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CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194, et al

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

George M. Lindsay, Sr., located at Kansas City, Missouri, disclaims any knowledge of party known as Curly. Dr. Fred D. Farr, Kansas City, Missouri, upon further interview fails to identify photograph of any of the suspects as likeness of Curly. Photograph of George M. Lindsay, Sr., shown to Dr. Farr, who disclaims acquaintanceship with him, describes Curly as man over fifty years of age. George M. Lindsay, Jr., age thirty-five, not yet located for interview. Mike Pizzichino serving life sentence in Missouri State Penitentiary since May, 1933, disclaims any knowledge of aid given to Subjects Floyd or Richetti at Kansas City, Missouri, during June, 1933. Investigation to date fails to indicate car of Pizzichino used to assist Floyd and Richetti on that occasion.

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REFERENCE: Division letter of 5-4-34 addressed to the Kansas City office.
Report of Special Agent J. O. Hichew, St. Louis, 3-14-34.
Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, 12-15-33.

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DETAILS: Since 5-5-34 an effort has been continued by this office to locate for further interview Dr. Fred D. Farr, mentioned in the report of Agent Trainor of 12-15-33, and also to locate for interview George M. Lindsay, Jr., and his father, George M. Lindsay, Sr. These are the correct spellings of the names previously shown as Lindsey in the report of 12-15-33 from this office, as ascertained recently.

Dr. Farr was finally located at the Butner Pharmacy, 2300 Indiana Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, where he is employed as a pharmacist. His present residence is 2635 Agnes Street, Kansas City, Missouri, but he advised that he is intending to move to some other residence, as yet undetermined, at an early date. Dr. Farr was interviewed at the Kansas City office by Special Agent H. E. Anderson and the writer on 6-29-34. He stated that he has been a practicing physician and surgeon, principally at Kansas City, Missouri, for approximately twenty years, but it was drawn from his conversation that he has been in disrepute with the medical society. He stated that about 6-19-33 while he was selling refrigerators he met a man on the street at about 15th and Charlotte Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, known to him only as Curly. They passed the time of day and on the next day he again met the party known as Curly at the office of Casimer J. Welsh, Justice of the Peace, located on 15th Street near Troost Avenue. At that time, he stated, Curly called him aside and told him, "There is one of the boys who got nicked in the hip." and also asked, "You are still taking care of the boys?" Curly mentioned something to him at that time to the effect that, "The boys got in a jam." Dr. Farr understood him to mean that some gangster had been wounded in a gun battle and that Curly wished him to perform a surgical operation on the wounded man. Dr. Farr stated to the Agents that at the time of that proposition his surgical instruments were in pawn at the San Pedro Loan Company, 512 Beacon Street, San Pedro, California, where he had left them several months prior to that time while visiting a brother, who, he claims, was in the service of the U. S. Navy. He stated that he informed Curly that he would have to make arrangements to get his instruments, intending to either borrow instruments or secure his own from pawn. Dr. Farr stated that he made an appointment with Curly to meet him later that evening which would have been 6-20-33 and that pursuant to the appointment he met Curly at the headquarters of Casimer J. Welsh. However, he stated that in the meantime he had got in touch with Thomas Bash, Sheriff at Kansas City, and that he was then instructed to go on with the arrangements and to learn who the wounded gangster might be. He advised, however, that on the evening of 6-20-33 Curly told him that, "One of the fellows wants to go to Seminole, Oklahoma." and informed him that there was a doctor at Seminole who would take care of the wounded man. Dr. Farr does not recall at this time that Curly informed him that the Seminole doctor was a colored man and he stated that the name of the doctor was not mentioned. At any rate, Dr. Farr was informed, according to his statement, on the evening of 6-20-33 that his services would

not be desired at that time, but that Curly and his friends would be back in town in a few days and Dr. Farr stated that Curly at that time gave him a telephone number in Kansas City where he, Curly, could be reached and that this was the telephone number which Dr. Farr turned over to Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones and Sheriff Bash on or about 6-20-33 (as reflected in the report of Agent Trainor of 12-15-33, which is telephone number Victor 6550, that of the Schuyler Hotel at Kansas City).

Dr. Farr stated that he called the telephone number for Curly on 6-21-33 and that it appeared that a woman answered the telephone and he was under the impression that the woman was a switchboard operator. He was informed by the operator that Curly was not known at that number. He stated that on the evening of 6-20-33 he had Curly in his car and let him out near the high school at about 11th and Locust Streets which is approximately one block from the Schuyler Hotel. He also stated that about three weeks subsequent to 6-20-33 Curly reached him by telephone at the place where he was then living at Kansas City and by appointment met him on the street on Prospect Avenue between 33rd and 34th Streets. He stated that at that time Curly had with him two or three other men and was driving a car. He cannot describe the car nor can he furnish the descriptions of the other men. At that timethey talked about ten minutes, the conversation having to do with generalities. Curly informed him that his companions and he were going to Hot Springs, Arkansas, to see one Jacobs. Curly also informed him to the effect that the wounded man had been taken care of by the doctor at Seminole, Oklahoma. Apparently the Jacobs of Hot Springs, Arkansas, might be identical with the proprietor of the Belevedere Club who is known to be a powerful political figure at Hot Springs and controls the gambling concessions.

It was drawn from the conversation of Dr. Farr that he has been in Hot Springs, Arkansas, himself and knows of the various members of the underworld class there.

Dr. Farr stated that his acquaintance with Curly dates back for about ten years and that he knew Curly to be a close friend of a party named Clary, who operated the Clary Drug Store at the corner of 15th and Locust Streets and who committed suicide several years ago. He also stated that Curly is a friend of one Lester and one Jackson, who are engaged at the headquarters of Casimer J. Welch. This same matter is discussed in the reference report of 12-15-33. Dr. Farr also repeated his statement to the effect that Clary and Curly years ago were friendly with a police detective named Jack Farrell at Kansas City and that Jack Farrell was murdered, apparently by underworld members. Through thorough questioning Dr. Farr failed to furnish any more definite information, stating that this is all the data which he can furnish which might in any way lead to the knowledge of the identity of Curly.

Dr. Farr was shown photographs of all suspects on file at the

Kansas City office in this case and particular scrutiny was invited as to the photographs of Charles P. Clouse, appearing on circular issued by the Post Office Department, 9-9-27, bearing case #79571-D, and also the photograph of Clouse furnished from the Division with its letter of 3-14-34, bearing #2143, Police Department, Sioux City, Iowa. The Post Office circular and the Sioux City, Iowa, Police photographs show front and side views and also on the Post Office circular there is shown a full figure view of Charles P. Clouse. Dr. Farr stated definitely that the likeness of Clouse is not a likeness of Curly, who is known to him, and he failed to identify any other photographs shown to him as that of the individual known to him as Curly. He describes Curly, who figures in his statement, in the following manner:

Height - 6 feet
Age - 53 to 54 years
Weight - 190 to 200 pounds
Hair - kinky, brown, turning gray on sides
Build - erect and muscular
Complexion - medium florid
Eyes - blue
Dresses well, in modish fashion.
Speaks correct English in an American like tongue, medium tone.

The Kansas City office was in receipt of a photograph of George M. Lindsay, Sr., transmitted from the St. Louis office under date of 5-28-34 which appeared in a newspaper there. Same is mentioned in a letter from the St. Louis office to the Kansas City office of 5-28-34. It may be stated that the newspaper photograph, according to the observations of Agent Andersen and the writer, is a very exact likeness of George M. Lindsay, Sr. The photograph of Lindsay was exhibited to Dr. Farr and he stated definitely that this photograph is not a likeness of the man known to him as Curly. Through the conversation of Dr. Farr it was drawn from him that he is not acquainted with George M. Lindsay, Jr., or Sr. Questions were asked which would cause him to acknowledge acquaintance with them without directly questioning him as to any connection which the Lindseys might have with the instant matter. He was then finally asked to identify the photograph of George M. Lindsay, Sr., which he failed to do. The age of the man known to Dr. Farr as Curly being over fifty years would apparently obviate that party being identical with George M. Lindsay, Jr., who is thirty-five years of age, as shown in the letter from the St. Louis office to this office dated 5-28-34 and also determined from independent inquiry at Kansas City.

Further contact was had by Agent Andersen and the writer with Sheriff Thomas Bash of Kansas City, who originally introduced Dr. Fred D. Farr to the Kansas City office as shown in the reference report from this office of

12-15-33. Mr. Bash advised that since the conference between Special Agent in Charge Jones and himself with Dr. Farr, during June, 1933, he has occasionally seen Dr. Farr and that Dr. Farr has told him no further information of any definite nature and no information additional to that which he furnished on the last occasion of his interview with the Agents. He stated that he knew Dr. Farr years ago when he was a reliable physician and surgeon and that it is his personal knowledge that Dr. Farr fell into disrepute because of the use of narcotics and that he believes him still addicted to the habit, although he has not been arrested or prosecuted under any narcotic charge. Mr. Bash is of the opinion that Dr. Farr's original report of this matter to him during June, 1933, was prompted by a desire to secure funds in the amount of $25.00 with which to get his surgical instruments from pawn. A request of that nature was made of Mr. Bash by Dr. Farr during June, 1933, when the matter was first reported, according to Mr. Bash. This is shown in order that statements of Dr. Farr may be properly weighed. However, appropriate action will be taken to develop fully any facts furnished by Dr. Farr which may be helpful in this investigation.

In an effort to determine further information in connection with the identity of Curly, Agents Andersen and Trainor made contact with R. H. Thurman, former detective with the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, now engaged as an automobile salesman at Kansas City and residing at 322 South Wheeling Street. Mr. Thurman was for a time Chief of Detectives and later Lieutenant of Police under the present regime at Kansas City. He has many reliable contacts formed when in police work at Kansas City, Missouri, and it will be recalled that Mr. Thurman was dismissed from the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department by former Police Director E. C. Reppert at the inception of this investigation, apparently because of his assistance to the Agents in this investigation.

Mr. Thurman advised after deliberation and discussion of the party known as Curly that although he distinctly remembers the gangster Clary, who killed himself about seven years ago at Kansas City, Missouri, and remembers a police detective Jack Farrell, who was killed while on the force at Kansas City, apparently by underworld characters, he has never known of anyone who might be identical with the party known as Curly, mentioned in this report. He stated, however, that if there has been such a party he is quite sure that he can learn full details concerning the individual through inquiries of his contacts in Kansas City, which inquiry he volunteered to make. He will report further to this office within a short time any information which he is able to secure in this connection.

In an effort to locate George M. Lindsay, Jr., and George M.

Lindsay, Sr. inquiries were made several weeks ago at the Schuyler Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, where the Senior Lindsay formerly resided and operated an office of the Educational Aid Society. Information was secured at that hotel that the Senior Lindsay is the only one known there and that while he calls for mail occasionally he does not reside at the hotel any longer and his place of residence was unknown.

Inquiry was made through the Better Business Bureau at Kansas City by Agent Andersen to determine any facts in connection with the Lindsays, who were known to be connected with the Educational Aid Society, there it was determined that on 3-31-34 both Lindsays whose names are shown as George M. Lindsay, Sr., and George M. Lindsay, Jr. were arrested on warrant from St. Louis, Missouri, charged with fraudulent sale of diplomas. The information was shown to the effect that they were returned to St. Louis where they made bond. Their present place of residence was not shown in the files of the Better Business Bureau.

Through the Kansas City Star newspaper it was found that the Star of 4-1-34 and the Kansas City Times (morning issue of the Star) for 4-2-34 reflect the arrest and return to St. Louis of the Lindsays and showed that they were arrested at 1220 East 44nd Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Inquiry was made at 1220 East 44th Street where Agents Andersen and Trainor located Mrs. Blanch Cowger residing in an apartment. She advised that she is the mother-in-law of George M. Lindsay, Jr., and that her son-in-law and his wife are out of the city and have been for several weeks; that they are in Chicago, Illinois, and that she does not know their present address. She claimed that she knew nothing of the whereabouts of George M. Lindsay, Sr. except that she believed he was with his stepson, George M. Lindsay, Jr. She stated that George M. Lindsay, Jr. was raised since he was a very small boy by the Senior Lindsay and that she does not know his family name.

Information having been secured from the St. Louis office to the effect that the Lindsays left a forwarding address for 204 Huron Building, Kansas City, Kansas, investigation was made at that address and it was found the same is the office of Thomas H. Finegan, attorney, telephone Drexel 0270. A guarded inquiry was made there and it was determined that George M. Lindsay, Sr. is a client of the firm. Through several subsequent inquiries it was determined that George M. Lindsay, Sr. was in Kansas City, Missouri. These inquiries having been made on 5-29-34 and 5-30-34. Final arrangements were made, after the Agents disclosed to the law firm their correct identities, to have George M. Lindsay, Sr. report at the Kansas City office for interview.

After much difficulty George M. Lindsay was finally brought to the Kansas City office through the advice of Mr. Bunningham in the law firm of Thomas H. Finegan. He was there interviewed by Agents Andersen and the writer, and denied that he knew anyone named Dr. Farr or that he had during June, 1933, arranged with any doctor to take care of any wounded person. He stated that he knows nothing whatever of any such arrangements made by other parties and that there was no one named Curly known to him who might have stayed at the Schuyler Hotel. He stated that his stepson, George M. Lindsay, Jr., which name he claims is the legal name of the stepson and has been since boyhood, was in Oklahoma sometime early in the summer of 1933 and that his purpose of going to Oklahoma was to file with the Board of Chiropodists at the state capitol the diploma which he, George M. Lindsay, Jr., had secured after certain training for which George M. Lindsay, Sr. claims he paid. George M. Lindsay, Sr. claims to have very little information as to what his stepson did while in Oklahoma, but knew that was his purpose for going and that he had hastened his trip to Oklahoma due to a law which was about to be passed in that state barring chiropodists unless they take the Oklahoma examination for such profession after a certain date.

Throughout the questioning of Lindsay the subject of the Kansas City massacre was broached to him in a circuitous manner in order that his demeanor might be observed and it appeared that he had no information in this connection and finally he was asked if he knew anything material whatever concerning it and he stated that all he knew of it was what he read in the newspapers.

Mr. Lindsay stated that he can be reached at 1220 East 44th Street (contrary to the statement of Mrs. Cowger). He volunteered to come to this office at any time when his presence might be desired here.

With reference to his son, George M. Lindsay, Jr., he stated that he will probably hear from him within a few days as the stepson is now in Chicago, address being presently unknown, and he stated that the Junior Lindsay is now looking for a position with the LaSalle Extension University or some other such organization. He stated that as soon as he learns the address of the stepson he will inform the Kansas City office gladly, or if he should come to Kansas City he will bring him to this office for interview. He advised that his stepson is thirty-five years of age, a former semi-professional boxer, about six feet two inches, weighs over two hundred pounds and being of dark complexion. He stated that George M. Lindsay, Jr. is of the ne'er-do-well type and at one time he sought to have him trained as a lawyer in St. Louis, but that the stepson did not take kindly to the profession and that it is his belief that his stepson has been a bootlegger

and has associated with members of the bootlegging class in Kansas City for the past two or three years. The demeanor of George M. Lindsay, Sr. was quite frank and it appeared that his fears in allowing the interview at this office were based upon the recent trouble which he had with St. Louis authorities in connection with the state fraud case.

With reference to the report of Special Agent J. O. Hichew referred to herein, it is noted on page six, paragraph four, that a statement is made that one Mike Pitts, who lived with Rose Baird, sister of Beulah Baird at Kansas City, Missouri, was the owner of an automobile used to meet Subjects Floyd and Richetti at Kansas City, Missouri, on the occasion of their arrival here when they kidnapped Sheriff William J. Killingsworth of Bolivar, Missouri. The date of that kidnapping was, of course, 6-16-33 and, as previously determined from an interview with Sheriff Killingsworth, the hour of arrival of Floyd and Richetti with the Sheriff at Kansas City was late in the evening of 6-16-33. Previous disclosures have shown through the identification of a latent fingerprint that Richetti had been at the residence of Vernon C. Miller at Kansas City, Missouri. It appears that the statement in the report of Agent Hichew should be thoroughly pursued and definitely established. Accordingly, an interview was had with the prisoner known as Mike Pitts, whose true name is Michael Pizzichino, at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, where he is now serving a life sentence. Pizzichino is also known as Piscone and Rosa.

The records of the Missouri State Penitentiary show that Pizzichino as register #43036 was received at the Missouri State Penitentiary, 5-26-33 to serve life upon conviction of murder during the May, 1933, term of court at Kansas City, Missouri.

Pizzichino advised that Rose Baird and he are husband and wife; that he married her at Kansas City, Kansas, on 7-6-32, where he secured a license; that he was at that time living at 2835 East 9th Street with his mother, Lena Pizzichino. He stated that he lived with Rose Baird with his relatives, principally with his sister, Mrs. J. V. Palermo at Kansas City, Missouri, for several months, having left her during December, 1932. He denied that at any time during his cohabitation with Rose Baird he ever saw Charles Arthur Floyd or heard of his whereabouts. He stated that he never met Floyd at any time while at liberty, but believes that he knew him as a fellow prisoner at the Missouri State Penitentiary during 1927.

Pizzichino stated that prior to his arrest during February, 1933, he had in his possession a Ford Coach, 1930 Model, which he owned and that when he was arrested during February, 1933, he turned over the title of this car to his sister and brother-in-law, J. V. and Flora Palermo, who resided at 3228 East 8th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and that they

secured this car from the police after his conviction. He stated that his sister, Mrs. Palermo, was friendly with Rose Baird only because of his marriage to her and that since his incarceration in the penitentiary Flora Palermo, his sister, has asked him several times in letters for the address of Rose Baird which she apparently does not know and that he is not in possession of her address. He stated that Rose lived with her mother, the first name of whom he claimed not to know, on Admiral Blvd. and Cherry Street, Kansas City, Missouri, at the time that he met Rose. He denied that he knew of any means whereby Rose could now be located. He denied that during 1932 or 1933 he owned a car other than the Ford Coach mentioned and stated that he was in the custody of the Sheriff at Kansas City, Missouri, continuously from the time of his arrest on 2-9-33 to the date of his conviction during May, 1933. He stated that he did not know of his car having been used by anyone other than his brother-in-law and that it was unknown to him that the car was ever used to transport Charles Arthur Floyd or others to or from any place.

Inquiry was made of Sheriff Bash at Kansas City, Missouri, concerning the alleged connection of the car of Mike Pitts in transporting Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti on the night of 6-16-33 and Mr. Bash advised that he received underworld tips to that effect. He stated that he had some notes in connection with this angle, but upon searching his records he was unable to find them. He then recalled that he had furnished this information to Captain L. M. Means of the Missouri State Highway Patrol several months ago and that evidently they have not been returned to him. This is apparently the origin of the information furnished by Captain Means as shown in the reference report of Agent Hichew. This will be further followed.

The writer and Agent Anderson interviewed Mrs. Flora Palermo and her husband, J. V. Palermo, at their present residence, 1809 Admiral Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri. Palermo advised that there was only one car owned by Mike Pizzichino at the time of his arrest on 2-9-33 and that this was a Ford Coach; that the car was held for several weeks by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department. He secured it sometime during May, 1933, and about January, 1934, he sold the car to a used car dealer on 15th Street near Brooklyn Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. He stated that he does not remember the name of the dealer to whom he sold the car and does not have any title papers or other record of motor number now in his possession. The car is said to have been held by the police at the Downtown Garage at Kansas City after the arrest of Pizzichino. The motor number of same may be secured in this manner.

The file of the County Prosecutor at Kansas City, Missouri, was reviewed in connection with the case of the State vs. Michael Pizzichino wherein he was convicted of murder and given his present sentence. It is shown that Michael Pizzichion and Frank E. Bennett, Circuit Docket #C14843, Jackson County, Missouri, were arrested at Kansas City, Missouri, on 2-9-33 on a charge of murder and robbery, they having killed J. O. Beeman, a grocer, in the course of a store robbery. Both parties were tried and convicted 5-15-33 and sentenced to life imprisonment. The prosecutor's file shows that Pizzichino and his confederate were arrested by police officers Simpson and Lothridge of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department on 2-9-33 about 5:45 P.M. when a report of the highway robbery and murder was circulated through the police radio. It is also shown that at the time of their arrest Pizzichino was driving a Ford Sedan bearing Missouri license tags #573309. The year of the license tags or the year model of the Ford Sedan is not shown.

According to information in the file of the County Prosecutor, Mike Pizzichino has the following criminal record:

As Mike Pizzichino, arrested 4-23-26; charge auto theft, Kansas City, Missouri; sentenced three years State Reformatory, Boonville, Missouri.

As Mike Ross, arrested 11-4-27, Kansas City, Missouri; charge auto theft; sentenced four years Missouri State Penitentiary.

As Mike Pizzichino, arrested 10-3-27, Kansas City, Missouri; charge highway robbery; released.

As Mike Ross, #32438, received Missouri State Penitentiary, 12-13-27, from Jackson County, Missouri; charge grand larceny; sentenced two years. Discharged 1-15-29.

As Mike Ross, arrested 4-17-29, Kansas City, Missouri; charge burglary; sentenced six months Jackson County Jail.

As Mike Pitts, arrested 4-23-29, Kansas City, Missouri; charge investigation, highway robbery and vagrancy; fined $100.00.

As Mike Pitts, arrested Kansas City, Missouri, 2-9-33; charge robbery first degree and murder first degree.

The above criminal record fails to reflect the police numbers of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department. The Division is being requested to forward complete transcript of the criminal record of Pizzichino as reflected in the files of the Identification Unit at Washington, D. C.

Since there may be available some information to connect the car of Mike Pizzichino with the transporting of Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti from Kansas City, Kansas, to other points in Kansas City on the night of 6-16-33, it appears that this angle of the investigation should be followed as far as possible. The information that Sheriff Bash secured from underworld informants and turned over to Captain L. M. Means of the Missouri State Highway Patrol will be ascertained. Captain Means makes his headquarters at Springfield, Missouri, and on the first occasion of an Agent's visit there he will be requested to furnish all details in this connection which he has. It was determined through the Sheriff at Kansas City, Missouri, that Mike Pizzichino was continuously in custody from the date of his arrest, 2-9-33, in default of bond and therefore it appears that he could not have participated in the transportation of Floyd and Richetti on 6-16-33.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Springfield, Missouri, will consult Captain L. M. Means of the Missouri State Highway Patrol for further information of the alleged connection of the car of Michael Pizzichino with Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti at Kansas City, Missouri, on the night of 6-16-33. From that point such other investigation as may be beneficial will be followed in the same connection.

The Kansas City Office will further pursue information to locate George M. Lindsay, Jr. through his stepfather, George M. Lindsay, Sr., residing at 1230 East 44th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. George M. Lindsay, Jr. will be then interviewed pursuant to Division Letter of 5-4-34.

Further contact will be had with B. H. Thurman, former police officer at Kansas City, Missouri, for information concerning Curly as mentioned herein.

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Hot Springs, Arkansas, is requested to make discreet inquiry concerning the identity of the party known as Curly, mentioned herein, as indicated by the statement of Dr. Farr this party may be known to Joe Jacobs of the Belevedere Club at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

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DIVISION ONE
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June 2, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting you, herewith, copy of letter received by the Grand Island, Nebraska, Police Department and which is signed Harry Dood, advising that Pretty Boy Floyd and four others are presently located in Watertown, South Dakota.

This is transmitted for your appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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June 2, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
422 Midland Savings Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have forwarded to you under separate cover bulky exhibits in the following named cases:-

Reo Verne Senkey et al., Kidnaping. Salt Lake File 7-3. Serials 127 & 189.
Maynard Baker et al., Kidnaping. Salt Lake File 7-33. Serial 56.
Unknown Person; Tagwell H. Slusher, Victim. Extortion. Salt Lake File 48-13, Serials 25,30 and 31.
Vernon Miller et al. Obstruction of Justice. S.L. File 62-474, Serial 141.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL AGENTS

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased)
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I. O. #1189, et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

In connection with the ballistic evidence which has been gathered in the above case, a request has been received from the Kansas City office that all field offices conduct active inquiries among police and other law enforcement officials for the purpose of locating any ballistic specimens obtained in connection with major crimes for comparison with the specimens in this case. It is desired that information as to the recovery of any weapons of the following types by officials which might appear in press dispatches be promptly followed up in order that specimens from such weapons may be transmitted to the Kansas City office for analysis by the ballistic expert whose services have been utilized in this case. The types of weapons identified in the case are:

2 Thompson Sub-machine guns
1 .38 calibre Colt revolver
1 .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol
1 16 gauge double barrel shotgun

It is desired that all agents bear this request in mind in contact with police officials and promptly advise me should any information be developed.

F. X. FAY
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 2, 1934

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

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases (Deceased); Richard Tallman Calates with aliases, I.O. #1210 - FUGITIVE; Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases, I.O. #1194 - FUGITIVE; et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir :

On May 25, 1934, Mr. R. C. Ketzler, special agent for the Empire Oil Company at Seminole, Oklahoma, called at the Oklahoma City office and advised that he had received some information from a man named Ted Menton of Seminole, Oklahoma that Charles A. "Pretty Boy" Floyd had been staying at the Cooper Arms Apartment, in Apartment number 527, Kansas City, Missouri, and that a woman whom Floyd has been running with gave birth to a child in this Apartment about two weeks ago. Mr. Ketzler advised that Menton had formerly held a deputy sheriff's commission under Sheriff Stanley Rogers, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, but that this commission was taken away from him due to his use of this commission to obtain credit and then not pay his bills.

Deputy Sheriff Bill Eads, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised that Menton is not a reliable type of person, and that the only reason he was granted a deputy sheriff's commission was due to his employment as a night watchman in Oklahoma City, which position he only held for one month.

This information is being furnished you for any investigation you deem necessary.

Very truly yours,

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Earle M. Black, Acting,
Special Agent in Charge

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Postoffice Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama,
June 4, 1934.

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

Re: VERNON O. MILLER, with aliases(deceased)
RICHARD TALLMAN CALATAS, W.A., et al;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm telephonic conversation of this date between the writer and Special Agent Hollis of your office, at which time Mr. Hollis was advised that as a result of a surveillance being maintained of Jules Calatas, alias Jules Gerson, a cousin of subject Dick Calatas, who at the present time is in Montgomery, it was learned that at 12:10 A.M. on June 3, 1934, he placed a station to station call to Whitehall-4318, Chicago, Ill. Special Agent D. O. Smith of this office overheard a part of the conversation, and from what he heard it would appear that Jules Calatas was telephoning to a woman friend. The Telephone Company in Montgomery, Ala. advised Special Agent Smith that Whitehall-4318 is the telephone number of the Wanasco Company located at 1117 Dearborn Street, North Apartment, Chicago, Ill.

As Agent Hollis was also advised, it is believed that if Dick Calatas is in communication with Jules, or if he is with him, it would be more likely for him to be with Jules in Chicago rather than in Montgomery. The investigation in Montgomery so far has failed to reveal that Dick Calatas is in that city.

It has also been learned that while Pat Cordelle Sturney, a stepson of Dick Calatas, is in Montgomery, that he is still in destitute circumstances, as has recently been reported by the Birmingham office, and that he apparently has received no money since Jules Calatas arrived in that city.

Very truly yours,

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

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Post Office Drawer 1457
Saint Louis, Missouri
June 5, 1934

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

In Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Dec.)
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE - I. O. 1201; HARVEY J. BAILEY,
with aliases, FUGITIVE - I. O. 1189;
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
FUGITIVE - I. O. 1194, et al,
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my report, dated May 16, 1934 at St. Louis, Missouri, in the above entitled case.

In connection therewith, please be advised that on May 23, 1934 Special Agent J. E. Daley of this office accidentally met, at the corner of Grand and Olive Streets in St. Louis, E. E. Beech, at which time Beech advised that he had just come from the Wolff Printing Company, also mentioned in the reference report, where he was continuing his negotiations for the preparation of the Allegorical Charts, also mentioned in reference report. He further advised that he had just returned from Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he had obtained two photographs of Jack Dempsey Floyd. He advised Agent Daley that he would appear at the St. Louis Division Office on the afternoon of May 25, 1934 for the purpose of supplying further information relative to the possible present whereabouts of Subject Charles Arthur Floyd. Mr. Beech was very emphatic in stating to Agent Daley that Mrs. Floyd was not presently in St. Louis, Missouri, and further added that she had stated that her husband had been inactive in his criminal activities for the past year, owing to the fact that he had been shot in the left or right knee, and also through the pelvis, which injuries were occasioned during the Stonewall bank robbery. Beech then added that he was positive that Mrs. Floyd did not know the present whereabouts of her husband.

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On the same date Mr. C. M. Finch, Manager of the New Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, communicated with the undersigned by telephone and advised that he had been notified that E. E. Beech was in St. Louis, adding that he was particularly anxious to contact Beech, inasmuch as the latter was indebted to him in the amount of $62.25 for hotel accomodations upon his last visit to this city, having discreetly departed therefrom without paying his obligations.

Special Agent Daley called at the New Plaza Hotel, and there interviewed Mr. Bernie Boy, clerk at said hotel, at which time Mr. Boy displayed to Agent Daley a letter which he had received from Mrs. Charles Arthur Floyd, which was of a personal nature, and contained no information in connection with the instant case, other than to advise that in the event Mr. Boy desired to correspond with her he should address her mail to Box 475, Sperry, Oklahoma, adding that any mail then at the hotel for Susie Smith or Fay Collins should also be forwarded to the above address. This letter was addressed to Mr. Bernie Boy, New Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, postmarked May 11, 1934, six P. M., Wichita, Kansas, the stationery on which same was written being that of Hotel McClelland, 201 S. Lawrence Street, Wichita, Kansas.

Upon receipt of this information the Kansas City Office was immediately advised by telephone, in order that they might conduct such investigation as seemed appropriate at Wichita, Kansas.

Mr. Boy was also holding a letter addressed to Mr. E. E. Beech, in care of Mr. Comstock, Attorney, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, postmarked Dallas, Texas, May 9, 1934, 10:30 P. M., and forwarded from Pawhuska, Oklahoma to the above noted hotel on May 11, 1934. There is no return address on this letter, and information concerning the writer thereof was not available.

It might be stated at this time that Mr. Boy confidentially advised that he had associated socially with Mrs. Charles Arthur Floyd, in fact he remained in her room at the hotel most of the last night she was in the City of St. Louis. Mr. Boy then inquired of the undersigned whether it would be proper for him to correspond with Mrs. Floyd, and he was advised that the propriety of his actions was a personal matter; however, if he did correspond with her and should obtain any information of value relative to the present whereabouts of her husband, this office would appreciate receiving same. He thereupon advised that he would correspond with Mrs. Floyd, and supply this office with any and all information which she might relate in her letters.

Subsequently, on May 24, 1934, the undersigned met E. E. Beech at the entrance to the Wainwright Building, 7th and Chestnut, St. Louis, at which time Beech advised that he had just come from the office of the Crime Investigating Bureau, Inc., where he had been seeking the funds in order to return to Tulsa, Oklahoma by bus, immediately.

Mr. Beech then came to the St. Louis Division office with this agent, and was very reluctant in answering questions, but did admit that he had on the night previous stayed at the Melbourne Hotel, Grand and Lindell, St. Louis, Missouri. Upon checking this hotel Agent Daley was unable to find any registration of Beech or of anyone who corresponded to his description.

Beech then related to agent the facts set forth above concerning Charles Arthur Floyd's injuries as the result of a gun battle in connection with the Stonewall matter, and added that Dr. Murdock of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has been rendering medical treatment to Floyd since this accident, but at the present time, due to financial disagreements, is not attending Floyd.

Mr. Beech then advised that he was leaving immediately for Tulsa, Oklahoma; that he was unable to supply agent with any address, and stated that in fact he had not been residing in any hotel permanently in St. Louis. Prior to concluding this interview, Mr. Beech stated that it was his intention to include a statement in the above noted charts concerning John Dillinger, adding that inasmuch as Mrs. Floyd was an indian, and Evelyn Frechette, Dillinger's girl friend, was also part indian, that the two would confide in each other, in view of which he was intending to contact Evelyn Frechette at such institution as she would be confined, and obtain a statement from her, verifying the fact that crime does not pay, after which he would contact John Dillinger's father, obtain a similar statement, and include all upon the Allegorical Charts. If these statements were obtained Mr. Beech stated he was intending to open up a concession at the World's Fair, charge a ten cents admission, and then sell copies to those admitted to the concession. He stated that it was his opinion that John Dillinger would contact Mrs. Floyd in Chicago, Illinois in the event his, Beech's, plans were successful, because Charles Arthur Floyd is financially embarrassed, and desires money, and John Dillinger has money and desires a hide-out, the latter being possessed by Floyd.

It is stated at this time that E. E. Beech is believed to be very unreliable and active in this matter only because he is a "promoter" and interested in same only for such financial gain as he may personally obtain therefrom.

No investigation is being requested at the points noted in the body of this letter, the same being left to the discretion of the offices receiving copies thereof.

Very truly yours,

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

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Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Oklahoma City, Okla.
(Name and address of Contributor)

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Date June 7, 1934

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

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Bureau of Investigation:

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
Arrested S.O. Ada, Okla., 12-24-33.	x 9/17/es HUSTON G. NASH 707983	On 5-24-34, State Dist. Court, Oklahoma City, Okla., sentenced to fifty (50) years in State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla. Charge--Robbery with firearms.

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This form to be submitted to the Bureau of Investigation to report dispositions of cases in which prints were forwarded previously. Dispositions include such information as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, discharges from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge
(Official Title)

U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
June 7, 1934

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate Date Fingerprints forwarded Bureau of Investigation.	Fingerprint Classification.
Micheel Rizzichino	#43036 State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Mo.	May 26, 1933	

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Very truly yours,

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

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June 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated June 7, 1934, I am attaching the record revealed through a search of the identification files of this Division in the case of the following:

MICHAEL PIZZICHINO, State Penitentiary,
Jefferson City,
Missouri #43056.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enc. #649993.

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TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Deceased, RICHARD TALKINGTON 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.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Educational Aid Society, Chicago, Illinois, is an Illinois corporation organized not for profit; publishes directory of schools and colleges in the United States which is supported by advertisements appearing in said directory. Society now in receivership; Samuel J. Bauer, Receiver. Activities of Society appear to be legitimate. George M. Lindsay, Sr. is Business Manager of Society in Kansas City and St. Louis, Missouri. George M. Lindsay, Jr., associated with stepfather, George M. Lindsay, Sr. Addresses George Lindsay, Sr. as of May 24, 1934, given as 1017 Locust Street, Kansas City, or 204 Huron Building, Kansas City, Kansas.

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REFERENCE: Telegram from Kansas City, Missouri, dated May 26, 1934.

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Upon receipt of reference telegram agent made discreet inquiry of Donald Kinney for the purpose of ascertaining the address of George M. Lindsay, Sr. and his stepson, George M. Lindsay, Jr. Mr. King advised that the Lindsays were the Business Agents for the Educational Aid Society of Chicago, Illinois, at Kansas City, Missouri, and the address of the Society at that place was 1017 Locust Street. No further inquiries were made of Mr. King at that time.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: M. H. Purvis SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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At the office of the Better Business Bureau, Chicago, Illinois, agent ascertained that the Educational Aid Society was an Illinois corporation organized not for profit. The original officers of the Society were President Harry Meyers, Vice-President Harry J. Meyers, Jr., Secretary G. L. Meyers, (wife of Harry Meyers, Sr.). The records of the Better Business Bureau disclose that the Educational Aid Society published a directory or blue book of schools and colleges in the United States, including a list of correspondence and trade schools, as well as colleges and universities, which book sells for five dollars per copy. The information obtained by the Better Business Bureau was to the effect that the book is used by newspaper school bureaus and public libraries, and appears to contain an extensive list of schools and colleges as well as directory and advertisements of hotels and hotel lists. The corporation was said to sell advertising space in the directory to schools and colleges and to render a service of advising prospective students of schools fitted for their requirements, no charge being made for this latter service. When the Society secured a student for any of the universities or schools advertised in the directory the student paid the tuition to the Society, which amount was credited to the account of the school to offset the amount due the Educational Aid Society for advertisement appearing in the said directory. Further information was obtained at the Chicago Better Business Bureau that the Educational Aid Society is at present in the hands of a court receiver and has been so since October 1st, 1927; that the corporation is up for sale by order of the Superior Court but is still continuing business under the receiver, Mr. Samuel J. Bauer and Don Finney, Business Manager.

Mr. G. W. McDonald of the Chicago Better Business Bureau, advised that he had received inquiries from the Better Business Bureau at Kansas City, Missouri, requesting information concerning the Educational Aid Society and that apparently the Educational Aid Society was sponsoring some sort of an advertising scheme in Kansas City. Mr. McDonald stated that he had little information concerning the activities of the Educational Aid Society in Kansas City, Missouri, but no doubt the same could be secured from that source. He stated he had no information concerning George M. Lindsay, Sr. and Jr., and in so far as the activities of the Educational Aid Society were concerned in Chicago, Illinois, there appeared to be nothing against this record. It appearing that the Educational Aid Society is operating under the orders of the Superior Court it was believed advisable to make direct inquiries of the receiver.

Mr. Samuel J. Bauer, Receiver, 168 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised that the Educational Aid Society was incorporated in 1910 in the State of Illinois, as a non-profit corporation under the original officers, as set forth above. He stated the Society publishes a directory of schools and colleges and hotels in the United States, and the said directory has been published annually for the past twenty-four years; that the directory is supported by advertisements from the various schools, colleges and hotels, usually in exchange for scholarships or due bills. He stated that very seldom cash is received for advertisements, and in the case of schools and colleges the Educational Aid Society is usually furnished a scholarship in exchange for advertisements in the directory. This scholarship then is sold to a student and in that way the school or college obtains the advertisement and the student obtains the benefit of reduced tuition for his first year in the school, inasmuch as a scholarship is sold to a student sometimes as low as fifty per cent of its face value. Mr. Bauer advised that he was connected with the Educational Aid Society for several years prior to it going into receivership, but two years prior to the receivership he was not associated with the said Society, inasmuch as Mr. Meyers, who was President at that time, became dishonest in the handling of the money of the Society, and that he, Mr. Bauer, refused to have anything further to do with him; that when the Society entered into a voluntary receivership in 1927 he accepted the receivership at the request of the creditors and has been operating since that date in an effort to pay the debts of the Society; that while something has been accomplished along this line the Society is in poor financial straits.

Mr. Bauer exhibited to agent a copy of the 1934 edition of the directory and agent observed DePaul University at Chicago, Illinois, was prominently advertised therein. Mr. King, the Business Manager, advised that the Society had been handling the advertising in the directory for the International Correspondence School for some time. Mr. Bauer stated that George M. Lindsay, Sr. had been connected with the organization for six or seven years prior to the receivership and that his dealings with the Society had always been above board and not open to criticism in any way; that he had always supplied customers for the majority of the advertising in the book.

Mr. Bauer stated the first complaint that he had ever received concerning Mr. Lindsay was under date of March 16, 1934, when he received a letter from F. W. Logan, Manager of the Robert E. Lee Hotel, 13th and Wyandotte Streets, Kansas City, Missouri. He stated that at this time Mr. Logan complained that a representative of the Educational Aid Society had over-stayed the amount contracted

for in a due bill and owed the hotel an amount in the sum of $50.00; that the representative had left the hotel without paying this bill. Mr. Bauer explained that the due bill referred to here was incurred by the Society in selling advertisements to hotels, the hotel taking space in the directory and furnishing in return a due bill, which was usually transferred by the Society to other individuals at a reduced cost and in that way the advertising space in the directory was paid for. Mr. Bauer stated that he communicated with Mr. Logan advising that steps would be taken to have the amount paid and requested information as to the name of the representative of the Educational Aid Society who had presented the due bill. Mr. Bauer exhibited a letter to agent dated March 21, 1934, from Mr. Logan advising that the representative of the Educational Aid Society referred to was Dr. R. B. Drew. Mr. Bauer advised that Dr. Drew was unknown to the Educational Aid Society and apparently the due bill had been transferred by Mr. Lindsay to Dr. Drew. Mr. Bauer advised that he did not know Dr. Drew and did not know what the connection was between Drew and Lindsay.

Mr. Bauer furnished the further information that although Mr. Lindsay was given the title of National Secretary of the Educational Aid Society, he was, in reality, the Business Agent in the Kansas City and St. Louis, Missouri, districts. He stated that Mr. Lindsay does not operate on a salary but pays for the scholarships received by him in connection with the sale of advertisements. The scholarship is then turned over to Mr. Lindsay and he sells it for what he is able to obtain, making his profit in that way. The same procedure is used in connection with the hotel due bills and he has the liberty of selling the scholarships or due bills to anyone he so desires.

Mr. Bauer stated that Robert M. Lindsay, Jr. is the stepson of Mr. Lindsay, Sr., and while he is not directly connected with the Educational Aid Society he no doubt assists his stepfather in the sale of advertising space. Mr. Bauer was of the impression that inquiries were being made in connection with the criminal case now pending in St. Louis, Missouri, against Mr. Lindsay, although he was not advised that this was the case. He stated that of course the Educational Aid Society was not responsible for any illegal activities on the part of Mr. Lindsay, and that should Mr. Lindsay be convicted in court of operating a "diploma mill" he, of course, would not be permitted to help the Educational Aid Society in the future, however, Mr. Bauer stated that he was taking no steps to remove Mr. Lindsay until he was convicted.

Mr. Bauer furnished the further information that Lindsay is associated with one Allen McCoy in Kansas City, Missouri, Mr. McCoy

residing at the Steuben Club. He stated at the inception of the prosecutive steps being taken against Mr. Lindsey in St. Louis, Missouri, Mr. McCoy endeavored to induce him, Mr. Bauer, to remove Lindsey at once from the employ of the Educational Aid Society, but as previously stated, Mr. Bauer advised he refused to do this. Mr. Bauer stated that he had never personally met Allen McCoy.

In connection with the other activities of Mr. Bauer, he advised that he did not spend full time in operating the Educational Aid Society but the majority of his time was spent in the management of the Ontario Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Donald King, Business Manager, advised that he had talked with Mr. McCoy in Chicago on a few occasions and advised that Mr. McCoy is between thirty and thirty-two years of age, height 5'8", hair black, marital status, married, address, Steuben Club, Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. King furnished the further information that Mr. Lindsey is at present indebted to the Educational Aid Society in the amount of $942.17 for scholarships sold by him. He advised that Lindsay had always paid the Society and it was not anticipated that he would fail to pay what is now due.

Additional information was obtained from Mr. Bauer and Mr. King that several years ago Lindsay was the President of some taxicab company in St. Louis, Missouri, the name of which they did not know; that about ten or eleven years ago Lindsay was head of the City College of Law and Finance at St. Louis, Missouri. They advised that Mr. Lindsey sells advertisements yearly to the following schools:-

City College of Law and Finance, St. Louis, Mo.
Blackstone College of Law, St. Louis, Mo.
Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery,
2105 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.
Nadine College, St. Louis, Missouri.
Kings Institute of Law, St. Louis, Missouri.

No complaints have ever been received from any of these schools concerning Mr. Lindsey.

They further advised that Mr. Lindsay is commonly addressed as Judge George M. Lindsay, due to his prior connection with the City College of Law and Finance, St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. A. J. Bertrand, 360 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, local representative of the International Correspondence

School, Scranton, Pennsylvania, advised that he had little information concerning the Educational Aid Society; that he knew in the past that a directory published by them had carried advertisements for the International Correspondence School and that in exchange for advertising space certain scholarships had been furnished to the Educational Aid Society for disposal. Mr. Bertrand stated, however, that he knew of no students who were enrolled at the instance of the Educational Aid Society as that would be handled through the main offices of the school at Scranton, Pennsylvania. Mr. Bertrand advised that he had never heard anything detrimental to the reputation of the Educational Aid Society and in so far as he knew it was a legitimate enterprise.

Dr. J. A. Sosty, Dean, School of Commerce, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, advised that at the present time there is enrolled in DePaul University approximately twenty students who had enrolled in the university at the instance of the Educational Aid Society, the Society having previously obtained scholarships from the university in exchange for advertising space in the directory published by them. Mr. Sosty stated he did not know just what advertising value an ad in the directory had, but that Dean Clark of the Law School was an enthusiastic supporter of the Educational Aid Society inasmuch as it permitted a deserving student to purchase a one year scholarship at a substantial reduction, and in addition would furnish the university with a student from two to three more years, paying the regular rate of tuition. Dr. Sosty stated that so far as he knew the Educational Aid Society was a legitimate enterprise and he had never heard any unfavorable comments made concerning the same and the students, without exception, seemed to be well pleased with the proposition as furnished them by the Educational Aid Society, and so far as he had been able to learn the student pays no additional fees to the Society in addition to the reduction cost of the scholarship.

H. D. Taft, Assistant Dean of the Law School, DePaul University, furnished substantially the same information as that furnished by Dr. Sosty and advised that he had never heard anything detrimental to the reputation of the Educational Aid Society.

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June 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

In telephonic conversation this afternoon, Mr. Brantley advised from Oklahoma City that he had reason to believe we would get Richetti soon. This man is wanted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

Mr. Brantley was requested to vigorously pursue this matter, and spend any money necessary.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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NEW YORK CITY	6-8-34	6/2-5/34	T. H. TRACY

TITLE: RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, - FUGITIVE. I.O. #1201 - et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information received that Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd in New York City, and residing in Mt. Vernon, N. Y. This individual was seen and proved not to be Floyd. Investigation discloses that his correct name is Ray A. Lynch and he is from somewhere in Wyoming. During the past few days, however, he has made statements to the effect that he is "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. B. Montgomery, San Francisco, Cal., dated 4-5-34.

DETAILS:

DETAILS: AT NEW YORK CITY AND MT. VERNON, N. Y.

Detective John Curry, 24th Precinct, West 100th Street, New York City, telephoned agent and informed that he was in receipt of information concerning Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, fugitive, covered by I.O.#1194.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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One Patricia Francis, of 258 West 97th Street, Room 32-F, New York City, a waitress, employed in Coburn's Resteurant, 2589 Broadway, New York City, was interviewed by Detective Curry and agent. She stated that about a month ago, she was attending a party in one of the rooms of her rooming house and there met a man by the name of Ray Lynch. She did not desire to disclose the name of the person in whose room the party was held, but did say that this Ray Lynch was unknown to any of the persons attending the party, and came to the party in the company of one Bill Shea, whom she does not know, but evidently the host knew Bill Shea. She said that this Lynch individual took a liking to her and remained at her side all throughout the party and that, during the course of the party, began talking about "Pretty Boy" Floyd and, during the party, he finally admitted to her that he was "Pretty Boy" Floyd. She said that she never heard of "Pretty Boy" Floyd and the name meant nothing to her, as this Lynch person came to the party drunk and was drunk all throughout. She said that a date was made with him for the night of May 28, 1934 and, when Lynch called for her, he was accompanied by a man whom he introduced as "Texas", and implied that "Texas" was his boss. She said that both of them were fairly well drunk when they came to her room, and that they went out and got into a Ford car which, apparently, was the property of "Texas", and that she sat with Lynch in the front seat while "Texas" got in the back seat and played that he was asleep throughout the ride which took them to the Parkview Grill at 200th Street & Webster Avenue, Bronx. She said she went into this Grill with Lynch and, a few minutes later, she observed that "Texas" had driven the car away; that, in any event, the car was gone and Lynch made a statement to the effect that out west things are not done that way. She said that they remained in the Grill for some time drinking and, while under the influence of liquor, Lynch told her the following story. He told her that he was introduced to her under a wrong name, and that his name was Floyd, and that his full name was "Pretty Boy" Floyd, but he is also known as Charley and that he does not care any more who knows about it, as every time there is a rap on the door he becomes afraid, and that he simply must talk to someone. He said that he had a ranch in Sapulpa, Okla., and that he has 640 acres in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, with a ranch there, and that his aunt is

taking care of the ranch. He said that he was goingback to Wyoming on or about June 7, 1934 and that he simply had to talk to someone before he left in order to get the matter off his chest. He mentioned certain bank robberies in Oklahoma and also mentioned the fact that Vernon Miller was killed. At this point it may be well to note that the names mentioned by this individual meant nothing to Patricia Francis and, on frequent occasions as she said, she would excuse herself and go to the ladies' room and there make a notation as to the various names he mentioned. She had these notes with her at the time of the interview. He further said that he had two .45's in his home and that he had some other guns within 300 feet of his home wrapped in pigskin, and mentioned something about a tommy gun. He said that in about two weeks,from now, a whole lot is going to be heard about "Pretty Boy" Floyd, but not to form any opinion concerning him as there are two sides to every question. She said she asked him about Dillinger, as to who he was, and that he said that Dillinger was just a guy who robbed banks and killed people. She asked him if Dillinger was dead, and he said that he was not dead, and that there were two guys that they will have to get before they got "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and those two were Alvin Karpis and Doc Barker, and that he was recently in touch with Doc Barker and Doc Barker said that he and Karpis were getting $1,000 a day for hiding Dillinger in Seminole, Okla. He said that he had been in this section of the country for about a year, and had to leave Wyoming on account of a killing. He said that he had $1,000 in the bank and had wrecked a car that he had, a short time ago, and was going to buy a new car and with whatever money was left over, he was going to Jackson Hole, Wyo. and wanted her to go along with him. He also asked her if she could drive and she said that she couldn't, whereupon he said that he had a job in White Plains, N. Y., and needed someone just to drive around. That night, he wrote his name on a piece of paper, "Ray Lynch", and told her his address was 416 Franklin Avenue, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., and that he was employed in Mt. Vernon by a firm whose name she did not get, but it was something like Warner. However, he did give her the telephone number of his place of business, which was Oakwood 8129,

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and this proved to be the number of Warner Quinlan Co., 697 South Columbus Avenue, Mt. Vernon. She said that this Lynch person had no money that night and charged his bill at the Parkview Grill, and that the amount was put in a black book by Jules, the waiter. He also said, during the course of the conversation, that there was $6,500 on his head. He also said that he was working as a truck-driver, but mentioned the fact on the night of May 28, 1934, that he had had a fight with his boss and left the job. She said that, although Lynch knows where she works, he never called here there although, from what she has heard, he was in two or three times while she was off duty inquiring for her.

She was shown a number of photographs and picked out the photograph of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd as the individual whom she knows as Ray Lynch, and said that the Kansas City Police Department photograph #3999 resembled him most at the present time, although he does not have as much hair as is shown on the photograph. She advised that she had an appointment with Lynch at 10 P.M., June 3, 1934.

The appointment was covered by Detective Curry and agent. Appropriate instructions were issued to her, and particular attention was devoted toward the securing of a glass free from all fingerprints with the exception of those of Lynch. The two men met her on the sidewalk in front of her rooming house at 10 P.M., June 3, 1934, and they went upstairs to her room. Arrangements were also made with her to take the men, after they had a few drinks, to the Broadway Tavern at 97th Street & Broadway, New York City. This was done and she and the two men appeared in the Broadway Tavern at about 10:30 P.M., where the men were observed and it was apparent that the individual known as Lynch was not Floyd. The individual may be best described by stating he is practically identical with James Clark, I.O. #1192. However, reference to the file discloses that Clark has been taken into custody. The Lynch individual, who posed as "Pretty Boy" Floyd, has a description which fits that of Clark and looks like Clark with the exception that his hair is thinner. Clark is somewhat bald but Lynch is slightly balder. He had on a dark gray suit, a dark felt hat, a khaki woolen

shirt and a black necktie. He talked with a western drawl. The party who accompanied him was "Texas". "Texas" is about 36, 5' 11", 175 lbs., light complexion, bald, and appeared to be from New York City. After the party, at which they had considerable liquor, she brought them to the bar where they had some more drinks, and she managed it so that Lynch would be between her and Curry and, in addressing herself to Lynch, she faced Curry and they engaged in conversation. She asked him his true name and he said Charley Floyd. She asked him if she could call him "Pretty Boy" and he said that she could. She also said that New York City meant nothing to her and how soon could they go to Wyoming, and, otherwise, framed the questions so that he said that his ranch was in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. She also asked him if he has the two .45's and he said that he did have. She asked him what they were wrapped up in and he said cellophane. The conversation was entered into by her for the purpose of letting us know that she was telling a truthful story and causing him to repeat in our presence what he told her the previous week. The two men drove away in a Ford Coach, and the license plate was EN8368 which, investigation disclosed, was issued to Myron Blanchard, 400 East 3rd Street, Manhattan, for a Ford Coach, motor #A3,139,337.

On June 4, 1934 we again contacted Patricia Francis and she turned over the drinking glass which Lynch had used in her room the previous night. She said that no one except Lynch has used this glass. This glass showed many fingerprints, and the same was brought to the Division office. The glass used by "Texas" was also preserved by her, but the same did not show any fingerprints. She said that she had secured the following additional information: The name of "Texas" is Blanchard and, when she asked him where he lived, he said 401 East 3rd Street, and "Texas" claimed to be in the upholstery business on the corner of Amsterdam Avenue & 187th Street, Manhattan, and that he showed her a card, but she did not secure the same and does not recall any of the printing thereon. She said that she tried to make an appointment with Lynch for the afternoon of June 4th, but he said that he could not make it as he would probably have to go out of town for good. She further said that Lynch implied that "Texas" was his boss. She said she chided him for not giving her his home

telephone number, and that she had looked it up in the telephone book but failed to find any telephone listed at 416 Franklin Street, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., under the name "Eggers", which was the name of the family Lynch said he was residing with and, to this, Lynch said he did not know the telephone number but there was a telephone downstairs somewhere.

The investigation was extended into Mt. Vernon, N.Y. by Detective Curry and agent, and a number of persons were interviewed, including the postal carrier covering 416 Franklin Street, but full details as to this preliminary investigation will not be set forth herein.

The Warner Quinlan Co. was telephonedand the night watchman there informed that there was a Ray Lynch driving a truck there, but he did not know his home address, or how anyone could get in touch with him. It was learned, however, that at 416 Franklin Street, the following persons reside. The house is a two-story duplex, rather large, and situated in a residential section. On the first floor live Mr. and Mrs. Richard McKeand, who are about 70, and living with them are their son Jimmy, their son Dick, their son George, who married a girl named Willis. The Willis girl had a sister who married one Charley Eggers, and the Eggers live upstairs, and they have two children, small girls. The youngest McKeand is 34. Both George McKeand and Charley Eggers work for the Stein Motor Company, the Ford Agency at Mt. Vernon. As a result of the preliminary investigation, Charley Eggers and George McKeand were interviewed outside their home, in the company of Chief Inspector Silverstein of the Mt. Vernon Police Department.

Charley Eggers advised that about six months ago, there came to live with him an individual by the name of Ray Lynch. He said a few months ago he spoke to a fellow who runs a diner down the road, and told the man that if he ran across anyone who wanted a furnished room, to send him up and, as a result, Ray Lynch came to live with them. He said that Lynch is a truck-driver working for Warner Quinlan Co., and that he pays $3 a week for his room at their house. He said that Lynch is a braggart, and that neither he nor his wife caresfor him and have been trying to get rid of him for some time. He said that on two

or three occasions Lynch has packed up his belongings and left town, on the first occasion being away about two weeks, and then coming back and getting his room back. On the second occasion he was away for about 10 days and, on the third occasion, he was away for about two weeks. On each occasion, he packed up all his belongings in a suitcase and left. He said that Lynch is a natural-born braggart and is continually talking about his exploits when sober, but more frequently, he is drunk, and then talks about everything and anything to such an extent that they don't want to have anything more to do with him. Charley Eggers said that Lynch was supposed to come from someplace in Wyoming, and said that he had to leave there some time ago as he had gotten into some trouble with his wife. Questioned as to the line followed when given to talk, he said that Lynch claimed one time to be a friend of a man whom he called "Pretty Boy", and that, on one occasion, he also mentioned the fact that out in the west, they deal with men differently. In a card-game on one occasion, there was an altercation and they had to shoot a man before they could get away. Eggers said that Lynch is absolutely harmless and is just a talker.

Eggers said that Lynch never has any money and does not own a car, and that on Saturday, June 2nd, he came to the house in the company of a man whom he called "Texas", driving a Ford Coach, and they claimed that they had been in an automobile accident in New York City and had just gotten away. The description of "Texas" fitted the man who was with Lynch in the Broadway Tavern the following night. Eggers said that Lynch and "Texas" were at the house only a short time on the afternoon of June 2nd, and drove away, and that Lynch has not returned since. His room was searched but practically nothing of importance was found there except a few shabby party clothes, and those clothes indicating that he is, undoubtedly, driving an oil truck. There was found, however, a bill from Santini, a moving and storage corporation at 655 East Fordham Road, Bronx, indicating that furniture had been stored therein. The bill was made out to Mrs. Mary M. Browden Lynch, 46 Haverford Avenue, Haverford, Pa. The bill also indicates that either part or all of the furniture was moved out in October, 1933 to Ropes Avenue, on the first floor. There was also a photograph of a woman in the room, and Eggers

said that that was supposed to be his wife, and he further said that Lynch was supposed to have had some furniture stored in this particular warehouse. There was also found in one of the dresser drawers a True Detective Magazine, issue of May, 1934, which contains the store of the Urschel kidnaping, wherein the name of "Pretty Boy" Floyd is mentioned. However, the names of Karpis and Doc Barker do not appear in this article nor in this issue of the magazine.

Arrangements were made whereby Eggers will notify Chief Inspector Silverstein as soon as Lynch returns, and Silverstein said that he will pick him up and hold him for 48 hours in order that his fingerprints may be taken and sent to Washington, D. C.

Investigation was also conducted at 400 East 3rd Street, Manhattan. At this address is an apartment house containing about 40 apartments. It is located on the lower east side of New York. The name plates were examined and it was observed that Apartment 34 is occupied by a Blanchard and a Meybaum.

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith in triplicate a memorandum prepared by Special Agent, J. E. Schoales, who has been in Kansas City the past few days in connection with the State trial of George Leigh McGee for the kidnaping of Mary McElroy.

I believe that you may be interested in the remarks of H. F. McElroy, City Manager, and father of the kidnaping victim, which remarks were made to Agent Schoales by Mr. McElroy.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, Mr. E. E. Conroy

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
November 4, 1933.

Re: VERNE C. MILLER

While in Kansas City, Missouri attending the State trial of George Leigh McGee for the kidnaping of Mary McElroy an article appeared in the Kansas City papers relative to the appearance of Verne Miller in Chicago, Illinois and his escape there from Officers and Division Agents. On the same day that this article appeared in the newspapers Mr. McElroy, City Manager, Kansas City, Missouri was discussing this affair with Agent in the State Court Building, at which time he made the statement with reference to the Kansas City massacre on June 17, 1933 that, in his opinion, criminal proceedings should have been brought against Federal employes in Kansas City on the grounds of criminal negligence, in that they did not take proper precaution at the time they brought Frank Nash to Kansas City. He stated further that by the negligence of the Federal Agents two good Kansas City Police Officers were killed; also that the Federal Officers called to the Police Department on June 17 and informed the Police Department that a federal prisoner, name not given, was arriving at Kansas City on that date and asked for a couple of officers to be present at the Union Station when the train arrived; consequently two officers were sent over there and they not being aware of the nature of the case or who the prisoner was, did not even take their guns with them.

Mr. McElroy seemed very bitter over this affair and also made the statement that, because of the Kansas City massacre, it had placed a bad name upon the city of Kansas City, Missouri, giving it the reputation of having organized criminals who are harbored in the city. He also made the statement that perhaps the Police Department should have known that a notorious character, like Verne Miller, was present in Kansas City, but that perhaps they did not have the proper pictures and identification data upon him. Agent replied to Mr. McElroy that he did not believe this occurrence on June 17, 1933 was responsible for giving Kansas City a particularly bad name, to which Mr. McElroy replied "well they are trying to place all the blame on the city". At this point the conversation relative to this occurrence was dropped.

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This information is being submitted to you in memorandum form upon instructions of Acting Special Agent in Charge, M. C. Spear, he being of the opinion that you will be interested in it.

JES-jgw 62-2-115-1232 J. E. Schoales, Special Agent.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

November 9, 1933.

Mr. H. F. McElroy,
City Manager,
Kansas City, Missouri.

My dear Mr. McElroy:

I have been advised by Special Agent Schoales, of this Division, of your statement that criminal proceedings should have been brought against Federal employees at Kansas City on the grounds of criminal negligence in that they failed to take proper precautions at the time of the bringing of Frank Nash into Kansas City; that the Federal officers called the Police Department on June 17 and stated that a Federal prisoner, name not given, was arriving at Kansas City, and asked for a couple of officers to be present when the train arrived, and, as a consequence, two officers were assigned and not being aware of the nature of the case or identity of the prisoner, failed to take even their guns with them.

I thought that you should know the facts surrounding the incidents to which you refer. This matter was brought to my attention some time ago by a newspaper article quoting Mr. E. C. Reppert, Director of Police of Kansas City, at which time I took occasion to inquire into the intimate details surrounding the request made of the Police Department by the Kansas City office for the assignment of officers to accompany the Agents at the time of the arrival of Frank Nash. Special Agent in Charge Vetterli, in a letter addressed to this office, stated "When I received information * * * * that Frank Nash would arrive at Kansas City the next morning under guard of Special Agents Smith and Lackey and Chief of Police Ott Reid, I immediately telephoned Chief of Detectives Higgins at the Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, and ascertained he had gone home, and, accordingly, in the presence of Mrs. Vetterli, I endeavored to reach Chief of Detectives Higgings at his home address, which was furnished me by the Police Department, and for a period of thirty or forty-five minutes no one answered his telephone, so I again called the Detective Bureau of the Police Department and requested their assistance in this matter, and they stated they would have a cruiser sent around to assist. I then advised the individual at the Detective Bureau that the party they were bringing through was Frank Nash, a notorious figure, an escaped Federal convict, and a bad man, and they replied that in view of this fact they would send the two men on what they termed the 'hot shot' or riot car. The men on this car are supposed to be the best, and are sent out in case of serious trouble, equipped with machine guns, etc., so that in reality the Detective Division did know that Frank Nash was coming through and as a result the 'hot shot' car was sent around and not an ordinary cruiser."

Mr. H. F. McElroy. 11/9/33.

I thought you should be acquainted with the facts in this case because I am quite sure that you do not want to intentionally assert something that possesses no element of truth. No one regrets the slaying of these fine officers more than I and it must be remembered that an efficient Special Agent of this Division was slain and two others injured, one quite seriously. The numerical strength of this group of officers, I think, indicates quite clearly that the Kansas City office of this Division fully appreciated the desperate character of the prisoner, and it is difficult to conceive of the Kansas City officers escaping the same appreciation of the facts.

I feel quite certain that you have been misinformed and that you would be desirous of obtaining the facts; consequently I have not hesitated to write you promptly upon receipt of the information from Special Agent Schoales.

With expressions of my kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director.

Have long contact Phelan

some corroboration. Don Thurman

Detective Fred

Police officer

Ballistic Expert Bill

VHH:DSS

November 10, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I talked with Agent in Charge Conroy this morning on the telephone to suggest to him the desirability of his contacting former Police Chief Phelan and former Detective Thurman, and possibly Ballistics Expert Gill, all with reference to the request of the Kansas City office of the Kansas City police for assistance in meeting Frank Nash on June 17 while enroute to Leavenworth. Agent Conroy stated that he would immediately make those contacts but he thought it would be helpful to him to have a copy of the statement made by Vetterli. I told him I would send a copy of that letter on to him.

I asked Agent Conroy if Agents Anderson and Turrou had arrived. He stated they had arrived this morning. I then explained the situation to him and told him that the Director desired that they work through him, Conroy; that Colvin was merely to acquaint them with conditions at Hot Springs and thereafter they were to have no further contact with the Oklahoma City office. I also suggested that the Director desired the to work as strictly undercover as possible and that arrangements be made with Conroy that them to communicate with the Division through him and that he keep in close touch with them, that they have a roving commission and it was contemplated they would go into Texas and possibly other surrounding states when necessary.

Respectfully,

V. H. Hughes.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 29, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telephone conversation early in November concerning the desirability of contacting former police officials and others with reference to the request of the Kansas City Office upon the Kansas City Police in meeting Frank Nash on June 17th while enroute to Leavenworth.

I wish you would give this matter your immediate personal attention and I shall expect to receive information of some kind from you within the next two weeks.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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May 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While talking with Mr. Black at Tulsa, advice was requested as to whether he had heard anything from Comstack regarding Pretty Boy Floyd. Mr. Black stated that he had heard nothing as yet but he was sure that Comstack would give them full information as soon as he could make contact. Mr. Black was requested to expedite this matter and stated he would advise the Division tomorrow in this regard.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
June 6, 1934

Director
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Division letter of May 22, 1934, relative to two ballistic exhibits from pistols allegedly fired by Fred Barker and/or Alvin Karpis at West Plains, Missouri, during December, 1931, on the occasion of the murder of Sheriff Kelley at that place. It is noted that the Division desires the exhibits transmitted to it for examination in the laboratory and they are being forwarded under separate cover today by registered mail. These exhibits are listed as follows:

1. Bullet received April 28, 1934, at West Plains, Missouri, from Raymond Tiner of that place by Special Agent W. E. Miller of this office. This exhibit is in an envelope bearing the handwritten notes of Agent Miller for identification purposes.

2. Bullet received from Curt Benn, cafe proprietor, West Plains, Missouri, secured by Agent Miller, May 26, 1934. This bullet is in a separate envelope from the one received from Mr. Tiner. The envelope bears the initials of Special Agent W. F. Trainor placed thereon upon receipt from Agent Miller for identification purposes.

The latter mentioned bullet is to be returned to Mr. Benn when it has served its purpose and the first mentioned is to be returned to Mr. Tiner. The parties mentioned request that this return be made although they are not anxious that they secure them back in the immediate future.

With the Division's permission, it is requested that upon the return of these bullets to the Kansas City office they be submitted for

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examination by Merle A. Gill, ballistician here, who has in his possession the original ballistic exhibits found after the instant massacre.

Item two, shown above, is the same bullet mentioned in paragraph five, beginning on page one, of letter from this office dated May 14, 1934. Agent Miller secured the bullet in question from Sergeant F. M. Massey of the Missouri State Highway Patrol while at West Plains, Missouri, and, therefore, it was not transmitted to this office by letter as originally intended by Mr. Massey.

Very truly yours,

R B Nathan

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

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Laboratory Report

Case: Vernon C. Miller, Deceased, et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Number: 62-28915-1734

Specimens: One bullet received by Spl. Agent W. E. Miller at West Plains, Missouri April 28, 1934, marked "K".
One bullet received by Spl. Agent W. E. Miller at West Plains, Missouri May 26, 1934
(Bullets previously sent to Kansas City Div. Off. by Division re: Dillinger Case also returned.)

Examination requested by: Kansas City Div. Off.

Special Instructions: Both bullets to be returned to persons named in cover letter

Date received: June 19, 1934

Examination requested: Ballistic.

Result of examination: 6/26

Examination by:

6/23 Bullet marked "K"
diam. .44 $^{1.85}_{35}$ weight 14.806 grams
length .651 = 229 grains
Copper colored jacket, 6 grooves slant left
conclude shot from .45 Colt automatic.
not similar 599-989 or 609-037
" " C-123691
" " 231182
" " C-154186 Barrow
" " 381
" " P-1130

-Kelley

Both of the fatal bullets are so mouth that there are very few marks of the gun

left but those which are agree with each other.
Bullet received from Raymond Turner
has loop soldered in base - apparently
for purpose of hanging on watch chain.
diam. .4575
.451 weight 14.9765
.453 (including ring)
= 231 grains

copper col. jacket
grooves 6 slant to left
conclude 45 colt automatic
not similar 599-959 or 609-037
compared with those listed on
other side (all of the 45's now
in lab. since 1931.) without
identification -

It is believed neither of the
bullets are susceptible of identification

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U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
June 6, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Division letters of April 9, 1934, and May 4, 1934, transmitting ballistic exhibits from the weapons of the John Herbert Dillinger gang for examination by Merle A. Gill, ballistician at Kansas City, which were to be returned to the Division.

It is noted that the letter of April 9, 1934, indicates that there were being forwarded eight pill boxes containing ten cartridge shells marked one to ten, inclusive, and three bullets marked J1 to J3, inclusive. It is further noted that the letter of May 4, 1934, indicates that there was being forwarded one box containing specimens of the bullet and cartridges fired from Thompson sub-machine #6315 recovered from some of the Dillinger gang.

Merle A. Gill, heretofore mentioned, has made an examination and comparison of all of these exhibits in connection with the ballistic evidence now in his possession, found after the massacre on June 17, 1933, at Kansas City, Missouri. He reports that none of the exhibits are identical with the evidence exhibits in this case.

All of these exhibits are being returned to the Division by registered mail under separate cover today.

Very truly yours,

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

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
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June 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

Special Agent in Charge Brantley of the Oklahoma City Office supplied the following information to the writer by telephone:

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He stated that the Chief of Detectives at Oklahoma City has advised him that he has an informant by the name of [redacted] who is an associate of Adam Richetti. The informant has indicated that he wants to break loose from his associations with Richetti and is willing to do some talking and is in a position to locate both Richetti and Floyd.

Mr. Brantley stated that he is making arrangements to contact [redacted] to ascertain just what information he is able to supply and the Division will be promptly advised of developments.

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Respectfully,

W. A. Smith.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of April 14, 1934 re Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (deceased), Richard Tallman Galatas, I.O. 1201, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, in which you request to be advised the connection Martin Quirk, Fritzie, Bubs Quillen and Arthur Dulek have with the above-entitled case, I have to advise that there appears to be no connection between the above-named individuals and Verne C. Miller and other subjects in this case.

These persons were merely the subjects of an anonymous telephone communication, who are alleged to have robbed a bank at Richmond, Virginia during the first week of March, 1934, and should not have been incorporated in the instant file.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis
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Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City, Missouri FILE NO. 62-470

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Charlotte, N. C.	6-8-34	6-1-34	P. A. PRATT :VED

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases - FUGITIVE	MISCELLANEOUS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Interview with J. H. Forbes failed to reveal any further information he had received from informant.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent D. K. Brent, Jr., Charlotte, North Carolina, 4-9-34.

DETAILS: Agent interviewed Mr. J. H. Forbes, whose home address is 405 West Calhoun Street, Sumter, South Carolina, and there received advice to the effect that he had no additional information concerning subject inasmuch as the informant in the case had failed to reveal any important facts concerning the subject. Forbes refused to reveal the name of the informant in Greenville, South Carolina.

At Columbia, South Carolina, the writer called at the office of the Secretary to the Governor, Mr. Gerald, who stated that State Detective W. Fred Newman was not in Columbia at that time but would return soon.

DETAILS:

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE, at Columbia, South Carolina, will interview State Detective W. Fred Newman, in accordance with Division letter dated March 28, 1934 and secure any information he may have relative to this case.

At Sumter, South Carolina, will maintain contact with

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: W Stapleton Acting Special Agent in Charge

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J. H. Forbes for the purpose of securing additional information.

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Pequannock, New Jersey

June 3-1934.

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Dear Sir:

There is a man in our vicinity who claims to be interested in a religious project for which he is soliciting funds and claims to be depositing the money in Postal Savings. I believe he is a crook and while I may be mistaken about his identity he looks exactly like a picture in the Paterson Post Office and I believe I may be able to put you on the trail of Richard Sheridan or Richard Tallman Galatas wanted for various crimes. Please act quickly and send a secret service man to call on me. Paterson and Newark are cities near us. I

mentioning this in case there is an officer there. I have quite a lot of information and letters written by him to my husband. He called on us about ten days ago. I am afraid he is going to make a hasty exit so please act quickly if you are interested.

Sincerely Yours

Mrs. [redacted]

P.S. Can our name be kept confidential please? [redacted] b7D

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REFERENCE: 62-28715-1740

June 8, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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Transmitted herewith are copies of a letter received from [redacted], Pequannock, New Jersey, dated June 3, 1934, in which she advises that she believes that an individual who is soliciting funds in that community in the interest of a purported religious project, is identical with Richard Sheridan or Richard Tallman Galatas, "wanted for various crimes".

[redacted] should be interviewed by a Special Agent of the New York City Office, at the earliest opportunity, in an effort to determine whether the individual referred to by her may be wanted by the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #37844

cc Kansas City

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June 8, 1934

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[redacted]

Pequannock, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated June 3, 1934, in which you advise that there is an individual located in your community, whom you believe to be identical with Richard Sheridan or Richard Tullman Galatas, wanted for various crimes.

A Special Agent from the New York City Office of this Division will be instructed to contact you promptly for such information as you possess concerning this individual, and copies of your letter are being referred to Mr. F. X. Fay, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403, New York, New York.

Your interest in forwarding this information is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Joe Carter serving a six months sentence at Mexico, Missouri, for larceny, alleges Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti located on a farm near Garfield, Arkansas, which, he claims, Floyd has owned for the past four years. Statements of the informant checked for verification in St. Louis and Kansas City territories with negative results. Investigation requested at points near Garfield, Arkansas, for possible verification.

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DETAILS: On the afternoon of 5-19-34 George E. Callen, Special Agent of the Alton Railroad, Kansas City, Missouri, accompanied by E. S. Haycraft, Sheriff from Mexico, Missouri, appeared at Kansas City and advised the writer that a prisoner named Joe Carter, who is presently confined in the County Jail at Mexico, Missouri, under a sentence of six months, alleged that he had certain information concerning the whereabouts of Subject Charles Arthur Floyd which he was willing to divulge to Messrs. Callen and Haycraft, and also to an Agent of this Division. The officers advised that they had already taken such

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: R. B. Mathon Acting SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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information as Carter claimed he had to offer and requested that an investigation of same be made by this office. The statement as made by Carter to those officers, outlined by them to this Agent, was later repeated by the officers to Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy on 5-20-34. Their statement is contained in substance in the later statement made by Carter to this Agent when he was interviewed at the County Jail at Mexico, Missouri. Due to the request of the officers that an Agent from this office accompany them to Mexico, Missouri, for an interview with Carter, authorization of the Special Agent in Charge was received by the writer to proceed to that point for such interview.

Agent interviewed Joe Carter at the County Jail, Mexico, Missouri, on 5-23-34 in the presence of Sheriff Haycraft and George E. Callen, mentioned heretofore. He stated that his full name is Joseph Carter; that he is 27 years old and that he has served time in the Missouri State Penitentiary, having been confined there during the year 1927. He also stated that he has served time in the State Reformatory at Boonville, Missouri, the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, and that he served a second sentence in the Missouri State Penitentiary from which he was released 3-31-34. He advised that he became acquainted with Charles Arthur Floyd during 1927 while in the penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, and that when he, Carter, was released during the year 1928 he finally ended up in the latter part of the year 1931 in the State of Arkansas where he rented a farm, owned by a man named Holt, near the town of Garfield, Arkansas. He stated that Holt resides at Rogers, Arkansas, where he operates a restaurant. He does not recall his first name. He advised he leased the farm for one year, but remained on it for a period of about four months. He stated that while at this farm during 1931 he went to a liquor still nearby where he met Charles Arthur Floyd whom he recognized from his acquaintance in the penitentiary and that with Floyd at that time was a man known to him as "Ed" and who he identified from a photograph as Adam Richetti, Oklahoma State Penitentiary #25773. He stated that he learned at that time that Richetti and Floyd occupied a cabin on a farm which allegedly belongs to Floyd about two miles from the farm of Holt on which he, Carter, claims he lived. He advised that he frequented the cabin of Floyd and after his four months stay in that vicinity he returned to Missouri and was again arrested at Columbia, Missouri, from which place he was sentenced on a forgery charge to the Missouri State Penitentiary. He advised that he was released on parole from the Missouri State Penitentiary on 3-31-34 and that due to some other checks which he had fraudulently written he desired to remain out of the State of Missouri for fear of being again arrested. Therefore, he stated, he proceeded to Garfield, Arkansas, by catching a freight train from Kansas City, Missouri, to Neosho, Missouri, and from Neosho, Missouri, to Seligman, Missouri, from which place he walked to Garfield, Arkansas, and thence to the farm of Floyd. He stated that he arrived at Floyd's place about 4-3-34 and

remained there until approximately 4-15-34; that he found Floyd and Richetti (the party known to him as Ed) at the cabin on his last visit. He stated that he was received by Floyd and shown hospitality. He advised that Floyd and Richetti are now drinking considerably and that Richetti remains drunk practically all of the time although he does not talk to any extent. He stated that Floyd, while under the influence of liquor, is inclined to be talkative and that on his last visit a conversation arose wherein Floyd told him that the two officers at Columbia, Missouri, who were killed on 6-14-33 would have been living yet if they had not tried to stop him and his companion Ed, thinking that they were bank robbers. Floyd then went into detail describing the killing of the two officers at Columbia, Missouri. He told Carter, according to his statement, that he himself killed the first officer outright and was making an attempt to shoot at the car ahead of him when his companion Ed got out and started to scuffle with the second officer, but being under the influence of liquor almost stumbled and fell. He stated that, therefore, he, Floyd, was forced to shoot down the second man, who was scuffling with Richetti. He stated, according to this informant, that the reason he committed these murders was that he believed there was a trap laid for them and that the officers were closing in on them from both directions.

It is interesting to note that Roger Wilson, the Sheriff of Columbia and Ben Booth of the Missouri State Highway Patrol were killed at Columbia, Missouri, by two assassins on 6-14-33 under circumstances similar to those described by this informant. It is, of course, possible that Joe Carter could have read the details of the offense in the newspaper.

Carter further advised that when he left Floyd's hangout about 4-15-34 Floyd sent him to Kansas City, Missouri, for the purchase of some sawed-off shotguns. He stated that Floyd had discussed with him certain plans which he claims Floyd had already made to rob the Burgess Battery Company at Freeport, Illinois. Floyd is alleged to have told him that there were some people in Kansas City who intended to participate with him in the robbery and that the Burgess Battery Company twice every month has a payroll of about $40,000.00 which was to be taken in the robbery. The date for which the robbery was planned, according to this informant, would have been about 5-15-34. He stated that Floyd instructed him to proceed to Kansas City, Missouri, and there to go to a certain pawn shop located at about 6th and Main Streets, operated by a man named Toney. He said that Floyd gave him $93.00 in twenties, tens, fives and one dollar bills with which to buy the firearms; that he also

handed him a letter which was sealed by Floyd and instructed him to hand this letter to Tony. Floyd informed him that in the letter were certain instructions that Tony would understand and thereby contact would be established with local individuals at Kansas City who would join him, Floyd, and participate in the robbery at Freeport, Illinois. He was instructed to purchase the firearms in Kansas City at various pawn shops where he might see fit to buy them. He claims that Floyd also told him to deliver these guns to an individual who would meet him at the north end of the automobile bridge over the Missouri River between Kansas City, Missouri, and North Kansas City, Missouri. He claims that Floyd told him to be on the west side of the bridge and that he would see a path extending up from the bottoms; that he should stand there about 7:30 in the evening for several evenings and that a man would appear there in a Pontiac car from the north, having with him a woman. He claims that he was instructed to address the man who would approach him only with the words "twenty-three" and that the man would say "thirteen". The delivery was, according to the informant, then to be made. The informant stated that with these instructions and the currency and the letter he proceeded to Kansas City, Missouri, by catching freight trains and upon his arrival here he did not look up the individual to whom he was to deliver the letter, intending to do so at a later date. He described the location of the store where he was allegedly directed to find Tony as a small store on the left hand side of Main Street going north, in the six hundred block. He stated that the store would have shoes and coats hanging out in front of it and that in front of the store below the window next to the sidewalk there is supposed to be an iron ledge running parallel to the sidewalk, five or six inches above the sidewalk and that it has a fancy woodwork with small rosettes in the woodwork on each corner of the front of the store, the rosettes being about two inches in diameter. The front of the store is said to be painted a dull gray and is run by a short, black haired, Italian. This is alleged to be the man known as Tony. He was indefinite as to what manner of approach he was to use. He advised that Floyd informed him that there were three men of Kansas City, Missouri, mentioned in the letter which he had given Carter, but he claims not to have read the letter or to know the names of these men. He stated that Floyd warned him not to open the letter which caused him not to open same. He stated that when he arrived at Kansas City upon his return from Floyd's hangout, he went to a cheap hotel known as a "flop house" located about the third block south of the old Mohler Barber College, near Independence Avenue on Main Street on the east side of the street. He described the place by saying that it was next to a small hardware store and on the second floor. He stated he registered as Jack Barnes of Moberly, Missouri, and stayed at this hotel two nights and two days continuously; that he did not recall the name of the hotel. While at this hotel he claims he purchased three shotguns from three different pawn shops, the names of which pawn shops he said he

remembered as the Reliable, located about two blocks south of the small hotel where he stayed, and the Hub, located about two blocks north of the Reliable, and the other pawn shop, the name of which he does not remember, he claims was located about four doors north of the Reliable. He claims he bought three automatic shotguns, paying $23.00 each for two of them and $18.00 for another. He did not remember from which stores he bought the various weapons. He stated that he took them to the room at the hotel which room he recalled as 328; that he bought two hacksaw blades at a hardware store located in the second block north from the old Mohler Barber College and on the east side of the street. He stated that he sawed off the barrels of the guns about ten inches from the end and left the parts of the gun barrels in the room at the hotel. He later stated that he threw two of the gun barrels away at a public comfort station at 5th and Walnut Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, and left the other part of the gun barrel in the room at the hotel. He also stated that he bought two boxes of shotgun shells at a pawn shop in the third block south of the old Mohler Barber College near the hotel where he stayed. He stated that on the second day of his stay at the hotel he went to the bridge indicated heretofore at about 7:30 P.M. He waited for about half an hour when a Pontiac Sedan of black color, apparently a new model, bearing Missouri license tags, numbers he claims not to recall, was driven up. A man was driving who had with him a woman companion. He claimed that the numbers "twenty-three" and "thirteen" were used as a means of recognition and that he having the guns, wrapped in paper, and the shells in his pocket, delivered them to this man. He describes the man to whom he claims he surrendered the guns as, age about 35 years, height 5 feet 10 inches, weight 175 pounds, hair very black, complexion dark, nationality apparently Italian. He stated that he did not get a look at the woman except that he knew that she was light complexioned and rather large. He stated that the man did not enter into any conversation and, therefore, he could not describe his voice, but that when he said the words "thirteen" that he seemed to speak in quite plain English.

Carter claims that he did not deliver the letter as instructed to do in Kansas City, but that he caught a freight train and went to Hannibal, Missouri, after delivering the guns, intending to return to Kansas City; that when he got to Hannibal, Missouri, he went to see a sweetheart of his named Margaret Crystal (maiden name said to be Margaret Ellsworth, stepdaughter of Jim Deweese, residing on River Road, Hannibal, Missouri, and believed to be a prostitute). He stated that he stayed with Margaret for a few days at the residence of her stepfather on River Road and then moved to 807 South Main Street to a rooming house operated by Mrs. Amande Griffin. The name of the lady who runs this rooming house secured through inquiry by the writer at Hannibal. While at the rooming house Carter claims he met a friend of his named Charlie Deverger, who makes his home transiently between Hannibal, Missouri, and Quincy, Illinois; that he had his clothes in a box at that time, as did Deverger and when they got into a conversation regarding procurement of a

suitcase, he, Carter, thought of a place where he had done some plastering for one Mr. Goodman, a plastering contractor at Hannibal. He stated Mr. Goodman is known at the Price Pool Hall at Hannibal, but he could furnish no other information regarding him. The house where the plastering was done, he claimed, was in the eighteen hundred block on Hope Street, Hannibal, and he stated that this is the only job on which he was employed by Goodman during the past year, his employment having been somewhere about 4-1-34 although he could not explain how he happened to be at Hannibal when he had already said he proceeded directly to Arkansas after being released from the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri. He stated that there was a dark brown suitcase of cheap grade and quite badly worn in the house on Hope Street and that he took this suitcase and put his clothes into it, as did Deverger; that he took the suitcase to 807 South Main Street and left it; that when the suitcase was at 807 South Main Street, Hannibal, Missouri, he took out the letter which he claims Floyd had given him and with a knife slit the inner lining of the top side of the suitcase and inserted the letter therein, sewing up the lining so that the opening was not visible; that he left the suitcase containing his clothes and the letter at the room at Hannibal and proceeded to Mexico, Missouri, where he stayed for three or four days at the home of his father, Earl Carter, 610 North Western Avenue. After three or four days stay at his father's home, he claims, he again returned to Hannibal and rented a room in the eight hundred block on Sycamore Street. To the room on Sycamore Street he brought another suitcase which he had taken from his father's home when he left Mexico. He stayed in the room on Sycamore Street only a few minutes and then went to the home of Ruby Cartright, 1009 Sawyer Street, Hannibal, Missouri. While there on the night of 5-11-34 he was arrested by police of Hannibal on request of the Sheriff at Mexico, Missouri, charged with the theft of certain jewelry and clothing from the home of his father, Earl Carter, and stepmother at Mexico, Missouri. He stated that he never saw the suitcase in which he had placed the letter after that time.

The above statement of the informant, while very incongruous in many respects, was checked to determine the truth thereof, and with appropriate authorization Agent proceeded from Mexico, Missouri, on the evening of 5-23-34 to Hannibal, Missouri.

Margaret Ellsworth was found at a hovel where she lives on River Road. She appears to be a prostitute and when interviewed no satisfactory statement of any kind could be secured from her as she appeared to be partly under the influence of liquor. However, after thorough interrogation by the writer and Sheriff Heycraft of Mexico, Missouri, she stated that she did not know of any suitcase which Joe Carter might have left at the room at 807 South Main Street on the occasion of his cohabitation there with her during the first week of May, 1934. Sheriff Heycraft had brought Joe Carter, his prisoner, to Hannibal, Missouri, in custody, as a means of locating the suitcase, if possible, since it appeared very desirable to locate the letter written by

Charles Arthur Floyd if such really existed. It will be noted that the informant claimed that same had not been opened by him or anyone after having been written by Floyd and it was the intention of the writer to secure same for processing by the Division Laboratory in order to establish the authenticity of same through latent fingerprints if it could be located. Margaret Ellsworth stated that Carter, who was in her presence at the time she made this statement, lived with her at 807 South Main Street and that he left her while she was under the influence of liquor and that she was in the room after he had departed; that she did not take with her any suitcase upon leaving the room. She stated that the only other person who could possibly have taken the suitcase from the room, if it had been there, would have been Charlie Deverger and that to her best knowledge Charlie Deverger was on that evening to be found in Quincy, Illinois.

Investigation was made at 807 South Main Street where Mrs. Amanda Griffin was interviewed. She appeared to be very honest and frank in her statements and advised that she did not at any time see a suitcase in the room which was rented by Carter and that when the woman, who had lived there with Carter, left she saw her take away her small personal belongings in a paper sack. However, she stated that there was another young man (later found to be Charlie Deverger) who had come to the room and secured a coat belonging to Deverger after the departure of Carter and his woman companion.

Interview was had with Ruby Cartright residing at 1009 Sawyer Street, Hannibal, Missouri. She stated that Joe Carter is a confirmed liar and entirely unreliable. She herself appears to be a prostitute, but her statement seemed honest and sincere. She stated positively that when she was around the room at 807 South Main Street, occupied by Carter and her friend, Margaret Ellsworth, there was no suitcase whatever there and that she would be willing to vouch for this statement.

Investigation was also made on the night of 5-23-34 at Quincy, Illinois, which is twenty miles distant from Hannibal. Through the cooperation of the Police Department, Charles Deverger, a young man who appears to be engaged in assisting prostitutes, was located about four o'clock in the morning at a house of prostitution in an alley-way on North 4th Street near the river, same not being numbered. The officers allowed Joe Carter first to interview him by asking him where the suitcase which they (Carter and Deverger) had had at Hannibal, Missouri, might be found. Deverger plainly indicated that he knew nothing concerning any such suitcase and he finally stated that he did no

know where it might be at this time, apparently with the idea of acknowledging the truth of the statement of Carter that there was such a suitcase since Carter informed him if it could be found it would do him a great deal of good.

Deverger was then interviewed by the writer and he stated that insofar as he knew there never was a suitcase in possession of Carter at 807 South Main Street and that he himself did not have a suit case there; that he left some of his belongings with Joe Carter while the latter was at the room in Hannibal at 807 South Main Street and that when Carter departed he picked up his coat, a couple of neckties and some shirts and placed them in a pasteboard box, proceeding then to Quincy, Illinois.

From investigation reflected above it appeared that Carter was falsifying regarding the possession of the letter which he claimed that Floyd had given him.

At Kansas City, Missouri, investigation was made at the Hub Loan Company, 528 Main Street, where a photograph of Carter was displayed to O. G. Allison, manager. Mr. Allison claimed never to have seen this individual. The records of the Hub Loan Company were searched and same did not reflect the sale of any shotguns during the period from 4-1-34 to 5-15-34. Mr. Allison advised that he had not during the past six months had in his store for sale an automatic shotgun and has not sold any such weapon.

Investigation was made at the Reliable Loan Company, 704 Main Street where Harry Schaffer, the manager, advised that he does not recall ever having seen anyone resembling the photograph of Carter. He likewise stated that he has not sold any automatic shotgun in the past six months. He stated that he did not have any automatic shotguns during the past year for sale. His records do not reflect the identity of the articles sold, but only the amounts and the names of the purchasers of different articles are not shown.

Various other interviews were had with pawn brokers from 8th to 3rd and Main Street and the photograph of Carter was shown with negative results. At the Keystone Loan Company, 701 Main Street, Deve Kline, manager, stated that he sold two boxes of 12 gauge shotgun shells about a month ago to a young man whose description he claimed he could not recall and when shown a photograph of Carter he stated that same could or might not be the likeness of the man to whom he sold the ammunition. No record whatever was kept of such a sale according to Mr. Kline.

After a canvass of the various cheap hotels in the vicinity of the six hundred block on Main Street it was found that at Lee's Inn, 613 Main Street, there was registered in room 328 on the night of 4-23-34 one "J.

Barnes". W. H. Owens, who was the clerk at the time of the registration, fails to recall the individual who occupied that room and could not identify the photograph of Carter. However, it was stated that there is such a volume of business in such hotels that faces are never familiar. It was also found at the hotel in question that the registry is not done by the guests, but all names are written on the register sheet by the hotel clerk. It could not be found that J. Barnes spent more than the one night of 4-23-34 at Lee's Inn and room 328 was occupied for about three weeks continuously up to 4-23-34 by a different party.

An investigation was made in room 328 at Lee's Inn and Tom Smith, the caretaker of the third floor at that hotel, was interviewed. The room was found to contain a tall wooden locker in which there was found nothing to indicate the presence of any ammunition or boxes for same nor was there found any part of a gun barrel. Smith stated that at no time in the past year has he found any such articles in any of the roomswhich he attends. When shown the photograph of Carter he could not identify same, stating that he does not pay much attention to the guests.

The location of the place near Garfield, Arkansas, as mentioned by Carter, is alleged to be adjacent to the old Pea Ridge battle ground and about fifteen miles west and four miles north of Garfield on an unimproved road. A map was submitted to Carter for his use in outlining the location of the place and he was unable to give any definite information therefrom. However, the farm is alleged to be owned by Floyd and purchased within the past four years, the title being in the name of "Coleman", according to Carter. The land of Floyd is said to join that of the man named Holt from whom he, Carter, claims to have rented. This information should be investigated by the Oklahoma City office through the Register of Deeds at Rogers, Arkansas, and surrounding county seats. It is apparent that there wouldhave been few transfers of real estate title within that locality within the past four years and such conveyances should be examined.

The Division is being requested to furnish complete criminal record of Joe Carter. It appears that the Sheriff at Mexico, Missouri, has promised Carter leniency in the event his information is true and since Carter has already served three sentences apparently he fears being prosecuted under the habitual criminal act in Missouri. This is mentioned in order that proper weight may be given to the statements of Carter.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

<u>OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE</u> at Rogers, Arkansas, and one or two of the

surrounding county seats should make appropriate investigation to determine any facts which may substantiate the statement of Joe Carter to the effect that Charles Arthur Floyd within the past four years, under the name of Coleman, purchased 160 acres of land adjacent to Garfield, Arkansas.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
June 8, 1934

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate Date Fingerprints forwarded Bureau of Investigation.	Fingerprint Classification.
Joe Carter	#32187 State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Mo.	February 4, 1932.	
	#20862 State Penitentiary McAlester, Okla.		

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Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

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

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June 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 8, 1934, regarding JOE CARTER, please be advised that the criminal record of this individual was forwarded you May 26, 1934.

For your information another copy of subject's record is herewith transmitted.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure #549995.

Director.

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Butte, Montana	6/8/34	6/8/34	D. H. Dickason

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

CHARACTER OF CASE: Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: b7D

[redacted]; asks if possible further identifying data be secured. P.

REFERENCE: Copy of letter from Kansas City Office, dated April 21, 1934, to Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

DETAILS:

At Butte, Montana:

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DETAILS: [redacted]

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: D. H. Dickason SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The KANSAS CITY OFFICE:

Is respectfully requested to ascertain if any further information can be obtained from the records at Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, in regard to Buster Blair. As shown by the report of [redacted] this would probably be a nick-name and the securing of the real name might help. It is improbable that such record exists but there might be something which would aid in this search.

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
June 9, 1934

DEPT. OF JUSTICE
DIVISION ONE
JUN 11 1934 PM

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

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases,
Deceased, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent L. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, June 8, 1934, in the above entitled case.

There is transmitted herewith a sketch drawn with the assistance of informant [redacted] indicating plan of the two room log cabin in which he claims he visited Subjects Floyd and Richetti near Garfield, Arkansas, and where those Subjects are said to reside.

b7D

Also there is transmitted herewith a photograph of [redacted] the informant. This might be useful for exhibiting to the Mr. Holt at Rogers, Arkansas, from whom [redacted] claims to have rented land during 1931, if you should learn that Mr. Holt is sufficiently reliable for an open interview.

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These are furnished for any assistance which they may be in the investigation to be conducted by your office.

Very truly yours,

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

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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June 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Hanson telephoned from Birmingham at 3:15 P.M. and advised that Jules Galatas, brother of Dick Galatas, arrived in Montgomery, Alabama this morning; that Jules Galatas is a gambler and a big shot in the liquor business; that Jules is supposed to be following the races in Florida and Chicago where he was supposed to have run a gambling game at the Morrison Hotel. Mr. Hanson stated that Agents in Chicago have been unable to locate Jules Galatas and the reason he came to Montgomery is because he is interested in one Abraham, a liquor dealer, who was arrested in Montgomery yesterday with a warehouse full of beer and liquor.

Mr. Hanson stated that he did not know whether Dick Galatas is with Jules Galatas or not; that he is sending Agents Smith and Sirene to Montgomery at once to register at the Graystone Hotel and maintain a surveillance. Mr. Hanson advised that they would not interview Jules Galatas but would keep him under surveillance and when he leaves for Chicago, an Agent will accompany him on the train in order that it can be ascertained where he is residing in Chicago. Mr. Hanson will advise the Chicago Office and the Division as to developments.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley

S. P. Cowley.

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NATHAN

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box #1156,
Omaha, Nebraska.

June 9, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted, herewith, in cellophane, original letter received by the Police Department at Grand Island, Nebraska in reference to Pretty Boy Floyd, Fugitive, I. O. #1194. It is not known who handled this letter, other than the Chief of Police at Grand Island, Nebraska.

The letter is transmitted to the Division for whatever scientific observation is deemed advisable.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: Vernon C. Miller with aliases(Deceased), et al. Number: 02-29915-1740
Fugitive, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Specimens: One original letter written in pencil on both sides of two sheets of paper and beginning, "Helloe Grand Island Police I am writing in regards too Pretty boy Floid he and the other 4 are, etc."
One envelope in which the above letter was mailed to Police Headquarters, Grand Island, Nebraska, postmark indistinct.

Examination requested by: Omaha Division Office.

Date received: June 12, 1934

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Result of examination: Examination by: 9/19

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 314,
Birmingham, Ala.
June 8, 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,
I. O. #1201; et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - ENDEAVOR TO DELIVER
FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D. O. Smith, Birmingham, Ala., dated 6/7/34, in connection with the above entitled case.

It will be noted that in the fourth paragraph on page four of this report, it is mentioned that a tracing is being forwarded to the Division for comparison with any handwriting specimens available in this case. This tracing is attached hereto for use in the laboratory.

Very truly yours,

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

CC: Kansas City

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Laboratory Report

Case: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases(Deceased); et al Number: 62-28915-1747
Obstruction of Justice.

Specimens: One tracing of an envelope addressed to Mr. Jules Galatas, Montgomery, Ala, c/o General Delivery and postmarked Chicago, Ill, June 1, 1934, 630PM.

Examination requested by: Birmingham Division Office

Date received: June 13, 1934

Examination requested: Handwriting comparison.

Result of examination: Examination by:

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 7, 1934

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62-456

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. #1201 - FUGITIVE; Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases, I. O. #1194 - FUGITIVE; et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

I am transmitting herewith a communication received by the Oklahoma City Police Department and by that organization turned over to this office.

The communication is dated May 6, 1934 and is signed "J.W.P." It is printed on ordinary stationery with pencil and is as follows:

"MAY 6, 1934

"DEAR ENEMY;

"IN- REGARDS - TO YOUR -T.D.M.-STORIES OF- MY- FRIEND - - - PERTY- BOY- FLOYD I- WISH- TO- STATE YOU- FELLOWS- ARE A- BUNCH- OF- FLAT- FOOTED- SAPS-. YOU ARE- NOT- SMART - - - ENOUGH- TO- CATCH HIM-, NITHER ARE- THESE- FLAT-FOOTED COPS- IN- THE- SOUTH SMART- ENOUGH- TO GET- ME-.

"SOME- DAY- AND-IT- WON'T- BE- LONG-I'LL BE- WITH- FLOYD AND- HAVE- A- MACHIEN- GUN- STUCK- OUT-OF-THE- BACK- WINDER- AND SHOOT-YOU- FLAT-FOOTS- DOWN- BY THE- DOZEN.

"NOW-IF-YOU- STATE AND- FED- AGENTS- ARE- SO- DAMN- SMART- START- OUT- AFTER- ME-, AND- GET- A- STRICK- OF- LEAD- COMING- YOUR WAY.

"AS-EVER, AND-ALL WAYS- WILL- BE,- YOUR ENEMY

J.W.P.

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"P.S. FROM MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA WHERE- A- MAN- IS- A- MAN,- AND- A- COP- IS- A- FLAT- FOOT.

J.W.P. "

It bears postmark of Sparrows Point, Maryland, May 16th, 6:00 P.M.

I am forwarding this communication to the Division for such analysis and examination as may be given it in the Technological Laboratory at Washington.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl. "ENCL. BEHIND FILE"

cc - Kansas City.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: Vernon C. Miller with aliases(Deceased); et al Fugitive, Conspriacy to Deliver Federal Prisoner. Number: 62-28915-1748.

Specimens: One original letter printed with pencil on both sides of one sheet of paper beginning,"Dear Enemy; In regards to your T.D.M. stories of my friedd Pretty Boy Floyd,etc."
One envelope in which the above letter was mailed, addressed Okla. City, Okla. City. Okla, and postmarked Sparrows Point, Md., May 16, 1934, 6 PM.

Examination requested by: Okla. City Div. Off.

Date received: June 12, 1934

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Result of examination: Examination by: 6/18

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JOSEPH T. COSTON JAMES G. COSTON

COSTON'S LAW OFFICES
OSCEOLA, ARKANSAS

June 9, 1934.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
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Attorney General Cummings,
Washington, D. C.

In Re: Charlie S. Floyd, ("Pretty Boy").

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

While attending the Arkansas Bar Association recently, I met Mr. A. L. Smith, a lawyer of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, which is on the line between Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Mr. Smith told me that Charlie Floyd was within fifty miles of Siloam Springs and had been there many months, suffering from wounds that he received sometime ago.

If the men in the Secret Service wish to locate him, I think they can do so very easily by seeing Mr. Smith.

I thought you would like to have this information.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. T. Coston

J. T. COSTON.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter dated June 9, 1934, addressed to the Attorney General by Mr. J. T. Coston, of Osceola, Arkansas, wherein he states that while in attendance at a meeting of the Arkansas Bar Association, he received information from Mr. A. L. Smith, a lawyer of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, to the effect that subject Floyd was within fifty miles of Siloam Springs and had been there for many months, suffering from wounds that he received some time ago.

You are instructed to have an Agent interview Mr. Smith at the earliest practicable date for the purpose of developing this information further.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc Kansas City

Enclosure #558788

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June 15, 1934

Mr. J. T. Coston,
Osceola, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 9, 1934, by reference from the Attorney General, wherein you state that information was received by you, while in attendance at a meeting of the Arkansas Bar Association, from Mr. A. L. Smith of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, to the effect that Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd was within 50 miles of Siloam Springs and had been there for many months, suffering from wounds that he received some time ago.

Please be advised that I have referred a copy of your letter to Mr. Dwight Brantley, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 224 Federal Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with instructions that he have an Agent interview Mr. Smith at an early date with reference to this matter.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma FILE NO. 62-479

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Oklahoma City, Okla.	6-7-34	5-16/28 and 6-5-34	T. M. Birch

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
GEORGE WASHINGTON NASH, SR., et al	Harboring and Concealing a person for whom a warrant of arrest has been issued - Conspiracy.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: U. S. Attorney W. C. Lewis, Western District of Oklahoma, will present the facts of this case to the Grand Jury and request indictment. Huston G. Nash sentenced to fifty (50) years in State Penitentiary for bank robbery. Disposition sheet forwarded herewith.

P.

Reference: Report of Special Agent T. M. Birch, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, March 1, 1934.

Details: Under date of February 1, 1934, the Oklahoma City Division office was in receipt of a letter from United States Attorney William F. Rempendahl, Eastern District of Oklahoma, wherein Mr. Rempendahl states he is inclined to believe that a successful prosecution of the defendants could not be had in the Eastern District of Oklahoma, and requests that this matter be presented to the United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma with a view of prosecuting the subjects of this case in that jurisdiction, for violation of Section 246, Title 18, U. S. Code.

Under date of March 8, 1934, the Oklahoma City Division office was in receipt of a letter from C. W. Miller, Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, wherein Mr. Miller stated that it appeared to him that the facts set out in the reports of this case establish a well defined case of harboring and conspiracy to harbor, in the Western District. Mr. Miller stated that there are enough separate and independent acts and enough people involved to show a well defined purpose continuing over a considerable length of time. He further stated that it seemed to him that there would have been a complete case, well supported by the facts in the Western District; that the prosecution would be strengthened by placing all of the facts and all of the defendants in one case and that the position would be weakened by separating it into two cases in two Districts.

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Dwight H. Brouillard	62-28915-172	JUN 11 1934

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The other cases referred to by Mr. Miller are "Hazel Hudson Underhill, et al" and "Lon Johnson, et al". All of these subjects are charged with harboring Wilbur Underhill.

Under date of March 10, 1934, Special Agent F. S. Smith discussed the case with Mr. W. C. Lewis, United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, and Mr. Lewis expressed the opinion that a successful prosecution could be had in the Eastern District with respect to Bruce Brady and others for harboring Underhill; that that District would be the place to try Brady and associates instead of the Western District. Mr. Lewis stated that in the event proper prosecution was not pursued in the Eastern District, that he would institute prosecution against Brady and others in the Western District, charging all subjects with conspiracy. Mr. Lewis promised to advise this office of the results of his communications with the United States Attorney at Muskogee in the above respect.

On May 7, 1934, the writer conferred with Assistant United States Attorney Charles W. Miller at Muskogee, at which time Mr. Miller stated that he did not think a successful prosecution could be had against the subjects of this case in that District, and that he was not disposed to prosecute them there. On May 17, 1934, the writer conferred again with United States Attorney W. C. Lewis of the Western District of Oklahoma at Oklahoma City, and Mr. Lewis advised that inasmuch as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma had declined prosecution, that he would present this case to the next Grand Jury at Oklahoma City and would make a vigourous attempt to prosecute the subjects of this case.

On May 23, 1934, Huston G. Nash was charged in State District Court, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma with robbery with firearms in connection with the robbery of the Harrah bank. On May 24, this case was tried before a jury that returned a verdict of guilty, and recommended a penalty of fifty (50) years in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma. At this time there has been no appeal noted in this case. Disposition sheet as to Huston G. Nash is forwarded herewith to the Division.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Oklahoma City will follow and report the prosecution of this case.

P E N D I N G

Mr Nathan
Mr Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Cowley
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Lester
Chief Clerk
Mr. Tamm

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 8, 1934

DD:MB
62-456

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, I. O. #1201 - Fugitive; Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases, I. O. #1194 - Fugitive; et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

On June 7th Chief of Detectives R. S. Brandom, Oklahoma City Police Department, got in touch with this office and stated that a man had contacted him the previous night who might be able to give some assistance to the Division in locating Adam Racchetti and possibly "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and that this man would talk to an Agent of the Division. Agent K. D. Deaderick of this office contacted the informant and brought him to the office.

The informant is [redacted]

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I talked for some time with [redacted] He informed me that he knows Shine Rush, Adam Racchetti, Floyd and many others, whom he classed as criminals and underworld characters. He said that Racchetti, Rush and Floyd have been to his home. He stated that Rush was there last Saturday night. He stated that Floyd was last at his home sometime during the summer of 1933. He said that he last saw Floyd in March of this year at the home of Bradley Floyd, brother of "Pretty Boy", who lives eight miles from his home. He knows Bradley Floyd intimately and frequently goes to his house. He stated that the time he saw Floyd in March he was driving a 1933 Plymouth Coupe, black in color, the Oklahoma license number of which he didn't get. He stated that Floyd was not in bad physical condition at that time but limped slightly from a bullet wound in his ankle. He said

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that probably Floyd has lost a little weight. He also stated that Floyd expressed the opinion that he "is getting to the end of his row" and that he would gladly surrender if he had any assurance that he would not be electrocuted or shot to death, and that he could get a life sentence to some penal institution.

[redacted]

He said he has never done any time and that he does not want to do any and that he will do most anything to keep from it, and desired to know what this office could do for him if he were to be instrumental in delivering either Floyd or Racchetti. He also stated that he would be interested in any reward that might be outstanding for either of these men. I of course told [redacted] that I could make him no promises but that I would take the matter up with the United States Attorney in Oklahoma City and present to said official the circumstances and that the United States Attorney is the only one who could treat with him in such matters. [redacted] told me that he wished that I would do this.

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I confidentially discussed the matter with Mr. W. C. Lewis, the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City, and Mr. Lewis informed me that he will continue the case of [redacted] and that if [redacted] is of any assistance to this Division in locating either Racchetti or Floyd that he would see that he gets a suspended sentence. I imparted this to [redacted] and he stated that it would be satisfactory and that he would be glad to endeavor to locate Racchetti or Floyd, or both and that while he could not make any guarantees, he believed that he could locate Racchetti and possibly Floyd.

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[redacted] stated that he has only one automobile, a Ford, which is used by [redacted] and that he would have to obtain an old car of some kind in which to travel about in his section of the country. I obtained for [redacted] an old car, not a Division machine, for his use in this matter. He stated that he would bear the operating expenses, gas, oil, etc. Arrangements were made as to how [redacted] can contact me or some other representative of this office.

b7D I told [redacted] that if he is instrumental in furnishing us information that results in Racchetti's apprehension by this Division, he will be paid the sum of $250.00 and that in the event he is instrumental in furnishing information which results in our apprehension of Floyd, we will pay him $1000.00. He states that this will be entirely satisfactory and that he will not expect any money unless he delivers the goods.

b7D [redacted] will do almost anything to keep from going to the penitentiary and he believes that he will not have to serve the time if he can furnish information as to Floyd or Racchetti, and I am of the opinion that he will do everything possible to effect their apprehension. He resides in the section of the country frequented by these outlaws and others of the same ilk. Should he fail the Division will be out very little money. The Division will be apprised of any developments.

Very truly yours,

Wright Brantley

Wright Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc- Kansas City.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

Kindly refer to Division letters of May 17 and 18, 1934, with regard to the possible use of the services of [redacted] as a confidential informant.

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With particular reference to inquiry contained in the third paragraph of reference letter of May 17, 1934, as to why the services of [redacted] were not utilized subsequent to the rendition of memorandum by Special Agent in Charge R. G. Harvey on July 7, 1934, it will be noted that I was not in charge of the Kansas City Office at that time, and accordingly am not in a position to inform the Division as to why immediate action was not taken. It will be noted, however, that the contents of the memorandum were ascertained during a review of the file which I had ordered. Action regarding same was taken only a short time later.

Reference is made to Division letter of May 18, 1934, which sets forth that it appears that I did not exercise extreme caution in handling the removal of the detainer against [redacted] at Leavenworth penitentiary through the Police Department at Joplin, Missouri.

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In connection therewith it may be noted that Special Agent H. E. Andersen, while interviewing the Chief of Detectives at Joplin, Missouri, personally specifically requested Chief Portley to not mention the Division of Investigation or the Department of Justice in his letter to the Leavenworth penitentiary. Later I personally repeated this request to Chief Portley during my telephone conversation with him. Accordingly, I was surprised when I ascertained that

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Chief Portley's letter had set forth that the detainer was requested "at the request of the Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation".

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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June 11, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 419,
Nashville, Tennessee.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with alias s, (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.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter dated June 7, 1934 addressed by William T. Griffin, Chief Inspector, Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, wherein he sets forth information concerning the friendship between subject Galatas and one Tom Kearney of St. Louis, Missouri. It appears that the information set forth by Inspector Griffin is already known to the Division as reflected in the personal and confidential letter dated May 26, 1934, submitted by Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, copy of which was furnished your office. The Division desires, however, that you have an Agent interview Inspector Griffin regarding this matter with a view to further developing the excellent cooperation which he has extended to this Division in the past.

For your information, it was Inspector Griffin who originally furnished information to the Division which resulted in the location and apprehension of subject Louise Conner, at Memphis, Tennessee on November 13, 1933. Special Agent R. E. Peterson in his report dated Birmingham, Alabama, November 7, 1933, set forth [redacted] who is referred to in the letter of Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

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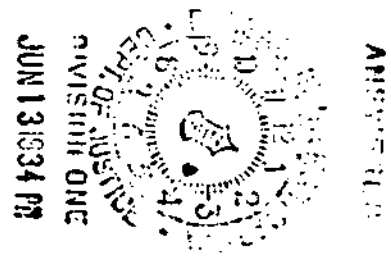

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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to memorandum dated June 8, 1934, by Special Agent W. E. Miller, three copies of which are transmitted herewith, relative to a confidential informant who furnished information to Agent Miller regarding the probable whereabouts of Charles Arthur Floyd. The confidential informant mentioned is [redacted]

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN, Acting
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Kansas City, Missouri
June 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) with aliases, ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER
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Tonight I was advised by a confidential informant that while recently in Exeter, Missouri (believed to have been three weeks ago today) he was eating in the Brewer Cafe when a man walked in whose face looked familiar and the informant spoke to the man, who was accompanied by another man and a woman. They drank some coffee, or something similar, and soon left the cafe. As they went out Mr. Brewer, the proprietor, asked informant if he knew who the man was. Upon receiving a negative reply Brewer remarked that it was "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Informant then recalled that the man did resemble the numerous photographs of Floyd which he has previously seen and assumed that it was from seeing these pictures that he had thought Floyd was someone informant knew. Brewer further stated that Floyd has an uncle or cousin residing between Exeter and Monett, Missouri, and that Floyd divides his time between that place and Berryville, Arkansas; that Floyd always follows the old road which leads from Monett, Missouri, through Exeter, Missouri, to the Arkansas line and thereby avoids Cassville, Missouri, the County Seat, as well as avoiding travel on the main highway from Monett which passes through Cassville. Brewer also indicated that Floyd has stopped in his cafe several times. He also remarked as the parties went out of the cafe that they probably had another man waiting outside in the car and informant noted that a car soon passed the front of the cafe but he heard no motor start and assumed the car was waiting with the motor running. Informant asked why Brewer didn't notify the Sheriff, and Brewer replied that he didn't think any Sheriff was coming over there after Floyd.

Informant further stated that after Brewer mentioned Berryville, Arkansas, informant recalled that when in Berryville about two months ago on a business trip he heard considerable discussion among the townspeople to the effect that Floyd was staying about 10 miles south of Berryville. One party, believed to have been a grocer named Gentry (although it possibly was a druggist named Poynor) remarked that the Government didn't want Floyd as he was staying about 10 miles south of Berryville and had been there for some time.

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Informant expressed the belief that all of the sources of his information are reliable and that if quietly approached by a Federal officer, Brewer, Gentry or Poynor would tell anything they know provided they were assured that their names would not be mentioned. Informant requested that his name not be mentioned in approaching any of these people as the use of his name would not aid in getting information from them and might jeopardize his business. He was assured that his name would be kept strictly confidential. A separate memorandum bearing informant's name is being attached hereto.

I will endeavor to interview Brewer at Exeter, Missouri at the first opportunity. I thought you might desire to transmit the information about Berryville to the Oklahoma City Office for their information.

Respectfully submitted:

W. E. MILLER,
SPECIAL AGENT

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation.

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

June 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Special Agent Val C. Zimmer telephoned from the Chicago Office to advise that agents of that office had boarded the bus from Birmingham, Alabama somewhere in Indiana and had continued into Chicago where the individuals described by the Birmingham Office were trailed to the Y. M. C. A. located at 12th and Wabash Streets in Chicago; that one of the individuals is supposed to be Jules Galatas and there is an individual whose identity is unknown; that it is understood that these individuals will later endeavor to contact Mr. B. C. Gerson in his apartment at 1117 North Dearborn Street.

Agent Zimmer stated that there was some indication that the unidentified person would later leave Chicago and wanted to know whether agents should be assigned to trail him. I suggested that a complete description and the destination of this individual be obtained and the office covering the destination be communicated with by telephone so that in the event this individual later contacts Subject Galatas, his whereabouts can then be ascertained.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby.

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Post Office Box #2118
Detroit, Michigan
June 12, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Kansas City office dated May 28, 1934 relative to the confidential informant of Captain I. H. Marmon of the Michigan State Police, a copy of which letter was forwarded to your office.

Please be advised that Captain Marmon is at present residing at the Fort Shelby Hotel, Detroit, Michigan where he was interviewed by Special Agent D. E. Hall of this office. Captain Marmon advised that he is still in touch with the informant previously mentioned, which informant resides at Chicago, Illinois, but that Captain Marmon does not desire to divulge either his name or address at this time. Captain Marmon stated, however, that he anticipates being at the Harrison Hotel in Chicago from June 26 to June 28, 1934, attending a Convention and that during this time he expects to contact his informant. He stated that he will be glad to place Agents of the Chicago Division office in direct contact with his informant. Captain Marmon advised that his informant is a narcotic addict but that he has previously furnished valuable information to Captain Marmon and Captain Marmon believes him to be in a position to furnish or obtain information desired, but that his informant will expect remuneration for his services and will not leave the city of Chicago.

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For the information of the Chicago office, the following extract is quoted from a letter to the Division from this office dated July 5, 1933 relative to this informant:

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"Captain Marmon, while being interviewed about this matter, stated that he had a reliable confidential informant in Chicago, Ill., from whom he had obtained information about Miller but was not in a position to disclose the name of this informant. The informant in the past, according to Captain Marmon, has been a bank robber but is now up in years and has lost his nerve and has not been in on any robberies lately. Also, Captain Marmon stated that this man is wanted on a small charge - not by the Government -

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and that he has been holding this over his head to get information from him. This informant has served a term in prison and is acquainted with all the bank robbers of any consequence who operate out of Chicago, St. Paul, Kansas City and St. Louis. He has furnished valuable information to the Michigan State Police and Captain Harmon believes that this man is in a position to gain information on the activities and whereabouts of practically all the friends of Frank Nash who was recently shot at Kansas City. It would be useless to have this man contacted for information by any other officers."

The Chicago office therefore, is requested to contact Captain Harmon at the Harrison Hotel when he is in Chicago on the dates set forth above and through him contact the above mentioned informant and determine the advisability of using this informant for the desired purpose.

Very truly yours,

W. E. Peters, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Division
Kansas City

1900 BANKERS BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

June 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1016 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:-

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
Deceased, RICHARD TALLMADGE MATAS,
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1301;
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1194, et al,
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.
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On May 19, 1934, [redacted]
called this office and advised he believed he could contact "Pretty Boy" Floyd and aid in his apprehension. [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that some time ago while covering a story concerning Lyle Collins, Springfield, Missouri, who had been arrested for shoplifting, he became friendly with Lyle Collins and learned that she had been married to two men, both of whom were bank robbers and are now dead; that he also learned that Lyle Collins was intimate with Charles Arthur Floyd and she agreed to arrange an interview with Floyd for [redacted] in order that a newspaper story of his life history could be obtained; that he paid Lyle Collins fifty dollars, this occurring in the Summer of 1932. [redacted] advised that he was now ready to renew this contact with Lyle Collins; that on May 19, 1934, he made a telephone call to Lyle Collins at her former addresses, at which time an agent of this office overheard the conversation on an extension. Lyle Collins advised [redacted] that she believed she could arrange an interview, however, Floyd's name was not mentioned.

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The Director authorized the expenditure of the necessary money to finance Scott on his trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma, in order to contact Lyle Collins. [redacted] did, in fact, proceed to Tulsa, Oklahoma, on May 20, 1934, and on May 23rd, 1934, he rendered a report, copies of which are attached for the Director, the Oklahoma City Office, and your office.

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Very truly yours,

MAL C. ZILLER, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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May 22, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Acting Special Agent in Charge Black called from Oklahoma City this morning and advised that Smith had had another conference with the Attorney, who still states he is arranging for the apprehension of Floyd, but that it would cost him some money in order to get to Floyd, approximately $100. Mr. Black stated that Smith had told the Attorney that the Division would not advance any money unless and until Floyd was turned over.

I suggested to Mr. Black that if it appeared that the $100 was standing in the way of the Attorney's surrendering Floyd, it could be advanced and deducted from the $500, if it appeared that the Attorney was sincere in his request. Mr. Black stated that he would do this and that at the same time he would instruct Smith to tell the Attorney that unless he acted and acted quickly the Division would take drastic action, not only in connection with Floyd but in connection with himself, on charges of harboring a fugitive. Mr. Black stated that he did not believe, however, that this would be very effective in that Comstack is a man about 73 years of age and has been in the criminal practice of law for years, and unless Floyd consented to being turned over he did not think Comstack would consider, under any conditions, advising the Division of his whereabouts, regardless of the consequences. Mr. Black, however, will advise the Division after Smith sees the Attorney again.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley

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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, et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Further investigation at Chicago, Illinois, failed to establish definitely the residence of Fred C. Goetz during June, 1933. Investigation also failed to reveal the present whereabouts of the woman alleged to be the wife of Fred C. Goetz. However, the attorney of Fred C. Goetz promised to produce her for interview.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. Carter Baum, Chicago, Ill., April 3rd, 1934.

DETAILS:

In the reference report it will be noted that at the time of the death of Goetz there was found a membership card in the Mohawk Country Club signed by W. J. Gaade for 1933 showing that J. George Zeigler, an alias for Fred Goetz, held membership #416 in the Mohawk Country Club.

DETAILS: Mr. W. J. Gaade of the Mohawk Country Club, Bensenville, Illinois, advised that J. George Zeigler became a member of the Mohawk Country Club on June 21, 1933, and continued as a member in good standing until the time of his death. Mr. Gaade stated that he, personally, played golf a good deal with Zeigler but that he knew little concerning his personal history; that at the time Zeigler joined the Club he gave as his business, oil station owner, Humphrey Oil Company, 40 Chicago Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois. The only residence address he listed was Oak Park. Mr. Gaade advised that he at no time observed a woman or

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anyone else accompanying Zeigler to the Club. He further advised that he could not locate a record of any guests that Zeigler may have had at the Club and the account cards for Zeigler likewise could not be located, Mr. Gaade stating that when an account is paid the account cards are returned to the member. Mr. Gaade identified the photograph of Fred Goetz as being identical with J. George Zeigler. Mr. Gaade was also shown photograph of C. J. Fitzgerald and advised that he had never seen anyone at the Club resembling this individual.

Further interview was had with Chief of Police Solar, Cicero, Illinois, who advised that the body of Fred Goetz was claimed by his sister, Sophia Goetz, 1503 Ardmore Street, Chicago, Illinois, who claimed that she had not seen her brother since the year 1925. It was further ascertained that the Cicero Police Department had learned that Goetz, as J. George Zeigler, had maintained an apartment at 1934 West Garfield Boulevard, at which time he gave as a reference Mr. Segal of the Etting and Brand Brokerage Company, and a Mrs. Heller, Mercy Hospital.

Mr. A. W. Spillman, janitor of the apartment house at 1934 Garfield Boulevard, advised that an apartment was rented to J. George Zeigler by Mr. Tom Cahill, real estate operator at 55th and Ashland Streets, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Spillman advised that he never at any time saw Mr. Zeigler but did see a woman, purported to be his wife, who was accompanied by a boy approximately nine years of age. Mr. Spillman stated that the woman appeared to be rather short and thin and about thirty years of age. He advised that he did not know whether a telephone was connected to the apartment which was occupied by Zeigler on the first floor and therefore could not furnish the number which may have been used at that time. Mr. Spillman could not identify the photographs of either Zeigler, Fitzgerald, Vern Miller, or any of the Karpis-Barker gang.

Mr. Tom Cahill, real estate operator, 55th and Ashland, advised that a couple known to him as Mr. and Mrs. J. George Zeigler, leased the apartment at 1934 W. Garfield Boulevard on September 1, 1933, and the lease extended to March 31, 1934, but, however, on January 31, 1934, Zeigler moved out of the apartment and has not been seen since. Mr. Cahill advised that at the time of renting this apartment Zeigler gave as his present landlord, Mr. F. M. Mangum, 4811 W. 22nd Street, Cicero, Illinois, and a Mrs. Heller, Mercy Hospital. He stated that he recalled that Mrs. Zeigler informed him that Mrs. Heller was her sister and the purpose of taking the apartment at 1934 Garfield Boulevard was in order to be near the Mercy Hospital where Mrs. Heller was a patient; that Mrs. Zeigler advised that other persons who would occupy the apartment

would be their nine year old son. Mr. Cahill stated that Zeigler advised him that he was a landscape architect. Cahill identified the photograph of Fred Goetz as being identical with J. George Zeigler and stated the only description he could furnish of Mrs. Zeigler was that she was a small woman about twenty-five to thirty years of age, and advised that he had never, at any time, seen Zeigler accompanied by anyone except this woman.

At the Mercy Hospital, 26th and Calumet Streets, Chicago, Illinois, Dr. Milton Mandel advised that Mrs. Elsie Heller was a patient of his; that Mrs. Heller was suffering from a cancer of the womb; that she was admitted to the Mercy Hospital on June 1st, 1933, and was dismissed on June 10, 1933. He advised that after being dismissed from the hospital Mrs. Heller began living with the Zeiglers in the 1900 block on Garfield Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Mandel advised that he visited Mrs. Heller at this place but at no time met Mr. Zeigler, but did meet on one occasion a woman purporting to be Mrs. George Zeigler, who was a woman approximately thirty years of age. He stated that at this time he also met an elderly man who was supposed to be the stepfather of Mrs. Elsie Heller, and as he recalled was supposed to be from Miami, Florida. Dr. Mandel stated he could not recall this individual's name. He furnished the further information that Mrs. Elsie Heller was again admitted to the Mercy Hospital on August 11, 1933, and was dismissed August 24, 1933, at which time she began living with the Zeiglers in the 1900 block on Garfield Boulevard, and that about two or three weeks after Mrs. Heller was dismissed from the hospital on the second occasion she died. It will be noted that Dr. Mandel stated he visited Mrs. Heller on Garfield Boulevard subsequent to June 10, 1933, while the information at hand is that the apartment was not rented at 1934 West Garfield Boulevard until September 1st, 1933. Dr. Mandel advised that perhaps he did not visit Mrs. Heller at the Garfield Boulevard address until she was dismissed from the hospital on the second occasion. He stated that the records of the hospital disclosed that Mrs. Elsie Heller was admitted to the hospital as a widow, and on the first occasion gave her address as either 839 or 859 Northwest Court, Miami, Florida, and herself as a responsible party. She listed no other relatives and no additional personal history could be obtained from the hospital records.

Mr. F. M. Mangum, 4611 West Cermak Road (formerly West 22nd Street), Cicero, Illinois, advised that he met a man purporting to be J. George Zeigler about two and one-half years ago, at which time he, Mangum, was in the real estate business in Oak Park, Illinois; that Zeigler approached him in an effort to obtain business relative to landscape gardening. Mr. Mangum stated that Zeigler promised him

ten percent of all jobs which he, Mangum, could secure for Zeigler, and in pursuance with this agreement several landscaping jobs were secured and turned over to Zeigler. Mr. Mangum furnished the further information that the Cicero Police Department had exhibited to him a cashier's check, made payable to the Frank Mangum Realty Company for the amount of five dollars, drawn on the Avenue State Bank of Oak Park, Illinois, dated February 7, 1934, which check apparently had been among the effects of Goetz at the time of his murder. Mr. Mangum stated that his name is not Frank, but Fenton M. Mangum, and he at no time had any real estate transactions with Zeigler other than the landscaping jobs above referred to, and that he, Mangum, has not been in the real estate business since 1932, and presently operates a cafe and tavern located at 4811 West Cermak Road, Cicero, Illinois.

Mr. Mangum stated that he had sold two or three apartment houses in Oak Park, Illinois, but had never at any time managed an apartment house, and that Zeigler was never at any time a tenant of his. He stated that on one occasion, about a year ago, Zeigler came to him and stated that he was moving from Oak Park, Illinois, inasmuch as his landlord at that time objected to him having a dog and asked if he, Zeigler, could use Mangum's name as a reference in securing a new apartment. Mr. Mangum stated he was always favorably impressed with the personality and conduct of Zeigler and readily agreed to recommend him. He stated he does not recall if any inquiries were ever made of him concerning Zeigler.

He further stated that Zeigler was always by himself when he saw him and that he had no information concerning his wife; that Zeigler always carried an Oak Park, Illinois, tag on his automobile but that he did not know Zeigler's address in Oak Park, Illinois.

Mr. A. E. Walther, Cashier of the Avenue State Bank, Oak Park, Illinois, advised that J. George Zeigler did not maintain an account at that bank and he was unable to locate a record of the cashier's check referred to by Mr. Mangum.

Mrs. Sam Goetz, 1503 Ardmore Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that she was the mother of Fred Goetz, and that her only other child was Sophia Goetz. She stated that her son, Fred, left home in 1925 when he became involved in trouble with a young girl and that she has not seen her son since and had no information concerning his whereabouts until the Coroner's office at Cicero, Illinois, requested her during the latter part of March to proceed to Cicero, Illinois, in an attempt to identify the body of Zeigler as being her son, Fred Goetz. She stated she did not personally proceed to the morgue but

that her daughter, Sophia Goetz, attempted to identify the body of J. George Zeigler as being that of Fred Goetz, but owing to the mutilated condition of his face she was unable to do so. Mrs. Goetz advised that from time to time during her son's disappearance she heard from him through Mr. Samuel Golan, an attorney at 33 North LaSalle Street; that Golan had promised to surrender her son to the authorities on the criminal charges pending against him but that he never did so. Mrs. Goetz advised that she had no information concerning the wife of Fred Goetz and she was firmly of the opinion that he was not married but was merely living with a woman purporting to be his wife. She stated that Samuel Golan, however, did possess information concerning this woman. Mrs. Goetz was furnished with the address and telephone number of this office and promised that she would communicate with this office in the event that she secured any information concerning the alleged wife of her son. In this connection Mrs. Goetz advised that her daughter, Sophia, had been appointed administratrix of the estate of Fred Goetz; that it was possible that the alleged Mrs. Goetz would communicate with Sophia Goetz in connection with the administration of this estate.

Mr. Samuel Golan, 33 North LaSalle Street, advised that he was originally retained as an attorney for Fred Goetz at the time the latter became involved in an attempted rape case on a six year old girl in about the year 1925 and subsequently became involved in the murder of a doctor's chauffeur. Mr. Golan stated that during the time Goetz was a fugitive on these charges he interviewed him on several occasions insisting that he surrender himself; that Goetz promised to do so on several occasions but always on the last moment backed out. Mr. Golan stated that he always believed Goetz innocent of the attempted rape on the six year old girl; that on the other hand he believed him guilty of the murder of the doctor's chauffeur. This murder is referred to in the reference report of former Special Agent W. Carter Baum. He stated that although he was personally convinced that Goetz was guilty of this murder he also knew that the State possessed insufficient evidence to convict him. He further advised that he knew Goetz was a criminal from boyhood until his death and would have never been anything else should he have lived; that he further knows that Fred Goetz never at any time contacted any member of his family during all the time he was a fugitive.

He advised that he had met the woman known as Irene, and who was supposed to be the wife of Fred Goetz, on several occasions; that this woman was supposed to be the wife of Fred Goetz but in reality she was not and that he had this information from Goetz himself. He

stated, however, that Goetz lived with her for several years, the exact number he did not know; that they had with them a young boy who was supposed to have been adopted and who would have been about nine years of age at the time of the murder of Fred Goetz. He stated that this woman was part Italian and part Irish and that she was from the Southern part of the State of Illinois; that she is now approximately 25 years of age, has dark hair, dark eyes, and has a dark complexion. He stated that he did not know her true name. He furnished the further information that about four or five days after the murder of Fred Goetz, Irene communicated with him by telephone and advised that she had fled from the Southshore apartment immediately upon learning that Fred Goetz had been murdered, because she did not want to be questioned by the Cicero Police; that she also advised him to turn over all the property of Fred Goetz to the latter's mother; that she wanted none of it; that she stated she was going home for a few weeks and would communicate with him later.

From the attitude of Mr. Golan agent was of the opinion that he knew the present location of Irene as he seemed so positive that an interview could be arranged and that he would arrange such an interview in the near future if the assurance would be given him that she would not be turned over to any police department. This assurance was given to Mr. Golan in view of the apparent lack of cooperation of the Cicero Police Department with this Division. However, this latter statement was not made to Mr. Golan.

Mr. Golan furnished the further information that Irene had informed him that she had plenty to tell and he was of the opinion that Irene would furnish all information in her possession to this Division and he would advise her to do so; that if anyone knew the whereabouts and activities and associates of Fred Goetz during the past two years it would certainly be known to Irene. However, he stated it was possible that Goetz did not confide the details of his criminal activities to Irene but that she certainly would be able to advise as to his whereabouts.

For the information of the Jacksonville Office, it is stated that on March 20, 1934, one Fred C. Goetz, alias J. George Zeigler, alias A. W. Johnson, alias George B. Sibert or Seibert, alias George B. Johnson, alias Floyd C. Ziegler, was murdered at the hands of gangsters in Cicero, Illinois. Zeigler has been tentatively identified by Special Agent Lackey as being one of the assassins involved in this case, and the Division, therefore, is making every effort to determine the activities of Zeigler during June, 1933, and determining the names of all of his associates, and for this reason every effort is being made to determine the present location of his alleged wife, Irene, for the purpose of securing information.

A photograph of Fred Goetz is attached for possible assistance to the Jacksonville Office in conducting investigation at Miami, Florida.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

JACKSONVILLE OFFICE at Miami, Florida, will conduct appropriate investigation at 839 or 859 Northwest Court, in an effort to secure information concerning Mrs. Elsie Heller, who, according to the statements of Irene, was her sister. It is possible that the stepfather of Mrs. Heller, who visited her in Chicago in August, 1933, resides at the above address. Fred Goetz, from time to time had made various statements to individuals that he spent some time in Miami, Florida, and it is therefore possible that Fred Goetz is known at the above address.

CHICAGO OFFICE will make further efforts, through Attorney Golan, to locate Irene.

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U. S. Department of Justice
1016 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
JUNE 12, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the report by Special Agent in Charge R. H. Colvin, ElPaso, Texas, dated June 4, 1934, with reference to a party named Lester Wilson who was recently arrested at Las Cruces, New Mexico. There appears to be no basis for the press report which was circulated that Wilson was connected in some manner with the instant case.

However, the fingerprints of Wilson, which were transmitted to this office with report of Special Agent in Charge Colvin, are being sent to the Division herewith with the request that they be compared with the latent impressions transmitted from this office to the Division with letter dated February 13, 1934, which latent prints were found at the residence of Vernon C. Miller, at Kansas City, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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U. S. Department of Justice
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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. 1201 - Fugitive; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, I. C. 1194 - Fugitive; et al; CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER.

I am transmitting herewith a clipping from the Tulsa, Oklahoma Daily World, dated June 10, 1934, relative to Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRAMLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Tulsa, Oklahoma Daily World -- June 10, 1934

'Pretty Boy' Becomes Crooner's Delight as Song Exploits Him

A reproduction of the gory red cover on the song "Pretty Boy Floyd, the Phantom Terror," which has been published by a Chicago music house.

Oklahoma Outlaw Furnishes "Inspiration" for Ballad Which Has Been Published in Chicago

CHARLES (PRETTY BOY) FLOYD, Oklahoma's notorious traveling man, has finally become the crooner's delight but he probably doesn't mind since he has already been accused of seven murders and 43 bank robberies.

A piece of music has been written about the deperado and for proof a reproduction of the ballad is printed here. The front page of the sheet is printed in gory red. In the center is a sketch of Floyd on an emaciated horse. The outlaw is shown gripping a pistol strapped to his right side. Sagebrush and cacti furnish the proper western background.

The artist has not been told that the Oklahoma killer had never ridden a horse, socially or professionally.

The Great Western Music company of Chicago identifies Dorothy Jane Deerfield as writing the lyrics of the piece and Henry Switten as the composer of the music. Addresses of the two are not given. The title of the piece is "Pretty Boy Floyd—the Phantom Terror."

The crime reporter, who is no great shakes as a music critic, reserved opinion on the composition after reading this verse . . . .

"Pretty Boy Floyd, God gave you a beautiful face.

To think of it makes me sad.

You might have been a man worthwhile

Instead of a lousy rat!"

The remainder of the piece is in a similar literary and poetic and musical vein.

The publishing house, with high hopes, sent the piece to radio station KVOO here but officials of the broadcasting company tossed it in a wastebasket.

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June 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent in Charge Brantley just called on the 'phone and stated the Oklahoma City office has had a tap on the telephone of some relatives of Volney Davis. The telephone is in the name of Hoffman, telephone number Tulsa 2-7866. He states that a call was received last night between 9:00 and 10:00 oclock from a person whom they believed to be Volney Davis. The query came from Chicago, "Have you heard anything about me?", and the reply was, "Yes, about the middle of the month you will have to sign those papers and I will have to meet you somewhere". The person in Chicago then stated, "Don't bother about that. Get my father to sign them".

Brantley believes the papers referred to something in connection with the parole of Volney Davis which expires this month.

The peculiar part of the matter is the call came from the Hillside Police Station, Hillside, Illinois, the number being Hillside 912. Hillside is, I believe, a suburb of Chicago.

Brantley has conveyed this information by telephone to the Chicago office, he having talked to Agent Zimmer. The tap on the Tulsa 'phone will continue and Chicago will be furnished with any further information received.

Respectfully,

H. Nathan.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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June 4, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Cowley handed the writer the attached correspondence for discussion with Mr. L. B. Reed. It is noted that one of the Agents of the National Board of Fire Underwriters had advised Mr. A. Bruce Bielaski that he had turned over certain information to Special Agent Brent concerning Pretty Boy Floyd and other criminals who are alleged to have been in the vicinity of Sumter, South Carolina.

Mr. Reed advised that at the time Agent Brent received this information, he had submitted it in the form of a memorandum and was advised to contact the informer of Mr. Bielaski's Agent. This informant turned out to be a State Constable, who was interviewed by Agent Brent and who advised that he had received his information from a woman informant of his whose name he refused to give.

The information which he gave at the time was not very definite and he did not give any leads upon which to proceed with an investigation. Consequently Mr. Reed states this information was kept in the file in memorandum form with a view to further developing it in the event the name of the State Constable's informant could be obtained. Subsequent efforts to obtain this informant's name from the State Constable were unsuccessful, he refusing to give this information.

Respectfully,

W. A. Smith

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June 9, 1934.

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Mr. L. B. Reed,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Drawer 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I have reviewed memoranda prepared concerning information furnished by a representative of the National Board of Fire Underwriters pertaining to information supplied Special Agent D. K. Brent at Sumter, South Carolina, about April 2, 1934, pertaining to the operations of a gang which had planned to kidnap various individuals, including Andrew Mellon, and have observed that the information obtained by Agent Brent was not forwarded to the Division, but was included in a memorandum which was placed in the Charlotte Division Office file. The failure to promptly convey this information to the Division was a serious error of judgment. Obviously, if any of the persons who were discussed as potential kidnap victims had been kidnaped shortly thereafter, while an office of this Division had contained in its files information concerning a contemplated kidnaping of this same individual, a very grave and justifiable criticism could be directed at the Division.

Please submit to me at once an explanation as to the reasons why the information obtained by Agent Brent was not immediately transmitted to the Division.

Criticism has also been directed in this matter at the attitude taken by Special Agent Brent in his contact with the representative of the National Board of Fire Underwriters. Please furnish me with any information you may have concerning Agent Brent's attitude in this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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RECORDED JUN 16 1934

June 9, 1934.

Personal and Confidential

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

Dear Sir:

I have been advised that Special Agent D. K. Brent was furnished information by a representative of the National Board of Fire Underwriters at Sumter, South Carolina, about April 2, 1934, pertaining to the activities of a group of gangsters alleged to be planning the kidnaping of various individuals, including Andrew Mellon. I am further advised that this information was furnished to Agent Brent in connection with inquiries being conducted in the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al, Edward George Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping. Criticism has been directed at the attitude taken by Agent Brent when this information was conveyed to him, and accordingly, I desire that you immediately obtain from Agent Brent a complete statement as to his contact with the representative of the National Board of Fire Underwriters at Sumter, South Carolina, together with an explanation of his attitude in the matter.

Please give this matter immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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