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August 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL,
THE HONORABLE HAROLD M. STEPHENS.

Transmitted herewith is a memorandum concerning the apprehension of James Clark with aliases at Tulsa, Oklahoma on August 1, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Encl. #787960

ytd. H.M.S.
Aug 1, '34.

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H.M.S.

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

RLM:HFB

August 4, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1001 Vermont Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Division letter to the Chicago Office, of July 27, 1934, setting forth that Betty McFadden, Chicago Police Department #88762, had been arrested as Mrs. Glenn Morris, alias Mrs. A. A. Perry, alias Mrs. G. T. Richards, #1959 at Miami, Florida, on December 10, 1927, charged with investigation - confidence game, forfeited $100.00 bond.

Inquiry at the Miami Police Department disclosed that on December 10, 1927, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Morris were arrested with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hutson and an individual giving his name as J. J. Miller; that they were arrested for investigation as being suspected of conducting confidence games in Miami, but no definite complaint had been made against them; that all individuals arrested deposited bond of $100.00 each and forfeited same.

There is no information available at the Miami Police Department concerning any of these individuals. A notation was found on the arrest card at the Detective Bureau of the Miami Police Department, which sets forth that a Mrs. Raines, 345 East Ocean Avenue, Long Beach, California, is a friend of Mrs. Glenn Morris. The source of this information is not available, and the officers of the Detective Bureau were unable to throw any light as to where it came from.

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A photograph of Mrs. Glenn Morris, as in the file of the Miami Police Department, is being forwarded to the Division and the Kansas City Office.

It is being left to the discretion of the Kansas City Office to determine whether or not inquiry should be made concerning Mrs. Raines at Long Beach, California.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Ald,
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosure

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Photo: Mrs. Richard T. Galatas
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August 17, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

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:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 4, 1934, wherein you set forth information with respect to the arrest on December 10, 1927, of subject Galatas and his wife as Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Morris by the Miami, Florida, Police Department. It appears from your letter that one J. J. Miller was also arrested with subject Galatas on the same date, as were Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hutson. There is transmitted herewith and to each of the offices listed below an abstract of the criminal record on J. J. Miller, together with a photograph of this individual, who may possibly be identical with the Miller referred to in your letter.

In view of subject Galatas' prior arrests in connection with confidence games, it is suggested that each office receiving a copy of this letter conduct appropriate inquiries into the arrests reflected by the inclosed abstract of criminal record, obtaining information with respect to associates of Miller, for the purpose of developing information leading to the location and apprehension of subject Galatas.

The Jacksonville Office is instructed to obtain the arrest numbers for Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hutson, who were also arrested by the Miami Police Department on December 10, 1927. A search of the files of the Identification Unit does not reflect a record under these names.

This matter should receive your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
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P. O. Drawer 1457
St. Louis, Missouri
August 1, 1934

Mrs. Marie Mann,
Postmistress,
W. Alton, Missouri

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

Dear Madam:

In connection with an official investigation now pending in this office, it is requested that a cover be placed upon all mail addressed to Mrs. M. C. Baird or any of her relatives or friends residing in her home.

It is also desired that any tracings of letters received by any of the above noted individuals be forwarded to this office at equal intervals marked for the attention of file 62-872. This mail cover should be continued for a period of thirty days.

It is my understanding that Mrs. Ethel Golden is, at this time residing at the home of Mrs. Baird. It will greatly appreciate your advising this office if and when Mrs. Golden leaves the Baird home and also, if possible, of her forwarding address.

I desire to express my appreciation for your cooperation in this, as well as other matters.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD NATHAN, Acting,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Division
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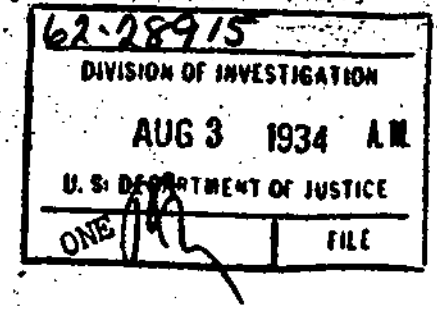

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri.
August 1, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

A letter dated July 18, 1934, from the Division to the Kansas City office indicates that the fingerprints of one Homer Virgil Wilson, No. 829, Denver, Colorado, Police Department, were compared, among others, with the latent fingerprints found at the residence of Vernon C. Miller at Kansas City, Missouri.

This office has no information regarding Homer Virgil Wilson as a suspect in this matter. However, it occurs that Homer Virgil Wilson might be possibly identical with the individual known as Homer Wilson, otherwise known as "Big" Homer, an important suspect in this matter.

It is, therefore, requested that your office secure four copies of the photograph of Homer Virgil Wilson, Denver Police Department #829, forwarding one each to the St. Paul, San Francisco, Chicago and Kansas City offices, in order that they may be displayed to parties acquainted with "Big" Homer for possible identification.

Very truly yours,

E. J. MILLER
Special Agent in Charge

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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

August 1, 1934.

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

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DIVISION ONE

RE: Vernon C. Miller (deceased); w.a.
Richard Talman Galatas, w.a.
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201;
Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd,
w.a. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194; etal
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of 7/30/34 concerning a letter received by H.C. Cross of Wappun, Wisconsin; I have caused the ad suggested, to be inserted in the Dallas News of 8/1/34.

Very truly yours,

W.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

August 2, 1934.

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

RE: Vernon C. Miller, w.m. (deceased);
Richard Tallman Galatas, w.m.-
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201;
Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, w.m.-
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1196; et al.
CONSPIRACY to DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to Division letter of 7/5/34 transmitting anonymous circular addressed to The Honorable The Attorney General, Washington, D.C., relative to the Travelers Service Sta. at Arlington, Texas and "Pretty Boy" Floyd: I have made a survey of the Travelers Service Sta. and conducted an investigation relative to it, and am advised that it is run by one O.B. Cotter. The Travelers Service Sta. is located on the main highway between Dallas and Fort Worth and is on the left side of the road as one travels from Dallas to Fort Worth, and is located about 20 miles West of Dallas and near the outskirts of the town of Arlington. It is an ordinary "dump" very close to the road, and it is not so situated that anyone could be concealed there for any length of time without discovery.

It is possible that Floyd may have stopped there upon one or more occasions to obtain bootleg supplies of all varities, which are probably available, but that he would elect such a place for a rendezvous or hideout is utterly unthinkable.

Adjoining the Travelers Service Sta. is the Travelers Garage, and I am advised that this is run by the son of an individual who writes various articles for the Press and Magazines; and from the construction of the anonymous letter it does not appear improbable that someone connected with the Travelers Garage is more concerned with dealing grief to the Travelers Service Sta. than to causing the apprehension of "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

FJB:LMT
cc Division
L.R. K.C.
O.C. Chi.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir: Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases (Deceased);
Richard Tallman Galatas with aliases,
Fugitive, I.D. #1201; Charles Arthur
"Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases, Fugitive,
I. D. #1194; et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

I am transmitting herewith copies of a memorandum prepared by Special Agent F. S. Smith of this office to the effect that he obtained information that one Mrs. Jewel Lee, employed in some department store in Kansas City, was a witness to the Union Station shooting on June 17, 1933.

It is thought perhaps that through the Post Office and city directories in Kansas City this woman can be located for interview. In the event she can not be located, efforts will be made to locate her through relatives in Oklahoma as set forth in the memorandum.

The Division is being furnished a copy of this memorandum.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl.

cc-Division

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
July 28, 1934.

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

Memorandum for SAC Brantley:

At Muskogee, Oklahoma on July 26, 1934 I came in contact with one Samuel Schultz, who resides there, and in conversation he informed me that his cousin, Mrs. Jewel Lee, was in Kansas City and at the depot on the morning of the Kansas City massacre, and saw the shooting. He states that she is employed in a department store at the present time in Kansas City, the address of which he does not know; that her father is John Lee, residing on a rural route out of Pryor, Oklahoma; that she has a brother named Derby Lee, who lives one mile west and one mile north of Ada, Oklahoma. He states that she can be located through either the father or brother above mentioned.

F. S. Smith,
Special Agent.

cc-Division
Kansas City (3)

Postoffice Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama,
August 3, 1934.

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VIA AIR MAIL

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Postoffice Box 1876,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, W.A. (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:

This is to advise that today Mr. Roy Perry, one of the Secret Service Agents in Birmingham, called at the Birmingham office advising that an informant, whose name he refused to reveal but who, he stated, has been a reliable informant for him on at least two occasions and who has never reported any information unless it has been worthy of checking, came to him today advising that last Sunday morning he overheard in a rooming house on 22nd Street North in Birmingham two men and a woman talking about "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and the fact that they were to meet Floyd about nine miles from Seminole, Oklahoma on Sunday night, August 5th or August 6th.

The informant told Mr. Perry that he saw one of these men, whom he described as being 6 feet tall, 28 to 30 years of age, weight 175 pounds, black hair, ruddy complexion, wearing a blue serge suit and brown felt hat; further that the girl was called Thelma and that she is about 18 years of age, blonde hair, 5' 4" tall, small build and cross-eyed. The informant did not see the second man and could furnish no description of him.

According to Mr. Perry, who stated that the informant did not care to talk to anyone in this Division, it is the informant's understanding that Floyd's wife lives somewhere in the vicinity of Seminole, and that the meeting place was to be somewhere near her house. The informant, according to Perry, furnished no information as to which direction from Seminole this meeting was to take place, nor did he know if the people whom he had seen were traveling in an automobile, or anything else about them.

The above is being furnished the Oklahoma City office for its information.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division
Kansas City.

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

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WAR:LS

Post Office Box 419,
Nashville, Tennessee,
August 4, 1934.

AUG 6 1934 PM
DEPT OF JUSTICE
DIVISION ONE

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1001 Vermont Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

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

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Birmingham office to the Nashville office under date of July 24th, and letter from the New Orleans office to Nashville office under date of July 28, 1934, both concerning the present location of Louis Austin, alias Hart Austin, whom it is desired that a confidential informant, [redacted] interview.

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When I talked with [redacted] she stated that she does not believe it would be advisable for her to let Austin know she made a special trip to see him but that if she were successful in interviewing him at Birmingham she would state that she was enroute to Florida.

In view of this I doubt the advisability of having [redacted] proceed to New Orleans to interview him. It would perhaps be more advisable for her to await his return to Birmingham which, according to letter from the Birmingham office, will be approximately August 20, 1934.

b7D

Unless advised to the contrary by the office of origin or the Division, I shall arrange to furnish [redacted] with the necessary funds, after Austin returns to Birmingham, and have her interview him there.

It is requested that the New Orleans office keep in close touch with this matter in New Orleans and advise the Birmingham and Nashville offices upon Austin's return to Birmingham. ask 8/8/34 REN

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Very truly yours,

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cc-Kansas City
New Orleans
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W. A. ROHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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August 9, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Nashville, Tennessee.

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:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 4, 1934 wherein you advise that arrangements will be made by you to furnish [redacted] with the necessary funds with which to proceed to Birmingham, Alabama for the purpose of interviewing Louis Austin, alias Hart Austin. b7D

The Division approves the arrangement to be made by you which will make it possible for [redacted] to interview Austin, and through the interview information with respect to the present whereabouts of subject Galatas may be developed. b7D

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Birmingham
Kansas City
Oklahoma City

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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August 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

In compliance with the request contained in the attached routing slip from Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith two copies of an abstract of the criminal record of J. A. Brady, Identification Unit file #10145.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

L. C. Schilder.

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1331 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,
El Paso, Texas,
August 3, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S.Department of Justice,
1001 Vermont Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

Replying to Division letter of July 30, 1934 concerning one J. A. Brady, alias "Duckie" Doyle, alias William Dougherty, whose record the Division is unable to locate, I would respectfully refer you to report of R. H. Colvin, El Paso, Texas, dated April 21, 1934, in re Vernon C. Miller, et al, in which the criminal record of this person is disclosed as follows:

"5-17-18 - Detroit, Mich., 10010, as John A. Doyle, charged confidence man.
7-5-18 - Toledo, O., 7970, as John A. Doyle, suspect confidence man, released.
9-14-18 - Cleveland, O., 17579, as John A. Brady, suspicious person.
2-19-19 - Little Rock, Ark., as --, charged vagrancy, fined $25.
1-5-20 - Memphis, Tenn., 3974, as John A. Alexander, charged vagrancy and confidence man.
8-31-21 - Kansas City, Mo. - 11052, as John Hyland, charged confidence man, fined $100.
4-22-26 - Los Angeles, 24856-M-1 as John Brady, charged suspect grand larceny, bunco.
4-15-29 - Sacramento, 12796-E as John Doyle, charged vagrancy and violation Wright Act (with Mrs. Alma Benson #12796-D) had brandy in room; vagrancy charge dismissed. Vio. Wright Act - fined $25.00; 4-19-29, paid.
Kansas City, Mo., 11052 as John Hyland, wanted, $300 reward, arrested State warrant for bond jumping - 6-0-29."

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

Age - 50
Ht. - 5' 8 3/4"
Wt. - 123
Comp. - Fair
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Hair - Black, tinged with gray
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If, from the foregoing, you cannot locate the record of this individual kindly advise me and I will attempt to obtain an additional copy of his fingerprints.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 8, 1934, in connection with the case of VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased) et al.

A research of the files of the Identification Unit with the assistance of the information which you have furnished has resulted in the location of the criminal record of J. A. Brady with aliases.

A transcript of the criminal record of this individual is enclosed.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Clyde Tolson,
Assistant Director.

Enc. [redacted]

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Birmingham, Ala.	8/4/34	6/22 - 7/28/34	W. M. Sirens

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Police Department Phoenix City, Ala., believe person resembling photograph of "Pretty Boy" Floyd has been in that vicinity since first of year; unable ascertain identity this person. Report that "Pretty Boy" Floyd was in Indianola, Miss. on 7/26/34 apparently unfounded. Floyd reported to have been dressed as a woman at that time but investigation revealed that there were three women in the party of which Floyd was believed to be a member. J. Albert Galatas still residing at Masonic Temple in Atlanta, Ga., reported to get mail only from his sweetheart at Albany, Ga.

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REFERENCE: Division letter dated April 12, 1934, addressed to the Birmingham Division Office.

DETAILS: AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA.:

Subsequent to the receipt of Division letter of reference, communication was had with Mr. C. W. Noel who reported his address as care of the Alabama Mills, Clanton, Ala., but a personal interview with him was unsuccessful until he appeared at the Birmingham office on May 31, 1934, at which time he furnished the following information to Special Agent D. O. Smith:

Mr. C. W. Noel stated that he is a mechanic with the Alabama Mills and may be reached at Clanton or Dadeville, Ala.

Noel advised that while in Tulsa and Sand Springs, Oklahoma, in 1930 or 1931, he ascertained that "Pretty Boy" Floyd was infatuated with a girl who was employed at the Commander Mills in Sand Springs; that he is unable to

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furnish the name and address of the girl in question, however, many people in Sand Springs will recall that Floyd had a girl friend there before he became a notorious outlaw; that while on the streets of Tulsa, Oklahoma, some three or four years ago, he saw a man get in an automobile, and a bystander, whose name and address he has forgotten, advised that the man was "Pretty Boy" Floyd, for which reason Noel took a good look at him.

Noel continued by stating that on the Saturday night before New Years, 1934, he was in the barber shop owned by Arthur Brooks in Girard, Ala., which is near Columbus, Ga.; that a man came in the barber shop who fitted the description of Floyd; that the man was well dressed, with a suede raincoat or leather coat and kept both hands in his coat pockets at all times; that this man was accompanied by a soldier, or at least an individual dressed in military uniform; that Noel and Arthur Brooks had a few drinks in the back end of the barber shop owned by Brooks, where liquor is sold, at which time the stranger appeared in the back end, remaining there for a short period, and after he left Noel stated to Brooks that the man looked exactly like "Pretty Boy" Floyd, thereupon Brooks agreed and stated that the man who resembled Floyd had left a suitcase full of automatic pistols at the barber shop that day. Presently the Chief of Police, named Oakes, appeared at the barber shop, and while there he was closely scrutinized by the man who resembled Floyd; that after the Chief of Police left the barber shop, the son of Arthur Brooks remarked that the Chief always gets his man, whereupon the man resembling Floyd replied "He will play hell getting me".

The man who resembled Floyd made inquiry of Noel relative to his business, and when Noel informed him of his being a textile worker, the man replied "like hell". When Noel asked the stranger his business, he stated "he had a moll with him". Noel stated that he thought this indicated that the man was stopping at a hotel, however, he did not endeavor to ascertain his local address, nor did he make inquiry to ascertain if the stranger was driving an automobile, nor did he inform the Chief of Police in Girard relative to his suspicions of the stranger.

The interview with Noel developed that Arthur Brooks is a sportsman who is especially fond of chicken fighting. Noel contends that if an agent from this Division will join him and proceed to Girard, Ala., that it would be possible to take a few drinks with Arthur Brooks, and mention the appearance of Floyd, and by this means it is believed "Pretty Boy" Floyd can be located in that district. Noel contends that Floyd is probably hiding out in the Chatanoochee Valley, between Columbus, Ga. and Girard, Ala., as this section is infested with bootleggers and would be an ideal place for a bank robber to hide. He further surmised that Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker probably commuted between Louisiana and the Chatanoochee Valley prior to the deaths of the latter two, however he could furnish no definite information in this connection.

He was under the influence of liquor during the above interview. Noel volunteered his services in approaching Arthur Brooks for any information of value.

On the following day Mr. Noel again returned to the Birmingham Division Office, at which time he was interviewed by Special Agent J. H. Hanson and furnished the same information as that set out above but in addition at that time Mr. Noel stated that he was in Birmingham for the purpose of securing in addition to his present occupation as a textile mill mechanic, a position as an undercover man with the Alabama Mills for the purpose of reporting on Union labor agitation in the mills. Mr. Noel also indicated that he was interested in securing a position with the Government as an investigator.

AT PHOENIX CITY AND GIRARD, ALA.:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent F. T. McIntyre, Jr.:

It might be mentioned that Phoenix City and Girard are cotton mill towns located across the river from Columbus, Ga., and while they are still referred to as separate entities, they have been consolidated into one municipality, namely Phoenix City, Ala.

Agent exhibited to Chief of Police O. O. Gay a photograph of "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Chief Gay advised that he has seen the man somewhere in Girard within the last few days and that the similarity was such that he was fairly positive that it was the same man.

Asst. Chief of Police J. T. Oakes also identified the picture as a man he has seen around Girard within the past few months.

Lieut. G. F. Hawkins, of the local Police force, advised that the likeness was so striking that he was positive that he had seen the man within the past four weeks; that on this occasion the man was in his shirt sleeves and did not appear to be armed and was sitting in front of "Chuck's" Beer Place. Lieut. Hawkins further stated that Pete Clark, a local bootlegger, had recently stated to him that he had seen "Pretty Boy" Floyd in Girard several weeks ago; that at the time he, Lieut. Hawkins, paid no attention to this information as Clark drank considerably and was in the habit of stretching the truth. Lieut. Hawkins also advised that he would contact [redacted] who is not residing at Girard, and endeavor to obtain from him assistance in locating this party, presumably Floyd.

Mr. Arthur Brooks, barber shop proprietor, Girard, remembered the incident referred to by C. W. Noel and recalled the occasion to the best of his recollection, as around New Year, 1934, and upon agent displaying the photograph of Floyd, Brooks exclaimed that it appeared to be the same man. Brooks further advised that this particular party had a suitcase with him and stated that he had just come from Opelika, Ala., and upon leaving the shop, asked if he might leave the suitcase there for a while. Brooks assented and

several day's later the man came back to the barber shop, retrieved his case, and advised that he was on his way to Jacksonville, Fla.

Beverly Brooks, son of Arthur Brooks, also identified the picture of Floyd as apparently the same man and practically substantiated the information received from Noel.

Agent, accompanied by Chief of Police Gay, contacted Mrs. Beachie Howard, proprietress of a beer place on 8th Ave., Girard, who advised that a man who resembled Floyd's pictures closely had been there on a party a few nights before and that there were several New York gangsters among the party.

Chief Gay advised that a large number of the residents of Phoenix City and Girard are bootleggers and that he has quite a few friendly contacts among this element and requested that he be allowed to conduct the investigation in that neighborhood himself; that an agent being a stranger in town would excite suspicion and not knowing the proper parties to contact, Floyd might be tipped off, if in that vicinity. Agent left the photograph of Floyd with Chief Gay and the latter further advised that he will endeavor to locate the hiding place of Floyd, through his confidential informants, in which event he will immediately notify the Birmingham Office, or if he should again meet this man in Girard, he will immediately arrest him on suspicion and have him fingerprinted.

AT COLUMBUS, GA.:

Sgt. Pierson, in charge of the Fingerprint Unit of the Columbus Police Department, advised that a man who greatly resembles "Pretty Boy" Floyd was arrested there on suspicion about six months ago; that his fingerprints were taken and promptly forwarded to the Division; that the reply from Washington disclosed that this man was not Floyd and had no known criminal record. Sgt. Pierson was of the opinion that this was the same party seen at Phoenix City and Girard, Ala. He could not, however, submit the name of this man as the building was being remodeled and a number of his records have been misplaced as a result thereof.

Asst. Chief of Police Lawson verified the above information and advised that anyone resembling Floyd's photograph would be taken into custody pending investigation of this matter.

AT PHOENIX CITY, ALA.:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. M. Sirene:

Mr. O. O. Gay, Chief of Police, advised agent that he made several attempts to secure information from a number of his informants concerning the alleged presence of "Pretty Boy" Floyd in the vicinity of Phoenix City, but that he has been unable to secure any information of value.

Accompanied by Mr. Gay, agent interviewed [redacted] and exhibited to him a photograph of Floyd. [redacted] stated that the photograph of Floyd did not resemble any individual that he had ever seen in Phoenix City. According to Chief of Police Gay, [redacted] is one of his most reliable informants, and that he is usually familiar with all underworld activities in Phoenix City. [redacted] stated that he has seen numerous photographs of Floyd, and believes that he will have no trouble in recognizing "Pretty Boy" should he make an appearance in Phoenix City. [redacted] promised to cooperate and endeavor to ascertain if anyone resembling Floyd is present in the vicinity of Phoenix City. [redacted] stated that he comes in contact with a large number of the bootleggers and gamblers in Phoenix City, and will be on the alert for the appearance of anyone resembling Floyd, and report any information he receives to Chief of Police Gay.

Lieut. B. F. Hawkins, Phoenix City Police Department, stated to agent that he has been on the lookout for Floyd for the past month, but that he has not seen anyone resembling "Pretty Boy's" photograph. Accompanied by Lieut. Hawkins, agent interviewed [redacted] and exhibited to him a photograph of Floyd. [redacted] stated that he had seen an individual in Phoenix City for the past two days who looked just like Floyd's photograph. He stated that this individual had passed him on the street several times, and believes that he will see him again within the next few days. [redacted] according to Lieut. Hawkins, is [redacted] but that he has always found him a reliable informant, and is not inclined to exaggeration. [redacted] stated that he will watch for this individual and report his presence in Phoenix City to Lieut. Hawkins.

Lieut. Hawkins informed agent that within the past few months he had heard several bootleggers in Phoenix City make the remark that Floyd had been in the vicinity of Columbus, but that he never paid any attention to the remarks believing they were only rumors without any foundation.

Accompanied by Lieut. Hawkins, agent interviewed [redacted] A photograph of Floyd was shown to him but he was unable to identify "Pretty Boy" with any individual in and around Phoenix City.

Lieut. Hawkins stated that [redacted] were considered by the Phoenix City Police Department as their best sources of information and will report any information about "Pretty Boy" without hesitation.

Agent instructed [redacted] to report any information they may obtain concerning the presence of Floyd in Phoenix City to either Chief of Police Gay or Lieut. Hawkins. Mr. Gay stated that he will communicate with the Birmingham Office if any further information is obtained concerning Floyd.

Arthur Brooks and Mrs. Beachis Howard were out of town and not available for interview.

AT ATLANTA, GA.:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. E. Overstreet:

It was ascertained through City Detective Hugh Brown that J. Albert Galatas, brother of subject Richard T. Galatas, is located at the Masonic Temple, 9 Cain Street; that he gets mail regularly from some woman at Albany, Ga., supposed to be his sweetheart and that he has been to Cuba recently and may get mail from that place.

At the office of the Chief Post Office Inspector, request was made for mail coverage on J. Albert Galatas for thirty days.

Mr. W. O. Gaffney, Manager of the Western Union main office at Marietta Street, advised that some months ago he was notified by headquarters of the Western Union to watch for telegrams going to No. 9 Cain Street, Atlanta, especially to J. Albert Galatas. He stated that all telegrams going to that address would be routed through the same branch office and that the employees at the branch office concerned were advised to notify him in the event any telegrams were delivered to Galatas; that during the past several months he had not been so notified and that he did not believe Galatas had received any telegrams through the Western Union during that time.

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA.:

On July 26, 1934, Special Agent D. O. Smith received a telephone call from the Sheriff's Office at Indianola, Miss., reporting that "Pretty Boy" Floyd was in that county in company with two women and that Floyd was dressed as a woman. Shortly thereafter similar information was received from the Nashville office, who received the information from Inspector of Police, Will T. Griffin, of the Memphis Police Department. A letter from the Nashville Office dated July 26, 1934, addressed to the Birmingham Office, confirms the telephonic conversation.

AT INDIANOLA, MISS.:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. A. Temple:

Agent contacted Deputy Sheriff Hogin, Indianola, Miss., who advised that Deputy Sheriff W. H. Pratt of Inverness, Miss., had advised that office that he had received information that Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd and two women were in that vicinity. Agent advised Deputy Sheriff Hogin that he would proceed to the Sheriff's office.

Sheriff W. D. Marlow, Jr., Indianola, Miss., advised that his Deputy, W. H. Pratt, of Inverness, Miss., had reported to him that morning that Lester King, a highly respected citizen who resides on the Waco Plantation, located about seven and a half miles Southwest of Indianola, Miss., had informed him that two women were at the home of H. R. Ramphrey, which is located about seven miles Southwest of Inverness; that these two women came in the night before driving a 1934 Ford Sedan; that about three months prior, the same two women and "Pretty Boy" Floyd had been to the home of Ramphrey.

Sheriff Marlow advised that the automobile bore Mississippi 1934 license tag 124534, which was issued at Vicksburg, Miss., in the name of W. H. Russell, Inverness, Miss.

Deputy Sheriff W. H. Pratt advised that Mr. King furnished him with the license tag number of this car, and that inquiry by Sheriff Marlow of the Vicksburg Sheriff's office revealed that the motor number of the Ford Sedan was #18530989.

Agent, accompanied by Sheriff Marlow and five of his deputies, proceeded to the home of H. R. Ramphrey, which is located about seven miles Southwest of Indianola, Miss. and Agent and Sheriff Marlow searched the house, while the remaining officers covered the house, but were unable to find anyone there who answered the description of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

The above mentioned car was found in the yard and Agent asked to see the driver of the car, who drive same in the night before, and a woman who first gave her name as Mrs. W. H. Russell, but who later stated her name was Ruby Layne, 608 China Street, Vicksburg, Miss., advised that she was the driver and owner of the car, and that she and her sister, Dessie R. Warner, and Jack Leroy, who is also a woman, drove from Vicksburg to her father's home, H. R. Ramphrey, the night before. She further advised that W. H. Russell was a very good friend of hers and that was the reason she had the car registered in his name; that he was no longer in the state of Mississippi, but was in Memphis, Tenn., and she thought that he worked for Dinty Moore. She said that she purchased the Ford Sedan, motor #18530989, from the Herff Motor Company, Memphis, Tenn., on Dec. 21, 1933, and was paying for same through the Commercial Credit Company of Memphis, Tenn., and which statement was substantiated by papers which she exhibited.

The following descriptions were obtained from personal observation and interview by Agent:

Name	Mrs. W.H. Russell, alias Ruby Layne
Residence	608 China St., Vicksburg, Miss.
Age	35
Height	5'5"
Weight	150
Build	Heavy

Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Grey
Complexion	Medium
Teeth	Good
Relatives	Father - H. E.Ramphrey, 7 Miles Southwest of Indianola, Miss.
	Sisters - two
	Brothers - four

Name	Dessie R. Warner
Age	30
Residence	606 China St., Vicksburg, Miss.
Height	5'
Weight	120
Build	Medium
Hair	Red
Eyes	Grey
Complexion	Dark
Teeth	Good
Relatives	(Same as Mrs. Russell's)

Name	Mrs. Jack Leroy
Residence	606 China St., Vicksburg, Miss.
Age	34
Height	5'5"
Weight	135
Build	Medium
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Teeth	Good
Relatives	Unknown

Immediately upon returning to Indianola, Miss., agent communicated by long distance telephone with Acting Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith, of the Birmingham Division Office, and advised him that the search for Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd in Sunflower County, Miss., was in vain.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1276
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1001 Vermont Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to your letter of July 31, 1934 in the above-captioned case, particularly to that portion of it referring to [redacted]

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I think the actions since the contact Agent Andersen had with [redacted] more or less conclusively prove the unreliability of this individual. I feel, and so does Agent Andersen, according to recent conversation by me with him at Kansas City, that [redacted] is a liar and is absolutely untrustworthy. It is to be observed from other files, records of which are in the Division, that Eva Racchetti Simpson, sister of Adam Racchetti, is now in jail in Texas on a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act charge. She stole a car from Wewoka, Oklahoma and took it into Texas. The same day that the car was stolen in Wewoka, [redacted] was picked up and he told members of the Sheriff's office that he was working with this Division in an effort to locate Floyd and Racchetti, and informed them of the exact sums of money that had been paid him by the Division. He has been in this office in an effort to get the Racchetti woman out of jail. I feel that we should have no further contact with him for the reason that I think he has double crossed us, and would, in any circumstances, do the same thing.

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It may be possible that Floyd and Racchetti are visiting some of their relatives. The homes and locations of these relatives are such that a surveillance cannot be maintained by Agents for the reason that they are in rural and isolated communities. Agent O'Leary is specially assigned to this

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matter and is working in Wewoka, Earlsboro, Seminole and contiguous sections in an effort to obtain information as to Racchetti's and Floyd's present whereabouts. He is endeavoring to do this through persons whom we believe desire to see these men apprehended, and whom we believe will furnish information concerning them. Special Agent F. S. Smith is specially assigned to this matter in the Muskogee area near which is Sallisaw, the home of Floyd's mother and most of his other relatives. Agent Smith is constantly in touch with people in Sallisaw, few though they be, who, we believe, are desirous of seeing Floyd apprehended. These people, every time a bit of information is obtained by them, contact Agent Smith, and leads are being followed out constantly and other further contacts are developed in this case.

The information as collected by the Agents in this case is submitted to me promptly, and I am endeavoring, at intervals of every few days, to submit to the Division a report of what is being done. I am giving this case my close, personal supervision and attention, and I can assure the Division that there is no one anywhere more desirous of effecting the apprehension of Floyd and Racchetti than I am.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
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I.O. #1194, ET AL.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Under date of July 18, 1934, the Division requested your office to have an Agent interview Mr. A. L. Smith, a lawyer of Siloam Springs, Arkansas for the purpose of obtaining any information he may have concerning the whereabouts of subject Floyd, and in reply to this letter your office advised, under date of July 25, 1934, that this matter would receive immediate attention.

The Division has not yet received a report covering the interview with Mr. Smith and you are, therefore, instructed to expedite this investigation.

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Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge,
Buffalo, New York.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
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with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1194, ET AL.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Under date of January 3, 1934, the Dallas Division Office requested that a notice be placed in the files of the Identification Unit to notify that office in the event information was received concerning the whereabouts of one W. G. Allen, with aliases, Beaumont, Texas Police Department No. 3600. The following paragraphs taken from this letter, written by F. J. Blake, Special Agent in Charge, are quoted for your information:

"The reason for the above request is as follows: Allen is one real 'con' man and has a wide acquaintance among the confidence gangs over the entire United States. Chief of Police Baker of Pt. Arthur at one time was Chief of Police at Miami, Florida, and interceded for Allen at one time when he was held on swindling charges in another Florida city.

Agent C. B. Winstead conferred with Chief Baker recently and Mr. Baker is of the opinion that Allen will either know the exact whereabouts of RICK GALATAS or will be in a position to ascertain his whereabouts on short notice. If Allen can give such information there is no doubt but that he would furnish same to Chief of Police Baker without hesitation.

Chief Baker stated he would go any place to assist in locating Galatas for the Division.

Agent Winstead was in Beaumont, Texas in October, 1932, when Allen was apprehended by Mr. Sharp of the Special Agency Service, Treasury Department, and talked with Allen. Allen informed Winstead then that

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a fugitive 'con' man formerly of Atlanta, Georgia, was staying at Phoenix, Arizona.

It is considered that the above named person may be used to advantage in locating Galatas."

[redacted]

A memorandum was prepared in the Identification Unit with respect to the two individuals, a copy of which was furnished to the Kansas City Office with Division letter dated February 6, 1934, together with a complete criminal record of W. G. Allen.

It appears from a review of the file that Lawrence Albert Townsend was interviewed, as reflected in the report of Special Agent L. G. Turrou, dated at New York City, February 21, 1934, copy of which is enclosed herewith for your information, but that W. G. Allen who is serving a sentence in the same institution under the name of Walter E. Tobey has not been interviewed. You are, therefore, instructed to have an Agent interview Walter E. Tobey at the earliest practicable date for the purpose of obtaining any information in his possession relative to the present whereabouts of Subject Galatas. There are enclosed herewith copies of a photograph of Tobey, together with an abstract of his criminal record.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1001 Vermont Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: HAZEL HUDSON UNDERHILL; RALPH ROWE, et al.
Harboring and Concealing Wilbur Underhill for whom a warrant of arrest had been issued.

On July 5, 1934, Mr. Roy Casey of the U. S. Bureau of Prisons, working out of Dallas, Texas, and inspecting county jails in Texas and Oklahoma, appeared at this office and stated that recently he made an inspection of the county jail at Guthrie, Oklahoma where several Federal prisoners were confined.

He stated that Ralph Rowe, a Federal prisoner, held on a charge of Harboring Underhill, had made complaint to the effect that he had been mistreated by the County authorities there. Casey told me that his investigation disclosed that Rowe's claims in this respect are without merit, and he learned that Rowe is an obstreperous and recalcitrant prisoner.

Mr. Casey further stated that he learned from Roy Jenness, the Jailer at Guthrie, that probably some efforts were made some time ago to deliver Rowe from the jail; that some saws were found outside the jail window one morning and that these saws were given to John Burnett, a Special Agent of the Rock Island Railway of Oklahoma City, for purposes of examining them for fingerprints. Mr. Casey further stated that probably the Sheriff's office at Guthrie would know the identity of the persons suspected of leaving these saws. Mr. Casey furnished the foregoing information for such investigation as he considers it warrants by this Division.

Agent F. S. Smith of this office interviewed Roy Jenness, the Jailer at Guthrie, who stated that on a date which he has forgotten, probably the latter part of May or the first of June, 1934, Lon Johnson came to the County Jail at Guthrie about 5:30 or 6:00 p. m. to visit his brother, "Sleepy" Johnson; that Lon was driving an automobile and remarked that he

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borrowed this car in Seminole, Oklahoma to make the trip to Guthrie; that later on the same date, about 10:00 p. m., a stranger appeared at the Jail inquiring for Lon Johnson and stated that he had loaned Lon his car in Oklahoma City to come to Guthrie to see his brother in jail and that Johnson had not returned it; that Lon Johnson, while at the County Jail, talked to "Sleepy" Johnson through the bars and was not observed to have been on any other part of the premises; that the following morning a prisoner told him, Jenness, that there were some saws lying just inside of the east window; that he did not know how they got there, but they were unquestionably slipped in for the benefit of some prisoner in jail, but for whom he does not know; that he took the saws, three in number, which were wrapped in a piece of paper with the ends sticking out; that he turned these saws over to John Burnett, Special Agent of the Rock Island Railroad, who happened to be at the County Jail at the time, and who stated that he would have an examination made of them to determine whether there were any fingerprints on them.

Jenness stated that he has no information as to who might have left the saws there, but in view of the fact that Lon Johnson and "Sleepy" Johnson were associated with Ralph Rowe in harboring Wilbur Underhill, that he merely suspected that Johnson might have left them there, and this is nothing more than a surmise on his part.

Special Agent E. F. Hopp of this office interviewed John H. Burnett, Special Agent of the Rock Island Railroad, 21 East First Street, Oklahoma City, at which time, he stated that he had overlooked having any examination of the saws made until several weeks after he obtained them, and when examination was made, there were no fingerprints found on them.

The case as to Rowe and the Johnsons has been disposed of by prosecutive action as is reflected in the report of Special Agent K. D. Deaderick of this office, dated July 26, 1934.

In view of the fact that this matter seems to consist of a number of speculative surmises, it is not felt that further investigative action is warranted and none will be instituted unless specifically instructed by the Division.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

REN:RCL

August 4, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. #1219; etal;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM KIDNAPING

Reference is made to Division letter dated July 25, 1934 with which were transmitted photographs of Tudie Pasano, Kansas City Police Department #19257. The photographs were transmitted in response to the request contained in your letter dated July 17, 1934. You also made reference in your letter to Page 6, Paragraph 3 of the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, May 8, 1934, which has to do with the arrest of Frank B. Mulloy, subject in the Kanmo case, Roy Brown, Guy Brock, Joe Pasano, John Lazia, and others in connection with a liquor conspiracy case. The tie-up between Frank B. Mulloy and John Lazia should be of considerable interest in connection with the Kanmo investigation and it is suggested that some attention be given to the possibility that the individuals involved in the liquor conspiracy case may have also been involved in the Kanmo case. It is known that Paula Harmon, who is now associating with the Barker-Karpis gang, visited Frank B. Mulloy in Kansas City, Missouri during April, 1933 and it is possible that Mulloy will now be disposed to furnishing information in connection with the recent shooting of John Lazia.

Copies of the abstract of criminal record of Tudie Pasano, Kansas City Police Department #19257 are transmitted, herewith.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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1231 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,
El Paso, Texas,
August 4, 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 (Deceased)
RICHARD T. GALATAS, with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1801;
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1194;
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

In connection with a recent investigation made at Albuquerque, N.M., with respect to Mrs. Frank J. Leach, nee Ruth Galatas, I am in receipt of further mail tracings of letters received by Mrs. Leach as follows:

1. Postcard, postmarked Jasper, Ala., signed "Mildred".
2. Letter with return address 312 South 7th St., S.W., Birmingham, Ala.
3. Return address, 524 E. State St., Long Beach, Calif.

The above information is transmitted to your office for such action in the way of tracing as may be deemed advisable.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Calvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

LAH:AMP.-

August 2, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

In accordance with Mr. Newby's telephonic request of June 28, 1934, there are transmitted herewith six copies of the transcript of the criminal record of Lawrence Albert Townsand, Identification Unit file #70338. No photographs of Townsand appear in the file of the Identification Unit.

There are also transmitted herewith with respect to the same request six photographs of Walter Edgar Tobey, Identification Unit file #55060. Inasmuch as no transcripts of the criminal record were desired for Tobey, no copies are being transmitted.

Respectfully,

L. A. Hince.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

By reference from your office, please be informed that Agent in Charge Blake of the Dallas Office telephoned and stated that present information concerning the location and apprehension of Floyd tends to indicate that a telephone call will be placed this morning to Floyd at Fort Worth, Texas, the call emanating from Oklahoma City; that he has been in constant touch with Brantley and that all circuits are to be entirely clear; that arrangements have been made with the appropriate officials to immediately secure the name and address of the place in Fort Worth where Floyd is alleged to be hiding out as well as the name and address of the sender of the call. He believes that this call should materialize at 10 A. M. Dallas time, which would be 11 o'clock our time. I requested him to immediately advise us by telephone if they are successful and to advise us by telegraph if the call does not materialize.

Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City, Mo. FILE NO. 62-28

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Indianapolis, Ind.	8-2-34	7-27-34	ROBERT T. ROSS

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 FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: A.E.Van Rae lived in Evansville, Indiana at a hotel during part of August and September of 1932 and 1933, which was during the time of the Dade Park Races at Evansville. Van Rae owns several race horses and is evidently a gambler. No long distance calls made by Van Rae from the Vendome Hotel, Evansville while he was registered there during August and September, 1933.

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Reference: Letter of R.B.Nathan, Kansas City, Mo. dated June 11,1934.

Details: At Evansville, Indiana.

Inquiry was made by Agent at the offices of the Indiana Telephone Company, and it was found from their records that no person by the name of Van Roe or Van Rae had at the present time, or ever did have a telephone listed under that name.

Agent interviewed Mr. C.C.Coogan, Manager of the McCurty Hotel, as to whether or not a person by the name of Van Roe had ever been registered at that hotel. He advised Agent that they had never had a guest by the name of Van Roe, but from August 12, 1932 to September 9,1932, a Mr. A.E.Van Rae was a guest at their hotel, and that when this Mr.Van Rae left, he owed practically $20.00 which still remains unpaid. Mr. Coogan stated to Agent that Mr.Van Rae gave his home address at that time as 5815 St.Louis Avenue, St.Louis, Mo., and that he believed Van Rae was a gambler and an owner of race horses. That the Dade Park meet at Evansville was in progress during part of August and September of 1932 and that Van

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: H.H. Remsky SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Rae had four or six horses entered in that meet, and that was the reason for him being in Evansville. Mr. Coogan stated that they have been unable to locate Mr. Van Rae but understood thatduring the meet at Dade Park in 1933 Van Rae stayed at the Vendome Hotel in Evansville.

Mr.Charles J. Sholz, owner and manager of the Vendome Hotel, Evansville, was interviewed by Agent and he determined from his records that they had a guest registered there in 1933 by the name of A.E.Van Rae from August 14, to September 9, which was during the Dade Park meet. He had two rooms, one of which was occupied by a woman. Agent was not able to find anyone at the Vendome Hotel who could give any definite information regarding Van Rae except that obtained from the records. The records did show that he made no long distance calls during his stay at the Vendome in 1933.

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August 7, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of July 14, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller (Deceased) et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, with which were transmitted four test bullets and four cartridge cases for laboratory examination. Your attention is directed to the fact that no identifying data concerning the gun through which these specimens were fired was furnished to the Division. It is desired that the model and serial number of the gun be furnished in view of your suggestion that the evidence be filed in the laboratory for future reference.

Very truly yours,

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 26, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COFFEY

In accordance with the suggestion made in your memorandum dated July 19, 1934, making reference to the letter from the Kansas City office, dated July 12, 1934, concerning latent fingerprints which can possibly be developed from beer bottles now in the possession of the Kansas City office which were recovered from the home of Vernon C. Miller, deceased, you should give some special instructions to Special Agent W. E. Miller of the Kansas City office who is presently attending the ten day laboratory course, with regard to the preservation of the fingerprint evidence by spraying the bottles with coatings of fixatif.

A letter is being directed to the Kansas City office advising that office of the procedure to be followed in the disposition of this evidence.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Tamm.

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August 6, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Further reference is made to your letter of July 12, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller (Deceased), Fugitive, et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, with particular regard to the latent fingerprints appearing on beer bottles which have been retained as evidence in your office. Special Agent W. E. Miller of your office who recently completed the training course at the Division Laboratory was given specific instructions in the fixing of latent fingerprints previously developed with powder, and it is believed he will be able to make an adequate examination of the evidence and determine whether it is advisable to attempt to permanently fix the latent prints appearing thereon. Special Agent Miller is also qualified to so fix the latent prints if he believes it practicable. This fixing process is usually accomplished by spraying a fine mist of light, fast-drying shellac over the material upon which the latent prints have been developed. A number of coats are necessary in order to get a sufficiently intact cover and it is important that each coat be permitted to dry thoroughly before another is applied. The shellac is transparent, of course. In connection with such fixing processes it must be remembered that the sharpness and general clarity of the fingerprints are necessarily dimmed to some extent by the application of the fixatif.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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August 7, 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:

In order to have in the Division's files complete information relative to the prosecutions arising out of the above entitled case, both Federal and State, you are instructed to advise the Division what action has been taken by the State authorities at Kansas City, Missouri, with respect to bringing a murder indictment in connection with this matter.

The files of the Division reflect that Special Agent W. F. Trainor on July 31, 1933, on authorization of First Assistant Prosecutor Michael O'Hearn filed a complaint before Louis J. Masuch, Justice of the Peace, charging Mrs. Frances Nash, Herbert Allen Farmer and Mrs. Esther Farmer with murder in the first degree. The Division files do not reflect that any further prosecutive action has been taken by the State authorities.

This matter should be given immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
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J. T. PRICE, SUP'T
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ALEXANDER GULLETT, CITY JUDGE
R. W. STODDARD, ATTORNEY

CITY OF DENISON

POLICE DEPARTMENT

DENISON, TEXAS

July - 24, 1934

Mr J. E. Hoover, Director,
U.S. Div of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Posted 7/31/34

Dear Sir:-

Please cancel wanted notice on Adam Richetti, with aliases, # 25773 St Pen McAlester, Okla., as he is no longer wanted here.

Yours sincerely
J. T. Price
Supt of Ident

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Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

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 enclosed herewith, and to each of the offices indicated below, photostatic copies of a letter dated July 24, 1934, addressed to the Division by J. T. Price, Superintendent, Identification Bureau, Police Department, Denison, Texas, containing the request that the wanted notice previously placed on Adam Richetti, with aliases, number 25773, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, be cancelled.

You are instructed to immediately interview Mr. Price and obtain from him all the information with respect to Richetti and the reasons for placing the wanted notice and later withdrawing it.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #551255

cc - Kansas City (with enclosure-photostatic copies let. 7/24/34)
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August 7, 1934.

Mr. Robert J. Coffey,
Chief of Police,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request of our Kansas City office there are being returned under separate cover by registered mail the two bullets and two shells recovered at the scene of the Union Station killing, which were loaned by your officers to the local office of the Division at Kansas City for the purpose of a laboratory examination.

Your cooperation in permitting this examination has been greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

AIR MAIL

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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, Fugitive, I.O.#1194; ET AL,
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to page nine of the report of Special Agent T. H. Tracy, dated New York City, New York, December 5, 1933, wherein it is noted that prosecution has been commenced in the district of New Jersey against Dr. Irwin R. Silvers, and in the southern district of New York against Abe Chait and Herman Sorenstein in connection with the above entitled matter.

Kindly advise the Division the status of these prosecutions.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,
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I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1194, et al;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to page 3 of the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated Kansas City, Missouri, July 28, 1933 wherein it is noted that Special Agents H. E. Anderson and E. B. Nathan obtained information from an informant, whose name was not disclosed to the Division and who advised that he is the nephew of Tom Carney (possibly Kearney), a widely known book-maker of St. Louis, Missouri, to the effect that Galatas had been in St. Louis within several weeks after the massacre, and could probably be located at or through the Jefferson Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri. The report sets forth that the informant holds a responsible position in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

It is suggested that the identity of this informant be furnished to the Special Agent in Charge at Little Rock, Arkansas, with a view to having him re-interviewed with respect to the whereabouts of subject Galatas, inasmuch as the information furnished by him at that time has since been corroborated by subsequent investigation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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cc-St. Louis
Little Rock

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August 7, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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 Sirs

Reference is made to the letter of Inspector H. H. Clegg dated June 1, 1934 addressed to the Chicago office in the case entitled, JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases, ET AL, wherein it is noted that Bessie Green pointed out the apartment located at 219 North Second Avenue, Maywood, Illinois as the apartment in which Volney Davis was located during the Spring of 1933, and to which apartment subjects Miller and Vivian Mathis proceeded immediately following the Kansas City massacre. It was subsequently learned from Special Agent John E. Brennan that he was personally acquainted with individuals who, during the period of time in question, resided in this apartment.

The Division desires that Special Agent Brennan locate and interview these individuals who may possibly be in a position to identify any suspects who may have accompanied subject Miller to Chicago, immediately following the massacre. It is also possible, in view of the above, that Volney Davis absented himself from the apartment for the purpose of proceeding to Kansas City, Missouri and was a participant in the massacre, later returning to Chicago with subject Miller. This angle of the investigation is considered very important and should receive the immediate and thorough attention it deserves.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Chicago
St. Louis
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PEN:ARK

August 5, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir:

A review of the Division file in the above entitled case discloses a memorandum submitted by Special Agent O. G. Hall under date of February 6, 1934, setting forth information obtained from a confidential informant, as a result of an interview had by Special Agent R. L. Nalls, with one "Tip" Miller, wealthy resident of the St. Paul Hotel.

A copy of this memorandum is being furnished to the Kansas City and Chicago Division Offices, in view of the information set forth in the third paragraph on page four. The dates of June 16th and 17th, 1933, are of particular interest in connection with the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased), et al, particularly the instruction which was given by Jack Pfeiffer to one of the Barker boys to proceed to Chicago. It is possible that this instruction was given on June 17th subsequent to the telephone call made from Kansas City, Missouri, to the Hollyhock Inn which is managed by Jack Pfeiffer.

It is noted in the memorandum of Special Agent Hall on page five that a daily contact will be maintained with the informant who is considered a valuable source of information. It is suggested that this informant again be contacted for the purpose of obtaining additional information concerning members of the Barker-Karpis gang which may recently have come into his possession. This matter should receive your prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Mr. Soucy and advised him that we had his telegram regarding the lead on Pretty Boy Floyd down in Freehold, New Jersey and we want this to receive immediate and vigorous attention. Mr. Soucy advised that four men are going down with him now. I told Mr. Soucy to handle this very carefully and avoid all publicity, of course. I also told Mr. Soucy to take no chances but if he could knock off Floyd, it would be a fine thing. Mr. Soucy advised that Agents Sam Hardy, Tom Tracy, Jack Keating and George Starr were going with him. I told Mr. Soucy to remember that Keating is blind and can't see more than three feet; that he should be careful where he placed him.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

Keating should never be used in such a case. It is an inexcusable error on part of N. Y. office to do this. Write Soucy about it.

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Special Agent in Charge,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the development recently of a lead on the Kansas City Massacre case relating to efforts to apprehend Pretty Boy Floyd in Freehold, New Jersey, Mr. Bonar advised Mr. Tamm of the Division that Special Agent J. J. Keating had been chosen to participate with other Agents in contemplated investigation in Freehold, which investigation might necessitate a raid upon certain described premises.

Because of Agent Keating's defective eyesight, it is believed that he is not adapted for any work of this kind and accordingly you are instructed to advise the supervisors in your office to exercise the utmost discretion and caution in selecting agents for assignments of this kind. The choosing of Agent Keating for this particular assignment was a display of very poor judgment. Under no circumstances should Agent Keating be again assigned to an investigation of this type.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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July 16, 1934.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

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

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your personal and confidential letter dated July 9, 1934 with its enclosures concerning certain allegations made by Major Means of the Missouri State Highway Patrol as to irregularities on the part of Division personnel. I have read the enclosures carefully and have to report as follows concerning the contacts made by Major Means with the Oklahoma City office:

You will realize that a number of months have elapsed since the occurrences and that at that time I was heavily burdened with the Urschel kidnaping case and my recollection as to the incidents mentioned may not be entirely clear.

According to my recollection, however, my first contact with Major Means was at Oklahoma City in October, 1933, during the trial of the Urschel kidnapers. I recall that Major Means accompanied by one or two of his men came into the Division office and Major Means stated that he had been assigned specifically to the capture of Charles Arthur ("Pretty Boy") Floyd and that he and his men had come to Oklahoma for that specific purpose and were to remain on the job until it was accomplished. Major Means requested that one or more agents be assigned to work with him exclusively on the Floyd matter and I advised him that such action on my part was impossible but that we would render such aid as practicable.

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He then stated that he was going to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and wanted an agent to work with him over there. I told him, according to my best recollection, that I could not assign an agent for that purpose but I would give him a letter to Agent Chipman, resident agent at Little Rock, who would cooperate with him insofar as possible and insofar as his other duties would permit. I did give Major Means a letter to Agent Chipman introducing Means and instructing Chipman to render all the assistance possible. I afterwards ascertained that while Means and his associates were at Hot Springs they were never able to contact Agent Chipman who was on a road trip in the northeastern part of Arkansas and I had not instructed Agent Chipman to proceed to Hot Springs for the purpose of contacting Means.

I will frankly state that I did not like Means' attitude at the beginning as he appeared to be somewhat miffed when I told him I could not assign agents to work with him on that specific case, as he seemed to think we should drop everything in order to assist him.

As I recall it, I did not hear anything more from Means for some weeks when, as I now recall, I received a telegram from him from Fort Smith requesting that I send an agent there immediately. I do not remember the exact wording of this telegram but presume it is to be found in the files of the Oklahoma City office relative to the Kammo case. Agent J.J.Perkins happened to be in Fort Smith, or vicinity, at the time, or shortly thereafter, and in some way contacted Means and his men. I do not know at this time whether it was on my instructions or accidental.

I do recall that Perkins afterwards advised me that Means and some of his men were at Fort Smith on the Floyd case and that Means had planted one of his men undercover in some joint and, according to my recollection, Perkins stated that this undercover operative of Means was lying up with one of the women associates of Floyd or some of his connections. I know that Perkins did report to me verbally about assisting Means and his men in watching the house where Floyd was supposed to call over a period of a week or ten days.

I also recall that Agent T. M. Birch and some other agent, possibly Perkins or Accountant Stevens, contacted Means or some of his men at Fort Smith and I believe at Muskogee, Oklahoma. Anyhow, I recall that the agents, acting on information furnished them by Means and working with some stool pigeon whom he had employed, made all preparations

to conduct a raid from Muskogee, Oklahoma, to a point near Sallisaw, Oklahoma, the home neighborhood of Floyd, this informant of Means having stated he would put Floyd on the spot on a certain night. Agent Birch and the other agent, or agents, together with sheriff's officers from Muskogee, had concentrated there where they were to meet the informant at 8 o'clock at night, at which time he was to conduct them to the place, they having previously sent him into the vicinity on the day before to verify the presence of Floyd. However, on the night of the rendezvous the informant failed to show up but came around the next day and reported he had been sick and was unable to go.

I know that this affair disgruntled Agent Birch very much because he had made a special trip from Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Muskogee, Oklahoma, on Means' urging and, although I do not know whether Birch said anything to Means about its having been a wild goose chase, I do not think I would blame him, under the circumstances, if he did say so. This informant to whom I have just referred, or some other informant employed by Means, complained to Agent Birch that Means had not paid him anything for his services. I am sure that Agent Birch will remember all the details of this transaction.

With respect to the alleged intoxication of a Division agent at Fort Smith during the period referred to by Means, or at any other period, I have never heard any such report from any other source.

With regard to Major Means' complaint that the acts of Division agents at Fort Smith exposed his undercover connections there and rendered useless his efforts, I would say, offhand, from my knowledge of the situation at Fort Smith, that it was probably members of the sheriff's force or the police department who caused the expose. I do know that either Agent T.M.Birch or Agent J.J.Perkins reported to me verbally that the chief of police at Fort Smith at that time when it was believed that Floyd was in or frequenting Fort Smith, had called his men in and instructed them that neither the City of Fort Smith nor the State of Arkansas held any warrants for or complaints against Pretty Boy Floyd; that it had been reported that he was in the city or coming there frequently and that if any of the members of the Fort Smith police department arrested or attempted to arrest Pretty Boy Floyd they would do so at their own risk and without his backing.

With further regard to Means' allegations that Division agents exposed his operations in Fort Smith, I will state that neither Agent Perkins, Agent Birch, or any other agent under my direct supervision was working undercover at Fort Smith but were there on a number of investigations which were being conducted openly and above board.

I think, on the whole, that Major Means is mostly disgruntled with the Division on account of my actions in not seeing fit to assign a couple of agents to work specifically and exclusively with him on the Floyd case, and for which action I have no apologies to offer. He can not say that Division agents did not work with him because I know that Agent Perkins devoted a considerable portion of his time for a week or ten days to the matter in which Means was most interested, and I know that Agent Birch also devoted considerable attention to assisting him at Fort Smith, Muskogee and vicinity. I think perhaps Means has complained to S.A.C. Conroy that I would not help him and it is noted in the letter from Mr. Brantley of the Oklahoma City office to you, July 3, 1934, page two, paragraph three, that according to Agent Birch, Major Means complained to him that Conroy had endeavored to get all the information possible from Means but would not, in turn, furnish Means with all the information he had.

Referring to the letter written by Means to the Kansas City office, dated November 6, 1933, first paragraph thereof, wherein he reports certain information concerning Wilbur Underhill, I will state that the Oklahoma City office was in possession of that information at all times and had verified the purchase by Underhill of the Ford V-8 Four-door sedan, Oklahoma license #344 251, and we had been chasing this car up until the night we killed Underhill at which time we took possession of the car.

Means' assertion that he saw a Department of Justice agent on the spot watching the Cottner girl's home is either a wilful misstatement or a mistake because, so far as I know, we never had the Cottner place under specific observation.

The main trouble with Mr. Means, in my opinion, is that his vanity has been hurt by the fact that he could not arrange for the assignment of Division agents to work with him and, perhaps, under his direction.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Little Rock, Arkansas,
July 17, 1934.

Director,
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Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged to letter from the Director dated July 9, 1934, and enclosures which pertain to allegations of irregularities on the part of Division employees made by Major Means of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

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Shortly after I assumed charge of the Kansas City Division Office in September, 1933, Lewis M. Means called at the Division Office and made himself known to me. Incidentally, it might be noted that Mr. Means is a Captain of the Missouri State Highway Patrol rather than a Major. The title of Major is one that he has in the Missouri National Guard. At the time of my meeting with Captain Means, he informed me in a highly confidential manner that he had been assigned by the Governor of Missouri to the sole task of apprehending Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Apparently, he has informed numerous other persons of his task in the same manner.

The cause of the assignment of Captain Means to this specific task was the deaths, as I recall of Sergeant Booth and the Sheriff of Columbia, Missouri. The details regarding same are somewhat vague to me at the present time except that Floyd and Adam Richetti are reputed to have been the murderers. It seems that Floyd and Richetti, as supposed, robbed the bank in Missouri and to have been making their getaway. While passing through Columbia, two men were stopped by Sergeant Booth and the Sheriff at which time Floyd and Richetti are alleged to have killed them. Captain Means has discussed in the past, the evidence he has secured in connection with the murders. The evidence is quite weak, in my opinion, notwithstanding the fact that Captain Means appears to believe that he has a good case. On the other hand, of course, I realize that any evidence against such desperados would tend to have a jury render a verdict of guilty.

Insofar as my personal relations with Captain Means are concerned, I have always cooperated with him when same was within the best interest of the Division. It is my understanding that my predecessor at Kansas City, Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, has followed the same course. After I knew Captain Means better, however, I became skeptical of his sincerity and, naturally, did not place a great deal of confidence in him. It is my opinion that he is highly secretive, temperamental, and has a tendency to seek information of Division employees without reciprocating.

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Insofar as the incident at Ft. Smith is concerned, I distinctly recall receiving some information from an outside source to the effect that Captain Means had been making statements which indicated that he, Captain Means, would have captured Floyd at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, during October had it not have been for the activities of Special Agent J. J. Perkins of the Oklahoma City Office. At the very first opportunity, I had Captain Means call at the office at which time I requested him to give me detailed information regarding same. He was highly evasive and would give me no direct answers. I became insistent and informed Captain Means that it was his duty as an officer to report to me any irregularities on the part of any agents of this Division. I told him very bluntly that indiscressions or irregularities on the part of any agents of this service would not be tolerated and that the Division should be placed in a position where it could correct any of the mistakes of its employees. It may be noted, however, that Captain Means at no time even intimated that Agent Perkins had indulged in any personal indiscression. He just intimated that Agent Perkins had not handled his investigation properly.

During the conference with Captain Means, he intimated that Agent Perkins had gone into Ft. Smith, Arkansas, and had informed local officials that he was looking for Floyd. I then informed Captain Means that during the early morning of October 20, 1933, while passing through Ft. Smith, Arkansas, by automobile from a point in Oklahoma, that I had talked to Agent Perkins while eating breakfast. I related to Captain Means what Agent Perkins had told me which was as follows: It appears that Agent Perkins had arrived at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, on general assignment. Immediately after his arrival, he called at the Sheriff's office, Police Department, U. S. Marshall's office, and United States Attorney's office and advised these people that he was in the city and available to perform any work which might be referred to the Division. That evening a member of the local Police Department called at Agent Perkins' room at the Ward Hotel and informed Agent Perkins that the Chief of Police at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, had issued instructions to his men to the effect that any man who should endeavor to apprehend Floyd, would be doing so on his own responsibility in view of the fact that there were no warrants outstanding in Ft. Smith or in the State of Arkansas. This police officer at that time gave Agent Perkins information which indicated that Floyd and his wife and compenions were in the city. Agent Perkins immediately began an investigation to determine whether he might bring about Floyd's apprehension.

I explained to Captain Means during our conference that Agent Perkins was probably not aware of what Captain Means and his men were doing in Ft. Smith, and, therefore, any upset in Captain Means' plans which might have come about through Agent Perkins' activities, could not have been blamed on Agent Perkins. Shortly after this discussion the conference ended at which time Captain Means stated that Agent Perkins probably was all right, but that he, Captain Means, just did not like him personally.

About the only other information I have in my possession regarding Captain Means' activities which would be of interest, relates to a conversation which Captain Means had with Sheriff Thomas B. Bash at Kansas City during this past spring. It appears that Captain Means called at the office of Sheriff Bash and asked for his cooperation. During the conversation, Captain Means, apparently, intimated that the members of the Kansas City Office of the Division, including myself, were not trustworthy. Sheriff Bash became incensed and informed Captain Means that under no circumstances would he cooperate with Captain Means and his men unless the cooperation of the Division Office at Kansas City was also secured. He also told Captain Means in unmistakable language, in his characteristic way, that he did not appreciate his comments about me or members of the Kansas City Office in whom he had always placed great confidence.

Insofar as Colonel H. M. Casteel, Superintendent of the State Highway Patrol and other members of that organization are concerned, I desire to advise that the relations between them and the Kansas City Office of the Division during my tenure as Special Agent in Charge there, were always most cordial.

Although I have met Captain Means on a few other occasions in addition to those related above, there appears to have been nothing specifically occurred which would be of interest to the Division. In this letter, I have attempted to be as specific and as comprehensive as my memory will permit. In the event there is any further information which the Division feels that I may have regarding this matter, I would be pleased to receive further inquiry.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

RE: CHARGES AGAINST THE DIVISION AND DIVISION PERSONNEL MADE BY MAJOR LEWIS M. MEANS, CAPTAIN OF TROOP B OF THE MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL.

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Predicated upon information received by Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan that Major Means had been criticizing the Division and its personnel, Mr. Nathan interviewed Major Means, who stated upon interview that he knew of an instance where a Division Agent was in an intoxicated condition at Fort Smith, Arkansas; that he did not, however, consider this act serious as he knew of other actions on the part of Agents of the Division which were of more serious character; that on one occasion an Agent of the Division in an intoxicated condition, approached a representative of the Missouri State Highway Patrol who was performing an official investigation in an undercover capacity in such a way that the identity of the State Highway Patrolman was made known and his usefulness destroyed; that Division representatives had declined or had failed to cooperate with him on various occasions; that a Division Agent picked up a street-walker in his automobile and within ten minutes informed her of his identity and connection; that a Division representative drove along a highway firing his revolver indiscriminately at birds and other objects along the highway; that a Division Agent was conducting an investigation looking towards the apprehension of Pretty Boy Floyd at a point within the territory covered by a troop of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, but did not advise the Highway Patrol of his presence, the Agent stating that he had specific instructions "to stay away from Means".

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Complete inquiry into the above charges has been made through Special Agents in Charge R. B. Nathan, R. H. Colvin, E. E. Conroy, Dwight Brantley and D. M. Ladd.

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Summarizing the results of the inquiries, it appears with reference to the Major's first charge that former Special Agent J. Massey Edgar was probably in an intoxicated condition at Fort Smith, Arkansas. Lamar Higgins of the Fort Smith Police Department stated that he never saw Agent Edgar sober in Fort Smith, Arkansas. A. F. Adams, Special Agent of the Frisco Railroad Company, Fort Smith, states he had seen Edgar take a drink, but he had not seen him drunk. It appears that at a March term of court at Texarkana, Arkansas, Deputy Sheriff George H. Smith, while attending Federal Court, became involved in a drunken altercation with a negro resulting in his arrest. Edgar was occupying a room adjoining Smith and evidently was drinking with him. Edgar was not arrested, but went to the police station and secured Smith's release. This occurrence is generally known to law enforcement officials, those interviewed stating that Edgar was not drunk. It may be noted with reference to Edgar, that a number of people interviewed state that they never saw Edgar in an intoxicated condition or saw him take a drink.

With further reference to the first allegation of Major Means, it appears that Agent J. J. Perkins attended a rodeo at Fort Smith, Arkansas during the month of June, 1954 at which time he publicly indulged in the drinking of beer. This does not appear to be the incident to which Major Means refers. Lamar Higgins of the Fort Smith Police Department says he smelled alcohol on Agent Perkins' breath on this occasion, but Perkins was not under the influence of liquor. D. E. Jackson, Special Officer of the Frisco Railroad Company, saw a man later identified as Perkins at the rodeo drinking large quantities of beer, but states Perkins was not drunk. Chief of Police Hugh Connors states that Perkins was present at the rodeo drinking beer, but was not drunk.

Major Means' reference to actions of a more serious character than the purporteddrunkenness evidently refers to what he believes to have been lack of cooperation on the part of representatives of the Division. It appears that Major Means'

allegations in this respect are absolutely unfounded since the explanations of the running out of various leads, particularly in the Pretty Boy Floyd case, which are furnished by the five agents in charge above enumerated are substantiated by the investigative reports which were submitted a considerable time prior to Major Means' charges. It appears from the investigative file that every cooperation has been extended to Major Means. On one occasion during the development of the Urschel kidnaping case at Oklahoma City, Special Agent in Charge Blake declined to place agents exclusively upon the Floyd case with Major Means, but agents were assigned to work with him from time to time on the development of all specific leads furnished by him. It further appears that Major Means was somewhat disgruntled at Mr. Conroy's refusal to place mail covers in various parts of the United States in the Floyd case and furnish the information obtained therefrom directly to Major Means without the Division's taking any action thereupon.

Major Means' third allegation, namely that a Special Agent of the Division in an intoxicated condition disclosed the identity of a State Highway Patrolman working in an undercover capacity appears unfounded in that all of the persons interviewed during the course of the inquiries conducted in this matter stated that they had absolutely no knowledge of any such occurrence. While it appears that Major Means had various State Highway Patrolmen with him in Fort Smith, Arkansas, working on the Floyd case, the identity of these officers was known to city police in Fort Smith and various persons interviewed state that if there was any disclosure of the identity of these officers to people outside of law enforcement ranks, it undoubtedly came from the Fort Smith Police Department.

As pointed out before, Major Means' allegations of lack of cooperation on the part of this Division appear absolutely unfounded in view of the apparent development of various leads furnished by Major Means in connection with the Pretty Boy Floyd case as indicated by the investigative file in this matter.

With reference to the allegation that a Division Agent picked up a street-walker at Fort Smith, Arkansas and disclosed his identity to her, interview was conducted with one Billie James, a prostitute at Fort Smith, Arkansas, who advised that a month or so prior to the interview, she filled an engagement at the Ward Hotel, at which time there was present a man of about 45-50 years of age, weighing from 180-200 pounds, who showed her a Colt.45 automatic pistol and revolver and told her he was with the Government and was searching for Bill Harper. Billie James reported this occurrence to the county officials. Subsequently, this woman was interviewed by Agent Perkins, who was conducting inquiry to ascertain whether there had been any violation of the Impersonation Statute. County officers were with Agent Perkins at this time when he interviewed Billie James. It appears, therefore, that this allegation of Major Means as to improper conduct of Division Agents is absolutely unfounded.

All Division Agents interviewed in connection with this inquiry emphatically denied that they had ever driven along promiscuously firing at birds or other objects, nor were law enforcement officials or other people interviewed in this matter able to furnish any information corroborating Major Means' allegation.

No corroboration of Means' allegation that a Division Agent in conducting inquiries in the Pretty Boy Floyd case in the territory covered by Major Means' troop of the Missouri State Highway Patrol had specific instructions "to stay away from Means" could be obtained. This allegation appears to me in the light of my information of the method by which Division investigations are conducted to be ridiculous.

CONCLUSION

With the exception of the allegations of drunkenness on the part of a Division Agent at Fort Smith, Arkansas, it appears that Major Means' allegations are absolutely unfounded. From the nature of the information furnished by the people contacted, it appears that former Agent J. Massey Edgar was intoxicated at

Fort Smith, Arkansas, probably on several occasions. It is my belief that Major Means is a temperamental, overbearing sort of an individual who is prompted in these matters by a fear that the Division may apprehend Pretty Boy Floyd without his assistance or collaboration, thus reflecting upon his ability since he has been assigned by the Governor of Missouri to apprehend Floyd.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

July 10, 1934

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

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of July 5, 1934, in which you inquire concerning any information in the possession of the writer relative to the attitude of Major Means towards the Division.

On February 22, 1934, Major Means called at the St. Louis Division office and requested the assistance of that office in connection with investigations then being made by the Missouri State Highway Patrol looking towards the apprehension of Charles Arthur Floyd. He stated that he had been conducting considerable undercover investigation in this case and as a result had compiled a lot of valuable information. He stated that he had been in the Kansas City Division office a few days prior to his visit in St. Louis but that he had not given that office all of the information which he possessed inasmuch as he preferred to furnish same to the St. Louis Division office. He inquired if the St. Louis office would cause mail covers to be placed on various parties throughout the United States and conduct investigations, furnishing him with the information obtained. He requested that the St. Louis office not furnish the information thus developed to the other Division offices. He was, of course, advised that it would be necessary to furnish all information obtained to the Division and to the other interested offices. When this was fully explained to him he agreed to furnish the information in his possession. The writer then spent three or four hours going over his file and making notes therefrom. A memorandum for the file was prepared and the information later incorporated into report form. Major Means exhibited fingerprint cards for Beulah Baird and Rose Baird, which he apparently had obtained from the Georgetown, Kentucky Police Department, and he requested the writer to have prepared for him, additional copies of the photographs of these two women, as well as photographic copies of their signatures as they appeared on these fingerprint cards.

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The writer then prepared and furnished him, by letter, with several copies of the photographs and signatures as requested, and as I now recall, these photographs were prepared through the use of the fingerprint camera in the St. Louis Division office. While these fingerprint cards were in the possession of the St. Louis office, photographic copies of same were obtained for the Division's files and the originals were then returned to Major Means by letter.

When Major Means first called at the St. Louis office, he was considerably perturbed at the apparent lack of cooperation that he had received from "a Division office" during his undercover investigation on the Floyd case and he indicated that he referred to the Oklahoma City office. In discussing this with him in an effort to obtain details, it developed that the Oklahoma City office was in the midst of the Urschel Case and after some discussion with him relative to the desire of the Division to cooperate fully with him, he agreed that he had looked at the matter wrongly and that he had, in fact, always received good cooperation from the Division and that was the reason he had called to furnish the information to the St. Louis Division office. He never did advise the writer of the reason for or the incident responsible for his feeling that he did not receive full cooperation from the Oklahoma City office, but after this conference, he was apparently entirely friendly with the Division.

For the information of the Division, it might be stated that Major Means is a very peculiar type, extremely difficult to get along with, anxious always to obtain all the glory personally in any one case, as will be noted from his request that the St. Louis office furnish him with information developed from the leads and mail covers in order that he could personally run them out.

The above constitutes all information in my possession concerning the incident referred to in your letter. I might state further, however, that the relations between Major Means and the St. Louis office were always friendly except on this one particular incident.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276
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July 16, 1934

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
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Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 25, 1934 with which you enclosed a copy of a letter addressed to you by Special Agent in Charge Nathan of the Kansas City office, dated June 20, 1934, pertaining to allegations of misconduct on the part of one or more Division Agents, said allegations originating with the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

While the allegations of Major Means relative to misconduct on the part of Agent Perkins are vague and indefinite, I have conducted some investigation at Fort Smith, Arkansas and vicinity and signed statements have been obtained from several persons and the same are enclosed herewith.

I have obtained from Special Agent J. J. Perkins a signed statement in which he sets forth his contacts with Major Means, in which he denies any misconduct and also in which he avers that he did not at any time do or say anything that interfered with Means' investigation in the Floyd matter at Fort Smith or elsewhere. The records of this office show that Agent Perkins was in Fort Smith, Arkansas on June 11 and 12, 1934 and that on June 13th he left Fort Smith en route to this office.

With reference to the statement made by Billie James, a prostitute at Fort Smith, to the effect that some man with whom she had a date in the Ward Hotel at Fort Smith had informed her that he was with the Government and was there to kill Bill Harper, Agent Perkins advised me that this matter was brought to his attention by Bill Harper and by Deputy Sheriff George Smith of Fort Smith and that he made some inquiries in an effort to determine whether there were sufficient facts upon which to predicate an

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investigation and to determine whether there had been a violation of the Impersonation statutes. He states that he interviewed persons at the hotel and also Billie James, in the presence of George Smith, and that she was unable to designate the room in which this person was at the time; that he made inquiries of the bell boys and others and learned that there was a man by the name of Norman Trust, a tire salesman of Oklahoma City, in a room at the Ward Hotel at or about the time Billie James was supposed to have been there, but that Trust is well known to the Ward Hotel officials, is frequently a guest there and is considered a responsible person. Billie James is an unreliable individual and Agent Perkins' inquiries failed to disclose that any person had represented himself as being with the Government.

I have obtained signed statements from Special Agents K. D. Deaderick, T. M. Birch and G. A. Stevens relative to their contacts with Major Means.

It will be observed that certain persons have made the statement that Special Agent J. Massey Edgar, formerly of this office and who formerly did some work in Fort Smith, while in that city indulged in drinking whiskey.

As indicated above, the allegations of Major Means are not sufficiently specific, in my judgment, to conduct any intelligent investigation and in view of the fact that the investigation thus far has failed to substantiate them, I recommend that he again be interviewed and that he be required to set forth the full particulars with respect to any Agents of this office concerning whom he has knowledge of misconduct, and also that his associates be interviewed along the same line. In the event he furnishes these particulars, including the time and place and the names of the personnel of this Division who are guilty of misconduct, we can then conduct a proper investigation.

Three copies of all statements and interviews concerning this matter are being transmitted to the Division.

The interviews conducted by me in Fort Smith and elsewhere in this matter are as follows:

Lamar Higgins, a member of the Fort Smith Police Department, was interviewed and stated he knows Agent Perkins, has met Agent Birch and knew Agent J. Massey Edgar while he was working in Fort Smith. He stated that he recalls meeting Perkins last Fall when Perkins was here on some investigation of the Floyd matter, but that he had no contact with the Missouri State Police and is not aware of any investigation Perkins might have conducted with any of its members in the case. He stated that at that time he did not observe that Agent Perkins was drunk or under the influence of whiskey or in any manner engaged in misconduct.

He stated that a month or so ago when Agent Perkins was in Fort Smith on some matter he saw him one evening down town and Agent Perkins had the odor of alcohol on his breath but he was not under the influence of whiskey and it did not interfere with him in his conversation or in any other manner. He stated he did not see Perkins take a drink nor did he see him have liquor or any other alcoholic beverage in his possession. He stated that Agent Perkins was not at work at the time. Higgins stated that he has never seen Agent Birch take a drink nor has he ever smelt it on his breath. He further stated that he had never heard of any of the agents of this Division picking up any prostitute or shooting indiscriminately or handling firearms indiscriminately..

As to Agent Edgar, Higgins said that during the time Edgar was in Fort Smith he saw him several times in the evening as he, Higgins, is and has been for a long time doing night duty in the police department. He stated that he never saw Agent Edgar sober and does not know how he would appear in that condition, as he was under the influence of liquor on each and every occasion he came into contact with him. He said he usually saw him in the evening around the county jail or police department.

He related something he had heard about Agent Edgar and some other officers making a trip from Fort Smith to Texarkana, Arkansas. A man by the name of Willis of the police department, and a man by the name of Adams, a special agent of one of the railroads, made the trip with Edgar and have knowledge of and can relate what occurred.

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K. W. Newman, clerk at the Ward Hotel at Fort Smith, was interviewed. He says that he knows Agents Perkins, Birch and Edgar, and has seen them all around the hotel but never observed any of them under the influence of liquor, nor has he seen any of them have whiskey in their possession, and that their conduct at all times while they were guests of the hotel was exemplary.

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A. F. Adams, Special Agent, Frisco Railway, Fort Smith, has known Agents Hollis, Franklin, Frank Smith, Edgar and Perkins; knows of no misconduct on the part of any of them; has seen Edgar take a drink but was

not drunk, but does not know that it ever interfered with his work in any manner. He has been with Edgar in circumstances and on investigations where it was advisable and the better part of wisdom that he did take a drink.

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D. E. Jackson, Special Officer with the Frisco Railway, stationed at Fort Smith, says that all of his experiences with the agents of the Division have been agreeable and he knows of no misconduct on the part of any of them except possibly what he saw on the part of Mr. Perkins at a rodeo in June, 1934, at Fort Smith, which might be interpreted or construed as such. Mr. Jackson says he was attending the rodeo and saw a group of men there practically none of whom he knows. Mr. Jackson was with Mr. Willis and Mr. Higgins of the Fort Smith Police Department. One of these men in the group referred to appeared to be having a particularly good time and was drinking beer, large quantities of it. Mr. Jackson states that in his judgment this man was not drunk. Mr. Jackson was seated immediately behind this man and several others and they persisted in standing, which obstructed his view, and this is the thing that attracted his attention to him. He states that he was not cursing or swearing or brandishing any weapons or engaging in any reprehensible conduct but that his actions were such as to attract attention. He said that he did not at the time know who the man was but later learned that it was Mr. Perkins of our service. He states that he has never had any official contacts with Mr. Perkins.

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United States Marshall Cooper Hudspeth, Fort Smith, Arkansas, was interviewed on July 8, 1934. He stated that during his seven and one-half years in the Marshall's office he had met many of the Division's agents, including Agents F. S. Smith, Butterworth, Hollis, Franklin, Birch, Perkins, Edgar, Chipman, Black and probably many others whose names he is unable to recall. He stated that he had never observed any misconduct on the part of any of them, and to his knowledge none of them has indulged in drinking liquor and he has never smelt any on their breath nor has he seen any of them when they appeared to be under the influence of liquor.

Mr. Hudspeth volunteered the remarks that he has been in the Government service approximately twenty years, that during that period of time he has met representatives of practically every Government agency, and that it is a pleasure to him to state that he has never seen a finer bunch of men than those in our personnel and he is firmly convinced that our men work harder than any men in any branch of the Government service.

He stated that there has never been any lack of co-operation between our service and his office and no information has come to his attention of a lack of co-operation and if such were to be reported he would not believe it, and that if it were found that our agents had failed to co-operate with any state or city officers there would certainly be a good reason on the part of our agents for failing to do so.

Mr. Hudspeth remarked of his own volition that the city and county officers at Fort Smith, Arkansas, are not to be trusted and that he does not trust them in any matters handled by his office. He said that he is unable to think of any member of the Fort Smith police department who is reliable. He also stated that Police Officer D. M. Willis is dishonest and is absolutely unworthy of belief.

Mr. Hudspeth stated that he is not aware of any investigation that was conducted in Fort Smith in the Fall of 1933 by Agent Perkins and members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Mr. Hudspeth stated that he recalls that in March, 1934, Agent Birch was in Fort Smith conducting some investigation in an effort to determine whether some woman in the Bennett Hotel was identical with an alleged companion of Charles Floyd. He stated that Mr. Birch conferred with him about this matter; that one evening or afternoon in his office in the Federal Building there were present Jack Pace, Constable at Fort Smith, Agent Birch and himself and a man came in and was introduced as Major Means of the Missouri Highway Patrol. He said this was his first meeting with Means, that Means indicated he was interested in capturing Floyd and that so far as he knows Birch gave him every co-operation, and that if Means makes the allegation that Birch failed to do so, he would not believe him. He stated that Birch was very enthusiastic about this investigation and worked night and day on it. He stated that that was his first and only contact with Means and that he has never heard any complaint directly or indirectly from Means as to lack of co-operation on the part of our agents.

Mr. Hudspeth was questioned specifically as to any knowledge he might have as to misconduct of Agents Edgar or Perkins and he stated that he has none. He said he had never seen Edgar take a drink and has never smelt whiskey on his breath and that the same applies to Agent Perkins. He was questioned specifically as to any knowledge he might have either directly or indirectly as to Agent Edgar's being intoxicated at Texarkana, Arkansas, at any time and he said he had none. Mr. Hudspeth stated that he is a total abstainer and such is generally known and that he has no patience with persons drinking liquor and that he would certainly gladly inform me if information had reached his ears that members of our personnel had been drinking whiskey.

Hudspeth stated that there was a grand jury at Texarkana, Arkansas, on March 6th and 7th, 1934. He produced records which show that D. M. Willis, a member of the Fort Smith Police Department and George H. Smith, a Deputy Sheriff of Fort Smith, were subpoenaed and brought before said grand jury as witnesses.

Mr. Hudspeth is a very intelligent man, has been in the Government service for a long time and is highly regarded throughout the Western District of Arkansas and other places where he is known.

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Mr. Theodore E. Burns, Deputy U. S. Marshall at Fort Smith, was interviewed and he stated that during his service in the Marshall's office he has met many agents of the Division including Agents F. S. Smith, J. J. Perkins, J. M. Edgar, H. E. Hollis, T. M. Birch, R. N. Butterworth, E. M. Black and probably others whose names he is at this time unable to recall. He stated that he considers our personnel as men of the highest type, that all of his experiences have been pleasant and all have co-operated with him splendidly. He said that no information has reached his ears as to lack of co-operation by our agents with state enforcement officials. He stated that he has no knowledge, either directly or indirectly, of misconduct on the part of any of our agents.

He was questioned specifically as to whether he has any knowledge of Agent Edgar's being intoxicated at Texarkana or any other place at any time and stated he had none. He stated that George Smith, a Deputy Sheriff at Fort Smith, Arkansas, told him of an occurrence at Texarkana in March, 1934, when Smith was subpoenaed there as a witness; that Smith said a negro boy gave him some back talk and he had difficulty with him and that he was arrested and put in jail down there. He stated that Smith did not tell him that Agent Edgar was drunk and that he has no knowledge of Edgar's being drunk there or anywhere else or under the influence of whiskey.

He was questioned specifically as to whether he had ever seen Agent Perkins under the influence of liquor, or whether anyone had reported to him or information reached his ears that Perkins was drunk or drinking, and his answer was in the negative.

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Chief of Police, Hugh Connors, was interviewed and stated that he knows Agents F. S. Smith, H. E. Hollis and probably others whose names he cannot recall; that in all his contacts with them there has been a splendid spirit of co-operation displayed by our agents, that they have conducted themselves as gentlemen, that he has found work with them to be pleasant and he has only the best things to say about them.

He was asked whether he has any information or knowledge of any misconduct on the part of our agents, and stated that the only report that had reached his ears is that two of his men (he did not recall the names) had told him that Agent Perkins was present at a rodeo in June at Fort Smith and that Agent Perkins was drinking a great deal of beer. He did not say that these men reported that Agent Perkins was drunk or even

under the influence of any alcohol.

He was questioned specifically as to whether he had any knowledge or information or reports of misconduct or drinking on the part of Agent Edgar and he stated that he had none and that he does not even know Edgar and probably would not recognize him if he were to walk into his office, although Edgar might have talked to him on more than one occasion.

He was asked whether on any occasion any information had been brought to his attention to the effect that our agents had failed to co-operate with members of his force or with members of any other state enforcement agency and he stated that no such reports had ever come to him.

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Chief of Detectives, Bob Williamson, of the Fort Smith Police Department, was interviewed along the same lines I interviewed Chief of Police Connors. He spoke in the highest terms of all the agents he had met and said their co-operation with him had been all that could be desired and that he has no complaint whatever to make.

Williamson was questioned specifically as to any knowledge or information he has of misconduct on the part of our agents, and said that all of them had been gentlemen so far as he knows; that he did hear a couple members of the force say that one of our agents, whom he later learned to be Mr. Perkins, attended a rodeo in June in Fort Smith and was drinking a lot of beer and appeared to be having a good time but that his men did not tell him that Agent Perkins was drunk or that his actions at the rodeo were reprehensible or could be considered as misconduct.

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The information to the effect that Agent Edgar might have been drunk at Texarkana, Arkansas, in March with Deputy Sheriff George H. Smith when they were attending Federal Court, was obtained subsequent to the interview with Smith. George H. Smith was again interviewed and questioned concerning this matter. He stated that on the trip to Texarkana in March he got drunk and that he had difficulty with a Negro in the Hotel Grim at Texarkana, that the police were called and he was locked up, that Agent Edgar was not drunk and that Edgar later went down to the jail and effected his release. He said that he did not touch upon this in his first statement to me for the reason that it did not concern Agent Edgar particularly and that he did not feel that I would be interested in knowing whether he, Smith, was drunk or sober. I told Smith that any conduct on his part, so long as it did not affect any of the personnel of this Division, is not any of my affair and that I was not interested in it.

Mr. C. I. Walker, 218 North "B" Street, Fort Smith, was interviewed at his residence. He owns a house in which the wife of Charles Floyd formerly occupied a room. I talked to Walker some time last Winter. He impresses me as being childish and senile. He could not recall having ever talked to me. He said that he had talked to several Government men but could not remember the names of any of them, nor could he describe any of them. He stated, however, that all of his contacts with the Government men had been of the finest, that they had conducted themselves as gentlemen and that he never met higher type men.

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Sheriff John B. Williams, Fort Smith, was interviewed and stated that he knows several agents of the Division, including F. S. Smith, H. E. Hollis, T. M. Birch, J. J. Perkins, J. M. Edgar and probably many others whose names he cannot recall at this time.

He was asked if he had any information as to, or knowledge of misconduct on the part of any of our agents. He stated that he has none. He was asked if it had ever come to his attention, either directly or indirectly, that agents of this Division had been known to indulge in drinking whiskey or had been seen under the influence of liquor, and his answer was in the negative.

He was questioned specifically as to Agent Edgar and Agent Perkins and stated that he had never heard of these men being drunk or drinking and he certainly had never seen any of them take a drink or when he was under the influence of liquor.

Sheriff Williams was asked if ever on any occasion agents of this Division had failed properly to co-operate with him or in any way had displayed a lack of co-operation, and stated that they had not. He was asked whether any information had ever reached his ears to the effect that agents of the Division had failed properly to co-operate with other enforcement officials and he stated it had not.

At the end of the interview with Mr. Williams he stated that it has always been a pleasure to work with agents of our Division and that he has never come into contact with a finer bunch of men anywhere.

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Mr. J. F. Hudson, Assistant Manager of the Hotel Grim, Texarkana, Texas, was interviewed and made search of his records and found that J. M. Edgar and George H. Smith registered in said hotel on March 5, 1934 and checked out March 7, 1934. Smith was assigned to Room 610 and Edgar to 612. Mr. Hudson said that he does not recall that anyone was arrested in the hotel but that Ray Yoacum at the time was house detective at the hotel

and now on the Texarkana police force and would recall the circumstances. Mr. Hudson got in touch with Yoacum, who stated in an interview with me that he recalled the occurrence of George H. Smith being drunk in the hotel; that Smith is a deputy sheriff in Fort Smith and was attending Federal Court here and that he was in Room 610; that Smith sent one of the Negro bellboys over to a restaurant for some food, which was brought in but Smith would not pay for it and became obstreperous and he, Yoacum, was called. Yoacum said he went to Smith's room and attempted to quiet Smith but he was too drunk to reason with and the police of Texarkana, Texas, were called and Smith was taken down to the station, but when it was learned who he was he was not booked but was locked up for a short time; that Edgar was not even in Smith's room at the time but somehow learned that Smith had been locked up and went down to the station and told the officers he would take care of Smith and Smith was released about five o'clock in the morning. Yoacum said that Edgar was not under the influence of liquor and so far as he knows was not drinking and his conduct was that of a gentleman at all times.

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Mr. B. O'Dwyer, Night Clerk at the Grim Hotel, stated that he recalled the occurrence and the circumstances are the same as those related by Yoacum, and that Edgar was not drunk and so far as he knows was not drinking at all.

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Mr. H. W. Storey of the Police Department of Texarkana, Texas, was interviewed and stated that he was called to the Grim Hotel in March, 1934, and got Smith and took him to jail but that he was not booked. Mr. Storey said that Edgar later came down and was not drinking and was not under the influence of whiskey and his conduct was exemplary.

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J. D. McCall, in charge of the police of Texarkana during the night, corroborated the statement of Mr. Storey with respect to Smith's being arrested and Edgar's appearance at the station, and stated that Edgar was not drunk and his conduct was that of a gentleman.

Billie James, a prostitute formerly of the Bennett Hotel but recently run out of there and now stopping at the St. Charles Hotel, was located and interviewed. I have seen many prostitutes in my time but never have I seen one who presents a more disreputable appearance than she. She is homely, has gold teeth, is emaciated and appears to be [redacted] One eye was black and blue, which she said was caused by a recent fight.

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In the presence of Special Agent F. C. Culberson I questioned her as to any experiences she has had in which any man has represented himself to her as an agent of this Division or a representative of the Government. She said that some time ago, she was unable to fix the date, although she said a month and then she said it was more than that, she was called to fill a date at the Ward Hotel one night and went to a room there the number of which she could not remember. She said there was another girl along and there were two men. One of the men she described as a "Spanish fellow" and she did not know who he is nor where he came from. The other she described as being a man forty-five to fifty years of age weighing 180 to 200 pounds, 6' 1" to 6' 2" in height, bald head, sandy hair, fair complexion. She said both the men were drinking. The older man showed a Colt's 45 Automatic Pistol and a Colt's Revolver, blue steel with bone handle. She said that this man, the larger of the two, told her he was with the Government, but did not exhibit any credentials of any kind, that he questioned her about Bill Harper, who killed the notorious outlaw Ford Bradshaw the first of March, and he also asked her whether she knew Bradshaw, to which she replied she knew them both. This man, she said, told her he had it in for Bill Harper and was up here to get him. She stated that she does not know his name, had never seen him before, and has never seen him since, but that he told her he was from St. Louis. She said she reported this to the county officers and that some time later an agent of theGovernment, she thinks his name was Perkins, interviewed her about it in company with some county officers. She stated that she remained with this man for two or three hours and went to bed with him. She stated that she did not believe at the time he was an officer and does not believe so now.

She was asked whether she had ever been picked up by anyone who represented himself to her as an agent of this Division or a representative of the Government, and whether she had ridden with any such person in an automobile, to which she replied she had not and that she does not know any of the agents of this Division and has had no contact with any of them with the exception possibly of Agent Perkins, who interviewed her as stated above.

Signed statements which are transmitted herewith were obtained from the following named persons at Fort Smith, Arkansas:

Lamar Higgins,
D. M. Willis,
Jack Pace,
George H. Smith.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl's.

Oklahoma City, Okla.,
July 1, 1934.

STATEMENT OF SPECIAL AGENT TYLER M. BIRCH

On March 23, 1934, prior and subsequent thereto, I was working out of the Oklahoma City office on general assignments at Fort Smith, Ark. and vicinity.

About Friday March 23, 1934, I was approached by Constable Jack Pace of Fort Smith while I was in the United States Marshall's office there. Pace showed to me a photograph of a woman and said it was his information that she was a companion of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and that at the time she was stopping at the Bennett Hotel in Fort Smith. He did not furnish me the name of the woman whose photograph he had. Pace said that he knew the Division was seeking Floyd and asked the assistance of agent in making investigation to determine if the woman at the hotel was in fact the subject of the photograph he had. This information was communicated to S.A.C. Brantley at Oklahoma City, who instructed me to conduct investigation and determine the identity of the woman in question.

I spoke to Mr. Cooper Hudspeth, U. S. Marshall at Fort Smith, who is well acquainted there, and he told me that Bob Williams, a clerk at the Bennett Hotel, is known to him and he is reliable and would assist agent. I interviewed Bob Williams at his residence and showed him the photograph of the woman which I had borrowed from Pace, and he said it was a good likeness of the woman who was stopping at the Bennett Hotel.

At the time Pace contacted me he stated that the photograph was that of Beulah Baird or Beard, and that she was supposed to be an associate of Floyd. He also stated that the photograph of the woman had been given to him by a Major Means of the Missouri State Police and that he expected to call Major Means, who at the time was somewhere in Missouri, and request that he come to Fort Smith immediately, as Means also was assigned by the State of Missouri to apprehend Floyd.

At the time I interviewed Bob Williams he stated that the woman at the Bennett Hotel who resembled the photograph I had exhibited to him is known to him as Billie James, a prostitute, and that until recently she had been in financial straits, that she had obtained a sum of money and at the time I talked to him she was supposed to have approximately $500.00 on deposit in one of the banks in Fort Smith. I made inquiry at all three banks in Fort Smith and failed to substantiate that she had any money in either of them.

U. S. Marshall Cooper Hudspeth told me there was at the time living at the Bennett Hotel a former U. S. Marshall by the name of R. L. Cox, who is reliable and who now is a bailiff in U. S. District Court at Fort Smith. Hudspeth said that Cox is reliable and that he could be contacted without fear of his revealing any information. Cox was called into

the office of Marshall Hudspeth and introduced to me. I asked him about Billie James and he told me that he knew there was a women at the Hotel by that name; that she was a prostitute, but that he had no specific knowledge of her and did not know her associates.

The following day I was told by Constable Pace that Major Means had arrived in Fort Smith and that Means was eager to get in touch with me.

The clerk at the Ward Hotel informed me that Major Means, stopping at the Goldman Hotel in Fort Smith, had called me twice and requested that I call him when I returned to the hotel. I was busily engaged on other matters and did not call Major Means at the time. Subsequent to this, Mr. Hudspeth, Cox and Constable Pace and I were in the U. S. Marshall's office at Fort Smith. This was about 7:30 on the evening of March 24, 1934, as well as I can recollect, when two men came in and introduced themselves as Major Means and Mr. Massey or Massie of the Missouri State Police, and that they were in Fort Smith to conduct an investigation in an effort to locate Floyd.

Means requested a private interview with me, which was granted, and at which time he told me that he was assigned to apprehend Floyd and that he was working on the case to the exclusion of everything else. Means told me that he had always desired to work with the agents of the Division but had experienced some difficulty, and that his contacts with all of them had not been satisfactory, and stated that this difficulty was attributable to the agents of the Division, in that they wanted to get all the information they could but did not wish to divulge what they possessed. The only names of any agents Mr. Means mentioned at allwas that of Mr. Conroy of Kansas City. The only thing he had to say about Mr. Conroy was that Mr. Conroy wanted to get all the information that he could concerning Floyd but apparently did not desire to furnish all that the Division had about him. Means did not appear to be bitter and the above was the only complaint of any nature that he made in my presence or to me. Means told me that he wanted to work with me on the present setup in Fort Smith and requested that all information possessed by me be disclosed to him. From the conversation with Means it appeared that he was in possession of everything I had in respect to the setup in Fort Smith and I did not go into any discussion of the thing with him and told him that he had practically everything that I had. Means said that it was his intention to have his associate Massey obtain a room at the Bennett Hotel adjacent to the one occupied by the prostitute Billie James, and if possible he and Massey would stage a party and get her drunk so that they could get all the information from her as to the location of Floyd.

Later in that same day, Cox told me that he had been in the lobby of the Hotel and heard Billie James talking and he inferred that someone would call on her that night, March 24th. Means saw me again that day

and told me of the information about the conversation between Billie James and some person on the 'phone, which he very probably obtained from Jack Pace, and suggested that I procure a room at the Ward Hotel, which is located across the street from the Bennett Hotel so that I could observe the room in which the party was to be in progress at the Bennett Hotel that night. I was stopping at the Ward Hotel and changed my room so as to be able to observe the room at the Bennett Hotel across the street. I telephoned this information to S.A.C. Brantley at Oklahoma City and he instructed Agents K. D. Deaderick and Geo. A. Stevens to proceed to Fort Smith to assist in this matter. Agents Deaderick and Stevens arrived in Fort Smith, I think, about 10:00 P.M. on March 24th and they too got rooms in the Ward Hotel, and we took up the watch from that point to the room in the Bennett Hotel where Major Means and Massey and the two women were having a drinking party. This party lasted until early in the morning of March 25th when a raid was conducted on said room by the police of Fort Smith. I did not know that a raid was to be made, nor did Agents Deaderick or Stevens, to my knowledge. I had nothing whatever to do with it. After the raid I went to the police station at Fort Smith. No one was arrested when the raid at the hotel was made. At the police station I saw a man by the name of Johnson of the State Bureau of Criminal Identification of Oklahoma. From the best I could learn, some members of the State Bureau of Oklahoma had been in Shawnee and had there picked up a man and woman and learned that they had a connection with the woman Billie James in the Bennett Hotel and immediately 'phoned the Fort Smith police to go there and arrest the parties, as it was thought the woman in the hotel might be an associate of Floyd and that Floyd might be with her. It later developed that the person who was supposed to contact Billie James at the Bennett Hotel was Charles Foraker, an Oklahoma outlaw who has since been killed in the railway yards at St. Louis, Missouri. During the night of March 24th Means came to my room twice in the Ward Hotel. The first time was about 11:00 o'clock. He was not drunk but had been drinking. He told Agents Deaderick, Stevens and me that he had two gallons of corn whiskey in his room at the Bennett Hotel and added, "If that isn't enough to get that bitch drunk I don't know what it will take." He again came after the raid and most of his conversation on that occasion was with Mr. Deaderick. He came to the room again about ten o'clock on Sunday, March 25th, at which time he stated that he felt certain that the woman Billie James at the Bennett Hotel was not identical with Beulah Baird, whose photograph I had then obtained from the Oklahoma City office, and Agents Stevens, Deaderick and myself were already convinced that Billie James was not identical with Beulah Baird. Means said he was returning to Missouri and he thanked Agent Deaderick for the assistance and co-operation we had extended him. I know that I did not do or say anything that interfered in any manner with any investigation that Means was conducting and so far as I know he was not working on any other angles of the case other than here mentioned. To my knowledge, Agents Deaderick and Stevens certainly did not do or say anything

that interfered with anything Means or any other person was doing on this matter.

At Fort Smith I did not take any drink with Means or any other person during the course of this investigation. I have never taken a drink with Means, nor during the entire period from the time Pace mentioned this matter to me until its conclusion on March 25th did I take a drink of whiskey or any other alcoholic beverage. I did not see Agent Deaderick or Agent Stevens take a drink. I had no whiskey in my possession and so far as I know Agents Deaderick and Stevens had none. Means did not offer us any whiskey and he did not take a drink in our presence. During a part of the time Special Agent J. Massey Edgar was in our rooms in connection with this matter and I did not see him take a drink and so far as I know he took none.

During Sunday afternoon, March 25th, Agent Deaderick and I went to see a man by the name of C. I. Walker who lives in a rather bad section of Fort Smith, as Marshall Hudspeth had told us that Ruby Floyd, wife of Charles Floyd, had at one time lived in a house in that neighborhood owned by Walker. We talked to Walker a few minutes but he had no information of any value to offer and the interview was concluded. I do not know whether Means had ever talked to Walker as the matter was not mentioned by either Walker, by Deaderick or by me.

On Monday, March 26th, near the Ward Hotel I saw the woman Billie James and talked to her for two or three minutes on the street. I did not divulge to her my identity and so far as I know she did not know me then and does not know me now. I told her I understood she had a big party last night and she replied that she had started one but that "the damned cops broke it up." I was going toward the garage and took her down the street for about three blocks in order to continue the conversationwith her. She asked me if I desired to spend any money with her and I told her I did not and she said she had no time to waste on me and I let her off at the garage door. I have not spoken to the woman since although I did see her some three or four days thereafter at Bill Harper's place near Fort Smith. I was with Agent Edgar at the time. The woman did not recognize me and I did not speak to her.

I have never made it a practice to shoot my pistol when I am travelling along the road and can recall no occasion on which I have ever indulged in such pastime.

The only circumstance that ever arose to my knowledge at Fort Smith from which there could be an inference that the officers felt that agents of the Division were seeking any glory, is as follows: I had a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case the subject of which was supposed to

be in Fort Smith. The car had been stolen in Arizona. I contacted the Police Department and asked for their co-operation and was informed by the Chief of Police Hugh Conners that the man was not in town as the police had been looking for him for several months. The police were cool and did not appear to want to assist me any. I located the subject and he voluntarily accompanied me to the Sheriff's office. The man was turned over to the jailer. It was later learned that this subject had stolen a car in Phoenix and had abandoned it at Gila Bend, Arizona. There was no prosecution in Federal court as there was no interstate transportation. I heard later that Deputy Sheriff Smith at Fort Smith told Captain Peavyhouse of the Fort Smith police that I was trying to glorify myself and had exceeded my authority in causing this man to go to the Sheriff's office. I understood that the reason for this statement was that Deputy Sheriff Smith thought there might have been a $25.00 reward on the car and that they were sore because they did not make the arrest. I have not heard of any other occasions on which any of the officers there might have made similar statements.

The occasion above referred to was the first time that I have ever come in contact with Major Means of the Missouri Highway Police and I have not seen him since Sunday, March 25th in Fort Smith.

The foregoing is a true and complete statement of my knowledge of the contacts of Major Means with any agents of the Division in any matters.

Tyler M. Birch

TYLER M. BIRCH,
Special Agent.

STATEMENT OF SPECIAL AGENT J. J. PERKINS

During the month of October, 1933, at Fort Smith, Arkansas, I was assigned to conduct some investigation in an effort effect the apprehension of Charles Arthur Floyd. I was stopping at the Ward Hotel at Fort Smith. During the course of this investigation, a man by the name of Means, who said he was with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, contacted me at my room at the hotel and asked for an interview with me, which was granted. He showed to me a letter of introduction from Mr. C. G. Schenken, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City office. Immediately after he showed me this letter, Means, who stated that he was seeking the apprehension of Floyd for the State of Missouri, complained in a general way about the lack of co-operation from this Division in the apprehension of Floyd and wound up by stating that it was his firm belief that the Government did not want Floyd. I took exception to Means' statements, informing him that we did want Floyd, and finally got him into what I thought was a pleasant mood. After some discussion of Floyd between Means and me, it was agreed that we would meet City Detective L. J. Higgins of the Fort Smith Police Department, Deputy Sheriff George Smith and Constable Jack Pace, both of Fort Smith. I got in touch with these three men and asked them to come to my room, which they did, and I introduced them to Means. The apprehension of Floyd was discussed by all of us at some length, and Means seemed to be pleased with this setup and the co-operation manifested by the officers named and by me. Before meeting Means I had contacted these officers during the course of my investigation to locate Floyd.

From time to time during the course of the investigation at Fort Smith, which lasted several days, Means conferred with me several times, as well as with the officers named above. His conferences with me were at my room at the Ward Hotel. Any information that I obtained during the course of this investigation which I believed he should have was imparted to him by me. I showed him every courtesy and consideration, both personally and officially, and extended to him every co-operation that I could. My personally-owned automobile was at his disposal at any time he desired it. Captain Means had some of his personnel in Fort Smith doing undercover work, one of whom is a man by the name of Massie or Massey. At times, if I recollect properly, these men would report to Means that from the information they had received Floyd was some place in Fort Smith. On one or more occasions Means, when he would receive this information, not only requested but demanded that men be brought from our Division office in Oklahoma City to make raids on certain places. When I realized that the information was of such a character as not to warrant the bringing down of any men, I of course refused to call the office and ask the Agent in Charge to send men down. When I would refuse to accede to these demands of Means, he would remark, "You damned fellows do not want to get Floyd." At no time during the course of this investigation did I do or say anything that interfered in any manner, either directly or indirectly, with any setup or undercover work that Major Means was interested in.

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On more than one occasion Means asked me to go on drinking parties with him down in the vicinity where Floyd's wife was supposed to live, which was not in a very desirable section of Fort Smith, and the purpose of the proposed trip there was to secure information from prostitutes or others who might have knowledge of the whereabouts of Floyd. I did not accompany him to those places. I never took a drink of whiskey or of any intoxicating liquor with Means in my life, nor did I take a drink of whiskey with anyone during the course of this investigation. If Major Means or any other person said that I was under the influence of whiskey during this investigation, it is not the truth, and he is mistaken and I deny it fully and emphatically. I might have taken a drink of beer with Means and might have drunk some soda water with him.

My report dated at Oklahoma City, November 23, 1933, in the case titled Vernon C. Miller with aliases, et al, reflects that I was in contact with Means during the course of this investigation at Fort Smith.

I wish to state that at no time have I in Fort Smith or elsewhere picked up any prostitute on the street and disclosed to her my identity. I do not go about the country with my automobile filled with firearms. Recently I acquired a shotgun, which I carry in my car but not within view of any one. I did not have the shotgun when I was contacting Means nor any other such weapon. I did have a revolver but I did not carry that where it would be conspicuous. I also wish to state that I do not and have not ever made it a practice to go about the country brandishing my revolver or shooting at objects along the highway. The only shooting that I can recall that I ever did in the vicinity of Fort Smith was when I purchased the shotgun I went out to the shooting range with Deputy Sheriff George Smith and shot a few times.

I was in Fort Smith during the month of June, 1934, at the time there was a rodeo in progress there. I recall that after the parade, shortly after the noon hour, I went to the entrance of the rodeo but did not go in. I attended two performances of this rodeo, as well as I can recall on the evenings of June 11th and 12th. If I remember correctly, I attended the performance during the evening of June 12th with Deputy Sheriff Maddox of Fort Smith. By virtue of the official capacity of Deputy Sheriff Maddox, he and I were permitted to view this performance from the announcer's stand. I went to the announcer's stand so that I could view the riders getting on the bucking horses, as I had never witnessed this before. If I remember correctly, there were three women and three men, one of whom was the announcer, on the stand in addition to Maddox and myself. I did not know any of these parties and do not know them now. I was not intoxicated at any time during the attendance of this rodeo, nor at any other time or place in Fort Smith or elsewhere, nor was my conduct such as to make myself conspicuous in any manner. During this performance I recall that Maddox and I each drank a bottle of beer. I deny that I drank any excessive amount of beer, and to the allegation made by any one that I was intoxicated I have only to say that it is ridiculous and absolutely false.

During the time that I was in Fort Smith in June I had many occasions to go to the county jail, as it was necessary for me to contact the officials there on investigations I was handling. I was there on some occasions during the evening. The night jailer at the county jail is a man by the name of Jesse Wilson. He, I believe, resides in Greenwood, a few miles from Fort Smith. He is a man of approximately fifty years of age. He has grown children and on occasions one of his grown sons takes care of the jail for him at night. I recall that on one occasion I met the wife of Jailer Wilson, who appears to be a woman forty-five or fifty years of age. I met this woman and talked to her probably for a few minutes. The conversation with her was general. I recall that one evening while I was at the jail Mrs. Wilson as I was leaving told me she wanted to go down to the main street and get a drink of Coca Cola. I accompanied her and a woman companion of hers, whose name I do not know, in my car to some place on the main street of Fort Smith, bought them drinks and returned them to the jail. I was in their presence for only a short time. Any allegation to the effect that my conduct with these women or any other woman in Fort Smith was improper is absolutely without any foundation, and I deny it.

During the course of my investigations at Fort Smith and elsewhere in this district, the enforcement officials with whom I have come in contact have not in any manner manifested to me or by their actions or words indicated any lack of co-operation on the part of Division agents with them.

The occasion referred to in this statement in Fort Smith is the first and only contact that I have ever had with Major Means of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

I recall that during the course of the investigation at Fort Smith in an effort to locate Floyd I had occasion to go with Means to Muskogee, Oklahoma, at which time I contacted Sheriff Cannon there. I recall that I went up to Muskogee on a Saturday morning and returned to Fort Smith on the following Sunday night. We contacted at Muskogee a man by the name [redacted] who was to be used as an informer but who turned out to be absolutely unreliable and further contact with him was not had by me. As the Division knows, efforts to locate Floyd were unsuccessful, but I again wish to say that there was no conduct of mine that in any manner interfered with any investigation that Means was making.

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J. O. Perkins
Special Agent.

STATEMENT OF D. M. WILLIS, FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, JULY 7, 1934.

My name is D. M. Willis and I am now and have been for eleven years a member of the Fort Smith Police Department. I am now and have been for about nine years assigned to night duty work from five in the evening until five in the morning. My partner at the present time is Mr. Lamar Higgins of the Fort Smith Police Department, and we have been working together for about three years. We are members of the Detective Division.

I have on occasions met some of the Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. I know Special Agents J. M. Edgar, J. J. Perkins, Frank Smith, H. E. Hollis and there may be others I have met whose names I cannot recall at this time.

While Mr. Edgar was assigned here I frequently saw him around the county jail at night. The county jail is situated very near the city police department. I have on frequent occasions seen Mr. Edgar when he appeared to me to be under the influence of whiskey. I have never seen him take a drink and I was not near enough to him to smell his breath, but I feel certain that he was under the influence of some alcoholic beverage.

In either March or April, 1934, as well as I recall, I was subpoenaed to appear in Federal Court at Texarkana, Arkansas. I left Fort Smith alone in an automobile on Sunday and drove to Texarkana. I knew beforehand that Mr. Edgar and a deputy sheriff at Fort Smith by the name of George Smith were also to appear in Texarkana. I appeared there on Monday morning but did not see Edgar or George Smith. I did see George Smith during the afternoon when he came to the Federal Building. I asked him where he had been and he said the car had broken down. Smith told me that he and Edgar traveled together in an automobile from Fort Smith to Texarkana. He did not remain at the Federal Building but a short time. I did not see George Smith any more until the following morning when I went to the room in the Grim Hotel at Texarkana. He tried to get Edgar awake but did not succeed, so far as I know. I did not see Edgar the entire time I was in Texarkana on this occasion.

Later, after my return to Fort Smith, Mr. Burns of the U. S. Marshall's office, or Mr. Weaver with the Revenue Service of the Government, told me that Edgar and George Smith were in a drunken condition in Texarkana; had difficulty of some kind with some of the niggers working in the hotel and the police were called and Smith was taken to the city jail and locked up for a short time. Later on I kidded George Smith about it and he told me that the police at Texarkana did get him and put him in jail for a short time but that Edgar talked himself out of it. Smith did not say whether he and Edgar were drunk.

The foregoing is the extent of my knowledge concerning any drinking or alleged misconduct on the part of Mr. Edgar.

During the month of June, 1934, there was a rodeo at Fort Smith. I attended this rodeo. I had met Mr. Perkins of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice before this rodeo. He was present. It was in the afternoon between, I should say, two and five o'clock. Perkins was in a group of men and was drinking a considerable amount of beer. I should say I saw him drink fully ten or twelve bottles. There were times when he had as many as four bottles in his hands. He was not swearing or brandishing any weapons but was what might be termed "clowning." He appeared to me to be under the influence of beer or some alcoholic beverage. There was one occasion when I felt that he should have been taken away from there and I started on one occasion to arrest him but later he got quiet and sat down. I did not speak to him nor tell him to behave himself.

The foregoing are the only circumstances that I can recall in which I have heard of or observed any agents of the Division of Investigation engaging in any misconduct.

I have not had any experiences with any agents of the Division of Investigation in which they did not properly co-operate with me, nor have I heard any other officers relate any circumstances in which said agents did not render them proper co-operation.

D. M. Willis

STATEMENT OF GEORGE H. SMITH, DEPUTY SHERIFF, FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, JULY 7, 1934.

I am now and have been a deputy sheriff at Fort Smith for the past nine months. Prior thereto I was engaged in investigative work in this city.

From time to time I have come in contact with various agents of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, in connection with investigations. Among those I have met are Messrs. J. J. Perkins, J. M. Edgar, T. M. Birch, G. H. Franklin and R. N. Butterworth. There are possibly others whose names I am unable to recall at this time.

I recall that during the Fall of 1933, possibly in October, Mr. Perkins of the Division of Investigation was in Fort Smith and was conducting some investigation in an effort to locate Charles Floyd. I was in his room one day at the Ward Hotel and there for the first time met Major Means of the Missouri Highway Patrol. When I was introduced to him his identity was not disclosed to me. I later learned it and ascertained that he was in Fort Smith seeking Floyd. Shortly after that Means asked me if arrangements could be made to place a member of his organization in an undercover capacity in the vicinity where Floyd's wife was living, and I made such arrangements for him through an informant of mine in Fort Smith by the name of [redacted] Sergeant Massey was the man who was placed in the undercover capacity. The investigation to locate Floyd by Means and Perkins lasted for several days, to the best of my recollection. It is my understanding that Mr. Perkins and Mr. Means probably went to Muskogee on this same investigation, but I do not know what happened in Muskogee.

Mr. Means had two members of his organization in this vicinity on an undercover job. They were posing as tough underworld characters and as a result they were picked up by the local police. I assisted in having them released.

At that time I came in contact with Major Means on several occasions and have seen him some since. The only criticism or complaint that I have ever heard him make was to the effect that Mr. Perkins "queered" an investigation that they were conducting in the Floyd matter at Muskogee. He did not go into any details whatever about it. This is the only occasion on which I have ever heard Means or any member of his organization criticise the Department of Justice or indicate its lack of proper co-operation. I would like to state here, however, from my observation, Means was withholding from Perkins and from other officers all the information he was getting, yet he was getting everything they had. I cite Major Means' apparent endeavor to withhold his identity from me when he had asked me to assist him in placing an undercover man, above referred to, near Floyd's wife, in support of this statement.

I desire further to state I have worked many cases with agents of the Division of Investigation and their co-operation has always been splendid. This is the same with respect to other Government agencies.

I am well acquainted with all law enforcement agencies in Fort Smith and am in position to know how they feel about such matters, and I wish to state that I have not heard them make any complaints about lack of proper co-operation on the part of Division of Investigation agents or any other Government officers.

I do not know of my own knowledge that any agents of the Division of Investigation have conspicuously or otherwise displayed any firearms or promiscuously shot their pistols on highways or other places. It is very seldom that I have ever seen an agent with firearms of any kind. I did hear once, I do not remember who told me, that Agent Perkins was once on the highway and shot his pistol at a bunch of crows, but I can see nothing wrong with that. Not long ago I accompanied Agent Perkins to the rifle range here and with him shot his shotgun several times.

I do not know of my own knowledge, and have never heard of any agent of the Division of Investigation or other Government officer picking up any prostitute on the streets of Fort Smith and making known to her his identity.

I have never seen Mr. Perkins under the influence of whiskey, neither have I seen him take a drink of whiskey. I have been in his company when we would stop and buy a glass or bottle of beer. Of all the agents of the Division of Investigation I have met I can recall only one of whom I have seen take a drink of whiskey and that was Mr. Edgar. When I saw him take this drink it was about 10:30 at night, it was a ginfiss, he was not at work and did not become intoxicated, nor was he under the influence of it.

Geo. H. Smith.

STATEMENT OF MR. LAMAR HIGGINS OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, JULY 7, 1934.

My name is Lamar Higgins. I am now and have been for the past five years a member of the Fort Smith Police Department. I have been working nights during that time. Mr. D. M. Willis is my partner. I work from five in the evening until five in the morning. I am a member of the Detective Division. I have met Messrs. J. J. Perkins, J. M. Edgar, F. S. Smith and H. E. Hollis of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, and there may be others whom I have met whose names I do not recall at this time.

The City Police Department is situated very near the county jail at Fort Smith. I have on occasionsseen Mr. Edgar at the county jail at night when he appeared to me to be under the influence of liquor or some alcoholic stimulant. I have never seen him take a drink, nor have I ever seen him with any whiskey in his possession. I was never near enough to him to smell his breath, but I do feel certain I have seen him when he was partially drunk. This was in the evenings.

Either Mr. Burns of the U. S. Marshall's office or Mr. Weaver of the Revenue Service at Fort Smith, Arkansas, told me of Mr. Edgar and a Deputy Sheriff by the name of George Smith of Fort Smith appearing at court in Texarkana some time this year about a day late. One of these men asked me if I heard that Smith got in jail and I told him I had not and then he related to me that Smith and Edgar had some trouble with some niggers in the hotel at Texarkana and the police were called and Smith was locked up for a short time. If I recall correctly, one of these men who told me of this occurrence said that Edgar showed the officers his credentials and he was not locked up. Later on I heard George Smith tell that he and Edgar got into some argument or some fight with some niggers at the hotel in Texarkana and that he, Smith, was locked up, but that Edgar displayed his credentials and was not jailed. I did not go to Texarkana and did not see any of this and none of it is within my own knowledge.

As for Agent Perkins, I attended a rodeo in Fort Smith in June, 1934, and saw Perkins there drinking large quantities of beer, "clowning" about and making himself generally conspicuous. I did not speak to Perkins on this occasion. He impressed me as being pretty "full". At one time I saw him climb up on top of the stand with the announcer, which was fully twenty feet from the ground. He then got down and was seated and I paid no more attention to him.

I met Mr. Perkins last Fall - I guess it was in October - in Fort Smith, at which time he told me he was working on some angles of the Floyd case. I saw him in his hotel room at the Ward Hotel on a couple of occasions. I did not know he was in any way working with any members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. I have no knowledge of, nor have I ever heard that any investigation that the Missouri Highway Patrol were conducting in an effort to locate Floyd was in any way interfered with by Perkins or any other agent of the Government.

I do recall that some time last Fall I received information that there were some tough characters in town, and with some other officers I arrested two men who later turned out to be members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and they were released. They were posing as tough characters, I suppose, in undercover capacity. Mr. Willis was one of the officers who was present when these two men were arrested.

In my experiences with agents of the Division of Investigation there has been no lack of co-operation, and I have not heard any complaints from any other sources of any lack of co-operation.

On several occasions I have seen Mr. Perkins leave the County jail in the evening with a Mrs. Jess Wilson and return with her later. This woman is the wife of Deputy Sheriff Wilson at Greenwood. On occasions he would be alone with her and at other times there would be some other people along.

The foregoing is a full and complete statement of my knowledge of or information concerning any alleged misconduct on the part of any agent of the Division of Investigation.

Lamar Higgins

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
July 11, 1934

STATEMENT OF SPECIAL AGENT (A) G. A. STEVENS

Special Agent K. D. Deaderick and the writer left Oklahoma City at 7:15 P.M. on the night of March 24, 1934 and arrived at the Ward Hotel, Fort Smith, Arkansas, at 11:30 P.M., where we contacted Special Agents T. M. Birch and J. Massey Edgar at the Ward Hotel, which is directly opposite from the Bennetts Hotel. Agent Birch informed that it was thought that possibly Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, I.O. #1194, and/or Adam Racchetti might contact a prostitute who operated in the Bennetts Hotel; that after he had been keeping the place under surveillance for a few hours Major Means of the Missouri State Highway Patrol called upon him at the Ward Hotel and informed him that he had received the same information and that he, together with one of his officers by the name of Massie, had arranged to get the room next to that of the prostitute; that they would try to "party" with the prostitute and see if they could obtain some information and be on hand in the event one or both of the fugitives did call upon the girl, in which event they would signal Agent Birch from the hotel room.

We kept the room in the Bennetts Hotel under observation all night. A short time after midnight the shades on the room occupied by Means were drawn. Some time later, about 2:30 A.M., a Police car containing what appeared to be one uniformed officer and four or five plainclothesmen pulled up in front of the Bennetts Hotel, went into the hotel and returned to the car and drove away a short time later. Possibly an hour after this I answered a knock on the door of our hotel room and was informed that it was Major Means; however, not knowing him, I did not open the door but called Agent Birch, who recognized Means' voice and Means was admitted. He informed that the room in which he and Massie and a prostitute or two had been "partying" had been raided by local officers, but that the officers had departed without seeing Means, who was in the bathroom at the time of the raid, and that they did not know that he, Means, was there. We did not know the reason or details of the raid until later when it was furnished to Agent Birch by a Fort Smith Police officer. Means further stated at this time that he was pleased with the raid as it made it more apparent to the prostitute that he and Massie were not law enforcement officials. After a short conversation he returned to the Bennetts Hotel. Means and Massie came to our hotel room about 6:00 or 7:00 A.M. that morning. Means stated there was a mistake in the identity of the prostitute and she was not the one the fugitives were expected to contact. He did considerable talking, while

Massie said very little. Means rambled on as to his leads and activities in his attempts to apprehend Floyd. He expressed the opinion that he had received excellent cooperation from Division Agents and registered no complaints in my presence. At the time of his departure he invited the Special Agents present to his hotel room in the Bennetts Hotel for a few drinks of liquor, stating he had some left from the "party", and while he was not intoxicated, it appeared, and I believe he stated, that he had consumed considerable liquor in an effort to get the prostitute intoxicated. This invitation was declined by all Special Agents present.

Later in the day Agent Deaderick and myself returned to Oklahoma City. At no time during this entire trip did I take a drink of liquor or have any on my person, neither did I see any of the Special Agents mentioned above take a drink of liquor, or in any way indicate that they had any liquor on their person or with them.

This is my one and only contact with Major Means and Officer Massie.

G. A. Stevens,
Special Agent.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
July 6, 1934

STATEMENT OF SPECIAL AGENT K. D. DEADERICK

The following statement will relate my sole and only experience with Major Means of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, this being relative to efforts to locate and cause the apprehension of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, I. O. #1194.

Acting under instructions of Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, I, accompanied by Special Agent (A), G. A. Stevens, left Oklahoma City via. Government-owned automobile on March 24, 1934 at 7:15 p. m. and arrived at Fort Smith, Arkansas at 11:30 p. m., previous information having been received from Special Agent T. M. Birch at Fort Smith, Arkansas to the effect that a set-up which he had at Fort Smith appeared to be worthy of attention in producing Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, a Fugitive, who is presently wanted by this Division. Agent Birch informed that he would be at the Ward Hotel in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Immediately upon arrival at Fort Smith, Agent Stevens and I discreetly located Special Agents T. M. Birch and J. Massey Edgar in a room in the Ward Hotel, being directly opposite a room in the Bennetts Hotel across the street, in which was a woman believed to be Beulah Baird, an associate of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Agent Birch informed me that Major Means of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and one of his officers by the name of Massie were in the room with this woman in the Bennetts Hotel; that Major Means had stated that he and Massie would throw a party with this woman and endeavor to secure information from her as to the whereabouts of "Pretty Boy" Floyd; that in the event Floyd or any other criminal made his appearance at this room, Means and Massie would immediately signal Agent Birch to that effect.

As above stated, upon my arrival with Agent Stevens at the Ward Hotel at 11:30 p. m. on the evening of March 24, 1934, Stevens and I contacted Birch and Edgar, and the four of us remained in this hotel room in the Ward Hotel during the remainder of the night and kept a constant watch on the room in the Bennetts Hotel in which Massie, Means and the woman were throwing the party.

At about 2 a. m. on the morning of March 25, 1934, Means pulled both shades to the bottom in the room in which he was located, making it, therefore, impossible to see what was going on in the room or for Means to make any signal.

At about 2 or 3 o'clock a. m. the morning of the 25th, I, together with the other agents, observed a police car pull to the curb in front of the Bennetts Hotel and four or five plain-clothes officers went to the room in which Means, Massie and the woman were located, and raided that place. I had absolutely no prior knowledge of this raid and did not know any of the men who made the raid, whether they were local police officers, sheriffs or State officers. Either shortly before or shortly after this raid, Major Means came to our room in the Ward Hotel, at which time, he conversed for a few moments, but did not indicate any ill feeling or lack of cooperation. After daylight on the morning of the 25th, Means and Massie both came to our room in the Ward Hotel, at which time, I conversed for some 45 minutes with Major Means and he, at that time, stated that he had convinced himself that the woman that he had believed to be Beulah Baird and who had been in the room in the Bennetts Hotel was not Beulah Baird in fact. He expressed his appreciation for the cooperation and assistance that the Division agents had afforded him. He appeared to be friendly and did not express any ill feeling toward the Division or any of its agents. Mr. Massie, his assistant, entered into the conversation very little, but upon their departure, they both shook hands with the other agents, as well as myself, and indicated cordial relationship.

After Major Means and Mr. Massie had departed, I, together with the other three agents, secured breakfast at the Ward Hotel, after which Agent Birch and I interviewed a Mr. Walker who had previously furnished this Division alleged information pertaining to Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Agent Birch and I then returned to the hotel and I, from a booth in the hotel, called Special Agent in Charge Brantley at Oklahoma City. At 1:20 p. m., Agent Stevens and I departed from Fort Smith, Arkansas and arrived at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at 6:20 p. m.

At no time from the hour of my departure from Oklahoma City to my return to Oklahoma City did I see or partake of any intoxicating beverages whatsoever. Neither did Agents Birch, Edgar or Stevens have or partake of any intoxicating beverages in my presence. The only time there was any indication of any whiskey or intoxicants was at the time Major Means called at the room where we were located in the Ward Hotel. At that time, it was clearly evident that Major Means had been drinking, because there was a strong odor of what appeared to be corn whiskey on his breath, and he so stated that he had been drinking and trying to get the woman who was in the room at the Bennetts Hotel intoxicated. I would not say that Major Means was drunk, but undoubtedly he had taken several drinks.

I have never at any time made a practice of riding along the highways and shooting at objects or firing my pistol or any kind of a gun from

the highway. Neither have I, at any time, carried in my car any prostitute or girls that I might pick up on the streets or highways.

K. D. Deaderick

K. D. DEADERICK,
Special Agent.

Mr. Pace related the following information which he stated he could not include in his signed statement:

Some time last Fall two of Major Means men, members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, were in Fort Smith on undercover work and were frequenting a bad section of Fort Smith. They were posing as tough characters. Pace said that their conduct was so tough that some of the persons in the section they were frequenting thought that if these two fellows remained there carrying on as they were, it would cause the entire locality to be raided by the police, and that some underworld character at Fort Smith as a consequence thereof informed the police and these two members of the Highway Patrol were arrested and put in jail. He stated that he was sent for and assisted in effecting their release. Pace said he did not recall their names. These two men possibly were Massey and Viets of the Missouri Highway Patrol.

Pace stated that George Smith, now a deputy sheriff, is a good fellow and is a good friend of his, but that he is given to exaggeration and many statements made by him are not worthy of belief.

Pace is making the race for sheriff at Fort Smith. He enjoys the reputation of being the most efficient and most honorable officer in Fort Smith or Sebastian County, Arkansas. The primary is in August, 1934.

I went into a discussion with Pace as to his experiences with the agents of this division and he told me that his relations with our representatives had at all times been cordial, that in his contacts with us there has been no lack of co-operation and that he considers those agents with whom he has come in contact as splendid men and that their conduct at all times, within his knowledge, has been exemplary. I asked him if any information had come to his attention from any source in Fort Smith, or otherwise, as to lack of co-operation on the part of Division agents, and he stated he had received none.

Pace impresses me as being a man of a high order of intelligence and possessed of sound judgment. He stated that in Fort Smith, as in other places, there is a certain amount of jealousy existing between law enforcement agencies. He cited for purpose of illustration the following: Suppose a representative of the Division or of the Secret Service or of some other Government agency were to come into Fort Smith and were to make a contact with a certain police officer and were seen over a period of three or four days in the company of that police officer by members of other law enforcement agencies. Later it probably would become necessary for this representative of the Government to contact on some official matter a representative of one of the agencies other than that of which the officer in whose company he had been seen on several occasions; Pace said that the representative of such agency on account of his jealousy and the fact that he had been piqued at the fact the Government officer had not come to see him before, would refer him probably to the identical officer in whose company he had been seen several times. Pace said that of course this is

narrow-mindedness, that he is not in sympathy with it, but just such things have occurred in Fort Smith. He also stated that some law enforcement officers in Fort Smith, and perhaps in other places, because of jealousy might make some statement which would be without any basis in fact, that there was a lack of co-operation on the part of Government officers.

In a further discussion with Pace relative to the allegation that an agent of the Division might have picked up some prostitute or might have been indiscriminately associating with prostitutes in Fort Smith, he stated that he knows for a fact that a representative of the Burns Detective Agency by the name of Hancock some months ago was in Fort Smith at the Ward Hotel and he had occasion to contact him there and that while he was in the room discussing a matter with him Billie James came in to see Hancock and the latter told her to come back in ten minutes as he was busy. Pace said that it was possible that this Burns representative might have made some statement to the effect that he was with the Government, or that this woman might have learned that Hancock was some kind of of an investigator and she might have gained the impression that he was with the Government.

Pace further stated that there was a representative of the Burns Agency in Arkansas by the name of Bill Graham who carries at all times much heavy armament and that invariably this man Graham has some woman with him and that he does not know whether she is his wife or some one else.

Pace further stated that he is and has been on good terms with Major Means of the Missouri Highway Patrol, and that he believes that if possibly Means had any real complaints to make with respect to the representatives of the Division, he would have told him about it, but that the foregoing are the only matters that Means has ever mentioned to him about the Division or its personnel.

STATEMENT OF JACK PACE MADE AT FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS ON JULY 7, 1934

My name is Jack Pace and I am at the present time a constable in Fort Smith, Arkansas. I have held this office in this city for approximately eight years. During that period I have come in contact with many officers of various kinds who come into this vicinity to conduct investigations.

From time to time Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, have contacted me on official matters. Among those who have contacted me I can recall Agents J. J. Perkins, J. M. Edgar and T. M. Birch. There are others who have contacted me and whose names I cannot recall just now.

I remember that some time last Fall, it might have been in October, Mr. Perkins of the Division of Investigation was in Fort Smith and informed me he was conducting some investigation in an effort to locate Charles Floyd. He introduced me, as I recall, to a Major Means of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. This was my first meeting with Major Means. I remember that I met Means at the Ward Hotel. At the time he was introduced to me his identity was not revealed to me. I was particularly busy at the time and did not obtain the details of any setup that Major Means and Perkins had in Fort Smith to investigate in this matter. I introduced George Smith, then a private investigator and now a deputy sheriff at Fort Smith, to Perkins and Means and I understand that he assisted them some but to what extent I do not know.

I recall that I introduced Means to C. I. Walker who owned the house in Fort Smith in which the wife of Floyd had been living.

I did not follow the progress of the investigation conducted by Means and Perkins. I saw Perkins from time to time and have seen Means since. I wish to state that at no time have I ever seen Mr. Perkins under the influence of whiskey or drinking in any way. Also wish to state that I have no complaint to make relative to Perkins' conduct in Fort Smith or elsewhere, neither have I heard of any misconduct on his part.

In March of 1934 I had a photograph of a woman by the name of Beulah Baird, supposed to be an associate of Floyd and who was thought to be stopping at the Bennett Hotel in Fort Smith. I had been informed by Bob Williams, the manager of the hotel, that the woman in that establishment by the name of Billie James resembled this photograph. I got in touch with Agent Birch of the Department of Justice, who was in Fort Smith, and told him about it. I also contacted Means about the same thing. I recall there was some investigation by Means and agents of the Department of Justice but the woman turned out to be someone else than Beulah Baird. There was a raid, so I was informed, at the Bennett Hotel and some of Major Means'men were there while they were trying to conduct an investigation. I do not know who was responsible for the raid.

I remember one Saturday afternoon in the Marshall's office at Fort Smith, Mr. Birch, Marshall Hudspeth, Major Means and I were talking and some remark was made about whether anybody had had any definite information as to the whereabouts of Floyd within a certain period of time. Major Means asked Birch if he had any definite information to that effect and the final result of it was that Birch said he did not, but there might have been some remark of his from which an inference might be drawn that he had heard of his whereabouts. Means later on, not in the presence of another person said there did not seem to be the proper co-operation between his department and the Department of Justice. That is all that he said and did not mention or cite any specific cases.

I do not know of any misconduct on the part of any Department of Justice agent at Fort Smith and nobody has told me of any misconduct by any of them.

I recall that in a conversation at which Means and Marshall Hudspeth, and possibly Mr. Birch, and I were present at about that time, Means said that in talking with this woman Billie James she had remarked that she had had a date with some Government officer in the Ward Hotel, but no mention was made of any guns or anything else. He did not mention the name of the man with whom she had the date. Means and the rest of us laughed about it and no particular attention was paid to it.

Jack Pace

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

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Special Agent in Charge,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

Your communication of July 24 in the case of Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, (Deceased), et al, has been noted.

Will you please advise me as to whether any further developments have occurred relative to the subject matter thereof. Particular information is desired as to the specific basis for believing that Henry Methvin would be in a position to locate "Pretty Boy" Floyd or his hideout. A definite basis therefor does not seem to appear in the file.

This matter is, of course, sufficiently important for you to give it your personal attention, and it is believed desirable for you to personally develop this information.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD NATHAN,
Assistant Director.

cc Division
Kansas City

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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AIR MAIL

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

Dear Sir:

The report of Agent Hardy, dated August 1, 1934, in the matter of Richard T. Galatas, et al, has been noted. It is understood, of course, that the New York City office will maintain contact with Post Office Inspector Alexander with regard to mail which may be received by Leon and Nellie Louquet, Freehold, New Jersey.

It is believed this matter possesses sufficient potentialities to render it advisable for you to give your personal attention thereto. The basic suspicion is, of course, to the effect that the Louquet address may have been established as a mail depot for communications in and out on the part of Floyd with his relatives. Therefore, a more than routine inspection of incoming and outgoing mail would appear to be desirable.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD NATHAN,
Assistant Director.

cc Division
Kansas City

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

August 8, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U.S.Department of Justice
P.O.Box 1118
Detroit, Michigan

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, w.m. (deceased)
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, w.m.
FUGITIVE, F.O.1201;
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, w.m.,
FUGITIVE, F.O.#1194; et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL
PRISONER

Dear Sir:

There is attached hereto photograph of Mrs. Homer Wilson, who is believed to be the wife of Homer Wilson, alias "Big" Homer, now being sought by this Division in connection with the above entitled case, and also in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

As Katherine Kelly has previously advised your office that "Big" Homer was known to her, and further that she at one time visited "Big" Homer in his Chicago apartment, it is desired that the attached photograph of Mrs. Homer Wilson be displayed to Katherine Kelly to ascertain if she can identify same as being identical with the wife of "Big" Homer.

There is also attached photograph of Fred C. Goetz, with aliases, (deceased), who was a suspect in the above entitled case. It is desired that this photograph also be exhibited to Katherine Kelly to ascertain if she can identify this individual as having been closely associated with "Big" Homer and Vernon Miller.

For your information, Fred C. Goetz was slain by gangsters at Chicago, Illinois on March 21,1934.

The Kansas City office is requested to interview George Kelly in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, to ascertain if he can furnish specific information as to the location of the apartment of Homer Wilson in South Chicago, as Special Agent in Charge William Larson

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of the Detroit office has furnished the information that Katherine Kelly advised him that during the year 1933, she together with George Kelly visited "Big" Homer in his seven room apartment in Chicago, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

M.H.PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Division
Kansas City

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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August 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Reference is made to your memorandum for the Identification Unit dated July 31, 1934, concerning the case of Vernon C. Miller with aliases (deceased), wherein this Unit was instructed to place wanted notices on James Cove #679493, Meyer Berman #358865, and Phillip Tom Lascuola #395713, showing these individuals to be wanted by the Kansas City Office. Please be advised that wanted notices have been placed against these individuals in the files of the Identification Unit.

In compliance with your request the fingerprints of these individuals have been submitted to the Single Fingerprint Section for filing and comparison with latent fingerprints in this case.

Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE IDENTIFICATION UNIT

In connection with the case entitled, Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, (Deceased), et al, you are instructed to place wanted notices on James Dove, Identification Unit file number 679493; Meyer Berman, Identification Unit file number 358965 and Phillip Tou Lascuola, Identification Unit file number 395713, showing these individuals to be wanted by the Kansas City office for questioning.

The fingerprints of these individuals should also be placed in the Single Fingerprint file and a comparison made with the latent fingerprints in this case.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Tamm.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1001 Vermont Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

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

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Mention was made by me recently in a telephonic conversation with Mr. Tamm of the Division to the effect that I proposed to utilize the services of a certain informant in an effort to obtain information as to the whereabouts of subject Floyd. In fact, there are two of these informants. One is [redacted] He is now and has been for the past several years associated and living with [redacted] a woman in her late twenties. This woman is [redacted] concubine. She was born and reared in the Cookson Hills near Bunch, Oklahoma. She is related by marriage to the wife of Charles Floyd. She was brought up in the same community with Floyd and knows him well. Floyd is said to have been fond of her at one time and probably still is if she would receive his advances favorably.

I got in touch with these people through A. B. Cooper, a Burns' representative in Oklahoma City. They came to the office and I interviewed them. Both the man and the woman are smart and clever in the ways of the outlaws. I talked to them together and separately. [redacted] has stated that in the past he wanted to "finger" Floyd, but could not do it unless the woman were willing to assist him, as it would have to be done through her. Until recently she has not been willing to undertake it. She told me when I talked with her that she has realized the way all outlaws are going, that is, that they are being killed, and she knows that Floyd will eventually get it. She would like, she says, to see him apprehended without being shot to death, if possible. She believes it can be done. She says she will do what she can to locate him, and she believes that she can effect the job. She

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said that word had been received by her from time to time that Floyd wants to see her, but that she has not made any effort to contact him for the reason that to do so she thought was dangerous. She says she has not seen him since last October, but she has every reason to believe that he still desires that she contact him. She said the last word that she received from him was to the effect that he wanted her to make a certain trip for him, probably into Missouri. Both people are interested in any reward that they can obtain in this matter.

[redacted] has a great deal of confidence in Cooper. I talked to [redacted] with Agent Smith of this office and Cooper. I made it unmistakably clear to [redacted] and to the woman that we want information as to where Floyd is, and that it is a serious business. Both are aware of the seriousness of it. This man and woman stated that they would need the services of an automobile in traveling around. I obtained for them in Oklahoma City from a used car concern a car which is not registered in the name of anyone connected in any manner with the Division. Arrangements have been made with this used car firm that in the event [redacted] is arrested with the car and is queried about it, reference can be made to the used car concern and they will inform anyone inquiring to the effect that [redacted] is purchasing it on the payment plan. The expense for the use of the car will be very small. I furnished [redacted] and the woman some money with which to defray their expenses.

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They will go into the country east of Muskogee, Oklahoma to make their contacts in an effort to get in touch with Floyd. Agent Smith is at Muskogee. They know how to contact him there and know how to contact me.

The Division will be advised of developments.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Kansas City

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Mr. Dwight Brantley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Brantley:

67D I have received your letter of August 3, 1934 pertaining to the informant [redacted] who you believe may be able to furnish you with information indicating the whereabouts of Pretty Boy Floyd.

Since this individual was first referred to you by Mr. A. B. Cooper of the Burns Detective Agency at Oklahoma City, I believe that you should be very cautious in your dealings with [redacted] and his concubine, 67D [redacted] Our past experiences with the Burns Agency have indicated that we must use the utmost caution and discretion in our dealings with them.

With reference to this particular informant, I, of course, desire that we obtain any and all information of value but at the same time we must be on our guard against becoming involved in any situation which might reflect discreditably upon the Division.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Coffey
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Mr. Harbo
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August 8, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

On July 24, 1934, Mr. Catchin attached to Station 9 of the Marine Corps, Washington, D. C., advised that he had working for him an individual who had just arrived a short time ago from Hot Springs, Arkansas, and claims to have information with respect to the whereabouts of subjects Floyd and "Baby Face" Nelson.

Mr. Tamm of the Division, on July 25, 1934, telephonically instructed the Washington field office to have an Agent interview Mr. Catchin regarding this matter but the Division has not yet received a report covering the interview.

You are instructed to give this matter immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

August 8, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. M. S. Zimmerman, an Attorney of the Tax Division, on the fifth floor of the same building I occupy, called at my office just now and informed me that he was handling a case in July at Nashville, Tennessee, and at the Hotel Hermitage on July 21, 1934, he saw a man with three woman who were registered there on the fifth or sixth floor of this hotel, whom he described as about 5' 11", or 6' tall, good build, 160 to 170 pounds in weight. He advised that some time later he saw a bust photograph of "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, and he now believes that the man he saw in the hotel with these three women was Floyd.

This is submitted for your information.

Respectfully,

J. S. Egan.

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TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1231; CHARLES ARTHUR (Pretty Boy) FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194; BERNARD PHILLIPS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1196	Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Leon Louquet, Army Serial #3139641, enlisted U.S. Army 6/27/18 at Deer Lodge, Mont.; address on enlistment - Avon, Mont.; person to be notified in emergency - wife, Nell Louquet, Freehold, N.J. Louquet's description incorporated in body of report. Honorably discharged 4/22/19. Submitted Application for Adjusted Compensation 12/24/24; address at that time - Freehold, N.J.; application witnessed by William Mahar, 54 Broad Street and by Louis Leonard Toosaner or Foosaner, 12 Center Street, both at Freehold, N.J.; 1924 address - 11 Throckmorgan Street, Freehold, N.J.; 1929 and 1931 address - 47 First Street, Freehold, N.J., also P.O. Box 893. Submitted Application for Cash Surrender of Government Insurance 4/25/29, same witnessed by Kenneth Boyce, Rural Route out of Englishtown, N.J.

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On 7/29/34 Mr. Moore of the Division telephoned to the [illegible]ton Field Office, advising of the receipt of a teletype message [illegible] New York City Office concerning one Leon Loquet (correct name [illegible]) of Freehold, N.J. and requested the Washington Field Office to

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obtain all data from any enlistment record which he may have at the War Department, Navy Department and Marine Corps, same being in connection with subject Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd. Mrs. Moore of the Division subsequently advised that Louquet enlisted in the Army 6/27/18 and was assigned serial #3139641

Through the cooperation of Miss Elizabeth Foley, Adjutant General's Office, War Department, it was ascertained that one Leon Louquet, Serial #3139641, enlisted in the U.S. Army at Deer Lodge, Mont. 6/27/18; address upon enlistment - Avon, Mont. He was honorably discharged 4/22/19; character excellent. On enlistment, he indicated the person to be notified in case of emergency as his wife, Nell Louquet of Freehold, N.J. The enlistment record of Leon Louquet indicates that he was born at Finn, Mont. and on enlistment, i.e., 1918 he was 25 years and five months old. The record contains the following description of him:

Color: White
Occupation: Mechanic
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown
Complexion: Medium
Height: 5 ft. 9 in.
Size of Shoe: 9-E
Weight: 147 pounds
Marital Status: Married
Peculiarities: Broken leg in 1908; received treatment at St. Joseph's Deer Lodge Hospital; (which leg not indicated).
Education: Grammar School 8 years.

Under date of 12/24/24 Leon Louquet submitted an Application for Adjusted Compensation, same having been assigned #2847910. His address on this application was given as Freehold, N.J. It was witnessed by William Mahar, 54 Broad Street, Freehold, N.J., who indicated that he had known Louquet for ten years, and by Louis Leonard Toosaner or Foosaner, 12 Center Street, Freehold, N.J., who indicated on the affidavit that he had known Louquet for five years.

Through the cooperation of Mr. W. J. Barnes, Solicitors' Office of the Veterans' Administration, it was established that the beneficiary named on the Adjusted Service Certificate issued to Louquet in 1924 is his wife, Mrs. Nellie Louquet, 11 Throckmorgan Street, Freehold, N.J. In 1929 and 1931 Louquet corresponded with the Veterans' Administration and on both occasions gave his address as 47 First Street, Freehold, N.J. In 1931 he also furnished as a channel through which he could be reached P.O. Box 893, Freehold, N.J.

The Veterans' Administration records also contain an Application dated 4/25/29 submitted by Louquet for Cash Surrender of Government Insurance. This application was witnessed by Kenneth Boyce, Rural Route out of Englishtown, N.J. Louquet's address on that application was P.O. Box 893, Freehold, N.J.

The above data was incorporated in a night telegram to the New York Office under date of 7/30/34.

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THE NEW YORK OFFICE: The question of conducting investigation at the numerous locations at Freehold, N.J., where Louquet and his wife have resided in the past is being left to the discretion of the New York Office.

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