company in the custody of Sheriff Jack Killingsworth, Bolivar, Missouri.

Harold Stewart, Postmaster, Bolivar, Missouri, advised that Subject Richetti's brother, Joe, had been employed as an auto mechanic in this town about twelve years and bears a good reputation; that about two years ago, Subject Adam Richetti worked in the Smith garage in Bolivar for about four months. He then left this place, and nothing was known concerning his whereabouts until he returned on the day the instant car was abandoned.

David Hammond, Bolivar, Missouri, employed as a mechanic in the Bitzer-Chevrolet Company garage, advised that the instant car was towed into that place about 7:00 a.m. on 6-16-33; that the car was steered by Subject Floyd, who apparently was accompanied by Subject Richetti, as the latter assisted in disconnecting the car from the truck, by which it was being towed, and the latter assisted in pushing the car into the garage. Subject Floyd gave the instructions for the repairs, but Subject Richetti remained near the car while the repairs were being made by Hammond. It is also Hammond's recollection that Richetti is the one who paid the man(name unknown)for towing the car to this place.

While the repairs were being made, Sheriff Jack Killingsworth came into the garage and was recognized by Subject Richetti, who seized a machine gun from the car and pointed it at the Sheriff. At the same time, Subject Floyd pulled two .45 calibre automatic pistols from beneath his belt and lined all parties in the garage against the wall, except Hammond, who remained under the car. Hammond also saw Richetti and Subject Floyd as they marched the Sheriff to another car and then drove away with him. When last seen Richetti was driving the car with the Sheriff seated in the front seat and Floyd in the rear seat.

Hammond further stated that just before leaving the garage, Floyd removed a heavy suitcase from the car, which some said contained a machine gun. So far as known, no one saw the contents of the suitcase, and the impression that it contained a machine gun seemed to be based entirely on the apparent weight of the suit case.

Hammond further stated that Subject Richetti's brother, Joe Richetti, who is employed as a mechanic at the Bitzer-Chevrolet Company, was present at the time the instant car was abandoned, and the Sheriff was kidnaped; that Joe Richetti was greatly disturbed over the entire matter, and apparently felt that people in the community blamed him for the misconduct of his brother; that Joe never mehtions Subject Richetti and apparently does not hear from him.

E. V. Bitzer, owner of the Bitzer-Chevrolet Company, Bolivar, Mo., advised that about 7:00 a.m. on 6-16-33, he went into the rear part of the garage and found his mechanic, David Hammond, working on a Pontiac coupe. He also saw a man standing nearby who appeared to be the owner of the car, and who appeared to resemble the photographs of Subject Floyd. Mr. Bitzer began talking to this man, asking him how he liked the Pontiac car and how fast it would run. The man replied that it would make 85 miles per hour. About this time, Mr. Bitzer observed Subject Richetti on the opposite side of the car and then felt certain that the man to whom he was talking was Subject Floyd, as Bitzer had previously heard that Subject Richetti was associating with Subject Floyd.

Just as Mr. Bitzer was trying to decide what to do, Sheriff Killingsworth walked into the garage. Subject Richetti recognized the Sheriff, seized a machine gun from the instant car and pointed the machine gun at the Sheriff, at the same time shouting to Floyd that Killingsworth was an officer. Subject Richetti's brother, Joe, jumped between him and the Sheriff and begged Subject Richetti not to shoot.

Mr. Bitzer states that while Floyd did not claim ownership of the car, his general remarks to Mr. Bitzer indicated that he was the owner of the car; that while Subject Richetti took no part in the conversation, he was present at the time the car was being repaired and seemed to be with the car, seizing the machine gun from it as aforementioned; that he also left with Floyd and the Sheriff as previously stated by David Hammond.

Mr. Bitzer stated that after the Sheriff was kidnaped, Bitzer immediately examined the motor number of the instant car and communicated by telephone with the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, Kansas City, Missouri, who advised that the car had been stolen in Oklahoma. A representative of that company came to Bolivar the following Tuesday and took the car to Springfield, Missouri. At the time of the interview, Mr. Bitzer advised that he had no record of the motor number, the details concerning the theft of the car, or name of the party who took the car to Springfield, Missouri, but he assumed that all of this information could be obtained from the General Motors Acceptance Corporation in Kansas City.

Mr. Bitzer stated that he knows practically nothing concerning Subject Richetti, but understands from conversations with the Subject's brother, Joe Richetti, that their mother lives at Maud, Oklahoma.

Jack Killingsworth, Sheriff, Bolivar, Missouri, verified the foregoing information concerning his arrival at the garage of the Bitzer-Chevrolet Company and his subsequent kidnaping by Subjects. He further stated that he had gone to the garage for the purpose of having some slight repair work done on his own car in order that he might make a trip to the country; that he had no information indicating that Subjects were in the immediate vicinity and was unarmed at the time he walked into the garage; that as soon as Adam Richetti pointed the machine gun at him, he recognized the other man as Floyd, for he had previously heard that Adam Rechetti was associating with Subject Floyd; that under the circumstances he offered no resistence and accompanied Subjects in the car of Joe Richetti to Deep Water, Missouri, where the car was abandoned in the middle of the road. Subjects then held up one Walter Griffith of Clinton, Missouri, took possession of his car and forced him to accompany them. They followed country roads throughout the day, crossed over into Kansas and finally arrived in Kansas City, Kansas, about 10:00 p.m. As they drove around Kansas City, Kansas, apparently trying to find a place to let the Sheriff and Griffith out of the car, Griffith kept saying things which indicated that he knew approximately where he was, and for this reason Subjects kept on driving in an apparent attempt to cause Griffith to lose his bearings. They finally drove east on the Inter-City Viadict, turned south on another viaduct, which leads past Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company and down to the ground level, where they turned east on the street at the foot of this viaduct. They drove one-half block east to the first street intersection, where there is a filling station on the southeast corner, believed to be a Phillips station. The car was stopped at this street corner, and Subject Floyd walked north to the last door on the right hand side before reaching a vacant space which is either a vacant lot or an alley. Floyd entered the door in question, remained a few minutes and then returned to the

car. Killingsworth and Griffith were told to wait at this corner until they saw Subjects drive away from Griffith's car, which they would take about a block further east on the street which they first traveled after leaving the viaduct. Subjects then drove Griffith's car down the street to a point about a half block of the block east of the street intersection and in front of a warehouse which has a loading platform facing north on this street. At that point, they were met by another car believed to have been a Chevrolet car. Subjects transferred their baggage into the second car, which then drove directly north and apparently into the rear of the building which Floyd had previously entered, as aforementioned. Killingsworth and Griffith then walked to Griffith's car and drove to Clinton, Missouri, where Sheriff Killingsworth was met by E. V. Bitzer and carried to Bolivar, Missouri.

Sheriff Killingsworth further stated that when released, he and Griffith were warned not to report this matter to the Kansas City Police Department and were further informed that a car would follow them out of Kansas City; that a car did follow them east of Lee's Summit, Missouri, from which place Sheriff Killingsworth placed a telephone call to Bitzer at Bolivar. Sheriff Killingsworth furnished to Agent a pencil sketch showing the approximate location of the house where Floyd and Adam Richetti were last seen. He stated that from the conversation and actions of these men, it appeared evident that they had been staying around this place for a considerable period of time, as they appeared to know exactly where they were going when they drove to that place; that he will gladly point out the place in the event it cannot otherwise be located; that the day following the kidnaping, he furnished complete description of the place to Sheriff Bash at Kansas City, who later advised that he was unable to locate the place from the information furnished.

Sheriff Killingsworth further stated that while enroute from Bolivar to Kansas City, Floyd told him to take the Pontiac car and use it. He inquired if the car was "hot," but Floyd merely remarked that he might as well use it, as it would take a long time to trace it. During this conversation, Subject Richetti remarked that he would teech some fellow not to lock a man in his garage anymore. From this remark, Sheriff Killingsworth understoodthat Richetti had hidden in some man's garage and had stolen his car after the garage was locked.

Sheriff Killingsworth further stated that prior to 1931 Subject Richetti had been involved in some petty trouble around his home in Oklahoma and was brought to Bolivar, Missouri, by his brother, Joe, for the purpose of making him break away from some of his undesirable associates; that Subject Richetti worked for three or four months in Smith's garage at Bolivar, but left in the fall of 1931. About 1932, Subject Richetti became involved in a burglary some place in Oklahoma, and it was about this time that it became rumored around Bolivar that Subject Richetti was a member of Subject Floyd's gang.

Sheriff Killingsworth stated that he has pretended that he was not interested in locating Subjects, merely in order that information would come to him through Joe Richetti, or others, concerning their whereabouts; that he has used various means of trying to locate Subjects secretly, but has obtained no definite information concerning their whereabouts. The Sheriff's inquiries around Bolivar have indicated that Subject Richetti has not been there since the aforementioned kidnaping of the Sheriff, and apparently Subjects' whereabouts are unknown to Joe Richetti. The Sheriff advised against interviewing Joe Richetti at this time, as efforts are being continued through him to locate Subjects.

Roy Shipley, ex-sheriff, Bolivar, Missouri, advised that while he was Sheriff in 1932, he received a telephone call from some officer at Holdenville, Oklahoma, who stated that the officers of that place had had a shooting-scrape with Subject Richetti and wanted a watch maintained on the home of Joe Richetti, in order to ascertain if Subject Richetti appeared there. Mr. Shipley watched the house, but so far as known to him, Subject Richetti did not appear there. He heard that Subject Richetti subsequently came to Bolivar and was taken by Joe Richetti to Topeka, Kansas. Mr. Shipley was unable to furnish any further information, but suggested that information could doubtless be obtained through the officers of Holdenville, Oklahoma.

Morris Dunham, Bolivar, Missouri, advised that in July, 1933, he accompanied Joe Richetti to Oklahoma for the purpose of returning Joe's wife to her home in Bolivar; that they met Joe's wife at the home of Joe's mother, who resides two or three miles west of Maud, Oklahoma; that they were at this place on Sunday and found numerous relatives of Joe Richetti at the place. It is understood that all of these relatives reside within a few miles of Maud, Oklahoma. Dunham also understood from Joe that he has a sister whose husband is

very wealthy and is reported to own about half of the town of either Wewoka or Henryetta, Oklahoma, the exact town having been forgotten by Dunham. He was unable to furnish any further information by which Subjects might be located.

H. R. Smith, proprietor of Smith's garage, Bolivar, Missouri, advised that Joe Richetti worked as a mechanic at that place for a number of years, but left the employ of the company about two years ago, since which time, he has been employed at the Bitzer-Chevrolet Company; that during the summer of 1931, Smith also employed Subject Adam Richetti as a mechanic for a period of five or six months up to November, 1931; that Adam Richetti was a very good automobile mechanic and also was interested in art, possessing more than average ability as a painter. Mr. Smith was unable to furnish any information concerning the home or relatives of Subject Richetti, as he merely was visiting at the home of his brother Joe when employed at this place.

J. G. Seger, Rural Route 2, Willard, Mo., advised that about 5:00 a.m. on June 16, 1933, he found a dark colored Pontiac Coupe in the driveway of his filling station when he came to open the place for business. There was a man seated behind the steering wheel, who closely resembled the photograph of Subject Floyd, as contained on Identification Order No. 1194. Another young man, apparently of Italian extraction was standing in the driveway near the car and stated that he had just been to the home of a Mr. Coen, who resides a short distance from the filling station for the purpose of securing his truck to tow their car to the garage at Bolivar, Missouri. Mr. Seger's description of this man substantially fits the description of Subject Richetti, as hereinafter set forth.

Mr. Seger felt certain that he could identify the man in question and could probably identify the man who was sitting in the car, altho that man always tried to keep his face turned away from Mr. Seger. Due to Mr. Seger's limited observation of these men, he suggested that a better identification could doubtless be secured from W. H. Coen, who drove the truck which towed the car in question to Bolivar.

Inquiry in the neighborhood disclosed that W. H. Coen is now located at 1229 Prospect Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Description of Adam Richetti as furnished by various parties interviewed at Bolivar, Missouri, is as follows:

Age	24 years
Height	5 ft. 8½ in.
Weight	160 pounds
Build	medium
Complexion	dark
Hair	black
Nationality	Italian
Occupation	Auto mechanic
Marital status	Single
Nativity	Oklahoma.

The pencil sketch prepared by Sheriff Killingsworth showing the place where Subjects were last seen by him as aforementioned is being placed in the file of the Kansas City Division office for further reference.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Clinton, Mo., will interview Walter Griffith for complete details concerning the theft and interstate transportation of his car by Subjects from Clinton, Mo., to Kansas City, Kansas, about June 16, 1933. He will also be questioned for any information he has that would be of value in locating Subjects and anything mentioned in his presence by Subjects concerning the Pontiac Coupe, which the abandoned at Bolivar, Missouri.

The Kansas City office at Kansas City, Missouri, will interview W. H. Coen concerning the towing by him of the instant Pontiac Coupe from the filling station of J. G. Seger, R. R. 2, Willard, Mo., to the Bitzer-Chevrolet Company, Bolivar, Mo. He should be questioned to ascertain which Subject paid him for the towing, as it is understood he was paid by Subject Richetti. Ascertain definitely if at the present time, he could identify Subjects as the parties for whom he towed the car in question.

The Kansas City office at Kansas City, Missouri, will interview officials of the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, in order to ascertain motor number and details of theft of the instant Pontiac Coupe; also name of the party who received this car from the possession of the Bitzer-Chevrolet Company at Bolivar, Mo.; the insurance value of the car should also be obtained and reported.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Maud, Oklahoma, is requested to make investigation for the purpose of locating Subject Richetti's mother, who is reported to reside about two or three miles west of that place; also endeavor to obtain any other leads by which Subjects might be located.

It is noted that Richetti has a sister, whose husband is reported to own about one-half of Wewoka or Henryetta, Oklahoma, and it is possible that the location of this sister can be ascertained by inquiry at Maud.

The Oklahoma City office at Holdenville, Oklahoma, is requested to make inquiry of local officers, in order to obtain all information they have concerning Subject Richetti, or leads by which he might be located. It will be noted that he is reported to have been involved in a shooting scrape with some officers at that place in 1932. He is also reported to have been involved in a burglary at some unknown place in Oklahoma.

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June 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Mr. Brantley advised by telephone from Oklahoma City early this afternoon that he had not heard anything further from Mr. Comstock, the elderly man at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, he has been contacting with reference to information regarding "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Mr. Brantley advised that this morning he received a call from Detective Porter at Tulsa, Oklahoma, who stated he had received a telephone call during the morning from Mayor Hughes of Heavener, Oklahoma, in which he stated he had some "hot" information on Floyd and wanted to see someone immediately with regard to the same. The Detective told him he would refer the matter to the Division of Investigation, where it would receive immediate attention.

Mr. Brantley said he had sent some Agents out on this matter at once, but that Heavener is about 200 miles from Oklahoma City. I advised Mr. Brantley that in the future on a lead as important as this seemingly was, it would be alright to use airplane transportation, if deemed necessary. Mr. Brantley stated this was not done on this occasion as there was no airport near that city.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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June 6, 1934.

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, I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "Pretty Boy" FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1194, et al. CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER. Chicago File #62-1649.

With reference to your letter of May 8, 1934, requesting the results of the investigation of this office relative to the information furnished by the Kansas City Division Office that "Big Homer" was accompanying one Malloy, head of the Motion Picture Union at Chicago, Illinois, and was due to arrive at Chicago, April 1st, I have to advise that Special Agent R. C. Suran interviewed Sergeant Joe Healy, States Attorney's office, Chicago, Illinois, it being reported that Mr. Healy was to take "Big Homer" into custody upon his arrival in Chicago. Sergeant Healy advised that he had a squad at the railroad station for the purpose of arresting "Big Homer" upon his arrival in Chicago on April 1st, 1934, but "Big Homer" did not appear and he later learned that "Big Homer" appeared in Chicago about two days prior to the reported time. Sergeant Healy is of the opinion that "Big Homer" is presently in Chicago and will be located in the near future. The Chicago Division Office will keep in close touch with Sergeant Healy concerning this matter and conduct such other investigation as might be necessary in an effort to locate Homer Wilson. However, Sergeant Healy specifically requested Agent Suran to make no open inquiries concerning Big Homer at the places where he is known to hang out as he, Sergeant Healy, felt confident that "Big Homer" would be located by the States Attorney's office in the near future, as previously stated.

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Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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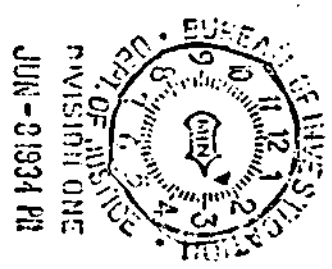

Director,
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U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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

There are being transmitted herewith two additional copies of the report of Special Agent W. E. Miller of this office in the case entitled:

CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases
ADAM RICHETTI
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT
K.C.File #26-4765, dated June 6, 1934.

in order that these copies may be placed in the Division's file in the above entitled case, in which cases Subjects Floyd and Richetti are prominent suspects, Charles Arthur Floyd being the subject of I O 1194.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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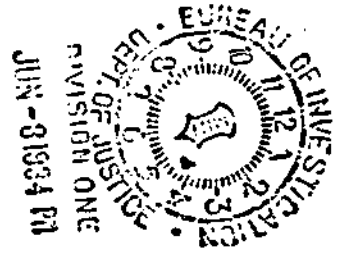

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased); et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.
L. A. File 62-964.

Dear Sir:-

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Referring to Division letter of April 30, 1934, addressed to the Kansas City Division office, you are advised that the records in the Los Angeles County Identification Division show that Charles J. Fitzgerald alias J. C. Hammond, Kansas State Penitentiary #6621, is not identical with the John Craig Hammond wanted by the Sheriff's Office here; and, further, that the deteiner placed on John C. Hammond, Leavenworth, Kansas, had been withdrawn, when a picture was forwarded and it was found that he was not identical with the man wanted by the Sheriff's Office, which individual is described as sixty years of age, and six feet one inch in height.

answered 6-15-34

Very truly yours,

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

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cc Kansas City
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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);
Richard Tallman Galatas with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. #1201; Charles Arthur
"Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. #1194, et al - Conspiracy
to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

On May 17, 1934 I received a letter from Blaine Danley, U. S. Probation Officer, Memphis, Tennessee, dated May 14th. This 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 that his informant is willing to "put Galatas on the spot but wants $1000.00 for doing so." The letter further suggests that I proceed to Memphis and take the matter up in person.

Pursuant to Division authority I wired Danley that I would meet him in Memphis Sunday morning, May 20, 1934, and he wired me to the effect that the date for the meeting would be satisfactory.

Danley was formerly an Agent in this Service. He has a rather wide acquaintance with underworld characters in Memphis and throughout Tennessee. In January, 1934 Agent H. E. Andersen and I interviewed Danley relative to Galatas. Danley at that time put us in contact with an informant, [redacted] made efforts to ascertain the whereabouts of Galatas, but was unsuccessful.

I met Danley at his office in Memphis, Tennessee Sunday morning, May 20, 1934. He stated the informant to whom he referred in his letter to me is known as [redacted] She has married in recent years but it is not generally known. She will be referred to in this communication as [redacted] Danley said that this woman knows Galatas and believes she can assist in locating him, but wants $1000.00 for her services.

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I contacted [redacted] on May 20th. Agent Andersen and I interviewed her in January, 1934, at which time she indicated she would like to see Galatas apprehended. At the time of the interview by Agent Andersen and me she intimated she had a score to settle with Galatas.

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For the record some background is here given relative to [redacted] which was furnished in the main by her. [redacted] She has known Lou Connors for several years. Eddie Connors, the deceased husband of Lou Connors, and [redacted] Liquor was sold at the place and Eddie assisted in obtaining the supply of whiskey and generally assisted in the operation of the establishment, where extensive gambling was carried on. [redacted] has never operated bawdy houses and that careful investigation will bear this fact out. She said she has a close tie-in with the Memphis Police and she would not want them under any circumstances to know she is negotiating with the Division for the location of Galatas, for if they knew it, they would be offended because she did not deal with them. She further said that if the Memphis Police should learn of it, they would probably give her trouble. I promised her the Memphis Police would not learn of it through any representative of the Division. [redacted] stated it is no secret that the Memphis Police have permitted her to operate throughout the years without molestation. She said that she has given the Memphis Police assistance on many occasions.

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As stated, [redacted] has known Galatas for years. She also has known Tom Kearney, big gambler of St. Louis, Missouri, for several years. When Lou Connors was arrested in Memphis, Lou requested

Her to contact Kearney at St. Louis relative to making bond for her, which she did. She got in touch with him by telephone and gave him the message for Lou. She said Kearney remarked when she talked to him, "I'll get in touch with some of the 'boys' and see what can be done." It is now known that Lou Connors' bond was arranged by Kearney, very probably at the request of Galatas. [redacted] also related that while Lou was in jail at Memphis, she told her to send a wire to some man, whose name she is unable to recall, in Indianapolis relative to bond, but that she did not do so. However, Lou sent her word that the Government Agents had a copy of the wire sent by her, [redacted] to the party in Indianapolis and they would give her trouble and she therefore had better come down and make the bond herself. She said since that time she has had no confidence in Lou and has had nothing further to do with her.

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[redacted] stated that many years ago Galatas ran away with [redacted] and traveled with her for a long time throughout the United States and left her stranded in Chicago, Illinois. She said that [redacted] and Galatas both stated they were married, but that she does not believe this to be true. She stated that when Galatas left [redacted] stranded in Chicago, she sent her money with which to come home and has taken care of her practically since that time. She stated that on one occasion she endorsed a $450.00 check for Galatas, which was worthless and which she had to make good. The incident relative to [redacted] is the score she wishes to settle with Galatas. She stated that Galatas has seen her many times since the above related occurrence and does not for a moment believe she would squeal on him and that she does not have the reputation of being a squealer or a stool. She told me that none of her people knows she is negotiating with the Division, not even her husband, and that she would not have them know it for anything.

She stated that she will do all within her power to locate Galatas and would like to see him killed when arrested. She stated that she wanted $1000.00 to be paid her upon the apprehension of Galatas, should she be instrumental therein. She wanted a written contract, the provisions of which would guarantee her this sum, if the information furnished by her resulted in his apprehension. I, of course, informed her I was not clothed with authority to enter into any such agreement with her or any other person and that it is not, and never has been, the policy of the Division to enter into such written contracts. I also told her I would have to make further inquiries relative to the amount involved.

She stated that she had received information that recently Galatas was in St. Louis, and has been in and out of there and probably spends a great deal of his time there or nearby. She stated she could not divulge the source of this information, but that it is, she is confident, authentic. She said it would be necessary for her to make a trip to St. Louis in order to contact Kearney, with whom she is on good terms, and that she would want the Division to pay her expenses there. She said on Sunday, May 20th, when I interviewed her, she would not endeavor to locate Galatas unless the Division entered into a written contract with her.

By long distance telephone I took this matter up with Mr. Cowley of the Division. He informed me the Division would not authorize any written agreement with this woman, that the sum of $1000.00 would be paid her if she furnished information which resulted in the location and apprehension of Galatas by Division Agents and would be paid only after he was in custody. Mr. Cowley also stated that the Division would authorize the payment of the expenses of [redacted] to St. Louis.

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On May 21st I again contacted [redacted] and informed her just what the Division would do and that she could take it or leave it. She decided she would accept the Division's terms.

On May 22, 1934 [redacted] left Memphis for St. Louis. I met her there on the morning of May 23d. Arrangements were made by me for contacting her there.

I got in touch with the St. Louis office and in the absence of Special Agent in Charge Ladd informed Mr. Yearsley, the Acting Agent in Charge, of the negotiations with [redacted]

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In my presence [redacted] called the cigar store of Tom Kearney in St. Louis. She was informed by someone there Kearney was not in, but she was given a telephone number, Garfield 9504, said to be one of Kearney's unlisted telephone numbers, at which she could reach him. She called this number for Kearney and arranged a meeting with him during the forenoon of May 23d. I, of course, did not attempt to accompany her to meet Kearney, neither did I shadow her. I did not believe it advisable.

During the afternoon of the same day she contacted me and said she met Kearney in his cigar store. She told him she was passing through St. Louis and would be there only a day or two and decided to see him for

a few moments, a thing she has done on previous occasions. She said she discussed things in general with Kearney and during the conversation brought up the name of Galatas, making the observation of, "I wonder how Galatas is getting along, where he is, etc." Kearney said he also wondered and he supposed "being on the lam" was going hard with "Dick" and he imagined "Dick is getting tired of it."

[redacted] stated that she knows the mother of Galatas, who now resides in California and that Kearney knows she is acquainted with the elder Mrs. Galatas. She also said that for a long time it has been her custom to make a trip each year to California and she informed Kearney during her conversation she expects to make a trip to California this summer and perhaps while there she would call on Galatas' mother. She stated that when she made the remark about visiting California that Kearney manifested considerable interest and asked her who would accompany her. She informed him no one except her daughter would go and that they would drive. Kearney then told her that he is sure Dick would like to know she is going to California and that if she does make the trip, by all means to come through St. Louis and let him know when she expects to go. [redacted] said that Kearney told her to call him the following day and come up and see him again before she left town.

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The following day, May 24th, she called Kearney at his cigar store and he told her to go to the lobby of the Jefferson Hotel, which is nearby. She went and instead of Kearney meeting her, she was met by an emissary of his, a man whose name she does not know, but whom she saw at the establishment when she was there on May 23d and that this man saw her at the same time. He informed her Mr. Kearney had told him he thought it best for her not to come to his place again so soon and that it would be best for Kearney not to meet her at the Jefferson. She said that this man told her Mr. Kearney was wondering when she expected to make the California trip and that by all means for her to come by St. Louis and get in touch with him. She also stated that this man said to her, "Mr. Kearney said to ask you when was the last time you saw Bob Graham." [redacted] stated this remark almost swept her off her feet, but to the emissary of Kearney she evinced no surprise, and told him she had not seen Graham for two or three years. After a few generalities were passed between her and this man, she left him.

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[redacted] then got in touch with me and recited the foregoing.

She told me that Bob Graham resides in Natchez, Mississippi and that she has known him for many years, but that she did not know that Kearney knew she was acquainted with him. She stated that Graham owns a home in Natchez and owns a large farm several miles in the country from there; that he is between fifty-five and sixty years of age, is well connected with law enforcement agencies there and others and probably has some political power; that while she does not know of any criminal jobs done by him, that he is the type of man who would protect criminals and engage in almost any kind of a deal, such as disposing of stolen property, for money. She stated that when she was operating in El Dorado, Arkansas, Graham was arrested there in possession of a diamond which had been stolen and upon which Graham had loaned some money; that she made his bond and assisted him as much as she could. She stated that it is generally known that the farm of Graham has in the past been used as a hideout for "lamsters". She said that Eddie Connors hid out there once for several months; that Hart Austin, alias Louis Austin, a notorious Arkansas and Oklahoma criminal, once was hidden there for months. Austin worked for her in El Dorado, Arkansas in the capacity of "strong arm man" in protecting the club from hi-jackers. She said she had not seen Austin for a long time and does not know his whereabouts. She stated that he has a long criminal record. [redacted] advised there was another man wanted for murder in the state of Tennessee who hid out for two or three years at Graham's place. She told me that she knew George "Machine Gun" Kelly when he was peddling liquor in Memphis several years ago. She told me that she has never been to Graham's place but has heard a great deal of it. She stated that in view of Graham's tie-in with practically everyone in Natchez, that any inquiries regarding him should be most discreet and circumspect. She stated that once she drove through Natchez en route to New Orleans and called him and learned that he was out at his farm, where she 'phoned him and he invited her to come out, but she was unable to do so at the time. She stated that she is certain if she were in that vicinity, she could casually contact Graham without arousing his suspicion.

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[redacted] informed me that the remark the emissary of Kearney made to her concerning Bob Graham has puzzled her considerably. She stated that it may be a crafty and indirect way of Kearney's informing her where she can get in touch with Galatas. On the other hand, she stated that it may be his way of testing whether she is seeking information relative to Galatas for law enforcement agencies, for if Graham's place were raided or open inquiries made at Natchez and vicinity concerning him, it would get

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back to Kearney and he would know it got out through her. She stated that no one suspects her of giving any information concerning the whereabouts of Lou Connors, who was arrested at Lonely Acres last fall.

She stated that she thinks Galatas knows Graham, but that if he does not he certainly knows a number of men who would arrange a hideout for him there, if he desired it.

The St. Louis office's investigation of Kearney bears out that his method of dealing with [redacted] in this instance is typical of him for he will, if possible, avoid a second contact in succession with some people. He has so many contacts in St. Louis, is powerful politically and some of his dealings are so indirect, that it would be most difficult to shadow him. His operations are so extensive in race horse and gambling undertakings that to tap his telephones would be almost hopeless.

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[redacted] has had a great deal of experience, is well acquainted with "big shots" and the underworld and she is clever and crafty. She obviously was puzzled by the word sent to her by Kearney relative to Graham. [redacted] is not broke. She owns her home, a new Nash automobile and from all appearances is not hard pressed financially. I do not believe that she tried to "chisel" a trip from Memphis to St. Louis out of the Division. I believe that she is sincere in wanting to see Galatas caught. She, of course, wants to make the $1000.00.

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I introduced Mr. Yearsley to [redacted] and he heard her relate the foregoing. He shares the opinion I have expressed concerning her.

She did not ask for any funds for a trip to Natchez, Mississippi nor to California. She stated that she has no intention whatever of going to California this summer. She informed that it is probable that she will be able to figure out a trip down south and if so she will go to Natchez and drop in on Graham. She stated that she would keep in touch with me concerning this.

She expressed a desire to deal with only one representative of the Division. This was voluntary on her part and not suggested to her by me. She wanted my telephone numbers and how she could get in touch with me at all times, which I furnished her. She said that she wanted to

continue her efforts in negotiations to locate Galatas and that she would like to continue negotiations with me. I told her this would be satisfactory. She stated that she believes she can locate Galatas and that she will do all within her power to do so. Her telephone number [redacted] Her mailing and telegraphic address will be -

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She stated that when anyone calls her by phone at [redacted] in connection with this matter, he should state [redacted] b7E

I do not believe that investigation should be conducted at this time at Natchez, Mississippi. I think that we should await some further word from [redacted] as she stated that she will let me hear from her within a reasonable time. b7D

It is earnestly requested that each office treat the matter of these negotiations with this woman in the utmost confidence, for it is my belief that she can and will be of assistance in locating Galatas and, if she is, I am sure she can be developed into a most useful informant.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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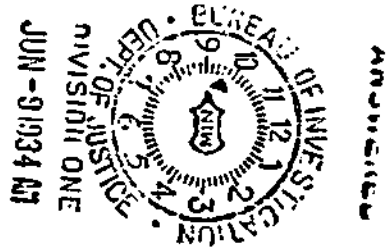

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD; ADAM RICHETTI
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

In compliance with Division letter dated May 18, 1934, this letter is being submitted in order that the Division may be advised as to the substance of the complaint in this case.

The origin of the complaint in this case is known to the Division and the matter has received investigative attention by the Kansas City Office, a report now being in process of typing.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN, Acting
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Black called today from Oklahoma City and stated that Attorney Comstack had called Special Agent Smith on Saturday and stated that he had made a contact with Floyd and that he had arranged with Floyd to surrender but that it would take Floyd four or five days from last Saturday to make such arrangements. Mr. Black will keep the Division advised as to future developments.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley

S. P. Cowley.

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

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Jules Galatas arrived in Montgomery, Ala., about 6/1/34. Surveillance disclosed Jules not accompanied by Richard Galatas. Jules has contacted local gamblers principally. He made a long distance call to Chicago 6/3/34 and received a letter postmarked Chicago 6/1/34.

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DETAILS: This investigation is predicated on the receipt of information from confidential informant [redacted] to the effect that Jules Galatas had just arrived in this city presumably to assist Jack Abrams, who recently had been arrested by State officials with a large quantity of liquor. Jules Galatas was reported registered at the Greystone Hotel. This investigation was conducted primarily to ascertain if Richard Galatas, subject of Identification Order #1201, was accompanying Jules and to maintain a surveillance of the latter with the view of determining whom he contacts and to obtain his permanent address, if possible, for future reference.

AT MONTGOMERY, ALA.:

Special Agent M. J. Sherry interviewed the informant June 1, 1934, and learned that she had received the information relative to Jules from his sister-in-law, Mrs. Sidney Galatas; that Jules would probably register at the Greystone or Exchange Hotel and assist Jack Abrams in the defence of a suit in State Court involving possession of $5,000.00 worth of assorted liquors. The informant had not seen Jules when first interviewed, however she presumed that the seized liquor was the property of Jules and Sidney Galatas as both are gamblers and bootleggers. It was learned that the case will probably be called for trial June, 1934.

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The writer, with Special Agents W. M. Sirene and D. S. Hostetter, proceeded to Montgomery and ascertained that Jules Galatas was not registered at the Greystone or Exchange Hotel, nor had he been seen in the vicinity of 1105 South Perry Street, Galatas Apartments.

S. E. Tranum, local representative of the Automobile Underwriters Detective Bureau, 1104 South Hull St., formerly connected with the State Law Enforcement Department from 1919 to 1929, stated during that time he arrested Jules Galatas during local gambling raids, but no fingerprints or photographs were made and no records are available as the State Law Enforcement Department was abolished in 1930; that Jules left Montgomery about 1929 with Mrs. B. E. Gerson, the wife of a reputable Jew, taking about $100,000.00, which belonged to Mrs. Gerson, and proceeded to Chicago where he operated a gambling game, probably at the Morrison Hotel; that neither Jules nor the Gerson woman had returned to Montgomery, to remain for any length of time, since 1929; that if Jules was in town, he would frequent Commerce Street and "loaf" with the local gamblers.

Mr. Tranum and this agent located Jules Galatas in front of "Bills Place", 15 Commerce Street, at 9:30 A. M., June 2, 1934, where he was engaged in conversation with Bill Watkins, a pool hall operator and Ernest Warren, a former real estate agent. A continued surveillance by agents Sirene, Hostetter and the writer, disclosed the following activities by Jules Galatas:

JUNE 2, 1934.

Visited the office of Dr. R. P. Burke, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist, Rooms 613-614 Bell Bldg., approximately 15 minutes, returning to the vicinity of "Bills Place". Jules had remarked that he contemplated having his tonsils removed and indicated that Dr. Bruce F. Holding would perform the operation. Discreet inquiry through the Secretary, Mrs. Gardner, at Dr. Holding's office in the Bell Bldg., disclosed that Jules Galatas is not a patient nor is he booked for a tonsilectomy. Further inquiry will be made through the office of Dr. Burke to ascertain if Jules is booked for a tonsilectomy and establish if he will remain in Montgomery for the operation.

670 [redacted] had lunch with Jules at Bills Place, at which time he advised her he was "operating" in Chicago, Ill., Detroit, Mich., and Miami, Fla., but did not reveal his addresses or aliases used; that he was in Chicago during the recent fire and proceeded to Atlanta in his automobile alone. He did not state where he stopped in Atlanta or when he arrived in Montgomery; however it is rumored he arrived in Montgomery at 2 A.M., May 31 or June 1, 1934. There are no railroad trains except an L & N Ry. train from New Orleans, or passenger airplane arrivals listed at that hour. It is possible that Jules may have contacted his cousin, J. Albert Galatas, #9 Cain Street in Atlanta, noting the latter address is mentioned in the report of Special Agent

W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Mo., dated 12/8/33.

Proceeded to Post Office 3 P.M., where he received a letter addressed to him by his correct name. The clerk could not recall where the letter was postmarked or if it bore a return address. Through Postmaster Ray E. Nolen a cover was placed on all mail received by Jules Galatas, General Delivery. The postal authorities advise they have no local address for Sidney Galatas. He is not listed in the city or telephone directories.

Had dinner at Pickwick Cafe, 25 Commerce St., with a man and woman who drove a Graham Paige Sedan bearing 1934 Alabama License 8617 C. This license was issued to Mrs. Ed Wampold, 230 Montgomery Road, Montgomery, Ala., for Graham Paige Sedan Motor #895080. Mr. Wampold is a salesman. The trio attended the Paramount Theatre and later took a drive south and east for ten miles, returning to vicinity of City Cafe, 112 Montgomery Street, about midnight.

JUNE 3, 1934.

At 12:10 A.M. Jules proceeded to a pay station telephone booth, Walnut 9177, where he placed a long distance call, prepaid, cost $1.55. During the latter part of the conversation, he remarked "All right, all right, I will write you tomorrow". Apparently he was conversing with a woman. Later Mr. H. E. Baird, Manager of the Southern Bell Telephone Co., ascertained that the above call was placed by one "Galatas", station to station, prepaid, call to Whitehall 4518, Chicago, Ill. Apparently the number is listed by the Wenasco Co., 1117 Dearborn St., North Apartment. The above information was conveyed to the Birmingham office by telephone and was transmitted to the Chicago office telephonically, as confirmed by letter to that office dated 6/4/34.

At 12:30 A. M., accompanied by a man driving a Coupe bearing 1934 Alabama License #32429 A, he proceeded to a house of assignation located at 918 Randolph Street, operated by Bertha Conway. This house supposedly is operated by a white woman and the inmates are white, however all other houses in the vicinity are occupied by colored people. The above mentioned license was issued to J. W. Wright, 10½ North Lawrence St., for Plymouth Coupe Motor U96950. He returned to City Cafe where he conversed with various persons on the street until 3 A. M., when he proceeded to the Travelers Club, 115 Montgomery Street. This is a gambling den. He remained here until 5:20 A. M. when he and a man closely resembling Sidney Galatas walked to the Perry Street Apartments, a rooming house, located at 120½ North Perry Street. Sidney Galatas is reported to reside at this address.

At 12 noon he returned, alone, to the vicinity of Bills Place, 15 Commerce St., remaining in that vicinity until 3 P.M., when he hailed a taxi cab and proceeded to Crempton Bowl to attend a baseball game, returning to vicinity of the City Cafe where he had dinner about 6 P.M.

Proceeded to the Greeters Club at about 8 P.M., an up to date gambling house, 12 miles East of Montgomery, with two women who picked him up in

an Oldsmobile Sedan, 1934 Alabama License #1180 C. This license was issued to J. J. Conners, 301 Cleyton, for an Oldsmobile Sedan, motor #F 36243. Inquiry disclosed that one of the women in the car was the wife of Conners. Returned to vicinity of City Cafe 8 P.M.

Purchased a bottle of Milk of Magnesia, or similar preparation, in the Exchange Hotel, at 8 P.M. and proceeded to Bills Place, where he drank the contents. He walked to the Perry Street Apartments about 9 P.M. and apparently did not leave the premises.

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Returned alone to front of "Bills Place" at 11 A.M., and continued to remain in that vicinity conversing with any acquaintances who were amenable to conversation. He patronized a barber shop next door to Bills Place and remarked to a manacurist that he had been in a big gambling game all day Sunday and Sunday night, 6/3/34, however the above surveillance reveals that his remark is untrue.

Inquiry at the Post Office disclosed that a letter was received postmarked Chicago, Ill., June 1, 1934, 6:30 P.M., addressed to Mr. Jules Galatas, c/o General Delivery, Montgomery, Ala., with no return address, nor was the name of the sender indicated on the envelope. The letter was on plain, cheap stationery and apparently was written by a woman. A tracing was obtained and a comparison of same with the handwriting of Richard Galatas, I.O. 1201, failed to establish a similarity. The tracing is being forwarded by letter to the Division in order that same can be compared with the available handwriting of the subjects and suspects in this case.

Jules Galatas had an engagement with informant [redacted] on the night of June 4, 1934; however he informed her during the day that an important business matter had arison which necessitated his cancelling the engagement. 67D

The trend of conversation by Jules Galatas heard during the course of this investigation alluded to his achievements in the gambling world and his fist to skull encounters with other gamblers who had tried to frame him or do him bodily harm. He made purchases of shirts, ties, etc. and invariably flourished a large roll of bills. His entire manner was one of bragadocia. His narrations apparently were amusing and well received by those who were inclined to stop and listen. On the night of 6/4/34, at the time of rendering this report, he is in the vicinity of Bills Place at 8 P.M.

A correct physical description of Jules Galatas is submitted herewith for future reference.

Name	Jules Galatas, alias B. E. Gerson
Age	49, Born 7/11/84.
Weight	160 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown, thin, almost bald on top.
Eyes	Dark brown
Complexion	Dark
Appearance	Well dressed, wears stiff straw hat, two tone shoes, gray or brown summer suits.
Accent	Southern and boisterous
Occupation	Gambler

The above investigations were conducted without the assistance of the Montgomery Police on instructions of Acting Special Agent in Charge Hanson.

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The CHICAGO OFFICE, at Chicago, Ill., through the telephone company, obtain the name and address of the subscriber to telephone Whitehall 4318. Ascertain the identity of the person who conversed from this number on the morning of June 3, 1934 with the view of ascertaining if the person is connected with the subjects or suspects in this case. Through this same source ascertain the Chicago address of Jules Galatas, if possible, in order that a proper surveillance can be maintained to ascertain if Richard Galatas is contacting Jules in Chicago.

The BIRMINGHAM OFFICE, at Montgomery, Ala., will continue surveillance of Jules Galatas, with the view of ascertaining if he is contacting Richard Galatas. Will obtain the permanent address of Jules Galatas, if possible.

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