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

CHARACTER OF CASE: Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner - Obstruction of Justice.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Results of interviews and contacts with persons supposed to have information concerning Floyd and Racchetti set out in this report. No information of definite nature obtained that Floyd has been in Okla. recently. Report of confidential informant this case set out. Brother-in-law of Floyd by name of Latimer recently died, buried near Sallisaw, Oklahoma. No indication Floyd attended funeral.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge Brantley, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 8-9-34.

DETAILS:

Included in this report are the investigations conducted by Special Agents F. S. Smith and J. M. O'Leary and others of the Oklahoma City office in connection with this matter. Special Agent J. M. O'Leary, working in the Seminole and Ada vicinity in efforts to locate Floyd and Racchetti, reports as follows:

Cleve Taylor of Wapanucka, Oklahoma was interviewed by O'Leary and Sheriff Fred Hunt of Tishomingo, Oklahoma and stated that he met Adam Racchetti while in the Johnson County Jail at Tishomingo; that he met members of the Racchetti family when they came to visit Adam, and that since, he has frequented bootleg "joints" in Coal County for years; that in December, 1933, he met Adam and a stranger, whom he took to be Floyd, at "French Mary's" place in Coalgate; that he asked Adam who the stranger was and was informed that it was Floyd; that he has met Adam and Floyd at "French Mary's" on several occasions since

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then, the last occasion being about three weeks ago when the report was received that Adam and Floyd were drunk there; that "French Mary" Kerriel was the woman with them at that time; that Mary is Adam's woman and travels with them. Taylor says Mary Kerriel left Coalgate after Adam had threatened Lester Estes, mentioned in the last report, and has not returned; that Mary has gone away with Adam on trips before and that Mary writes her mother, and her mother has previously told him when Mary could be expected to return; that he believes from conversation with Mary's mother, that Mary is somewhere in Louisiana or Detroit, Michigan; that he believes that he can learn her present whereabouts and when she is expected to return to Coalgate.

Taylor is an ex-convict and a gambler and bootlegger, and a known associate of the outlaw element. He is in dire need of money. He is out of work and says he is willing to do what he can to "finger" Floyd and Racchetti for a consideration. He was informed what the Division will do. Agent O'Leary states that Taylor makes no wild claims, wants no money unless successful, and states he can not say how long it will take him to obtain the desired information. Immediately after he was interviewed, he went to Coalgate and intends to remain there until he finds out something definite.

Ruth Earls of Seminole, Oklahoma, a prostitute who was formerly friendly with George Birdwell and Floyd, was recommended to Agent O'Leary by C. C. Whittson, Special-Agent for the Carter Oil Company of Seminole, as being able to furnish information concerning Floyd and Racchetti. The Earls woman was interviewed by O'Leary and states that she does not know Racchetti and has not seen Floyd for several months; however, she has entree to some places which they are said to frequent; that she needs money and will do what she can to obtain the desired information. She was at the home of Thelma Dixon at the time that Agent O'Leary conducted the foregoing interview, and he stated that he has not learned anything yet that the Earls woman has picked up. This woman it is thought can get information, and contact will be maintained with her.

Agent O'Leary learned that Sheriff Walter Clarke of Coalgate recently appointed A. H. "Poland" Dorris of Lehigh, Oklahoma, the home of Racchetti's parents, as a special Deputy. Dorris is a miner, is well acquainted with the coal mining element and operations in that vicinity, the Racchetti family and conditions in general at Lehigh. O'Leary interviewed Dorris and he agreed to do what he can to obtain information concerning Racchetti, as he, Dorris, is now out of work. In view of the fact that previous information has been obtained that Floyd and Racchetti might hide out in the mine areas which have been abandoned, Dorris has agreed to check them at night. He will also keep in close touch with old man Racchetti.

On August 11, 1934, Bill Gaddy, Deputy Sheriff at Holdenville, Oklahoma, called the office and stated that he would like to talk to an Agent of this office on August 13th relative to some information he had. Agent O'Leary interviewed Gaddy on August 13th, who stated that about three weeks prior thereto, he had information concerning the whereabouts of Floyd, and that this

information was given to Allan Stanfield, Deputy U. S. Marshal. Ace Bloomfield, an oil pumper with the Phillips Oil Company, was the informant of Gaddy. On August 10th, Bloomfield came to Gaddy and said that the party who was supplying him with the information was ready to talk to a representative of the Division, and that this party would go to a point where Floyd was hiding out. Bloomfield was interviewed and stated that his informant is one W. T. Higginbotham who ran a mattress factory at Seminole, and that all he, Bloomfield, knew was what Higginbotham had told him. Agent O'Leary interviewed Higginbotham at Seminole who stated that about a year ago, he met Floyd at a place near Earlsboro, but has not seen him since. He knows Bradley Floyd, brother of the subject, and is a lodge brother of Bradley. About seven months ago, he, Higginbotham, went to Salem, Arkansas for the purpose of buying a farm; that he looked over several pieces of property and decided on a tract of land bordering on land owned by Floyd's uncle with whom he became acquainted, and it was through the uncle that he met Bradley Floyd and Charles. He said he remained at the uncle's home for several days and says although they did not mention Charles Floyd's visiting there, that he thought Floyd did stay there part of the time. He has no other reason for believing this. He says that he will go with an Agent to Salem, Arkansas and leave the Agent and then go to the uncle's home, whose name is Floyd, for a visit and notify the Agent if Floyd is there. He says he expects nothing unless Floyd is caught. He admitted receiving a letter from Floyd's uncle a few months ago, but said that it related only to the land he had purchased.

Agent Smith reports that [redacted] of Sallisaw, Oklahoma, who is being used as an informant, informed him that Judge Latimer, brother-in-law of Floyd, died at Sallisaw August 12th and was buried August 13th, but Floyd did not attend the funeral. Latimer died suddenly. [redacted] was a personal friend of Latimer and said that a few days prior to the death of Latimer, the latter confidentially informed him that Floyd appeared in the Sallisaw community about three or four weeks ago, accompanied by two men driving a big car and all were well dressed; that they remained but a few hours, not even spending the night. They are supposed to have come from the direction of Fort Smith and left going back in the same direction; that Floyd had gotten out of the bank robbery racket and had a new one and was making more money than in the bank robbery game. A detailed description of the car and license thereon used by Floyd was not obtained. [redacted] stated that Tom Wofford of Sallisaw, a brother-in-law of Floyd, operates a truck line between Sallisaw and Fort Smith jointly with a brother named Ben Wofford; that the Woffords apparently handle all the outgoing mail for the Floyds, taking it into Fort Smith and there depositing it in street mail boxes. It developed from questioning [redacted] that the above information is based on theory rather than fact. [redacted] was instructed to keep his eyes open and report any information obtained.

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With reference to mention in a previous report of Floyd's marriage and the fact that he has a young child, E. M. Frye, Attorney at Muskogee,

informed Agent Smith that his informant told him, Frye, that the woman Floyd married is one of the Ash sisters and that Floyd killed two of her brothers, and that Floyd and Adam Racchetti were at Coalgate sixty days ago and that they are hanging out with the "Dagos" in that community. Frye said that Clyde Chuculate's partner is still interested and will obtain any information he can, as he is desirous of getting any reward that might be outstanding for Floyd.

J. M. Hawkins of near Haskell, Oklahoma, reported to Agent Smith that he had just returned from Arkansas with his boy who told him that when Boyd Ring returned to Oklahoma some time ago from Missouri, he said he had seen Floyd and that he heard a conversation between Boyd and Bert Ring while eating supper at their home concerning Floyd; that he gathered from their conversation that Floyd was keeping in close touch with Ruby and allegedly sees her every few weeks. Young Hawkins told his father that while Boyd Ring never told him where Floyd is, he gained the impression that he is around the Rings in Missouri; that Boyd made the remark that the reason Floyd had stopped coming around the Rings in Oklahoma is that he has changed his hiding place. Hawkins said that his son would keep in further contact with the Rings, and would get all the information that he could, and believes possibly that he can get something that will be of value.

Mention is made in a letter from Assistant Director Nathan at Oklahoma City to the Division concerning an interview had with Ben Butler of the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, concerning the tentative offer of surrender made by Floyd in the event that he would not be turned over to the Ohio authorities, in which State he fears that he will get the "hot seat." The informants of Butler are not known to this office. Nothing further has been heard from Butler. It is the opinion of the writer that anything in this respect will not be productive of any results.

The confidential informant working with a woman in this case in the vicinity of Sallisaw informed Agent Smith that subsequent to the death of Latimer, brother-in-law of Floyd, Floyd's mother spoke so much of the friendship that existed between Latimer and Charles. The informant stated that the death of Latimer interfered somewhat with the plans that were under way between him and his woman and the Floyd family. This informant has submitted a report to this office, which is as follows:

Wednesday night
8-15-34

"We Visited with Mrs. F. as much as Posibly and in Salisaw went to see them ever day when we went to Town From Akins On Thursday we went To E. W. & to Rogers that is Chas- Aunt and To Jess Harcreaters another aunt & uncle & as We Come Back By Rogers E. W. come by going to the orchard after some Peaches we hadn't seen him since Sunday Eve- when we Bought the Whiskey But he didn't talk Very Freely Sunday we stoped at

the orchard this Thursday Eve- & he come out to the car & invited us up to the house & we told him Aunt Liddie was waiting supper on us and thanked him But the next on Fri- the Girl and Chas- niece went up to see E. W. & Beulas Baby it was only 3 weeks old & we hadnt seen it and E. W. ask why I didnt come she told him I was Feeling Bad & would come some other time that I was going to Barbecue a Goat Sat- morn- E. W. said he had to go to Town the next day on the mail car and Beula said you Better walk and save that dollar - that is what they charge so the Girl spoke up and said she had to go after some Gro- the next morn- & would come By & get him & save him the dollar that sounded Ok. so I was Buisey Barbecueing the Goat the next morn- & at 8 o-clock the Girl went & got E. W. and they started so She told him he could drive so he did they got started and he started asking her where she was in november when he was up to Tulsa looking for her said Chas- sent him up there & he looked for a day & a half looking for her that Chas- wanted to see her she told him she guess she was in the Hospital that she was in Hospital about that time said Chas- had hid that Rifle that Bill give him up north of Tulsa & he like to of never found it. speaking of Bill that was me I Give Chas a Bran new High Power Rifle about 2 years ago- that what he was speaking of so the subject was on & E. W. talked Freely But she never did ask him a direct question on acount of the way he had acted Before Being so clost mouth But it was the First time she had ever had him to his self he said something about diferent things regarding Chas- & never did ask what Chas wanted to see her for or she never told him. he got telling her about taking Chas- & Miller to K. C. & he didnt Pick up any hich hikers till he got Back in Okla she didnt ask him when that was Just let him talk This is the Best way to find out any thing from these folks Just let them talk & ask no questions till we Bill in a little Better for they dont talk Before one another when there is a Bunch to gather- and we know that. so she got out at the Gro store & E. W.- said he would walk on down to Lesleys she told him to take the car & tend to Business that she wasnt in no hurry he taken it went by his self to Lesleys & out to see his Mother & come Back & they started Back & she & him got to talking again and she told him she wanted to see Chas. on something important & ask him if he could notify Chas- he told her he would try to didnt say he could she never ask him one thing for this was the first time he had talked Free But E. W. told he was going to Bradleys and she under stood that his wife was going with him he never said any thing about going till after she told him she wanted to see Chas- so she told him she wanted to go to Seminole anyway and she would take him and his wife he said he was going to leave his wife at Salisaw and someone might tell his wife that he went with her & he didnt want to do any thing to make his wife sore at the Girl that he would go with Wofford that is his Bro-in-law part of the way or Cach a Bus- so she ask him when he would Be Back & he said about Tues or Wed- so she went down that Eve- to get Mrs. Floyd & she said some of her Friends was suposed to come after her from Clinton & take

her up there & let her stay a night or two with them Before they went to California. So E. W. was going to leave Sunday & Mrs. F. was suposed to leave Sat- and Sat- Perry Latimer's aunt died Latimer is a sun & Law Maried the youngest sis of Chas- Marie. So they didnt either one go and Sun- they was getting ready for the funeral & Perry began to feel Kindly sick said he was feeling Fainty & was going down to Georges to get some Icewater and some one went down the Road in 30 or 40 minutes & found him laying in the road & they Picked him up & he only lived about 10 minutes so ever thing has Been tore up since But the Girl has Been helping them ever way she can- helped them clean up & wash after the Deaths & is Realy in Good. last week Mrs. F. told the Girl that if she seen her mother to find out whem Mrs. Williams lived said she wanted to go up there told the Girl that Chas- use to stay up there when he wanted to so the Girl found out and she lives up in the Cookson Hills. She Hasnt got to talk to Mrs. F. since the Death of her sun & Law- all the folks was there the sis from near Okmulgee come her name is Ruby- there was 4 of the Girls out at Tom Woffords yesterday eve when I left & E. W. his wife Mrs. F. and a neighbor woman so there was about 15 Kids & there wasnt any chance to talk about any thing since last week E. W. Brought his Wifes suit case & is getting Ready to make his trip the Girl might get to take him if she dont she is going to take Mrs. F. to the Cookson Hills she told her she would take her & if Mrs. F. Makes that other trip we will Know that she is going to Clinton which I didnt never bleave she was going to Clinton no way for the People would hafto come & get her & Bring her Back it would Be about 70 mi. the Two Trips Just to let her stay a couple of nights. That didn't sound right. Now the Girl & I has figured out if she dont get the news to Chas that she will go see Ruby & when she gets Back not let them Know she is going & she can stay one night with Ruby & when she gets Back tell them she has learned something to Chas- Benefit & she Just hasto see him or get a note to him & that will get Results she is going to do this if E. W. dont conect without using this. These Deaths realy slowed things up. But it will Blow over in a few days & the Girl stayed at Woffords last night where Mrs. F. is staying I Will Probly have something when I get Back & will write you again in a few days- hafto wait till I come to Muskogee ever time. Am Very ancious for E. W. to Make his trip will Probly Know something when he gets Back if he can find out any thing will any way know whether he is going to or can contact or not."

On the afternoon of August 20th, the writer received a telephone call from this informant at Fort Smith, Arkansas, at which time, he stated he had certain matters he desired to discuss, but that he could not recite them over the telephone. Agent Smith was instructed to immediately contact the informant at Fort Smith, which he did. Agent Smith reported late in the afternoon of August 20th that he had seen the informant, who said that since the death of Latimer, the Floyd family has been more or less upset, and it is the desire of Floyd's mother to move into a house with Mary, the widow of Latimer, and the informant was wondering whether it would be satisfactory for him and his woman to move in with these people, that is to say, whether or not it would be

agreeable to the Division for him to share the expense. Agent Smith was instructed to advise the informant that such an arrangement would be entirely satisfactory.

The informant has submitted another written report which relates to the foregoing, and is as follows:

"Monday 20. 34

"As every thing is getting Better since the Deaths we have Been spending a lot of the time with Mrs. F. Marry wanted to move to town since her Husband died & the Girl has Been Hauling Marry around Back & fourth to Town & Marry & Mrs. F. was wanting to move To Town to gather as Mrs. F. was staying at Ruths & thought she ought to live with Marry now. So Marry was worrying about a Place to move & didnt have the money to move on the Girl told her that I was figuring on getting in to something in or near Salisew and sugested going in to gather with Marry & Mrs. F. & renting a house we thought that would Be the Best way we could know ever thing that was going on & that if it could Be done, natural it would Be the thing to do so she told Marry if it would help her any way she would help her rent a house that I was gone a lot of the time and would Be glad to have some one for her to stay with that we Knew was alright so it Just suited Marry she said if E. W. & Beula didnt move in with her & Mrs. F. that she would love to do that. But they looked at a house & Mrs. F. said it wouldnt do that they wouldnt like it. So E. W. couldnt sell his oil stove which he had to do if he moved said he didnt have the money & some one was stealing Marrys stuff & she got in a hurry to move & moved in Two Rooms Sat- about noon we didnt Know it would Be satisfactory until we taken it up with Mr. Smith or you- so we let them go ahead & move & they said that if we could get a house that would suit we would all move in Togather so I told the Girl that for her to tell them to furnish the house & we would Pay the rent which wouldnt Be much & we could all cook togather so Mrs. F. said she would like for the Girl to Be there as Marry was going to work up town in a cafe & worked from 5 PM to 2 AM & the night law said he would Bring Marry home & said She didnt like that for she Knew Chas- was aliable to come any minute & she didnt want the Law messing around down there not that she was afraid they would hurt Chas- But afraid some one of them would find out something & notify some other Law. said she wish the Girl could Bring Marry home at night to Keep the Law from offering to and we have it Just that way at this time if we can find a house that will do we can all live to gather & Mr. Smith thought this would be fine we just talked it over. But it may Be a few days Before we can get a house & we didnt want to Be in to much of a hurry as they have done moved in the To Rooms & Mrs. F. said she Just Knew that Chas- was coming in in the next few days the Girl is with Mrs. F. to night she ask her to stay said she

would be lonesome as Marry was going to work. E. W. got Back Friday. he didnt go to Bradleys at Earlsburow. he went to Cleviand with Tom Wofford to take aload of Peaches & stay in Muskogee Thurs-night and I was with him all eve- Sat-eve. But so many People Butting in asking him about Perrys Death we didnt get to talk any But I made a good hit with him got him so he isnt so shy about talking he is a funny turned Boy & Very hard to get aquainted with & he dont talk much to anyone- we had a Family Reunion at Akins Sat- & Sun- I met some more of the Kin Two from Arkansas & one from Bristow Okla. We are getting in to go see all of these People & getting their addresses as Mr. Smith said he wanted ever one of the Kins names in ever state we could get there is Plenty of them ever where Now Mr. Brantly I know you would like to hear something more important & you wouldnt like to any Better than I would But I would like to Know what you think of this about moving in with them and any thing you will sugest will Be apreciated I thought this would be a cinch if nothing hapens- and I dont see how any thing could I will Be in Muskogee Wed- or Thurs- that is my Plan now unless the Boy comes in and we dont know what we can do about that until it hapens- I hope I can go with him if he comes in so if any sugestion tell Mr. Smith I expect to see him by middle of week."

"PS. if Chas comes in they have him a Place to stay 3 mi from a Road cars cant get in this Place at some indians place he can stay there as long as he wants to without any cost- havent got the indians name couldnt ask at this time."

Agent Smith has been instructed to obtain as much information as possible concerning the other relatives of Floyd as mentioned in the report of the informant.

The informant reports that members of the Floyd family are hard-pressed financially; that they have no automobile and that good food is lacking because of their poverty. He states that many times he and his woman, since they have been contacting these people during the past few weeks, have bought good food for them and that they were very grateful for it. Such reports, if true, would indicate at least that if Floyd is making any money that the members of his family are receiving no benefits therefrom. Such a situation is absolutely contrary to reports received in connection with the family ties in the past, for it has so many times been said that when Floyd was in the money that he supplied not only the members of his family, but his friends with funds. Agent Smith is keeping in close contact with the informant.

Mention is made in the report of Special Agent in Charge Blake at Dallas, August 20, 1934, in this case of an interview with E. E. Beech, who said that Ruby Floyd is running around with Charles Dennison, a half-breed Indian of Pawhuska. It is noted that Mr. Blake does not consider any statement made by Beech worthy of belief. The writer shares that opinion and knows

for a fact that Beech is unreliable and that so is his old father-in-law, Comstock. Neither could be believed under oath.

Agent T. M. Birch while recently in Pawhuska, Oklahoma, received information to the effect that Ruby Floyd and her son, Jack Dempsey Floyd, are residing next door to U. S. Commissioner John Pearson, and that there is living in the house with them a woman by the name of Sally Smith who is associated with the outlaw element.

U. S. Deputy Marshal Smith Leahy of Pawhuska put Agent Birch in contact with a man by the name of Ed Tinker, an unrestricted Osage Indian with quite a bit of money and a man who has traveled a great deal. Tinker said that he met Ruby Floyd and had been out with her on several occasions; that when Ruby came to Pawhuska, she came at the instance of E. E. Beech and that at the time she was penniless, and another reason that she came to Pawhuska was to escape service in a suit brought in connection with a moving picture, the money for which was advanced by the party who is filing the suit. Tinker stated that Ruby is now well supplied with money and that when he has been out with her, she has not done much talking about Floyd, but that Tinker feels that in some manner, Floyd is contacting Ruby and the boy. Tinker also stated that a Bernice Murray, a niece of the present Governor Murray of Oklahoma, was recently in Pawhuska at the request of Comstock, the attorney who was trying to make a deal with the Governor relative to surrendering Floyd to the State. Tinker states that it is his opinion that neither Ruby nor old man Comstock know the location of Floyd, but that he believes that Beech does know it. Some credence can be placed in all of Tinker's statements except that one relating to knowledge on the part of Beech of Floyd's whereabouts.

On August 15th, Agent Birch reported that a man by the name of Straley, step-father of Earl Eno, informed him that Mrs. Straley had received a letter from Earl Eno to the effect that he was living in Pawhuska with Floyd. Straley could not produce the letter, but claimed to Agent Birch he had read it. Straley was to go to Pawhuska that day and as Agent Birch was to be in that vicinity on other matters, he promised to meet Straley in front of a trading post. Agent Hall was in the vicinity at the same time and with Agent Birch went to the trading post to meet Straley who failed to show up. In discussing this matter with Agents Birch and Hall, I told them to be particularly wary of any information emanating from Earl Eno, and recited to them the experience the Agents of the Kansas City office had with him in Little Rock and Fort Smith in connection with this matter.

Deputy U. S. Marshal Smith Leahy, Pawhuska, informed Agents Hall and Birch that a man by the name of Mac Billingsley living near Okeesa, is supposed to have had some contact with Floyd. Billingsley has been in the penitentiary in Oklahoma twice for murder. Leahy said he would help him out in any matter. Agents Hall and Birch interviewed Billingsley. He stated that some time during the primary elections this summer, a man named Lemmon of Hominy, Oklahoma, came to him and asked him to harbor Floyd and wanted to know how much money it would take. Billingsley told Lemmon that he did not care to do it, because of his family. Billingsley claims that he may be able to

contact Floyd through Lemmon, although he makes no definite promises and states he is not particularly interested in the reward, but would take it, of course, if offered and stated that he wants no money advanced to him. Agent Hall told him to see what he could do and that he would keep in touch with him. Anything that Billingsley learns will be reported to Deputy U. S. Marshal Leahy who will report it to Agents Hall and Birch. It is not thought that Billingsley will be able to furnish anything of any consequence.

On August 17th, Will Woody, former Deputy Sheriff at Sallisaw, Oklahoma and for a time Postmaster at Akins, called on Agent Hall at Tulsa. He stated that he is the man that put Floyd "on the spot" at Bixby, Oklahoma at the time officer Kelley was killed by Floyd and Birdwell. He stated that he had read recently in the paper that a reward was being offered for Floyd. Woody stated that while he would appreciate being given an advance of cash, he would go out on his own and see what he could do. He plans on going to Sallisaw and vicinity in connection with various persons, gradually working back toward Muskogee. He was instructed to contact Agent Smith at the Baltimore Hotel, Muskogee. Woody at the present time is on a Dairy farm, one and one-half miles west and one-half mile north of Turley, Oklahoma. It appears that Woody's name has been mentioned in the past as being able to produce some information concerning Floyd, but he has been unable to do so.

On August 16th, Howard Dean, U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, No. 38383, sentenced from Des Moines for auto theft, contacted Agent Hall at Tulsa. He stated that in the city jail at Tulsa, where he was held for investigation for stealing a purse and released, he made the acquaintance or rather renewed the old friendship of a man named Kay Daniels, Missouri Penitentiary No. 40986, and a fellow by the name of Coleman. These men told him they were going to Sallisaw, Oklahoma to meet Floyd Saturday night, August 18th; that Floyd has now recovered from wounds in his arms and leg and that he is arranging to pull a "job" within the next ten days. He stated that Floyd was in Sallisaw on the night of August 11th and that Floyd was hiding out thirty-five miles from Sallisaw in the country. The man Kay Daniels is alleged to have done time in the Missouri Penitentiary, in 1925 and 1926 with Floyd. Dean said that he would report anything he learned to Agent Hall at Tulsa. Agent L. M. Chipman called from Little Rock on August 21st and stated that Howard Dean had appeared at the office there and said he was to make a connection with some one who might be able to furnish information concerning Floyd, and also related that he had contacted Agent Hall at Tulsa. Agent Chipman desired confirmation of the meeting between Agent Hall which was given him. It is not believed that Dean can produce anything. He appears to be "mooching" or "chiseling" rather than delivering anything of value.

On Monday, August 13th, Agent Paul Hansen from Tulsa, Oklahoma informed the writer that Deputy Sheriff Glenn Larkin at Tulsa had advised him that one Littlepage, a barber in Tulsa, had informed Larkin that a friend of Littlepage, name unknown, had advised him that some suspicious persons were frequenting a section of Osage County, north and a little west of Tulsa; that Littlepage and his friend went up to the vicinity of the house Sunday night,

August 12th, to look the place over and found nothing; that on the way back, two new Chevrolet Sedans passed them. In one was a woman and a man. The man drove with his left hand and held his right hand down as if he were holding a machine gun and that this man answered the description of Floyd. Littlepage was positive that it was Floyd. This car was followed by two men in the other Chevrolet Sedan, but Littlepage did not undertake to say who they could be. Littlepage was interviewed by Agent Hansen and repited the foregoing. Glenn Larkin, Dick Connor, Sheriff of Pawhuska, and Agent Hansen went out and looked the country over in the vicinity of the house and as a result, some Deputy Sheriffs and police officers, together with Agents Hall, Martin, Birch, Phinney and Hansen, made a raid on two houses. Nothing was found to indicate anybody had been there, and there was no one there at the time. There was a news item concerning this alleged raid which was furnished the newspapers by some member of the Sheriff's office or by the Police Department.

Attention is being given the undeveloped lead in this case contained in the report of Agent S. W. Hardy of New York, August 17, 1934, requesting that certain material be obtained from Sullivan.

Attention is also being given to the lead contained in the letter from Kansas City, August 17, 1934, and efforts are being made at Tulsa to ascertain something concerning Bob Parker. Discreet inquiries are also being made at Nowata, Oklahoma in connection with the doctor mentioned as owning a farm in that vicinity.

Attention is also being given by the Oklahoma City office to the matter contained in the letter from the Los Angeles office, dated August 16, 1934, referring to a man named Landon in Shawnee.

On August 17th, Deputy U. S. Marshal Austin Parks at Muskogee, Oklahoma recalled that about a year ago, he was approached by a Mr. Combs of Wilburton, Oklahoma, at which time, Combs asked him if he were looking for Floyd, and Parks, of course, informed him then that he was not. Combs told Parks at the time that if he ever desired any information concerning Floyd, he could furnish it. Combs is a man approximately seventy years old, although he looks much younger. He is a salesman for the Chevrolet concern at Wilburton and was formerly an officer and a man who Parks states bears the reputation of being fearless. Agent Smith went with Parks to Wilburton and interviewed Combs. Combs stated that Floyd, during his association with Birdwell, frequently hid out at the ranch of "Sis" Goodman, some miles from Wilburton. "Sis" Goodman is the widow of the late John B. Goodman who was killed following a bank robbery recently in Delaware County, Oklahoma. Combs said that he frequently saw Floyd and Birdwell at the Goodman house together, as at one time, he lived on a ranch near her place; that he reported the presence of these two men to local officers and endeavored to get them to apprehend Floyd and Birdwell, but could get no cooperation; that he subsequently determined to do all he could to get Floyd caught, but that Floyd ceased his visits to her place after Birdwell's death, so far as he can determine, Combs says that he has a son residing at Owensville,

Missouri, employed as a pumper for an oil company; that this son notified him in the early part of last July (1934) that Floyd and his parter were then at Owensville and stopping at the home of a Mr. Shockley. Combs says that he then proceeded immediately to Owensville and upon his arrival found that Floyd and his partner came to Shockley's home July 12th and remained three days and had been gone about twelve hours before he arrived; that he contacted Shockley, who is an ex-convict; that both he and Shockley being Masons talked freely and that Shockley informed him that he first met Floyd through Birdwell whom he had known for a long time; that during Birdwell's lifetime, he and Floyd frequently came to his place; that they would simply drive up and spend a day or so and that he was afraid to refuse them shelter; that since Birdwell's death, Floyd has frequently come to his place and rested up for a few days at a time; that Floyd and his partner, who is a short, dark-complexioned man, resembles an Italian, but speaks good English, have been making his place about once each month for some time; that they drove up to his place on the 12th of July and spent three days and nights and stated they were going to make a swing around the circuit and into Oklahoma, and would be back to his place in September.

Combs stated that Shockley is a farmer, but lives in town three blocks south and east of the Post Office; that his, Combs', son lives within about four blocks of the Shockley home; that Shockley has, as a brother Mason, promised him that he would notify young Combs when Floyd next appears there and that his son is to advise him by wire and he expects to drive to Owensville immediately and endeavor to apprehend Floyd.

Combs stated that after receiving the information from Shockley as to the direction Floyd took when leaving in July, that he and his son followed in a car and when they reached a filling station across the river from Jefferson City, Missouri, situated on the east end of a bridge, that they made inquiry of a Mr. Ruffner who operated this station and he informed them that the two men answering the descriptions of Floyd and his partner and driving a Chevrolet Coupe with Oklahoma license, number unknown, which is the kind of car Shockley stated they were using, had about two hours prior thereto been in the station, filled their car with gas and left; that the man answering the description of Floyd went into the station and opened his shirt and cooled himself off in front of an electric fan and that he appeared to be exceptionally hot. Combs said that he was unable to again pick up the trail. Combs said that Shockley informed him that Floyd had two machine guns, a high-powered rifle and a pistol swinging in a scabbard on the inside of the car on each side and one under the wheel, and that he also carried one on his person. Combs stated that his son who lives at Owensville is now on a visit in Texas and would be at Wilburton on Tuesday, August 21st, at which time, he would meet Agent Smith for an interview.

Combs stated to Agent Smith that he met "Sis" Goodman a few days ago and asked her if she had seen Floyd recently and she said no. He said that he remarked to "Sis" that he would like to see him the next time he

showed up and she stated that she expects him soon. Combs also stated to Agent Smith that he has a brother-in-law living at Sallisaw who knows that he wants to catch Floyd; that he received a letter from him recently advising that he had some good information and would be at Wilburton Monday or Tuesday, August 20th or 21st.

With further reference to the alleged intimations submitted by Combs concerning Floyd's presence in Owensville, Missouri, Agent Smith, on August 22d, contacted Combs at Wilburton and he stated that he had received information from a man whose name he dares not furnish for fear of his being killed, of two places where Floyd and his partner, name unknown, are sure to come within the next ten days. One of these places is alleged to be a ranch owned by a man by the name of McDonald and the other at a remote spring called Dripping Spring. Both places are situated in a remote section south of Wilburton in the mountains. Combs related that a strange car was supposed to have appeared at the home of McDonald about two weeks ago containing two men who left the car hidden behind the barn and went in the direction of Dripping Spring; that old man McDonald, according to his informant, has been carrying food to the two men until a few days ago, at which time, they left, but are expected to return within the next few weeks. Combs said he received information of an authentic nature that Floyd spent last Sunday night at his mother's home at Akin, Oklahoma (Mrs. Floyd is not living at Akin), and that in his judgment, there is no question about Floyd's being in Oklahoma and that Floyd and his partner are the men old man McDonald has been harboring and feeding.

Austin Parks, Deputy U. S. Marshal at Muskogee whose home is Wilburton where he used to be Sheriff, has informed Agent Smith that there is a still which is now and has been operating in the vicinity of old man McDonald's place and that there is no likelihood of Floyd's showing up there.

Combs informed Agent Smith that his son failed to show up at Wilburton and that very likely he returned directly to his home in Owensville from Texas. Agent Smith discussed at some length with Combs the line-up at Owensville and Combs appeared to have forgotten the details of his previous statements made to Agent Smith and made many material changes in his story. Combs said in the second conversation with Agent Smith that he was on a visit in the home of his son at Owensville when he incidentally met the man Shockley and they discussed their life histories and found they had both covered a lot of the same territory and knew many people in common; that he related his experiences as an officer and that the conversation drifted to Floyd; that Shockley then opened up, stating that he, Combs, must be O. K. and he related the details of his knowing Floyd and of the latter visiting in his home and of his recent stay there and of his departure twelve hours before he met Combs.

Shockley is alleged to have stated that he didn't give a damn if Floyd robbed every bank in the United States, and that he would continue to feed and protect him. Combs now states that he does not believe that Shockley, under any circumstances, would be a party to "fingering" Floyd. Combs was asked by Agent Smith if his son had ever talked to Shockley in connection with Floyd and he stated that all his son knows is what he, Combs, has told him; that the son stated that it is his belief that Shockley would not harbor any criminals and therefore refused to have anything to do with the matter in any way. It is Agent Smith's opinion, after a second conversation with Combs, that he voluntarily brought up the matter of Floyd with Shockley and that Combs left the impression with Shockley that he was a personal friend of Floyd and interested in getting in touch with him. Combs told Agent Smith that he would write Shockley about this matter and if he receives a reply, he will show it to Agent Smith.

It will be observed that both Shockley and Combs are said to be members of the Masonic fraternity and should an Agent interview Shockley at Owensville, Missouri, it might be desirable that he be a Mason.

Agent Smith reports that when he last interviewed the confidential informant referred to above, that the informant said that the old lady Floyd appears to be momentarily expecting Charles to show up; that she walks the floor and observes every car that passes; that she has expressed herself as believing that he will come; that the informant reaches the above conclusion because he believes Mrs. Floyd thinks that Charles will receive information of the death of his brother-in-law Latimer and will come home.

Saturday afternoon, August 18th, Agent Hall called from Tulsa and said that John Thurmond, a Police officer at Claremore, Oklahoma, desired to contact an Agent in Claremore immediately to discuss some information concerning Floyd. Agents Hall and Birch immediately proceeded to Claremore and contacted Thurmond. He told them that he knew exactly where Floyd was located. Upon interview, Thurmond stated that he had an informant in town who had received information that Floyd was to be at the home of one Jellison on the outskirts of town that night between nine and ten o'clock. Agents Birch and Hall made arrangements to talk to Thurmond's informant who is [redacted] of Claremore, who told them that a friend of his is the father of Mrs. Jellison; that this friend stated that on the day that Frank Delmar was picked up near Claremore, Floyd had been at the home of Mrs. Jellison waiting for Delmar and that a gang of "hoodlums" had been hanging out on a part of the old Derickson Ranch and that Floyd was out in the country near Claremore and according to the daughter of [redacted] friend, Floyd was to come there that night in a roadster or coupe, accompanied by one Dewey Hutchinson, a bootlegger, and police character of Claremore.

For the record, it should here be stated that on the day that the Agents picked up Delmar near Claremore, Dewey Hutchinson was seen riding up and down the road in an old Stutz automobile. He was arrested and shaken down, but no attention was paid to him. It is not known that he actually knows Delmar or has any connection with Floyd.

Agents Hall and Birch on Saturday evening acquainted the writer with developments at Claremore and they were instructed to obtain the cooperation of some Police officers at Tulsa, which they did, and cover the situation at Claremore, which was done until 11 o'clock that night, but there were no developments.

On August 19th, Agents Birch and Hall went to the neighborhood of the Derickson Ranch and made numerous discreet inquiries of the persons in that vicinity. They learned that the Derickson Ranch is practically abandoned except the south end thereof at which place the widower of the former Mrs. Derickson, Jess Hill, lives and that Hill is a worthless character and associates with thieves, bootleggers and others. He was interviewed under the pretext [redacted] b7E No other persons were seen in the vicinity of the Ranch and there were no circumstances to indicate others had been there. John Thurmond, the Claremore Police officer, was again interviewed and seemed rather apologetic to the Agents because nothing had happened the previous night and began to relate his ideas of various places where Floyd might hide out. He also stated that [redacted] b7D is a very talkative individual and is inclined to exaggerate, although that was not the substance of his remarks the previous night.

It is not believed that Thurmond possessed any information of value.

With reference to a letter from the Kansas City office, dated August 17th to the effect that one Bob Parker thought to be from Tulsa might be associated with Floyd. Agent Paul Hansen reports that Bob Parker is not known to Police officers in Tulsa, there is no record of him in the Identification Bureau of the Tulsa Police Department; F. M. McMillen in charge of the Narcotic Division of the Tulsa Police Department does not know him. John Evans, in charge of the criminal work in the Sheriff's office, does not know him. Agent Hansen will continue his inquiries at Tulsa in an effort to obtain some information concerning this individual. The inquiry at Nowata mentioned in the letter from Kansas City will be given attention immediately.

Special Agent T. M. Birch reports that he has checked further with reference to the whereabouts of Ruby Floyd and that she has gone to Tulsa, Oklahoma with one Lon W. Rainbow, a quarter Osage Indian and that they are traveling in a 1934 Terraplane Sedan bearing Oklahoma license No. 531-875, and that this car is owned by Rainbow who resides at 206½ East First Street, Tulsa. Rainbow is an ex-convict. The place at 206½ East First Street is a cheap rooming house. Agents Hall and Birch have had this car under surveillance for several nights, but have not observed that any contact was made with Floyd or any other person by these people. Reports in the past are that Ruby Floyd is a prostitute and will take up with practically anyone who will take care of her. Reports also indicate that she is not in touch with her husband and that he is not desirous of contacting her. It appears that the theatrical venture entered into some time ago by Ruby and her son has resulted in failure.

With reference to a letter from the Los Angeles office, dated August 16th, to the effect that one R. R. Stockburger had advised that a Mrs. Landon who did washing for his mother had information from a nephew of hers from Shawnee, Oklahoma to the effect that "Pretty Boy" Floyd was in that vicinity, in this matter, Agent R. N. Butterworth of this office conducted the following investigation at Shawnee:

Agent interviewed Post Office Inspector C. E. Zumsely at Shawnee, Oklahoma on August 22, 1934 who examined the Post Office directory of Shawnee, Oklahoma and furnished Agent with the names and addresses of persons in that city named Landon. The names and addresses are as follows:

Hade Landon, Wife, Alice Landon	203 East 7th Street
Russell Landon, Wife, Florence Landon	203 East 7th Street
Landon & Son, Grocery Store	203 East 7th Street

Elmer Landon, formerly resided at 521 North Park Street, Shawnee, and moved to Pearson, Okla., date of move not given. Address for Elmer Landon and wife, name not given, Pearson, Oklahoma.

Pearson, Oklahoma is located twenty miles south of Shawnee, Oklahoma on Highway 18 and is in the center of an oil field. Mr. Zumsely advised Agent that Hade Landon and Russell Landon have conducted a grocery store in Shawnee, Oklahoma for several years and are reputable citizens. Agent ascertained from the Retail Merchants Credit Association that Elmer Landon moved to 214 North McKinley Street, Shawnee, Oklahoma on August 11, 1934, but that the Association had no further information on Elmer Landon.

Agent interviewed F. A. Budd, Chief of Police, Shawnee, Oklahoma, Walter Mosier, Undersheriff, and D. O. Barton, Deputy Sheriff of Pottawatomie County at Shawnee, Oklahoma, who stated that they do not know Elmer Landon and that he has not been arrested in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Agent interviewed H. T. Ridgeway, Postmaster, Charles Hall, Lumber dealer, J. M. Robbins, merchant, and F. L. Grimes, all of Pearson, Oklahoma, who advised that they do not know Elmer Landon, and do not know where he lived in Pearson, Oklahoma or for whom he worked. Pearson, Oklahoma has four stores and a supply company for oil field supplies and serves an oil field near St. Louis, Oklahoma.

Agent on his return to Shawnee, Oklahoma passed the residence of Elmer Landon at 214 North McKinley Street, and observed a Ford Coupe in front of the house with Oklahoma license number 190822. Agent checked up this license number and found that it is issued to Fred M. Noe, Pearson, Oklahoma.

Chief of Police F. A. Budd and Deputy Sheriff Barton stated that they do not know Fred M. Noe.

Agent, without disclosing to Mr. Budd and Mr. Barton that the investigation concerned "Pretty Boy" Floyd, requested them to secure information

concerning the activities of Elmer Landon and that if they observed anything suspicious in his actions to report the information to the Oklahoma City office by telephone.

The house at 214 North McKinley Street is in a thickly settled neighborhood with no chance to park an automobile except on the street in front of the house. The house is painted white and consists of four rooms all on the first floor.

Rumors have been current in months past that probably Floyd had been in Pottawatomie County, of which Shawnee is the County seat. No definite information is or has been obtained to the effect that Floyd has been in that County.

Reference is made to paragraph two on page ten of this report which refers to an interview had by Agent Hall with Will Woody, former Deputy Sheriff at Sallisaw. On the night of August 23d, Agents Frank Smith and C. G. Hall again interviewed Woody near Turley, Oklahoma. Woody is a former Deputy Sheriff and ex-Postmaster in the Sallisaw section. Woody is the man who "fingered" Floyd when Harve Kelley was killed in Tulsa County. Reports have reached Woody to the effect that Floyd has said he was going to kill him and in addition to being desirous of the reward, Woody wants Floyd out of the way for his own personal sake. Woody is acquainted with Theodore Fallin, a young boy about twenty-four years of age, who is a ball player going around to various towns playing baseball and who knows Floyd and has known him all his life. Woody is very interested and says that he will make every effort to obtain information as to the whereabouts of Floyd, and if possible, he will "finger" him for the Division. He knows how to contact this office and Agents Smith and Hall. Fallin said that he is certain that if Floyd is in Oklahoma he can find out about it within a reasonable length of time.

Recently the wife of Special Agent Donovan Owens, who was temporarily employed in the office of Dr. Milton Surwell, stated that Dr. Surwell had told her that a patient by the name of O'Dell told the doctor that he was from the Sallisaw country and that it had been reported to him that Floyd was the guard in the bank at Sallisaw and that every one in Sallisaw knew about him. O'Dell's address was given as 1223 North Central, Oklahoma City.

The correct name of this individual is Howard O'Dell and he was interviewed by Agent J. B. Little. Mr. O'Dell stated that he is from Sallisaw and has known Floyd for the past six or seven years. Information concerning Floyd's employment as a guard at Sallisaw was obtained from an unknown individual during a conversation on the street in Oklahoma City. O'Dell states he will endeavor to determine the identity of this individual and furnish his name to the Oklahoma City office. O'Dell believes this report to be fantastic, but states that he received information concerning Floyd from time to time. He believes that he saw Floyd in Oklahoma City about two months ago, but is

is not certain. Any other information received by O'Dell will be furnished to this office.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE will continue its investigation of this case.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1016 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
AUGUST 24, 1934.

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

Deer Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Deceased;
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, Fug.
I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with
aliases, Fug. I.O. #1184; ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

There is transmitted under separate cover for the attention of the Technical Laboratory a .45 caliber Colt's automatic pistol, Government model, serial number C133826. This pistol was brought to the Kansas City Office by one B. W. Kirsch, Night Watchman for the Bankers Petrol, who resides at 1412 Central Street, Apartment 207, Kansas City, Missouri. He related that the gun in question was turned over to him by a woman acquaintance, whose name he did not recollect. In that connection, however, he advised that should the Division desire he is in a position to locate this woman for an interview.

According to Mr. Kirsch this woman left the gun with him in order that he might sell same to one of the members of the Bankers Patrol. He expressed himself as hesitant to take any action with reference to the weapon until it had been definitely ascertained whether it was stolen Government property.

An examination of this pistol reveals that while it is a Government model it is not the property of the United States, and consequently it is being transmitted to the Division in order that a test bullet may be fired and compared with the ballistic specimens now on file at the Division with reference to this case. It is requested that this pistol be returned to the Kansas City Office after an analysis has been made.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Deceased
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, Fug. I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, Fug. I.O. #1194; ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

On August 14, 1934, Special Agent R. C. Suran, of the Chicago Office, during a conversation with Special Agent M. C. Spear, of this office, telephonically, advised that Special Agent in Charge Larson had had conference at the Chicago Office regarding the advisability of filing a complaint against Vivian Mathis, now serving in the Federal Detention Farm at Milan, Michigan, charging her as a conspirator in connection with the attempted delivery of Frank Nash in the instant case. It was understood from the conversation had with Agent Suran that you desired such a complaint as a means of forming a basis for an interview with Vivian Mathis since such might place her in a psychological mood for a successful interview with her, and, further, that the complaint would be used as a detainer in order that she be held for a longer period of time than might otherwise be the case.

Telephonic conversation with Mr. Newby, in the Division, by Special Agent M. C. Spear was had, and pursuant thereto the Division's letter of August 21, 1934, was received at the Kansas City Office, a copy of which was furnished to you.

There are enclosed herewith certified copy of complaint sworn to by Special Agent M. C. Spear, together with warrant bearing the non est return of the United States Marshal at Kansas City, Missouri, these papers having been executed on August 25, 1934, before United States Commissioner George D. Beardsley at Kansas City.

The complaint charges that Vivian Mathis on or about June 16, 1933, conspired with Louis Stacci, Frances Nikulich Nash, Richard Tallman Galatas, and others, to violate a law of the United States, namely; that they would cause the release of a Federal prisoner, Frank Nash, who was then and there in legal custody of the Attorney General of the United States. Overt acts are mentioned in the complaint as follows: That on June 16, 1933 Frances Nikulich Nash made a long distance telephone call from Hot Springs, Arkansas, to Louis

Stacci, at Chicago, Illinois, and that on June 16, 1933, Louis Stacci made a long distance telephone call from Chicago, Illinois to Kansas City, Missouri. No overt acts on the part of Vivian Mathis are known to this office with respect to the instant conspiracy.

In the event that it should become desirable to hold a hearing on the instant process, you are advised that Special Agent J. E. Brennan, of the St. Louis Office, can produce photographs of latent fingerprints, which impressions he secured at the residence of Vernon C. Miller, Kansas City, Missouri, about June 29, 1933, and which he will identify as identical with the fingerprints of Vivian Mathis.

It may also be stated that Mrs. Erle H. Smith, 6623 Edgevale Road, Kansas City, Missouri, can testify that Vivian Mathis resided at 6612 Edgevale Road with Vernon C. Miller as of June 16 and 17, 1933.

No record will be made public at Kansas City, Missouri, regarding the issuance of the process for Vivian Mathis as it is deemed advisable that same be held in secrecy and the United States Commissioner has agreed to do this.

The above process was authorized by Assistant United States Attorney Randall Wilson, and he authorized that same be handled in the manner shown herein.

This process is being forwarded direct to you in order that proper action may be taken in the investigation at Milan, Michigan, and that the detainer may be filed, as directed in Division letter of August 21, 1934. The process is forwarded direct in order to obviate any public record or publicity.

Please advise the Kansas City Office promptly as to all action taken with respect to the above.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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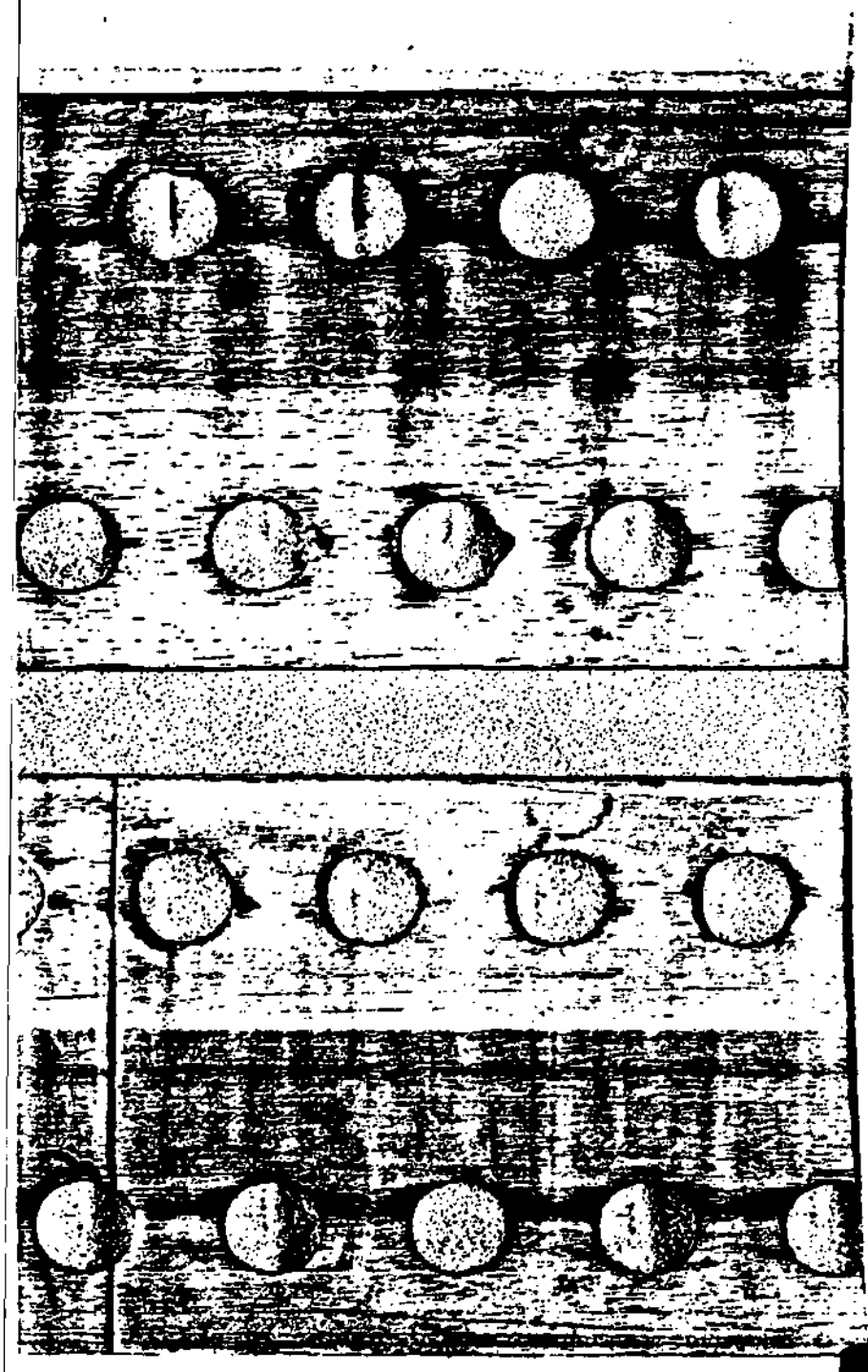

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Division of Investigation
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Dear Sir:

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

AUG 24 1934

This will confirm telephone conversation had by me on August 20, 1934, with Mr. Newby of the Division concerning [redacted] who is of the opinion that he can obtain valuable information concerning the whereabouts of Floyd.

[redacted] He receives compensation only for the days on which he is employed. [redacted] called at this office, after first talking to Special Agents H. E. Andersen and W. F. Trainor, and was interviewed by me. He states that he was born and has lived most of his life near Bolivar, Missouri, and is acquainted with the brother of Adam Richetti who resides at that point. He indicates a rather close knowledge of the conditions in that section and is of the opinion that valuable information concerning the location of Floyd can be obtained through his contacts in and around Bolivar. He also indicates that he has knowledge of a girl, the widow of one of the Young brothers, who it will be recalled were implicated in the killing of a number of officers near Springfield in 1931 or 1932. [redacted] states that he knows that Floyd has been intimate with the Young woman and states that on one occasion, about eighteen months ago, he observed Floyd in company with this woman and followed them from Springfield to a point about fifteen miles away, where the parents of the Young woman reside. At that time he was unable to be definite in his identification of Floyd and before he could take any action to cause the apprehension, Floyd left the vicinity. He further

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advises that one Frank Pike, connected with the Springfield, Missouri, Police Department, has requested he communicate with him and indicated that he has good information concerning Floyd and wants [redacted] to work with him on it. In this connection [redacted] advised that Pike does not care to divulge his information to other members of the Springfield Police Department, but will work with [redacted] 67D [redacted] further indicated that he had a number of contacts in other localities in Missouri and appears entirely confident that he can obtain results in the event he is able to make an investigation throughout that portion of Missouri in which he is well acquainted.

[redacted] does not wish any advance of funds, but states that he is not in a position to finance an investigation. He desires that an Agent of this office accompany him on his inquiries and is willing to cooperate in this regard if his expenses can be paid. He would, of course, be interested in any reward which might be paid in the event Floyd should be apprehended through his efforts.

I, as well as Agents Andersen and Treinor, am rather favorably impressed with [redacted] My information obtained from those who are acquainted with [redacted] is that he is considered entirely honest and reliable [redacted]

In accordance with authorization contained in your telegram of August 20, 1934, arrangements are being made whereby Agent Andersen will accompany [redacted] 67D leaving Kansas City on the afternoon of August 22, 1934. [redacted] has indicated that his leads may require investigation in Northern Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma. I am authorizing Agent Andersen to proceed into those states if considered necessary or desirable. While it is not possible to accurately state the length of time which will be required in order to follow out this angle of the investigation, I am of the opinion that it should not consume more than a week. The Division will be promptly advised of any developments.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Oklahoma City
Little Rock
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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
AUGUST 25, 1934.

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
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I. O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194; ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

I am transmitting herewith copies of a memorandum prepared by me concerning an interview had with Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins, of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, concerning the recent killing in Kansas City of John Lazia.

You are advised that this information was volunteered to me by Mr. Higgins and the information is set down as he gave it to me. I did not consider it desirable to closely question him during this interview and there are, consequently, certain items which should be more fully developed. It is also noted that the spelling of certain proper names in the memorandum are phonetic and possibly inaccurate.

My hesitancy to further question Chief Higgins is due to the identification which the Division's laboratory has made of ballistic specimens from the slaying of Lazia with ballistic specimens in the Union Station massacre. I am of the opinion that the information furnished by Higgins is important to this case and should be fully developed. It occurs to me that there is a strong possibility that the individual referred to as Al O'Brien may be identical with Homer Wilson.

Copies of this communication and its enclosure are being forwarded to the Chicago, St. Louis and Oklahoma City Offices, and it is requested that the Chicago and St. Louis Offices develop all available information, particularly concerning O'Brien. This office

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will immediately undertake investigation concerning the angles in this district.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Chicago
St. Louis
Oklahoma City

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Kansas City, Missouri
August 25, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Deceased
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, Fug. I.O. #1201;
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, Fug. I.O. #1194; ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

On August 24, 1934, Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins, of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, was interviewed at his office, the purpose of the interview being to develop any information which the police might have relative to the connection of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis with the Lazia killing. During this interview Chief Higgins voluntarily related the following circumstances in connection with the Lazia killing and his theories in this connection.

Mr. Higgins advised that on the day Lazia was shot he went to the hospital and was in the room with Lazia for a brief time. Lazia was not questioned by him in view of his physical condition, but during the time Higgins was in the room a number of Lazia's Italian friends, including one Jim Bellarino, were present. Lazia was conscious during a portion of this time and Higgins states that Bellarino leaned over the bed and asked Lazia what appeared to be a question in Italian, repeating the question three times. Lazia made some reply to Bellarino, also in Italian. Subsequently Higgins had Bellarino come to headquarters where he was questioned, Higgins advising him that he was particularly desirous of knowing what the question put to Lazia had been and what his reply was. He assured Bellarino that the information would be held in confidence and Bellarino repeated in Italian what he had asked Lazia, Higgins advising that it sounded like the same words. Bellarino then advised that he had inquired of Lazia if he saw or knew who did the shooting and Lazia's response was in the negative. Higgins further advised that his first theory in connection with the killing of Lazia was that it was the work of Joe Lusco, or some of his cohorts, Lusco being a known enemy of Lazia.

Accordingly, Lusco and a number of his men were brought to headquarters and closely questioned. None of them were held and Higgins states that he is of the opinion that they did not participate in the killing. He stated that Lusco admitted that he and Lazia had had some disagreement, but claimed that he had at all times endeavored to remain friendly with Lazia and to work with him. Lusco also advised Higgins that he was of the opinion that in time information would come to the Police Department as to the killers, calling attention to the fact that Lazia had many friends who would be in a position to obtain such information and report it.

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Higgins further advised that another theory which he had at the beginning of the Lazia case related to the individuals implicated in the slaying of a messenger of the Commerce Trust Company, Phil Scola and others, previously mentioned in this connection. His reason for suspecting these individuals is that after the Commerce Trust Company killing information came to the Police Department naming these persons as the killers. Higgins, acting on a tip, proceeded to Cleveland, Ohio, for the purpose of apprehending them but found they had already departed. This trip was made without the knowledge of other members of the Police Department with the exception of the then Director, Mr. Reppert.

However, shortly after Higgins return to Kansas City the brother of Scola, Joe Scola, came to the Police Department and advised Higgins that he was aware of the trip and its purpose. He further stated that he knew that information had been given to the Police Department connecting his brother, and others, with the offense and that this information was bad and indicated that he knew who gave the information. Higgins did not state that this information had come to the Police Department from Lazia but intimated that it may have. Joe Scola has not been in Kansas City since Lazia's killing and the police have endeavored to determine his whereabouts. In this connection they have placed taps on the telephone of Joe Scola and of others but have not produced any tangible results. A tap on Scola's phone has been temporarily discontinued, it being evident that the persons at his residence were aware that someone was listening to their conversations inasmuch as they complained to the telephone company relative to the service being given. Higgins advised that he now seriously doubts that Scola and his companions would return to Kansas City for the purpose of revenging themselves on Lazia. It is noted that these individuals are known to members of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and are considered quite "hot" in Kansas City. However, Higgins cannot completely eliminate these persons from his theories in view of the continued absence from Kansas City of Joe Scola and his departure at about the time of the killing.

Higgins stated that his present theory in connection with the killing of Lazia concerns a different group of individuals and related the following information:

About a year ago Lazia told him that there were then in Kansas City a group of St. Louis mobsters and that he, Lazia, was of the opinion that these individuals should not be allowed to remain in Kansas City. Lazia advised that they were undoubtedly here for the purpose of pulling some sort of job and that he felt that Kansas City had enough hoodlums of its own without allowing these visitors to remain. Lazia told Higgins that he was going to tell these men to

leave town and Higgins agreed that this was a good idea and suggested that Lazia advise him should there be any difficulty. Higgins states that there were four or five of these persons and mentioned the names of Wilhite, Turner and Griffin. While Higgins did not elaborate on these names it is apparent that he refers to individuals known in this case as Ed Wilhite, Lee Turner and Jack Griffin. After this conversation with Lazia Higgins inquired of him as to what results he had and Lazia told him that all had left town with the exception of Griffin. Griffin claimed that for certain reasons he could not very well return to St. Louis and that he had an opportunity to buy into a gambling business in Kansas City and had no intention of engaging in other activities. Accordingly, Griffin was allowed to remain, the others leaving Kansas City. Griffin did acquire an interest in a gambling place operated on Main Street by one Tony Fatella. Higgins advised certain of his men concerning the place in Kansas City of Griffin and instructed them to keep an eye on his place and to bring in any suspicious looking strangers who might be seen there. These men did so but found that apparently Griffin was not visited by his out of town friends.

Since the killing of Lazia and within the past several weeks Griffin was shot by unknown assailants when preparing to enter his home in Kansas City. Griffin was taken into custody by police and remained in a hospital under guard for some time. He recovered from his wounds and was apparently released on bond in connection with a holdup charge placed against him on August 23rd. Higgins advised that Griffin, while in the hospital, was identified by certain persons from Fairbury, Nebraska, in connection with a bank robbery there and he understood these persons were to institute extradition proceedings. However, this action was not taken.

Since the shooting of Griffin the inquiries which the police have made have shown that he was visited from time to time by individuals from Chicago and St. Louis. Among these persons was one Al O'Brien and the police have determined that these persons also made contact in Kansas City with Sam Gross and one Kramer, known to the police to be implicated in labor rackets. Gross and Kramer are interested in the cleaning business and in Higgins' opinion, have been responsible for a number of depredations on cleaning establishments. Higgins' information is that these visitors were interested not only in establishing a cleaning organization but also a racket in connection with milk truck drivers.

At the time of the shooting of Griffin he was accompanied by O'Brien and O'Brien was briefly questioned by detectives of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department. However, he was not detained and efforts to again locate him have been unsuccessful. O'Brien is

described as being about 35 to 40; 6'2" in height and weighing 210 pounds. From certain correspondence which Higgins obtained from Griffin's apartment it appears that O'Brien has been connected with labor rackets in various parts of the country, he mentioning that the correspondence indicated that O'Brien had been in San Francisco and Minneapolis in connection with labor disturbances. In Griffin's room were also found a number of snapshot photographs, including one of a man and woman, Higgins being of the opinion that this man is O'Brien. He asked Griffin regarding this photograph and Griffin stated he had no knowledge of it whatsoever.

This photograph was exhibited to Agent and appears to be that of a large, well built and well dressed man, not much over 40 years of age. The woman with him appears to be above medium height, well dressed and of neat appearance.

After the shooting of Griffin, Higgins received an anonymous telephone call to the effect that the man the police were looking for could be located at a certain address in the ten hundred block on Gillham Road. Higgins, accompanied by other detectives, went to this address and upon entering the apartment found three women but no men. It was determined that this is the apartment of Sam Gross and the women were Gross' wife, a woman who had been living with Griffin as his wife, and the wife of an Italian named LaPlumma, who operates a night club in Kansas City. It was also determined that Kramer resides in the same apartment. Gross was subsequently questioned by police and admitted acquaintance with Griffin and O'Brien but indicated that he was only interested in the cleaning racket and knew nothing about any other activities of his associates. Griffin's woman denied any information concerning his business or activities.

Higgins advised that he has communicated with the Chicago and St. Louis Police Departments for information concerning O'Brien. He stated that he was advised by Chicago that O'Brien is known but they have no photograph of him, although he was possibly fingerprinted. The East St. Louis, Illinois Police Department forwarded a photograph of one Al O'Brien but Higgins states that it is undoubtedly of a different individual. He also obtained information that one William "Bad Eye" Smith, who has a record at East St. Louis, is possibly connected in some way with this group of persons. He is of the opinion that Smith is Polish.

In the course of the interview with Mr. Higgins he further advised that on the evening before Lazia was killed he was in company with one Sam House, formerly of Kansas City but more recently engaged

in the gambling business in Omaha, Nebraska. House was questioned and admitted having been with Lazia, stating that due to some difficulties in Omaha it had been necessary for him to leave that city and Lazia was contemplating putting him in the gambling racket in Kansas City. House advised that he and Lazia had left Mrs. Lazia with Charley Carolla on this evening and had visited two women known to House; that they subsequently rejoined Carolla and Mrs. Lazia and House left them, the others presumably proceeding to Lazia's home. However, Higgins states that before going home they visited a Night Club. This information is set down for possible future reference. Higgins indicated that House is Jewish and is well known in Omaha. It is not known whether he is presently in Kansas City.

Higgins stated that he is positive in his own mind that Lazia's killing was the work of O'Brien and his associates, or of someone hired by them to do the job. His theory is that Lazia would not let these persons operate in Kansas City and they determined to get rid of him.

With reference to the shooting of Griffin it is noted that prior to the occasion on which he was shot a shooting affray occurred in Kansas City at Independence and Benton in which several individuals in one car attacked one individual in another. The person attacked escaped by ducking into a Post Office sub-station. Various rumors have come to the Kansas City Office that the persons doing this shooting were members of the Lazia outfit including Charley Gargotta, one of his lieutenants. Agent asked Mr. Higgins if he thought that the attempts on Griffin's life were perpetrated by Lazia's friends seeking revenge and indicated that this was at least a strong possibility.

It is further noted that upon receipt of information to the effect that Griffin had been shot he was interviewed at the hospital where confined by Special Agents Andersen and Trainor. He did not furnish much information of value but it was thought that possibly further information could be obtained by a further interview. The opportunity for this interview did not occur until August 23, 1934, when inquiries developed that Griffin had recovered from his wounds and had been released on bond by the Police Department. It should be noted that in Kansas City Griffin used the name of Jack Gregory and resided at the Buckingham Apartments.

Mr. Higgins advised Agent that he would communicate any further developments in this matter to the Kansas City Office. He was not questioned more closely because of the apparent undesirability of revealing to him any great interest in connection with the Lazia killing because of the identification made of ballistic specimens with those in the instant case.

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 24, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1801; CHARLES ARTHUR
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1194, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner -
Obstruction of Justice.

Investigation by this office has disclosed that a woman known as "French Mary" of Coalgate, Oklahoma has in the past been friendly with Adam Racchetti and Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd. It has been reported further that recently Racchetti is supposed to have been in the company of this woman. Informants in the vicinity of Coalgate, Oklahoma reported to Agent J. M. O'Leary that "French Mary" is supposed to be in Louisiana or Detroit, Michigan.

It has been ascertained that "French Mary" is one Mary Kerrial and that a short time ago, she married one Joe Eddy, a Coalgate man, and they subsequently moved to Detroit where Eddy is alleged to be working for some automobile manufacturer. Eddy has a fair reputation in Coalgate and it is not known that he has any criminal record. He is described as thirty-five years, five feet, seven or eight, 150 pounds, blonde hair, fair complexion. Joe Eddy and his wife, "French Mary", are said to be residing at 3032 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan.

It is requested that the Detroit office conduct discreet investigation at 3032 East Grand Boulevard for the purpose of determining whether it can be learned that Racchetti and Floyd are frequenting that place and contacting "French Mary".

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Director
Division of Investigation
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1001 Vermont Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Further reference is made to Division letters of July 12th and 27th and my reply of August 1, 1934, concerning the indication that the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department was aware of the presence of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis in Kansas City prior to the murder of John Lazia.

I have attempted to further interview Director of Police Otto P. Higgins, of Kansas City, in this regard, but find that he is absent from Kansas City at the present time on a vacation in Canada and will not return to Kansas City until after September 3rd. In his absence I did interview Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins, who advised me that he is of the definite opinion that there was nothing to the report of the presence of these fugitives in Kansas City. He stated that this information came to Director Higgins from some source unknown to him but that he has at no time placed any faith in it.

In this connection it is noted that during the interview with Chief Higgins he related to me his impressions and theories concerning the killing of Lazia, which I am setting out in another communication and forwarding to the Division and in which I am sure the Division will be interested.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

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.

I am transmitting herewith a memorandum prepared by Special Agent Paul Hansen which relates to some plan of Joe Anderson to effect the apprehension of Galatas through a man by the name of Jeff Jeffries of Hot Springs. It appears that Anderson has already discussed this matter with you.

From what I have heard of Jeffries, I cannot share the view expressed by Anderson that Jeffries is a reliable citizen.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
August 20, 1934.

Memorandum for Special Agent in Charge:

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

Joe Anderson, Kansas State Highway Officer, advised Agent Hall and me that if he were trying to locate Richard Tallman Galatas, his first move would be to do it through one Jeff Jeffries, who is his close friend at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Jeffries was a cab driver at one time, but is broke at present and sells fish bait. Jeffries knows Galatas personally and has recently advised Joe Anderson that he has seen him in Hot Springs on two different occasions since the Kansas City massacre. Anderson says that Jeffries is a reliable citizen and could be depended upon absolutely. Anderson has sufficient confidence in Jeffries that he has loaned him money upon several occasions and Jeffries has always paid him back.

Anderson suggests the following procedure: That he with an Agent of this Division - preferably the writer, though he is willing to cooperate with the Division by taking any Agent - go on a fishing trip with Jeffries for a couple of days in order that the Agent might be well acquainted with Jeffries and in order that Jeffries would cooperate with the Agent and have confidence in him. He then suggests that the Division place a new car at Jeffries' disposal in order that he can hack in it. Jeffries has been told that he can get a stand at Matt Pickett's White Front and at the Arlington Hotel. Jeffries would not need any expense money, but would be able to make his living if he had a car to hack with. Anderson feels that if Jeffries were in a position to take people places that he will eventually be able to obtain some information regarding the location of Galatas.

Anderson said that Jeffries had advised him that Leo McLaughlin's brother, who was tried for murder a little over a year ago, secured Galatas as one of his main witnesses. During the recent racing season at Hot Springs, while Jeffries was driving a cab for some cab company in Hot Springs, McLaughlin, who was acquitted in the murder case, came to Jeffries and asked him to make a long drive. Jeffries feels that this drive had some connection with, or was made at the instance of Galatas, and he was asked to make the drive because McLaughlin could trust him. Jeffries was

busy on another matter, however, and could not accommodate McLaughlin. Anderson said that if the above arrangement could be effected and Jeffries could be given a car with some agreement whereby if he gives information leading to the location and apprehension of Galatas, that he will be allowed to retain this car and possibly get a little reward besides the car, that he believes Jeffries could locate Galatas in a short time. Anderson said that he would make a personal issue out of the matter and ask Jeffries, who is obligated to him, to do this for the Government.

Anderson said that he had talked over this matter with E. E. Conroy at Hot Springs recently, but had not gone into it as thoroughly as he did with the writer and Agent Hall. Anderson said that he is so sure that Jeffries could do this job that he would be willing to spend some of his own money to get Jeffries started out. He thinks that the only way Jeffries will be able to do this job is for him to have a good car placed at his disposal so that he can haul people and as several of these gamblers in Hot Springs who are connected with Galatas trust him and know that he does not talk, he feels that he can do the job in a very short time. Anderson suggests that he and another Agent, or two Agents, be placed in Hot Springs under cover so that they could be reached in a moment's time by Jeffries, should he obtain any information.

I am giving this to you for what you think it is worth. It seems to me to be a pretty fair arrangement.

Paul Hansen,
Special Agent.

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PHILADELPHIA, PA.	8-27-34	8-16,17 & 18-34	JAMES E. KING

TITLE: 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

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

T.M. Heggie still residing at Americus Hotel, Allentown, Pa., and holding executive position with Phoenix Steel Co., Catasauqua, Pa. Files of leading photographers in Allentown examined but no record found of Heggie being photographed. John A. Kubil, photographer, does commercial photography for Phoenix Steel Co., and may be able to secure photo of Heggie. Bernard Metzger, Allentown photographer, states Heggie informed him that he had photograph taken in home town a short time ago.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Kansas City, Mo., dated August 11, 1934; Report of Special Agent J.L. Fallon, Philadelphia, Pa., 7-7-34.

DETAILS:

AT ALLENTOWN, PA.

It was learned at the Americus Hotel that Mr. T.M. Heggie was still registered there.

In an effort to secure a photograph of Mr. Heggie, as requested by the Kansas City Office, in reference letter, agent contacted all the leading photographers in Allentown and found that in each instance a file is maintained recording the names of people, who have been photo-

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graphed, together with the copy of negatives. The files were examined by agent at each photographer's but no record could be found for Heggie.

At the studio of Mr. John A. Kubil, 1022 Hamilton Street, it was found that he has been handling the commercial photography for the Phoenix Steel Company, but does not do the ordinary protrait work for individuals, although he is equipped to do so. Upon questioning, he mentioned the officials of the Phoenix Steel Company, with whom he dealt, and Mr. Heggie's name was mentioned as the principal one. Several of the pictures taken at the plant were exhibited to agent but in no instance was found any of the officials. Most of the exhibits consisted of machine parts and products, and in one case a picture of a machine with the operator standing alongside. Mr. Kubil assured agent that he would be glad to co-operate in any manner, realizing that the matter was confidential and would be so respected by him. Agent then disclosed the object in view and Mr. Kubil stated that it was only recently that Mr. Heggie had asked him to do some private enlarging work for him. It was rejected at the time as Mr. Kubil is primarily interested in commercial photography. In view of the fact that he had rejected the work he did not consider it advisable to offer to do it until such time as Mr. Heggie might call in regard to other work for the Steel Company. He stated that the next time Mr. Heggie called him he would mention his willingness to do the work for him in the hopes that Mr. Heggie might appear on one of the photographs. It was also stated that Mr. Heggie visits the studio in connection with the work that Mr. Kubil performs for the Steel Company, and it would be an easy matter for him to secure a picture of him without the fact being known to Mr. Heggie. Mr. Kubil promised his confidential cooperation and will endeavor to secure a photograph if same can be arranged without the slightest amount of suspicion. It was his suggestion that a Mr. Bernard Metzger, a well known photographer of this city, be consulted, as most of the prominent men of this locality have their work done through that studio, and it is customary for Mr. Metzger to call upon well known officials asking them to come in for a sitting without any obligation as to purchasing a photograph. Mr. Kubil promised to keep in touch with the Philadelphia Office for any further developments.

Mr. Bernard Metzger, who operates a studio at 951 Hamilton Street, was interviewed and after an examination of his records revealed that no photograph of Heggie had ever been taken there. He informed agent that he had previously cooperated with the government prohibition men in securing photographs of parties under investigation. He stated that it was his usual practice to call upon the various business officials of that city in an effort to secure their photograph, and in this connection he exhibited a large album of practically every known business man in Allentown. He seemed

very willing to cooperate and confide in any matter in which he could assist the Division and consequently agent discussed the object in view. Mr. Metzger called Mr. Heggie over the telephone and asked him if he would be interested in coming in for a sitting, stating that he had most of the prominent business men in this locality and would be interested in securing his for his further approval. Agent was told that Mr. Heggie was not interested as he had recently had a photo taken in his home town and, therefore, would not care to bother at this time.

A thirty day cover has been placed on the mail of Mr. T.M. Heggie, Americus Hotel, Allentown, Pa.

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CHICAGO OFFICE at Joliet, will contact the photographers, and examine their files for the names of persons being photographed there, without disclosing the name of the party whose photograph is wanted unless it is found that Heggie's photograph is in the file. Heggie is said to have been a resident of Joliet before he came to Allentown, Pa., and in connection with a letter from the Kansas City Office to the Philadelphia Office, it is requested that a photograph of Heggie be secured and forwarded to the Kansas City Office for possible identification by individuals who are acquainted with Gus Stevens or Stone.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE at Allentown, Pa., will keep in touch with Mr. John A. Kubil at 1022 Hamilton Street, who operates a Photography Shop there, and who may be able to secure Heggie's photograph. Will also report results of mail cover.

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REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Butte, Montana	8/24/34	8/22/34	D. H. Dickason MD

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

CHARACTER OF CASE: Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Information given by confidential informant as to alleged hideouts of "Pretty Boy" Floyd in Oklahoma. P

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATION DIVISION ONE AUG 28 1934 M

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent S. W. Hardy, New York City, 8/1/34.

DETAILS:

At Pryor, Montana

A confidential informant [redacted] who requested that his name not be used in a report, but whose name is sent the Division in a confidential letter, wrote Special Agent George Costello of this office that he had some information he would like to give. This Agent interviewed him near Pryor, Montana, on August 22, 1934, and he stated that he was in Oklahoma about three years ago and contacted the "Pretty Boy" Floyd gang. He states that one of their principal hideouts is just west of Fort Smith, Arkansas, across the bridge, the second house on the right hand side; that the owner of this place is supposed to be a nice man, but any of them can secure protection there and be hidden out, if necessary. The informant has visited this place.

DETAILS:

Another place that he visited is the home of Clue Anderson in the Cookson Hills, east of Fort Gibson, eight miles west of Tahlequah, Oklahoma. This is an excellent hideout.

Another place is the home of Mount Cookson, a summer resort south of Tahlequah. He states that Cookson, for whom the Cookson Hills are known, is an old timer there and a very safe man for outlaws.

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Another place is west of Sand Springs, west of Tulsa, Oklahoma, nine or ten miles, the first place on the right hand side of the road west of Wewoka. It is run by a breed Indian, whose wife owns the land. This Indian was in the Army. It is a little white house and has another small place nearby. When he was there, there were lots of corn fields so that an outlaw could leave the house and get into the corn field without any trouble.

He states that all these places are absolutely safe for an outlaw and that no outlaw will be given away by anybody at any of these places nor by any of these people, and that contact is made with them often.

As the Butte Office does not know whether or not this is of value or whether these alleged leads have been followed out, no leads are set out for any office, and it is suggested that the office of origin take such action as is deemed appropriate.

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September 7, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Portland, Oregon.

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:

The Division is in receipt of your letter dated August 24, 1934, wherein it is noted that Special Agent T. M. Clifford suggests that Herbert "Dutch" Akers, Chief of Detectives at Hot Springs, Arkansas will furnish information concerning Galatas if discreetly approached.

The Division is aware of the fact that Mr. Akers is closely acquainted with subject Galatas and has approached him for information concerning the whereabouts of the fugitive, but without success.

The Division desires that Special Agent Clifford suggest the manner in which Mr. Akers should be approached so as to bring about the desired results.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc Kansas City

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 709
Portland, Oregon

August 24, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, w.a. (deceased)
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CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, w.a. -
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1194, et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

After reviewing the files in the above case, Special Agent T. M. Clifford desires to make the following report for the information of the Division:

That during the years 1927 to 1930, Mr. Clifford was Assistant District Attorney of the 13th Judicial District of the state of Arkansas at Camden, Arkansas. While serving in this capacity, A. W. Ellis was the sheriff of Ouachita County, and is at the present time serving as such in that county. Special Agent Clifford has examined the photograph of one Richard Galatas, wanted by the Division in connection with the above captioned case. It is Mr. Clifford's opinion that in the year 1929 subject Galatas, in company with one Herbert "Dutch" Akers, Chief of Detectives at Hot Springs, Arkansas, approached Sheriff A. W. Ellis with a proposition to permit subject Galatas to operate unmolested, a confidence game in Ouachita County, Arkansas, and offering as an inducement the payment of $1,000.00 to the sheriff and a like sum to Special Agent T. M. Clifford, then serving as Assistant District Attorney. Sheriff Ellis is a man whose record is clean and unsullied; he is dependable in every respect and, naturally, refused to consider the proposition of Galatas and Akers.

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In the year 1933 while Special Agent T. M. Clifford was assisting Sheriff A. W. Ellis in the solution of certain bank robbery cases, which involved a raid on an apartment house in Hot Springs, Arkansas, Herbert "Dutch" Akers had the temerity to inform Sheriff Ellis, who in turn advised Special Agent Clifford, that subject Galatas had paid him, the said Akers, a considerable sum of money as a result

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of a "cut-in" of the money obtained by Galatas from confidence games and gambling concessions in and around Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Special Agent Clifford is well acquainted with Herbert "Dutch" Akers and states that Akers would double-cross Galatas if properly approached. He is, in the opinion of Special Agent Clifford, unscrupulous in his dealings. It is also the opinion of Special Agent Clifford that Joe Hakelin, Chief of Police at Hot Springs, Arkansas, has had a "cut-in" on the operations of subject Galatas.

It is the further opinion of Special Agent Clifford that Akers is in a position at this time to put his finger on subject Galatas if discreetly approached.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS, HAK
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Kansas City

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EAT-gg August 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I asked what we are getting Helen Ferguson and Mr. Cowley stated that she has admitted living in an apartment house with Barker in May 1932; that they have not gotten anything from her that will help as yet but; that she had previously denied knowing Dick Galatas but last night she stated she would tell him, Cowley, today all she knows about Dick Galatas; that this was before he left the office last night.

I asked Mr. Cowley whether they were getting anything from Izzy and Mr. Cowley stated they were not getting anything in particular from him. I asked if he admitted being at that place and Mr. Cowley stated he admits this. I told Mr. Cowley I would talk to Ladd with reference to an agent taking the prints and also, of course, I want to be sure that they are checking the money to see if it is any of the ransom money. Mr. Cowley stated to be sure that whoever does this, also makes an examination of his face so he will be competent to testify as to this. Mr. Cowley stated he would not call St. Paul.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Mr. Cowley and advised him that we have a telegram from Oshkosh, Wisconsin signed by Charles Ware, probably the Charles F. Ware, the male attendant at the Soldiers Home, who was interviewed by Agent Rhodes in June, who is a little unbalanced; that the telegram reads "Plymouth 1934 sedan, left fender badly bent, license plates Wisconsin 600 last three figures unable to read; talk with girl known as Sally, note previous correspondence, man in back seat positive Gillis; girl inquired route 26 to Chicago; she asked about detours on route and I asked to meet her some time; she mentioned Beverly Gardens, 96th and Western Avenue, Chicago; slim man driving in addition to Gillis and girl; all very nervous and tired; no chance to call officer; advise May Hotel." I advised Mr. Cowley that this was a day letter collect sent via Western Union. Mr. Cowley stated they would check this right away and I stated this is probably Charles F. Ware who is an attendant in the Soldi Home and is probably mentally deranged. Mr. Cowley stated this is quite a coincidence as the information they received from San Francisco is to the effect that Nelson has a new Plymouth. Mr. Cowley stated they will send an agent up there to talk to him at Oshkosh.

Mr. Cowley advised that Helen Ferguson has told them quite a story; that she admits being closely associated with the Barkers and Karpis; that her man was Earl Christian, who was killed in the bank robbery at Fairbury, Nebrask that she states thatChristman and the Barker Brothers and Alvin Karpis went up there to take that bank and they came back - at this time she was living at 114 Home Avenue, Chicago - and Fred Barker told her that Earl had been injured but not seriously and he had been left in Kansas City; that three weeks later he told her that Earl was dead but he did not tell her where he was buried; that she wanted to get in touch with Christman's mother but he would not tell her; that she admits meeting Frank and Francis Nash on June 13th and admits th the Buick car which was recovered at Little Bohemia was purchased by her on June 10, 1933; that she states after her husband was bumped off, Fred Barke gave her $2000 which she believes was part of the money in the Fairbury job; that she states Barker told her the money belonged to Christman and he was therefore giving it to her; that she contends that from that time on her relations with these people were more estranged. Mr. Cowley stated that it is a peculiar coincidence that they separated on June 16, 1933 as Frank Nash was apprehended on the afternoon of June 16th and bumped off June 17th; that she claims to have left on the night of June 16th with a man named Fred Burk to a lake in Wisconsin and she does not know anything since then. Mr. Cowley states that they do know that she has been divorced from this outfit for some time but it is hard to believe that it happened just that way and just at the time; that is, she got away the day before we became interested in them. Mr. Cowley stated that she has helped them out to some extent in that she admits that she got broke as she had spent her $2000 and she took her car

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to Louie's place and asked him if he would keep it up there and he stated he would do this; that she went up a little while later and Louie told her that Tommy had taken it; that is, Tommy Carroll; that after the Little Bohemia thing she went up and Louie told her he let Tommy take it up there. Mr. Gozlo stated this will help in the harboring charge against Louie as she will testify to this. Mr. Cowley advised that Helen Ferguson stated she is willing to go out for two or three weeks and see if she can pick up anything. I asked Mr. Cowley whether he thought she was honest and he stated that he didn't as he can not believe that she is telling the truth. Mr. Cowley stated they had her for five or six days before she would say hello; that she is more educated than most of the women of her type. I told Mr. Cowley we want to do everything possible on this case as the Director is very upset over the fact that that thing could take place in St. Paul without our knowing about it. I told Mr. Cowley to cover every possible source; that I know he is doing ever he can but he should put forth some super-human efforts and see if he can get some results. Mr. Cowley stated he will talk to her for a couple of more days and they got more information out of her today than they have heretofore as he resistance has worn down considerably. Mr. Cowley stated that at the end of that time they will have to take a chance on her and I stated we probably would as we do not have anything on her. I told Mr. Cowley not to let her know that she is going to be turned loose until a minute before she is pushed out. Mr. Cowl states he intends giving her a little money before they turn her loose; that t have checked up on the fellow she has been living with and he does not know anything about it; that this fellow has skipped but he was a stage hand, movin scenery on stages for three years and there is no indication that he knows any about her activities. I stated it was funny that he would run out, and Mr. Co stated it is funny in a way but she states she thinks he is looking for her bu she had already told him she was going to leave. Mr. Cowley stated it is not funny that he left the apartment as he could not afford to pay for it. I tol Mr. Cowley that he would know, if she was leaving him, that she would take so of her personal belongings along and she did not do that and Mr. Cowley stated he believes they can locate him although they have not tried very hard as they did not want him or anyone else to know where she was as he might spring a wri on them. Mr. Cowley stated that no one knew anything about it except the landlady as they were around there several times. Mr. Cowley stated that rath than take any chances on let her get away from them before they talked to her, they let him go and their indications are that he does not know anything about Mr. Cowley stated that when they get all the information out of her that it is possible to get, they will give her a little money and send her to Louie's place and let her stay there a couple of weeks as she states she is willing to testify about this automobile and is willing to go up there and let them know if anybody shows up or anything happens.

I advised Mr. Cowley that we have press dispatches to the effect that Federal Agents are stating that John Hamilton is dead. Mr. Cowley stated there are headlines in Chicago to this effect. I asked if there was anybody there talking and Mr. Cowley stated there was no one. I advised that no one in St. Paul had done any talking and this is evidently the mental working of some newspaper man's mind. Mr. Cowley stated they wrote a letter to St. P

stating that Theodore Bents, in an interview, stated that Hamilton was dead and so did an informant up there. Mr. Cowley stated that the day before yesterday they asked the St. Paul office to make the necessary inquiries with regard thereto. Mr. Cowley stated that the newspaper articles in Chicago refer to a swamp and they undoubtedly got their information from some source although he does not know where it comes from and does not believe it came from the Chicago office. I asked Mr. Cowley whether it was possible that the local authorities, who have been questioning Theodore Bents, have put this out and Mr. Cowley stated that it is a possibility except that this information seems to come from St. Paul. Mr. Cowley stated he has no doubt that Bents has told other besides ourselves about this and it is also possible that the St. Paul office has made some inquiry. I stated they have made inquiries and, in fact, went over to the police station two days ago and asked if any bodies had been found in swamps around there and that is probably where it comes from but there are a lot of possibilities. Mr. Cowley stated he believes this is probably the source of this information.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

1001 VERMONT AVE NORTHWEST WASHDC=

KANMO JESSE CUNNINGHAM SUBJECT BRANTLEYS TELEPHONE CALL SATURDAY MORNING TO BE RELEASED FROM CUSTODY TODAY USA TULSA DECIDES NO EVIDENCE WARRANTING PROSECUTION HARBORING FLOYD=

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September 4, 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. #1114, et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith, and to each of the offices indicated below, copies of two snapshots. In one, subject Floyd is pictured with his ex-wife, Mrs. Ruby Floyd, on his right, and his sister, name unknown, on his left. In the other photograph, Floyd is pictured with a woman believed to be Mrs. Ruby Floyd, and his brother, E. W. Floyd. The snapshots from which the enclosed copies were made were furnished by the Kansas City Office and apparently were copies of originals; therefore, the enclosed copies are not as clear as they would have been had they been made from the original negatives.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure 51X4/1

cc Oklahoma City
Little Rock
Dallas
El Paso
San Antonio
New Orleans
(with enclosures - photographs)

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
AUGUST 27, 1934.

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

Please refer to letter addressed to the Oklahoma City Office dated August 27, 1934, transmitting certain photographs of Charles Arthur Floyd with other parties, probably identical with a brother, sister and ex-wife of the Subject.

It is requested that additional copies of both of these photographs which are transmitted to the Division with a copy of that letter be made and furnished to the Kansas City Office and to other interested offices.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan
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R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

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

Please refer to letter from this office addressed to you dated August 12, 1934, wherein it is noted that a photograph of Floyd with two unidentified women was forwarded to the Little Rock Office.

There are transmitted herewith one copy each of group photographs of Charles Arthur Floyd, one of these being the group photograph mentioned above and the other being a photograph of Floyd, a woman and a man. These photographs were secured sometime ago from Mr. J. A. Bracewell, Special Agent of the Great Lakes Pipe Line Company, whose home address is Post Office Box 587, West Tulsa, Oklahoma. At the time Mr. Bracewell left the photographs he hurried to a train and there was no opportunity to secure from him any data as to the origin of the photographs or the identities of the others in the group.

However, Mr. Bracewell appeared at the Kansas City Office on the morning of August 25, 1934, and was further interviewed in regard to the photographs. He stated that he secured these photographs from Mr. Elliott, a Special Agent of the Skelly Oil Company at Tulsa, Oklahoma. As to the origin of the photographs when they came into the hands of Mr. Elliott, Bracewell is unable to advise. He stated, however, that in the group photograph where the man and woman are shown with Floyd, the man is a brother of Floyd, believed to be E. W. Floyd, residing near Sallisaw, Oklahoma, and the woman is apparently Ruby Floyd, the ex-wife of the Subject. In the other photograph, one of the women is said to be Ruby Floyd, ex-wife of the subject, and the other woman is said to be a sister of Floyd, first name not known, residing near or in Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

These photographs are forwarded for your information and it is suggested that the Agents who are familiar with the appearance of the relatives of Floyd, view same and verify the identities of

the parties in the group, if possible, or if this cannot be done other investigation in the vicinity of Sallisaw, Oklahoma, should be made in this case. It does not appear that the photographs are of recent origin, and according to Mr. Bracewell there have been other copies of the same in existence for a considerable period of time.

Copies of the photographs mentioned above are herewith transmitted to the Division.

A copy of the group photograph of the man and woman with Floyd is herewith transmitted to the Little Rock Office.

Mr. Bracewell advised that Bert Cotton, Chief of Police at Sallisaw, Oklahoma, is now endeavoring to secure for him an additional collection of photographs of Charles Arthur Floyd which have not been in possession of law enforcement officers heretofore, and as soon as he secures them he intends to present same either to the Kansas City Office or the Oklahoma City Office, in whose territories he operates most of the time.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Little Rock (Encl.)

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Little Rock, Arkansas
August 27th, 1934

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

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:

This is with further reference to telephone conversation had with you on August 21st, by Special Agent L. M. Chipman of the Little Rock Office.

On August 20th a man, giving his name as Leonard Dean, visited the Little Rock Office and advised that he had recently been in jail at Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he was arrested on August 14th, 1934 for investigation. That in the Tulsa Jail he met a man by the name of McDaniels, who had served time with him in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, where he, Dean, was received on May 16th, 1931 from Des Moines, Iowa, under an eighteen months sentence for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

He stated that Daniels, Colman Green and Charlie Elliott were arrested at Tulsa on August 13th for attempted car theft. That Daniels informed him, in the event he wanted to get in on some money, he could make contact with Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd for him and referred him to a man by the name of Gunter at Dallisas, Oklahoma to visit.

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Apparently from the information Dean received from Daniels, Floyd was to be at a dance at Sallisaw on the night of August 18th. Dean stated that while in the jail at Tulsa he was interviewed by Agent Hall, where arrangements were made for him to proceed to Sallisaw and endeavor to contact Floyd. That he went to Sallisaw, arriving there on August 17th and met Cuenter in a Pool Hall, and was advised that there had been a change in Floyd's plans and that he, Cuenter, would meet Dean in front of the Marion Hotel at Little Rock, Arkansas, at one P. M. on August 21st, 1934; and Dean had proceeded to Little Rock to make this contact.

Dean stated at this time that he did not know whether or not Floyd was to be with Cuenter, but at least Cuenter was to arrange a meeting between him and Floyd.

On the morning of August 21st Dean again called at the Little Rock Office and stated he had seen Cuenter drive by in an automobile and at this time Dean requested $5.00 in order to pay for his night's lodging and cleam-up. Agent Chipman advanced Dean $1.00, after verifying the statement that he had made contact with Agent Hall, and arrangements were made whereby he was to make his contact with Floyd and at the opportune time advise the Little Rock Office.

The front of the Marion Hotel was covered by Agents Chipman and Marshall from 12:30 P. M. until 2:30 P. M. on August 21st, but Dean failed to appear. Later in the day a telegram was received from Dean, sent from Pine Bluff, Arkansas, which reads as follows:

"BET O HERE TILL FOUR PM OK TO MEMPHIS TO CONTACT PRETTY WIRE LATER"

To date nothing further has been heard from Dean and it is very probably that he is making contact with Agents

of the Division with a view of obtaining money on the pretext that he is to make contact with Floyd. With this in view, a copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Nashville Office for their information.

Very truly yours,

E. K. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Division
Kansas City
Nashville

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August 28, 1934.

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

Dear Hoover:

You will recall that I sent you one or two letters from our Agent Forbes in North Carolina, concerning some informant that he had stumbled on who was believed to have information as to the whereabouts of some notorious gangsters.

The last communication I had with Forbes was one urging him to see that your Agent was put in direct touch with this informant if it was possible to do it.

I have just received the following telegram from Forbes and repeat it to you for whatever value, if any, it may have:

> "Referring to our personal correspondence in regard to gangsters in this territory information points directly to this crowd having pulled the Brooklyn Armoured truck robbery. One of the gang passed through headed south others to follow their approximate destination known Stop Have advised Dept. Justice Charlotte, NCAR."

Very truly yours,

A. BRUCE BIELASKI

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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August 25, 1934.

Mr. Nathan .....
Mr. Tolson .....
Mr. Clegg .....
Mr. Coffey .....
Chief Clerk .....
Mr. Cowley .....
Mr. Egan .....
Mr. Harbo .....
Mr. Keith .....
Mr. Lester .....
Mr. Quinn .....
Mr. Tamm .....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Brantley telephoned to report something that happened last night and stated that there may be a newspaper headline on it some time today. Mr. Brantley advised that at about ten o'clock Paul Hanson called from Tulsa and advised that the City Marshal at Jennings, Oklahoma, about 100 and some miles from Oklahoma City and about 65 miles from Tulsa, called Hanson advised that this Marshal told him that he had received some information from some stool over there indicating that Floyd had been or might be there. Mr. Brantley stated that Hanson has gone out on this and he, Brantley, sent some agents from there and they got a man named Jess Cunningham; that Cunningham has admitted harboring Floyd within recent weeks, definite date unknown; that Cunningham claims he bought some medicine to treat Floyd; that this has been checked and it has been found that this man did buy certain things from a drug store used for treating wounds; that they are going to file a harboring charge against Cunningham and are taking him to Tulsa which is in the northern judicial district. Mr. Brantley has instructed them to continue their investigation and get as much evidence as they can concerning Cunningham and all others and it looks like Cunningham actually harbored Floyd and all indications are to that effect. Mr. Brantley stated that Cunningham admits harboring Floyd but the date has not been fixed as yet. I asked Mr. Brantley if there was any reason to believe that Floyd would be back there and Mr. Brantley stated there was no reason to believe he would return within the immediate future; that this place is a small village and it is impossible to maintain surveillance.

Mr. Brantley advised that he is leaving this afternoon and will be in Washington on Monday. I told Mr. Brantley, with regard to this Floyd situation, that we want to get as much life and enthusiasm into this investigation as possible; that the Director is virtually disgusted with the fact that we have been looking for this fellow for months and months and we do not know whether he is in Alaska or Florida. Mr. Brantley stated this is true and he admits all of this and he wishes he knew where they were but this seems to indicate that Floyd has been in Oklahoma recently. I told Mr. Brantley that we want this investigation conducted vigorously and he should do everything humanly possible to cover all leads. Mr. Brantley asked how the lead at Santa Fe turned out and I stated it was just another water hole. Mr. Brantley stated they are going down the line on Floyd and giving everything attention.

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Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
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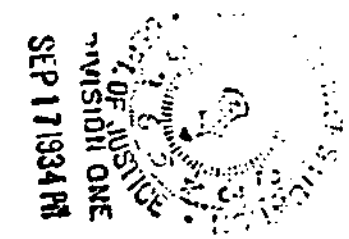

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1001 Vermont Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to letter from this office dated July 16, 1934, and to Division letters of August 7 and 23, 1934, referring to four test bullets and cartridge cases transmitted to the Division Laboratory from this office, which specimens were secured by Special Agent R. H. Simons from Lieutenant Gordon of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department.

Lieutenant Gordon advised on August 27, 1934, that these specimens were fired from two .38 caliber Colt Super-Automatic pistols, serial numbers respectively being 3323 and 138.

The pistols were recovered from the home of Joe Lascuola, alias Joe School of Kansas City, Missouri, in an investigation made by the Kansas City Police Department in connection with the killing of John Lazia which occurred on July 10, 1934.

The Kansas City Police Department in tracing these weapons found that pistol bearing serial number 3323 was shipped by the Colt Firearms Company to Richard and Conover, Kansas City, Missouri, during July, 1929, and the records of that company show that it was subsequently sold to one J. W. Adams, who gave his address as Red River, New Mexico, care of the Red River Supply Company. However, a further check by the Police Department is said to have disclosed that there is no such organization as the Red River Supply Company at the address mentioned.

It was also learned that pistol bearing serial number 138 was

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shipped by the Colt factory during March, 1929, to Wolf and Klar at Fort Worth, Texas, and that it was subsequently sold to a dealer in Kansas City, Kansas, who kept no record of the party to whom it was later sold at Kansas City.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Banker's Building
Chicago Illinois

August 25, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases I.O. 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219; ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER--VICTIM.
KIDNAPING

There is enclosed herewith a copy of the statement obtained from Helen Ferguson.

It is suggested that the Division review the statement carefully in connection with the Kansas City case and the above entitled case and point out any known descrepancies in order that it maybe determined whether she has told the full truth to the best of her knowledge. In the event she has not told the full truth she will again be brought to this Office and thoroughly questioned concerning any descrepancy.

Helen Ferguson was released tonight, August 25th, and told to register at the Maryland Hotel. She has promised to cooperate fully with the Division in any way possible and stated she will act upon any suggestion given to her by the Division.

It is proposed to have her visit Louie Cernocky's Place, Box River Grove in an effort to obtain information concerning the whereabouts of the Subjects in this case.

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Very truly yours,

S. P. COLEY
Special Agent

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Enc.

cc: St. Paul
Kansas City

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Room 1403
370 Lexington Ave.,
New York City

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August 28, 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 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 Division letters of July 30 and August 17, 1934, which enclosed copy of letter from Louis Foy, Sales Agent, 295 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., and the information furnished by the Division that the individuals referred to by Mr. Foy may be associated with the Parker-Karpis gang.

Louis Foy was interviewed at 295 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., which is his home. He is apparently an observant gentleman about seventy years of age. He states that about May, 1934, one middle-aged woman and two younger women, who are supposed to be her daughters, rented the ground floor apartment, which contains approximately four rooms, in the house at 294 Pacific Street; that they were joined by another middle-aged woman about July 20, 1934. He is unable to give any comprehensive descriptions of these four women. He states that these women are visited by men driving four different cars, and he secured the following license numbers, and their owners, as secured from the N. Y. Police Department, are shown as follows:

7-L-5116-Issued to Charles Blackburn, 1306 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn, NY for 1929 Chevrolet Coupe

7-L-9493-Issued for a Buick automobile to Amerito Sasam, Washington Park, Brooklyn, NY

2-K-4336-Issued for a Chevrolet car to Rocco Ruzzo, 1618 91st St., Brooklyn, NY

9-K-5846-Issued for a Buick car to Pelsie McGuire, 9023 Avenue N, Brooklyn, NY

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Mr. Foy further states that Daniel Corbett, who is the rental agent for 294 Pacific St., and who lives on the second floor above these women, told Peter Coogan (an ex-convict), who resides at 293 Pacific St., that these women were from the South; that they were a mother and two daughters who had come up to take jobs in Brooklyn; however, that these parties do not work. Mr. Foy states that neither Coogan nor Corbett can be trusted. He states he overheard Corbett giving this information to Coogan.

He states that one of the above cars is a Ford V-8 black Sedan, with N.Y.license plates number 9-K-5846, and that the occupants of this car used to visit these women regularly up until the night newspapers reported Dillinger was killed in Chicago; that up until that time two men always sat in the rear seat of the car and a woman sat in the front seat with a man who, he states, resembles Fred Barker. He states this man was about 32 to 35 years old; 5'4" tall; that the woman always carried a small paper market bag into the house when going to call on the women and would always bring this same market bag out when leaving the house - (may have had pistol in bag). He stated the women always followed her out and the two men stayed in the car, until the evening of Dillinger's killing, when one of the party bought a newspaper carrying the item about Dillinger's death and showed it to the two men in the rear of the car, whereupon all four occupants went into the apartment where the women lived. He cannot give any description of the women or the men who came to call on the occupants at 292 Pacific Street.

The New York Office is making investigation to determine the identity of the parties driving the automobiles carrying license plates as given above, and will make appropriate investigation to determine the identity of the occupants at 294 Pacific Street to ascertain whether they are connected with the Barker-Karpis gang.

Mr. Foy's home is directly across the street from these women and he has offered to allow his front room to be used for purposes of observing the parties at 294 Pacific Street, if this is deemed desirable. The New York Office will report later on further developments on this matter.

Very truly yours,

C. X. Fay

F. X. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc/N.Y.File 7-120

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

August 27, 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 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 reply to your letter of August 16, 1934, requesting advice as to whether Mrs. Anna Spencer, Muskegon, Michigan, had been interviewed by an Agent of this office concerning the whereabouts of subject Floyd, I wish to advise that Mrs. Spencer was recently interviewed by Special Agent T.F. Mullen, and a report will be submitted at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

M.H.PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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62-1649

cc Kansas City

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August 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Latent fingerprint examination being conducted in connection with the cases designated as BREKID and KANMO.

The fingerprints of Mrs. Jack Snyder alias Mildred Height, #17073 Police Department, Omaha, Nebraska, who has been named as a possible suspect in connection with these cases, have been compared with the latent prints previously developed in both the BREKID and KANMO cases, but in no instance was an identification effected.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - St. Paul
Kansas City.

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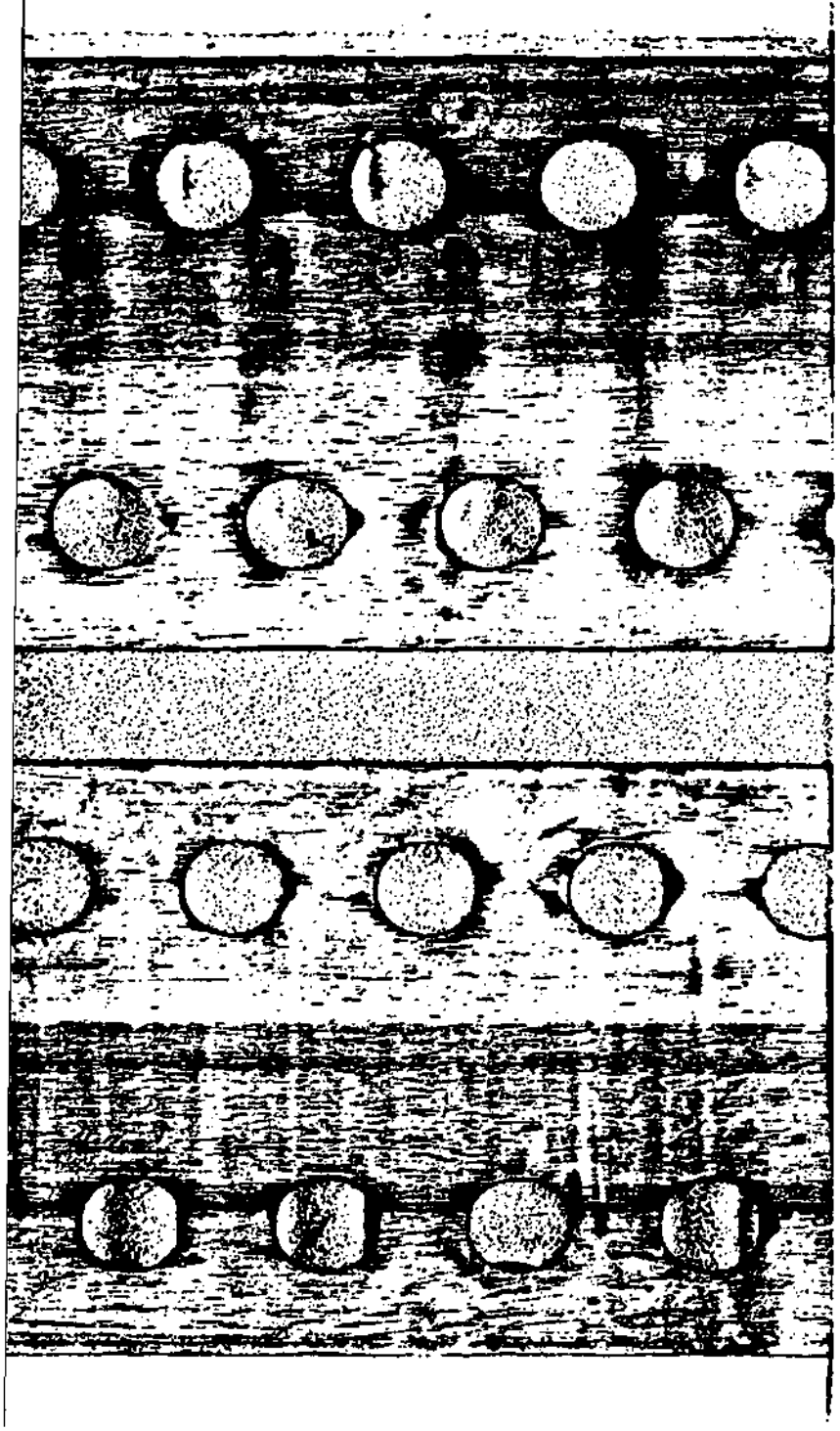

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E. A. TAMM

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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August 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

With reference to Mr. Newby's request of August 21, 1934, in which he asked that a temporary wanted notice be placed against Irene Goetz alias Watkins, there are attached hereto abstracts of the criminal records of five persons bearing this name. These are the only records bearing such name in our files. It is thought that you may wish to indicate which of these persons is identical or possibly identical to the Irene Goetz concerned.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

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These are not the Irene in which the Division is interested.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 23, 1934.

The following is an abstract of the fingerprint record of one Irene Watkins, on file in the Division of Investigation:

> Subject as Irene Watkins, #18995, received State Prison, Raleigh, N. C., (date not given), from Forsyth County, crime larceny from person; sentence 5 years. (Print received January 12, 1925).

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 23, 1934.

The following is an abstract of the fingerprint record of one Irene Watkins, on file in the Division of Investigation:

> Subject as Irene Watkins, #5617, received Asylum and Jail, Washington, D. C., November 7, 1933, crime disorderly; sentence $5.00 - 5 days.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 23, 1934.

The following is an abstract of the fingerprint record of one Irene Watkins, on file in the Division of Investigation:

Subject as Irene Watkins, #132813, Police Department, Philadelphia, Pa., arrested February 10, 1933, charge homicide.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 23, 1934.

The following is an abstract of the fingerprint record of one Irene Watkins, on file in the Division of Investigation:

> Subject as Irene Watkins, #6627-B, Police Department, Tacoma, Wash., arrested March 18, 1933, charge vagrancy and hold for Board of Health; fined $25 and costs and 10 days.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 23, 1934.

The following is an abstract of the fingerprint record of one Irene Watkins, on file in the Division of Investigation:

Subject as Irene Watkins, #51301, Police Department, San Francisco, California, arrested June 6, 1934, charge grand theft.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

August 27, 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 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 - 62-1649

Dear Sir:

[redacted], has in the past acted as an informant in the instant case. The Kansas City office quite some time ago requested that [redacted] be re-interviewed for any information he may have concerning the contacts of "Pretty Boy" Floydin Kansas City, Missouri. I received information that [redacted] However, the records of the Chicago Police Department reveal that [redacted] It is desired that the Division determine if the fingerprint records for this individual disclose that he is now serving a penitentiary sentence in the State of New Jersey.

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[redacted] is described as follows:

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Very truly yours,

M.H.PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby I am transmitting herewith seven copies of an abstract of the criminal record of [redacted]

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Respectfully,

L. T. Schilder.

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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:

Under date of August 27, 1934, the Chicago office made inquiry of the Division concerning [redacted] in view of a request from the Kansas City office some time ago to have [redacted] re-interviewed for any information he may have concerning the contacts of subject Floyd in Kansas City, Missouri. The Chicago office was in receipt of information to the effect that [redacted]

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The Chicago office was furnished with the criminal record reflected by the files of the Identification Unit of the Division which reflects that [redacted] The disposition is not reflected. Copies of this record are being furnished the New York City and Kansas City Division offices. There are also forwarded herewith a copy of a letter dated September 6, 1934, addressed to the Division by the Kansas City office and a copy of the report of Special Agent E. F. Trainor referred to therein.

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The Division desires that [redacted] be interviewed along the lines suggested in the letter of the Kansas City office. The interview should be conducted in an extremely tactful manner. It should be borne in mind that the Division was not aware of the identity of [redacted] while he was being used by the Chicago Division office as an informant under the name of [redacted]

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure 62-316

cc Kansas City
Chicago (with encls.)

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September 6, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated August 27, 1934, I am attaching the record revealed through a search of the identification files of this Division in the case of the following:

[redacted]

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enc. #790129.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

August 27, 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 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 of August 16, 1934 requesting advice as to the status of the investigation concerning Bernard Phillips.

I wish to advise that investigation has been conducted along the lines suggested, and a report is now being prepared relative to this.

Very truly yours,

M.H.PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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62-1649

cc Kansas City

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI CHICAGO FILE NO. 62-1649

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CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. C. J. Dwyer, under the name of Mrs. Anna Spencer, advised the Division she had information concerning Charles Arthur Floyd. Individual apparently from Arkansas advised Mrs. Dwyer's husband at Rochester, Minnesota, that he knew the present whereabouts of Floyd.

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REFERENCE: Division letter, dated August 16, 1934.

DETAILS:

DETAILS: In connection with a letter addressed to the Director on July 26, 1934 by Mrs. Anna Spencer of 165 West Muskegon Avenue, Muskegon, Michigan, on August 24, 1934, agent called at 145 West Muskegon Avenue, Muskegon, Michigan, for the purpose of interviewing Mrs. Anna Spencer, but found that nobody by that name lived there. He did locate Mrs. C. J. Dwyer, who stated that in addressing the above mentioned letter to the Division at Washington, she used the name of Mrs. Anna Spencer for the purpose of concealing her true identity from outsiders. The letter in question referred to "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

She stated that on July 5, 1934 she and her husband arrived at Rochester, Minnesota, it being the purpose of Mrs. Dwyer to enter the Mayo Brothers Clinic; that they were there from July 5 to 8, 1934, or possibly a day later; that while she was in the clinic her husband, Charles J. Dwyer,

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was sitting in a small park immediately adjoining the clinic, and he had a conversation with an individual concerning "Pretty Boy" Floyd. About this time Charles J. Dwyer, who is a railroad engineer on the Pere Marquette Railroad, operating between Muskegon and Grand Rapids, Michigan, returned home. He stated that while he was sitting in a park at the Mayo Brothers Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, he entered into a conversation with a man whose name he did not know but who stated he was from Arkansas and had an Arkansas license number on his automobile, which Mr. Dwyer did not take and does not remember; that the conversation first started in connection with Dillinger and his mob and gradually drifted to "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Mr. Dwyer stated that this individual advised that he knew where "Pretty Boy" Floyd was; that he, the stranger, lived about forty miles from the address of Floyd and that Floyd goes about the streets and town about forty miles from this stranger's home, unmolested. Mr. Dwyer stated this individual made a remark concerning the police of this town in which "Pretty Boy" Floyd is said to be located, but that he was unable to recall just what it was. Mr. Dwyer advised that he asked the stranger why he did not turn in Pretty Boy Floyd to the authorities so that he, the stranger, might receive a reward. The stranger replied that he was from the South, so was Floyd, and that they do not do that, meaning turn in one another down there.

Mr. Dwyer stated that this man had the appearance of being a farmer and was very talkative; that they talked about crops. Mr. Dwyer is of the firm belief that this individual or possibly a friend or relative registered at the Mayo Brothers Clinic because only the automobiles of the individuals at the clinic are parked in the immediate vicinity where Mr. Dwyer had his conversation with the stranger. According to Mr. Dwyer, patients at the clinic must give their street address at Rochester and also their home address.

Mr. Dwyer stated that this individual became so talkative that he might be termed a "hot air artist". He described this man as being about 40 or 45 years of age, 5'10" tall, weight 190 lb., having the appearance of a farmer. Mr. Dwyer added that the stranger, during the conversation, said to him, "Why, I can take you right to where "Pretty Boy" Floyd lives".

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

ST. PAUL OFFICE: At the Mayo Brothers Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, is requested to attempt to identify any individuals who were registered at that clinic from the state of Arkansas between July 5 and 8, 1934. If these individuals are not too numerous, it is possible that the person claiming to know the whereabouts of "Pretty Boy" Floyd might be located, as the informant believes that it was either this individual or some of his relatives who were registered at the Mayo Brothers Clinic.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

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326½ Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.
August 28, 1934.

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 Federal Prisoner.

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With reference to Division letter of August 17, 1934, to the Jacksonville office, copy of which was furnished this office, relative to the above entitled case, the files of the Bureau of Identification, Police Department, New Orleans, Louisiana, covering the arrest of Charles A. Hatfield, alias C. A. Hatfield, No. 9371, November 16, 1926, show that the affidavit filed against him for violation of Act 1436, D. & S., was dismissed on November 19, 1926, and that no other person was arrested with him. There is no information available in the police files reflecting who Hatfield's associates are. This record shows that Charles A. Hatfield, under the alias of Frank R. Moran, old New Orleans Police Department #1788, was arrested on December 5, 1913, as a suspect and charges were dismissed on December 15, 1913.

Disposition sheet is attached covering the two arrests of Hatfield by the Police at New Orleans.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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September 7, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith two copies of the criminal record of Charles A. Hatfield, #9371, New Orleans Police Department.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
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August 27, 1934

Director,
Division of Investigation,
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1001 Vermont Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of August 15, 1934, requesting investigation at the Chicago Police Department in connection with the arrest of Betty McFadden, your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent R.C.Suran, dated June 28, 1934, Chicago, which sets forth the details of this arrest. At the time of this investigation, it was determined that no confederates were involved in the offense with subject Galatas and Betty McFadden.

Further inquiry of the Chicago Police Department revealed that at the time of the arrest of Betty McFadden and Richard Galatas, it was not the policy of the Police Department to make group or full-length photographs, and therefore none are available of these individuals from that source.

Very truly yours,

M.H.PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Kansas City

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO

KANSO REFER MCE YOUR LETTER TO KANSAS CITY AUGUST 28TH INSTANT INFORMANT FURNISHES INFORMATION CONSISTENT WITH INFORMATION SET FORTH YOUR LETTER TO DIVISION DATED AUGUST 11, 1933 AND PAGES 64 ET SEQ REPORT AGENT KLATING DATED JULY 31 1933 EXHIBIT PHOTOS INSTANT CASE TO INFORMANT [redacted] INCLUDING PHOTOS BARKER-KARPIS GANG TONY DEGRACIA AND HENRY BECKMAN ETAL GIVE IMMEDIATE THOROUGH VIGOROUS ATTENTION

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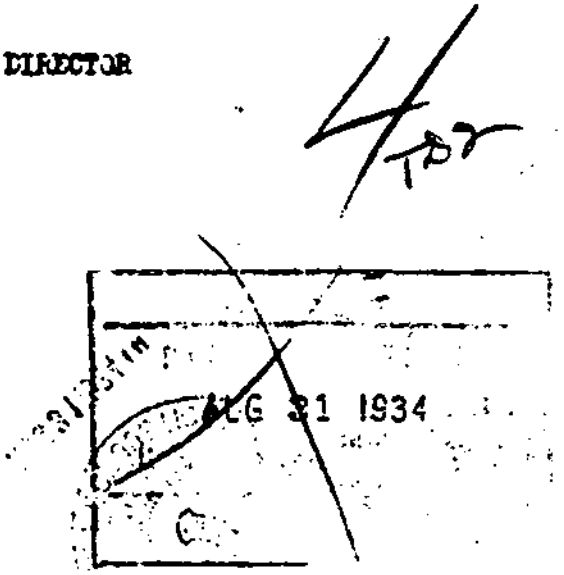

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1930 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

August 28, 1934

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

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD 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:

On August 3, 1934, [redacted] an informant called at the Chicago Division office and informed Special Agent J.P.McCarthy that he possessed information regarding the Kansas City massacre. He stated that the party of men responsible for this massacre was organized at the O.P.Inn when that place was operated by Doc Stacci, and the machine guns used in the massacre were furnished through Elmer Farmer, who operates a tavern at Bensonville, Illinois.

[redacted] stated that the only member of the party known to him was "Jelly", whose correct name he does not know; that "Jelly's wife was cooking for Doc Stacci at the O.P.Inn prior to the massacre, and he believes Jelly's wife was arrested at the time Doc Stacci was taken into custody.

According to [redacted] this group of men, including Jelly was driven to Kansas City by a young brother of Doc Stacci, and he believes this brother's name to be John.

[redacted] furnished further information that after the massacre Farmer drove Jelly 200 miles northwest on the Northwest Highway from Bensonville, Illinois, where it is believed that someone else was to pick him up and drive him to an unknown destination. [redacted] stated that Farmer's place is the "hottest" place in the United States; that sooner or later members of all criminal gangs contact Farmer, who furnishes machine guns and weapons.

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[redacted] stated that he was going to Farmer's place on the date of this interview, and he would endeavor to develop additional information concerning this case, as well as the Brenner and Dillinger cases. Of course, it is known that the alias of Frank Nash is Jelly, and that Mrs. Nash was formerly a cook at the O.P.Inn, and the information given by [redacted] in this regard is obviously correct.

Information has previously been furnished this office concerning Farmer's place referred to by the informant, but no investigation has been made concerning it. However, such investigation as is possible will be made to determine Farmer's connection. It is not known if this Farmer, whose name is believed to be Elmer Farmer, is related to the subject of this case.

[redacted] has not returned to the Chicago Division office since August 3, 1934, and his reliability is not known to this office.

Very truly yours,

M.H.MURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Division ✓

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In accordance with Mr. Newby's request there are transmitted herewith two copies of the transcript of the criminal record of the following:

Charles Cargatto #395307	Thomas Filbin #791752
Harry Sandovich #421335	Joe Ann Scott #387096

There are transmitted herewith also two copies of a transcript of the criminal record and two photographs of each of the following:

William Westerman #320147	K. J. Davenport #128820
John Roland #515130	Edward Milhite #75884
Herbert Black #9271	Edw. Ewald #481444
John Smith #545300	James Simmons #125426
Hubert Bleigh #242514	Samuel Schraiger #182772
John Patrick Ferrick #535809	John Peter Peiffer #70015
Charles Arthur Floyd #24655	Polly Walker #105880
Chas. J. Fitzgerald #95720	Frank Migro #152213
Charley Cotner #712512	Joe Soltis #72690
Russell Gibson #57625	Louis Stacey #693501
Chas. Adams #185726	Rocco DeGrazia #389499
Volney Davis #40041	James M. Hays #164126
Fred Barker #59163	Sam Terrin #196876
Harry Campbell #419856	Jack Sewell #207948
Bonnie Migro #137966	Morris Roisner #325039
Frank Nulloy #392709	Lou Conner #729840
Bernard Phillips #328905	Jess Doyle #99402
Billie Fitch #545339	Mary Crawford #681134
Richard Galatas #138950	Earl Doyle #111174
Dorothie Bayman #524630	Mrs. Glenn Morris #811220

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Harry A. Sawyer, USP Leavenworth #29022
Mick Dragna, PD Kansas City, Mo. #21307
Bertha Engler, PD Kansas City, Mo. #20406
Lillian Holden, PD Kansas City, Mo. #20398
Marjorie Keating, PD Kansas City, Mo. #20397
Leon Glickman, USP, Leavenworth #27307

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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...nd the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Kansas City, Missouri, August 24, 1934.

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DIVISION ONE

M. H. Purvis
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers' Building
Chicago, Illinois

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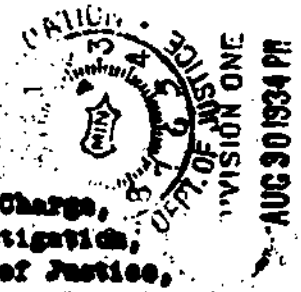

1216 Smith Young Tower,
San Antonio, Texas,
August 26, 1934.

DEPT. OF JUSTICE
DIVISION ONE
AUG 30 1934 PM

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

RE: VERNON S. MILLER,
with aliases (deceased) Et Al
Conspiracy to Deliver
Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated Kansas City, Missouri June 11, 1934 and to the letter addressed by the El Paso office dated May 18, 1934 to the San Antonio office.

Agent C. R. Davis at Brownsville, Texas through the cooperation of D. P. Gay, Inspector in Charge, U. S. Border Patrol, Lynn Austin, Manager, and W. R. Hyslop, Assistant Manager, El Jardin Hotel, was furnished information that George Saldo, a gambler, and Louie Sweed stayed at Matamoros, Mexico and Brownsville, Texas and were supposed to have gambling concessions at Matamoros, Nuevo Laredo and Monterey, Mexico for possibly off and on for six months; that on several occasions they would be joined by one or two other parties who would only be seen with them for possibly one or two days, but there was no one seen with them that resembled subject Galatas, Fugitive, I. O. #1201. Mr. Hyslop stated that on one occasion Sweed introduced a party to him by the name of Allen but was unable to furnish given name or description of Allen, stating, however, that Allen was not Galatas.

Information was furnished that in December a Mr. Bernstein came to Brownsville and contacted Sweed and George Saldo, where he remained a few days and left supposedly for Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Austin stated to Agent Davis that on the date John Lania was killed in Kansas City George Saldo and his wife came to the hotel and stated that they had been informed of the killing while they were at Matamoros, Mexico and that they left Brownsville immediately for Kansas City, Missouri; that he was under the impression that Mrs. Saldo was related to the Mr. Bernstein who had been in Brownsville in December, 1933. Mr. Austin and Mr. Hyslop stated that George Saldo was now at the President Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri.

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They stated that Louie Sweed left Matamoros, Mexico and Brownsville, Texas about two weeks ago, stating he was going to Houston, Texas and would stop at the Penn Hotel; that Sweed stated that he was going to open up a chain of saloons in Houston and Galveston, Texas and would be

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connected with a big gambling house across the street from the Rice Hotel, Houston, Texas. Both Mr. Austin and Mr. Hyslop said that they suspicioned Saldo and Swoed of being mixed up with smuggling. However, they had no definite information further than their personal suspicions.

D. P. Gay, Inspector of the U. S. Border Patrol, stated that he had confidential information that both Saldo and Swoed were connected with gambling houses at Matamoros, Nuevo Laredo, Monterey and possibly Juarez, Mexico [redacted] that Saldo had a friend at Kansas City by the name of Solly Shear at the Philips Hotel and sometimes got his mail through Shear; that at Matamoros a Mexican gambler by the name of Casas was very close to both of them.

There was no information obtained that Galatas had ever been to Brownsville or Matamoros. This information is being furnished you that if in your opinion you deem it advisable to interview George Saldo at the President Hotel as to any information he may have of Galatas you may do so.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc- Division
1- El Paso
1- Dallas

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August 29, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the case of Vernon C. Miller with aliases (deceased), et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, and the case of John Herbert Dillinger with aliases (deceased), et al; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act and Fugitive, there are being transmitted under separate cover by registered mail to your office the specimens of bullets and shells recovered at the scene of the Plaza and Lazia killings, which were loaned to the Laboratory by Mr. Merle Gill. They are to be returned to Mr. Gill in accordance with the understanding reached when he was in Washington.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

T. D. Quinn,
Acting Assistant Director.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 27, 1934

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Mr. E. E. Keyes, Postmaster,
Earleboro, Oklahoma.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
(Deceased), et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal
Prisoner - Obstruction of Justice.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your communication dated August 25, 1934, there is transmitted herewith a supply of self-addressed envelopes for forwarding mail tracings to this office.

I wish to express my appreciation for your cooperation in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division

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DIVISION ONE
AUG 30 1934

3951 Navy Building,
Washington, D. C.

August 29, 1934.

Hon. Sterling Hutcheson,
United States Attorney,
Richmond, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated August 28, 1934 concerning information that "Pretty Boy" Floyd is report to have been in Virginia for the past several months.

I certainly appreciate the reporting of this information by you and will cause an immediate investigation to be instituted to ascertain whether subject Floyd is in this vicinity.

Very truly yours,

L. R. PENNINGTON, Assistant
Special Agent in Charge.

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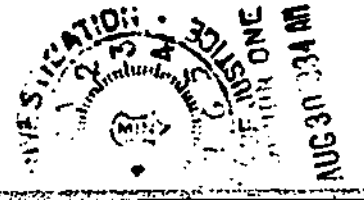

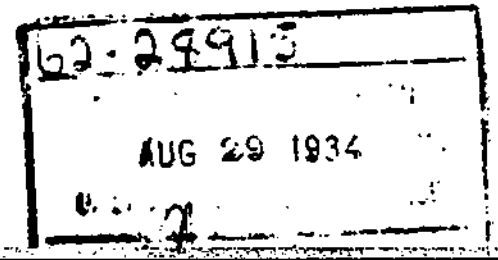

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 27, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased);
RICHARD FALLMAN 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.

I am in receipt and have carefully noted the three memoranda submitted by Agent Lawrance, dated at Fort Smith, Arkansas August 24th, together with criminal record of Lewis Austin attached thereto.

I am of the opinion that these may be made the subject of a regular report in this case.

Confirming our telephone conversation this morning, I believe that Lawrance should contact Agent Smith for conference at an early date.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD NATHAN,
Assistant Director.

cc Division
Kansas City

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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WAR:LS

Post Office Box 419,
Nashville, Tennessee,
August 27, 1934.

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

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Dec'd);
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 my letter to the St. Louis Office under date of August 11, 1934 concerning confidential informant, [redacted]

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[redacted] was recently interviewed by Special Agent Wm. T. Morton of this office and she advised him that she had received the information set out in my letter of the 11th instant from certain men who visited her a short time ago but whose names she refused to disclose. She stated that the men advised her that Galatas is now in need of money and was making an effort to obtain some through friends in St. Louis and that undoubtedly effort would be made to obtain money for Galatas through Tom Kearney.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Louis

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

August 22, 1934.

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

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In re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased)
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. #1201.
CHARLES ARTHUR "Pretty Boy" FLOYD, with
aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1194.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your communication of July 12, 1934, requesting that a cover be placed on the mail of the relatives of Beulah and Rose Baird at West Alton, Mo., I am enclosing herewith tracings of a letter directed Mrs. Mary Beard, West Alton, Mo. which is postmarked at Kansas City, Mo., August 16th, 1934 and bore the return address of 1818 Newton Ave., Kansas City, Mo. Also a letter directed to Mrs. M. J. Beard, West Alton, Mo. postmarked at Kansas City, Mo., August 8th, 1934, which bore the return address of Carty, 8009 Troost, Kansas City, Mo.

You will note on the tracing of the last mentioned letter the statement by the Postmaster at West Alton, Ill. that a letter was mailed by Mrs. M. C. Beard to Mr. John Vroon, 807 Cherry St., Kansas City, Mo. The date this letter was mailed was not furnished.

For your further information, in this connection Mrs. Marie Maas, the postmaster at West Alton, advised the St. Louis office, by letter of August 3, 1934, that since Mrs. Ethel Golden had left West Alton Mrs. Beard had mailed two letters, one addressed to Mrs. Ethel Golden, 601 E. 8th St., Kansas City, Mo. in care of Floyd. The other was addressed to Miss Alice Hendricks, 1818 Newton, Kansas City, Mo.

It appears that this letter information was not furnished your office at the time it was received.

Very truly yours,

R. K. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 25, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased);
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I. C. #1202; CHARLES ARTHUR
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. C. #1194, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner -
Obstruction of Justice.

The receipt is acknowledged of your communication of August 22, 1934, in which reference is made to the effect that you wrote a letter to either the Birmingham or Jacksonville office concerning mail dispatched to some point in Georgia by relatives of Floyd. The file indicates that this letter was written by you on February 8, 1934, copies of which were furnished the Division and Kansas City. The file also reflects investigation in respect to this matter was made by the Birmingham office and is covered in the report of Special Agent J. H. Hansen in this case, dated March 20, 1934.

With reference to that portion of your letter concerning some Browns in Albuquerque, mentioned as relatives of Floyd and with whom Special Agent C. H. Franklin of this office is well acquainted, Agent Franklin informs me that he belonged to practically all the rifle and gun clubs around Albuquerque, but he has no memory of any Browns there who are supposed to be relatives of Floyd, nor does he have in mind any particular Browns who were members of any of the gun or rifle clubs with whom he has, at any time, engaged in any shoots.

Should you possess further details concerning the relatives of Floyd by the name of Brown, I should like to be furnished therewith.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division
Kansas City
Little Rock

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 24, 1934

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Postmaster,
Coalgate, Oklahoma.

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.

This is in confirmation of an oral request recently made of you by Agent J. M. O'Leary of this office that a thirty-day cover be placed on the mail of Marie Kerriel, E. E. Kerriel and Mary Kerriel, alias Mary Brown of Coalgate.

Please furnish tracings of such mail as is received by these individuals to this office. Such tracings should include the name of the addressee, the postmark and the return address, if any. A piece of thin white paper can be used advantageously in making these tracings.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

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DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 24, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. KILLER, 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.

With reference to your recent request that certain material be obtained at Sallisaw, Oklahoma for use in connection with the mail cover of the Louquets at Freehold, New Jersey, please be advised that Agent F. S. Smith has been to Sallisaw for the purpose of obtaining these materials and found that Postmaster Wheeler Mayo is absent and is presently in the State of Colorado. He is expected back shortly. Some of these materials will, of necessity, have to be obtained through Mr. Mayo. It was not thought advisable to contact any other employee at the Post Office. Mayo will return shortly and this matter will be given immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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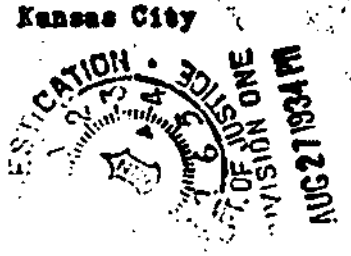

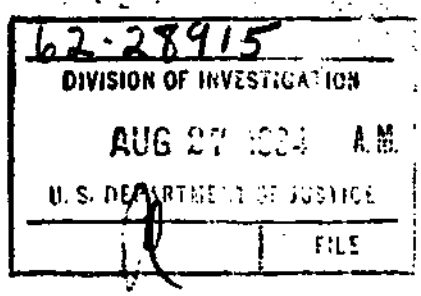

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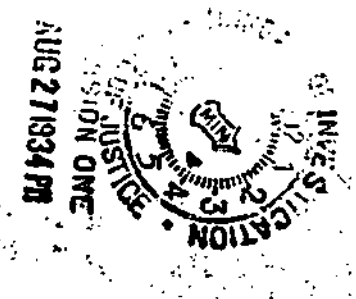

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.
Kansas City, Missouri

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

Dear Sir: L. A. FILE 62-964

On Aug. 15, 1934, Acting Agent in Charge M. C. Spears of the Kansas City Office telephoned the Los Angeles Division Office furnishing information regarding one ORDEN or LAURDEN, last name being either CURRY OR PERRY, who is supposed to have resided at 6619½ Main Street, Los Angeles, Calif., and advising that MEYER BERMAN and PHILIP T. LASCUOLO are believed to be presently staying with this woman.

An immediate investigation was conducted by this office and, as Acting Agent in Charge Sackett informed Mr. Spears by telephone during the afternoon of August 15th, there is no such address as 6619½ South Main Street in Los Angeles, and North Main Street does not run that far.

Investigation in the 6600 block on south Main Street, and, in fact, of the entire neighborhood, failed to reflect any person who had ever lived there by the name of CURRY or PERRY. Investigation through the usual sources failed to develop any information regarding this person.

In the event you secure any further information relative to this matter a further check will be made here, particularly in the event you secure the names of the two sisters of the CURRY woman who are supposed to be residing in Pasadena, Calif.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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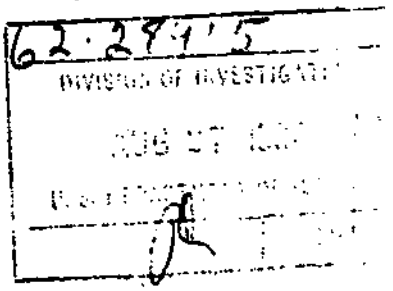

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 24, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased);
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1801; CHARLES ARTHUR
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1194, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner -
Obstruction of Justice.

Attached hereto you will find a copy of my report, dated August 23d, in the above-captioned case and from which you will observe that a man by the name of Combs from Wilburton, Oklahoma has stated that a man by the name of Shockley at Owensville, Missouri has possibly harbored Floyd. Combs also has a son living at Owensville.

Although the story related by Combs is possibly an exaggeration, it is deemed advisable to have immediate investigation conducted at Owensville and interview Shockley and the son of Combs for any information they might be able to furnish concerning Floyd and Raboteau.

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AUG 27 1934 PM

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Kansas City

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 24, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

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.

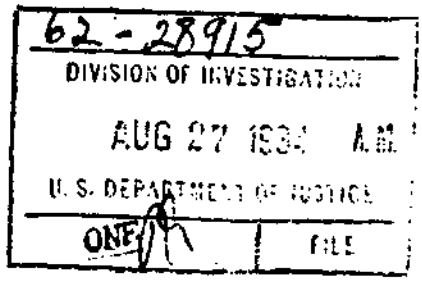
I am in receipt of memorandum reports of Special Agent Lawrance of August 22d, based upon said Agent's report of August 18th and August 21st, based upon reports of Special Agent in Charge Conroy of August 13th and August 22d, and based upon the Little Rock file, as well as rough draft copy of report of Agent Lawrance dated August 20th. The memorandum reports may be made a subject of a regular report in due course.

It is noted that Agent Lawrance is refraining from investigative activity on the Missouri side of the State line. I believe it would be better not to pay too much attention to observing State lines in this investigation. I think that Agent Lawrance might well investigate the filling station lead in McDonald County, Missouri and might also, under the circumstances, in the near future, investigate the lead at Branson, Taney County, Missouri. Should the Kansas City office possess sources of information of real value in those localities, they will notify the Little Rock office.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD NATHAN,
Assistant Director.

cc Division
Kansas City
Agt. Lawrance



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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased);
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1801; CHARLES ARTHUR
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1194, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner -
Obstruction of Justice.

Referring to your communication to the Division of August 22d in the above-mentioned matter, it is noted that Agent Andersen and informant [redacted] expect that the leads upon which they are currently engaged may require investigation in Oklahoma and Arkansas. I believe it would be well if they operate in the localities mentioned for Agent Andersen to contact Agent Frank Smith who is headquartering at the Hotel Baltimore, Muskogee, Oklahoma, and Agent R. E. Lawrance, whose temporary headquarters are at the Park Hotel, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, inasmuch as leads upon which these Agents are working may possibly coincide or otherwise with those under consideration by Agent Andersen and the Kansas City informant.

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Very truly yours,

HAROLD NATHAN,
Assistant Director.

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R. B. WHITE
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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

San Francisco, Calif.
Aug. 23, 1934.

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1900 BANKERS BLDG.
CHICAGO, ILL.

KANMO IRENE GOETZ LOCATED OAKDALE CALIFORNIA STOP LEFT TWO PM TODAY CUSTODY OF MOTHER VIA SANTA FE FOR HOME WILMINGTON ILLINOIS WHERE SCHEDULED ARRIVE TWO THIRTY PM SUNDAY SUGGEST PROMPT INTERVIEW.

GUINANE.

Charge: GOVT. RATE.
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
405 Postoffice Bldg.
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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 17, 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 -
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Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner -
Obstruction of Justice.

With reference to the killing of John Lazia in Kansas City, and with particular reference to your letter of August 15th, indicating that a search is to be made for the purpose of locating Meyer Berman, et al., in connection with a possible implication in the Kansas City killings, I have wondered how soon after the killing of Lazia, the Kansas City office was permitted to inspect the machine gun or the shells emanating from the machine gun allegedly used in the killing. My purpose in making this tentative inquiry is to point out, as is already known to the Kansas City and other Division offices, the unreliability of the Kansas City Police Department and the fact that the substitution or planting of evidence is one of the favorite recreations of said department.

The theory may be wild and fantastic, but some consideration might be given to the thought that the Kansas City Police have been in possession or were cognizant of the location of the machine gun used in the Kansas City killings for some time; that the killing of Lazia was a matter in which the Kansas City Police were peculiarly interested, because of Lazia's control of the Kansas City Police Department, and that in order to bring the Division into a nation-wide search for the killers of Lazia, the machine gun used in the Kansas City killings was planted in the Lazia case.

As I say, this theory may seem highly fantastical, but its probability would not be beyond the capacity of the Kansas City Police. For this reason, I am interested in knowing the circumstances attendant upon the bringing before the Kansas City office of information as to the use of the machine gun in the Lazia killing.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD NATHAN
Assistant Director.

cc Division

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603 A-U.S.Court House & P.O.Bldg.
Salt Lake City, Utah.

August 22, 1934.

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

Dear sir:

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

Answering your letter of August 20, 1934 you will find attached hereto one copy of each of the reports of agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City, Utah, office dated 6-26-1933 and 10-24-1933 and agent John A. Dowd dated 7-3-1933.

Very truly yours,

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John A. Dowd.
Special Agent in Charge.

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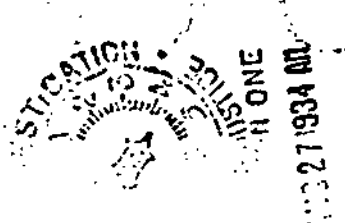

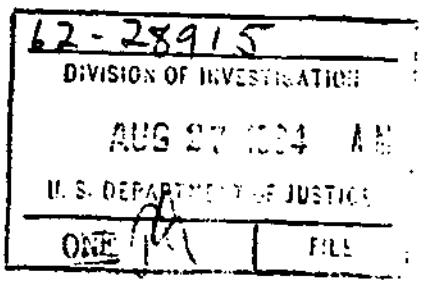

420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

August 25, 1934.

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

RE: Vernon C. Miller, w.a. (deceased)
Richard Tallman Galatas, w.a. -
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201;
Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, w.a.-
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194; et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your letter of 8/15/34 concerning the individual found murdered at Shamrock, Texas on 8/14/34; you are advised that investigation by this office developed that the identity of the person so murdered and found is that of JOE VICKERS, Oklahoma State Penitentiary # 21292,

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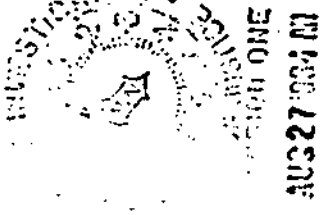

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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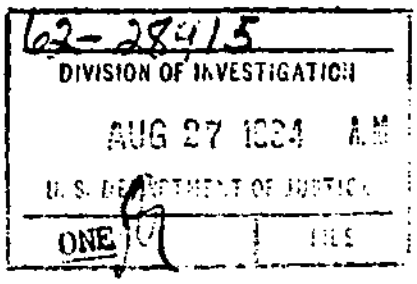

506 Fletcher Trust Building
Indianapolis, Indiana

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August 23,1934

Mr.A.C.Garrigus,
Post Office Inspector,
Federal Building,
Indianapolis,Ind.

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, et al.

Dear Sir:

Permit me to thank you for the information contained in your letter of the 22nd inst., which was furnished you by one Mrs. Floyd, 736 N.Delaware Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, to the effect that a man residing at 5021 E.14th Street may be identical with Charles A.Floyd, alias Pretty Boy Floyd.

Very truly yours,

H.H.REINECKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division

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M H PURVIS
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 21, 1934

EN:CG
62-456

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of memoranda from Agent Lawrance dated at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, August 18th in the matter of Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, (Deceased), et al.

It is possible, of course, that the individuals referred to as having been arrested on July 20, 1934 at Eureka Springs were Floyd, Racchetti, the Barkers, Karpis, et al., and any possible inquiries along these lines should be made. I am somewhat doubtful, however, as to the proven identity of these individuals, basing this doubt upon the fact that it would appear unlikely that all of said individuals would be together, and further, that if these were the individuals, it would not be probable that they could have been taken without some trouble even though they had been intoxicated. Further investigation in the vicinity of Eureka Springs would certainly appear to be justified, as suggested by Agent Lawrance.

It would appear that further inquiry might be made of Chief of Police Blackburn as to Walt Hamlin's offer to put Floyd "on the spot" in Oklahoma, that is, it might be possible to secure certain details of said offer, although Hamlin, of course, should not be interviewed. It is believed that such further inquiries as are possible should be made with the view to ascertaining the identity of the brother of Hamlin, who is reputed to be an officer of either the Sheriff's office or Police Department somewhere in Oklahoma.

Agent Lawrance's memoranda may be made the basis for a regular report.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD NATHAN,
Assistant Director.

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F J BLAKE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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KANMO ADVISE IF SHINE RUSH WANTED YOUR DISTRICT CONNECTION ANY NATIONAL BANK ROBBERY

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

August 28, 1934.

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

In re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Deceased
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. #1201.
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. #1194, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication directed to the Division, dated August 25, 1934, relating to your interview with Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins of the Kansas City Police Department concerning the recent killing in Kansas City of John Lazia. It is noted that Chief Higgins furnished you certain information relating to the activities of one Jack Griffin in Kansas City prior and subsequent to the Lazia killing.

In this connection, for such value as it may be to your office, I am transmitting herewith a communication directed to the Omaha Office, August 11, 1934, by R. S. Wilfley, Cashier of the First National Bank, Fairbury, Nebraska which relates to an interview by Mr. Wilfley with Chief of Detectives Higgins at Kansas City and his identification of Jack Griffin as one of the participants in the robbery of the First National Bank of Fairbury.

A copy of Mr. Wilfley's communication was transmitted to this office by Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni, Omaha, Nebr., August 15, 1934 and there was enclosed with his communication an anonymous letter which Mr. Wilfley had received from St. Louis, Mo., which stated in substance that he had erred in identifying Jack Griffin as one of the robbers. This anonymous letter was transmitted in cellophane and is being forwarded to you in the same manner. It has not been handled by anyone since it reached the St. Louis Office.

Very truly yours,

R. D. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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August 30, 1934

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:

Under date of August 7, 1934, the Division transmitted a photostatic copy 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 were 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 but the Division has not yet received a copy of the report covering this interview. You are instructed to give immediate attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

T. D. Quinn,
Acting Assistant Director.

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AUG 31 1934

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cc - Oklahoma City

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MR R B NATHAN
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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KANMO REFERENCE YOUR LETTER TO JACKSONVILLE AUGUST TWENTYFOURTH INSTANT HENRY BECKMAN ALIAS CURLY MENTIONED YOUR WIRE TO CHICAGO SAME DATE ARRESTED MIAMI FLORIDA MARCH THIRTYFIRST NINETEEN THIRTY TWO WITH LEE TURNER AND ROBERT BLAKE STOP BLAKE DESCRIBED TWENTYNINE FIVE FEET SIX INCHES ONE HUNDRED TWENTY

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ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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R H COLVIN
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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KANSO WILL AUTHORIZE PAYMENT ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO APPREHENSION CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD BUT SUGGEST ENDEAVOR OBTAIN INFORMATION FOR SMALLER SUM IF POSSIBLE

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ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Department of Justice

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WESTERN UNION — EL PASO TEXAS — AUGUST 30 1934

DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON D C

KANSAS PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER DIVISION OR DEPARTMENT WILL PAY AND WHAT AMOUNT FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO APPREHENSION CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD IDENTIFICATION ORDER NINETEEN NINE FOUR STOP HAVE RELIABLE FORMER CONVICT KNOWN TO ME WHO MAY BE ABLE TO DELIVER FOR CONSIDERATION

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August 30, 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 Sirs

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent H. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas, Missouri, August 22, 1934, which sets forth the results of an investigation relative to various contacts of Floyd and Richetti in Kansas City, Missouri. The Division feels that if this investigation is properly followed up in your district it will result in the early location and apprehension of both subjects.

It is noted that the report does not make reference to the letter of the Division dated July 31, 1934, wherein your attention was invited to a memorandum dated September 16, 1933, prepared by Special Agent L. M. Chipman, covering an interview with John L. Moore, a trusty at the Arkansas Training School for Girls. The Division desires information with respect to the possible connection of Cecil Cooley, #30643, State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, with subject Floyd and also whether Cooley is related to a member of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department.

The Division also made reference to Harry Harler and Informant F in this letter of July 31, 1934, but no communication has been received from you reporting the result of your contacts with these individuals.

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Those matters should be pressed forward vigorously.

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Very truly yours,
For the Director,

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T. D. Quinn,
Acting Assistant Director.

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

August 25, 1934

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Deceased; RICHARD TAILMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1191; ET AL. CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your telegraphic request of yesterday, there is enclosed, herewith, three photographs of Henry Beckman, Miami, Florida Police Department Number 6098.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division

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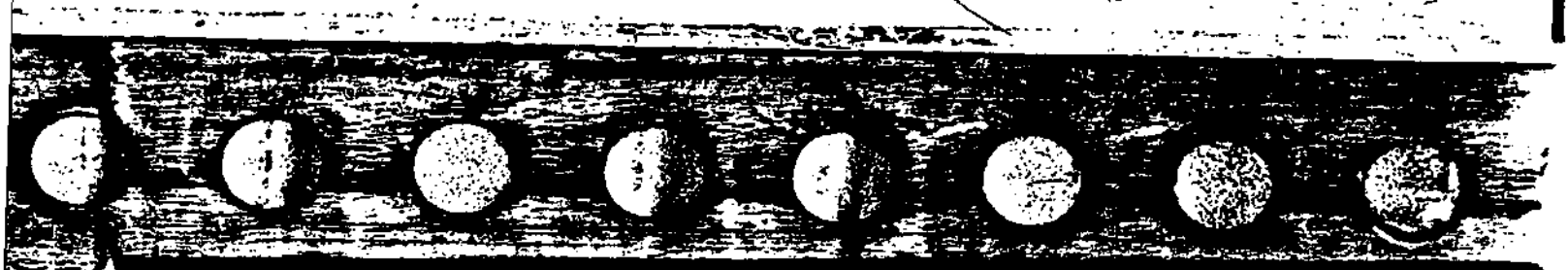

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R. B. Nathan,
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Kansas City, Missouri

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 28, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1801; CHARLES ARTHUR
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1194, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner -
Obstruction of Justice.

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of August 24th quoting a letter addressed to Mrs. Leon Louquet, Freehold, New Jersey, bearing an illegible postmark believed to be Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

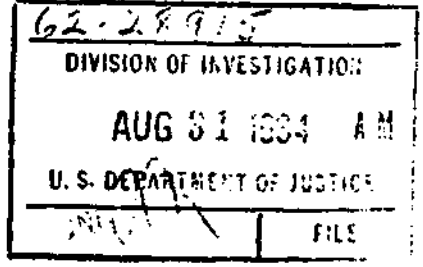
The information requested by you at Sallisaw has not yet been obtained owing to the fact that the one individual in the Post Office there who can be trusted has been absent, and it will be obtained and forwarded at the earliest possible moment.

While it is not desired to unduly emphasize one particular lead, it appears to the writer that if the author of the letter quoted in yours of August 24th had desired to acquaint a fleeing member of the family with the latest family news, she could not have done better than the letter in question. It would appear somewhat strange that in writing to an individual with whom she had apparently never been in contact before, she should have related the latest family news as indicated in said letter. Of course, the negative theory might be to the effect that this is rural practice, and that she did not know anything else to say. However, the former theory should be borne in mind.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD NATHAN,
Assistant Director.

cc Division
Kansas City



P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 28, 1934

HN:CG
62-456 -

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

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.

I am in receipt of memoranda from Agent Lawrance, dated August 25th and 26th respectively, both referring to Little Rock file No. 62-2, Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, (Deceased), et al, and the contents thereof have been noted.

Regarding the inquiry as to the possible desirability of Constable Pace proceeding with Agent Lawrance to Short, Oklahoma for the purpose of contacting one Rogers, Postmaster there, it is believed that they should await conference with Special Agent Smith, this being the subject matter of telephone conversation and communication of yesterday. This also applies to any contact on the part of Pace and Lawrance with Undersheriff Raymond Drake of Sallisaw.

With regard to the prospective trip of Constable Pace with newspaper photographers to Sallisaw and vicinity for the purpose of securing photographic material for a story on Floyd, and the inquiry of Agent Lawrance as to whether he may accompany Constable Pace and the photographer to Sallisaw on this trip, it is believed that this procedure would be extremely undesirable, as it is not desired that any representative of the Division make trips of this kind with representatives of newspapers for any reason. You will, of course, communicate this to Agent Lawrance.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD NATHAN,
Assistant Director.

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September 1, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1212; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1212, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Laboratory Report dated August 2[illegible], 1934, submitted in the case entitled JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases, et al., National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, wherein it is noted that the specimens fired from the Thompson submachine gun #7367, which were recovered in Chicago, Illinois on July 24, 1934, have been compared with the shells recovered at the scene of the Kansas City Massacre and at the scene of the Lewis murder in Kansas City, which occurred on the dates of June 17, 1933 and July 18, 1934, respectively, and the comparison resulted in the definite conclusion that the gun was used in both instances.

The Chicago office should immediately furnish the Kansas City Office with complete details surrounding the recovery of the machine gun in Lincoln Park, Chicago, Illinois on July 24, 1934.

Under date of August 25, 1934, Helen Ferguson, alias Helen Christman, in her statement made to Special Agents of the Chicago office, advised that her husband, Earl J. Christman participated in the Fairbury, Nebraska bank robbery during April, 1933 and was wounded and later died. The attention of all offices receiving a copy of this letter is directed to the letter of Inspector H. H. Clegg, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, May 8, 1934, submitted in the case entitled John Herbert Dillinger, with aliases, et al. wherein it is noted that Bessie Green stated that some time ago a bank at Fairbury, Nebraska was robbed and that those participating in the robbery were Frank Nash, Verne Miller, Ray Karpis, Fred Barker, "Doc" Barker, Eddie Green and a man whose first name was Earle, who was killed. Bessie Green further stated that the money obtained in this robbery was turned over to Harry Sawyer to

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exchange for other money, but that Sawyer kept a much larger percentage of the money than was intended, and that shortly thereafter he purchased a farm near the twin cities. Bessie Green stated that members of the gang frequently laughed and joked about having bought this farm for Sawyer. She further stated that the money was handled by Sawyer through Sam Taran, who took the money to Chicago for exchange.

A copy of Inspector Clegg's letter is being transmitted with a copy of this letter to the Omaha Office for its information.

The Omaha Office is instructed to obtain all of the information in the possession of the County Attorney at Fairbury, Nebraska relative to this robbery. The Division has in its files a letter dated October 23, 1933, signed by Arthur J. Denney, County Attorney, wherein he states that on April 4, 1933, the First National Bank of Fairbury, Nebraska was held up and robbed of about $150,000 in money and securities; that from a number of photographs exhibited to witnesses the photograph of Clyde Hamrick has been identified as one of the bandits, and consequently a wanted notice has been placed against the record of this individual in the files of the Identification Unit of the Division showing him to be wanted by the Fairbury, Nebraska authorities.

It appears that the original exhibits in the Fairbury, Nebraska robbery are now in the possession of Merle Gill, Ballistician, Kansas City, Missouri, and photographs of two shell cases fired from different Thompson submachine guns were furnished the Division with letter of Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, dated April 16, 1934. The Kansas City Office is instructed to make every effort to obtain temporary possession of the original exhibits in this case to be forwarded to the Technical Laboratory of the Division for comparison with the specimens fired from the submachine guns referred to above.

The Chicago Office is instructed to give immediate attention to the matter of tracing the Thompson submachine gun recovered in Lincoln Park, Chicago, Illinois on July 24, 1934.

All offices receiving a copy of this letter should give immediate and vigorous attention to all leads in their respective district

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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August 23, 1934.

John Herbert Dillinger with aliases, et al;
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One Thompson Sub-machine gun No. 9387.
One Colt super .38 automatic pistol, identification numbers removed.
Bullets in two containers 1303-C-D-1 and 1303-A-B in murder of Officer O'Brien, East Chicago, Indiana, May 24, 1934.

Chicago Office.

August 8, 1934.

Ballistic.

A comparison of specimens fired in Thompson Sub-machine gun No. 9387 with the shells recovered at the scene of the Kansas City murders at the Plaza in which an attempt was made to deliver federal prisoner Bush results in the definite conclusion that this is the gun from which those shells were fired. It is also concluded that it was this gun in which the shells recovered at the scene of the Lamia murder were fired.

A comparison of the test bullet fired through the gun with bullets and fragments in Gill's collection of specimens recovered at the scene of the Plaza murders does not result in any identification, although some of the marks agree. Many of these recovered specimens are worn smooth.

A further report will be made on the examination of the other specimens.

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO

RAMMO REFERENCE LETTER KANSAS CITY TO JACKSONVILLE AUGUST TWENTYFOURTH INDIVIDUAL ARRESTED WITH LEE TURNER IDENTICAL WITH HENRY BECKHAM ALIAS CURLY MENTIONED REPORT AGENT ACHAE DATED JACKSONVILLE AUGUST TWENTYFIRST INSTANT

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August 9, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In connection with the KANMO and Bremer cases there are set forth herein a few observations and suggestions as to the further conduct of investigations in these two cases.

In the KANMO case there appears to be no definite objective with respect to obtaining further evidence to build up the case, evidence which will definitely and conclusively identify the assassins and place them at the scene of the crime. We have definitely traced telephonic calls to Miller's home in Kansas City, where latent fingerprints obtained have been identified as those of Miller, Vivian Mathis, his paramour, and Adam Richetti. The markings on shells of machine gun bullets, found after the massacre have been tentatively identified as similar to markings found on the same caliber shell recovered at the scene of the Lazia shooting. This is an important development and should be an incentive to further investigative efforts on the part of the Kansas City Office. It has already been suggested to the Kansas City Office that the informant named [redacted] be further contacted with a view to obtaining additional information with respect to the opposing Italian factions, their gunmen, and arsenals. It is possible that Richetti was involved in both killings.

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I believe we should dig into the massacre case, at the same time obtaining as much information as possible in connection with the Lazia killing, because I feel as does the Director, that the people of Kansas City are looking to the Division to bring the massacre case to a successful conclusion. As I picture the situation with respect to the actual participants, it is believed that Richetti and Floyd, when they arrived at Kansas City the night of June 16th proceeded to or got in touch with a gangster hide-out coincident with Miller's efforts to get his gunmen lined up, and were instructed to go to Miller's home. We also have information through an informant [redacted] of the Chicago Office, that two gunmen carrying machine guns were observed leaving Doc Stacey's O-P Inn on the afternoon of June 16th; that the gunmen were identified as "Curly" Clouse and Rocco DeGrazia. The Kansas City Office also has an informant [redacted] who advised on June 20, 1933 that he had been approached in Kansas City, two days following the massacre, by a notorious underworld character,

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known to him only as "Curly" and was requested to arrange for the taking care of a wounded person. In spite of efforts to have him do so, [redacted] has not been able to identify the "Curly" to whom he referred. I cannot help but feel that this information with reference to "Curly", coming from two independent sources as it does, is of some significance and should be pursued further. As to the possibility that the Barkers or Karpis may have been involved in the actual slaying, we have information through an informant [redacted] of the St. Paul Office that on the morning of June 17th the Barkers and Karpis were eating at the Hollyhocks Inn when Jack Pfeiffer, owner and operator of this place, instructed one of the Barkers to go to Chicago. It will be recalled that a long distance telephone call was traced from the Union Station at Kansas City Missouri to the Hollyhocks Inn at 12:01 AM on June 17, 1933. I cannot reconcile the information that one of the Barkers was instructed to go to Chicago (or Kansas City) on the morning of June 17 after the telephone call was received with his arriving there in time to take part in the shooting,,unless the informant of the St. Paul Office is mistaken as to his date. It would have been possible for one of the Barkers to have left St. Paul around noon on the 16th, arrive in Kansas City around midnight, and telephone the Hollyhocks Inn to advise of his arrival.

I realize that there isn't much to work on in further developing the evidence in this case, and yet we cannot afford to concentrate all our efforts on locating the remaining fugitives and suspects involved in the case without giving some attention to gathering additional evidence which will fortify the prosecution against those defendants who are now at liberty on bond awaiting trial. So much for the KANMO case.

In connection with the Bremer case, the question of locating the hide-out is of paramount importance in bringing that case to a successful conclusion. I have expressed myself in previous communications with respect to the possibility of locating the hide-out, providing it has not been destroyed. In my opinion the hide-out will eventually be located in either one of three ways. A town will be located in which there will be present, as of January and February of this year, the exact combination of sounds reported to have been heard by Bremer, or, in searching for such a town and by exhibiting photographs of the subjects and suspects, there is the possibility that the photographs will be identified as resembling persons who occupied a certain house or were observed in a particular locality. The third alternative will be the

obtaining of information from one of the subjects or associates following their apprehension, which will disclose the whereabouts of the hide-out.

With respect to the first of the three alternatives, no town has as yet been located which possesses the exact combination of sounds reported to have been heard by Bremer. Whitewater, Wisconsin comes the nearest, of those already investigated, to fulfilling the requirements. Here, also, a number of photographic identifications of subjects in the Bremer case have been made by residents, in such a manner as to conclusively indicate to me that the kidnapers of Bremer headquartered in that vicinity during January and February of this year. This conclusion is further supported by the results of recent investigations made at Palmyra, Wisconsin by Special Agent R. D. Brown.

A detailed reading of the many reports covering investigations looking to the location of the hide-out has convinced me that an arbitrary assignment of Agents to this angle of the investigation will not produce the desired result. From a review of the reports and memoranda covering this particular angle of the investigation, I have been impressed with the manner in which Special Agents R. D. Brown, Herold Reinecke, and V. W. Peterson have conducted their investigations. Their enthusiasm and their confidence that the hide-out will eventually be located, which I consider most essential qualifications for this kind of an investigation, are clearly reflected in the reports submitted by them and for this reason I suggest that one, two or all three of these Agents, if available, be assigned to cover the Counties of Walworth, Jefferson and Waukesha in Wisconsin, and McHenry and Lake Counties in Illinois, in a thorough manner. I cannot help but feel that the hide-out is located in one of these counties. There has been no indication from any source that the hide-out is located elsewhere.

Generally, with regard to locating the subjects of both the KANSO and Bremer cases, it stands to reason that members of the Barker-Karpis gang and their associates, numbering approximately fifteen, are somewhere in one of the respective Field Office Districts. Theoretically, these individuals are being sought in all Field Office Districts, but I have had occasion to inquire of several of the Special Agents in Charge, who have recently been in Washington, as to what steps are being taken in their respective districts to cause the location and apprehension of these individuals, and it appears that no action is being

taken except on specific leads received from some other office. If this condition exists in all Field Offices then, of course, no action is being taken with respect to locating members of the Barker-Karpis gang, inasmuch as there are no outstanding leads directed to any Field Office. Several of the Field Offices, however, are keeping in touch with alleged informants who have promised to furnish information in the event members of the Barker-Karpis gang show in those respective places. It is my suggestion that a conference of the Agents in Charge of the St. Paul, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Oklahoma City and Omaha offices, together with the Agents who are familiar with all details in their respective districts, be held at Chicago or St. Louis over a designated week-end for the purpose of going over the KANMO and Bremer cases and mapping out a definite plan of action with respect to members of the Barker-Karpis gang, which outfit has given and will continue to give this Division considerable trouble. A representative of the Division should attend this conference. The Agents in Charge should then return to their respective offices and hold a conference with all Agents assigned to those offices, for the purpose of furnishing each Agent with the background of the investigations conducted to date; information with respect to members of the gang, their local contacts, and have it clearly understood that each Agent, regardless of the assignment upon which he is working, should continually bear in mind that the Division is interested in locating members of the Barker-Karpis group.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby.

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

CHARACTER OF CASE:
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

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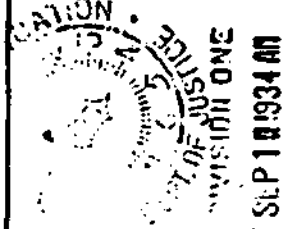

Extradition hearing of Jack Griffin, alias Jack Gregory, to be had at Jefferson City, Missouri, 9-4-34.

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DETAILS:

DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon a telephone conversation with Special Agent M. C. Spear of the Kansas City Division Office, on August 28th, 1934, at which time Mr. Spear stated that one Jack Griffin, alias Jack Gregory, was wounded by unknown assailants in Kansas City and was in a hospital there until August 17th, 1934. Mr. Spear stated that it was desired that this man be located, in order that he might be questioned in the instant case. Information had been noted in a Lincoln dispatch of the Associated Press on August 25th, 1934, that this man was to be taken to Fairbury, Nebraska, for trial in connection with the robbery of the First National Bank of that city in April, 1933. Mr. Spear advised further that Griffin had left the hospital in Kansas City and that it was desired to ascertain his whereabouts, but that discretion should be used. He requested that it be learned from the Sheriff of County Officials at Fairbury, Nebraska, whether the man was now in jail at that point.

This Agent telephoned Sheriff Emil Aokman, Fairbury, Nebraska,

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who advised that Griffin had been released at Kansas City on a $40,000.00 bond, pending hearing for extradition to be had at a date not determined. Sheriff Ackman stated that Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins of Kansas City, Missouri, had advised him that he could "lay hands on" Griffin in five minutes and that he was in a private hospital. This information was immediately furnished the Kansas City Division Office by telephone.

On August 30th, 1934, information was received at the Omaha Division Office, by telephone, from Fairbury, Nebraska, that the extradition hearing of Jack Griffin would be held at Jefferson City, Missouri, before Governor Park, at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 4th, 1934.

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Post Office Box #2118
Detroit, Michigan
August 30, 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 FLOYD with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication dated August 25, 1934 with which was transmitted certified copy of complaint and warrant executed before the United States Commissioner at Kansas City charging Vivian Mathis with conspiracy in connection with the above entitled matter.

As indicated in previous communications, Vivian Mathis is scheduled to be released from the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan about September 18.

I have personally delivered the above referred to papers to Mr. Ryan, Superintendent of the above institution, which papers the Superintendent has lodged as a detainer against the Mathis woman. I confidentially went over this matter with Mr. William G. Comb, Assistant United States Attorney at Detroit, Michigan and it was finally arranged that instead of having a Fugitive complaint issued at Detroit at this time, that it would be more practical to place the original papers in the hands of the Superintendent at Milan, with instructions that this office be notified a few days in advance of the time when the Mathis woman has completed her present sentence and then, if deemed advisable, the proper Fugitive complaint will be issued and the warrant placed in the hands of the United States Marshal at Detroit for the purpose of taking Vivian Mathis into custody. The above procedure which we have worked out will avoid any possible publicity at the present time.

Mr. Ryan, who is very cooperative with this Division, informed me that he would be very glad to assist the Division in any way possible and I suggested that he call Vivian Mathis into his office, showing her personally the papers which had been filed in Kansas City and informing her definitely of the charge on which she is to be re-arrested immediately upon completion

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of her present sentence. It may be stated here that both Mr. Ryan and Kathryn Kelly some time ago informed me that Vivian Mathis was counting the hours leading up to September 16, the date of her release, and that she is doing much planning with regard to that particular day. It appears to me that Vivian Mathis is perhaps one of the very few persons who know the whole story regarding the Kansas City massacre and perhaps, if her morale can be completely broken up at this time with regard to her anticipated release from Milan, she might feel more inclined to talk if she believes it will assist her in gaining her freedom. I also instructed Mr. Ryan that the day after he has told Vivian Mathis about the papers being received by him, that he then again call her into his office and tell her that he has thought the matter over carefully and regretted that such a detainer had been filed against her; that she had been a very good prisoner and he had hoped she would be released upon the expiration of her time and that as a tip to her from a friend, he would suggest that she be of all the assistance she could to the Government and that such assistance would help her materially; that he had found such to be the case in other instances in the past.

The next move will be, that I shall appear at Milan about three or four days after the Superintendent has informed Vivian Mathis about the detainer being received and I shall then put forth every effort in an attempt to elicit information from this woman. It was my thought that it would not be desirable, from a psychological standpoint, to appear at the institution immediately after the Superintendent had informed the Mathis woman about the detainer as such a move might indicate to her that it was a pre-arranged affair.

Since dictating the above I have received a telephone communication from Special Agent Hall, who is at Milan on other matters, and he stated that Superintendent Ryan had requested him to inform me that he had carried out the suggestions as shown above and that Vivian Mathis appeared to be entirely broken up over the situation. Your office will be kept informed regarding the developments in this case.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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