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June 23, 1934.

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

RE: Vernon C. Miller (deceased)
with aliases; et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
ATTEMPT TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:-

I am transmitting herewith copy of the "Fundamentalist of Texas" of June 22, 1934, carrying items relative to CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD and MRS. FLOYD; also a chart, the advertisement of which is mentioned in the Fundamentalist.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City, Missouri File No. 62-1043

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Portland, Oregon	6-19-34	6-15,16-34	W. K. Bowling

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Deceased RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE. I. O. #1201 et al	Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Nicholas LaVoy under name of M. Ranger and his son Clem LaVoy under name of C. Adelesperger obtained safety deposit box #972-N at the Peoples Bank & Trust Company, Seattle, Washington and were seen to place several packages of money therein on June 15, 1934. Search warrant obtained and above box opened during night of June 15, 1934 and found to contain $500.00 in $100.00 bills and $2,000.00 in $20.00 bills, serial numbers on money does not correspond with money paid in kidnaping cases.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. K. Bowling, dated April 2, 1934, Portland, Oregon.

DETAILS: --- At Seattle, Washington ---

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[redacted], upon interview advised that he has kept a very close check on the home of LaVoy but that no visitors or strangers or cars with foreign license have been seen at the home of LaVoy; that LaVoy and his wife stay to themselves and do not associate with the neighbors.

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[redacted] further advised that he had learned that one Clem LaVoy, a son of Nicholas LaVoy by a former marriage, was in some way connected with the Eastman Real Estate Company in Seattle, Washington. [redacted] also advised that he would continue his surveillance over the LaVoy home and should any strangers or cars with foreign license appear at the LaVoy home that he would immediately convey this information to Lieutenants Frazier and Carroll of the Seattle Police Department, also to the writer.

It was ascertained that a Mr. Cole, the manager of the Eastman Real Estate Company was reliable and could be approached in reference to Nicholas LaVoy purchasing the property where he now resides and assuming a mortgage on said home through the Eastman Real Estate Company.

Mr. Cole upon interview advised that Clem LaVoy, a son of Nicholas LaVoy, was employed by his firm as collector, which position he had held for about one year; that during the late summer of 1933 Nicholas LaVoy purchased the home where he now resides from one Vernon Rodame; that he paid Rodame $500.00 for his interest and assumed a mortgage for about $3,000.00 on said home but that this mortgage was reduced and Nicholas LaVoy paid $2,300.00 in cash for said mortgage but he did not recall the denominations of the bills in which LaVoy paid this mortgage; that he had only known Nicholas LaVoy since he purchased above mentioned home and knew nothing of his past, where he deposited his money or kept safety deposit boxes.

Mr. Cole was requested by the writer to not mention the fact that he had been interviewed in reference to Nicholas LaVoy which he promised to do.

Captain Collier, Chief Special Agent of the Pacific Telephone Company, Seattle, advised the writer that Nicholas LaVoy had not had a phone installed in his present residence; that should LaVoy have a phone installed the writer would be advised immediately.

On the afternoon of June 15, 1934 the writer upon leaving the Postoffice, located at 3rd and Union Street, Seattle, observed Nicholas LaVoy standing on the southwest corner of 3rd Avenue and Union Street talking with a man and woman; upon maintaining a surveillance upon these parties it was observed that they went south on 3rd Avenue and entered the Tower Savings Bank, located in the Northern Life Tower Building, where they remained about fifteen minutes holding a conversation in a very low tone; they did not deposit or withdraw any money while in the Tower Savings Bank. Upon leaving the above bank they proceeded north on 3rd Avenue to Union Street, then east on Union Street to 4th Avenue and entered the Peoples Bank and Trust Company, located at 1414 4th Avenue. Upon entering the lobby of above bank Nicholas LaVoy and the woman that accompanied them took a seat on one of the davenports in the lobby, the younger man who accompanied Nicholas LaVoy and was later ascertained to be his son, Clem LaVoy, proceeded to the safety deposit vault section of said bank and made out an application for a box using the name

C. Adelesperger and giving his address as General Delivery, Seattle, Washington. The clerk assigned C. Adelesperger safety deposit box 972-N for which he paid $4.00. "Adelesperger" then said to the clerk that he wanted to arrange so another party would have access to said box and when informed that this other party would have to leave his signature and description and address before this could be arranged "Adelesperger" stated that the party was upstairs in the lobby but was not able to come down the steps at which time "Adelesperger" was given a card and told to have the party upstairs sign same and return it and the box would be turned over to him.

"Adelesperger" proceeded to the lobby of the bank and had his father, Nicholas LaVoy, sign above mentioned card, which was later examined by the writer and found to contain the name of M. Ranger, General Delivery, Seattle, Washington.

After Nicholas LaVoy signed above card he was seen by the writer to remove several large rolls of bills from the front of his shirt and hand them to his son, Clem LaVoy, who then returned to the safety deposit section of the bank and was given the key to box 972-N and was admitted to the vault where he remained only a few minutes. Upon leaving the vault he joined his mother and father on the lobby floor and all left the bank together and proceeded south on 4th Avenue to University street where they turned East to about the middle of the block and entered a parked car and drove away, this was a small dark colored sedan, either a Chevrolet or Plymouth, with Washington license, the number of which Agent was unable to obtain.

The writer returned to the Peoples Bank and Trust Company and contacted P. A. Strack, vice president, who is personally known by the writer. The circumstances surrounding Nicholas LaVoy and his possible connections with gangsters, kidnapers, and murderers were explained to Mr. Strack, who immediately advised that he would cooperate in every way possible and if the writer would obtain a search warrant that he would have the locksmith that does all of their work come to the bank after six o'clock that night and drill safety deposit box 972-N and the writer could examine the contents of same, and that the locksmith could replace a new lock on this box during the night and if necessary the parties that had access to said box would never know same had been opened.

The writer conferred with Assistant U. S. Attorney John Ambler and J. Charles Dennis, U. S. Attorney, Seattle, and a search warrant was obtained and at 6:30 P. M. June 15, 1934 the writer accompanied by Deputy U. S. Marshal, Walter Bogan, proceeded to the Peoples Bank and Trust Company and by prior arrangements of P. A. Strack, vice president of above bank, safety deposit box #972-N was drilled by Mr. Hale, the bank's locksmith, in the presence of the writer, Walter Bogan, Deputy U. S. Marshal and C. S. Humber, assistant to Mr. Strack. Upon gaining entrance to above box it was found to contain $500.00 in $100.00 bills and $2,000.00 in $20.00 bills, but no other papers of any description.

Following are the serial numbers of bills found in above box:

$100.00 bills, all Federal Reserve notes on Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, California.

Serials L. 00922527.A.
" L. 00709742.A.
" L. 00783590.A.
" L. 00547799.A. Series 1928 A. 12th Federal Reserve
" L. 00546569.A.

$20.00 bills.

A. 025436.		Pacific National Bank, Seattle, Washington.
L. 12202497	A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
L. 10081438	A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
D. 000084	A	1st National Bank, Athena, Oregon.
L. 05719637	A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
D. 012778	A	U. S. National Bank, Portland, Oregon.
A. 009760		1st National Bank, Seattle, Washington.
C. 022863	A	1st Seattle Dexter Horton Bank, Seattle, Washington.
F. 001153	A	1st National Bank, Hoquiam, Washington.
I. 00130933	A	Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota.
B. 025361	A	Anglo California National Bank, San Francisco, California.
A. 000114		1st National Bank, Ennuclaw, Washington.
L. 11576823	A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
L. 05110576	A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
L. 01895349	A	1st National Bank, Spokane, Washington.
L. 07293408	A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
L. 10514138	A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
L. 11257256	A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
L. 10583710	A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
L. 11961770	A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
L. 12236813	A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
L. 06669054	A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
L. 12127741	A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
I. 02923312	A	Federal Reserve Number 9.
A. 012960		1st National Bank, Seattle, Washington.
L. 04890521	A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
L. 10070276	A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
B. 000370	A	1st National Bank, The Dalles, Oregon.
F. 020840	A	1st National Bank, Seattle, Washington.
A. 010212		Pacific National Bank, Seattle, Washington.
A. 000052	C	Skagit National Bank, MtVernon, Washington.
L. 05753213	A.	Federal Reserve Number 12.
L. 0415812	A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
E. 020100	A	U. S. National Bank, Portland, Oregon.
C. 021552	A	U. S. National Bank, Portland, Oregon.

L. 10211277 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
B. 020849 A	U. S. National Bank, Portland, Oregon.
L. 11256080 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
L. 09711174 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
D. 000260 A	1st National Bank, Wailsburg, Washington.
F. 004697 A	National Bank of Tacoma, Washington.
F. 013112 A	Anglo California National Bank, San Francisco, California.
E. 019904 A	1st National Bank, Seattle, Washington.
L. 11110103 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
A. 030241	Pacific National Bank, Seattle, Washington.
C. 008299 A	U. S. National Bank, Portland, Oregon
L. 05129143 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
L. 11137979 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
A. 000011	1st National Bank, Chewelah, Washington.
A. 021002	1st National Bank, Seattle, Washington
C. 026291 A	Anglo & London Paris National Bank, San Francisco, California.
L. 11818433 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
A. 001637	1st National Bank, Seattle, Washington.
L. 01477081 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
L. 01145966 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
L. 10562163 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
L. 11060064 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
A. 024965	1st National Bank, Seattle, Washington.
L. 00106092 A	Federal Reserve Bank, San Francisco, California.
A. 031727	Pacific National Bank, Seattle, Washington
L. 04311330 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
L. 09883798 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
L. 06088633 A	Federal Reserve Number 12
L. 11897406 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
C. 020210 A	1st National Bank, Seattle, Washington.
L. 11375663 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
A. 036279	Pacific National Bank, Seattle, Washington.
A. 000677	University National Bank, Seattle, Washington.
L. 14840356 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
A. 006491	1st National Bank, Portland, Oregon.
A. 002230 A	1st National Bank, Everett, Washington.
E. 006833 A	1st National Bank, Seattle, Washington.
L. 04503146 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
A. 027099	1st National Bank, Seattle, Washington.
A. 038850	Pacific National Bank, Seattle, Washington
A. 020790	1st National Bank, Seattle, Washington.
L. 11974281 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
A. 002636	Pacific National Bank, Seattle, Washington.
L. 11928762 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
L. 05541553 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
A. 001663	U. S. National Bank, Portland, Oregon.
L. 01054182 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
D. 021385 A	1st National Bank, Seattle, Washington.

I. 01975015 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
L. 11571130 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
F. 020303 A.	1st National Bank, Seattle, Washington.
A. 000329 A	1st National Bank, Mercedes, Texas.
A. 011471	1st National Bank, Seattle, Washington.
L. 00257632 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
L. 05668299 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
D. 000250 A	1st National Bank, Missoula, Montana.
F. 009815 A	1st National Bank, Seattle, Washington.
L. 00021418 A	Federal Reserve Bank, San Francisco, California.
L. 00129070 A.	Federal Reserve Number 12.
L. 11893137 A.	Federal Reserve Number 12.
L. 11087329 A	Federal Reserve Number 12.
A. 026991	Pacific National Bank, Seattle, Washington.
G. 00085814 A	Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago, Illinois.
C. 002554 A	Niagra County National Bank & Trust Co. Lockport, New York.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

PORTLAND OFFICE; At Seattle, Washington will continue surveillance over Nicholas LaVoy; will also ascertain all information possible in regard to his son, Clem LaVoy, who is employed at the Eastman Real Estate Company, 3rd Avenue, Seattle, as collector, obtaining his residence address and all other information that will assist in above investigation.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
1616 Federal Res. Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

June 23, 1934.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Division letter addressed to this office under date of June 19, 1934, in connection with the above entitled matter, transmitting a copy of letter received at the Division from Mr. Harry Marler of Springfield, Missouri, who advised that he is in position to locate Charles Arthur Floyd, Subject of Identification Order No. 1194.

In this connection, attention is invited to the memorandum by Special Agent J. R. Calhoun, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, July 5, 1933, reflecting an interview with Harry Marler relative to the same matter. Also, attention is called to a letter dated June 24, 1933, addressed to Sheriff Thomas B. Bash, Kansas City, Missouri, and a letter dated July 20, 1933, addressed to W. L. Vandeventer, former United States Attorney, Kansas City, Missouri, both from Mr. Marler in connection with the location of Charles Arthur Floyd. Copies of the foregoing were furnished to the Division with letter from this office dated April 26, 1934.

In view of the previous contact with Marler by an Agent of this office, it is deemed advisable, unless the Division should instruct otherwise, that the additional interview to be had with him concerning his most recent letter be handled by an Agent at Springfield, Mo., when, in the course of other duties, there.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
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June 22, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
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

Transmitted herewith are three copies of a memorandum dated June 21, 1934, by Special Agent W. F. Trainor.

In connection with the data mentioned in the memorandum regarding Freda Ash and others, reference is made to the report of Special Agent Trainor dated at Kansas City, Missouri, January 29, 1934. This matter will receive investigative attention and any additional information obtainable through Mrs. Hager will be secured.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan
MCS.

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Kansas City, Missouri,
June 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

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

On June 21, 1934, Mrs. Fred W. Hager, appeared at the Kansas City office and advised the writer as follows:

She is the wife of Fred W. Hager, who is an employee of the United States Post Office Department, now being assigned as mail clerk at the John Taylor Department Store, Kansas City, Missouri. At present she resides with her husband on a forty-acre farm, eighteen miles south of Kansas City, Missouri, on U. S. Highway No. 73, receiving mail at Box 83, R. F. D., Stanley, Kansas. The Hagers reside in Kansas City the greater part of the time at their residence, 4408 Garfield, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. Hager engages in social service and is on the Committe of Social Service of 104 Churches in Kansas City and is well acquainted with the family of John Findling, who with his family resides one-half mile from the Hager farm near Stanley, Kansas. The Findlings are said to be reliable farmers, and they have a daughter named Jessie, residing at home, who keeps company with a young man named Palmer. Palmer is the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Foster, who reside near Cleveland, Missouri. The Fosters are elderly people and are thought to be relieble, according to the best information of Mrs. Hager.

The Fosters are known to a man named Ed,(last name unknown to Mrs. Hager), who is a candidate on the Democratic ticket in Johnson County, Kansas, for the position of County Commissioner, and resides at Stillwell, Kansas. That party told Mrs. Hager that the Fosters are believed to be reliable.

Mrs. Foster is said to be the aunt of Freda Ash and the Ash brothers of Kansas City, Missouri. Freda Ash, it will be noted from the file in this case, operates a house of prostitution at 1408 Holmes Street, in Kansas City.

Through the elderly Mrs. Foster of Cleveland, Missouri, who entertains her relatives, the Ashes, occasionally, the Palmer boy learned certain information regarding Charles Arthur Floyd, and he in turn imparted this information to the Findling family, and from the Findlings, Mrs. Hager receives her data.

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It is said, through this source, that Floyd is now on good terms with the Ash family of Kansas City, and that one of the Ash brothers, named Louis Ash, is now transporting narcotics from the State of New Mexico to his sister's house at Kansas City(1408 Holmes). Charles Arthur Floyd is said to be the head of the gang which is running this dope. Freda Ash is said to have recently made the statement, "If you can't lick 'em, join 'em," indicating that while she bore hatred toward Floyd, she found it the best policy to be on good terms and in cooperation with him. It was indicated several months ago by Freda Ash when she was interviewed by the writer that she bears malice toward Floyd and would be willing to cause his apprehension. Since that time she has, however, failed to furnish any information, which she promised to do in the event she secured such, and she was then furnished with the telephone number of the Kansas City office.

The Palmer boy, whose first name is not known, is said by Mrs. Hager to be of good character, altho she is not personally acquainted with him, but learned this through the Findlings. Mrs. Hager advised, however, that Palmer is not aware apparently of the fact that information given by him to the Findlings is being transmitted to other persons, or that it is reaching the Government.

Mrs. Hager asked whether there is any reward for the apprehension of Charles Arthur Floyd, and she was advised that if she is able to secure information and will furnish same to this office which results directly in the apprehension of Charles Arthur Floyd to the satisfaction of this Division, there will be a reward of $500.00 paid to her. She was advised however that this is not a published reward, and that it would only be paid after the apprehension based upon her information. She stated that she will continue in her efforts through the source of information above noted to secure the information, and will make every effort to cause the apprehension of this fugitive through furnishing such information to this office. She stated that she is not in any manner interested in the reward, and that her motives are purely those of social welfare. She stated, however, that the reward, if collected by her, might be used in repaying others for information which she might receive to further the desired ends.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. TRAINOR, Special Agent

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cc(2)Kansas City

P. O. Box 836
Los Angeles, California
June 21, 1934

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DIVISION ONE
DEPT. OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases,
deceased, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner
L. A. File 62-984

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 11, 1934, directed to the San Antonio Division Office, a copy of which was forwarded to this office, presumably for the purpose of conducting an investigation to determine the identity of persons called in this district by W. F. SADLO from his room in the President Hotel, Kansas City.

Examination of the telephone calls listed in your letter fails to reveal that any of the numbers called are located in the territory covered by the Los Angeles Office.

In the event any of such telephone calls were inadvertently omitted which require investigation in this territory, investigation will be conducted upon advice from you.

Very truly yours,

B. E. BACKETT - Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box #1185,
Omaha, Nebraska.

June 23, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, deceased; Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1201; Charles Arthur Floyd, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1194; Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner. Omaha File #62-996.

Reference is had to letter addressed to the Kansas City Office, dated June 16, 1934, from Chicago, signed E. P. Cowley, requesting check of two Cadillac motor numbers.

At the State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, it was ascertained that neither of the two Cadillac motor numbers named in this letter have been registered in Nebraska for the years 1931, 1932 or 1933. The records for 1934 have not, as yet, been assembled; however, arrangements have been made to have the Omaha Office notified in case either one of these motor numbers appear for registration.

Mr. Cowley's letter suggests the advisability of tracing Cadillac bearing Motor Number 1000134, through assembly numbers, to definitely determine whether or not it is the same car as that bearing correct motor number 1001172.

Very truly yours,

WERNER RAHN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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June 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

With reference to the attached telegram addressed to the Division, dated June 23, 1934, from Mr. Blake, covering his interview with the Reverend Mr. J. Frank Norris, which has to do with the possible surrender to representatives of this Division of "Pretty Boy" Floyd, you are advised that after discussing this matter with the Attorney General and the Assistant to the Attorney General, Mr. Stanley, I informed Mr. Blake by telephone today that he might indicate to the Reverend Mr. Norris that if Floyd would surrender promptly to representatives of this Division he would not be killed, and that he should also indicate to the Reverend Mr. Norris that an intensive search is in progress for Floyd by this Division, and that it is quite likely that should our Agents locate him he might be killed in the encounter. I also advised Mr. Blake he might assure the Reverend Mr. Norris that should Floyd promptly surrender arrangements will be made to remove him immediately to the Leavenworth Penitentiary for medical treatment and safekeeping, provided of course Floyd agrees in advance to make a full and detailed statement concerning the Kansas City massacre case, in which, according to the Reverend Mr. Norris, Floyd was a participant. I informed Mr. Blake that of course we could make no promises as to what final disposition might be made of "Pretty Boy" Floyd for the reason that the only charge that the Federal government had against him was one of obstructing justice and that he was probably wanted for murder in a number of States, and also wanted by the State of Ohio to serve out an uncompleted term. I stated however that the Federal government would see that he was accorded a thorough trial and received fair treatment, and that any assistance or information which he might give to the Federal government in the clearing up of the Kansas City massacre case, would be recognized in representations by the Federal government to such local authorities as might later gain jurisdiction over him. I told Mr. Blake we could of course not give him any assurance as to what disposition would be made of him by the local authorities.

Mr. Blake is to see the Reverend Mr. Norris on Monday and will advise us promptly thereafter of the results of his conference with the contact.

Very truly yours,

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Director.

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Kansas City, Missouri
June 23, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

Please refer to letter addressed to the Chicago office from your office under date of April 30, 1934, with reference to a confidential report from an informant to the effect that "Frankie Barton, Minneapolis gangster" said that one GUS was probably involved in the instant massacre.

In this connection attention is also invited to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Chicago, Illinois, June 21, 1934, pages eight and nine. It is indicated by Agent Suran's report that no information was obtainable from Barton when he was directly approached.

The question of identifying the party known as GUS is considered by this office as one of the major elements in the solution of this case. At present Irene Dorsey, said to be the widow of Fred Goetz, is thought to be located in the San Francisco territory, and through her an effort is being made to locate and identify the party known as GUS whose surname may be Stevens or Stone. Through other sources, thought to be reliable, information has been previously received identical with that mentioned in the first paragraph of your letter of April 30th, mentioned above.

Since it is indicated by Agent Suran's report that Frankie Barton will be returned to Minneapolis, Minnesota, on extradition and tried in State Court for robbery, your office is requested to seek indirect information through underworld sources from him as to the identity and probable whereabouts of the party known as GUS.

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Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 21, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 18, 1934, in which you request that I advise promptly as to the name of the employee in the Oklahoma City office contacted by W. S. Gordon, a Burns' representative, on June 18, 1934 with respect to Jim Clark, Karpis and Barker.

My letter dated June 17th sets forth in detail the manner in which this matter was brought to the attention of the Oklahoma City office. My letter referred to shows clearly that Gordon did not contact anyone in the Oklahoma City office, and that the only time he did confer with anybody with respect to this matter was on Sunday, June 17th, when I called him to this office.

For your information, Mr. E. M. Black, who is in charge of the office during my absence, is conversant with all the facts concerning this matter, and had Gordon or any other person desired to have discussed them officially with Mr. Black, he would have been in position to have done so.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.
June 23, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Enclosed is a copy of a report by Investigators of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, St. Paul, Minnesota, relative to an inquiry made by that organization into the murder of Arthur E. Dunlop, paramour of Mrs. Kate Barker, whose body was found near Webster, Wisconsin, on April 28, 1932.

The report reflects facts indicating that Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Mrs. Kate Barker, Fred Barker's mother, were probably implicated in the murder, and the investigation to locate them as made by the St. Paul Investigators, developed the motor numbers and license numbers of cars which they had prior to that time, and also developed the names and addresses of certain contacts in and around St. Paul. Most of this data appears to have been known to the Division prior to this time. The report is, however, being furnished to you for your attention and whatever benefit it may be in connection with investigation in this and the Bremer kidnaping case.

It will be noted that the enclosed report reflects that a .45 calibre bullet was found near the body of the deceased Dunlop. It has probably been preserved by Mr. Pasco1t, Superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension at St. Paul. If the bullet is one which had been discharged from a pistol, it is suggested that it be secured for comparison with other material exhibits now in possession of the Division.

As will be noted, there is mentioned one Leo J. Knoblach of the Knoblach Motor Company, Freeport, Minnesota, who sold several automobiles to Karpis and others about

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There are also mentioned certain Wyoming, Oklahoma and Minnesota automobile license tags(probably for the year 1932), which were apparently used by Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis. It is thought that these might give rise to additional information concerning contacts of the parties in the localities where the license tags were issued.

Please return the enclosed report when it has served its purpose, in order that it may be returned to the Sheriff at West Plains, Missouri, by whom it was loaned to this office.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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June 23, 1934.

MR. NATHAN

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

I telephoned Agent in Charge Blake at Dallas this afternoon with further reference to our conversation of this morning concerning the "Pretty Boy" Floyd case. He said he had talked with Mr. Brantley relative to a similar development in this case recently in Oklahoma, in which an attempt was made to make negotiations for Floyd's surrender. I remarked that this appears to be identical with the Oklahoma situation except that there is no reward involved in this offer. Mr. Blake stated that the man had sounded him out in this regard, and he told him that we had offered no reward. He then asked Mr. Blake if we would consider paying a reward to the man if the surrender were made, and Mr. Blake advised him that that was out of the question, and we would never pay any man to surrender.

I told Mr. Blake I felt we would have to take the attitude that we will agree not to kill Floyd. I suggested, in this connection, that he make it clear that orders are out to kill Floyd on sight, and if he doesn't surrender in short time, he will no doubt be killed by our men; in other words, that we are closely on his trail, and if we once catch up with him we won't take any chance of his surrendering; but that on the other hand, if he wants to come in under the arrangement that the minister wants to make, of course he will not be killed, and further, we will agree to remove him directly to the Leavenworth Penitentiary for hospital treatment. I stated that of course to accomplish that, the minister must understand that there can be no publicity about the matter until after he actually arrives within the Leavenworth gates; that is, if he should agree to surrender some place in Texas, I would authorize him, Mr. Blake, to immediately take him to Leavenworth by automobile; however, if in the meantime it became known that he had surrendered, it is entirely possible that the State authorities en route would stop them and attempt to take Floyd upon the ground that he was wanted for murder by them. I stated that for this reason the minister should understand that if this plan is carried out, we don't want any publicity until after the arrival at Leavenworth, and furthermore, do not desire publicity for some little time thereafter.

I stated to Mr. Blake that I desired Floyd to be taken to Leavenworth, given the very best of hospital treatment, and that a full and detailed statement be secured from him relative to the Kansas City massacre, so that we could by seeking all persons involved before they know that Floyd is in custody. I stated that we can make no commitment as to what we will do with Floyd after he is received at Leavenworth, (although the minister should not be so informed)because the only charge we have against Floyd is possibly a charge of obstructing justice, there being a sentence of only two years for this; that when he is received at Leavenworth - having in mind the fact that he is wanted for murder in a number of places, as well as being wanted in Ohio - we will promise that if he gives

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us a full and detailed story concerning the Kansas City massacre, and it is proven to be true, then we will make proper representations to the State authorities in whatever places he will have to be tried, recommending to them that consideration be given to him for what he had done in the way of aiding Government Agents; that we would see that he is given a fair trial; that of course we could not promise that he will not be prosecuted for murder or that he won't be turned over to local authorities, because if we got him to Leavenworth and a writ of mandamus was filed upon us to produce Floyd for murder in another State, I did not believe that the Attorney General could refuse to surrender him when we have him only for obstructing justice. I instructed Mr. Blake not to go into detail as to the above with the minister, advising him only that we will promise not to kill him; that we will take him immediately to Leavenworth for medical treatment and safe-keeping, provided he will surrender at once and will tell us what happened in the Kansas City case. I stated that as to the disposition thereafter, we will promise that Floyd will be treated fairly and squarely, and whatever aid and assistance which he gives to the Government and is proven subsequently, will be brought to the attention of authorities interested in his case.

I told Mr. Blake I felt this was as far as we could go in the matter, and Mr. Blake agreed with me. I asked him to emphasize to the minister that it would be very important for Floyd to surrender, because if he does not, he will surely be killed. Mr. Blake said that he realizes this fact, particularly in view of the Barrow matter. Upon Mr. Blake's inquiry, I stated it would be all right for the minister to accompany the Agents when the surrender is effected, but he must understand that there is to be no publicity given the matter.

I indicated to Mr. Blake that if the opportunity should arise to take Floyd in advance of the arrangements to be effected by the minister, he should by all means do so. I suggested that he set a time limit of possibly 48 hours, for Floyd to surrender to him, Mr. Blake; that I do not desire him to surrender to anybody else. Mr. Blake stated it is understood that he won't surrender to anybody but the Department of Justice. I told Mr. Blake that if Floyd is in the Texas territory of course he should handle the matter, but that if he is in another territory, such as Oklahoma, it might be better to arrange for that office to handle it.

I stated that of course we desired to take Floyd alive in order to gain information relative to the Kansas City massacre. Mr. Blake said the minister advised him that he is not able to tell him all he knows now, but that if the negotiations do not materialize he will then tell all he knows. Mr. Blake believes that Floyd is now not far from Dallas. I directed him to find out all he could about him so that if we could take him without this deal, we will do so. I told him to emphasize to the minister that Floyd may surrender at any place he desires, and if he so desired I would proceed to the place where he is located, although I felt he should surrender to our local men, but that the arrangements must be effected immediately. I authorized Mr. Blake to charter a plane if necessary, and to advise me. I cautioned him to use sufficient Agents, but stated it wouldn't be necessary to have a Marshal along.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of a letter dated June 21, 1934 addressed to me by [redacted] wherein he discusses his negotiations with you with respect to the trip which he made for the purpose of locating and interviewing subject Floyd, for which trip he was advanced the sum of $200.00, and according to information furnished by him incurred an additional expense which he appears to be now claiming.

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A copy of my reply is enclosed herewith, and in the event [redacted] contacts you further, regarding this matter, advise him that the Division cannot make any further advances of money to him, but will give consideration to any information furnished by him which results in the location and apprehension of subject Floyd.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter dated June 21, 1934 wherein you discuss your efforts to locate and interview the character known as "Pretty Boy" Floyd, for which you were advanced the sum of $200.00. As stated by you it appears from the itemized list of expenses which you furnished Mr. Purvis, Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Office of this Division, that you incurred an additional expense in connection with your efforts to locate Floyd. Mr. Purvis has, no doubt, already explained to you that this Division is not in a position to advance you any additional sum of money because of the limited available fund for such purpose.

Consideration, however, will be given to any information which you may furnish Mr. Purvis with respect to the present whereabouts of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, whose apprehension is being sought by this Division.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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Director
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Dear Sir: RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Identification Order 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, Identification Order 1219, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - (Victim). Kidnaping.

Reference is made to your letter dated May 26, 1934, with which were transmitted copies of a letter from Mr. A. Bruce Bielaski of The National Board of Fire Underwriters, 85 John Street, New York City, New York, together with copies of a letter dated at Sumter, South Carolina, May 18, 1934, addressed to Mr. Bielaski by Mr. J. H. Forbes, an Agent of that company. Mr. Forbes states in his letter that Special Agent Duncan K. Brent of this office was "not interested in and did not appreciate the information which was contained therein". I wish to call to your attention the fact that this information was never given to Agent Brent by Mr. Forbes, and furthermore that the investigation in this matter has been considerably delayed by Mr. Forbes' attitude. As evidenced by the Charlotte Office file in this case entitled Charles Arthur Floyd, with aliases, Fugitive, Miscellaneous, Mr. Forbes has refused to divulge the name of his informant in Greenville, South Carolina, stating that he himself must be present when this woman is interviewed by an Agent of the Division. When questioned by Agent Brent, Mr. Forbes advised that he could not make a special trip to Greenville for this purpose, but would wait until called there on business.

On May 2, 1934, efforts were made to interview Mr. Forbes, but it was learned that he was absent from Sumter, South Carolina, at that time.

Shortly after this, Agent Brent received a telephone call from Mr. Forbes, advising that he had further information concerning this matter, and he was advised that an Agent of the Division would call upon him in the near future. At the same

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time he was informed that it was imperative that he furnish the name of his informant, which disclosure he nevertheless refused to make. He did state, however, that he expected to be in Greenville, South Carolina, the next day or the day following.

Agent Brent informed me immediately by telephone of the above conversation, but owing to the condition of work in the office, it was not feasible to have an Agent meet Mr. Forbes in Greenville at that time, and this is doubtless the source of Mr. Forbes' grievance.

Investigation in this matter is being continued, and the identity of the informant in question will be ascertained as soon as suitable arrangements can be made with Mr. Forbes.

Very truly yours,

L. B. Reed

L. B. REED, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. H. H. Clegg, Inspector
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 516
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: 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; CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER.

For your information Louis "Doc" Stacey, who formerly owned and operated the O P Inn at Melrose Park and who was indicted for conspiracy in connection with the Kansas City Massacre on June 17, 1933, is at present co-owner and manager of the Club Spanish, a deluxe road-house and night club located at Roosevelt and Mannheim Roads, Hillside, Illinois. The telephone number is Hillside 9640.

It was further ascertained that "Doc" Stacey is still residing in Maywood, Illinois, where he owns his own home at 609 - 9th Avenue.

Very truly yours,

V. C. ZIMMER,
Special Agent in Charge

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Kansas City

June 13, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

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

Andrew B. Feist, USM Fargo.
Thomas Filbin, #17624 PD Minneapolis.
Leon Glickman, #27307 USP Leavenworth.
George Hansen, our #724920.
Oscar Merrill Hartzell, our #643231.
Walter A. Henricksen, our #745157.
Ruby Jackson, our #381413.
Charles Jerabek, our #203570.
Gail Johnson, our #58128.
John Klutas (Dead), our #378170.
Albert Katerbue, alias August John Lamar, our #643396.
Henry Kohl, #6209 PD Pittsburgh.
Sam Kronick, our #701031.
Stewart Lambert, our #649501.
John F. Lazia, our #381713.
Robert Loftus, our #14640.
Roy Marschalk, our #732119.
Frank McCormick, #3309 USP Leavenworth.
Charles Francis McGuire, our #293222.
Charles McKeogh, our #442798.
Joe J. Fettig, our #476926.
Abe Ginsberg, #24535 PD St. Paul.
Harry Gross, #F-73824 Cleveland.
Ben Harris, #292 PD Minneapolis.
James M. Hayes, our #164126.
Lillian Holden, #20398 PD Kansas City.
Laura Jensen, our #612639.
Grace Jones, Div. Off. Chicago.
Julius Augustus Jones, our #726880.
Lackin A. Jones, our #338356.
Majorie Keating, #20397 PD Kansas City.
Harry A. Kohl, #28538-M-6 Los Angeles.
Elvina Ruth Kohler, our #647309.
Jack Lally, our #149868.
Edward La Rue, our #375138.
Bud Lawrence Le Mar, #752217 New York City.
Elmer MacDonald, our #5264.
Frank Mason, our #4268.
Charles McGray, our #82731.
Jack McGurn, our #703651.
Samuel Schraiger, our #182772.

No identifications have been effected in this manner.

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

Very truly yours,

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

Dear Sir:

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

With a letter from the Cincinnati Office dated June 7, 1934, addressed to this office, were transmitted four tracings of mail received from the Postmaster at Dillonvale, Ohio, with the following notations by the Postmaster;

"Letter Number 1: While this letter was not addressed to any of the Sustik family I understand that Dave Richetti is related to Henry Sustik. The envelope had been folded but the contents were not, giving me the impression that it was a self addressed envelope that had been sent to the sender."

"Letter Number 2: This letter was mailed in the office. They also mailed an insured package which had the same handwriting as the letter."

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"Letter Number 3: From all appearances this letter contained another self addressed envelope. My reasons for believing this are: The flap of the envelope did not fold perfectly as is the case when an envelope is enclosed in another of the same size. The letter was rather bulky and I could feel a ridge about half way across which would be the case if an envelope was folded to make it fit; by holding the letter to a light, I could see that there was something in it other than a letter."

Letter Number 4 is a letter addressed to Mrs. Henry Sustik, postmarked St. Louis, Missouri, May 21, 1934.

You will note that letter number 1 was postmarked Lehigh, Oklahoma, no return address being given. Letter number 2 is postmarked Dillonvale, Ohio, addressed to Mrs. B. Richetti, Lehigh, Oklahoma, return address Mrs. Henry Sustik, Dillonvale, Ohio. Letter number 3 is postmarked Dillonvale, Ohio, addressed to Mrs. B. Richetti, Lehigh, Oklahoma, return address Mr. Dave Richetti, Dillonvale, Ohio. Letter number 4 bears no return address being postmarked at St. Louis,

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Missouri.

[redacted] Kindly endeavor to have all incoming and outgoing mail of the relatives of Richetti at Lehigh and Wewoka, Oklahoma, covered, and determine, if possible, who the individual in St. Louis, Missouri, may be who sent letter number 4.

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Very truly yours,

R. B. RATHER, Acting
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

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DIVISION ONE
DEPT OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

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

Recently it was ascertained from Sheriff Thomas B. Bash, at Kansas City, Missouri, that under date of June 21, 1933, a letter from Sheriff Frank Aldridge, of Newoka, Oklahoma reached him having reference to the probable location of Subjects Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti.

In the letter of Mr. Aldridge he stated that Richetti and Floyd were in that county on "Saturday night". He also stated that it was thought among the underworld at Newoka that Richetti and Floyd were in the Kansas City massacre. The Sheriff advised that someone unknown to Floyd and Richetti could "jump them up in ten days" in that County.

It appears probable that the "Saturday night" mentioned in the letter of Sheriff Aldridge dated June 21, 1933, would have been the night of June 17, 1933, which was the date of the massacre.

It is requested that an Agent from your office interview Sheriff Aldridge at the earliest possible date and enlist his cooperation in causing the location of Floyd and Richetti. It is requested that he also be interviewed as to the contents of his letter to Sheriff Bash relating to the presence of Floyd and Richetti at Newoka on the "Saturday night" mentioned to determine what date that might have been.

Very truly yours,

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R. B. NATHAN, Acting
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Chicago, Illinois.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, FITH ALIASES, DECEASED, ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to your letter addressed to this office dated June 9, 1934, in the above entitled matter, transmitting certain memoranda, copies of which had not been previously furnished this office, pursuant to instructions in Division letter of May 8, 1934.

A copy of letter from the Chicago office to the Division, dated August 11, 1933, was received from you in this group. It is now requested that the Chicago office transmit to the Kansas City office a copy of the memorandum dictated by Comfort Hawkins, mentioned in the letter from your office to the Division.

Very truly yours,

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

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P. O. Box #766
Cincinnati, Ohio

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June 15, 1934.

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased)
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I. C. #1201;
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD with
aliases - FUGITIVE, I. C. #1194 et al.,
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the mail cover in the above entitled matter, being maintained on Mrs. Henry Sustek at Dillonvale, Ohio, there is transmitted herewith copy of letter received from the Postmaster at Dillonvale, Ohio addressed to the Inspector in Charge, Cincinnati, Ohio, together with the two tracings mentioned in this letter.

Very truly yours,

H. D. HARRIS, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.
June 15, 1934.

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

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DIVISION ONE
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ANSWERED

Dear Sir;

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

Reference is made to your letter of June 9, 1934, transmitting memoranda to this office, pursuant to instructions in Division letter of May 8, 1934.

The memorandum by Special Agent R. D. Brown dated at Chicago, Illinois, July 29, 1933, which was received with your letter, indicates certain facts which appear to warrant additional investigation. The information relative to "Big Six" a man thought to be prominent in underworld circles, wherein Frank Nash, Vernon C. Miller, and others, were members, and having a saloon shown as located at 5704 22nd Street, Cicero, Illinois, is a party of whom this office has not had previous information. Also it is noted that one "John" whose identity is not shown, was thought to be one of the major members of this underworld gang; likewise, this office has not had previous information concerning John.

It is noted that John was also said to be known as "Dad." It may be recalled that an elderly man, who has never been identified, was said to have visited frequently at the home of Vernon C. Miller in Kansas City, Missouri, and to have been there at the time, or shortly before, June 17, 1933.

It is requested that your office conduct investigation at the earliest possible date to further explore facts in connection with "Big Six" and "John" and to determine, if possible, any connection which they might have with the instant offense.

Very truly yours,

H. B. RATHEN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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

June 18, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 1156,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1801; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1194; ET AL; CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER.
St.Paul File No. 62-888.

Reference is made to letter from the Kansas City Office to the St.Paul Office under date of November 3, 1933, quoting a letter from one JACK HANSON, Waterloo, Iowa, which had been written to the Kansas City Office, copy of this letter being attached hereto.

Inquiry was made at Waterloo, Iowa, by Special Agent R. T. Moonem of this office, with reference to JACK HANSON and he could not be located at that place. Four JOHN HANSONS were located, one being President and Treasurer of the Standard Battery & Electric Company; another JOHN I. HANSON residing at Castle, Illinois, near Waterloo, and one JOHN HANSON residing at 713 Vermont Street in Waterloo, and JOHN HANSON, a commercial traveller, residing at 714 Baltimore Street. The latter two HANSONS were well known to Detective Walker of the Waterloo, Iowa, Police Department, and he was certain that neither was the author of the letter in this case.

There is enclosed, herewith, report of Special Agent H. H. McKee, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 12-20-33, setting forth a lead for the St.Paul Division Office at McIntyre, Iowa, where it is alleged that "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD has a brother by the name of FRANK FLOYD. This matter is also referred to in letter from the Kansas City Office dated April 24, 1934, attached to which was a memorandum from Special Agent O. C. Dewey of the Kansas City Office, wherein reference is made to the alleged brother of "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD; namely, FRANK FLOYD of McIntyre, Iowa.

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There is also enclosed, herewith, copy of the letter from the Kansas City Office dated January 17, 1934, wherein it is stated that "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD is alleged to have some connection with JOHN and BARRETT DILLON, Sioux City, Iowa. For your information, considerable inquiry was made concerning the DILLONS in connection with the BREMER kidnaping case, no information being obtained that they had any connection with that case.

Agent Noonan advises that at the time he made this inquiry at Sioux City, Iowa, the police had information that CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, alias "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, was supposed to be in contact with the DILLONS at Sioux City, and that they were giving this close attention. Agent Noonan made further inquiry on May 28, 1934 at Sioux City, Iowa, at which time Detective Shuldt of the Auto Theft Bureau advised that he had some information that FLOYD was somewhere in the South and was supposed to be injured or dying. Detective Shuldt requested Agent Noonan to meet him the following day and he would get some details and might be able to contact the source of his information. As this agent was called to headquarters, this contact with Shuldt was not made at that time. It is suggested that you contact Detective Shuldt at an early date.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Division
Kansas City

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1300 Bankers Bldg,
Chicago, Illinois
June 18, 1934

Hon. E. J. Kruetgen,
Postmaster,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly place a thirty-day mail cover on all first class mail addressed to Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Gerson and Jules Galates, 1117 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois?

Kindly refer to our file 62-1649 when sending tracings.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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EMB:MMB
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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 19, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, (deceased); Richard Tallman Calatas, 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 is enclosed herewith Division letter of June 15, 1934 addressed to this office in the above titled case, together with copies of a letter dated at Osceola, Arkansas, June 9, 1934, and signed by J. T. Coston, relative to information he is able to furnish as to the present whereabouts of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

In view of the reallocation of the State of Arkansas to the Little Rock office, it is requested that you conduct the necessary investigation.

Very truly yours,

EARLE M. BLACK, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Kansas City

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DIVISION ONE
JUN 23 1934

Post Office Box #118
Detroit, Michigan
June 19, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box #766
Cincinnati, Ohio

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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DIVISION ONE
DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Re: VERNON E. MILLER with aliases, deceased; RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1194; et al - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER -

and

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219;
Edward George Bremer - Victim; KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith copies of a letter received from the Chicago Office addressed to the Kansas City Office over the signature of Mr. S. P. Cosley.

You will note that it requests therein that the Title Division of the Secretary of State's Office at Columbus, Ohio be contacted to ascertain whether the car discussed before is or ever was registered in that State. Inasmuch as the Motor Vehicle Registration Department for the State of Ohio is located at Columbus, it is respectfully requested that you contact said agency at Columbus for the information desired in said letter.

For your information, the Title Division in the office of the Secretary of State, Lansing, Michigan has been checked and Cadillac Sedans bearing motor numbers set forth in Mr. Cosley's letter have never been registered in the State of Michigan.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 1278
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 19, 1934

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

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Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, deceased;
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194; et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.
and
ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 18, 1934 concerning Cadillac Sedan, Motor #1001192. From inquiry made at the Oklahoma State Highway Commission, it was ascertained that the aforesaid automobile has not been registered in the State of Oklahoma during the year 1934.

A copy of reference letter is being transmitted with copies of this letter to the Little Rock office in order that that office may give appropriate attention to the leads suggested therein.

Very truly yours,

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EARLE E. BLACK - Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box #766,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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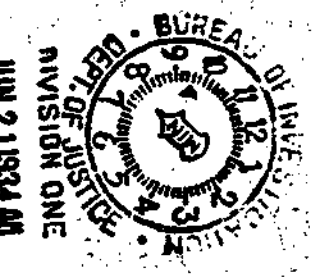
June 19, 1934



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

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (deceased);
Richard Tallman Galatas, with alias,
I.O. #1201 - FUGITIVE;
Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, with
aliases, I. O. #1194 - FUGITIVE;
Adam Racchetti, with aliases, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to letter from the Cincinnati Office dated June 7, 1934, in connection with the mail cover being maintained at Dillonvale, Ohio, in the instant matter, there are transmitted herewith three mail tracings received from the Postmaster at Dillonvale, Ohio, as follows:

Letter addressed to Mrs. Wm. Demette, Dillonvale, O., Route 1, Box 122, from Mrs. E. Sustik, 3215 Vega Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, postmarked Cleveland, Ohio.

Letter addressed to Mrs. Henry Sustick, Dillonvale, Ohio, RFD 1, Box 122, from Marie Smalley, Seminole, Okla., postmarked Wewoka, Okla.

Letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. B. Ricchetti, Lehigh, Oklahoma, Box 305, from R 1, Box 122, Dillonvale, Ohio, postmarked Dillonvale, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

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E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.
June 23, 1934.

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

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DIVISION ONE

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the letter addressed to this office from the St. Louis office under date of June 21, 1934, reflecting investigation at Springfield, Illinois, relative to automobiles registered by Jules Galatas of Chicago, Illinois.

This office has noted the reference to a green Hudson Sedan, apparently a 1932 Model, which was registered in 1933, in the State of Illinois, by Jules Galatas.

It will be recalled that a green sedan of a size which would probably correspond to a Hudson figured in the instant massacre at Kansas City on June 17, 1933. No witness, however, was able to furnish the license number of the car seen here.

It is requested that if at all possible a photograph of Jules Galatas taken of recent date be secured. In this connection, it is suggested that the use of a Graflex Camera with a telephoto lens might be advantageous when you locate Jules Galatas. This photograph will be displayed to parties at Kansas City, Missouri, who witnessed the massacre, if it can be secured.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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1616 Federal Reserve
Bank Building
K. C., Mo.

June 23, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to letter from the Cincinnati Office, addressed to this Office under date of June 19, 1934, listing tracings of mail received by the relatives of Subject Racchetti, at Billonvale, Ohio. Your Office is requested to place a cover on the mail of Marie Smalley, Seminole, Oklahoma, and through investigation there to ascertain any facts which may show contacts between her and Adam Racchetti.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge

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Room 1616
Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.
June 23, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

There is enclosed herewith one copy of report by Special Agent G. V. Doherty, dated at New York City, N.Y., 2-28-34, reflecting investigation at Leroy, N.Y., which indicated that Richard Tallman Galatas evidently secured a Cashier's check in the amount of $200.00 drawn on a Springfield, Illinois, bank during August, 1933.

Your office is requested to make investigation at Springfield, Illinois, through the various banks, in order that, if possible, the canceled cashier's check might be located, and through this means endeavor to establish the identities of any contacts which Richard Tallman Galatas may have at Springfield, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box #766,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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June 22, 1934.

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

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (deceased);
Richard Tellman Galatas, with alias,
I. O. #1801 - FUGITIVE;
Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, with
aliases, I. O. #1194 - FUGITIVE;
Adam Racchetti, with aliases, ET AL;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to letter from the Cincinnati Office dated June 19, 1934, in connection with a mail cover being maintained in Dillonvale, Ohio in the instant matter, there are transmitted herewith five mail tracings received by the Cincinnati Office from the Postmaster at Dillonvale, Ohio, as follows:

Letter addressed to Mrs. William Zoehner, 4236 Edgewood Blvd, Pine Lawn, Mo., mailed at Dillonvale, Ohio, June 12, 1934, bearing return address of H. Sustik, Dillonvale, Ohio.

Letter to Mrs. W. A. Smalley, Seminole, Okla., Route 2, bearing return address Henry Sustik, Dillonvale, Ohio, and mailed June 12, 1934.

Letter addressed to Mr. Emil Sustik, 3215 Vega Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, postmarked Dillonvale, Ohio, June 12, 1934, bearing return address William Dematte, Dillonvale, Ohio.

Letter addressed to Mrs. William Dematte, Dillonvale, O., postmarked in Oklahoma, the exact point unknown.

Letter addressed to Miss Vivian Rankin, Dillonvale, Ohio, postmarked Hammond, Ind., June 1, 1934, bearing return address 2820 - 163rd Place, Hammond, Ind.

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Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Division Oklahoma City
St. Louis Detroit
Chicago

Room 1616
Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.
Kansas City, Missouri

June 23, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

This office is in receipt of a copy of your letter addressed to the Chicago office under date of June 16, 1934, wherein mention is made of certain enclosures forwarded to the Chicago office, which apparently are a letter written by one Leon Epmeier and a photograph of Epmeier.

It is respectfully requested that you forward immediately to the Kansas City office, which is the office of origin in this case, copies of the data enclosed with your letter to the Chicago office, in order that this office may be in position to properly supervise the investigation.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Room 1616
Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P O Box 2118,
Detroit, Michigan.

June 23, 1934.

Dear Sir:

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

Please refer to letter from the Cincinnati office addressed to this office under date of June 19, 1934, a copy of which was furnished to you, therein are listed descriptions of tracings of mail received by relatives of Adam Richetti at Dillonvale, Ohio.

You will note that one of the letters bore the return address

"Mrs. E. Sustik,
3215 Vega Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio,"

postmarked at Cleveland, Ohio, June 15, 1934. Another letter was received in addition to that mentioned in the letter of June 19th, postmarked June 6, 1934, at Cleveland, Ohio, addressed to Mrs. Henry Sustik at Dillonvale.

You are requested to immediately place a cover on the mail of Mrs. E. Sustik at Cleveland and forward tracings of her mail to the Kansas City office.

This request is being made in an endeavor to cause the location of Subject Richetti.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

June 25, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 11th in connection with the Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner investigation involving Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201, et al, wherein are set forth for investigation by various offices certain phone calls made by George and W. F. Sadlo out of their suites at the President Hotel, Kansas City during 1933.

On June 22nd a call was made to Rhinelander 4-1080, New York City, listed to Miss Theresa Schiff, Westbury Hotel, 15 E. 69th Street. Investigation at the Westbury Hotel disclosed that Miss Theresa Schiff is a Jewish woman about 60 years, financially independent and has lived at the hotel for approximately five years with her maid-companion, who is a German. The investigation disclosed the absence of any connection between her and this case, however, in discussing Miss Schiff with Manager Frey, it was learned that quite frequently Miss Schiff's brother comes to the hotel. He is about 65 years of age and is from Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Frey advises he usually comes to New York and stays at this hotel every year in the summer months and that he takes a separate suite and does not live with his sister. The records of the hotel disclosed that this brother registers as L. J. Schiff, Leonard J. Schiff and Leo J. Schiff and is registered from Kansas City, Mo., Plattsburg, N. Y., and Albany, N.Y. He was at the hotel from June 4 - 7, 1933, from July 17 - 26, 1933, on October 23, 1933 and on June 9, 1934, and is still residing at the hotel. He is rather feeble and at all times is accompanied by his nurse, a Miss Mildred Stine.

Manager Frey informed that in conversations he recently had with the old man he learned that he was formerly the owner of or connected with a department store in Kansas City and that he had 800 employees but that he is no longer connected with this department store. It is believed that your office has some knowledge of the occupation and reputation of Schiff in Kansas City and his possible connection

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with the Sadlos. Neither Miss Schiff nor her brother was interviewed, it appearing likely that Schiff was visiting the Sadlos in their hotel suite and called his sister in New York City.

You also advise that on May 22nd and August 5th, 1933 telephone calls were put through to New York City Ravenswood 6-7534. This telephone is listed to John Gurry, 37-15 20th Road, Astoria, Queens, Long Island. Inquiry developed that this is a two family brick house situated on the far edge of Astoria in a most desolate section. The carrier delivering mail at this address advised that the Gurrys have lived there since August 1, 1933 and that he has never seen Gurry but does see Mrs. Gurry about every morning. He said he arrives there about 9:45 A.M. and sees Mrs. Gurry going out to work. He said he does not recall ever delivering mail for Mr. Gurry but that Mrs. Gurry receives mail from Connecticut and as he recalls, she told him once that she expected mail from St. Louis, Mo. He said there was a young man around there about 23, 5' 7", dark hair, dark complexion, medium build, who goes under the name La Mott, that is, La Mott lives with the Gurrys.

It was learned that prior to August 1, 1933 the Gurrys lived at 2266 35th Street, Astoria. The carrier who covers this address said that he did not recall the name Gurry but did deliver to a Mrs. La Mott at that address, which is a six family apartment house, and that this Mrs. La Mott, who was in the forties, had a son about 23 and this son had a car with Missouri tags and he recalls hearing to the effect that this son went to St. Louis when the recent sleeping sickness epidemic was in effect there and returned a few weeks later. He said that Mrs. La Mott and her son lived at this address for about two or three years and that he used to see her going to work each morning. He does not recall any Mr. Gurry living there.

J. J. Crisa, attorney at law, 35-10 Broadway, Astoria, advised that he purchased the building at 2266 35th Street in September, 1932 and that living in one of the apartments was a Mrs. S. La Mott who had a son about 21 and boarding with the La Motts was a Mr. John Gurry, who used to pay the rent. He said that Gurry was about 40, 5' 8", light complexion, 170, medium build, apparently a New Yorker and had a responsible position, he being manager of the A & P store at Sunnyside, Long Island. He said that just before August, 1933 there was talk about Gurry marrying Mrs. La Mott and he believes they had married and that was the reason why they moved out of the apartment into a house. He said that Mrs. La Mott was very good looking and she told him on a few occasions that she had a daughter on the stage. As a matter of fact, she showed him her photograph and this daughter was likewise very good looking. He said that on one or two occasions she told him that this daughter was

either in New Mexico or California and trying to work East with a show so that she can visit her mother and that she hears from this daughter frequently.

Neither Curry nor his wife, the former Mrs. La Mott, was interviewed. Your advice is desired as to whether this action is desirable. It might appear that it was the daughter who made the telephone calls. It will be observed that Curry had the same telephone number a year ago that he has today at the new address.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY
Special Agent in Charge

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Chicago

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

June 22, 1934.

Case: Vernon C. Miller with aliases (Deceased); et al; Obstruction of Justice.

Number: 62-28915-1747

Specimens: One tracing of an envelope addressed to Mr. Jules Galatas, Montgomery, Ala. c/o General Delivery and postmarked Chicago, Ill., June 1, 1934, 6:30 PM.

Examination requested by: Birmingham Office.

Date received: June 13, 1934.

Examination requested: Handwriting comparison.

Result of examination:

Examination by: S.F.Pickering. SFP

The handwriting of this tracing has been compared with other specimens in this case but no identification has been made.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Birmingham, Alabama.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases,
(Deceased); et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division June 13, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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Enclosure:

P. O. Box #709
Portland, Oregon

June 16, 1934

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

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DIVISION ONE
DEPT. OF JUSTICE

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

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter written by one Leon Epmeier, U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington register number 10908, addressed to Mr. and Mrs. F. Hunt, 730 South Main Street, Lombard, Illinois, this letter being intercepted when Epmeier attempted to smuggle it out of the penitentiary. There is also enclosed herewith a photograph of Epmeier for such assistance as it may render.

It is suggested that appropriate investigation be made in an effort to locate the .45 Caliber revolver, shoulder holster, box of shells, and two shot-gun gas shells referred to in the letter and if located consideration should be given to having appropriate examination made of this gun and other equipment to determine whether same may have been involved in the massacre at Kansas City last year. You will also note information in this letter of interest relative to the Hamm kidnaping trial, Willie Sharkey etc. Inasmuch as Epmeier has not, of course, been interrogated regarding this letter it is not known whether same is authentic or an effort on his part to stir up trouble. However it appears that the same merits appropriate attention and any additional assistance this office may be able to render will be forthcoming upon your request.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Portland, Oregon.

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

Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of your letter dated June 16, 1934 addressed to the Chicago Office of the Division, wherein you enclosed with your letter to that office copies of a letter written by one Leon Spmeier, United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, register number 10908, addressed to Mr. and Mrs. F. Hunt, 730 South Main Street, Lombard, Illinois. A copy of this letter was not furnished to the Division with the copy of your letter, and in order that the Division's files may be complete in this case, you are instructed to submit a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc - Chicago
Kansas City

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
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Washington, D. C.

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June 22, 1934.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While talking to Mr. Cowley at Chicago I advised him that we had received a letter from [redacted] the informant who had spent $200 of our money on a trip to Oklahoma City, stating that he was willing to make another trip but before doing so wants to have a definite understanding.

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Mr. Cowley advised that [redacted] was supposed to have had some information concerning Pretty Boy Floyd and was contacted by Agent Deiterich of the Oklahoma City Office but [redacted] was very evasive and did not supply anything definite. [redacted] hired a car and toured through Oklahoma. When he returned to Chicago, he presented a bill to Mr. Purvis for $275.00. Mr. Purvis called Mr. Cowley, who was in Washington at that time and Mr. Cowley advised Mr. Purvis to pay the informant $200, which was the maximum amount agreed upon.

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The informant's plan was to contact Floyd for the purpose of getting the story of his life. Mr. Cowley does not believe that this informant has any information of value. I advised Mr. Cowley that we would not employ this informant on this matter.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City, Mo. FILE NO. 62-785

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Cincinnati, Ohio.	6-25-34	6-21-34	J. E. Thornton C.E.

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with alias, I.O. #1201-FUGITIVE; CHARLES ARTHUR "Pretty Boy" FLOYD, with aliases, I.O. #1194 - FUGITIVE; ADAM RACCHETTI, with aliases, et al;	CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No indication that relatives of Adam Racchetti at Dillonvale, Ohio have had visitors lately. Dave Racchetti of Dillonvale reported to be brother of Adam Racchetti. Mail tracings transmitted to office of origin herewith.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent H. D. Harris, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 12-21-33 and report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City dated 4-21-34.

DETAILS: AT DILLONVALE, OHIO.

Agent accompanied by Sheriff Ray Long of Steubenville, Ohio contacted former Postmaster A. Zallion of Dillonvale who has done some work on this case. He informed Agent that he would cooperate in every possible way and that he had instructed the new Postmaster James Zerla concerning this case and that Mr. Zerla could be trusted implicitly.

Agent contacted Postmaster James Zerla at Dillonvale, who is maintaining a mail cover on the mail of the Henry Susteks and on Dave Racchetti. He states that Dave Racchetti of late has been having part of his mail delivered at Jug Run, a small town about three miles from Dillonvale. This is significant as Jug Run is a deserted mining town and there is nothing at present out there. It makes it inconvenient for Racchetti to secure his mail and yet part of it is delivered there. Racchetti has no work out at Jug Run and no obvious reason to have his mail delivered out there. James Zerla states that it is his belief that the Susteks and Racchetti send self-addressed envelopes in their letters as mail comes into the Post Office addressed to them in the

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: E. Connelley SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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same handwriting that is on letters mailed from Dillonvale. Letters delivered to the Susteks and to Dave Racchetti have an envelope folded inside the addressed envelope and letters mailed by the Susteks and Racchetti usually have an envelope folded within the addressed envelope.

Carrier Vince Dalzell, was contacted and states that he will be in a position to know if any cars come to visit the Susteks as he lives near Dave Racchetti and as Susteks live in a rather inaccessible place, people driving cars usually leave them at Dave Racchetti's, but that these people have apparently no visitors lately.

Dalzell and Zerla consider Dave Racchetti to be a brother of Adam Racchetti, although they are not positive of this fact.

These contacts are reliable and will cooperate fully and notify Sheriff Ray Long who is familiar with the case, in case of any suspicious events and at the same time will notify the Cincinnati Office.

There are transmitted herewith to the Kansas City Office the following mail tracings received from Postmaster James Zerla, Dillonvale, Ohio:

From Marie Smalley R2, Seminole Okla. Addressed: Mrs. Henry Sustick RFD 1- Box 122 Dillonvale, Ohio	(Postmarked Seminole, Okla (June 16, 1934 3 PM	
Mister Dari Ricchetti, Dillonvale, Ohio	(Postmarked Lehigh, Okla. (June 14, 12 M (1934.	
Mr. Bill Demate, R 1 Dillonvale, Ohio	(Postmarked Terre Haute (Ind. June 18, 7 PM,1934.	After 5 days return D. Superior 12 Point Hotel Terre Haute,Ind.

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June 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

I telephoned Agent in Charge Blake at Dallas after receipt of his wire relative to the desire of "Pretty Boy" Floyd to surrender. I informed him that a similar proposition was made to Mr. Brantley in Oklahoma, and suggested that he call Mr. Brantley to obtain the details from him.

Mr. Blake advised that he had just finished talking to the man who was trying to effect these negotiations; that an appointment was made for Mr. Blake and the wife of "Pretty Boy" Floyd to meet in the man's office Monday. He advised Mr. Blake that he would let him know if anything happened to interfere with the appointment. I told Mr. Blake to keep the appointment by all means. He asked Mr. Blake a number of questions and Mr. Blake advised him that he didn't believe the Attorney General would care to commit himself on these matters yet. He asked Mr. Blake if he knew that Floyd was wanted by the State of Ohio, and wanted to know if it would be all right to turn him over to the Ohio authorities. However, Mr. Blake informed him that he wouldn't care to commit himself in this regard, but that he would submit it to the Division.

I told Mr. Blake that as soon as I could make a check of this matter, I would call him and advise him just what we will do.

Mr. Blake stated that the man who is making these negotiations is a peculiar individual; that he is a publicity seeker; that he was tried for murder within the last three or four years; that he was tried for arson about ten years ago.

Mr. Blake stated that he was informed by Dr. Norris that "Pretty Boy" Floyd was "in the outfit at Kansas City." He said last night, Mr. Blake stated, that he would be willing to testify in the case. I told him that the same proposition had been made in Oklahoma. Mr. Blake said it was indicated to him that Floyd would be agreeable to receiving a life sentence for the murder at Kansas City, but is now desirous of being tried in Ohio.

Very truly yours,

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WAR:LS

Post Office Box 419,
Nashville, Tennessee,
June 25, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to Division letter addressed to the Nashville Office under date of June 11, 1934, in connection with correspondence recently had by the Division with William T. Griffen, Chief Inspector, Police Department, Memphis, I am quoting below memorandum received from Special Agent Louis De Nette under date of June 18:

"I was not able to see Inspector Griffin until today, but did see him this afternoon, whereupon he informed me in confidence that his informant who gave him the information incorporated by him in his letter to the Director was [redacted] He said she told him she came to him because the possibility might arise that some gangster or other might be caught at her place and she did not want to be prosecuted for harboring them.

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In no manner whatever did I apprise Inspector Griffin that [redacted] had already given this information to Agent Dwight Brantley; nor did I do anything else except to take his information. From Inspector Griffin's manner I felt reasonably sure that [redacted] has not informed him of her contact with Agent Brantley.

Inspector Griffin stated he had not had another opportunity to meet [redacted] since he wrote his letter to the Director. He cautioned me against trying to approach her and I readily agreed not to do so. He said his one meeting with her occurred at the home of a mutual lady friend, and the lady friend did not know the purport of the conversation between him and [redacted] He said he will endeavor to see [redacted] within the next few days and will then advise me if she has any additional information that might be helpful in locating Galatas. He declared [redacted] told him she fully expected to get shot if it became known she had communicated with him and given any information.

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I will wait a few days and then call on Inspector Griffin again, at which time

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I will make a formal report. This memorandum is for your immediate information.

Inspector Griffin today received a letter from the Director acknowledging the receipt of the inspector's letter and stating an agent would call on Griffin soon in connection with this matter."

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer

W. A. RORER,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Kansas City

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
June 25, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to two letters from your office dated June 16, 1934, in connection with the above entitled case and also in connection with the case of Alvin Karpis, et al, Edward George Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping, having reference to the finding of a photographic negative in the apartment of Roy Gray, alias Russell Gibson, I.C. #1213, which negative bore a likeness of a Cadillac automobile with 1933 Illinois license plates #1-236-804.

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It is noted also that a check of the license plates through the State Capitol at Springfield, Illinois, developed that these tags were issued for a Cadillac car bearing motor #1,001,172. 62-28915-

Previous reference has been made to this automobile through the investigation of this case and you will find a discussion of same on pages 14, 15, 16 and 17 of the report of Special Agent W. Carter Baum, dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 13, 1933, and on page 8 of the report of Special Agent J. J. Keating, dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 23, 1933.

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It is noted that the car bearing motor #1,001,172 was definitely located, as shown in the report of Agent Keating, during an investigation which extended from August 1st to September 15, 1933, at Winter and Hirsch, Inc., 1842 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. It is not shown from your communications of June 16, 1934, as to what date 1933 Illinois license tags #1-236-804 were issued for this car and, therefore, it is not possible to determine whether the photograph developed from the negative found in the apartment of Roy Gray was taken before or after the car was located by Agents Keating and Madala as shown in Agent Keating's report.

It would seem unnecessary to make further search for the Cadillac car bearing motor #1,000,134 since the license plates in question were issued for the car bearing the motor #1,001,172 which was found and inspected by the Agents as shown in Agent Keating's report.

It is suggested that the St. Louis office advise the interested offices as to the exact date of issuance of 1933 Illinois license plates #1-236-804 and that the Chicago office conduct further investigation to trace disposition of this automobile, which may have occurred subsequent to the activity shown in Agent Keating's report, through inquiry of Winter and Hirsch, Inc. at Chicago.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division
St. Paul
Detroit
Indianapolis
Oklahoma City
Omaha

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1016 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.
June 15, 1934.

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

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DIVISION ONE

Dear Sir:

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

Recently the Chicago office furnished to the Kansas City office a memorandum by Special Agent J. J. Keating dated October 5, 1933, indicating that if Vernon C. Miller before his death had any contacts in St. Louis they would be made through William Weisman, whose wife was reported to be residing in St. Louis at that time. It is shown in the memorandum that the St. Louis contacts of Weisman are Sam Greenberg, well known to St. Louis police, Tony Foley, Wellston, Missouri, Celly Owens and Bob Brown, St. Louis horse race operators, Bennie Allen, South St. Louis and Bow Mc Quillan, St. Louis.

A photograph of the wife of William Weisman was also received from the Chicago office and same is being transmitted to your office for use, with request that it be later returned.

It is believed probable that William Weisman may be in the vicinity of St. Louis, Missouri, and inquiries should be made through the Police Department there. It is noted that Weisman was a close friend of Vernon C. Miller and no doubt would be in contact with all members of this gang. Weisman is wanted at Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the murder of a Prohibition officer during 1930.

Very truly yours,

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

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of your letter dated June 15, 1934 addressed to the St. Louis Office, wherein reference is made to a memorandum by Special Agent J. J. Keating dated October 5, 1933, indicating that if Vernon C. Miller, before his death, had any contacts in St. Louis they would be made through William Weisman, whose wife was reported to be residing in St. Louis at that time; the memorandum stating further that the St. Louis contacts of Weisman are Sam Greenberg, well known to St. Louis police, Tony Foley, Wellston, Missouri, Celly Owens and Bob Brown, St. Louis horse race operators, Bennie Allen, South St. Louis, and Bow McQuillen, St. Louis, Missouri.

It appears from your letter that a photograph of the wife of William Weisman was transmitted to the St. Louis Office, with the request that it be returned to you. It is suggested that this photograph be forwarded to the Division in order that additional copies might be made and distributed to all interested offices.

In connection with the efforts now being made to locate William Weisman for questioning in connection with the above entitled case, Mrs. Bessie Green, while at the Chicago Office, identified the photograph of William Weisman as an individual who is now frequenting St. Paul, Minnesota. Mrs. Green advised Inspector Clegg and Mr. Newby that this individual has been on a strict diet and has fallen off considerably in weight, and now weighs about 145 pounds. Mrs. Green further advised that the woman who is associating with Weisman is an unusually good-looking woman, very striking in her appearance.

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The St. Louis Office should make every effort to locate Weisman through the individuals named above, and at the same time, the St. Paul Office should give some consideration to the statement made by Mrs. Bessie Green concerning the presence of Weisman in the vicinity of St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc - Chicago
St. Louis
St. Paul

Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

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June 20, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201, et al - Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner. Particular reference is made to your letter of June 11, 1934, addressed to the San Antonio office with a copy to this office, which sets forth certain telephone calls made by George and W. F. Sadlo from the President Hotel, Kansas City.

On May 22, 1933 they called New York City - Ravenswood 8-7534. This telephone is listed to John Curry, 37-15 20th Road, Long Island City, Queens, N.Y. There is no number Ravenswood 8-7531. This same number was called August 5, 1933.

On June 22, 1933 they called New York City - Rhinelander 4-1080. This telephone is listed to Theresa Schiff, Apartment 1201, Westbury Hotel, 15 East 69th Street, Manhattan. This is a very high class residential hotel.

This office has not had opportunity as yet to make investigation as to the identity of these individuals.

Receipt is acknowledged of copy of Division letter dated June 18, 1934, addressed to your office, which has to do with Sammy Schrager, New York City PD #51868. Sometime ago this office requested that there be posted on the files at the identification unit of the Division a notice to the effect that this individual is wanted for questioning and to advise this office by telephone in the event he is taken into custody. It is assumed that this notice is still in effect.

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No additional information has been secured in this district with respect to the whereabouts of Schrager. On June 7, 1934 Agent Tracy had opportunity to talk to Louis Buchalter and he was

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questioned concerning the whereabouts of Schrager. He said he did not know. It is recalled that in November, 1933 when Buchalter was questioned at this office he was requested to produce Schrager and said he would do so. On June 7th Buchalter was requested to produce Schrager within the next thirty days and he said he would do what he could towards locating him.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Division
Chicago

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Special Agent in Charge,
New York, New York.

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

Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of your letter dated June 20, 1934 addressed to the Kansas City Office in the above entitled case, wherein you state that a request was made some time ago to post on the identification record of Sammy Schrager, New York City Police Department #51868, a notice to the effect that this individual is wanted for questioning and that your office should be advised by telephone in the event he is taken into custody.

At the time you made a request of the Division to place such a notation on the fingerprint record of this individual, the notation was placed thereon and you will be promptly notified in the event any information is received relative to his whereabouts.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc - Kansas City

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KANMO J FRANK NORRIS STATES CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD JUNIOR BAPTIZED BY HIM LAST SUNDAY MRS FLOYD AND SON NOW IN FORT WORTH NORRIS SAYS HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF FLOYD TO NEGOTIATE SURRENDER CONDITIONAL GUARANTEE FLOYD NOT BE KILLED AND BE IMMEDIATELY REMOVED TO LEAVENWORTH PENITENTIARY FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND SAFEKEEPING STOP SAYS FLOYD PARTICIPANT KANMO CASE WILL PLEAD GUILTY AND ASSIST GOVERNMENT IN CLEARING CASE AND WILL TESTIFY STOP MY OPINION MRS FLOYD IS PERSON NEGOTIATING WITH HIM STOP NORRIS SAYS SURRENDER CAN BE EFFECTED IN FORTY EIGHT HOURS AFTER STIPULATIONS AGREED UPON AND WILL BE NECESSARY NORRIS ACCOMPANY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES TO EFFECT SURRENDER SAYS FLOYD WOUNDED IN KNEE CAP AND SERIOUS WOUND WHERE BULLET ENTERED REAR LEFT HIP EMERGING AT TESTICLES AND NEEDS MEDICAL ATTENTION BADLY

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DIRECTOR

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

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May 29, 1934.

Mr. Newby

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Black telephoned from Oklahoma City at 11:55 A.M. and advised that Guy Stanfield called them this morning from Seminole and advised that he had received information from the First National Bank at Seminole and a business man at Seminole to the effect that Floyd is living on a place belonging to an individual by the name of Simmons; that this place is 20 miles from Van Buren, Arkansas; that Simmons is the son-in-law of Dr. John Peters who lives at White Rock, Arkansas; that this doctor has been treating Floyd regularly; that Floyd is not living in Simmons house but in a building somewhere on Simmons place.

Mr. Black is leaving for Fort Smith, Arkansas, which is about two miles from Van Buren and will take enough Agents with him in order to make the proper inquiries at Fort Smith and Van Buren. Mr. Black suggested that a warrant be issued charging the doctor with harboring a fugitive and that the doctor be taken into custody and thoroughly questioned. Mr. Black will advise the Division later this afternoon as to developments.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley

S. P. Cowley.

Follow this closely.
J. E. H.

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DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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KANMO CONFERENCE AT FORT WORTH DEVELOPED MRS. CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD VISITED FLOYD'S MOTHER AT SALLISAW OKLAHOMA SUNDAY AND SAYS FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS MUST BE WITH HER STOP THE SAME PARTIES WHO NEGOTIATED WITH US IN OKLAHOMA ARE BEHIND THE FORT WORTH MOVEMENT AND WANT TO TAKE MOVING PICTURES OF SURRENDER AND OF FLOYD RECEPTION INTO CHURCH TO COMPLETE THE REEL ALREADY MADE OF BAPTISM AND CHURCH JOINING OF YOUNG FLOYD WHICH IS NOW BEING SHOWN AT PALACE THEATRE FORTH WORTH SUPPLEMENTED BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF MRS. FLOYD AND SON STOP APPARENTLY MRS. FLOYD FAILED TO GAIN APPROVAL HER MOTHER IN LAW OF THE NEGOTIATIONS STOP I TOLD NEGOTIATORS WE WOULD NOT ENTERTAIN THOUGHT OF MOVING PICTURE OR ANY PUBLICITY STOP NEGOTIATIONS ARE TERMINATED UNLESS THEY OPEN THEM

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From
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

RE: Claims of Fidelity Building and Loan Association of Shawnee, Oklahoma, and J. Hatler Smith

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I have considered your memorandum of April 11th.

I understand that the Fidelity Building and Loan Association claims to be the owner and J. Hatler Smith the occupant of the house at Shawnee, Oklahoma, at which Wilbur Underhill was captured on December 29, 1933, by Special Agents of this Department accompanied by a local police officer. The Fidelity Building and Loan Association makes a claim for $230 for damages caused to the house by gun fire. Smith makes a claim for $416.82 for household furnishings claimed to have been damaged or stolen at the time.

Under the Small Tort Claims Act, executive departments may settle claims for property damages not exceeding $1,000, where the damage is caused by the negligence of a Government officer or employee. Clearly, there was no negligence in this instance. The only recourse that the claimants have is by a special bill for their relief in Congress. Consequently, no further action need be taken by this Department at this time. I think you might suggest Congressional action.

William Stanley
William Stanley
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

1616 Fed. Res. Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

June 26, 1934.

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 P. C. Burson, dated at Chicago, Illinois, June 21, 1934, wherein an undeveloped lead is indicated for your office to ascertain the identity of Mrs. H. Leach of the Southland Hotel, from whom a letter was apparently received by the family of Jules Galatas, who is a cousin of Richard Tallman Galatas, Subject of I.O. 1201.

In connection with the foregoing, there is transmitted herewith copy of a memorandum dated at Birmingham, Alabama, June 21, 1934, by Special Agent D. S. Hostetter, which indicates under-cover investigation by that Agent when he associated with Pat Gardelle Sturney, step-son of Richard Tallman Galatas. You will note that one Howard Leach is apparently now a visitor of Sturney at Montgomery, Alabama. The memorandum of Agent Hostetter would not indicate a relationship between Sturney and Leach. It is suggested, however, that these connections be borne in mind both by your office and the Birmingham office.

The suggestion is made for the attention of the Birmingham office that a check of the records of the University of Alabama be made to determine whether Howard Leach is actually a student there.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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Mr. Quinn
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Mr. Tamm

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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 TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases, I. O. 1201 - FUGITIVE; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, I. O. 1194 - FUGITIVE; et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to previous correspondence concerning E. Edison Beach, and more particularly to letters from this office dated April 26, May 18th and June 15, 1934, copies of which are being forwarded herewith to the Dallas office for its information. It is to be noted that Beach is a son-in-law of A. W. Comstock, attorney at Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

On the night of June 20, 1934, in my absence, Special Agent E. M. Black received a prepaid long distance telephone call from E. E. Beach, the call coming from Fort Worth, Texas. Beach began his conversation by stating that the son of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd was baptized at Fort Worth that day, June 20, 1934, and that motion pictures had been made of the services. Beach then stated that "Everything is all set." At that point, Beach said, "You know who I am, don't you? I am the party from Pawhuska, the son-in-law of A. W. Comstock." Agent Black replied that he assumed it was E. E. Beach, to which Beach replied, "It is," and then stated, "Have you receive the guarantee regarding Floyd?" to which Agent Black replied that there is no guarantee except that if Floyd surrenders, he will not be killed, but that if he does not surrender, he will be killed on sight. Mr. Beach was then asked if he was not the party who had furnished information to A. W. Comstock, and he replied, "Yes." Mr. Beach then wanted Agent Black to telephone the Dallas office and have someone meet him at Fort Worth the following morning, again stating that everything was all set. Agent Black inquired of Beach if Floyd was with him or near there, to which Beach replied "No." Agent Black then advised Mr. Beach that it did not appear that he possessed information of sufficient importance to warrant this. Beach then replied, "Yes, but in the next few days I want to get things ready and would like to come by Oklahoma City and talk to you." Beach was advised that if he

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comes to the Oklahoma City office, either the Special Agent in Charge or someone will talk with him about this case.

On the morning of June 23, 1934, which was subsequent to the dictation of the foregoing, Special Agent in Charge Blake of the Dallas office called by telephone and stated he had been in contact with Reverend J. Frank Norris of Fort Worth and Mr. Norris informed him to the effect that he had been approached concerning the baptism of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and that Floyd's wife was in the vicinity and that arrangements had been made by him, Mr. Blake, for an interview with Ruby Floyd on Monday, June 25th, at Fort Worth.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Kansas City
Dallas

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June 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
MR. TAMM

Mr. Garrett Whiteside, secretary to Senator Caraway of Arkansas, in telephonic conversation this morning, referred to Mr. James P. Dempsey, of 1402 Spruce, Texarkana, Arkansas (Texas), in whom he had previously expressed an interest, and stated he had received a letter from him in which he claims to know all of the habitats of "Pretty Boy" Floyd, to know people who know him, and to have the "entire inside". Mr. Whiteside further stated that this man has quite a record as a peace officer.

Mr. Whiteside read the following from the letter received by him from Mr. Dempsey:

> "All of this bunk was put out by his wife to Frank Morris of Ft. Worth last Sunday when he baptised Floyd's son in the church at Noman (?). I happen to know a woman companion at Ft. Smith who is the running-mate with Mrs. Floyd and I know whereof I speak, as this woman has been instrumental in years past in the apprehension of such noted criminals as the Times(?) Brothers. I know every acre of ground in Floyd's district, as well as his friends, which are many, and I feel that within two weeks, possibly one week, I could bring him to justice, which would not only strengthen me personal with the Department of Justice, but make all of you feel glad that you have been so loyal and helpful to me in this matter."

Mr. Whiteside stated he did not know Mr. Dempsey, but he was recommended by a number of very reliable people, the names of several of whom were read to me by Mr. Whiteside, which included the Attorney General of the State of Arkansas, the ex-prosecuting attorney of the Ninth District, the Municipal Judge at Texarkana, and others.

I inquired of Mr. Whiteside as to the baptizing which Mr. Dempsey refers to in his letter, and Mr. Whiteside stated that he thought evidently they had read in the papers of the baptizing of Floyd's son.

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Mr. Whiteside said that Floyd is from eastern Oklahoma and Dempsey was an officer down there for a number of years, and was, he believes, for years a Special Agent for the Kansas City Southern, which ran through that section.

Mr. Whiteside further stated that if Mr. Dempsey is as good as his endorsers say he is, he thinks it would be well to get in touch with him. I stated that, if it is agreeable to him, Mr. Whiteside, I would have our Agent at Little Rock, Arkansas, get in touch with Mr. Dempsey right away. He stated he thought this would be worthwhile. I advised Mr. Whiteside that I appreciated his calling me in regard to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Ink notation:

I phoned Mr. Blake at Dallas as Dempsey was being examined at our Dallas office for special agent position.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Room 1616
Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.
June 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to letter addressed to the Division by Inspector H. H. Clegg from St. Paul, Minnesota, under date of June 19, 1934, in connection with certain photographs, newspaper clippings and other data mentioned in a memorandum of Special Agent W. E. Miller, dated at the Kansas City office June 8, 1934.

Relative to Item No. 2 appearing on Page 1 of Inspector Clegg's letter, inquiry was made at the State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, to determine whether the No. 98360-B-2 appearing after the signature on a letter apparently written by Fred Barker to his mother as of February 16, 1931, would, in fact, indicate that the letter was written by Fred Barker. Mr. A. J. Graham, Assistant Deputy Warden at that institution, informed Special Agent W. F. Trainor that while Fred Barker's prison number as of February 16, 1931, was 9836, and while as of that date, Fred Barker was confined in Cell House B of that penitentiary, it is not the custom or procedure to add any number after the signature of a prisoner, other than the prison number, which would have been only 9836. Mr. Graham is unable, therefore, to advise what significance the characters "0-B-2" would have, since it is not a part of prison regulations to add such additional suffix. Inasmuch as the prison number 9836, the name of Fred Barker and the name of his mother appeared, it would seem probable that the signature and handwriting in the letter might be that of Fred Barker, and it is suggested that a handwriting analysis be made of this letter in connection with the known signature of Fred Barker, which is on file in the Division, for such benefit as can be derived from that analysis.

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Very truly yours,

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R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT KANSAS CITY, MO. Dallas FILE NO. 62-410-

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Dallas, Texas	6/26/34	6/21/34	H.T. ARTERBERRY

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNON C. MILLER, w.a. (deceased) RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, w.a. - FUGITIVE I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, w.a. - FUGITIVE I.O. #1194; ET AL	CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

O.E. Wood, RFD, Gladewater, Texas, owner of 1933 Chevrolet coach, 1934 Texas license plates 430-183. Mrs. Wood drove said car to Ada and Marlow, Okla. in January, 1934, where she remained 2 days. Deny any knowledge of Racchetti or Rush.

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REFERENCE: Report of Spec.Agt. T.W. Birch, Kansas City, Mo., 5/25/34.

DETAILS:

Information was obtained at the office of the County Tax Collector, Gregg County, LONGVIEW, TEXAS, that O.E. Wood of Gladewater, Texas, registered a 1933 model Chevrolet coach on 1/10/34 and was issued license plates #430-183; that instant car was purchased from the McKaig Chevrolet Co. at Gladewater.

The McKaig Chevrolet Co. at GLADEWATER, TEXAS advised that they sold instant car to O.E. Wood of the Margay Oil Co. located near Gladewater, Texas, on 5/6/33, and received $521.00 for same.

DETAILS:

O.E. Wood and wife were interviewed at their home located on a lease near Magnolia City, Gregg County, Texas; and they advised that their car had not been stolen at any time since they have had it; that Mrs. O.E. Wood drove the car during the last week in January, 1934, to Ada, Okla. to visit her people; that while in Ada she drove over to Marlow, Okla. for a short time to see some friends; that no one else had driven the car and that this was the only occasion the car had been out of the state of Texas this year.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: F.J. Baum SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Mr. and Mrs. Wood advised that they never heard of William Walter (Shine) Rush or Adam Racchetti. Mr. Wood has been employed by the Margay Oil Co. for a number of years and bears a good reputation.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

June 26, 1934.

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

RE: Vernon C. Miller, w.a. (deceased)
Richard Tallman Calatas, w.a.
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:-

Reference to Division telegram of 6/22/34 advising that Reverend J. Frank Norris, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas, had inquired as to the reward for the location of CHARLES ("PRETTY BOY") FLOYD: I immediately communicated with Dr. Norris by 'phone and made an appointment to see him that night at 9 o'clock.

Dr. Norris is the Pastor of the First Baptist Church at Fort Worth and his congregation numbers, probably, more members than any church in Texas. He has been a storm center in religious and political circles for years. He has been tried and acquitted for murder, and suspected of causing the burning of his church for the insurance. He has been a militant leader against crime and vice and has received into his church many persons of criminal and shady records.

He has a reputation for sensationalism and publicity, having access to a radio station, from which he wages bitter campaigns against public officials who arouse his ire.

At the outset of the interview he said that pursuant to letters received from Mrs. Charles Arthur Floyd, he had acquiesced in her desire to have her son join the church, and such had been done. At the baptismal and induction services, news reels had been made and the two major broadcasting companies had given publicity to the event.

He said that emissaries of Floyd were then in town, as was Mrs. Floyd and her son, and that he (Norris) had been approached with reference to negotiating a surrender. I told Dr. Norris that no reward had been offered by the Government and that if one were offered - no portion would be paid for a surrender. He said his only interest in the reward was for the son of Floyd. He readily appreciated that the Government could not pay a reward for surrender.

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He said he believed Floyd knew all about the Kansas City Massacre and later in the conference said Floyd was a participant, and that he (Floyd) had come to a realization that the end of the trail was nearing; that Floyd was badly wounded - one wound being in the right knee, the bullet entering from the rear and lodging under the knee cap, the second would being one entering the left hip (rear) and emerging at the testicles. The second wound is the one giving him most trouble, according to the first version; however, on yesterday I was told this wound was healing and the knee wound - which contained a poisoned bullet, is the one causing his distress. He said Floyd feared treachery upon the part of some of his followers and anticipated he would meet the same fate as Clyde Barrow.

Finally Dr. Norris submitted two conditions, which if met would cause the surrender of Floyd in 48 hours. The first was that a guarantee be made that he be not killed at surrender. I assured him that I would guarantee that. Second, that Floyd be removed immediately to Leavenworth Penitentiary for medical treatment. I told him I would submit that proposal to the Division.

Dr. Norris said that Floyd was actually a participant in the Kansas City case, and that he would give us - after surrender - a complete statement concerning the outrage, would testify, and generally assist the Government.

I assumed from his conversation that Mrs. Floyd was the source of his information and so advised the Division in my telegraphic report; however, since talking by 'phone to SAC Brantley I am inclined to the opinion that E.E. Beech mentioned in correspondence from the Oklahoma City office, is the promoter.

Dr. Norris said that Mrs. Floyd was prepared to communicate with Floyd (he thought she would not do so direct) and advise him, if the conditions named were acceptable. In a later telephone conversation he told me Mrs. Floyd left Fort Worth Saturday morning to effect delivery of the message.

On Monday, 6/25/34, I again went to Fort Worth and was advised that Mrs. Floyd had returned. I then told Dr. Norris that the primary conditions as submitted by him, i.e., guarantee of safety and removal to Leavenworth for medical treatment, were acceptable with the condition that absolute secrecy be maintained pending negotiations and delivery to Leavenworth and for such period thereafter as the Division saw fit. He thought this impossible of fulfillment but I told him it was a stipulation that could not be waived, as without the secrecy we might not be able to fulfill our guarantee of his safe transfer to Leavenworth.

Director.

Mrs. Floyd then joined the conference and she told Dr. Norris that she "left there at 8:30 last night and arrived here at 4:30 this morning." It then developed that she had come to Dr. Norris' office from a stage appearance at the Palace Theatre, where the reel is being shown of the baptism and acceptance into the church of young Floyd, who is variously called Charles Arthur, Jr. and Jack Dempsey Floyd, and where Mrs. Floyd and her son are making personal appearances.

When Dr. Norris mentioned the subject of the conference, Mrs. Floyd said that any future discussion of that matter must be made with "his" (Floyd's) mother. She amplified this somewhat by saying that she (Mrs. Floyd) could not be responsible for further dealings.

After she left I asked Dr. Norris if it was his impression that Mrs. Floyd had gone to Sallisaw, Oklahoma to discuss the matter with. Floyd's mother, and he said it was. The time (8:30 P.M. to 4:30 A.M.) is just about right for that travel.

After the departure of Mrs. Floyd, E.E. Beech entered upon the scene and in an injured tone narrated the expense to which he had been (at one time it was $600.00 and later $1,000.00) in having the charts printed (the Division was furnished a sample of this) and the filming of 1,500 feet of film and having made no money therefrom. I asked him what the 1,500 feet of film comprised and he said the ceremonies attendant upon the joining the church of young Floyd. Later he said he needed about 1,000 feet of additional film to complete the reel and make it profitable. I asked him where he expected to get the scenes for the additional reel and he said from the scene of Floyd's surrender to Dr. Norris, his confession of faith, reception into the church. He was told we would not tolerate such procedure.

He then said that Floyd's mother at Sallisaw, Oklahoma was the person who controlled in the surrender and Beech wanted me to agree to go to Sallisaw and talk with her. I told him I had nothing to say to Mrs. Floyd; that negotiations for the surrender were not begun by us and that it was my understanding that an agreement had been reached by Floyd and his relatives to surrender if the Government would guarantee his safety and transfer to Leavenworth. He said he was going to Sallisaw the latter part of the week, and I told him if, after that, he had anything to discuss, he could call at the Oklahoma City office or at any Division office.

In the discussion on yesterday Dr. Norris said that Floyd was not really a participant in the Kansas City affair, but knew all about it.

Director.

I spent 3 hours with Dr. Norris and others on this matter, but did not have an opportunity of a private discussion with him - after Mrs. Floyd's appearance, but will seek such in the next few days.

I gathered from Dr. Norris that Mrs. Floyd's contact with her husband is through his mother at Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

Steps have been taken to ascertain whether Floyd is in direct communication with his wife and to learn whether he will make an attempt to see her.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake

F.J Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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June 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

We have for some little time been conducting investigation of the whereabouts of "Pretty Boy" Floyd and have received various indications that he has been in and around Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas. Within the last few weeks the Division has received offers from two sources indicating a desire upon the part of Floyd to surrender to representatives of this Division. At the present time negotiations along this line are being carried on by Mr. Blake in Dallas. I think the time has come, however, when we should definitely concentrate upon the handling of this case, and I would, therefore, like to have you take this case as a personal special assignment and proceed with it until Floyd is apprehended or surrenders. There seems to be but little doubt that he is in one of the three States mentioned, and I think that by a proper concentration, study and effort in this matter we can effect an early apprehension of him. I would, therefore, like to have you give immediate study to this problem and proceed to the location where he is reported to be, in an effort to bring about his early capture or surrender.

In connection with the Floyd case, I would also like to have you include the apprehension of Galatas, for from the information received Floyd was an active participant in the Kansas City massacre and I think we should now center our attention upon the complete cleaning up of that case in the apprehension of such party or parties as may have participated therein who have not been brought to justice up to the present time. I would, therefore, like to have you give your exclusive attention to the active investigation of this case until it is brought to a complete and early conclusion.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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Room 1616,
Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.
June 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Through investigation at Westplains, Missouri, a group of photographs were secured, same having been found by local officers there shortly after the murder of Sheriff C. F. Kelly in December, 1931. These were found when a raid was made at a residence where Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Dorothy Slayman, Arthur Dunlop, Mrs. Kate Barker, mother of the Barker brothers, Phoenix Donald, and others, had made their rendezvous shortly before the murder of Sheriff Kelly.

There were secured photographs of individuals unknown to this Division and also numerous photographs of others found to be likenesses of the parties mentioned above. There is one photograph of a man with his left foot on the left rear bumper of a sedan automobile, which car bears a spare tire covered with printing thereon as follows:

"STUDEBAKER
Thomas Motor Company
Tulsa."

Five digits of the number of the rear license tag are visible and appear to be 30-717. It appears further that this might be the complete number of this license tag, and that the lettering to the left of these numbers may be the indication of the State or the year. There is visible beneath these numbers the letters "LA," which may be the last part of the contraction "OKLA." The photograph bearing likeness of this automobile and man appears to be a kodak print

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developed and printed at the Munroe Studio, Tulsa, Oklahoma, as shown on the back of the photograph. The original of this kodak photograph is transmitted herewith for your use.

There are also transmitted herewith photographs of the following:

George E. Barker, father of Fred and Arthur R. Barker, with two unknown women, one on either side.

Likeness of a party reported to be Herman Barker, deceased, brother of Fred and Arthur R. Barker, with two unknown men, one on either side.

A group photograph containing likenesses of nine women and nine men, as well as others whose faces are not visible.

All of these photographs should be returned at the earliest possible date to the Kansas City office. It is requested that your office make investigation at Tulsa, Oklahoma, based upon information in connection with the Studebaker car mentioned above, in an effort to determine the identity of the man whose likeness is shown in that photograph, and also through the same means endeavor to establish the identities of any of the other subjects of photographs mentioned herein.

The St. Paul office has already been furnished with this data and has requested that an effort be made to establish the identities of these contacts of the Barker-Karpe gang.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1216 Smith Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas.
June 26, 1934. GTJ/ML

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

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

Dear Sir:

CH 6/30/34

I am transmitting herewith by registered mail the following described bullets and empty shells that have been fired from guns found in the possession of H. S. Lebman, San Antonio, Texas, as will be noted in the files entitled "H. S. Lebman, et al, Possession of Stolen Government Property," and "John Herbert Dillinger, w.a. Fugitive, I.O. #1217, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Conspiracy to Harbor Fugitives from Justice,"

Two bullets and two shells fired from .45 caliber Colt Automatic pistol (National Match) serial #173697. This gun was shipped from the factory to H. S. Lebman for account of Wolf & Klar, Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 22, 1933, and, according to Lebman, was sold to either H. L. Keith, Tommie Carroll, George (Baby Face) Nelson, or Homer Van Meter, while they were in San Antonio in November of that year.

Two bullets fired from .45 caliber Colt Automatic pistol, serial #161971. This gun was found dismantled on the work bench of Lebman. He was making it into a machine gun. He stated that the job had been ordered done by Homer Van Meter in November, 1933. Lebman claimed he does not know where Van Meter obtained this pistol. The records show that this gun was shipped from the factory to Wolf & Klar, Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 22, 1932, and was sold by Wolf & Klar to Lebman.

Two bullets and two shells fired from Thompson machine gun taken from possession of H. S. Lebman, San Antonio, Tex. This gun bears no serial number and acid test has failed to bring out a secret number. Lebman claimed he obtained this gun from Izzey Shapu, Corpus Christi, Tex. This has been verified.

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Director, #2, June 26, 1934.

It is requested that the bullets and shells herein described be forwarded to the Kansas City office for a ballistic test with bullets and shells known to have been used in the Kansas City shooting.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Laboratory Report

Case: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner.

Number: 62-28915-1365

Specimens: Two bullets and two shells fired from .45 caliber Colt Automatic Pistol (National Match) serial #173697.
Two bullets fired from .45 caliber Colt Automatic pistol, serial #161971.
Two bullets and two shells fired from Thompson machine gun taken from possession of H. S. Lebman, San Antonio, Tex.

Examination requested by: San Antonio Division Office.

Date received: June 30, 1934

Examination requested: Ballistic.

Result of examination: 7/w

Examination by:

7/w Bullets marked C - 45 cal Colt automatic pistol serial 161971
Have no 45 fatal bullets for comparison
These have distinctive marks

2 Bullets & 2 shells marked A fired from 45 cal Colt "National Match" Pistol serial 173697
Nothing to compare with but photo of one shell 45 at Kansas City Massacre and they are not identical

2 bullets & 2 shells fired from Thompson Sub Machine gun F&S Lebman San Antonio Tex compared with photos of Thompson bullets & shells recovered at K.C. Massacre

City of Miami-Florida

OFC-F-511

CONFIDENTIAL

June 19th, 1934.

Mr. Roger Main,
U. S. D. J. Agent,
Dallas Park Hotel,
Miami, Fla.

Dear Mr. Main:-

This morning, Gaines had a man to fingerprint for the Sheriff at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, named (See Gaines for his name), who stated he was from Oklahoma, and was raised with Pretty Boy Charles Arthur Floyd, and that he served in the war with him.

This subject stated that in April, 1934, he was taken to the M & M Hospital for treatment, and that he saw Pretty Boy Floyd, Floyds Brother in Law McBride and Floyds child there in the hospital, that the child was there for treatment, as was Floyd, seemingly for broken ribs. That Floyd recognized him and he later overheard Floyd and McBride talking about getting rid of him because he recognized Floyd, however, he talked to Floyd and made gestures of wishing to join with Floyd. This subject states that he overheard enough to know that a Dr. in the Hospital and a Nurse from Oklahoma are in with the Floyds and that the Floyds and this Doctor are handling dope etc. Further, that Floyd seemed to be in right with the Law enforcing bodies at Ft. Lauderdale and seemingly didnt fear detention there.

I dont know just what this information will mean, however, according to Gaines, the man spoke very confidentially and was not hesitant, however, he did request that Gaines not say anything to anyone from the Fort Lauderdale Law bodies as he feared a reprisal at the hands of Floyd.

If we can be of some service to you in this investigation let us know. Since you are out of the City at this time, we will mail a copy to your Jacksonville and Washington Offices.

Very truly yours,

L. O. Scarboro,
Chief of Detectives.

Det. Sgt. Melchen.

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DIV. OF INVESTIGATION
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June 28, 1934

Mr. L. O. Scarboro,
Chief of Detectives,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Mr. Scarboro:

I am in receipt of your letter dated June 19, 1934, addressed to Special Agent Roger Main of this Division, furnishing information with respect to Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

This information will receive the attention of this Division, and your cooperation in calling it to our attention is very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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June 28, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (deceased); Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases, Fugitive, Identification Order #1201; Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, with aliases, Identification Order #1194, et al
Conspiracy to Delivery Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter dated June 19, 1934, addressed to Special Agent Roger Main by Mr. L. C. Scarboro, Chief of Detectives, Miami, Florida, setting forth information with respect to subject Floyd.

This matter should receive your prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc Kansas City

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mp E.A.T.

REM:TAB

June 26, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Nashville, Tennessee.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
(deceased); Richard Tallman Galatas,
with aliases, Fugitive, Identification
Order #1201; Charles Arthur "Pretty
Boy" Floyd, with aliases, Identification
Order #1194, et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of a letter dated June 21, 1934, addressed to the Division by W. T. Griffin, Chief Inspector, Detective Division of the Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, wherein he sets forth further information concerning associates of subject Galatas.

You, no doubt, have already communicated with Inspector Griffin, and are giving this matter immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc Kansas City
Birmingham

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN
MR. TAMM

Mr. Brantley telephoned from Oklahoma City to say that since Sunday there have been certain news items around that vicinity to the effect that $5,000 has been offered for the apprehension of "Pretty Boy" Floyd, but Mr. Tamm had advised him this is not the case. I stated Mr. Tamm was right.

Mr. Brantley advised that A. W. Constock at Pawhuska, about whom he recently sent a letter to the Division expressing his opinion, and in whom he does not have a great deal of confidence, says he has received certain information that Floyd wants to get all the money together possible for his son, and that with $5,000 on him he could get him in three days.

Mr. Brantley inquired as to what was the largest sum we would give for Floyd. I stated $5,000 had not been offered by the Attorney General or the Department, and we are not offering any money to be paid to any member of the Floyd family. I stated we had previously agreed on $1,000 for information which would lead to the apprehension of Floyd, and this still holds, and this is the most we will pay. I stated, however, that this money would not be paid to Floyd or any member of the family, because we cannot be put in the position of paying a man to surrender. I stated that furthermore I was getting weary of the "fishing" that the Floyd crowd was doing, as Mr. Blake had a similar situation in his district in connection with a proposition from some minister, which emanated from the same source, at which time they wanted Floyd to surrender and be baptized, with motion picture cameras, which of course we would not agree to.

I stated that I had told Mr. Blake yesterday, and was going to send orders to Mr. Brantley, that I wanted to practically concentrate primarily to capture Floyd and let everything else be side-tracked. I told Mr. Brantley he could tell the lawyer that $1,000 is the limit and that orders are now for a concentrated drive on Floyd and that we are going to kill him if we catch him; that we are tired of this negotiating and if he wants to come in and surrender he had better do it immediately or he will be killed. Mr. Brantley stated he had no confidence whatever in this attorney at Pawhuska, but would tell him what I had said.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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RFC:MW

June 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 20, 1934, submitting a photostatic copy of the fingerprint card of Harry Carlton, Chicago Police Department #C-16239, for comparison with the remaining unidentified latent impressions taken from the former residence of Vernon C. Miller in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases (Deceased), et al; Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner.

The comparison which your office desired to have made has been completed, but no identification was effected. A search of the fingerprints of Harry Carlton through the main fingerprint files of the Division has resulted in the identification of this individual as our #40771, a copy of whose criminal record as disclosed by the Division files is transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

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FBI/DOJ

June 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 16, 1934, submitting fingerprints of Sammy Schrager alias Samuel Martin, New York Police Department #51868, for comparison with the latent impressions found at the former residence of Vernon C. Miller in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased), et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

A search of the main fingerprint files of the Division has resulted in the identification of Sammy Schrager as Samuel Schraiger, our #182772. The comparison which your office desires to have made has heretofore been made with negative results. This information has been furnished the Kansas City office in my letter dated June 13, 1934.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City, Missouri

Jax FILE NO. 62-877

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Jacksonville, Florida	June 28, 1934	June 26, 1934	C. E. McRae, Jr.

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:

J. S. Higgins, father of Elsie Heller, interviewed Miami, Florida; states knew George Zeigler and wife Irene; does not know Irene's present whereabouts or constant whereabouts of Zeigler in June 1933; Elsie Heller not Irene Dorsey's sister; no information of value obtained.

P.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated June 13, 1934.

DETAILS:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:

From the Florida Power and Light Company it was ascertained that Elsie Heller had resided at #859 Northwest 14th Court.

DETAILS: J. S. Higgins, 859 Northwest 14th Court, advised that he was the father of Mrs. Elsie Heller, now deceased; that his daughter had visited George Zeigler and his wife in Chicago during the summer of 1933; that he also knew the Zeiglers and had himself gone to Chicago to see his daughter, and had seen George Zeigler on different occasions during this visit. Mr. Higgins stated that his visit to Chicago was during June of 1933, and that although he did not stay with the Zeiglers, he saw them often, as his daughter was staying with them when she was not in the hospital; Mr. Higgins stated he knew nothing about Zeigler's affairs or business; that he never asked and never was told; he stated he did not know any of Zeigler's associates in Chicago.

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Mr. Higgins stated that he believed his daughter first met the Zeiglers in Miami, Florida, in 1931, and that in 1932 they came to visit her for about two months during the winter; that they spent most of their time going to the beach and enjoying themselves, and although they had some friends come to see them, he could not recall who they were; that Zeigler's wife's name was Irene and that at the time of their visit they were accompanied by her sister, who was called "Mel"; that his daughter Elsie Heller is no kin to Irene.

Mr. Higgins does not know the present whereabouts of Irene Dorsey, stating he has never heard from them since he saw them in Chicago and could give no further information.

PENDING.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT
DETECTIVE DIVISION
WM. T. GRIFFIN
CHIEF INSPECTOR

CITY OF MEMPHIS
SHELBY CO. TENN.

COMMISSION GOVERNMENT
WATKINS OVERTON, MAYOR
MEMPHIS, TENN.

June 21, 1934.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Richard Tallman
Galatas.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the above subject we on yesterday contacted informant who gave us the following additional information.

One Louis Austin alias Hart Austin etc., ex-convict and bank robber is now incarcerated in Birmingham, Alabama having been returned there from Greensboro, N. C. where he stayed for more than three months in a hospital suffering from gun shot wound. At the time Austin was arrested in North Carolina he was accompanied by one or more other men who escaped and it is thought by the informant Galatas was among those who got away. He is a known associate of Austin. I have known Austin for years and it will do absolutely no good to contact him as he is one of the kind that has never been known to talk. If it became known to him this information came from Memphis he would immediately know the identity of the informant.

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There is another party whose true name is unknown

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POLICE DEPARTMENT
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but uses the "Moniker" of "Little Alabam" that is a friend of Galatas and is said to have hung around Kearney's place in St.Louis. He originally came from Montgomery Alabama, where Galatas' woman, Betty, is said to have had a son attending school.

While informant is not positive they are of the opinion that by reason of Austin being arrested by the Birmingham, Alabama autorities that he and subject were possibly hanging out in that State at the time the offense was committed for which Austin is now held. We do not know charge Austin is being held on but am writing the Chief of Police for full particulars.

Yours truly,

W. T. Griffin
CHIEF INSPECTOR.

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U.S.Dep't. of Justice,
302 Medical Arts Bldg,
Nashville, Tenn.

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June 28, 1934

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Mr. W. T. Griffin,
Chief Inspector,
Detective Division,
Police Department,
Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Griffin:

I am in receipt of your letter dated June 21, 1934, wherein you set forth additional information concerning associates of Richard Tallman Galatas, subject of Identification Order #1201.

It is noted from your letter that a copy was furnished to Mr. W. A. Rorer, Special Agent in Charge of the Nashville Office of this Division, who no doubt has already communicated with you concerning this matter.

Thanking you for your continued cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover.

Director.

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422 Midland Savings Bldg.,
Denver, Colo.
June 28, 1934.

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JUL 28 1934 PM

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to a letter dated May 16, 1934 from Acting Special Agent in Charge, B. E. Sackett of the Los Angeles office, relative to a report received that "Pretty Boy" Floyd and a gang of outlaws were apparently located in the hills of Southwest Colorado and Northeast New Mexico, there is inclosed herewith a communication dated the 22nd instant from Special Agent A. R. Sore of this office covering his interview with Mr. Sam Fabrizio, Superintendent of Special Service of the A.T.& S.F.R.R. at La-Junta, Colorado, for your information and the suggestion that Mr. J. J. Brennan of Topeka, Kansas be contacted with reference to his informant Fred Cathoff of Kansas City, Missouri in the event such action has not already been taken.

Very truly yours,

JAY G. NEWMAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Pueblo, Colo.
June 22, 1934.

In re: Chas. A. (Pretty Boy) Floyd, Fugitive;
Murder of Government Officer.
File No. 62-1

Mr. Jay C. Newman,
Special Agent in Charge,
422 Midland Savings Bldg.,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Sir:

With reference to letter from Acting Special Agent in Charge B. E. Sackett, Los Angeles, Calif., dated the 16th ultimo, I was finally able to contact Mr. Sam Fabrizio, Superintendent of Special Service, A.T.& S.F.R.R., who for the past month has been confined in the Santa Fe Hospital at LaJunta, Colorado, on account of injuries sustained in an automobile accident, and he advised that on April 30, 1934, Deputy Sheriff H. T. Reynolds, of Carrizozo, New Mexico, advised that Pretty Boy Floyd, together with three other men and a woman, were supposed to be in Torrance County, New Mexico, of which Estancia, N. M., is the county seat, and that one of Pretty Boy Floyd's gang was going to turn him up on May 5th for part of the reward offered for his capture.

Mr. Fabrizio also advised that about the same time J. J. Brennan, Superintendent of Special Service, A.T.& S.F.R.R., Topeka, Kans., advised that he was in touch with one Fred Osthoff, an ex-convict of Kansas City, Mo., who claimed that Lu Sterling, a sweetheard of Pretty Boy Floyd, was furnishing him (Osthoff) with information relative to a proposed train robbery on the Santa Fe R.R. within a radius of seventy-five miles of Albuquerque, N.M., which was contemplated by Pretty Boy Floyd and his gang, of which One-Eyed Dixson, or Nixson, and Blackie Dean were members, and that they had two cars, one of which was a blue Plymouth sedan with black wheels, a 1934 model, and the other was a 1934 black Ford V-8 coupe, and were supposed to have four license plates, Texas, Illinois, Indiana and Nebraska.

Mr. Fabrizio also stated that Special Agent John F. Giles of the Santa Fe R.R., at Las Vegas, N.M., advised on May 21, 1934, that he had conferred at Albuquerque, N.M., with Special Agent in Charge Ralph H. Colvin, of the El Paso Division office, relative to this matter, and that Mr. Colvin had been informed relative thereto by Fred F. Phillips, Superintendent of Special Service, Santa Fe R.R., at Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. Fabrizio also stated that Mr. J. J. Brennan, of Topeka,

Kans., advised that he had lost contact with Fred Osthoff and that it could not be ascertained that he had returned to Kansas City, Mo., up to June 2, 1934, and that there was suspicion that he had met with foul play at the hands of Pretty Boy Floyd or his gang.

It is possible that you may want to pass this information on to the Kansas City office with a view to contacting J. J. Brennan, of the Santa Fe R.R. at Topeka, Kans., and also with a view to locating the original informant, Fred Osthoff, an ex-convict of Kansas City, Mo.

It is also possible that Special Agent in Charge Colvin, of El Paso, Texas, was not informed of the information that Deputy Sheriff H. T. Reynolds, of Carrizozo, New Mexico, furnished relative to the alleged location of Pretty Boy Floyd and his companions.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) A R Gore
Special Agent

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Further reference is made to the seventeen original negatives of latent fingerprints obtained by your office from the house occupied by Vernon C. Miller in connection with the case entieled Vernon C. Miller with aliases (Deceased) et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

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

Wilbur Gardner, our #47641.
John H. Lugar, our #515201.
Clara Morgan, our #648281.
Frank Mulloy, our #392709.
John Nolan, our #125426.
Martin O'Leary, our #560109.
Alvis Payton, our #676983.
John Peter Peiffer, our #70015.
Bernard Phillips, our #328905.
M. A. Pruitt, our #693269.
J. B. Queen, our #50985.
Morris Roisner, our #325039.
John Rooney, our #719371.
John B. Ross, our #15295.
Tommie Russell, #11457-A PD Minneapolis, Minn.
Fern May Senkey, our #647901.
Harry A. Sawyer, #29022 USP Leavenworth, Kans.
Joseph Schrieber, our #418691.
Ivanhoe Silva, our #176270.
George M. Snyder, our #406385.
Louis Stacey, our #693501.
Leon Suttle, our #717180.
Mrs. Walter Thomas, Chicago Div. Off.
William Leonard, our #724924.
Andrew McLeod, our #416687.
William Moran, our #96894.
William M. Niederluecke, Jr., our #209147.
Larry O'Keefe, our #40771.
Walter O'Malley, our #428741.
Arthur Pederson, #2247 SRef Green Bay, Wis.
Arthur Peterson, #13339 Milwaukee, Wis.
Lee Phillips, our #233636.
Otto Pulaski, our #724916.
Adam Richetti, our #174842.
John Roland alias Wincel Urban, our #515120.
Ernest Rossi (Dead), our #387338.
Albert Sacks, #6587 SRef Rahway, N. J.
Harry Sandovick, our #421335.
Verne SenKey (Dedd), USM Chicago, Ill.
Isaac Saxon, our #390236.
Ludwig Schmidt, our #68210.
Roy D. Sherrill, our #59450.
Angelina Sindzanski, Chicago Div. Off.
Frank Soudera, our #685480.
Tom Sullivan, #89 Fond du Lac, Wis.
Sam Terrin, our #196876.
Jack Thompson, our #155306.

No identification has been effected in this manner.

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Comparison of these unidentified latent impressions with the fingerprints of all other persons named in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer are going forward.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#1264

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.

Date received: June 19, 1934

Examination requested: Ballistic

Result of examination: Examination by: C. A. Appel

June 26. The two bullets were carefully examined and it has been concluded that they were shot from a .45 Colt Automatic pistol. Each of the bullets, however, is so smooth apparently because of wear since their recovery (as witness, the loop soldered on one which shows it may be hung from a chain) that there are very few marks of the rifling left. Of the marks which are left which appear to be peculiar to this gun the agreements are sufficient to indicate the probability that the two bullets were fired from the same weapon. Even this statement is only based upon an indication and is not a conclusion which may be used as evidence.

Notwithstanding the smoothness described, the two bullets were compared with specimens fired from 45 calibre Colt Automatic pistols recovered in cases since 1931 such as the Urschel kidnaping case, the Luer kidnaping case, the Barrow Gang, and similar cases, but no identification was effected.

The lack of identifying marks leads the examiner to refrain from stating that either of the bullets are susceptible of identification. Notwithstanding this, in accordance with the request in a letter of the Kansas City office the two bullets are being forwarded to that office. They may be shown to Mr. Gill for comparison with specimens recovered in the Kansas City massacre and are then to be returned to their owners.

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June 29, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division June 19, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT KANSAS CITY FILE NO. 62-760

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KANSAS CITY, MO.	6-27-34	6-23-24-34	W. F. TRAINOR B

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

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Report received from Sheriff, Springfield, Missouri, that party believed to be Charles Arthur Floyd might be located at a tourist camp operated by Clyde Higgs near Branson, Missouri. Investigation made and appropriate group of officers raided the establishment near Branson on 6-24-34 which resulted in learning that the original report received by the Sheriff at Springfield, Missouri, was no doubt erroneous and there had been no one possibly identical with Floyd or other fugitives wanted by Division at the tourist camp on the occasion in question.

P.

REFERENCE: Division letter of 12-7-33 addressed to the Kansas City office.

DETAILS: Special Agent H. E. Andersen of this office received a telephone communication on the night of 6-23-34 at his residence from Assistant Sheriff John Kelley of Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Kelley stated that he had been notified by the Sheriff at Springfield, Missouri, that Charles Arthur Floyd was probably located near Branson, Missouri, at a tourist camp and that information had reached the Sheriff at Springfield that evening that Floyd was wounded, being harbored by the party who operates the camp. Original information reached Agent Andersen in this connection about 10:30 P.M., 6-23-34. A later communication

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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was had with the Kansas City office by Sheriff Scott Curtis of Springfield, Missouri, who spoke with Special Agent R. G. Reed, then on duty around 11 P.M., 6-23-34. Agent Reed rendered the following memoranda concerning the information submitted to him by Sheriff Curtis:

"About 11:00 P.M., 6-23-34, Deputy Sheriff John Kelley notified Special Agents Trainor and Andersen that the Sheriff at Springfield, Missouri, had called on his office for help in rounding up some suspicious characters at Branson, Missouri, who might be part of the 'Pretty Boy' Floyd contingent, or possibly connected with the Dillinger outfit. Agents Trainor and Andersen left the Kansas City Division office about 11:20 P.M. with Kelley and were to join Sheriff Tom Bash at Sedalia in order to proceed to Springfield, Missouri. They took with them a Thompson machine gun, Colt Monitor, riot gun, gas gun, wet and dry battery flashlights and ammunition.

"About midnight Sheriff Scott Curtis of Springfield, Missouri, called by long distance asking whether or not any help was coming from this office and was advised in the affirmative. He stated that about four o'clock this afternoon he had heard that someone had been taken to Branson, Missouri, in an ambulance and that a taxi cab driver had been hired to transport a doctor of Branson by the name of Stepp or Stapp from Springfield to Branson. He stated that he got hold of the taxi driver and that the latter told him that yesterday afternoon this doctor hired him in Springfield to take him to Branson and that the doctor told him to follow a black ambulance; that upon arriving at Branson the ambulance turned into the home of Clyde Hicks who operates a camp on highway 65 just on the north edge of Branson; that there is a driveway under the house and that when the taxi man delivered the doctor he saw two men on either side of the driveway with machine guns trained on him; that the person in the ambulance was undressed and apparently in very bad shape; that this person was a man and that he could see he had a scar on the side of his face.

"As to Dr. Stepp, Sheriff Curtis said that the latter is said to have been run out of Wichita and this may be significant in connection with recent investigation there in connection with the Dillinger case.

"Curtis advised he has no definite idea who this wounded person could be but believes the information reliable. He stated that the taxi man apparently was extremely unnerved by his experience and stated that there were several high powered automobiles parked under Hick's house."

"About 1:00 A.M., 6-24-34, Sheriff at Springfield called in again and advised that the real name of the doctor in question is 'Chipp'; that the name of the taxi driver is Tommy, last name unknown, but who drives a cab for Mr. Winton; that Tommy advised that he and his wife, the doctor and a woman made the trip in question; that the doctor was registered in room 324 at the Ozark Hotel in Springfield."

Agent Andersen and the writer, together with Mr. Kelley of the Sheriff's Office at Kansas City, Missouri, proceeded to Springfield, Missouri, by automobile and enroute the Agents and Mr. Kelley were joined by Sheriff Tom Bash of Kansas City who proceeded from his farm about one hundred miles distant. Upon arrival at Springfield, Missouri, it was learned that a large posse of officers from there had left for Branson, Missouri, a few minutes before and, therefore, the Agents and other officers proceeded to that place. It was learned upon arrival that the posse had just arrived and observation indicated that the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Sheriffs from adjoining counties and local towns-people had arrived in great numbers. There were apparently from eighty to one hundred persons engaged in the proposed raid which was then made. It was found that the camp in question was that of Clyde Higgs, who is an ex-convict and is mentioned in the reference communication. All of the cabins at the camp were raided and it was found that there were no individuals there of any questionable identity.

Agent Andersen and the writer upon interview with Sheriff Curtis of Springfield learned that the taxi driver mentioned in Agent Reed's memoranda heretofore who furnished the information was Tom Engle, who is employed by the Black and White Cab Company of Springfield. Engle was interviewed at the scene of the raid by Agent Andersen and the writer. He stated that Thursday night, 6-21-34, about 8 P.M. one Dr. Chipp, who was staying at the Colonial Hotel at Springfield, Missouri, in room 246, engaged him to transport him and a woman friend of the doctor's to a night club at Springfield and that he brought them to the roadhouse known as the "Half-A-Hill" to eat and that he called for them in an hour and they went to the "Tiger Tavern". He stated that again on Friday, 6-22-34, he was engaged by Dr. Chipp through one of the bellboys at the hotel to make a drive from Springfield to Branson, Missouri, at which place the tourist camp of Clyde Higgs is situated. He stated that Dr. Chipp was considerably intoxicated at the time he made this last trip and that he was previously told by one of the bellboys at the Colonial Hotel, name unknown to Engle, that he should "keep his mouth shut" in connection with his livery service to Dr. Chipp. He stated that he drove to Branson, Missouri, on the late afternoon of Friday, 6-22-34, with the doctor and this woman, also having with him his, Engle's, wife. That upon arrival near the camp of Clyde

Higgs there was an ambulance which passed him on the highway and turned in to the Higgs Tourist Camp. He stated that he followed the ambulance in and upon arriving at the residence of Clyde Higgs, which is on the camp grounds, he discharged his two passengers, Dr. Chipp and the woman, and that Clyde Higgs paid him $5.00 for the trip since Dr. Chipp was apparently too drunk to transact his own business. He stated further that he saw some men unload a wounded man from the ambulance which he claims he saw and that they were guarded from both sides of the ambulance with machine guns. He stated that he saw the wounded man and would recognize him from a photograph, later observed as Charles Arthur Floyd. He stated that the wounded man was carried into the residence of Clyde Higgs and that he left the scene at that time and went back to Springfield. He stated he furnished the information then to Sheriff Curtis at Springfield. It is apparent that Sheriff Curtis, after learning Engle had acted as the chauffeur for those individuals and that there was something suspicious regarding the trip, caused a very strenuous interrogation of Engle in which some corporal pressure was brought to bear. Engle's appearance would indicate that such was probably the case as he was observed by Agent Anderson and the writer on the morning of 6-24-34.

Dr. J. W. Chipp, together with a woman known as Ruby Huie, was found in one of the cabins when the raid was made at the tourist camp. They were both interviewed aside from any of the other participants of the raid by Agent Andersen and the writer. Dr. Chipp stated that he comes from Bethany, Missouri, and that he has recently returned from Wichita, Kansas, where he had a physical examination administered by an examiner of the Veterans Administration, he being an ex-service man. The woman with him, he stated, is well known to him and has been for some time although he advised that he did not see her on his last visit to Wichita, Kansas, and that he happened to meet her at Springfield, Missouri, recently. He stated in a rather embarrassed fashion that he is married and that his escapade with Ruby Huie was a thing that he desired not to become known. This indicates the purpose of secrecy when he engaged the taxi hire from the hotel at Springfield. He advised that he is well acquainted with Randall Wilson, who comes from Bethany, Missouri, and is now Assistant U. S. Attorney at Kansas City, and also Dr. Ross from Albany, Missouri, who is cashier for the Collector of Internal Revenue now at Kansas City, Missouri. Dr. Chipp admitted that he was intoxicated at the time he arrived in the taxi from Springfield on the evening of 6-22-34 and he stated that Clyde Higgs paid the taxi fare as he remembers because he himself did not have any money and that he has been a patron of the camp prior to this time. He stated positively that there was no ambulance that he saw on the camp grounds and that he did not come there for any professional purpose whatever; that he had with him no instruments or other medical supplies and that he has never in his life administered professional to any known criminal. The attitude of Dr. Chipp was one which impressed the Agents as being embarrassment and chagrin due to his having been uncovered in an immoral escapade. He and his woman companion were questioned thoroughly in an

endeavor to develop any apparent evidence of a violation of the White Slave Traffic Act, however, Ruby Huie positively stated that she did not come from any point outside of the State of Missouri with Dr. Chipp and just happened to meet him at Springfield. Ruby Huie it will be noted is a woman of mature age and appearance and seems not to be of a commercialized type of prostitute. It appears that Dr. Chipp is considerably older than she and that Miss Huie was enjoying a week end with the doctor, who probably spends considerable money. There were no indications of any aggravating circumstances in connection with a violation of the White Slave Traffic Act.

Clyde Higgs' residence was thoroughly searched by officers and there could be found no evidence whatever of the presence of an injured man there either at the time of the raid or any time previous thereto. The wife of Clyde Higgs was thoroughly interrogated by Agent Andersen and the writer, assisted by Sheriffs Curtis and Bash heretofore mentioned. She stated that there has been no one in the camp that has left, with the exception of a man with two daughters and his wife, within the last three days and that she did not learn the names of those people. Other local parties who were at the scene of this raid, when questioned privately, corroborated Mrs. Higgs in the statement that there has been no ambulance seen in that vicinity within the last two weeks. Mrs. Higgs denied that there has been an ambulance or any physician at the camp recently administering to any one in a professional way.

Ruby Huie, when interviewed, stated that her residence is at 1255 South Market Street, Wichita, Kansas, and that she was visiting at Springfield, Missouri, and was at the Colonial Hotel on or about 6-20-34 when she met Dr. Chipp. She likewise stated that she saw no ambulance at the camp where they were staying near Branson.

Clyde Higgs was interrogated by Agent Andersen and the writer and verified the statement of Dr. Chipp as to his arrival there and the payment of the taxi bill. All details coincided with the statement of Dr. Chipp. Clyde Higgs stated that he has seen no ambulance in that vicinity lately and denied that he has ever given aid or quarters to any of the known outlaws for whom this Division is searching. Higgs advised that he is well acquainted with many local parties in Kansas City, including Frank B. Mulloy, a subject of this case, and other racketeers of Kansas City. He stated that he is an ex-convict and admitted that he has a bad reputation, but he stated that due to this fact that he knows he could not successfully evade detection if he were to habor anyone like Floyd. After considerable questioning no information of any value was secured from Higgs although it did appear to the Agents that he had no fears as to the present rumor of Floyd's presence at his place.

The wife of taxi driver Tom Engle was not found available for an interview by the Agents. It was shown, however, through the interview with Engle

that he himself was no doubt intoxicated to an extent that he could not have been reliable at the time of his trip with Dr. Chipp. These facts apparently indicate the reason why the wife of Tom Engle accompanied him on this trip to Branson, Missouri, on the evening of 6-22-34.

Interviews had with various officers, including Sheriff Curtis of Springfield and Major L. M. Means of the Missouri State Highway Patrol indicated that those officers were of a belief that there was positively no basis for the information when it was finally fully developed and all officers departed from the scene of the raid within one hour from the time of arrival.

Interview was had with Dr. Ross, cashier in the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue at Kansas City, Missouri, who has been previously known to the writer while he practiced dentistry at Albany, Missouri. Dr. Ross stated that he is acquainted with Dr. J. W. Chipp and that Dr. Chipp formerly operated a drug store in a small town near Albany and practiced medicine in that vicinity. He stated that Dr. Chipp is a man of good reputation and that he does not believe he would knowingly administer aid to any gangster without reporting it to law enforcement officials. He stated that Dr. Chipp sometime ago was known to sell liquor occasionally through his drug store and that his greatest fault is alcoholism.

PENDING

P. O. Box 536
Los Angeles, California
June 25, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:-

Reference is had to your letter of June 12, 1934, addressed to the Chicago Division Office, copy of which was mailed to this office.

Special Agent (A) M. B. Myerson of this office, on June 21, 1934, contacted Captain Trainor of the Los Angeles Police Department, Fugitive Detail, who exhibited to agent the envelope covering arrest #21434, Richard Tellman Galetas, under date of March 14, 1923. Capt. Trainor explained that this arrest occurred so long ago that it would be useless to interview the police officers making the arrest, and stated that any information they might have gathered at the time of the arrest would be of record in said envelope.

The contents of the envelope were examined by Agent Myerson, who noted a letter therein written by Galetas under date of March 12, 1923, to his sister, Mrs. Richard Tellman, the letter commencing "Dear Sister," and referring to her as Ida Mae, in which he bitterly criticises his mother, asks that his address be kept secret, and sends regards to "Ginie" or "Genie", from "Richard, Betty & Pat," the latter doubtless being Galetas, his wife and child.

Also included in said envelope was an unmailed and unstamped envelope addressed to Mrs. Hugh M. Martin, Montgomery, Alabama, which, however, does not appear to be in the handwriting of Galetas, as compared with that on his letter to his sister. The latter, it was noted, was addressed to 1035½ Bixel Street, Los Angeles, which is the place at which Galetas' wife was arrested as his confederate in a bunco job, for which they were returned to Chicago, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

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

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Chicago

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

June 25, 1934.

Postmaster,
Whitehall, Wisconsin.

VERNON C.MILLER, with aliases (Deceased;
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUG.I.O.#1201;
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, FUG. I.O.# 1194.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir: Re: St.Paul File No. 62-889

With reference to your letter dated June 23, 1934, in which you advise that an unknown individual has removed from the bulletin board in the lobby of your post office Identification Order No. 1201, please be advised that this Identification Order is that of RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, and as the apprehension of this individual is still desired by this Division, an additional Identification Order is forwarded herewith.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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WAR:LS

Post Office Box 419,
Nashville, Tennessee,
June 25, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of the following memorandum from Special Agent W. T. Norton, dated June 18, 1934, at Memphis, Tennessee:

"On this date a Mr. Thomas E. Harrison approached the clerk of the general delivery window of the Memphis Post Office and advised that after observing the Identification Order of Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases (I.O.#1201), posted on the Post Office Bulletin board, he was positive that he had seen this person recently in Los Angeles, California. He further stated that this person he had in mind worked either for the Herald Express or The Examiner, newspapers of that city, in the classified adds department and was out side solicitor; that he goes by the name of Jordan. The clerk at the general delivery window referred him to Post Office Inspector R. H. Tomlinson, and related the same information. Harrison's address was not ascertained but he left a business card indicating that he was connected with Dyanize Manufacturing Company, Mercantile Building, Dallas, Texas. He further stated at the time that he was then leaving Memphis.

At the time this information was referred to the writer Post Office Inspector Tomlinson was absent from his office."

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No lead is being set out for the Dallas or Los Angeles offices, it being left to the discretion of the office of origin. I am forwarding herewith the business card of Thomas E. Harrison.

Very truly yours,

Encl.
cc-Division
Dallas
Los Angeles

W. A. ROHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
June 26, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to your letter of June 21, 1934, and to the memorandum by Special Agent D. S. Hostetter which was attached.

After consideration of the question of an open interview with Pat Gordelle Sturney, stepson of Subject Galatas, it has occurred to this office that it is very doubtful whether any information of value could be secured if Sturney were so interviewed. It appears that if he is not in possession of information as to the whereabouts of his mother and Galatas the interview would, of course, result in negative information. On the other hand, it seems reasonable to assume that if he is in possession of such information and could be prevailed upon to furnish it for the best interests of his mother, he would, no doubt, communicate with his mother before divulging facts to an Agent, in order to learn her attitude. Investigation previously made and approaches had to parties who are unquestionably in position to contact Galatas at Hot Springs, Arkansas, leads this office to believe that Galatas has been approached by those friends and that he has no disposition whatever to surrender himself to the Government.

Moreover, it appears that due to the relationship existing between Sturney, Galatas and wife, they will eventually contact him in such a manner that the Division, through proper surveillance, will learn of same.

Accordingly, in the absence of information which would indicate advantage in an open interview with Sturney, it is the belief of this office that the action should not be taken in the best interests of this Division.

Very truly yours,

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R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

WFT:B
cc - Division
62-760

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
June 26, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

This office is in receipt of a copy of Division letter addressed to you under date of June 18, 1934, having reference to a report by Special Agent T. M. Birch, dated at Oklahoma City, May 29, 1934, relative to the matter entitled Hazel Hudson Underhill, et al, Harboring and Concealing Wilber Underhill, for whom a warrant of arrest had been issued.

The files in this office do not reflect that the Kansas City office has received copies of the report of Agent Birch and while it appears that Oklahoma City may be the office of origin in that matter, since it has particular reference to the above entitled case it is requested that you forward copies to this office.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

WFT:B

cc - Division

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
June 26, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
629 First National Bank Building
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

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

This office has received a copy of Division letter of June 18, 1934, addressed to your office, relative to an analysis in the Division Laboratory of a letter transmitted by your office having been received from the Police Department at Grand Island, Nebraska, in connection with this case.

The file in the instant matter at the Kansas City office does not reflect the receipt of a letter from you showing the basis of the examination by the Division and, accordingly, it is requested that you furnish this data.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

WFT:B

cc - Division

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Post Office Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama,
June 27, 1934.

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

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, a. Verne C. Miller, a. V. C. Moore, a. Vincent C. Moore, a. V. C. White, a. V. C. Mason, DECEASED; HERBERT ALLEN FARMER, a. Herb Farmer, a. Herbert Black, a. H. A. Patton, a. W. H. Williams, a. W. H. Baker, a. Harry J. Garner, a. Harry Allen Farmer, a. William Hilary Baker; MRS. ESTHER FARMER; MRS. FRANCES NASH, a. Mrs. Frances Miller, a. Mrs. Frances Harrison, a. Mrs. George N. Miller, a. Frances Mikulich Miller; RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, a. Dick Galatas, a. Richard F. Galatas, a. Dick Gladis, a. Prichard Sheridan, a. Dick Sheridan, a. Richard Gray, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201; MRS. E. B. CONNER, a. Mrs. Louise Conner, a. Lou Conner, a. Mary Conner; ROBERT C. BRADY, a. Bob Brady, a. Pat Brady, a. J. H. Taylor, a. Bob Ross, DECEASED; HARVEY J. BAILEY, a. J. J. Brennon, a. John Brown, a. F. J. Bloom, a. J. P. Bloom; WILBER UNDERHILL, a. Wilbur Underhill, a. Henry Wilber, DECEASED; FRANK B. MULLOY, a. Fritz Mulloy, a. Fritz Malloy; LOUIS STACEY, a. Louie Stacey, a. Doc Stacey; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, a. Frank Mitchell, a. "Pretty Boy" Smith - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1194; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above entitled case, there are enclosed herewith the following serials:

Report of Sp. Agt. T. D. Quinn, dated Birmingham, Ala., 7-3-33,
Letter from Birmingham Office to Division, dated 7-20-33,
Report of Sp. Agt. W. F. Trainor, dated Kansas City, Mo., 7-15-33,
Report of Sp. Agt. T. H. Tracy, dated New York City, 8-5-33,
Report of Sp. Agt. W. F. Trainor, dated Kansas City, Mo., 7-29-33,
Report of Sp. Agt. A. Paul Kitchin, dated Birmingham, Ala., 8-28-33,
Report of Sp. Agt. R. A. Alt, Jacksonville, Fla., 10-26-33,

Report of Sp. Agt. George J. Gross, dated St. Louis, Mo., 10-28-33,
Report of Sp. Agt. R. E. Peterson, dated Birmingham, Ala., 11-7-33,
Letter from Chicago to Birmingham Division Office, dated 11-11-33,
Memorandum to SAC, Birmingham Office, by Sp. Agt. D.O.Smith, dated 11-28-33.
Report of Sp. Agt. R. E. Peterson, dated Birmingham, Ala., 12-2-33,
Report of Sp. Agt. J. H. Hanson, Birmingham, Ala., dated 12-9-33,
Report of Sp. Agt. W. F. Trainor, dated Kansas City, Mo., 12-27-33,
Report of Sp. Agt. G. N. Lowdon, dated Birmingham, Ala., 1-19-34,
Report of Sp. Agt. Dwight Brantley, dated Detroit, Mich., 1-23-34,
Report of Sp. Agt. Dwight Brantley, dated Charlotte, N.C., 1-31-34,
Letter from Kansas City to Birmingham Division Office, dated 2-3-34,
Report of Sp. Agt. J. H. Hanson, dated Birmingham, Ala., 3-20-34,
Report of Sp. Agt. L. E. Riggins, dated Charlotte, N.C., 5-23-34,
Letter from Birmingham Office to Division, dated 6-1-34,
Report of Sp. Agt. D. O. Smith, dated Birmingham, Ala., 6-7-34,
Report of Sp. Agt. D. O. Smith, dated Birmingham, Ala., 6-14-34,
Report of Sp. Agt. R.C. Suran, dated Chicago, Ill., 6-14-34,
Memorandum for file by Sp. Agt. D. O. Hostetter, dated Birmingham, 6-21-34,
Photograph of Richard Tallman Galatas,
Photograph of C. J. Fitzgerald.

The above serials are the only ones which were in duplicate in the Birmingham file.

On May 18, 1934, prior to the separation of the Birmingham territory, there were assigned to Special Agent Louis DeNette, the following serials for the purpose of covering a lead in the report of Special Agent H. C. Douglas, dated Birmingham, Ala., May 7, 1934. It will also be noted from this report that there is a lead to be covered at Chattanooga, Tennessee, which of course should be covered by the Nashville Office, inasmuch as it was not covered prior to the division of the Birmingham territory.

Letter from Kansas City to Birmingham Division Office, dated 4-21-34,
Report of Sp. Agt. H. C. Douglas, dated Birmingham, Ala., 5-7-34,
Letter from Birmingham to Kansas City Division Office, dated 5-21-34.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC: Division
JE Kansas City

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

June 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
411 U. S. Court House Building
Portland, Oregon

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLIAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1194, et al. - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter, dated June 16, 1934, relative to an intercepted letter written by Leon Epmeier, United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, and who endeavored to smuggle the same out of the penitentiary.

You are advised that Special Agent R. C. Suran, in an effort to locate a .45 caliber revolver and other equipment alleged to be under the rear porch at the address, 730 South Main Street, Lombard, Illinois, interviewed Chief of Police Hugo Carlson, Lombard, Illinois. Chief Carlson stated that Mr. Frank Hunt of 730 South Main Street, is so far as he knows, a respectable citizen and is employed by the Illinois Bell Telephone Company.

Accompanied by Chief Carlson, agent Suran interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt. It was determined that Mrs. Hunt's name is Henrietta and that she is called "Henry"; that she is the sister of Leon Epmeier. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt were agreeable to a search of the premises in an effort to locate the equipment referred to in the letter written by Epmeier. Chief of Police Carlson and Agent Suran, with the use of a spade, made a thorough search under the rear porch of the Hunt home and nothing was found. It was noted that the ground was packed hard one and one-half feet down, and there was nothing to indicate that anything had been recently buried there, although the entire surface under the porch was excavated to a reasonable depth.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hunt advised that it had been over a year since Epmeier had visited their home. Chief Carlson was unable to identify the photograph of Epmeier, and according to Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, Epmeier paid only very occasional short visits to them at Lombard, Illinois. Of course, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt were not advised of the intercepted letter.

Very truly yours,

M. H. FURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

RCS:AB
CC-Division
Kansas City

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

June 27, 1934.

Hon. E. J. Kruetgen
Postmaster
Chicago, Illinois

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS with aliases, I.O.1201 - FUG.
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases, I. O. 1194 - FUG., et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

Further reference is made to the letter from this office, dated June 18, 1934, requesting a mail cover on first class mail addressed to Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Gerson and Jules Galatas, 1117 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

This is to advise that the initials of Mr. and Mrs. Gerson were erroneously stated. The correct name is Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Gerson. Will you kindly advise the appropriate substation of the Post Office concerning this change and submit appropriate tracings of all first class mail addressed to the above named individuals to this office.

Again thanking you for your splendid cooperation in this and other matters, I am

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box #1156,
Omaha, Nebraska.

June 28, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases,
Deceased, et al. Conspiracy to
Deliver Federal Prisoner.
Omaha File #62-996.

Replying to your letter of June 26, there is transmitted to you, herewith, typewritten copy of the letter transmitted by this office to the Division for analysis at the Division.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

WH/BMW
CC Division
Enc.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT: KANSAS CITY, MO. — CHICAGO — FILE NO. 62-1649

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Chicago, Ill.	6/28/34	6/13-25/34	R. C. SURAN - AB

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 reveals that "Corrine", the name which appeared on communications to Jules Galatas, is not identical with Mrs. B. S. Gerson (formerly reported Mrs. B. F. Gerson), but is one Mrs. Corrine Middleton, 6216 Eberhart Ave., Chicago. No evidence obtained to date that Jules Galatas is communicating with Subject Galatas. Indications are that Ralph O'Hara accompanied Thomas Maloy to Hot Springs, Arkansas instead of Homer Wilson, whose location has not been determined to date. Harry Morris alias "Slim" Moran, known associate of C. J. Fitzgerald, answers in part description of Big Homer. Photograph and fingerprints of Morris obtained. Isabelle M. Born, thought to be identical with Belle, referred to by Edward Doll, was last known to be in Minneapolis, Minn. Investigation of leads furnished by mail tracings failed to establish M. J. Murphy associates with criminals or is identical with Big Homer. Investigation in BREKID case discloses connection between Fred Goetz and Alvin Karpis.

DETAILS: REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, 6/21/34; letter from Kansas City office, dated 3/31/34; letter from Kansas City office, dated 3/21/34; letter from Los Angeles office, dated 3/31/34.

DETAILS:

Mr. Ivie, Auditor of the apartments located at 1117 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, furnished agent with a list of telephone

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calls made from Apartment 611 at the above address for the period from June 1 to June 20, 1934, inclusive. Following are the local calls:

Date	Telephone No.	Subscriber
6/5/34	Superior 3449	American Carton Service, Inc., 200 E. Illinois St., 3d floor.Chicago.
"	Radcliffe 3319	Duke E. Reichenbach, 7015 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago
6/6/34	State 1500	Mandel Bros., N.E. Cor. State & Madison Streets, Chicago
6/6/34	Englewood 1047	Jacob Reichenbach, 6216 Eberhart, Chicago.
6/7/34	Radcliffe 3319	Duke E. Reichenbach
"	Dearborn 1280	Mabel Fairchild, 5 N. Wabash Ave., Room 907, Chicago.
6/8/34	State 1492	Dr. A. R. Hollender, 50 N. Michigan Ave.
"	Diversey 7253	Dr. A. R. Hollender, 411 Fullerton St. (Residence)
6/9/34	Delaware 7346	Ben W. Heineman, 210 E. Pearson St.
6/10/34	Englewood 1047	Jacob Reichenbach
6/11/34	Harrison 7650	Illinois Central System, 11th Place and Illinois Central Tracks, Chicago.
6/12/34	Englewood 1047	Jacob Reichenbach
6/14/34	State 1492	Dr. A. R. Hollender
6/15/34	Randolph 5171	Radio-Keith-Orpheum Circuit, 190 N. State Street

Mr. Ivie stated that no additional calls were listed between the 15th and 20th of June on the books, but it is possible that additional charge slips would come through at a later date, at which time he would furnish a list of same to this office upon request.

Miss Thurma Vaughn, telephone operator at 1117 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, advised that she had recently overheard a telephone conversation to Englewood 1047; that the call came from Mrs. Gerson in Apartment 611; that Mrs. Gerson was calling a party by the name of Corrine at the above telephone number, and that Corrine referred to Mrs. Gerson as "Bertha". Miss Vaughn stated that Corrine, whose last name she did not know, spent considerable time with the Gersons. She stated that Corrine is about 35 years of age, height 5'4", weight 125 lb., build stocky, hair blonde, apparently bleached. Miss Vaughn stated that subsequent to

this telephone conversation, knowing the Chicago Division office was interested in determining the true identity of Corrine, she paid particular attention to Corrine when the latter was in company with Mrs. Gerson, and that from time to time she heard Mrs. Gerson call the woman above described, Corrine. She stated that another telephone operator employed at 1117 North Dearborn Street apparently is friendly with Corrine, and that she will make discreet efforts to obtain the last name of this individual.

It was further learned from A. P. Mylotte, Manager of the apartment, that he also had observed the woman referred to in company frequently with Mrs. Gerson, and that on June 22, 1934, he observed Mrs. Gerson, Jules Galatas, known to him as Mr. Gerson, and Corrine together.

At 6216 Eberhart Street, to which address is listed the telephone, Englewood 1047, agent ascertained that on the mail box the names of Reichenbach and Middleton were listed. It was further ascertained that the apartments were being handled by the real estate firm of Swan, Lorsch and Caspers, 1500 East 63d Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Agent interviewed Mr. R. Faust at the above real estate firm, who advised that the firm took over the renting of the premises at 6216 Eberhart Street in April, 1933, and that Jacob Reichenbach was residing there at that time, and it is his, Mr. Faust's, information that Reichenbach had resided there for two or three years prior to April, 1933. He stated that the business with the Reichenbachs was transacted through Mrs. Reichenbach, and that he recalls seeing Mr. Reichenbach on only one occasion; that Mr. Reichenbach was supposed to be a traveling salesman, but that he did not know the name of the firm he represented, as the original application for the apartment was not in the possession of Swan, Lorsch and Caspers. He stated that the Reichenbach family, to his knowledge, consisted of Mr. Reichenbach, Mrs. Reichenbach, who is about 55 years of age, short and heavy, with gray hair, and another individual, whose relationship to the family is not known to him, who is an elderly woman, possibly Mr. Reichenbach's mother.

Mr. Faust was shown the photograph of Subject Galatas, and he stated that there was some resemblance between Jacob Reichenbach and Dick Galatas. He further stated that the photograph of Betty McFadden answered somewhat the description of Mrs. Reichenbach.

Mr. Faust advised that Julius Van Haverbeke, the janitor at 6216 Eberhart, could be relied upon to furnish any information in his possession concerning the Reichenbachs, and that no fear need be entertained that Haverbeke would reveal the fact that inquiries were being made concerning the family.

At agent's request, Mr. Faust accompanied this agent at the time Mr. and Mrs. Julius Van Haverbeke were interviewed. These persons advised that they were employed as janitors at the apartment house at 6216 Eberhart Avenue about two years ago, and that the Reichenbachs resided there at that time, and it was their understanding that they had lived there sometime prior to the Haverbekes' arrival. They stated that in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Reichenbach, a son by the name of Bill Reichenbach also resides with them; that Bill Reichenbach had just recently, within the last two or three months, returned to Chicago from California; that also the Reichenbachs' daughter, Corrine, resides with them with her sixteen or seventeen year old son. They advised that they did not know the name of this son or the last name of Corrine, but they did know that she did not use the name, Reichenbach, as she was married, or at least had been married, in the past.

These persons were shown the photographs of Dick Galatas and Mrs. Dick Galatas alias Betty McFadden, and both stated positively that they are not identical with Mr. and Mrs. Reichenbach. These persons were also shown the photographs of C. J. Fitzgerald, Fred Goetz and members of the Karpis-Barker gang, and they advised they never had observed anyone answering the description of these individuals visiting with the Reichenbachs. They did state, however, that there was a slight resemblance between Alvin Karpis and Bill Reichenbach, but that they were positive that these two individuals were not identical.

Mr. and Mrs. Haverbeke furnished the further information that there was another son, Duke E. Reichenbach, who resided on Michigan Avenue, and who visits Jacob Reichenbach frequently. It is noted that the Gersons also have telephoned this individual.

Subsequent interview was had with Miss Vaughn at the Dearborn Apartments, and she advised that she had learned that Corrine's last name was Middleton. In connection with the investigation at 6216 Eberhart, reference is made to the letter from the St. Louis office to the Chicago office, dated June 21, 1934, wherein it is noted that when Jules Galatas registered Hudson sedan, motor No. 565518 and was issued 1933 Illinois license number 282596 on January 28, 1933, Jules Galatas gave as his address 6216 Eberhart Avenue. In view of the discreet inquiries being conducted,

it was, of course, impossible to ascertain the true relationship between Corrine Middleton and Jules Galatas.

The photograph of Betty McFadden was shown to Mr. Mylotte, Mr. Ivie and Miss Vaughn, and none of these individuals could identify it as being the likeness of Mrs. Corrine Middleton.

During the investigation of the above, it was determined by further examination of the registration card and through incoming mail, that the persons residing in Apartment 611 were Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Gerson instead of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Gerson.

On June 19, 1934 Mr. Ivie advised this agent by telephone that a telegram had been delivered that morning to Mrs. B. S. Gerson. Mr. Butterfield of the Western Union Telegraph Co. advised that on that date Mrs. B. S. Gerson received a telegram filed at Cambridge, Massachusetts on June 18, 1934, reading as follows:

"Passed my courses. Feeling fine New York tomorrow

(Signed) Ben"

In this connection this agent had previously arranged to overhear a conversation between Mr. Mylotte and Mrs. Gerson in an effort to ascertain Mrs. Gerson's first name, which was unsuccessful, but during the course of the conversation between Mrs. Gerson and Mr. Mylotte, she stated that she had received a letter from her nephew, who was attending Harvard University; that he was very worried over his examinations but that he expected to hear the results of same within a few days, and that he would immediately let her know. In fact, Mrs. Gerson read this portion of the letter aloud to Mr. Mylotte and the same was overheard by agent, and therefore it is indicated that the above telegram signed "Ben" is from Mrs. Gerson's nephew.

Mr. Ivie, on June 20, 1934, advised Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis by telephone that on that day at about 2:30 in the afternoon, a letter arrived at the above address, requiring the personal signature of Galatas; that the Postman would not leave the letter but turned over a card to Mrs. Gerson for the signature of Galatas. Further interview was had with Mr. Ivie and he advised that he was present at the desk in the apartment house when the mail carrier arrived with a letter for Jules Galatas; that he heard the carrier tell Mrs. Gerson that he could not deliver the letter until he had the signature of Jules Galatas; that Mrs. Gerson requested that he leave the card for Galatas' signature and deliver the letter the following day.

Special Agent Charles R. LaFrance interviewed Mr. Rooney, Assistant Superintendent, Chicago Avenue Station, United States Post Office. Mr. Rooney made a complete check of all registered, special and insured deliveries for June 20, 1934, and none could be found addressed to Jules Galatas. It was also ascertained that there was no mail of this nature for Galatas on hand. Mr. Rooney further advised that the carrier's name who covers 1117 North Dearborn is one Conrad Little, colored.

This agent, on the morning of June 21, 1934, interviewed Conrad Little prior to the latter making his first delivery, and ascertained that he had no registered, special or insured mail for Jules Galatas or B. S. Gerson, and there was no such mail on hand at the Post Office.

Agent subsequently met Little prior to his afternoon delivery in front of 1117 North Dearborn Street, and he again reiterated that he had no deliveries requiring the signature of Jules Galatas or B. S. Gerson.

Through the further cooperation of Mr. Ivie, it was determined that on June 22, 1934 a letter arrived for Mrs. B. S. Gerson, postmarked June 20, 1934, Montgomery, Alabama, and bearing the return address, P. O. Box 467, Montgomery, Alabama. Also on that date a letter was received for Mrs. B. S. Gerson, postmarked June 20, 1934, at Wichita Falls, Texas, bearing the return address of F. J. Leach, Grande Tourist Lodge, Zangs Boulevard, Dallas, Texas. Also on June 22, 1934, Mrs. B. S. Gerson received a letter postmarked New York City 7:00 A. M., Park Central Hotel, bearing the return address, Box 234, Montgomery, Alabama. On June 23, 1934 Mrs. B. S. Gerson received a letter from New York City postmarked at the Park Central Hotel, bearing the return address as above, and also on June 23, 1934, Mrs. Gerson received an additional letter bearing the return address of 135 Beverly Place, Macon, Georgia.

In connection with the letter bearing the return address of F. J. Leach, Dallas, Texas, reference is made to the letter from the Birmingham office, dated June 21, 1934, enclosing a memorandum submitted by Special Agent D. S. Hostetter, setting forth the results of surveillance maintained by that agent of Pat Gardelle Sturney, Montgomery, Alabama, from June 6 to 13, 1934. In this memorandum it is stated that Sturney's room mate at Montgomery, Alabama, is named Leach, and it is possible that this individual has some connection or may be related to F. J. Leach at Dallas, Texas.

A photographic copy of the fingerprints of Betty McFadden, Chicago Police Department No. 88762, who is alleged to be identical with Mrs. Richard Galatas, was secured from the Chicago Police Department, and the same is attached to the copies of this report for the Kansas City Division office. It appears from previous reports submitted by the Kansas City office that Subject Galatas is quite fond of his present wife, and in all probability

she is traveling with him. Information is not presently in possession of the Chicago office as to whether these fingerprints were previously obtained, although it is noted that the photograph of Betty McFadden was obtained from the Chicago Police Department. It is herein suggested that if the same has not already been done, the fingerprints of Betty McFadden be furnished to the Division with the request that a wanted notice be placed for her.

Further investigation is being continued by the Chicago Division office in further following out the telephone calls made from the Gerson apartment, but it is noted that the investigation to date has not disclosed that Subject Galatas is in communication with Jules Galatas.

Under date of March 31, 1934 the Kansas City office advised the Chicago office by letter that Thomas E. Maloy (previously reported as Malloy), head of the Motion Picture Union, Chicago, Illinois, was to return to Chicago, Illinois on April 1, 1934, accompanied by "Big" Homer, and that Big Homer was to be arrested by Sergeant Healy of the State's Attorney's office, Chicago, Illinois, on charges of bank robbery. The Kansas City office subsequently was advised by letter that Sergeant Healy did not arrest Big Homer as planned, as it was learned that Big Homer returned to Kansas City several days prior to the scheduled date. Sergeant Healy was subsequently interviewed in connection with this matter, and he advised that to his knowledge, Homer Wilson was not wanted for bank robbery by the State's Attorney's office, but that his effort to apprehend Big Homer was at the instance of the Chicago Division office, and he knew of no process of arrest outstanding for Big Homer. He advised that it was his information that Big Homer was the bodyguard of Thomas E. Maloy, and that the Maloy mob, together with Big Homer, spent a great deal of time at the Green Lantern Buffet, 79th and Dobson Streets, Chicago, Illinois, and at Barber's Buffet, 78th and Ashland Avenue, and that additional information concerning Big Homer could be secured from Tom Featherstone, a police officer attached to the 15th Police District, South Chicago, who was personally acquainted with Big Homer. He stated that another individual who is acquainted with Big Homer is Julius A. Jones alias "Babe" Jones, now confined in the Cook County Jail at Chicago, Illinois, on charges of kidnaping one James Hackett, a local gambler; that Jones had confessed to this crime and had implicated Jack Klutas, Eddie LaRue and others. The statement of Julius A. Jones is contained in the Chicago file of the case entitled "Kidnaping of James Hackett, Chicago, Illinois, and Information Relative to Kidnapings which occurred throughout the Middle West", Chicago file 7-74. In this statement Jones stated that the Lincoln, Nebraska bank "job" was staged by Harvey Bailey, Gus Winkler, Fred Burke, "Crane Neck" Nugent and Big Homer.

Jones was subsequently interviewed by this agent, and he advised that he did not know the last name of Big Homer, but that he had on several occasions observed this individual in company with Harvey Bailey; that

Big Homer is alleged to have married a Catholic girl of a good family several years ago in Chicago, Illinois, and that a policeman was the best man at this wedding. He stated that he did not know the name of this policeman. Sergeant Healy furnished the further information that Tom Featherstone was the officer who was present at the wedding of Homer Wilson. According to Jones, he had no information that Big Homer was in any way connected with Thomas E. Maloy, and that he was of the opinion that Big Homer would not be acting in the capacity of a bodyguard for anyone; that it was too inconsistent with his "big time" robberies, inasmuch as a bodyguard usually is paid only about $75.00 per week, and it was his opinion that if Big Homer was connected with Thomas Maloy, Big Homer was "muscling in" on the movie operators' union.

Tom Featherstone, 8112 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, police officer attached to the South Chicago Station, 89th and Exchange Streets, advised that he had known Big Homer for several years, that is, he knows him when he sees him but that he had never been closely associated with Big Homer; that Big Homer Wilson spends a great deal of his time at the saloon at 79th and Dobson Streets, which is operated by one John Ball, and that there is also a saloon located at 79th and Cottage Grove Avenue, which is also frequented by Big Homer Wilson. He stated that Homer Wilson formerly was connected with the Thomas E. Maloy mob, but that he understands there was some sort of difficulty and that Big Homer broke away from Maloy. He stated, however, that the information that he attended the wedding of Homer Wilson was erroneous. He furnished the further information that Homer Wilson had been arrested on several occasions and turned over to Captain Schoemaker but was always subsequently released. He stated that Homer Wilson is well known to Captain Schoemaker, Chief of the Detective Bureau. He stated that after being requested by Sergeant Healy to be on the lookout for Homer Wilson, he has made every effort to locate him but has not observed him at 79th and Dobson or 79th and Cottage Grove Avenue for several months.

Featherstone described Homer Wilson as follows:

Name - - - - - -Homer Wilson
Age - - - - - - - 43-45
Height - - - - -6'2" to 4"
Weight - - - - -240-260 lb.
Hair - - - - - -Brown
High forehead
Eyes - - - - - -Small, color unknown
Peculiarities - Pugnacious looking face;
throws feet outwardly while walking;
slow talker; has potbelly; is not
a flashy dresser

In view of the information that Homer Wilson was connected with Thomas E. Maloy, this agent visited the offices of the Movie Operators' Union, 506 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on the pretext of interviewing Thomas Maloy in connection with a series of extortion letters which had been received by him for transmittal to Mr. R. Lee, Editor of the Chicago Tribune, and also in connection with extortion letters personally received by Thomas Maloy. These circumstances afforded agent an opportunity to ascertain whether Maloy, in fact, had a bodyguard. Maloy denied that he had at any time employed a bodyguard and the only individual employed by him for protection was an ex-policeman who is stationed at his residence. In the discussion Maloy referred to an attack upon his colored maid, and in an effort to fix the exact date of this occurrence, he recalled that it was the day subsequent to his departing from Chicago for Hot Springs, Arkansas, and in this connection he called in an individual to whom he referred as Ralph. Ralph is believed to be a man about 35 years of age, 5'10" or 11" in height. He did not remove his hat in agent's presence, but it is believed that he had dark hair. It was further noted that he was a very flashy dresser. Maloy stated that this individual accompanied him to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and agent learned through further conversation that Ralph was the only one who was supposed to have been on this trip. Maloy stated that he took about a two-weeks vacation in Hot Springs. Subsequent interview was had with Sergeant Healy, and this individual, known as Ralph, was identified by Sergeant Healy as being Ralph O'Hara, a well known Chicago gangster and the right hand man of Thomas Maloy.

In connection with Maloy's visit to Hot Springs, Lieutenant Edward J. Kelly, Chicago Police Department, in conducting an investigation of the extortion letters above referred to, advised on March 20, 1934 Maloy was at Hot Springs, Arkansas at the Arlington Hotel.

Agent, while in the office of Maloy, observed no one answering the description of Homer Wilson, although numerous pugnacious looking individuals were present.

Further information concerning Ralph O'Hara is contained in the report of Special Agent T. E. Billings, Chicago, Illinois, dated April 18, 1934, submitted in the BREKID case, which covers the activities of the Chicago Division office in maintaining a surveillance of William J. Graham, an alleged associate of Alvin Karpis. Investigation at that time revealed that when William J. Graham was at Chicago, Illinois, on April 15, 1934, he made a telephone call to the Congress Hotel, Harrison 3800, and inquired for Ralph O'Hara and B. O'Hara, neither of whom was in at the time.

In a further effort to establish the identity and associations of M. J. Murphy of Phoenix, Arizona, who was thought probably to be identical with Big Homer, agent conducted an investigation from the leads suggested by

the various mail tracings furnished by the Los Angeles office. Agent interviewed Mr. B. J. Steacy, Vice President of the Lakeview Trust and Savings Bank, Lincoln and Belmont Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, which bank addressed a letter to M. J. Murphy at Phoenix, Arizona on April 3, 1934. Agent learned that the late Special Agent Baum previously had made inquiries at this bank but apparently was unable to submit a report on the same before his death.

Mr. Steacy advised that M. J. Murphy was introduced to the bank on June 12, 1933, by O. H. Hoppe, a real estate dealer located at 3930 Lincoln Avenue. Mr. Steacy stated that to his knowledge Mr. Murphy had never been at the bank since that date; that the deposits were made by Mr. Hoppe, who, he understands, was handling the real estate transactions for Mr. Murphy. He stated that Mr. Hoppe was, as far as he knew, a reliable business man who had been dealing with the Lakeview Trust and Savings Bank for several years. Mr. Steacy advised that the original deposit in the Murphy account, which is a joint account with his wife, Norma Murphy, was made on June 12, 1933, and that the average balance is usually more than $1,000.00. He stated that the address of Murphy was given as 533 West Willetta Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

On April 20, 1934, Mrs. C. H. Mueller, 5809 Winthrop Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, addressed a letter to Mrs. M. J. Murphy. Inquiries of the janitor at 5809 Winthrop Avenue revealed that C. H. Mueller is the owner and manager of the apartment house located at that address.

Mr. Mueller, upon interview, advised that he is, in fact, the owner of the apartment house at 5809 Winthrop and also personally manages the premises. Mr. Mueller stated that he was formerly associated with Mr. O. H. Hoppe in the real estate business, and that he met M. J. Murphy last year during the World's Fair at the time Murphy was a guest of the Hoppe family. He stated that Murphy and O. H. Hoppe were lifelong friends and Hoppe is presently handling real estate transactions for Murphy. He stated that several years ago Mrs. Murphy's mother and father died, leaving a very valuable estate; that it was his understanding that Murphy managed the estate for several years, but during the past two or three years he has been living in Phoenix, Arizona, and Mr. Hoppe is taking care of the rental of the various premises. He stated that he, Mueller, personally has had nothing to do with the management of Murphy's business. He further advised that Murphy has one boy, about nine years of age, and one daughter, about six years of age. He volunteered the information that during April, 1934, Mrs. Hoppe was seriously ill and at her request Mrs. Mueller wrote a letter to Mrs. Murphy for Mrs. Hoppe, advising her of the serious condition of Mrs. Hoppe. He stated that it is his further understanding that the Murphys are expected in the near future to return to Chicago, Illinois for the purpose of again attending the Worlds Fair. He stated that Mr. Hoppe is a highly respectable business man, and that the Murphys also are respectable people.

On April 20, 1934 a letter was sent to Mrs. Norma L. Murphy by William C. Hennemann and Co., Real Estate, 10 South La Salle Street, as well as at other times, as noted by the report on the mail tracings submitted by the Los Angeles office.

Mr. George J. Kaspari, 10 South La Salle Street, advised that in 1922 Norma Lambert Murphy and her husband, Michael J. Murphy, were residing at 4810 Kimball Avenue, and that Mr. Murphy was the manager of the A & P grocery store located in that vicinity. Mr. Kaspari stated that during this period of time he was on numerous occasions a guest in the Murphy home. He stated that Charles Lambert, the father of Mrs. Murphy, died several years ago and left very valuable real estate; that M. J. Murphy managed this estate for a while and that he does not know who presently is engaged in the handling of same. He stated, however, that Mr. A. E. Stammyer, who is connected with William C. Hennemann and Co., was the administrator of the estate of Lizzie Lambert, the mother of Mrs. Murphy, who died a couple of years after Mr. Lambert died.

Mr. A. E. Stammyer advised that his dealings always had been with Mrs. Murphy but that he could vouch for the character and reputation of M. J. Murphy. He further advised that there is still a small balance in his custody from the estate of Lizzie Lambert. He stated he had recently communicated with Mrs. Murphy concerning this balance, and she advised him to keep control of same as she expected to be in Chicago in the near future and probably would need it for spending money. He furnished the further information that the Murphys have two children, one daughter, Joan Rita, and one son, Emmett. In this connection it will be noted that the letter bearing the return address of Mrs. M. Clark, 5047 South Wood Street, Chicago, Illinois, was addressed to Emmett and Joan Murphy.

It was learned that F. C. Enderlin, 6311 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, is in the real estate business known by the firm name of Enderlin Realty, Inc., managing property, insurance and mortgages. Efforts were made to interview Mr. Enderlin on three different occasions but he was out of the city.

It was further learned that A. O. Fidge, 120 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, is in the investment security business at that address.

With reference to the letter from the Kansas City office, dated March 21, 1934, requesting investigation at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, relative to the location of a woman known as Bell, through which it was hoped to ascertain the location of "Old Charley" and Gus, Special Agent M. B. Rhodes conducted the following investigation.

Agent Rhodes learned that the case of the State of Wisconsin vs. John B. (Jack) Davenport for the robbery of the Northwestern National Bank at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was tried before Judge George B. Shanghnessy, at Milwaukee, the trial lasting from June 15 to 25, 1925, on which latter date Davenport was acquitted. Detective Sergeant Louis Deeden, now attached to the office of the Chief of Detectives at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, advised agent Rhodes that on or about January 9, 1925 he and other Milwaukee, Wisconsin detectives arrested Jack Davenport for the above robbery at Davenport's home in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Deeden was not certain of the address of Davenport's house but thought it was 4909 Columbus Avenue. It will be noted in the letter of reference that the address of John B. Davenport was given as 4109 Columbus Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Detective Sergeant Deeden stated that the house was the first one on the right hand side of the street as one walked South in the 4900 block on Columbus Avenue. Deeden advised that at the time of the arrest of Davenport, the detectives found in bed with a hoodlum known as "Old Charley", and whose correct name is Charley Fitzgerald, a woman known to Deeden as Isabelle M. Born, usually called "Belle", and who was at that time known as Fitzgerald's woman. Deeden advised that Belle subsequently appeared at Davenport's trial at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and testified as a character witness for him. (The court records at Milwaukee, Wisconsin show that Isabelle M. Born testified on June 20, 1925, that she was from Minneapolis but her address there was not shown). Deeden also advised that at one time during the trial Belle told him that she was originally from Mankato, Minnesota, and that her parents lived there.

Deeden said that upon Davenport's acquittal Belle returned to Minneapolis, Minnesota; that he saw no more of her until November, 1933, when he met Davenport in Minneapolis, Minnesota; that Davenport told him he was still living at his old Minneapolis address, and was operating the "Hollywood" gambling house one-half mile from Fort Snelling. He also stated that Davenport told him that Belle Born was living at his home in Minneapolis and was at the time engaged in nursing his (Davenport's) wife. Deeden stated that he later learned that Mrs. Davenport had died. Deeden is of the opinion that Belle Born is hanging around Minneapolis and St. Paul at present and Davenport would know of her whereabouts; further, that Mr. Melvin Passolt and William Conley of the State Crime Bureau near the State Capitol Building in St. Paul, Minnesota, might be able to supply information as to the present addresses of Davenport and Belle. A Minneapolis hoodlum named "Red" Rogers, one of Davenport's mob, is known to Passolt and Conley, and he also knows where Belle hangs out. According to Deeden, Davenport's wife and Belle are related in some manner.

Deeden furnished the further information that since August 30, 1929, when the Emmett County State Bank at Estherville, Ohio was robbed, Charley Fitzgerald has been a fugitive and is wanted for that job, and associated with him on the job was one Harry Morris alias "Slim" Moran, who is also a fugitive in connection with the same robbery. Copies of

Identification Orders issued for Fitzgerald and Harry Morris by J. E. Risden, Chief, Bureau of Investigation, State House, Des Moines, Iowa, were furnished to agent Rhodes by Joseph Kluchesky, Superintendent of the Identification Bureau, Milwaukee Police Department. The description furnished on the circular is apparently as of 1929, at which time Morris' age was given as 45 years, height 6'3", weight 171 lb., hair dark chestnut, eyes hazel, fingerprint classification: $\frac{22\ 25\ W\ MO\ 17}{9\ U\ 00\ 15}$. It will be noted that the description of Big Homer as previously related in reports varies in age from 43 to 50 years and his height from 6'2" to 6'4". In this connection this part of the description of Morris fits that of Big Homer. The weight, of course, as given for Big Homer is at great variance with that as given for Harry Morris, Morris' weight being 171 lb. in 1929, while in the description given for Big Homer the weight is stated to be from 225 to 260 lb., but in view of the close connection between Harry Morris and C. J. Fitzgerald there exists the possibility that Morris is identical with the individual known as Big Homer. Therefore, the photograph and fingerprints of this individual are being furnished to the Kansas City Division office to be exhibited to prisoner Doll at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. The photograph will also be shown to Julius Jones and Officer Tom Featherstone, who are in the Chicago district.

The reports submitted by Special Agents R. D. Brown and J. R. Welles, dated at Chicago, Illinois 5/24/34 and 6/22/34, respectively, in the BREKID case, appear to establish a connection between Alvin Karpis, Subject of that case, and Fred Goetz, who has been identified by Special Agent Lackey as one of the assassins involved in the instant case. The connection appears to be that Goetz was in the possession of an Auburn 12 sedan, which from the circumstances it is indicated was used by Alvin Karpis, and further, this car was probably turned over to Mrs. Goetz, who indicated that she was going to San Francisco, California, after the death of Fred Goetz, and of course it is known to the Division that Irene Dorsey, who is identical with Mrs. Goetz, is presently under surveillance by the San Francisco office.

Further information contained in the above referred to reports is to the effect that F. E. Gordon and mother had registered at the Orlando Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, on June 21, 1933, giving their address as Rockford, Illinois. Circumstances indicate that F. E. Gordon and mother are Fred Barker and Kate Barker. From a check of the telephone calls made from the Gordons' apartment, it is indicated that they called Berwyn 1599, which is listed in the name of George B. Johnson, 2141 Gunderson Avenue. Investigation by the late Special Agent Baum has previously revealed that George B. Johnson is identical with Fred Goetz.

Copies of the reports of Special Agents Brown and Welles are attached to copies of this report for the Kansas City office for their complete information concerning the above subject matter, copies of these reports not previously having been furnished to that office. Mr. S. P. Cowley, who is presently supervising the BREKID case at the Chicago Division office, has stated that in the future copies of all reports in that matter concerning Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker which appear to be of interest in the instant case will be furnished to the Kansas City office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE: Will complete the investigation concerning the telephone calls emanating from Apartment 611, 1117 North Dearborn Street, as listed in this report, on which no investigation to date has been made. This office will continue to maintain contact at the above apartment.

At the County Court House, Chicago, Illinois, will make an examination of the marriage records for the purpose of obtaining information concerning the marriage of Homer Wilson, thought to have occurred in 1927, and follow out any possible leads suggested from the records.

Will continue investigation at 79th and Dobson, a saloon, where it is reported Homer Wilson spends considerable time. Consideration will be given to placing this saloon under constant surveillance.

BIRMINGHAM OFFICE: Will conduct appropriate investigation to determine the identity of the persons residing at 135 Beverly Place, Macon, Georgia, and will also determine the identity of the persons receiving mail at Box 234, Montgomery, Alabama at the present time.

DALLAS OFFICE: In connection with the leads set out for that office in the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, June 21, 1934, will give appropriate attention to the additional information obtained by mail cover that Mrs. B. S. Gerson received a letter from F. J. Leach, Grande Tourist Lodge, Zangs Boulevard, Dallas, Texas. In this connection attention should be given to the fact that Pat Sturney, step-son of Dick Galatas, has a room mate by the name of Leach at Montgomery, Alabama.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE: Will give appropriate attention to the additional information contained in the reports of Special AgentsR. D. Brown and J. R. Welles, Chicago, dated 5/24/34 and 6/22/34, respectively, that there is some indication that Irene Dorsey might possibly be in possession of an Auburn 12 sedan, which is believed at one time to have been in possession of Alvin Karpis.

ST. PAUL OFFICE: Will interview Mr. Melvin Passolt and Mr. William Conley of the State Crime Bureau, St. Paul, Minnesota, for the purpose of securing information concerning the present addresses, if the same is not already known by the St. Paul office, of Jack Davenport and Isabelle M. Born. The St. Paul office has been furnished with a copy of the letter from the Kansas City office to the Chicago office, dated March 21, 1934, concerning information obtained from prisoner Doll. Appropriate investigation should be conducted to ascertain whether Charles Fitzgerald, a suspect in the instant case, is contacting Davenport or Born or any of the other individuals suspected in this case, that is, "Gus" and Big Homer.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE: Will exhibit the photograph of Harry Morris alias "Slim" Moran to prisoner Doll, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and ascertain if he can identify the same as Big Homer. The photograph should then be submitted to the Division with the request that a number of copies be made of it and transmitted to the Salt Lake City office and other interested offices.

PENDING

ADDENDUM:

In connection with information furnished by Tom Featherstone that Homer Wilson was known to Captain Schoemaker of the Chicago Police Department, agent interviewed Captain Schoemaker, and he advised that he knew no one by the name of Homer Wilson or anyone who answered the description of Homer Wilson, connected with the Maloy mob. Mr. Schoemaker frankly stated that the Police Department molested the Maloy mob in no way whatever unless it was a case of murder. Agent was advised at the Bureau of Identification that there was no record of a Homer Wilson in the file.

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July 5, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to page six of the report submitted by Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Chicago, Illinois, June 28, 1934, in the above entitled case, wherein it is noted that a photographic copy of the fingerprints of Betty McFadden, Chicago Police Department number 85762, who is believed to be identical with Mrs. Richard Galatas were secured from the Chicago Police Department and forwarded to your office.

You are instructed to obtain a set of these fingerprints and photograph of Betty McFadden, if available, at the Chicago Police Department and forward them to the Division to complete its file.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc - Kansas City

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

U. S. Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

June 28, 1934.

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

RE: Vernon C. Miller, w.a. (deceased)
Richard Tallman Galatas, w.a.-
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:-

Under date of 6/26/34 I addressed a letter to the Division relative to my conference at Fort Worth, Texas with Rev. J. Frank Norris and Mrs. Charles Arthur Floyd. Copies of said letter are today being forwarded to the following Division offices:

St. Paul
Kansas City
Oklahoma City
Chicago
Little Rock

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

See Serial #1813

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Mr. Clegg's letter dated at St. Paul, June 19, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases (deceased), et al; Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner.

There are transmitted herewith to your office and also to the St. Paul Office two photographs printed from each of the four negatives which are mentioned in his paragraph designated No. 1.

With regard to paragraph designated No. 2 there are transmitted herewith for your office and also for the completion of the St. Paul file two negative photostatic copies of the letter addressed to Mrs. G. R. Barker.

With regard to paragraph designated No. 3 there is likewise transmitted herewith one negative photostatic copy to your office and to the St. Paul office of the handwriting of Alvin Karpis. Unless subsequently advised to the contrary these writings are being designated as samples of the handwriting of Karpis.

With regard to paragraphs designated 4, 5, and 6 there are being transmitted herewith and to the St. Paul office two copies of the photographs of Mr. and Mrs. G. Barker, Mrs. George R. Barker and A. W. Dunlop, and Mr. and Mrs. George Barker seated on the front porch of a shack.

With regard to paragraph No. 7 photographs of Dorothy Karpis, the wife of Alvin Karpis, are being transmitted herewith to your office and to the St. Paul, Chicago, Salt Lake City, and San Francisco offices as suggested in Mr. Clegg's letter.

Additional copies of the photograph of Mrs. George R. Barker are being made and as suggested by Mr. Clegg will be forwarded at a later date to all offices having primary interest in this investigation.

There are attached copies of laboratory report No. 1331 with reference to the handwriting comparisons, attention being invited to the positive identification of the handwriting of Fred Barker and the partial one of Karpis. Further comparisons are being made with the anonymous letters and other questioned documents in this case.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

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Mr. Clegg
Chicago
Salt Lake City
San Francisco

Enclosure #515689.

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Post Office Drawer 1457
Saint Louis, Missouri
June 30, 1934

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR " PRETTY"
BOYD; FLOYD, with aliases, I. O. 1194, et al,
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Division letter of June 26, 1934, addressed to the Kansas City Office in the above captioned case, there is forwarded herewith the St. Louis Office file photograph of Mrs. Betty Weisman, wife of William Weisman.

It is requested that additional copies be made of this photograph and distributed to interested offices.

Very truly yours,

L. B. Reed

L. B. REED,
Special Agent in Charge.

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July 12, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a photograph of Mrs. Betty Weisman, wife of William Weisman, which was transmitted to the St. Louis Office with your letter dated June 15, 1934, and in turn forwarded to the Division by that office with its letter dated June 30, 1934. Copies of this photograph have been made and are attached to each copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure 557171

cc-St. Louis
Chicago
St. Paul
(with encls.)

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 29, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:

A. W. Comstock, attorney at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, with whom negotiations hitherto have been conducted concerning Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, called me by long distance telephone on June 28, 1934 from Pawhuska and stated that he had read in the press that the Government has offered $5,000 for the capture of Floyd and that he desired to know whether or not this is a fact. Previously I had talked to Mr. Tamm of the Division with reference to rewards for the capture of this fugitive and was by him informed that the press report to the effect that $5,000 had been offered by the Government for the capture of Floyd is erroneous. I informed Comstock of the fact that the Government is not offering any such amount for Floyd's apprehension. He then explicitly asked me to inform him of the very largest amount the Government would pay for the information leading to the apprehension of Floyd. I told him that the figure of $1,000 previously quoted to him was in my judgment the highest figure.

Comstock requested that I make further inquiry, and accordingly I called you on June 28 by long distance telephone at which time you informed me that $1,000 is the sum the Division will pay for the information leading to the apprehension of Floyd; that no sum would be paid to any member of Floyd's family. At the same time you instructed me to inform Comstock that the Division has just about concluded its negotations of this kind and that Floyd could be informed that a concentrated drive would be made by Division Agents and that he would be shot to death.

I called Comstock by long distance telephone and informed him as instructed.

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During conversations with Comstock, he stated that if $5,000 reward were offered for Floyd, he would effect his surrender in three days. I, of course, do not have any confidence in Comstock and my opinion concerning him is set out in a letter of recent date to the Division.

In concluding with Comstock, I told him not to molest me any more unless he had some information of some value.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Kansas City

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

June 28, 1934.

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

RE: Vernon C. Miller, w.a. (deceased)
Richard Tallman Galatas, w.a.- JUL 12 1934
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; et al.
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Dear Sir:-

Pursuant to your telephone call I interviewed JAMES T. DEMPSEY, whose address is 162 Spruce St., Texarkana, Texas and who at that moment happened to be in the Division office at Dallas taking examination in connection with his application as Special Agent.

I talked at some length to Mr. Dempsey, and it is quite apparent that he has no concrete information relative to the whereabouts of "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD nor does he have any definite plan by which he will proceed in the apprehension of Floyd, if delegated to do so. He stated that he did not intend the information furnished to Senator Caraway to the effect that he could locate Floyd, be furnished the Division. However, he has 2 theories relative to Floyd: one is that the Division is cognizant of the whereabouts of Floyd and is using him as a decoy in locating and apprehending other criminals; the second theory is that Floyd is around Ft. Smith or Hot Springs, Ark., where he is being protected by numerous friends and sympathizers and by many law enforcement officers.

Mr. Dempsey stated that he was confident he could locate Floyd in 30 days and when asked what his procedure would be, stated he would proceed to Ft. Smith, Ark. and there contact a woman known to him and who is, according to his statement, a prostitute of the higher order; he declined to identify this woman and stated he was sure that she could get some information from Floyd's wife as to his whereabouts. He said he would also contact John Sharp, a reformed bank robber of Ft. Smith, and John T. Tisdale, also of Ft. Smith, who he believed - through their connections with criminals - would be able and willing to assist him in the location of Floyd. He stated that in work of this nature he works altogether on "hunches" and is satisfied that the baptism of young Floyd at Ft. Worth, Texas is a fake. Mr. Dempsey finally admitted that he had conveyed the information to Senator Caraway to the effect he could locate Floyd, in order that it might be used as a lever in bringing about his appointment as he was badly in need of funds and very desirous of securing appointment.

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cc St.Paul K.C.
Chicago O.C.
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Very truly yours,
F. J. Blake
F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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July 12, 1934.

Mr. Garrett Whiteside,
Secretary to Senator Caraway,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Whiteside:

I believe you will be interested in knowing just what information was received from James T. Dempsey of 162 Spruce Street, Texarkana, Texas, who is an applicant for a Special Agent's position in this Division.

You will recall that Mr. Dempsey claimed he had information concerning the whereabouts of Pretty Boy Floyd. Mr. Dempsey was interviewed by Special Agent in Charge Blake of the Dallas Division Office and admitted that he had conveyed the information to Senator Caraway that he could locate Floyd in order that his alleged information might be used as a lever in bringing about his appointment as a Special Agent since he was badly in need of funds and very desirous of obtaining a position.

Mr. Dempsey had no information of a tangible nature concerning Floyd's whereabouts but he advanced some theories as to the proper investigative procedure to be followed in locating Floyd.

I am conveying this information to you in order that you may be fully informed as to Mr. Dempsey's attitude in this matter.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 419,
Nashville, Tennessee,
June 29, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

With further reference to my letter to the Division dated June 25, 1934, in the above case, in which was furnished information obtained from Inspector of Police William T. Griffin, of the Memphis Police Department, I am advised by Special Agent Louis DeNette that Inspector Griffin recently conferred with him and advised that [redacted] had informed him that Louis Austin, alias Hart Austin, bank robber, and who is now held by the Police at Birmingham, Alabama, probably knows the whereabouts of Galatas, and if [redacted] were furnished with expenses and given permission to proceed to Birmingham to interview Austin she probably could obtain information concerning the whereabouts of Galatas. Inspector Griffin stated that [redacted] advised him that Austin is being held in the police hospital in Birmingham where he is recovering from an injury reported to have been sustained in one of the Carolinas when, with two or three others, one of whom, according to [redacted] was possibly Galatas, he attempted to rob a bank.

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Inspector Griffin stated he has no way of paying the expenses of [redacted] to Birmingham but suggested that it is probable that if Austin has any information concerning the location of Galatas that [redacted] will be able to obtain it.

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The aforementioned interview between Inspector Griffin and Special Agent Louis DeNette was subsequent to June 21, 1934, on which date Griffin addressed a letter to the Director at Washington, D. C. relative to this matter.

Please give consideration to whether [redacted] should be interviewed or furnished with the necessary expenses in order to proceed.

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to Birmingham, Alabama, as she apparently indicated that she would be willing to do.

I believe it would be advisable to have Special Agent Louis DeNette discreetly interview [redacted] and if, in his opinion, such a trip would probably be successful, that she be furnished with expenses to Birmingham and return.

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Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Kansas City

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July 6, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Nashville, Tennessee.

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:

A copy of your letter dated June 29, 1934, is being furnished to Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, Oklahoma City Office, with a copy of this letter, and in view of Mr. Brantley's previous contacts with [redacted] the question of having [redacted] discreetly interviewed, as suggested in your letter, is first being brought to the attention of Mr. Brantley before any action is taken so that it will not interrupt any plans he may have in mind with regard to further developing information respecting the whereabouts of Subject Galatas through [redacted]

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In the event Mr. Brantley has no objection, [redacted] should be discreetly interviewed and if it appears that she is in a position to develop information of value, money to cover her expenses to Birmingham, Alabama should be advanced and included as a confidential item in your expense account.

Mr. Brantley is instructed to telegraphically communicate with you in the event he has no objection to the proposed interview with [redacted] A copy of your letter is also being furnished to each of the offices indicated below.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

cc-Birmingham
St. Louis
Oklahoma City

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Telephone Your Telegrams to Postal Telegraph

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

June 30, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 23, 1934 concerning the case of VERNE CO MILLER, with aliases, deceased, et al., relative to a letter received by the Division from [redacted]

[redacted] called on me yesterday and stated that he desired to know what his status was. I inquired of him as to what he meant by this and he stated that he wanted to know if he were still bound to cooperate with the Division of Investigation with regard to any information which he might receive concerning the location of "Pretty Boy" Floyd. He stated that he had received additional information to the effect that he might be able to contact Floyd now, and that he planned to go ahead with his original plan, namely, that of interviewing him and selling the story to some newspaper, and he desired to know if he would get in trouble if he were to see Floyd and not inform the authorities.

I informed him that it would be his duty as a citizen to inform this organization or some other law enforcement organization if he received any information which might lead to the arrest of Floyd. He then stated that he "might ride miles and miles blindfolded before he reached Floyd's hideout."

He stated that he felt some obligation to the Division of Investigation in view of the fact that the sum of $200.00 had been advanced to him and he had not produced any results. I informed him that the Division had hoped for some results and that if he secured any information in the future I would appreciate his informing me.

He stated that he did not need any additional funds and that he was not endeavoring to secure any, but the upshot of the conversation was apparently that he desired to know if he could contact

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Floyd with immunity. I, of course, informed him that no one could grant him such authority and that he would be duty-bound to inform some law enforcement authority, the Division of Investigation or otherwise in the event he secured any information. He stated that he would do so.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

MHP:EH

Hollywood, Calif.
June 30

Dear Chief —

Charley Floyd was seen with 2 men in a Nash coupe at a drive in camp gas station, outside of Shamrock, Texas recently. A deputy sheriff was there, knew him and spoke to him in a friendly manner according to my informant. May be hot or cold worth watching. Whenever I can be of use

Sincerely

Ellis [illegible]
5956 Hollywood Blvd
Hollywood, Calif.

Former address
6055 Carlton Way
Hollywood

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July 9, 1934.

Mr. Ellis C. King,
5:56 Hollywood Boulevard,
Hollywood, California.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 28, 1934 wherein you state that Charley Floyd was seen with two men in a Nash coupe at a drive-in gasoline station outside of Shamrock, Texas recently and that the Deputy Sheriff there knew Floyd and spoke to him in a friendly manner, according to your informant.

The above information is being furnished to Mr. J. E. P. Dunn, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 617 Federal Building, Los Angeles, California, who will assign an agent to interview you regarding this matter in the very near future.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am,

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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San Francisco, California.

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Special Agent in Charge,
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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

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Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased)
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases -
Fugitive, Identification Order #1801,
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases - Fugitive, Identification
Order #1194, et al;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER.

Reference is made to your letter of June 19, 1934, in connection with the above captioned matter.

I am transmitting herewith, via airmail, photographs of individuals, which surveillance in San Francisco has revealed are contacting or known to be acquainted with Irene Dorsey. The immediate results of surveillance in San Francisco was indicated to the Kansas City Office on Sunday, June 24th, through telephonic communication between Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, Jr. of this office, and Special Agent W. F. Trainor of your office.

The photograph of Lee T. Bevans is of the individual thought to be the Leroy Bevins noted in the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Ill., June 16, 1934, in this case. Lawrence Shaw is the friend of Lee T. Bevans, and investigation here, as noted in the above mentioned telephone conversation, has indicated that both he and Lee T. Bevans are presently employed in local restaurants, and that Shaw has been so employed continuously since 1931. The photograph of A. L. Bevans is that of the individual reported to be the brother of Lee T. Bevans, and is the individual who most closely resembles the description, as furnished by your office, of suspect Gus Stone, alias Gus Stevens, and it is suggested that the photograph of A. L. Bevans be exhibited to various persons whom you may have available there for possible identification of Gus Stone, alias Gus Stevens.

These photographs were all taken without the knowledge of those being photographed, and as no telescopic lens was available here, they were necessarily made with the original camera, and if it is felt that there is doubt regarding identification of any of these individuals, the San Francisco office will endeavor to arrange, through a local photographer, who may be able to secure such lens, to secure more intimate pictures of any one of these individuals which you may request.

Your attention is directed also to the photograph of the young woman seen with Lee Bevans and Shaw, in the photograph wherein these three persons are descending the hospital steps. Information here indicates that she is a friend of Lawrence Shaw's wife.

Descriptions of the individuals noted above are as follows:

Name:	A. E. Bevans
Height:	5' 8"
Weight:	145 lbs.
Eyes:	Dark
Hair:	Dark, with very marked and noticeable gray tinges.
Build:	Slender.
Complexion:	Ruddy

Dresses very neatly. Ordinarily wears grey hat, with turned down brim.
Has thin face and straight well cut nose.

Name:	Lee T. Bevans.
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	160 lbs.
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Light brown, parted in the middle.
Complexion:	Light
Build:	Slender.
Age:	25 to 30

Name:	Lawrence S Shaw
Height:	5' 7 to 8"
Age:	25 to 30
Eyes:	Dark brown
Hair:	Dark; parted at the right side.
Weight:	150 lbs.
Build:	Medium slender
Complexion:	Medium dark

Description of the woman noted in the photograph between Bevans and Shaw.

Height:	5' 3"
Age:	23 to 26.
Weight:	105 lbs.
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown

Very attractive looking.

Irene Dorsey is at present confined at the Stanford-Lane Hospital in San Francisco, as indicated in the above noted telephonic communication with Kansas City, and latest advices from her physician are that she will remain so confined for the next two weeks.

Investigation in connection with this matter is continuing in San Francisco, and a full report in connection therewith will follow, this letter being forwarded at this time with these photographs in order that your office may endeavor to secure identification.

Very truly yours,

E. P. Guinane,
Special Agent in Charge.

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W.C. Division
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June 29, 1934

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Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 25, 1934, has been received and it appears therefrom that you feel under some obligation to this Division because of the $200 which was advanced to you to cover expenses incident to your trip into Oklahoma for the purpose of locating "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

In view of the very definite understanding which you had with Mr. Purvis, Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Office of this Division, prior to your departure from Chicago on this trip, that no more than $200 could be advanced, please be assured that this Division does not consider you obligated to it in any way.

Trusting that this is a satisfactory disposition of the matter, I am

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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

c/c M. H. Purvis,
Chicago, Ill.

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(Copies of [redacted] letter dated 6/25/34 also forwarded to Mr. Purvis together with copy of Div. letter to [redacted] dated 6/29/34.)

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Laboratory Report

June 28, 1934.

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

Number: 62-28915-1803

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Specimens: Twenty photographs. Three letters. Ten newspaper clippings. One envelope.

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: June 27, 1934.

Examination requested: Laboratory.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A.Appel.

June 28. With reference to the questioned signature of Ray E. Hamilton, this has been compared with the signatures on the fingerprint cards of Alvin Karpis which include one signature reading "George Haller", an alias. Although there are not enough similar letters for an adequate comparison, for the purposes of the fugitive investigation, the opinion is expressed that Karpis wrote the signature of Hamilton.

With reference to the questioned handwriting signed Fred Barker, it is positively concluded from a comparison with signatures on fingerprint cards of Fred Barker that this is his handwriting.

A further comparison is being made with the anonymous letters and other questioned documents in this and the case of John Dillinger.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

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June 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
MR. TAMM

I telephoned Agent in Charge Blake at Dallas this morning and advised him as follows concerning a telephone call which I received this morning from Mr. Whiteside, secretary to Senator Caraway of Arkansas: Mr. Whiteside and Senator Caraway have been writing me a series of letters concerning James P. Dempsey, who lives at 1602 Spruce, Texarkana, Arkansas. Mr. Blake remarked that the town of Texarkana is on the border line between Arkansas and Texas, a portion being located in each State. I stated that Dempsey's application indicates Texarkana, Texas; that he is desirous of obtaining a position as a Special Agent in this Division; that he has been a Special Officer for the Kansas City Southern Railway in that section of the country, and has been engaged in police work there as special officer, etc. I stated that in the last letter, which has just been received by Senator Caraway's office, Dempsey, while still seeking a job, also refers to the fact that the story which appeared in the paper about the baptism of Floyd's son is just a lot of "bunk"; that he, Dempsey, believes that in a week or ten days he could find Floyd, and that he knows a woman who is very close to Mrs. Floyd.

I told Mr. Blake that I felt it would be very desirable for him to talk with Dempsey. Mr. Blake remarked that he believed that Dempsey is in the Dallas Office today taking the examination. I instructed Mr. Blake to talk to him while he is there, and find out what he knows; in other words, I do not intend to have any "hold-up" in this matter if he has information in order to get a job in the Division. I stated that he may have a contact to Mrs. Floyd; that according to Mr. Whiteside, Dempsey is very familiar with that country, knows Floyd, and has a great deal of information about Floyd and his contacts. I told Mr. Blake to obtain all of these details from Dempsey while he is there today, and if there is anything of value to the information, he should look into it immediately. Mr. Blake said he would take care of the matter.

Mr. Blake remarked that he doubts whether Mrs. Floyd knows where her husband is. He stated that he forwarded a letter to the Division yesterday about that "outfit", at Fort Worth. He stated it is merely a propaganda campaign, and he doubted whether the minister realized what it was. The individual by the name of Beach, who was in Oklahoma, is also promoting the situation in Texas. I told Mr. Blake I wanted to discontinue the foolishness of trying to get Floyd to surrender, and that I desired steps be be taken to really effect his apprehension. Mr. Blake stated he informed

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the minister that he had 48 hours to act upon our [illegible] or rather, the proposition which he made to us, and [illegible] that it could not be done. Mr. Blake then informed his [illegible] we would not hold it open any longer.

I instructed Mr. Blake to give the Floyd case his personal supervision, and to follow it very closely; that if we can effect his apprehension, we are very desirous of doing so, there being every indication that he has been giving us the "run-around" in the fake offers of surrender. Mr. Blake asked if we have any reliable information that Floyd has been wounded, and I stated that we have not except that which has come from these various sources. Mr. Blake remarked that he would bear this in mind because they might find that he is in good physical condition rather than being a cripple. I stated that nobody has reliably reported having seen Floyd since the Kansas City massacre, which fact is rather significant; that he might be just hiding out, but on the other hand, it would stand to reason that he might engage in bank robberies from time to time to replenish his resources if he is in good physical condition. I stated, too, that of course he should not go upon the assumption that Floyd is wounded, and that I wanted him to concentrate upon effecting his apprehension.

Very truly yours,

Director.