CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD

KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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September 15, 1954

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

The Kansas City Office has obtained from a confidential informant a snapshot recently taken of Rose and Beulah Baird, sisters, who in the past have associated with subjects Floyd and Richetti. This snapshot when obtained was torn into two pieces and has been placed together and enlargements made, copies of which are inclosed herewith and are being sent to each of the offices indicated below. The original snapshot is being returned herewith to the Kansas City Office.

The St. Louis Division Office is instructed to conduct appropriate investigation at Westalton, Missouri, with a view to ascertaining whether the Baird sisters have been in that vicinity recently accompanied by subjects Floyd and Richetti.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice

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Kansas City, Missouri

September 6, 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.C. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.C. #1194; ET AL;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

There are transmitted herewith, in two portions, a photograph of Rose and Beulah Baird, which are appropriately labeled on the back as to each.

This photograph was secured by Special Agents Andersen and Trainor from Nell Ward, sister of these women, who stated that she secured it surreptitiously from her sister, Pauline. She stated that it is her information this photograph was taken within the past year and that it is a very good likeness of both of the girls. She does not know from what source Pauline received the photograph, but she is aware that it was received within the past year, and it is evident that during that time they have been with Charles Arthur Floyd, according to the information previously furnished by Nell Ward.

It is suggested that this photograph be pieced together and reproductions made in order that they may be furnished to the interested offices. It is requested that the original be returned, since Nell Ward desires to replace it in order that she will not be suspected by her family. She has promised to secure whatever information she can for the Agents, and it is believed desirable that her family not suspect her.

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Nell Ward also advised that three or four days ago, while at her mother's residence in Kansas City, she was introduced to a man and woman whose names were given her as Blackie and Marie, from Oklahoma, and she understood that they came from the home town of Charles Arthur Floyd or its vicinity. It is evident that these parties are none other than W. A. (Blackie) Malley and his wife, Marie. This is thought to be of significance, since Mrs. Marie Malley is the sister of Adam Richetti, and her contacts with the known friends of Charles Arthur Floyd would indicate undoubtedly that Adam Richetti and Floyd are still connected and probably traveling together.

Nell Ward stated that she has heard nothing further regarding her mother's receipt of correspondence from Floyd, or the daughters', but she has had other indications from her mother's conversation that she has been receiving her mail through Attorney Robert H. Coleman at Kansas City.

This office anticipates within the very near future, when the press of other business permits sufficient time, obtaining a very thorough and vigorous interview to be had with Coleman at the Kansas City Office. The Division will be later notified with reference to the outcome of this matter.

Very truly yours,

R. P. HARLAN,
Special Agent in Charge

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62-760
cc - Little Rock
Oklahoma City

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Rose Baird(large side)
Beulah Baird(small side)

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TITLE: 'changed' ALBERT KELLEY, alias BERT KELLEY, alias BERT BRULA; ABRAM LEVY; "SMITTIE"; "PRETTY BOY"; NICK NUMBER ONE; NICK NUMBER TWO.

CHARACTER OF CASE: MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mr. J. H. Forbes, Special Agent of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, stationed at Sumter, S. C., has a confidential informant at Greenville, S. C., who advises that Subjects have been passing through Greenville, South Carolina, quite frequently since December 1933, and she believes them to be engaged in major criminal activities such as kidnaping. Informant has seen them with machine guns and believes they were connected with Pretty Boy Floyd, the Bremer kidnaping, the Lindbergh kidnaping and the recent Brooklyn mail truck robbery. Subjects have discussed kidnaping Andrew Mellon for ransom. Informant has furnished very little information which can be checked. Numerous photographs of major criminals shown informant, and she identifies Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Duncan K. Brent, Jr., dated at Charlotte, North Carolina, April 9, 1934, entitled CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE, Miscellaneous. Division letter dated August 30, 1934.

DETAILS:

The reference report carried Kansas City as the office of origin in view of the probable identification of Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd. However, until more definite information is received, Charlotte will be carried as the origin, and the title has been changed to reflect names as known, and as will be noted hereinafter.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: T. N. Stapleton W.S.M. SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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This investigation was first called to the attention of the Division by Mr. A. Bruce Bielaski, Assistant to the General Manager, National Board of Fire Underwriters, New York City, New York, on March 28, 1934, when he turned over to the New York Division Office a copy of a letter which he had received from his Agent Mr. J. H. Forbes, stationed at Sumter, South Carolina, dated March 24, 1934. Mr. Forbes in his letter advised Mr. Bielaski that some years ago while investigating fires in the state of South Carolina, he had made a contact with an informant who had given him some very valuable information relative to these fires, and had recently passed on to him information relative to a band of suspicious characters who were passing through Greenville, South Carolina, on an average of every ten days or two weeks; that these suspicious parties were travelling in a bullet-proof automobile, changed license plates frequently, used disguises and were equipped with machine guns; that on or about February 10, 1934, the Police of Savannah, Georgia, had received a tip that Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd was in that section, and on February 13, 1934, one of the suspicious characters passing through Greenville, South Carolina, and known to Mr. Forbes' informant as "Smittie", stopped at the informant's house with a sick man on the rear seat of an automobile, who although apparently suffering, refused to be taken to a hospital; that shortly thereafter "Smittie" advised the informant that the sick man was none other than "Pretty Boy".

Shortly after Mr. Bielaski turned this information over to the New York Office, Mr. W. Fred Newman, State Detective, attached to the Governor's office, Columbia, South Carolina, informed Mr. Coffey of the Division of the activities of these parties, Mr. Newman having received his information through Mr. Forbes.

On April 1, 1934, Special Agent Duncan K. Brent, Jr., interviewed Mr. Forbes at his home, 405 West Calhoun Street, Sumter, South Carolina, as will be noted in the reference report. However, due to the fact that all offices have not received copies of that report, the information will be repeated herein, and supplemented by that obtained by this Agent from Mr. Forbes and his confidential informant. It may be stated that Agent Brent's report practically records verbatim the information obtained from Mr. Forbes by the writer.

On June 22, 1934, Mr. Forbes appeared at the Charlotte Division Office at the request of the writer, related in detail the information which he obtained from his confidential informant, and was very reluctant to disclose her identity, although he agreed that on his next visit to Greenville, South Carolina, he would advise the writer, and would arrange for his informant to be interviewed there.

- At Greenville, South Carolina -

Pursuant to the telegraphic request of Mr. Forbes on June 26, 1934, the writer proceeded to Greenville, South Carolina, where Mr. Forbes again endeavored to emphasize the fact that he must not disclose the identity of his informant for her own personal safety. Although Mr. Forbes was assured that the information obtained from his informant would be treated strictly confidential, he insisted that it would be better for him to bring the informant to the side of the hotel in his car and permit the interview. Mr. Forbes was of the opinion that if the writer accompanied him to the informant's house, she probably would become afraid to cooperate and assist in determining the identities of the Subjects. Mr. Forbes perfected these arrangements, and brought the informant, a woman, whom he introduced as Mrs. Castle, and who will be referred to as such hereafter, to the side of the hotel, where she was interviewed in Mr. Forbes' car.

Mrs. Castle advised that during the years 1928 and 1929, she was a member of a theatrical chorus in New York City, the name of which she refused to disclose, stating that such was not necessary, and would be of no value, and that while following this employment she became acquainted with one Bert Kelley, who while not connected with the theatrical chorus, did work indirectly for it in the capacity of a financial solicitor; in other words, that Kelley would contact people with money for the purpose of having them back the theatrical show, he thereby obtaining a commission out of whatever money he induced them to put up. Mrs. Castle refused to disclose where she resided in New York City, although she states that she on occasions visited Leon Langford, whose address she does not remember, and who died three or four years ago. Kelley was also acquainted with Langford. According to Mrs. Castle, she returned to her home in Greenville, South Carolina, in the latter part of 1930 to nurse her mother who is a paralytic invalid, and now confined to her bed; that in December 1932 while at the Textile Hall in Greenville, South Carolina, she happened to encounter Bert Kelley, who at that time informed her that he had changed his name to Bert BruLa (Broolay). Mrs. Castle stated that Kelley did not use this name in New York, and she believes his correct name to be Albert Kelley, although everyone called him Bert Kelley; that while at the Textile Hall she asked him what he was doing down in this section, and he informed her that after leaving New York he had gone to Chicago and affiliated with Al Capone's gang; that he was at that time enroute to Atlanta, Georgia, where he was going to try to effect the release of Al Capone through some sort of habeas corpus proceedings, after which he was going to Florida. Mrs. Castle states that the meeting with Kelley at the Textile Hall did not last more than a few minutes, and several weeks later she received a postcard from Kelley signed Bert BruLa, from Miami, Florida. She believes that Kelley was either stopping at the "Biscay", or some similar name, hotel in Miami at that time, or else it was a picture of this hotel that was on the front of the postcard.

It was learned from Mrs. Castle that on or about December 4, 1933, Bert Kelley came by her house, accompanied by two men, driving a Chrysler sedan, and asked her to accompany them to Charleston, South Carolina. Mrs. Castle stated that she got in the car with them and noticed in the back end of it a child's coffin. Up to this point Mrs. Castle had been of the opinion that these persons were probably running liquor from Greenville, South Carolina, but realizing that such a small coffin would hold only a small quantity of liquor, came to the conclusion that they were probably handling dope; that she asked them whether or not it contained drugs, but received no answer, and for this reason she refused to accompany Kelley to Charleston. On a later occasion she asked him what it contained, and he informed her jokingly that "It might have been a couple of grand". The Chrysler sedan they were driving, according to them, was bullet-proof, and had a specially constructed back seat, which opened like the lid of a trunk.

On or about December 13, 1933, Kelley again appeared at Mrs. Castle's house in Greenville wearing a false mustache, appeared to be highly nervous and was perspiring so freely that his mustache would not stay in place. On this occasion Mrs. Castle accompanied him across the river from Greenville on the edge of town where they obtained curb service at a barbecue stand. Mrs. Castle noticed his nervousness, asked him about it, and jokingly asked him if he participated in the Charlotte mail robbery, which mail robbery occurred November 16, 1933. Kelley promptly informed her that he was not in on the mail robbery, and that he could prove that he was standing on the jail house steps in Charlotte when it occurred. Referring to this robbery Kelley stated that the Touhy gang came to Charlotte to "snatch a guy", but had joined in with another gang there who had been planning the mail robbery, and pulled that job; that the two gangs got crossed up while in Charlotte, and that rival gangs would not stand for other gangs joining in on their business. Mrs. Castle could not explain what Kelley meant by this last remark. At this time Kelley asked Mrs. Castle if she remembered "Smittie", who was a friend of Bert Kelley's younger brother, and who lived in New York City while she was there. She informed Kelley that she did, and he stated that "Smittie" had been in Chicago, and was now an expert with a machine gun; that he had been practicing upstairs over a garage located in Chicago, and could write his initials on the wall with a machine gun.

On or about January 5, 1934, Kelley again appeared at Mrs. Castle's home accompanied by "Smittie", and on this occasion Kelley had Mrs. Castle write two letters to Lew Schwartz, General Delivery, Decatur, Illinois, and Joliet, Illinois, containing the same message, namely, "Please return my tailor made suit and other belongings". Kelley explained to Mrs. Castle that the tailor

made suit was his machine gun which had cost him $97.00, and which he had loaned to Schwartz.

On Saturday, January 13, 1934, just before the Bremer kidnaping occurred, Bert Kelley again appeared at Mrs. Castle's home driving his Chrysler sedan, and accompanied by an individual whom he introduced as Abram Levy. On this occasion Kelley and Levy took Mrs. Castle for a short ride in the car, and she noted that they changed the New York license plates and replaced them with New Jersey license plates. While they were riding around Kelley asked Levy who was in the rear if everything was loaded, and he replied that it was and two extra chambers. Mrs. Castle saw a gun in the car which she described as a gun with a large "belly", and later as a machine gun, after much prompting by Mr. Forbes. Kelley stated that they were leaving Greenville immediately, and going on a dangerous mission. Mrs. Castle asked to accompany them, and they informed her that they would take her to skin a calf some time, and if she did not tear the hide, the next time they would take her to skin a bull. They also stated that they wanted to travel during the weekend when traffic was heavy. Kelley produced a small bottle of dye, and Mrs. Castle darkened his eyebrows. Abram Levy had let his hair grow down about two inches over his ears, needed a shave and while riding around wadded up a good hat so as to make it look like an old one.

Bert Kelley and Abram Levy did not return to Greenville, South Carolina, again until about March 13, 1934. However, on January 20, 1934, "Smittie" came by driving a Buick automobile, and was accompanied by a small man who will be referred to as Nick Number One. "Smittie" stated that he was desirous of getting in touch with Kelley, and thought that he might obtain his address from Mrs. Castle; that Kelley had asked him to locate someone, and that he had done this, and was now attempting to get in touch with Kelley. While talking to Mrs. Castle and taking her address, "Smittie" dropped and left behind him a Chicago streetcar transfer dated January 22, 1934. "Smittie" then left Mrs. Castle and returned on February 15, 1934, about 9:00 P. M., driving an automobile, on the rear seat of which was an individual who appeared to be sick. "Smittie" informed Mrs. Castle that both he and this man had eaten some oysters a few hours before, and they had made his friend sick. Mrs. Castle offered to accompany "Smittie" and his friend to a hospital, but the offer was refused. "Smittie" asked her for medicine, and she gave him a morphine tablet, which the doctor had prescribed for her mother, and this was given to the friend on the rear seat, who was covered up by a lap-robe. Mrs. Castle advised that this friend appeared to be a medium-sized man with a large square face and square jaws. Although she states that she

did not get a good look at him she has picked out the photograph of Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd from about two dozen others and identified it as being this individual. On March 3, 1934, "Smittie" came by alone and informed Mrs. Castle that he was still looking for Bert Kelley, and he was going to Knoxville and probably Nashville, Tennessee, if he did not get in touch with him soon; that he had tried to locate Kelley at La Fayette, Indiana, South Bend, Indiana, and La Salle, Illinois. At this time Mrs. Castle asked "Smittie" how his sick friend was getting along, and he stated that he was all right, and asked her if she recognized him. When she replied in the negative he said, "Well, that was Pretty Boy." Mrs. Castle was questioned closely at this point, and she states that he did not mention the name Floyd, but she took it for granted that he was referring to Pretty Boy Floyd. At this point Mr. Forbes stated that he was positive that it had been Pretty Boy Floyd, in view of the fact that the Police Department at Savannah, Georgia, had only a few days prior to that time received a tip that Floyd was in this vicinity, and had requested the Columbia, South Carolina, Police Department to post a lookout for him.

On or about March 13, 1934, Bert Kelley and Abram Levy came by the informant's house, this being the first time since they had left on their dangerous mission, driving Kelley's Chrysler six sedan, which was carrying Indiana license plates, and they stated that they had just come through from Fort Wayne, Indiana. On this occasion Abram Levy was dressed in a woman's sport coat, was wearing a woman's beret, had a large doll which had been dressed up to give the appearance of a child about two years of age, and he advised Mrs. Castle that he would hold the doll in his arms while driving through cities to give the appearance of a baby. He complained that the hat which he was wearing was too tight, and requested Mrs. Castle to lend him one of hers which she did. Mrs. Castle saw one pistol, and what appeared to be a machine gun on the back seat of Kelley's car. She asked Kelley the results of the dangerous mission, and he informed her that they had done pretty well, giving Mrs. Castle at this time $5.00, and instructing her to buy some flowers for her mother. The serial number of the five dollar bill has been checked against the ransom bills in the Lindbergh and Bremer kidnaping cases with negative results. On this visit of Bert Kelley, Mrs. Castle informed him about "Smittie" telling her of the identity of the sick man, Pretty Boy, whereupon Kelley stated that if "Smittie" "didn't pipe down" he would be a "pale boy".

On Mardh 27, 1934, "Smittie" alone called on the informant, and after some conversation asked her if she knew anyone presently living in Hollywood,

California. Informant replied that she believed she did, whereupon "Smittie" stated that a moving picture company of Hollywood, California, was making a picture, the scene of which was to be made in the Cookson Hills, and implying that the picture was to be a gangster film; that it was desired that some pictures of Pretty Boy Floyd be obtained. From "Smittie's" statements informant inferred that Pretty Boy was to be hired by this moving picture company as an extra, although his identity was not known, and that thereafter as a publicity stunt his true identity would be revealed. "Smittie" stated that negotiations had been undertaken between this company and Pretty Boy's family, and that if Pretty Boy was offered some sort of security he would undertake to go to Hollywood to be photographed in this picture. He was offered a salary of fifteen thousand dollars.

On April 23, 1934, Bert Kelley and Abram Levy again appeared at informant's home and stated that "Smittie" had gone to Oklahoma on a vacation; however, that they had just received word from Indianapolis that he had been shot. Kelley and Levy then took the informant in their automobile and drove out on the main highway toward Asheville, North Carolina, and instructed her that in the event she saw a Buick car approaching them at a fast rate she should jump out of their car and walk back to town. When the informant was asked why she was given these instructions, she stated that she did not know unless they were expecting to meet "Smittie" on the road, and they thought probably the law might be following him, because they had not proceeded far when they met "Smittie" and a man whom they called Nick, and who will be referred to hereinafter as Nick Number Two, driving a Buick car carrying Indiana license plates; that Nick Number Two was driving this car, and Bert Kelley stopped him, and they pulled in a side road, where "Smittie" started to explain to Bert Kelley how he had gotten shot in the leg; that Kelley was very sore at "Smittie", told him to shut his mouth, and threatened to strike him; that "Smittie's" leg was wrapped up with gauze, and appeared to have been treated by a doctor; that they had a pair of surgical scissors with them, which she now has in her home; that Kelley took "Smittie" in his car and informed her that he was going to take him to their layout near Savannah. He did not furnish informant much information concerning the layout, but stated that they would have a pretty good hide-out there if it were not for a beacon light or some kind of light nearby and the C.C.C. boys. From what Kelley stated, the informant believes that there is a C.C.C. Camp located near their hide-out. From all the information that the informant had been able to gather concerning "Smittie's" getting shot it seems that "Smittie" joined up with some other fellows in Oklahoma, and they were planning to rob a bank which was being covered by the law, and that the law had already received a tip that it was to be robbed.

On May 5, 1934, Bert Kelley again came by the informant's house, told her that he was going north, and asked her to go with him. The informant told Kelley that she did not want to leave her mother in the condition that she was in, and furthermore that she would not travel around with anyone without knowing what their racket was; that she explained to Bert Kelley that he would have to give her some information as to what he was doing, as they might be picked up, and if she was left in the dark she would not know what to tell the law; that Kelley then informed her that he was going north to investigate Andrew Mellon, and expected to be gone two or three months. Kelley then exhibited to informant an issue of the Sunday News of New York City, dated April 29, 1934, wherein there appeared on pages 6 and 7 the life history of Andrew Mellon with one or two of his photographs. He led informant to understand that they were planning to kidnap Mellon. At this time Kelley advised the informant that letters would reach him at --19 State Street, Brooklyn, New York. The informant does not recall the first two numbers, stating that she did not write them down at the time, as she thought she would be able to remember them; that she believes that this will be near a wharf in Brooklyn, New York, as Bert Kelley on several occasions has remarked about being a wharf rat. During this contact with Kelley she again brought up the dangerous mission and asked him if it did not relate to the Bremer kidnaping. Kelley in a joking way intimated that this might have been the mission; however, that he was not in on the actual kidnaping. He did state that he had planned the thing, and is what is known in the underworld as an advance man; in other words, he plans the jobs and then sells his plans to the ones who actually carry them out; that in the Bremer case he had discussed his plans with some other gangster who was going to buy them, and this gangster had told him that he could have a young college boy pull the actual kidnaping for a percentage of the ransom, and that after the job was pulled the college boy could be double-crossed and not given any money. Kelley then advised the informant that he would not have anything to do with this, as he did not believe in double-crossing anyone, as this would be a good way to make them squeal.

On May 18, 1934, Bert Kelley again appeared at the informant's home in Greenville, South Carolina, stating that he had just come from New York City, and had left Abram Levy up there, as they had postponed the kidnaping of Andrew Mellon since the Government was going to take another stab at him on his income tax; that they would wait a while until the Government had finished its investigation, and then "everything was going to be cream". Kelley advised the informant that he was going to Savannah, Georgia, to get

"Smittie", who had gotten all right, and from there he was going to Havana, Cuba, to get living quarters. Informant believes that Kelley is going to Havana, Cuba, and establish a hide-out where Andrew Mellon can be held after he is kidnapped.

On June 21, 1934, Abram Levy and Nick Number Two came by informant's home in Greenville, South Carolina, ostensibly looking for Bert Kelley. They advised informant that they were expecting a telegram or mail from Kelley at Havana, Cuba, and requested her to call at the Western Union office and the Post Office in Greenville, South Carolina, to ascertain whether there was a message or mail there for Abram Levy. Abram Levy then gave informant an envelope postmarked June 4, 1934, Detroit, Michigan, addressed to Abram Levy, General Delivery, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in order that the informant could identify herself at the Western Union office and obtain any message there. The informant stated that she proceeded to the Western Union office and the Post Office, where there was no message or mail for Abram Levy; that these parties did not accompany her to these places, but remained about a block or a block and a half behind her, and followed her until she had gotten at least two blocks away before they contacted her. They stated that they wanted to get back as soon as possible, not stating any place in particular, but getting no word from Bert Kelley they would have to go on to Miami, Florida. The informant then asked them more about "Smittie's" getting shot, and they informed her that "Smittie" had gone to Oklahoma on a vacation to join Pretty Boy or the "Kid", and that they had decided to pull one more hold-up before going into the moving pictures, but that the law must have known that they were coming, and were waiting for them, as the result was that "Smittie" got shot. On this occasion informant states that Abram Levy and Nick Number Two were driving a new Buick sedan bearing Georgia license plates.

Informant was unable to furnish any additional information concerning these Subjects, and stated that she had not been able to obtain the numbers of their license plates; that she would not furnish the Police of Greenville, South Carolina, any information, and desired that they not be contacted, as she did not have any confidence in them; that if she received any additional information she would immediately contact Mr. Forbes, who could advise this Agent in Charlotte. It was impressed upon the informant that it was necessary for her to obtain the license numbers of the cars which these Subjects were driving in the event they return to her home, which she stated she would try to do, although she stated that she was afraid to observe them too closely as the Subjects might become suspicious; that these Subjects have always treated her as a lady, have never made any remarks of an immoral nature or used any profanity in her presence; that she has not observed them when she thought they were drinking, and she is unable to figure out what their activity is unless it is kidnaping.

In order to ascertain the identity of the informant, Special Agent W. D. Dickerson on July 4, 1934, contacted Mr. Frank Farmer, Assistant Manager, Western Union Telegraph Company, Greenville, South Carolina, for information as to whether anyone had called for telegrams addressed to Abram Levy on or about June 21, 1934. Miss Ina Elmore, Cashier, Western Union Telegraph Company, recalled that a woman had called for such a telegram. Miss Elmore could not remember the woman other than that she was believed to have been a blonde about twenty-five years of age. Mr. Farmer succeeded in locating a notice of address slip filled out in Miss Elmore's handwriting, dated June 20, 1934, bearing the following notation, "Abram Levy, $[redacted] (given for one day only)".

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Mr. Farmer stated that he could positively and correctly state that there had been no Western Union messages received for Levy from Havana, Cuba, as he has copies of all cablegrams on file in his office, and that such a message from Havana would be a cablegram. In view of this information it appears that the true identity of the informant, Mrs. Castle, is[redacted] This address is[redacted] or Greenville. From Agent's observation of Mrs. Castle, her description is as follows:

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On August 11, 1934, Agent again proceeded to Greenville, South Carolina, at Mr. Forbes' request, and there interviewed Mrs. Castle, who stated that on July 27, 1934, Nick Number Two and another person whom she had not seen before, came to her home and stated that they were just passing through, and had had car trouble in Spartanburg, South Carolina, the gas line having become stopped up. Nick Number Two did not say who else was with them, but stated that the rest of the gang were out in the woods near Spartanburg repairing the gas line, and that he, Nick Number Two, had driven over to Greenville to get some more of that medicine which she had given to Pretty Boy when he was sick, after allegedly eating some oysters. Informant stated that she did not have any of this medicine at the house, and Nick Number Two gave her a five dollar bill, serial number E-10,206,440-A, series of 1928 B; that she took her mother's prescription to the doctor, had it filled, and gave the morphine tablets to Nick Number Two. Informant stated that she did not know why

these Subjects wanted the morphine unless one of them had been shot, because none of them appears to be addicted to drugs. When asked if she had obtained the license numbers, she stated that it was dark when they came to her house and left, and she did not get an opportunity to observe them. At this interview with Mrs. Castle and Mr. Forbes they were both of the opinion that these Subjects were the ones who kidnapped the Lindbergh baby. However, they have no information on which to base their belief, and it is merely their suspicion. It should also be stated that the informant is very hazy on all of the foregoing information, and had to be prompted on numerous occasions by Mr. Forbes to refresh her memory. It seems that Mr. Forbes is better acquainted with the facts than the informant, although his information came from her. In an effort to determine the identities of these Subjects, the following photographs have been exhibited to Mrs. Castle:

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Group picture of William Sharkey, Peter Stevens, Edward Burns and Roger Touhy.
Horace Palmer McDonald, Police Department No. A-1867, Charlotte, North Carolina.
Louis Austin, alias Hart Austin, alias Louis Herman, Police Department Number A-1868, Charlotte, North Carolina.
Howard H. Bullock, Police Department Number 1283, Spartanburg, South Carolina.
James L. Dickson, Police Department Number 1284, Spartanburg, South Carolina.
John Herbert Dillinger
John Hamilton
Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd

Lester M. Gillis, alias Baby Face Nelson
Albert W. Reilly, alias Pat Reilly
Richard Tallman Galatas
Thomas Leonard Carroll
Homer Van Meter
Wilber Underhill
Volney Davis
Fred Barker
Alvin Karpis
Arthur R. Barker
Harry Campbell
Raymond Patrick Walsh, Police Department Number 3457, San Antonio, Texas
Curly Clause
James M. Clark, Police Department Number 3554, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Herman K. Lamm, Police Department Number 3555, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Informant states that none of the above photographs appears to be a likeness of one of the Subjects of this investigation with the exception of Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd's photograph, which appears to be similar to Subject Pretty Boy who was brought to her home on February 15, 1934.

On August 27, 1934, the writer received a telegram from Mr. Forbes from Hendersonville, North Carolina, stating that he was at that place on his vacation, and had just received information which convinced him that the Subjects in this investigation had participated in the Brooklyn armored truck robbery. Mr. Forbes was immediately contacted by telephone, and he advised that Nick Number Two came through Greenville and stopped at the informant's house two days following the robbery of the mail truck at Brooklyn, New York, at which time $427,000.00 was reported to have been stolen; that Nick Number Two appeared to be very tired, and to have just completed a long drive; that he had with him another individual whom the informant had never seen before, and who resembled a doctor; that informant states that from his appearance she believes that he was a doctor, and is being taken around with this gang to administer first aid to them in the event they get shot while pulling some of these jobs. Nick Number Two wanted to sleep at informant's home for a few hours. However, she informed him that she did not have room for him, but would take him to the hotel. He stated that he did not want to go to the hotel, but would go out in the woods and sleep in his car, which he did, remaining in Greenville about three hours. It will be noted that there is nothing in this to indicate that these Subjects were connected with the Brooklyn mail truck robbery, and Mr. Forbes was unable to furnish any additional information that would connect them. In view

of this and the large amount of work at the Charlotte Office needing attention, it was not felt that a trip to Greenville, South Carolina, to contact the informant or a trip to Hendersonville, North Carolina, would be warranted.

The descriptions of these Subjects as furnished by the informant are as follows:

Name	ALBERT KELLEY, alias BERT KELLEY, alias BERT BRU LA
Age	37, looks younger
Height	five feet, seven inches
Weight	150 pounds
Build	medium
Eyes	light blue - squeachy
Hair	light brown; straight in front; very similar to Banghart's hair
Complexion	ruddy; freckles under eyes
Dress	usually wears grey or dark blue suit; always neatly dressed but not flashy; wears hat
Remarks	drives Chrysler sedan, no trunk on the rear, no fender wells, solid windshield, supposed to be bullet-proof; has used the following licenses: - New York, New Jersey, Indiana and Georgia; used to associate with one Mims or Sims, who was sent either to Auburn or Sing Sing for an oil stock selling scheme on upper Broadway around Times Square; smooth talker

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Name	ABRAM LEVY
Age	38
Height	five feet, nine inches
Weight	170
Build	stocky; well built
Eyes	dark brown or black
Hair	black; kinky
Complexion	dark
Nationality	not known; apparently Jew

Teeth	uneven
Beard	heavy
Dress	always neat; usually wears dark clothes
Remarks	drives new Buick sedan, black in color, trunk on rear, Georgia license

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Name	"SMITTIE"
Age	32
Height	five feet, nine inches
Weight	150 pounds
Build	medium
Eyes	dark blue
Hair	dark brown, straight
Complexion	medium
Teeth	good
Nose	large; slight rise in middle
Scars	has what looks like a slight scar in right eyebrow
Dress	neat; usually wears light clothes

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Name	"PRETTY BOY"
Age	28
Height	?
Weight	?
Face	square and full
Eyes	?
Hair	dark; parted on left
Shoulders	large

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Name	NICK NUMBER ONE
Age	37
Height	six feet or over
Weight	180 pounds
Build	medium, well built
Eyes	dark blue
Hair	black, straight
Complexion	light
Nationality	American
Teeth	good

Remarks	large ears; hard, beny looking face; has been seen driving Buick sedan with Indiana license plates

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Name	NICK NUMBER TWO
Age	30
Height	five feet, six inches
Weight	160
Build	appeared to be short and fat
Nose	appeared to have been broken and crooked to right side, which pulled one of his eyes in that direction
Remarks	resembles a Chinaman, and thought to have been a prize-fighter

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All offices receiving copies of this report are requested to carefully review same and furnish the Charlotte Office any information which they believe will assist in determining the identities of the Subjects. It is realized that very little information has been set forth which it is possible to check to any advantage, and it may be that the informant's imagination is responsible for her having given this information to Mr. Forbes, who considers her reliable, and believes the information to be true.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD - THE NEW YORK OFFICE: AT NEW YORK CITY: Is requested to check the Police records and furnish the Charlotte Office with photographs of all the Albert Kelleys or Bert Kelleys who have been arrested, and whose descriptions appear to be similar to Subject Kelley in this case. It is also requested that the New York Office ascertain whether there are any Kelleys residing at -19 State Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
10th Vermont Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD [illegible] GALATAS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.C. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR
[illegible], with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.C. #1194;
ET AL;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to Division letter of August 31, 1934, wherein this office is requested to advise whether [redacted] 67D
has been further interviewed regarding her knowledge of the identities of the parties who frequented the residence of Vernon C. Miller.

Please be advised that recently [redacted] was again interviewed by Special Agent W. F. Trainor of this office. At the time of the interview [redacted], her husband, was present, and it was apparent that he did not desire that she make any statement. It was decided that a later interview would be had with her, in order that more complete information could be secured. Same will be had in the near future. 67D

At the last interview [redacted] did not furnish any information additional to that shown in the memorandum of Special Agent W. A. Miller, dated at Kansas City, November 16, 1933, but it was quite apparent that both she and her husband might have information which they have not yet divulged. The Division will be notified further in this connection.

Very truly yours,

H. F. [illegible],
Special Agent in Charge

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

Reference is made to Division letter of September 1, 1934, under caption of the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BRUNER - Victim; KIDNAPING, relative to the recovery of Thompson Sub-Machine Gun #7267 by the Chicago Office, which firearm it appears has been identified as one of the weapons used in the instant Massacre and in the killing of John Lazia, which occurred at Kansas City on July 10, 1934.

This office has during the time that the State of Nebraska was under Kansas City jurisdiction, secured the shell cases and bullets found after the robbery of the First National Bank at Fairbury, Nebraska, and they were compared by Merle A. Gill, local ballistician, with the evidence exhibits in the instant case. Mr. Gill failed to make any identifications. These specimens were returned by registered mail to the State Sheriff at Lincoln, Nebraska, where they should now be secured by the Omaha Office and transmitted to the Division for further analysis.

In this connection, reference is made to page 15, paragraph 2, of the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, February 20, 1934, in the case entitled

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ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BRELER - Victim; KIDNAPING. It is noted that an enlarged photograph of the latent fingerprint found at the bank at Fairbury after the robbery on April 4, 1933, was transmitted to the Division.

As shown in Division letter of September 1, above referred to, it appears that Frank Nash, Vernon C. Miller, Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker, Eddie Green, and Earl J. Christman may have participated in that bank robbery. Recent developments at Kansas City also indicate a possibility that Jack Griffin, mentioned in a report now going forward from this office under date of September 5, 1934, may have been a participant. It is suggested that the Division cause a comparison to be made between the latent impression and the fingerprints of the individuals here mentioned.

Very truly yours,

R. E. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City, Missouri FILE NO. 62-877

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Jacksonville, Florida	Sept. 8, 1934	Sept. 8, 1934	C. E. McRae, Jr.

TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (deceased)
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE - IDENTIFICATION ORDER 1801;
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD with aliases - ~~FUGITIVE - IDENTIFICATION~~ ORDER 1194; et al

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records Miami Beach Identification Bureau do not reflect arrest of Lee Turner or "Big Homer" Wilson and they are not known there. Mike Curly, Sheriff's Office, Miami, Number 16072, now at Mineola, Long Island, New York, working at Dog Track.

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REFERENCE: Division letter dated August 21, 1934, and letter from Kansas City Division Office dated August 24, 1934.

DETAILS: AT MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA:

Charles Pierce, Superintendent of the Identification Bureau, Miami Beach Police Department, searched all of his files and records and could find no information concerning an arrest of Lee Turner and "Big Homer" Wilson at Miami Beach. There are no photographs or any identification data on these two individuals whatsoever in the files of the above mentioned Identification Bureau and they were not known to members of the Miami Beach Police Department.

DETAILS:

With reference to Division letter dated August 21, 1934, photograph of Mike Curley, Sheriff's Office, Miami, Number 16072, was shown to Mr. Pierce and he advised that he knows this individual and that at the present time he can be located at the information window of a certain dog track at Mineola, Long Island, New York.

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In this connection, reference is made to report of the writer under date of August 21, 1934, at Jacksonville, Florida, covering an investigation to attempt to identify the individual known as "Curley" as requested in the undeveloped lead in the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Chicago, August 9, 1934. Photographs of one Henry Beckman, who was the chauffeur of Ed O'Hara and was known as "Curly" were furnished the Chicago Division Office, together with a photograph of one Frank Curly, Sheriff's Office, Miami, Number 14983. In this connection, Division letter dated August 21, 1934, makes reference to the above Frank Curly, including description and furnishing photograph of Mike Curley, stating that it is the photograph of the Curley referred to in the report of Special Agent J. L. McCaffrey, dated at Jacksonville, April 5, 1932. Frank Curley and Mike Curley bear different Miami Sheriff's Office identification numbers and the photographs do not appear to be of the same person.

Captain Frank Mitchell of the Miami Police Department was again interviewed and advised that at the time Lee Turner and Henry Beckman were arrested that he did not hear anyone by the name of "Big Homer" mentioned and that he has never heard of that individual. There is no information in the files of the Miami Police Department concerning "Big Homer".

Captain Mitchell advised that he knew of Seig Sommer, but that at the present time he is in Cicero, Illinois, around the dog tracks with Ed O'Hara and his crowd. There is no identification data concerning Seig Sommer at the Miami Police Department or the Miami Beach Police Department Identification Bureaux.

No undeveloped lead is being set out for the New York Division Office to interview Mike Curley at Mineola, Long Island, it being left to the discretion of the office of origin as to the advisability of this. It is believed that Henry Beckman, who can be located at Cicero, Illinois, through Ed O'Hara will prove to be the "Curly" mentioned by Madeline Dorsey as the man she knew at the Miami Beach and Kennel Club.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT KANSAS CITY, MO. FILE NO. 62-826 T.

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Birmingham, Ala.	9-6-34	8/22-31/34	WALTER A. SCOTT, Jr.

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

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. S. A. Stevens, R.F.D. 4, Talbotton, Ga., is daughter of Mrs. C. M. Floyd, Sallisaw, Okla., and aunt of "Pretty Boy" Floyd. She advises that she has not seen Floyd since he was a small child, when his family moved from North Georgia to Oklahoma. Jules Galatas stopping in Montgomery, Ala. where receiving telegrams and mail from Corrine Middleton of Chicago, Ill.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Oklahoma City office dated 8-11-34.

DETAILS:

Mrs. B. A. Stevens, R.F.D. #4, Talbotton, Ga., admitted to agent that she is the daughter of Mrs. C. M. Floyd of Sallisaw, Oklahoma, and the aunt of "Pretty Boy" Floyd. She stated that Floyd was born in North Georgia, in Bartow County, and that when he was four or five years old the family moved to Oklahoma. She has not seen him since that time and does not believe that he has ever returned to the state. He has an uncle, B. R. Floyd, who resides between Woodbury and Raleigh, Ga., but she is certain that he has not seen or communicated with Floyd. Mrs. Stevens advised that last year she visited her mother, who is details "Pretty Boy" Floyd's grandmother, and that the family does not know where he is. She said that at one time she read in the paper that he was dead, and another account said he was wounded. She claims that she does not discuss the subject in her letters to her mother, as Mrs. Floyd is very much grieved over her grandson's criminal activities. Mrs. Stevens said that while she realized that "Pretty Boy" was a criminal, she did not think that he was as notorious as reported in the papers. She remarked that he was not implicated in the Kansas City murder, but when pressed for her reason for this statement she became evasive and said that she just knew he wasn't. It is apparent that Mrs. Stevens has discussed the matter

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with her relatives, but agent was unable to gather anything from her demeanor or conversation that would justify the conclusion that she has been in communication with Floyd.

Mr. Stevens was very frank in his statements, stating that he realized Floyd is a dangerous criminal and expressing the hope that he was wounded to such an extent that he would not escape the officers. It is significant, however, that neither Stevens nor his wife expressed a desire that Floyd be apprehended. Mr. Stevens advised that he had tried to keep his relation to Floyd a secret, as he was anything but proud of the connection and that very few people in the county knew of it.

It was ascertained from Mr. Stevens that the other members of the family consist of his daughter and his sons, O. A. and C. M. Stevens, who live with him.

Mr. W. A. Perryman, rural mail carrier, stated that the Stevens family has resided in the community for at least twenty years and that they are highly respected and law abiding citizens. He stated that while delivering mail he has noticed no strangers at the home and that he does not remember any letters addressed to anyone except members of the family.

Mr. Stevens' home is located off the main highway in a rather inaccessible spot. It would be possible for a fugitive to secrete himself there with a minimum chance of detection, as there are no other homes close by and the intervening hills obstruct the view from the main highway except at one point. However, Mr. Perryman feels that he would know if someone were in hiding there.

Special Agent W. M. Sirene conducted the following investigation:

AT MONTGOMERY, ALA.

Mr. Campbell, Manager of Western Union, informed that on August 31, 1934, that the following message was sent by Jules Galatas yesterday:

Montgomery, Ala.
August 30, 1934.

Miss Corrine Middleton,
Sixth Floor, Masonic Bldg.,
Chicago, Ill.

Letter about her thats all letter.

Jules."

Mr. Campbell stated that Corrine Middleton apparently did not understand the message and requested to have the message repeated. He stated that Jules Galatas was notified and confirmed the original message.

Agent ascertained through T. D. Allen, Day Clerk, Exchange Hotel, that Jules Galatas is occupying room No. 532. Agent occasionally sees Jules Galatas on the streets in the vicinity of the Exchange Hotel, and notes that he is frequenting the usual places.

J. T. Edwards, Superintendent of Mails, advised agent that practically all of the letters received by Jules Galatas apparently are much heavier than the average personal letters sent through the mails, indicating a possibility that Corrine in Chicago may be relaying letters from Richard Galatas or others.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

CHICAGO OFFICE: It is suggested that a cover be maintained on mail received by Corrine Middleton, Sixth Floor Mandel Building, Chicago.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

FI.:A.P.

September 14, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby of September 11, 1934, I am transmitting herewith two copies of the abstract of the criminal record of one Milford J. Florence who is possibly identical with the person referred to in the attached report.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 12, 1934.

The following is an abstract of the fingerprint record of one Milford J. Florence, on file in the Division of Investigation:

Subject as Milford J. Florence, #24746, arrested Police Department, San Francisco, California, March 16, 1915, charge vagrancy - bunco.

Notations:

"Portland #544.
March 15, 1911, arrested at Portland, Oregon, charge bunco - card shark; given hours.
(The above notations appear on print #24746)."

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600 Rector Building,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
September 9, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Birmingham, Alabama.

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.

In an intensive investigation which is being conducted at this time to determine the whereabouts of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, information has been received that two men, one of whom is thought to have been Floyd, were seen in a restaurant in Rogers, Arkansas, about the first of April of the current year. The description of the other man was secured as follows: 6 ft.; over 200 lbs.; age about 40 years; dark skinned; had no right ear.

The above description checks fairly well with a criminal by the name of Lewis Austin, with aliases. It has been determined that Lewis Austin has a long criminal record, and that he has recently been arrested by the Police Department at Columbus, Georgia. Criminal record of Lewis Austin, Division #10860, as supplied to the Police Department at Columbus, Georgia, by Division letter dated April 5, 1934, indicates that Austin was arrested April 1, 1934, on a charge of burglary and entering and possession of burglar tools, at which time he was assigned Columbus Police Department fingerprint #8408.

It is requested that an investigation be conducted at Columbus, Georgia, to secure the disposition of the indicated arrest and to determine, if possible, the present whereabouts of Austin. It is also requested that a recent photograph of Austin be secured for identification purposes.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City, Missouri 62-1043

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Portland, Oregon	9-4-34	8-25,30-34	T. M. Clifford

TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, w. a. (deceased)
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, w.a. - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1201
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, w.a. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194, et al

CHARACTER OF CASE: Conspiracy to Delivery Federal Prisoner

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

J. J. Miller, with aliases, arrested Portland, Oregon, March 15, 1911, with M. J. Florence. Fingerprints and photograph of Florence submitted Division.

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REFERENCE: Division letter dated August 17, 1934.

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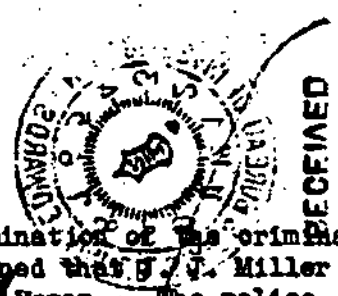

DETAILS:

On August 25, 1934, agent made an examination of the criminal records of the Portland Police Department, and ascertained that J. J. Miller was arrested on March 15, 1911, under the name of Frank Moran. The police records reflect that Miller was arrested with one M. J. Florence, who at that time were registered at the Eaton Hotel, West Park and Morrison Street, Portland, Oregon. These suspects were picked up by police officers. Carpenter and Price

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as bunco and card sharks. The charge was later changed to vagrancy and both men were given hours to leave the city.

Agent learned that Patrolman Carpenter is now deceased, and Officer Price of the Portland Police Department is on a vacation and will not return until about the middle of September, 1934.

Agent contacted Lieutenant Patrick Moloney, now chief of the Vice Squad and a Detective Sergeant of the Portland Police Department in 1911. Lieut. Moloney distinctly recalls J. J. Miller, with aliases, and M. J. Florence. Lieut. Moloney stated to agent that he knew of no other associates of Miller or Florence who were in Portland, Oregon at that time, or have since operated in Portland. Lieut. Moloney stated that he has seen J. J. Miller, whose photograph he readily identified, on one occasion since 1911, that being on or about the fall of 1925 when Miller was passing through Portland on a train southbound, at which time Lieut. Moloney saw Miller at the railroad station in Portland.

A careful investigation at the Eaton Hotel, Portland, failed to reveal any information of value.

A search of the Portland Police Department criminal records revealed photograph and fingerprints of M. J. Florence, associate of Miller. Photograph of Florence and photographic copy of his fingerprints are herewith submitted to the Division.

Description of M. J. Florence, as revealed by the Portland Police Department records, is as follows:

Age in 1911	38
Height	5' 10 3/4"
Weight	195
Build	Stout
Complexion	Medium
Hair	Brown, tinged with grey
Eyes	Not shown
Birthplace	Minnesota
Occupation	Sport
Police No.	Portland #544; San Francisco police #24746 - Arrested for vagrancy and bunco March 16, 1915, disposition not shown.

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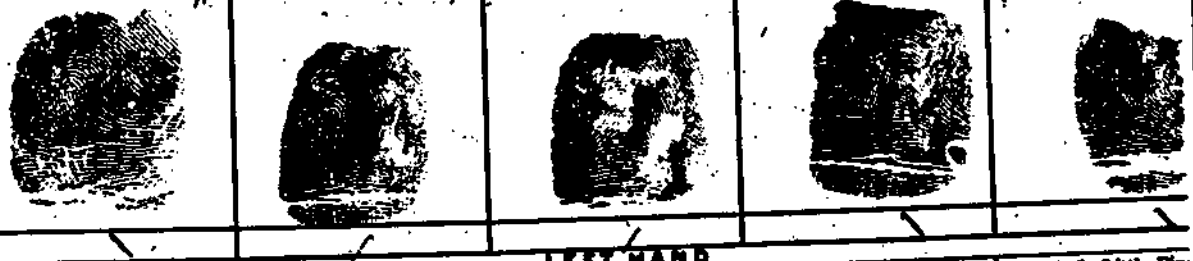

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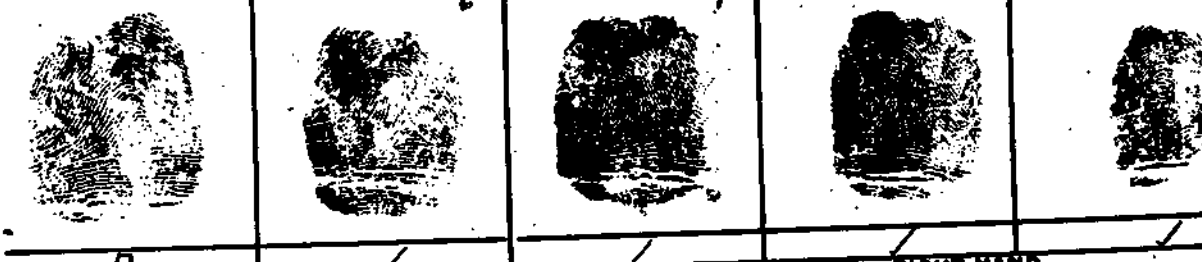

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases (Deceased); Richard Tullman 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 - Obstruction of Justice.

Special Agent T. M. Birch of this office informed me today that he learned from William Woods, Burns operative at Tulsa, Oklahoma, that Woods had received a report from the Kansas City office of his organization in which it was stated that Beulah Baird and Subject Floyd are living together at Alton, Illinois with a Mrs. Mary Gienard, but no information was at hand as to how long they have lived there, or where, or under what circumstances.

This report contained information to the effect that one Bill Bellinger, who operates a barber shop at 30th & Indiana Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, made the statement to a Burns operative that he shaved Floyd about three months ago, and stated that if any further information concerning Floyd were obtained, he would turn it over to the Burns people in Kansas City. It appears that R. J. Eckert is the operative at Kansas City who rendered the report in question. This is in confirmation of my telephonic conversation with you of today.

Copies of this letter are being transmitted to the St. Louis office with the request that no investigation be conducted at Alton until the receipt of information from the Kansas City office concerning its contact with the Burns people there.

Since the dictation of the foregoing, you have advised by long distance telephone that your contact with the Burns Agency in Kansas City discloses you are already in possession of the information, which was to the effect that "old lady" Baird is in West Alton, Missouri. It will therefore be unnecessary for the St. Louis office to conduct any investigation at Alton, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-St. Louis
Division

Mr. Nathan .....
Mr. Tolson .....
Mr. Clegg .....
Mr. Baughman .....
Chief Clerk .....
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Post Office Box 2118,
Detroit, Michigan.
September 8, 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 FLOYD with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Referring to my communication dated August 30, 1934, which concerns the detainer lodged against Vivian Mathias at the United States Detention Farm at Milan, Michigan, please be advised that I had a long talk with the Mathias woman yesterday.

She stated that she was considerably perturbed over the fact that she will not be released on the eighteenth of September, adding that she was unable to understand why the charges had been filed against her at Kansas City. I went into the matter very carefully with her, explaining that the evidence which had been discovered clearly involved her in the conspiracy with Miller and others in connection with the Kansas City Massacre. I emphasized the fact that from all indications the case against her was ironclad. She continued to state, however, that she knew nothing about the affair and that she had nothing to say concerning it.

It was very evident during the course of my talk with her that she is greatly disturbed about the detainer which has been filed, as she had been planning considerably on being released on the eighteenth instant. I informed her that undoubtedly she could do herself much good if she would be willing to cooperate with this Division in furnishing information which we desired. She refused, however, to discuss the slightest angle of the crime at Kansas City, although she did not present a hostile attitude.

Mr. Ryan, the superintendent of the institution, furnished me with a letter which Vivian Mathias had written to Mr. B. Feldman, Attorney, 10 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, which reads as follows:

"Dear Benny:

Just a line to ask you to do me a favor. Mr. Ryan, the warden here, informed me that there was a Government hold come in for me yesterday. My time is up the eighteenth of September. Then I will be taken to Kansas City, Missouri. I wish you would find out what it is all about and let me know at once as I am worried about it. When Bobby comes home from

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Alderson, give her my love. Hoping to hear from you soon

Sincerely,

Vivian Mathias."

This letter, the warden informs me, was written immediately after he had notified her about the detainer. The letter, upon our suggestion, however, has been held up in the superintendent's office, it being deemed advisable to do so until my interview with the Mathias woman. I suggested to the superintendent, upon my departure from the institution yesterday, that the letter be mailed at once to the attorney at Chicago, and Mr. Feldman will undoubtedly receive same this afternoon or tomorrow.

It has occurred to me that, in view of the refusal of Vivian Mathias to make a statement about the affair at Kansas City, that it would be desirable for an Agent to contact Attorney Feldman at Chicago, informing him of the seriousness of the offense with which the Mathias woman is charged and emphasizing the fact that, from all indications, she will receive a good, long sentence unless she indicates willingness to cooperate with the Division.

It is noted that Attorney Feldman represented the Mathias woman when she was prosecuted for harboring Verne Miller at Chicago last November and undoubtedly his influence prompted her to a great extent in entering a plea of guilty to that offense. It is believed, therefore, if he is approached in a diplomatic manner and can be made to believe that Vivian Mathias would benefit greatly by furnishing this Division the desired information, that he might possibly take it upon himself to proceed to Milan for the purpose of advising her to talk. It is felt that he might have sufficient control over her as an attorney to persuade her to tell the story about the massacre.

The above information was telephoned to Mr. Cowley at Chicago last evening.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: St. Paul
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

8:25 P.M.
Detroit, Michigan
September 7, 1934

R. B. Nathan
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1626 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

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September 15, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

RE: 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, CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER
FEDERAL PRISONER.

There are returned herewith the three negatives which were transmitted to the Division with your letter of September 7, 1934. There are also transmitted herewith copies made from the negatives, consisting of one large and one small picture of subject Floyd, his ex-wife, Ruby Floyd, and his son Jack Dempsey Floyd, and a studio photograph of the child. Copies of these photographs are also being furnished to the offices indicated below.

You are authorized to furnish Constable Jack Pace of Fort Smith, Arkansas with copies of the photographs transmitted herewith, retaining only those that are necessary for your further investigation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure 30(28).

CC Oklahoma City
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Dallas
San Antonio
El Paso
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Little Rock, Arkansas,
September 7, 1934.

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

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Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted, herewith, in triplicate copy of memorandum submitted by Special Agent R. E. Lawrance at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, dated September 6, 1934, regarding two photographs of Charles Arthur Floyd, one a group photograph of Charles Arthur Floyd, his wife and child and the other a studio photograph of the child.

In connection with these photographs, I am of the general impression that they were probably taken during the winter of 1931 and 1932 and will have little value from the investigative standpoint even though the building where the photograph was taken may be located.

There are also being transmitted, herewith, three negatives, one being a large and one being a small picture of the group, the other being of the child. It is suggested that an appropriate number of the photographs in question be made and be distributed to interested Field Offices. The photograph of Floyd, apparently, is a good one.

In connection with the above, Agent Lawrance has advised me that Constable Jack Pace of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, expressed the desire to have ten or twelve copies of each of the photographs. Agent Lawrance assured him that he could furnish him at least one of each but the Constable stated that if he could not supply more than that, that he would desire to have the negatives returned in order to have additional prints made. Agent Lawrance attempted to learn the real reason for wanting so many copies of these pictures without result. The question of furnishing Constable Pace with a number of photographs will be left to the discretion of the Division; however, it does appear that it may be necessary to return to him the negatives otherwise.

In connection with the identity of Constable Jack Pace of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, it may be noted that he has the reputation of being one of the very few honest outstanding law [illegible] officers in the vicinity of Ft. Smith, Arkansas. He has coop[illegible] office readily and has furnished some very valuable in[illegible]. He has been elected Sheriff at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, and is to t[illegible] the beginning of the coming year.

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The desire of Constable Pace for the additional photographs has lead me to believe that he may possibly have in mind the syndication of articles to some magazine in the future. Of course, I realize that we could not cooperate with him along those lines. It is also possible that Constable Pace may desire these additional pictures for distribution to other Peace Officers. I have been informed that he has cooperated with the Missouri State Police in the past in their efforts to bring about the apprehension of Floyd.

One copy each of the photographs in question are being retained at this office for purposes of reference.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Enclosures (6)

cc Mr. Harold Nathan, Assistant Director.
cc Kansas City

Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
500 Rector Building,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
September 6, 1934 at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased) et al.,
LITTLE ROCK FILE #62-8

As previously arranged by Agent, Night Chief of Police Rufus Matlock, of Van Buren, Arkansas, borrowed two small photographs (approximately 1½ x 2½ inches) from a Van Buren youth by the name of Bill Smith. One of these pictures was a posed studio photo of Floyd's son which was stamped on the rear: "Little Hollywood Studio". The other was a group photograph of Floyd, Mrs. Floyd and their son, a snapshot picture, which had been rubber stamped with the numeral 22.

Immediately upon securing these photographs Matlock turned them over to Constable Jack Pace, Fort Smith, Arkansas, who had enlarged copies made of them by A. R. Hansard, Photographer in the Illinois Bldg., Fort Smith. One copy each of the enlarged prints are enclosed as well as the negatives. The original pictures were immediately returned to Chief Matlock who returned them to the owner without supplying the information that copies had been made.

Constable Pace learned that the "Little Hollywood Studio" has been closed for some time but that it was formerly operated by a man by the name of Renfro. Constable Pace and Agent located the Renfro residence at 1307 N. 33rd Street, Fort Smith.

Agent contacted O. M. Renfro at his home, 1307 N. 33rd Street and learned that the posed photograph of the Floyd boy was taken in the "Little Hollywood Studio", 906½ Garrison Street, Fort Smith, sometime between October of 1931 and February 1932. These are the only months that this studio was operated. Renfro stated that he recognized the picture as being one he had made but could remember no other circumstances in connection therewith. Renfro stated that the group photograph must have been done by some larger studio by reason of the fact that he did not number his work, and that the number 22 could indicate that the studio which made the prints had a large volume of work.

A study of the group photograph reveals that this picture must have been taken at about the same time as the posed photo by reason of the fact that the boy appears to be wearing the same coat and hat in both pictures. The following details are also noted in the group photo:

1. That it was taken in front of what appear to be Garage doors of a two story residence, the lower portion of which is brick while the upper is of frame.

2. That the trees which are showing in the background appear to be Elms which are typical of this section of the country.

3. That steps and a railing can be seen on one side of the Garage.

4. That the brickmasonry is unusual as short pieces which appear to be one half of brick ends are inserted to make a pattern, with the exception of the top and the third from the top rows.

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Constable Pace states that the clothing worn by Mrs. Floyd and the boy is the same as that which they were wearing in Fort Smith during the winter of 1933. Pace states that the boots worn by the boy particularly drew his attention because he remembered seeing the boy wearing them in Fort Smith, last winter. For this reason it is just possible that the group photo may have been taken later than the winter of 1931-32.

With this in mind it is suggested that copies of these photographs be made and supplied to Agents in this district with a view of locating this building, which place might possibly be used at this time as a hideout.

With the assistence of Constable Pace Agent is making a search of the district in and around Fort Smith to locate the residence or building shown in group photograph.

(Signed) R. E. Lawrence,
Special Agent.

cc Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director
Care Oklahoma City Field Office.

JEH:HCB

September 5, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR TAMM

During telephonic conversation this evening I told Mr Cowley that a letter is being prepared to him in regard to the future program at the Chicago office. I stated that as soon as the Piquett case is taken care of, I want him, Mr Cowley, to give special attention to the Karpis-Barker, "Baby Face" Nelson and Hamilton, and the Kansas City massacre cases. I told him that he would be authorized to go, whenever he thinks it necessary to St Paul and to Kansas City, or that he might call those people into Chicago for conferences. I told him that I am not sending a copy of this letter to either St Paul or Kansas City for the reason that I feared if I did this, there would be even less work performed in these districts; That I feel both Mr Ladd and Mr. Nathan are inclined to await instructions from someone else. I told Mr Cowley that as soon as he is able to do so, I felt it would be well for him to visit these two districts frequently to supervise the work. Mr. Cowley suggested that Mr. Purvis be furnished with a copy of the letter referred to above, since up to date, he, Mr. Cowley, has had no supervision over the Kansas City Massacre case. I told him I would see that Mr. Purvis receives a copy of the letter, and the letter will be phrased to indicate that he, Mr. Cowley, is on special assignment from Washington, operating out of Chicago. I Remarked that the Kansas City case is connected with the Karpis-Barker and "Pretty Boy" Floyd cases, and possibly is connected with the Dillinger case since the gun found in the Lake is the gun used in the Kansas City massacre. I told Mr. Cowley that whenever he finds it necessary to shift Agents in connection with these cases, he should advise this office and I will see that it is done, I remarked that of course, I would like to have these three cases concluded within the next thirty or forty-five days if possible. Mr. Cowley felt that we would be able to accomplish more in these three cases now, particularly in the Bremer case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice
500 Rector Building,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
September 6, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

62-28915-2392

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.

While discussing this case recently in Washington with Mr. Newby at the Division, it appeared from information received that the photograph and fingerprints of subject Richard Tallman Galatas probably have never been forwarded to any of the foreign exchanges of the Division. At this time I wish to verify a suggestion, which I made at that time, to the effect that not only the photograph and fingerprints of Richard Tallman Galatas, but also those of his wife be forwarded to every foreign country where the Division has an exchange of fingerprints. It is my understanding that both Mr. and Mrs. Galatas have traveled widely. It is altogether possible that they may be in some foreign country at the present time. During their travels they will probably be engaging in confidence games and probably be subject to arrest.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Kansas City
Oklahoma City

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September [illegible], 19[illegible]

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 6, 19[illegible], wherein you state it is your understanding that photographs and fingerprints of Richard Tallman Galatas have not been forwarded in the foreign exchange of the Division.

Please be advised that the files of the Identification Unit reflect that Identification Orders on this individual have been forwarded in the foreign exchange to sixty countries cooperating with the Division in this activity.

Ident had a record Jacket # 811223

With reference to Mrs. Galatas please be advised that no record of this individual exists in the files of the Identification Unit.

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Very truly yours,
For the Director.

T. D. Quinn,
Acting Assistant Director.

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

September 9, 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 TALIMAN 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 the report of Special Agent Louis DeNette, dated at Nashville, Tennessee, August 20, 1934, in the above-entitled matter. It is noted that William Burke, Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department #3051, and John O'Malley, Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department #3065, are said to be close friends of Charles J. Fitzgerald, whose location in this matter is desired.

It is requested that the Division forward to the Kansas City Office a supply of the most recent photographs of these individuals, and also the complete record of each.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge

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September 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Larson called from Cleveland, Ohio, about 9:45 P.M. and stated that he had just arrived in Cleveland. I advised Mr. Larson that the Matterson woman has been identified through her fingerprints as Paula Harmon who has been known to travel with Fred Barker and that she can furnish valuable information with respect to the Kanno, Bremer, and Hamm cases if she will. Mr. Larson asked whether the Division was in possession of a photograph of Winona Burdette, paramour of Harry Campbell and stated he believed that Winona Walcott now in custody at Cleveland is the Burdette woman. I told Mr. Larson that I would make a search of the Division file and in the event that a photograph was located it would be forwarded to him together with a photograph of Harry Dutch Sawyer.

Mr. Larson stated that so far photographs of Alvin Karpis, the Barker brothers, and Harry Campbell have been identified as frequenting the apartment on 71st Street in Cleveland; that Harry Sawyer is also believed to be associating with the mob in Cleveland.

Mr. Larson further advised that he was going to try to have the three women now in the custody of the Cleveland police department removed to the Lakewood, Ohio, police department jail where he believes the accomodations are better and that he can prevent further publicity being furnished to the newspapers as is being done by the Cleveland Ohio police department. No attempt has been made by the police department to obtain latent fingerprints in the apartment occupied by these individuals and that it is apparent that they have overlooked the possibility of developing harboring charges against them. I adivsed Mr. Larson that Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker are under indictment in connection with the Bremer case and are classed as fugitives.

He stated that Helen Gurgeson had been left at Toledo, Ohio, but that he did not anticipate any developments at that point in view of the arrests at Cleveland, Ohio, and ventured the opinion that had not these arrests occurred the addresses of the Barker Karpis gang would have been learned through the man Angus with thepossibility of picking up the entire gang.

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Mr. Larson stated that there is some indication that Nate Barker has also been in Cleveland and that he is going to question the five year daughter of the Sawyer woman with a view to identifying all those who have been in Cleveland and associations with the Sawyers. He also stated that an attorney had been making an attempt to get the women out but had not been successful.

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Mr. Larson stated that it looks as though the Barker-Karpis gang has been working out of Cleveland and that they have been disposing of the Bremer ransom money in the vicinity of Buffalo, New York, which is not far distant. Another angle which he will give immediate attention is the resort alleged to be operated on one of the islands in the lake near Sandusky, Ohio, by the man Angus who operates some sort of a dive in Toledo, Ohio; that he is awaiting information from Agent Murphy who is to contact Helen Furgeson after she has contacted Angus. Mr. Larson feels that if Angus has such a place in the Lake near Sandusky, Ohio, that it would be very appropriate for them to go there to hide out; that they had left all their clothes in the apartment; that there is a suite of very fine furniture in the apartment; and that a detailed examination of the apartment will be made immediately. From the information furnished by the Walcott woman (velieved to be Campbell's woman) it appears that this gropp went to Toledo, Ohio, early this year and feom there went to Cleveland, where they established residences about one month and a half ago.

I called Mr. Larson's attentionto the letter which I exhibitied to him last Saturday addressed by the Kansas City Office to the Detroit Office wherein the serial numbers of several bills were listed, bills which were deposited by old man Barker in a bank at Neosho, Missouri, and which bills were issued by a Cleveland Ohio bank. Mr. Larson stated that an examination of the six one hundred dollar bills found in thepossession of Mrs. Sawyer showed that they were issued by banks in Kansas City, Missouri, Denver, Colorado; SanFrancisco, California; that none, however, had been issued by a Cleveland bank. I pointed out to Mr. Larson that every effort shoudl be made to identify the cars or at least obtain the description of the cars now in thepossession of the gang. He said that they had been seen in two Ford V8 Sedans and one Chevrolet Sedan and that the Cleveland police department has one of these cars in its possession. He said the apartment did not have a telephone, and therefore it would not be possible to trace any long distance phone calls from that apartment. He said that it was not an apartment that they occupied but a rented house and that the furniture in the house had also been rented. by them.

Mr. Larson closed by saying that he would give this matter further attention tonight and would advise the Division of any forther developments the first thing in the morning.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby.

Post Office Box 2118
Detroit, Michigan
September 8, 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:

With reference to your wire in the above entitled matter requesting that this office ascertain the assembly numbers and date and place of shipment of 1933 Buick sedan, serial number 2675653, motor 2829042, and also same information with reference to 1933 Buick Sedan, motor number 2818458, Mr. John D. Goodwin of the Shipping Department, Buick Motor Car Company, Flint, Michigan, telephonically advised this office that 1933 Buick Sedan, serial number 2675653, motor number 2829043, was assembled with body number 6377 which was shipped in December of 1932 to Simons Wiles Company, Kansas City, Missouri; that 1933 Buick Sedan, motor number 2818458 was assembled with serial number 2665213, body number 2159, and was shipped on December 17, 1932, to the Buick Oldsmobile Pontiac Sales Company of Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Goodwin advised that this is the only information that the Buick Motor Car Company has with reference to these particular cars. He stated that beginning with the 1933 model the company did not make a record of the transmission, rear axle or other assembly numbers.

Telegraphic summary of the above was sent to your office under date of September 7, 1934.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

JLM:vss
cc Division
Chicago
St. Paul

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JBL:IJ
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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
September 8, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, w.a. (deceased);
RICHARD TALIMAN 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 :

In accordance with request contained in your letter dated August 31, 1934, there are transmitted herewith two photographs of Elbert Russell, Oklahoma State Penitentiary No. 16077, believed to be an associate of Charles Arthur Floyd. A copy of the photograph of this individual is also being transmitted to the Kansas City Office with a copy of this letter.

Confirming telephonic information furnished to you on September 1, 1934, by Special Agent John B. Little of this office in accordance with your request, it is to be noted that Elbert Russell, Oklahoma State Penitentiary No. 29595, is still incarcerated in that institution. He was received there on April 7, 1934, from Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma, to serve a sentence of five years for auto theft. He is also known by the name of James Hargrow and served a previous sentence in that institution under number 20092. He is reported to have served prior penitentiary terms in the states of Texas, Colorado, and Arkansas. This individual is not identical with Elbert Russell, Oklahoma State Penitentiary No. 16077, mentioned in the previous paragraph.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Little Rock, Arkansas
September 7th, 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 HILLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. C. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, I. C.
#1194, et al.
CONSPIRACY TO RELEASE FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

With reference to letter from this office dated September 6th, 1934, suggesting that the photographs and fingerprints of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hillman Galatas be forwarded to every foreign country where the Division has an exchange of fingerprints.

Please be advised that Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers of the Hot Springs Police Department, has advised Special Agent L. L. Chipman of this office, that the photograph of Mrs. Galatas taken in Miami, Florida, December 10th, 1927, is a better picture of her than the one obtained from the Chicago Police Department in 1933. That, however, she can be easily identified from either photograph, but is somewhat thinner at the present time than indicated in either picture.

Very truly yours,

L. L. CHIPMAN,
Special Agent in Charge

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September 24, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter dated September 7, 1934, there is enclosed herewith a copy of an abstract of the criminal record, as reflected by the files of the Identification Unit of the Division, relative to Earl J. Christman, together with a reward circular issued by the Harden, Michigan State Prison, Jackson, Michigan bearing the photograph of Christman, reflecting the number 29207.

There are also enclosed herewith two copies of the head view and full length view of Helen Ferguson, taken by the Chicago Division office, together with an enlargement of a snap-shot of Earl J. Christman found among the personal effects of Helen Ferguson.

The criminal record of Helen Ferguson was set forth in Division letter dated August 22, 1934, addressed to the Chicago Division office, a copy of which letter was furnished your office.

Copies of the criminal record of Earl J. Christman and the photographs referred to herein have been previously furnished the Chicago and Kansas City offices.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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PHOTOGRAPH OF EARL J. CHRISTMAN.

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September 17, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of September 7, 1934, regarding HELEN FERGUSON and EARL J. CHRISTMAN, I am transmitting herewith the criminal record of one Charlie L. Cook, as reflected by the fingerprint files of the Division of Investigation, who is possibly identical with your EARL J. CHRISTMAN.

Please be advised that from the information furnished it has not been possible to locate a record of HELEN FERGUSON in the files of this Division. If you can obtain and forward descriptive data, or a copy of the fingerprints of this subject, I shall be glad to have a further search conducted in an effort to ascertain if she has a record.

In compliance with your request I am also transmitting a copy of the photograph of Charlie L. Cook, possibly identical with your EARL J. CHRISTMAN.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #790168.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

September 7,1934.

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 TALIMAN GALATAS,
with aliases, FUGITIVE,I.O.#1201;
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1194;etal.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.
St.Paul File No.62-888
St.Paul File No.7-30

Reference is made to the recent statement taken at the Chicago Division Office from HELEN FERGUSON alias MRS. JOHN BURKE, whose fingerprints were forwarded to the Division under the latter name.

It is requested that the known criminal record of HELEN FERGUSON, as well as that of EARL J.CHRISTMAN with whom she associated for several years, together with photographs of these individuals, if available, be forwarded to the St.Paul Division Office.

Very truly yours,

D.M.LaDD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated September 8, 1934, I am attaching the record revealed through a search of the identification files of this Division in the case of the following individual who is probably identical with the person concerning whom you inquire:

[redacted] b7D

In compliance with your request I am transmitting herewith two copies of the photograph of the above individual.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
September 8, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

It is requested that the criminal record of [redacted] alias [redacted] be forwarded to the Oklahoma City office as this man is being used as an informant by this office in the above captioned case. [redacted] is described as follows:

[redacted]

Also kindly forward photographs of [redacted] if available.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Kansas City.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1887
Charlotte, North Carolina
September 7, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent T. N. Stapleton, dated at Charlotte, North Carolina, September 6, 1934, entitled ALBERT KELLEY, alias BERT KELLEY, alias BERT BRU LA; ABRAM LEVY; "SMITTIE"; "PRETTY BOY"; NICK NUMBER ONE; NICK NUMBER TWO; Miscellaneous - Information Concerning, wherein the period for which made is given as 6/22, 26/34 and 7/4, 8, 11, 27/34. Please be advised that this is an error, and should be stated as 6/22, 26/34, 7/4/34 and 8/11, 27/34.

Very truly yours,

T N Stapleton

T. N. STAPLETON,
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Drawer 567
San Francisco, California

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September 1st, 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, BYRON D. TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, fugitive, KO CARPIS, CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, fugitive, I.O. #1194 - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONERS.

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BRUCER - Victim; KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, Jr., San Francisco, dated 8/6/34, in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, deceased, et al, CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONERS.

On August 20th, 1934, information was received that a girl answering the description of Irene Dorsey Goetz, and who stated that her name was Irene Dorsey, had been found wandering on the main highway near Oakdale, California, and was being held in the County Hospital at Oakdale, California, apparently a victim of amnesia.

Telephonic inquiry of the Chief of Police at Oakdale, California, developed that this girl was Irene Dorsey Goetz and that he had obtained the address of her mother in Wilmington, Illinois, and had wired to her, and had received a wire from her advising that she, Mrs. Dorsey, was enroute to Oakdale, California, to return her daughter, Irene Dorsey Goetz, to her parents' home at Wilmington, Illinois.

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Later, telephonic contact by Agent Ramsey with John Ryndberg, Superintendent of the County Hospital at Modesto, California, developed that Irene Dorsey Goetz departed at 2:00 P.M. on August 23rd, 1934, via the Sante Fe and Chicago and Alton Railroad for Wilmington, Illinois. It was

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learned that this train was scheduled to arrive in Chicago after 2:30 P.M. on 8/26/34. A wire was accordingly dispatched to the Chicago office furnishing this information and suggesting that she be promptly interviewed.

It is believed that interview with her should clear up any discrepancy regarding her statement concerning the disposition of the Auburn automobile belonging to Alvin Karpis, it being noted that her explanation in connection with this matter was furnished in report of Special Agent in Charge, E. P. Guinane, in the Kansas City case, dated 7/21/34, a copy of which was forwarded to the Chicago office for inclusion in the Bremer file.

Very truly yours,

E. P. Guinane
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

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

Dear Sir:

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

On page 45 of the Liberty magazine, issue of September 5, 1934, it is observed that a reward of $1,000.00 is offered to any person who causes the capture of any of certain fugitives in whom this Division is interested. Said fugitives are John Hamilton, Charles A. Floyd, Lester M. Gillis and Richard Tallman Galatas. It is observed that the photographs of subjects Floyd and Galatas are very poor, and the Division is in possession of more recent photographs of both of the said subjects.

It has occurred to me that, if it is in accordance with the Division's desires, the publishers of this magazine should be furnished with the best photographs of Floyd and Galatas in the possession of the Division, and that it be requested that they publish them in another issue.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Kansas City
Chicago

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September 10, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased), et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, there are being transmitted under separate cover enlarged photographs illustrating the matching of the microscopic marks on the shells which proves that this machine gun is the one from which the shells in the possession of Merle Gill at Kansas City, which are said to have been found at the scene of the crime, were fired. This is Thompson gun No. 7387.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: Vernon Miller (Deceased)
Richard T. Galatas et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division August 21, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: #670019.

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Laboratory Report

September 10, 1934.

Case: Vernon Miller (Deceased)
Richard T. Galatas et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Number:

Specimens: 1 bullet and shell fired from a .45 calibre Army Automatic #890427.

Examination requested by: Kansas City Division Office.

Date received: August 21, 1934.

Examination requested: Ballistic.

Result of examination:

Examination by: S. Hard

All exhibits we have had on the Kansas City Massacre and Lazia case apparently were fired from a Thompson gun. These exhibits were apparently fired from a Colt Automatic Pistol. The shell did not check any of the shell exhibits either in the Kansas City Massacre or Lazia case. The specimens are being returned to the Kansas City Office under separate cover.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

SEP 26 1934

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, deceased;
RICHARD TALIAFERRO 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 addressed to this office by the St. Louis Office under date of August 28, 1934, transmitting a copy of letter signed by R. S. Wilfrey, of the First National Bank, Fairbury, Nebraska, dated August 11, 1934, which you no doubt have in your files.

Miss Blanche Howard, paramour of Jack Griffin, when interviewed at the Kansas City Office on August 31, 1934, by Special Agents Andersen and Trainor, was questioned regarding her connections with T. J. Gerson. She stated that Mr. Gerson resides somewhere in Kansas City and that he has been an old sweetheart of hers for several years. She advised that he is not acquainted with Jack Griffin and that she did not know Griffin for most of the time that she went with Gerson. She stated that he is a jewelry auctioneer, and spent some time at a jewelry store at Fairbury, Nebraska, in connection with his business during the years 1932 and 1933. She stated, however, that the photograph of Gerson found in her apartment at the time that Griffin was shot was in no way connected with Griffin's activities. She denied that Gerson has ever participated in any illegal affairs. She stated that he is related to Tom Gershon, Assistant City Prosecutor at Kansas City, Missouri. It is noted that Tom Gershon spells his name differently than does T. J. Gerson.

A photograph of T. J. Gerson, which was found among the personal effects of Griffin and his paramour at Kansas City, was identified by Blanche Howard. Same is transmitted herewith, and it

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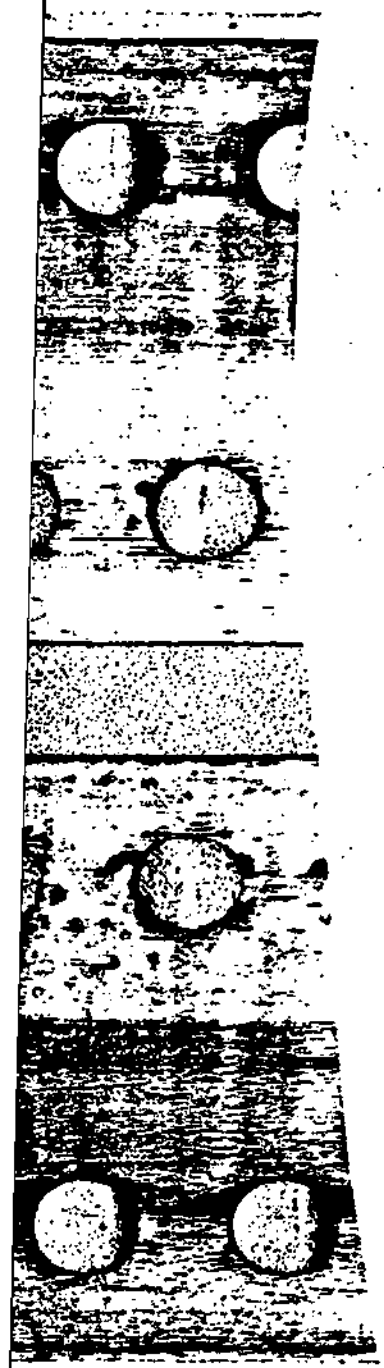

is suggested that it be displayed at Fairbury, Nebraska, especially in connection with the Fairbury bank robbery, since there is a possibility that he, while at Fairbury, might have figured the bank job for the others, who participated in it.

It is noted that Mr. Wilfrey mentioned several photographs, which he stated that Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins was intending to send him, and especially it is noted that he stated that Griffin identified one of the photographs as a likeness of one Doc Miller. The only photographs submitted to the Kansas City Office by Chief of Detectives Higgins were those of Gerson and some other local parties, none of whom are known as Doc Miller. If Mr. Wilfrey has been the recipient of any photographs from Mr. Higgins, it is requested that you secure copies of same, to be transmitted to this office.

Your investigation at Fairbury, Nebraska, should be very discreet, in view of the fact that the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department is strongly suspected as having further knowledge of the Fairbury bank robbery than they have furnished to this office. It has appeared quite strange that the Kansas City Police caused an immediate identification of Jack Griffin in the Fairbury bank robbery after he was wounded in an apparent spot job by some of the underworld, when as a matter of fact Griffin had been allowed to operate openly under the protection of the Police Department for several months prior to his attack.

The longhand letter transmitted to the Kansas City Office with the letter from the St. Louis Office is being forwarded to the Division, typewritten copies of same being retained in the Kansas City file of this case. Should later developments indicate the probable identity of the writer, the Division will be notified.

Very truly yours,

R. P. NATH,
Special Agent in Charge

RFT:bn
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cc - Division
St. Louis

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

LAH:mtr

September 4, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In accordance with Mr. Newby's request, there were routed six copies of a transcript of the criminal record and six photostatic copies of the fingerprint card of Robert Blake, Miami Police Department, Miami, Florida, #5097.

This record and the photostatic copies were delivered on September 1st to Mr. Newby.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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San Francisco, California

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September 1st, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of August 27th, 1934, which apparently crossed in the mails letter from this office of August 31st, 1934, which was in answer to your letter of August 3rd, 1934, regarding action being taken in this district looking to the location of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Supplementing information noted in my letter of the 31st, and in addition to the information developed in connection with the Dillinger and Kansas City Massacre cases, Agent Ramsey advises me that there are leads in this case pending at Sacramento, Smith River, Vallejo and San Francisco, California.

Regarding investigation in other cases which bears on this case, reference is made specifically to the fact that a great deal of investigation in the Dillinger and Frisch cases has directed itself into and around the persons connected with the Bank Buffet, a saloon and gambling resort at 3286 22nd Street, in San Francisco, which investigation has developed that it is operated by one John Doyles and "Soap" Marino, who employ as bartender one Louis Tambini, all of whom are mentioned in connection with previous investigations conducted by Agent Ramsey regarding the address, No. 34 Hyde Street, which, it will be remembered, is the address given by subject Karpis under the alias of William B. Lohman in renting an apartment in Chicago at 7137 Yates Avenue (see report of Agent W. R. Ramsey, Jr., dated San Francisco 6/8/34). Further investigation is continuing regarding these individuals and any possible connection they might have with subjects in this case.

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Since rendition of the above noted report of Agent Ramsey, investigation has developed nothing additional regarding this address except that a letter was received in the San Francisco Postoffice directed to William B. Lohman at the 34 Hyde Street address bearing return address of one C. A. Reagan at

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7137 Yates Avenue in Chicago, an x-ray of which letter revealed that it was merely a statement to William B. Lohman for apartment rent at the 7137 Yates Avenue address up until August 1st, 1934, and bore the further notation in longhand, "Why don't you pay up and get your furniture? Let me hear from you. (SIGNED) C. A. Reagan." It will be recalled that Reagan is the Manager of the apartment at 7137 Yates Avenue and has been previously interviewed by agents of this Division.

Specifically referring to my report of July 31st, 1934, in the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, deceased, Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. No. 1201, Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. No. 1194, et al, CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER, a copy of which was forwarded to the Division for inclusion in the Bremer file, and wherein the explanation of Irene Dorsey Coetz regarding the Auburn automobile of Alvin Karpis left in Chicago with George Grossgurth was noted, it is believed important that the discrepancy in the statements of Irene Coetz and Grossgurth be cleared up.

Report of Agent Ramsey in the Kansas City case, above noted, dated August 8th, 1934, reflects that Irene Coetz escaped from the care of Lee Bevans while enroute to her home in Illinois on August 5th, 1934.

On August 20th, 1934, after location of Irene Coetz at Oakdale, California, her mother came to Oakdale and departed with Irene Coetz on August 23rd for her home in Wilmington, Illinois. A wire was immediately dispatched to the Chicago office advising of this departure and suggesting a prompt interview. It is believed that she should again be interviewed regarding the Auburn automobile in the event investigation does not substantiate her story related in the above noted report.

This office is not relaxing its vigilance in connection with this investigation and developments will be promptly reported.

Very truly yours,

E. P. Guinane
Special Agent in Charge

REM:ec

September 11, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

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

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of an anonymous letter signed "A former officer of the law", dated at Hot Springs, Arkansas, September 4, 1934, and addressed to the Attorney General, wherein he makes reference to subject Galatas.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #513746

cc - Kansas City - (with encl.-copy of anonymous let. 9/4/34)

C O P Y

Hot Springs, Arkansas. September 4th, 1934.

Attorney General Homer S. Cummings,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The photographs of Richard Tallman Galatas alias Dick Sheridan printed in Liberty magazine issue of September 15th are two of the best pictures I have seen of this man. He lived here several years and under protection given him by Mayor Leo McLaughlin and local police heads, this man sent word out to Nash and other wanted men that they would be safe here. If you ever catch Galatas and he will talk, he will tell you that he was the go between for Major McLaughlin in many con game and crooked deal here and it is possible that even now, from time to time, Galatas is corresponding with McLaughlin or other former friends here. I know of several successful deals Galatas and his men pulled or originated here with visiting suckers and McLaughlin has received his share of the spoils. I am a former member of the police department and although it would be worth my life to sign my name, you can verify my statement by having your special agents make secret investigation here. McLaughlins picutre should be published by Liberty as one of the nation's crooks and mad men.

A former officer of the law.

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Post Office Box #2118
Detroit, Michigan
September 10 1934

Mr. Roscoe B. Huston
Postmaster
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Kindly place a thirty day mail cover on all first class mail delivered to 16131 Ashton Drive, Detroit, Michigan.

In submitting the tracings on this cover, kindly refer to our file 62-890.

Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated as in the past.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

DEH:MKD

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62-28915
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
SEP 12 1934 A.M.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Re: VERNON C. MILLER, aliases, Deceased;
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, aliases - FUGITIVE
I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with
aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1194; et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

LAH:AMP.

September 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

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

Theodore Benz

Clyde Nimerick

Respectfully,

L C Schilder

L. C. Schilder.

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Post Office Box 1887
Charlotte, North Carolina
September 6, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated August 30, 1934, transmitting information received from Mr. A. Bruce Bielaski of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, New York City, to the effect that his Agent J. H. Forbes at Sumter, South Carolina, was in possession of information concerning the identity of one or more of the perpetrators of the recent robbery of an armored truck in Brooklyn, New York.

Please be advised that Mr. Forbes wired me on August 27, 1934, that he had information concerning this robbery, as a result of which I immediately contacted him by telephone. As will be noted in my report dated September 6, 1934, entitled ALBERT KELLEY, alias BERT KELLEY, alias BERT BRU LA; ABRAM LEVY; "SMITTIE"; "PRETTY BOY"; NICK NUMBER ONE; NICK NUMBER TWO, Miscellaneous - Information Concerning, it appears that Mr. Forbes has no information that the individuals whom he has in mind have any connection with the above mentioned robbery. Since December 1933 several persons have been passing through Greenville, South Carolina, and have contacted a confidential informant of Mr. Forbes, and have indirectly intimated to this informant that they have been connected with practically every major crime since the kidnaping of the Lindbergh baby. While the informant states that she will be glad to assist in ascertaining the identities of these persons, provided her name will not be disclosed, she has not furnished any information upon which an investigation could be based. One of these persons came to the informant's house two days following the robbery of the armored truck in Brooklyn, New York, appeared to be tired from a long drive, and asked to be allowed to sleep for a few hours in the informant's home, which request was refused. The informant agreed to take him to a hotel. However, he declined, and slept in his car in the woods near Greenville, South Carolina, after which he left there. He did not mention the Brooklyn robbery, and there appears to be nothing to indicate that he was one of the perpetrators.

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As will be noted in my report referred to above, Mr. Forbes has arranged for the writer to interview this informant on two occasions at Greenville, South Carolina, and he has insisted that she not be contacted by any other Agent in order to protect her. In view of his attitude, and the fact that he had no definite information that these persons were involved in the Brooklyn robbery, I did not feel that a trip to Greenville, South Carolina, for the purpose of again contacting the informant was warranted.

Very truly yours,

T. N. STAPLETON,
Special Agent in Charge

TNS:MLD
62-470

RRN-eg September 4, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While talking with Mr. Stapleton, he referred to the telegram sent by Forbes to Mr. Bielaski regarding the robbery of the armored truck in Brooklyn and advised that Forbes also sent the Charlotte office a telegram and he, Stapleton, contacted him by telephone but the reason a report has not been submitted is that they have absolutely nothing on it. Mr. Stapleton stated that he is going to review the whole matter again today and submit a report so that the other offices will know what it is all about. Mr. Stapleton ised that Forbes contacts him about once a week and when he goes down there, is always the same story as they never get the numbers of the license plates.

Mr. Stapleton stated that this time when he contacted Forbes eleph ne, Forbes advised that his informant claimed that one of the parties ved in the Brooklyn job came through about three days after the mail truck y and the informant stated she could not take him to Forbes' house but uld take him to a hotel but he would not go there; that he then went into ods and slept in the woods for about three hours. Mr. Stapleton stated there is n thing at all to connect this man with the Brooklyn robbery t that he passed through three days after the robbery and he, Stapleton, for the automobile license number as he had previously cautioned them obtaining license numbers and was advised that the car had no license which is evidently a stall. Mr. Stapleton stated that this informant ks she knows who pulled the Lindbergh job as she saw a bunch of characters once; that she also thought this bunch was connected Boy Floyd, with the Charlotte mail robbery and with the Bremer Mr. Stapleton stated that she has this gang in on every job that nt has given n thing that can be checked. I instructed Mr. Stapleton ll the facts to the Division and he stated he was going over the whole bmit copies to all interested offices. Mr. Stapleton stated that she e about the people coming through but it is evident that she is hem a goose chase.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby.

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

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September 10, 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

Reference is made to a letter from this office dated September 6, 1934, and to telegrams exchanged on September 10, 1934, concerning photographic copy of latent fingerprint developed in connection with the robbery of the First National Bank, Fairbury, Nebraska.

The file in this office reflects that copy of this print was forwarded to the Division with copy of the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated February 20, 1934, in the Bremer Kidnaping Case. An additional copy of this print was retained in the file of this office, and is being forwarded to the Division herewith. It is noted that two photographs are being transmitted, one being an enlargement of the other.

the print was forwarded with letter of March 14, 1934

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge

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FORWARDS

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

September 10, 1934.

Mr. Nathan ....
Mr. Tolson ....
Mr. Clegg ....
Mr. Baughman ....
Chief Clerk ....
Mr. Coffey ....
Mr. Conley ....
Mr. Edwards ....
Mr. Egan ....
Mr. Harbo ....
Mr. Keith ....
Mr. Lester ....
Mr. Quinn ....
Mr. Schlader ....
Mr. Tamm ....

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Subject: Examination of the recovered Thompson sub-machine gun from Chicago, #7387, received at the Laboratory August 9, 1934, against exhibits in Plaza and Lazia shooting cases, Kansas City, Missouri.

Shells and bullets from this gun (#7387) were checked against shells and bullets received from H. A. Gill of Kansas City, Missouri, stated to be evidence exhibits from the Plaza shooting, Kansas City, Missouri, and one shell and one bullet, stated to be evidence exhibits from the Lazia shooting at Kansas City, Missouri.

From an examination of these exhibits a conclusion was reached by Special Agent Hard of the Laboratory that the shells received from Gill stated to be evidence exhibits in the Plaza and Lazia cases were fired from this arm.

This conclusion was reached after a study of the significant characteristics implanted by the bolt head and firing pin of gun #7387, and after a further confirmatory study of photographs taken by Mr. Appel of the bolt face and one of the evidence shell heads in the Plaza exhibits.

After careful study of the bullets stated to have been recovered in the Plaza and Lazia cases with test bullets fired through gun #7387, no conclusion could be reached as to their relationship, if any.

Respectfully,

E P Coffey

E. P. Coffey.

Above confirms Appel's findings on this case.

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September 11, 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 Sirt

Reference is made to your letter dated August 24, 1934, addressed to the Jacksonville office, wherein you state that Edward Doll alias La Rue, has advised that "Big Honor" was arrested in Miami, Florida, together with Lee Turner. It appears that Lee Turner was arrested with one Henry Beckman whose photograph has been furnished you and the other offices receiving a copy of this letter, and one Robert Blake, a copy of whose photograph and fingerprints are enclosed herewith.

It is suggested that the Kansas City office and the Chicago office cause a search to be made of the identification records of the Police Departments in their respective cities with a view to establishing any additional record for Blake, it being noted that the arrest at Miami, Florida on March 31, 1932, is the only arrest reflected by the files of the Identification Unit of the Division.

Very truly yours,

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DEPT OF JUSTICE
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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #513744

CC-Kansas City
St. Paul

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 31, 1934.

The following is an abstract of the fingerprint record of one Robert Blake on file in the Division of Investigation:

> Subject as Robert Blake, #5097, arrested Police Department, Miami, Florida, March 31, 1932, charge investigation; released.

The following is the description of the above subject as appearing on print #5097, Police Department, Miami, Florida, received April 6, 1932:

> Residence, Chicago, Illinois; place of birth, Chicago, Illinois; nationality, American; age, 29 years; build, slim; height, 5 feet, 6 inches; complexion, dark; hair, brown; weight, 120 pounds; eyes, chestnut; color, white; sex, male.

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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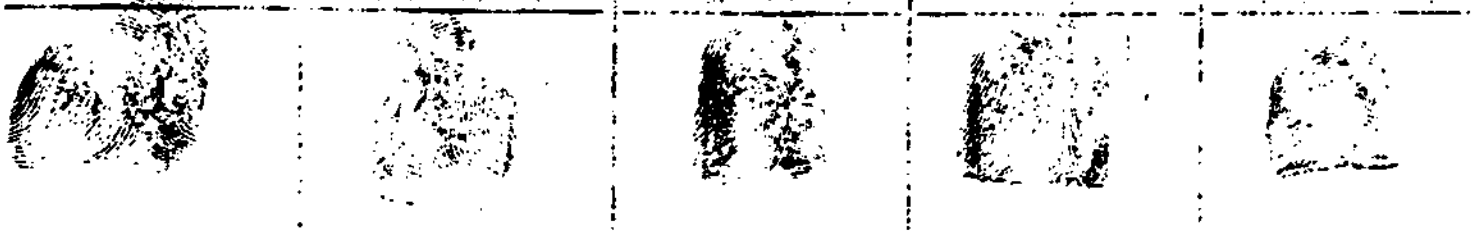

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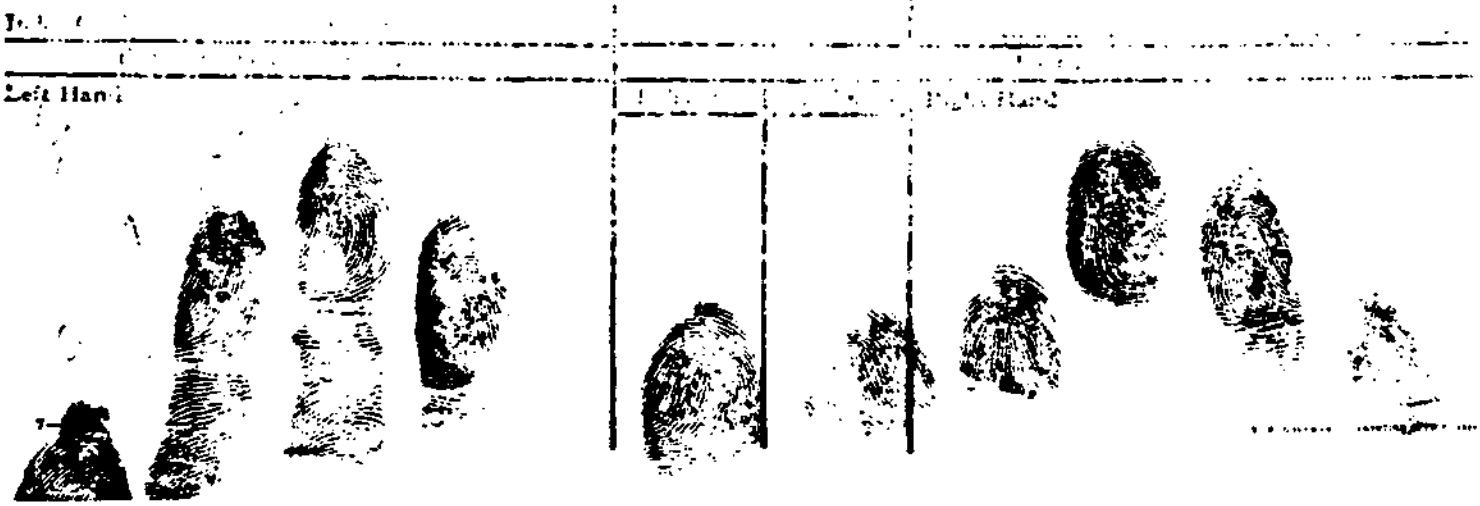

1616 Federal Reserve
Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

September 11, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Salt Lake City, Utah

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. #1164,
ET AL;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
SEP 13 1934 PM
DIVISION ONE

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. D. Swenson dated at Salt Lake City, Utah, November 6, 1933, wherein mention is made of a letter from the St. Paul Office to the Salt Lake City Office dated September 7, 1933, having to do with communications which passed between George Fattell and an inmate of the Stillwater Prison, Stillwater, Minnesota.

The Kansas City Office is unable to find in its file the communication mentioned, and it is requested that a copy of same be forwarded from your office.

Tony Fattella, who is identical with George Fattell, mentioned in the report of Agent Swenson, has recently been discovered as a close connection of Jack Griffin in Kansas City. A report dated September 5, 1934, with reference to connections of Griffin in the instant investigation, rendered in this office, has been forwarded to your office. Investigation has been made with reference to the connections and location of Fattell, and it is found that he resides with his parents in an upstairs apartment over a drug store at the corner of 34th and Jefferson Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, and keeps company with one B. King, a young woman who resides at Apartment 715 in the Mayfair Apartments, at Kansas City. He has not as yet been located for interview. Any information which you may have concerning his connections with the prisoner in question, at Stillwater, Minnesota, should be furnished to the Kansas City Office.

Very truly yours,

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cc - Division

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R. E. [redacted],
Special Agent in Charge

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

September 11, 1934.

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

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.

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There is enclosed herewith a copy of a letter received in this office signed by Jos. W. James, Special Agent, Northwestern Fire & Marine Insurance Company, 208 So. 19th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, dated September 1, 1934, addressed to Hon. Renus Kargo, Sheriff, Kearney County, Minden, Nebraska, wherein it will be noted that Mr. James is of the opinion that he saw Charles Arthur Floyd in Lincoln, Nebraska on August 31, 1934.

It is suggested that you interview Mr. James and ascertain if his identification was corroborated by other individuals mentioned in his letter.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC: Division (Enc)
Oklahoma City (Enc)
Kansas City (Enc)

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NORTHWESTERN FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY
208 So. 19th Street,
Omaha, Nebraska

September 1st, 1934.

Hon. Renus Kargo, Sheriff,
Kearney County,
Minden, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

While at Lincoln yesterday, Friday, August 31st, I noticed a well-dressed hard looking devil and a woman companion who appeared to be spotting Woods Brothers' office. Woods Brothers, as you know, are a nationally known bridge construction and river control outfit and are presumed by the general public to be very wealthy. However, if I am not mistaken, they are in the hands of receivers.

After noticing this couple a number of times during an hour and a half and also a second man who seemed to relieve them at times, I stepped into Woods Brothers and told them about my suspicion and suggested that they call the Lincoln Police Department, but their curiosity exceeded their judgment and Mr. Woods and the cashier went out on the sidewalk and looked at these people so long and hard that they got scared out and by the time the Police Department at my request were able to get a crew over to Woods Brothers, the suspects had beat it.

I did not see them with a car and had I known that Woods was going to make such an ass of himself I would have waited and followed the people and checked their car number but they beat it while I was telephoning the police from another locality.

The description of the man you will find tallies with that of "Pretty Boy" Charles Floyd, with the exception of weight and the color of his complexion. In other words, he was about 5'8½", weight about 175 to 180 pounds, chestnut hair, very florid complexion, which might have been induced by previous heavy imbibing of hard liquor, a very square jaw, carried himself very erect and had all of the appearance of a pugilist, which was "Pretty Boy's" previous occupation. He was dressed in a light grey suit and wore a white cap, drawn well down over his eyes.

They stood on the curb watching the Woods Brothers office from a little after 9 A.M. until nearly 11. As stated above, occasionally they would be relieved by a second man, who was probably 135 lbs. in weight, dark brown hair, rather thin face with fairly sharp features, wore a blue shirt and I believe, grey trousers, no coat and, I think, wore a cap. This chap was about 5'8". The woman was, judging by appearance, of the type who would do things. She was about 115#, 5'7" or 7½" tall, long, slender face with rather a square jaw, very swarthy complexion with medium chestnut, rather long bobbed hair, dressed in a white summer suit with three-quarter length coat and a white hat trimmed with black, and, I believe, had black eyes.

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Three of the members of the Woods Brothers office closely scrutinized the heavy set man and woman. I suggested to Chief Condit that he take "Pretty Boy" Floyd's pictures and description for them to look over. It is my understanding that "Pretty Boy" Floyd has been known to be a heavy drinker and since his descriptions were broadcast this habit no doubt has grown on him with the result that he has increased in weight and lost his clear complexion. One of his characteristics is the extreme erectness of his carraige. This was one of the prominent traits of the person I saw at Lincoln.

This is for your information.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Jos. W. James,
Special Agent

JWJ:MD

P.S. I had to leave Lincoln before Chief Condit returned from his conference with the Woods Brothers people, so do not know whether the witnesses of Woods Brothers confirmed my identification of "Pretty Boy" or not. If the Chief took the magazine he showed me which contained a more complete description of "Pretty Boy", I am quite sure the witnesses of Woods Brothers would concur in my identification. But I think Chief Condit only took the picture and Bertillion description with him.

1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois

September 11, 1934

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

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1801;
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1194, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir,

Reference is made to a letter to this Office from the Little Rock Office dated August 20, 1934, a copy of which was furnished to you, concerning certain information obtained by Special Agent Robert Jones from his brother, John Jones, concerning Charles Arthur Floyd.

I have to advise that Special Agent Robert Jones has further communicated with his brother and has ascertained that evidently the town in question is Earlsboro, Oklahoma. The brother of Special Agent Jones was unable to obtain any additional information from his informant.

Very truly yours,

RCS:mwc
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M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Division
Little Rock
Kansas City

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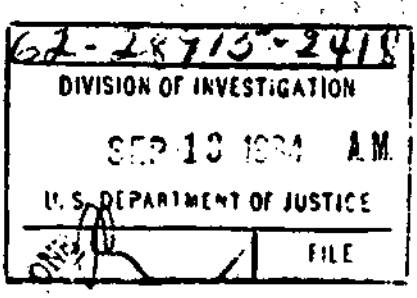

Room 1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

September 11, 1934.

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

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.

During the early months of the investigation of the above entitled case, [redacted] a well known police character, was working as a confidential informant for the Burns Detective Agency of Chicago, and made several trips to Kansas City immediately after the massacre. He reported that through his contacts in the Italian underworld at Kansas City, he had heard that Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti participated in the massacre and that they were concealed by John Lazia, a local Italian politician, and that about eight hours after the massacre Lazia assisted Floyd and his companion in leaving Kansas City. b7D

There has been some substantiation from other sources of the information furnished by [redacted] and the Kansas City office has requested that he be interviewed concerning this matter and for complete information which he may possess concerning the Kansas City contacts of Charles Arthur Floyd.

The Chicago office has made efforts to locate [redacted] and has received the information [redacted] and is now serving time. The records of the Chicago Police Department bear the notation that [redacted] was released after his arrest [redacted] b7D

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The Chicago office is now in receipt of the criminal record of [redacted] in which record it is noted that [redacted] the Division notified the Police Department at that city of the apprehension of [redacted]

It is therefore requested that your office make appropriate inquiries to determine if [redacted] should be interviewed concerning the subject matter as set forth above.

Very truly yours,

RCS:Kb

E. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge.

CC - Division ✓
Kansas City

Room 1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

September 11, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
907 Federal Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

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 your letter of September 6, 1934 suggesting that a diplomatic interview be had with Mr. B. Feldman, attorney for Vivian Mathias, with the view of influencing Mr. Feldman to advise Vivian Mathias to furnish all information in her possession concerning the Kansas City massacre.

It has occurred to this office that inasmuch as Vivian Mathias has requested Attorney Feldman to make inquiries concerning the present charge against her, it would be advisable to allow Attorney Feldman sufficient time to contact this office for the information desired. To date Mr. Feldman has not made inquiries, and it is thought that perhaps he may have communicated directly with the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri. A copy of this letter is being furnished the Kansas City office with the request that they ascertain if Mr. Feldman has requested information from the United States Attorney's office at that place. If Mr. Feldman has done so it is believed advisable that the United States Attorney should advise Mr. Feldman to contact the Chicago office. This matter will be closely followed, and in the event Mr. Feldman does not seek information from either the United States Attorney at Kansas City, or the Chicago Division office, an Agent will interview him at Chicago several days prior to September 18th.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge.

RCS:KB
CC - Division
Kansas City

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
SEPTEMBER 8, 1934.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ONE

Special Agent in Charge
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

RE: FRANK MASH, with aliases
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

In accordance with your telegram of even date there is transmitted herewith copy of report rendered by Special Agent J. R. Green, at Kansas City, Missouri, June 16, 1933, in the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

E. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

REA:os
cc - Division

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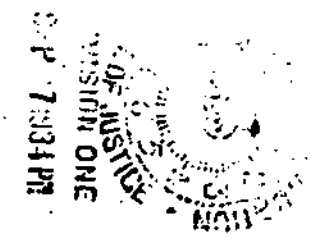
1331 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,
El Paso, Texas,
September 8, 1934.



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

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.#1184, et al - Conspiracy
to Deliver Federal Prisoner.
Obstruction of Justice.

The bulletin "Fugitives Wanted by Police", issued by the Division, Volume 8, #9, September 1, 1934, contains a notation under apprehensions to the effect that Adam Richetti is no longer wanted.

It was my understanding that the Division is actively engaged at the present time in the search for this individual and that certain agents of the Oklahoma City office had been especially detailed to that job. Please advise if this is correct. It may be that the notice in the bulletin refers only to Richetti's being wanted by the State Penitentiary at McAlester. However, I think if such be the case the notice is misleading.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

RHC:bg
cc Division
cc Kansas City.
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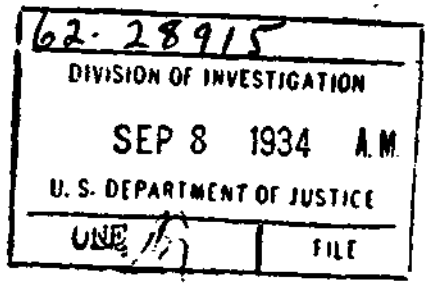

P. O. Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
September 10, 1934.

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased);
ET AL.
Conspiracy to Delivery a Federal Prisoner -
Obstruction of Justice.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your request of recent date, I am transmitting herewith several envelopes of the kind used in Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

I am also transmitting under separate cover cancellation stamp with the words "Sallisaw, Oklahoma" thereon and a rubber pad for use in connection therewith. These materials are being forwarded by registered mail.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Kansas City
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Charlotte, North Carolina FILE NO. 62-956

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Jacksonville, Florida	Sept. 11, 1934	Sept. 10, 1934	L. E. Kingman

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
ALBERT KELLEY with aliases; et al	MISCELLANEOUS - NO RETAILER IDENTIFIED

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Impossible to check alleged hide-out near Savannah, Georgia, from data in reference report. Local officers at Savannah, have maintained watch for gangsters and racketeers. Believed possible that parties mentioned in reference report may be some of known liquor bi-jackers named herein and suggested that the photographs attached be shown to informant.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent T. M. Stapleton, Charlotte, North Carolina, September 8, 1934.

DETAILS: AT SAVANNAH, GEORGIA:

This Agent has maintained from time to time surveillance over the known haunts of gangsters and racketeers at Savannah, and in this connection has had the complete cooperation of L. A. Fitzgerald, Sergeant and Acting Chief of Detectives, and of J. W. Pettit of the Chatham County Police, these two men being the most dependable and discreet men on the Savannah Police forces. The situation in Savannah has changed a great deal since the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. Savannah was once a headquarters for liquor smugglers and runners. The Haar brothers and others at Savannah,

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and Tybee Beach have ceased to a great extent their contacts with the big operators from other sections. These men have now gone into the wholesale handling of various brands of beer and tax paid liquors. Not nearly so many Northern liquor runners come into Savannah as formerly. This Agent is informed that very few strangers against whom suspicion might be directed are now visiting Savannah.

As to the hide-out mentioned in the report of reference, there is no CCC Camp within twenty miles of Savannah. The nearest one is located near Bloomingdale and there is no beacon light near it. There is a Veterans' Camp of CCC located between Hardeeville and Ridgeland, South Carolina, about thirty miles north of Savannah, and this is near the route of the Eastern Air and air mail lines. The alleged hide-out may be near this camp. There are no CCC Camps south of Savannah along the route of the airways between Savannah and Jacksonville, Florida.

In an effort to determine the possible identity of the parties described by the informant of Agent Stapleton, this Agent taxed his memory for those outstanding gangsters now wanted by the Division who have known to have been in Savannah in the past. There is only one outstanding one who comes to mind, that is WILLIAM WEISMAN with aliases, who is wanted in connection with the murder of Prohibition Agent Finiello in Elizabeth, New Jersey. It is known that Weisman, under the alias of BILL WEISS or BILL WISE, stayed in Savannah during the winter of 1931 and 1932 and that he arranged for the stay at the DeSoto Hotel in Savannah, for a period of several weeks of Holden and Keating when they were wanted as Fugitives. The present whereabouts of Weisman is not known and it is the understanding of this Agent that the Division has information indicating that Weisman may have had some connection with the Kansas City Massacre and particularly with Richard Talman Galatas. It is believed that the photograph of Weisman attached should be exhibited to the informant.

In April, 1933, E. A. Fitzgerald, City Detective, noted that several suspicious acting men were hanging around the DeSoto Hotel, one of Savannah's leading hotels. He caused the arrest of these men and they were fingerprinted and released. They are known as liquor hi-jackers and have been in and out of Savannah many times since their arrest.

This mob is suspected by the Alcohol Tax Unit of having engaged in a gun battle with Agents of that Unit in December, 1933, when an Agent was severely wounded. This battle took place in South Carolina, near Ridgeland. Prohibition Agents at Charleston, South Carolina, are thoroughly familiar with this incident and may have additional information as to these men and their identities.

Agent believes it possible that members of this mob may be the persons who have been visiting informant at Greenville. The following data has been secured from the fingerprint files of the Savannah Police Department:

JAMES MALONE

Born:	Detroit, Michigan
Age:	35 years
Height:	5 feet 8½ inches
Weight:	200 pounds
Build:	Stout
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	Medium
Teeth:	Good
Mustache:	Small black
Date of Arrest:	April 15, 1933 - investigation - dismissed same day - Savannah PD
Police Number:	Savannah PD 2792
Fingerprint Classification:	21 I 25 ? / 17 00 21
Criminal Record:	No return from Division could be located in files of Savannah Police.
Photograph:	Attached to copies of this report submitted to Charlotte Office.

EDWARD SCHINDLER

Born:	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Age:	29 years
Height:	5 feet 4½ inches
Weight:	146 pounds
Build:	Medium
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	Medium

Teeth:	Good
Occupation:	Salesman
Arrested:	April 13, 1933 - dismissed same date
Police Number:	Savannah, Georgia, PD [illegible]
Fingerprint Classification	27 30 17 33 00 20
Criminal Record:	No return from Division could be located in files of Savannah Police.
Photograph:	The negative of this man's photograph was furnished on December 20, 1933, to H. P. Clary, Seven Society Street, Charleston, S. C. and has never been returned. Mr. Clary was then connected with the Prohibition Unit.

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SAMUEL TAYLOR	
Born:	New York City
Age:	35 years
Height:	5 feet 6 inches
Weight:	147 pounds
Build:	Medium
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	Dark
Occupation:	Salesman
Arrested:	April 13, 1933, dismissed April 14, 1933.
Police Number:	Savannah, Georgia, PD [illegible]
Fingerprint Classification:	9 Ur 14 1 U 14
Criminal Record:	On April 18, 1933, the Division advised: As HARRY TAYLOR - 1822 - PD - Harrisburg, Pennsylvania - January 21, 1919 - charge - suspicion pickpocket - fined $10.

SAM TAYLOR:

Criminal Record - Continued:	As SAM TAYLOR, Number K1264, arrested PD Pittsburgh, Pa., December 21, 1929 - suspicious person - discharged.
Photograph:	Attached to Charlotte Office copies of this report.

LESLIE HAVEN

Born:	Rochelle, New Jersey
Age:	27 years
Height:	5 feet 9 inches
Weight:	149 pounds
Build:	Slender
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Auburn
Complexion:	Fair
Occupation:	Driver
Arrested:	April 13, 1933 Dismissed April 14, 1933
Police Number:	Savannah, Georgia, PD 2795
Fingerprint Classification:	32 II 9 16 MI I
Criminal Record:	On April 18, 1933, the Division advised: As LESLIE SHAD - 181 - SO, Camden, New Jersey, July 16, 1930, from Toms River, N. J. - violation MPA - pending As WILLIAM DREW - number 18744, arrested S. Pol., Hammonton, N.J., June 12, 1931 - vio. liquor laws; as WILLIAM DREW, number 1171, received SO, Cape May, N.J., June 12, 1931, from S. Pol, charge transporting liquor - disp. not given. As LESLIE HAVEN - number 1490? - arrested by S. Pol, Morristown, N. J., October 10, 1931, charge disorderly - disposition not given.

LESLIE HAUIN
Criminal Record
Continued:

As Lesslie Haven number 444, arrested by USM, Trenton, N.J. October, 1931 - violation NPA sixty days.
As Lester Haven - number 5077 - arrested Jersey City, N. J. - SO - February 13, 1932, charge violation NPA (two charges) - held to Federal Grand Jury.

Photograph: Being transmitted herewith to Charlotte Office.

SAM PARNESS

Born:	Newark, New Jersey
Age:	34 years
Height:	5 feet 6 inches
Weight:	163 pounds
Build:	Medium
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Auburn
Complexion:	Ruddy
Teeth:	Good
Occupation:	Salesman
Arrested:	April 13, 1933 - dismissed April 14, 1933
Police Number:	Savannah, Georgia, PD 2796
Fingerprint Classification:	1 U00 20 1 U00 18
Criminal Record:	On April 18, 1933, the Division advised: As SAMUEL TARNESS - number 7341 arrested PD, Newark, N.J. - Sept. 27, 1921 - charge breaking, entering and larceny - disposition not given. As Sam Parnes - number --- arrested PD, Elizabeth, N.J. date not given - charge grand larceny - disposition not given. Print received October 1, 1921.

Photograph:	None available as none taken at Savannah at time of arrest there. Possibly photograph can be obtained from PD at Newark or Elizabeth, N.J.

WILLIAM WEISMAN

Age:	40 years
Height:	5 feet 6 5/8 inches
Weight:	200 pounds
Hair:	Black - curly
Eyes:	Dark chestnut
Complexion:	Sallow
Nativity:	Saint Louis, Missouri
Photograph:	Attached to Charlotte Office copies of this report.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:
CHARLOTTE OFFICE: Will take whatever action is deemed advisable after considering the data herein contained.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
September 11, 1934

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

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

Agent J. M. O'Leary, working on this case, has learned that Mrs. William Racchetti, the mother of Adam Racchetti, a suspect in this case and who is being sought by the Division, left Lehigh, Oklahoma on August 27, 1934, allegedly for the purpose of visiting her son, Dave Racchetti at Dillonvale, Jefferson County, Ohio. It is said that she has other sons by a prior marriage by the name of Duret or Dematte, who are supposed to live at Dillonvale.

The records of the Oklahoma City Division office indicate that Adam Racchetti has brothers by the names of Bill Dematte, Dave Racchetti, and Ralph Dematte, all of Dillonvale, and a sister by the name of Minnie Sustick of Dillonvale.

It is requested that immediate investigation be conducted at Dillonvale in an effort to determine whether the mother of Racchetti is there and whether she is protecting her son.

Very truly yours,

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DWIGHT BRADLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

September 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM. was from E.A.J.

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith an abstract of the criminal record, as appearing in the files of the Identification Unit, of each of four individuals named Frank Hall, one of whom may be identical with the Frank Hall referred to in the attached carbon copy of a letter dated September 12, 1934, from the Kansas City Office of the Division to the Oklahoma City office, relative to the case of VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, deceased, et al.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
SEPTEMBER 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased); RICHARD WELLMAN 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 the Kansas City Office addressed to the Oklahoma City Office dated September 11, 1934. It is noted that a letter is quoted as received from W. C. Lyle, then a captain in the Wichita, Kansas Police Department. In this letter Mr. Lyle stated that he had an informer who had furnished his information that Charles Arthur Floyd has a contact man named Frank Hall living in the Seminole District, near Harjo, Oklahoma, which is adjacent to Earlsboro, Oklahoma. The substance of Mr. Lyle's information was given the Oklahoma City Office for such action as was deemed advisable. It will be noted that Mr. Lyle stated in his letter, quoted at that time, that he had been to the location where the contact of Floyd resides.

Mr. Lyle, now a detective in the Wichita, Kansas Police Department, informed Special Agent W. F. Trainor on September 8, 1934, that Frank Hall is said by his informant to be wanted in Canada for train robbery. He stated that the location of Hall's place would be impossible to secure unless diligent inquiry is made [illegible] use of someone who has been to the place previously. The informant of Mr. Lyle is now in the Kansas State Penitentiary and Lyle advised that his informant, while a criminal [illegible] information that cleared up at least five major crimes in the vicinity of Wichita. He stated that he, himself, has the hideout where Floyd is said to pass that part of his time when he is "hottest" and that he could and would be willing to proceed with the Agents of this Division to the place in question, if notified within a few days time in advance in order that he might meet the Agents at an appropriate designated spot in Oklahoma.

He stated that the hideout is a cave, the entrance to which is situated on top of a knoll; that the knoll is surrounded by woods and that in order to proceed to the mouth of the cave it is necessary to go through the farmyard of Frank Hall's place. He advised that

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Frank Hall would, of course, not furnish any information willingly according to his information, and that any inquiries from the local residents at Eggleberg or Harja would be fatal to the accomplishment of any results.

This information is transmitted to the Oklahoma City Office for consideration by Assistant Director Harold Nathan. If is suggested that there might be a possibility of forcing Frank Hall to talk were it possible to definitely establish that he is wanted for train robbery in Canada.

Mr. Lyle did not furnish the name of his informant but stated that he is in for a long term at the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing. The wife of the informant is still residing in Wichita and Mr. Lyle stated he would make contact with her in an effort to determine what, if anything, the informant has recently learned since she makes frequent contacts with him at the Kansas State Penitentiary. If it seems worth while Mr. Lyle would proceed to Lansing and make further efforts through his informant to secure the latest information available.

Very truly yours,

E. E. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a memorandum by Special Agent K. C. Spear dated at Kansas City, Missouri 8-28-34 with reference to the appearance of the wife of Charles Arthur Floyd (Ruby) and her son, Jack Dempsey Floyd, at Kansas City in a theatrical performance.

Please be advised that the act was billed at the Liberty Theatre, which is owned by the Dubinsky Circuit, and it was also shown at the Regent Theatre, which is also a Dubinsky Theatre.

Mrs. Floyd registered at the President Hotel in Room 945. Charles Dennison, of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, registered in Room 947, which is an adjoining room. A check of the long distance calls reveals there was only one call made and that was made from the room of Mr. Dennison, placed by E. E. Beach, on September 4, 1934, the parties having arrived there on September 1st. The long distance call was to telephone number 217, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, and the charge was $1.00. Dennison left on September 4th for parts unknown.

On September 5, 1934, Special Agents Harold E. Andersen and W. F. Trainor inquired of Mr. Ed Dubinsky, of the Liberty Theatre, regarding the duration of the theatrical contract with Floyd's wife and he stated that they were through there on that date, and according to his information E. E. Beach was seeking to bill the act at some theatre in St. Louis, Missouri. He was unable to determine what theatre Beach had been in contact with.

On the night of September 5th Agents Andersen and Trainor learned at the Ratziger Garage, on 14th and Baltimore Avenue that the automobile of Mrs. Floyd was then out in possession of one of the attendants of the garage. Information was received that the attendant had driven the car to the Liberty Theatre. The Agents proceeded there

and found that the attendant had just taken Mr. Beach to the bus station at the corner of 12th and Main Streets, and arriving back at the garage Agents found the attendant in company with Mrs. Floyd driving her car. She inquired for the highway from Kansas City to Pawhuska, Oklahoma, by way of Coffeyville, Kansas, and she was directed on Highway 75-E. It was found that Mrs. Floyd checked out of the President Hotel on the evening of September 5th, a few minutes before she departed from the city. The Agents noted that she was driving a 1934 Model Terraplane Coach, bearing Oklahoma license 331-875. Mrs. Floyd inquired also the street routing from the garage at Kansas City to Highway 75-E proceeding South, and the Agents shadowed her in her car to the Highway in question. It was noted she traveled with her son, Jack Dempsey Floyd, and that she stopped to make inquiry in two other instances before she reached the highway desired.

You were notified by telegram on the evening of September 5th with reference to Mrs. Floyd's return to Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE.

Kansas City, Missouri
August 28, 1934

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased)
ET AL
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

On August 28, 1934, Mr. E. E. Beach, of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, called at the Kansas City Office, and advised that he, together with one O. V. Black, of Ponca City, Oklahoma, were financially interested in a moving picture which was shown of the son of Charles Arthur Floyd, relative to the recent baptism of his son by the Baptist Church in Texas. Mr. Beach advised that Floyd's former wife and the mother of this son, Ruby, was now living with one Charles Dennison, an Osage Indian, and Beach was presently in Kansas City in an endeavor to book the above-mentioned picture in Kansas City, at which time a personal appearance would be made by Mrs. Floyd and her son. It was Mr. Beach's suggestion that Floyd could probably be apprehended if, when Ruby Floyd and the son appeared at Kansas City with Charles Dennison, that Dennison and Ruby be picked up on a White Slave complaint, and that publicity be given to this feature, in order that Charles Arthur Floyd would then make endeavors to contact his son in Kansas City, and take him away from the evil influence of Ruby Floyd. Beach explained that "Pretty Boy's" son was one of his weak spots. At the time of this first call Mr. Beach advised that he had not yet secured a contract for the showing of the above-mentioned picture, and a personal appearance by Ruby Floyd and her son. Subsequently on the same date, he called and advised that he had made arrangements for the showing of this picture at the Liberty Theater in Kansas City, Missouri, at this time not stating the date it was to be shown. He requested at that time to come to this office in order that he might communicate by telephone with Ruby Floyd, supposedly in Muskogee, Oklahoma, or Tulsa, Oklahoma, in order that arrangements could be made for her and the boy to come to Kansas City.

The above information was communicated to Assistant Director Harold Nathan, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, by telephone, and he advised that he believed Beach was endeavoring to further his own ends, but in the event Mrs. Floyd and the boy were booked at Kansas City and did come to Kansas City, it would be advisable to keep a close surveillance of them while here. Mr. Nathan advised that, concerning the question of a technical White Slave charge against Ruby Floyd and Dennison, he would consider this feature further, but at the present time did not consider this matter of endeavoring to apprehend Floyd to be advisable or practicable. Mr. Nathan at this time indicated that he would be in Kansas City in the next few days possibly.

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Subsequently the same evening, Mr. Beach called back and advised he had communicated by telegram with Mr. Black, at Ponca City, Oklahoma, and expected a telegram from him the following morning, August 29, as to whether Ruby and her son would appear in Kansas City, probably this week end, for personal appearance. Mr. Beach said that he would again communicate with this office after he had received a reply from Mr. Black at Ponca City.

Respectfully submitted,

M. C. SPEAR,
Special Agent

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Kansas City, Missouri, September 12, 1934.

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
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KANMO REFER LETTER THIS OFFICE TO YOU AUGUST SEVENTEENTH AND LETTER KANSAS CITY TO DIVISION AUGUST FOURTEENTH STOP FEMALE INFORMANT DIRECTLY APPROACHED FURNISHING INFORMATION AUTHENTICITY QUESTIONABLE WELL ACQUAINTED FLOYD ALLEGING HE ATTENDED CATHOLIC SCHOOL SOMEWHERE BELOW MCALESTER OKLAHOMA TAUGHT BY ONE SISTER ANGELA NOW REPORTED TEACHING IN KANSAS CITY ALSO STATES FLOYD HAS GRANDMOTHER AT SOUTHWEST CITY MISSOURI AND FURTHER ADVISES FLOYD'S SON JACK DEMPSEY FLOYD PROBABLY NOT IDENTICAL WITH BOY NOW TRAVELING IN THEATRICAL ACT ALLEGES FLOYD PLACED SON IN CATHOLIC SCHOOL NAME UNKNOWN FORT WORTH TEXAS SEVERAL YEARS AGO FOR COMPLETE EDUCATION WITH INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO BE TAKEN THEREFROM STOP INFORMANT ALLEGES FLOYD FREQUENTLY APPEARS KANSAS CITY MISSOURI SEEN BY HER WITHIN PAST MONTH AND THAT SHE SAW ONE OF HIS ASSOCIATES WHO ORDINARILY PRECEDES HIM FOR CONTACT IDENTITY NOT KNOWN IN KANSAS CITY YESTERDAY AND BELIEVES FLOYD WILL APPEAR AT DESIGNATED RESTAURANT HERE TODAY OR SOON STOP THIS OFFICE CHECKING DISCREETLY THROUGH ALL AVAILABLE SOURCES TO DETERMINE MENTAL STABILITY AND TRUSTWORTHYNESS OF INFORMANT STOP SUGGEST ANY VERIFICATION ABOVE ALLEGATIONS IMMEDIATELY OR EARLY AS POSSIBLE FURNISHED BY YOU TELEPHONICALLY

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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased); RICHARD TALMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194; ET AL

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Numerous contacts made in Southern Missouri through E. E. Fisher, some of which may be productive in apprehension of Floyd and Richetti. Bootlegger, Joplin, Missouri, asserts Floyd in company with Jack Leroy Curry, Oklahoma outlaw, woman companion and unknown man visited him in Joplin night of August 13, 1934. Richetti said to have attended Cotton Club near Joplin night of August 25th in company with two women and an unknown man. All persons interviewed who were in a position to assist have promised cooperation. Fisher now in Southern Missouri or Oklahoma attempting to locate Floyd, being financed by Sheriff, Kansas City. Fisher lacks discretion and consequently of little worth to the Division but has promised to furnish information obtained to this office.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Kansas City Office to Division dated August 22, 1934.

DETAILS: The following investigation was made in the company of Mr. E. E. Fisher, part time bailif, U. S. District Court, Kansas City, Missouri. As will be noted in the letter of reference, the Division authorized using Mr. Fisher in view of his statements that he felt he could locate Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti within a very short period of time due to his connections in Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Walter Cousin, who recently opened a monument shop at Warrensburg, Missouri, is an old time friend of Fisher's, having been reared at

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Bolivar, Missouri, where his mother at the present time resides. When interviewed he advised that his wife is a good friend of Joe Richetti, brother of Adam Richetti, who now lives at Bolivar, Missouri; that his wife would be in a position, if she were willing, to obtain information regarding the Richetti family. He admonished the writer not to approach his wife, however, saying she would be in sympathy with the Richetti family. Cousin stated that he frequently visits his relatives at Bolivar and promised to endeavor to secure information at that point regarding the present whereabouts of Adam Richetti. In that connection he stated he would discreetly attempt to have his wife "pump" the Richetti family for relevant information.

Cousin asserted that he had no doubt but that Adam Richetti could come and go in Bolivar as he desired, pointing out that the local law, including the Sheriff, would fear to take any action against either Floyd or Richetti.

Owen R. Brown, Police Detective, Springfield, Missouri, advised that something like three or four months ago one Tucker, a salesman for the Liggett & Myer Tobacco Company, working out of St. Louis, Missouri, came to see him and advised that he had recently seen Floyd eating in a restaurant at Exeter, Missouri. Tucker went on to explain that early the night he furnished the information to Brown he was eating in a restaurant in Exeter when a black car drove up. One man got out of this machine and after looking around ordered sandwiches and drank some beer. This individual then returned to the automobile and another man entered the restaurant and had a meal. After these men left the restaurant and drove off the proprietor turned to Tucker and said, "You know who that was?". Tucker replied that it looked like Floyd. The proprietor, according to Tucker, answered "That's right. He comes and eats here about once a month". Brown was questioned at some length with reference to Floyd and Richetti and advised he had no other information of value, except that one Calvin Henderson, of Purdy, Missouri, had recently told him that a woman residing near Purdy had some valuable information concerning Charles Arthur Floyd. He suggested that Henderson be interviewed.

Investigation revealed that the restaurant at Exeter, Missouri, mentioned in the previous paragraph, is operated by M. J. Brewer and his wife. Mr. Brewer at the time of this inquiry was out of town. Mrs. Brewer, when interviewed, suggested that one of the men who was in the restaurant the night Floyd was supposed to have visited there should be contacted for definite information regarding what transpired, she herself not being in the restaurant during the night in question. In this connection she suggested that the writer interview Ben Venable, of Exeter, Missouri.

Ben Venable, when interviewed, stated that something like four months ago at about 11 P.M. he was in the Brewer's restaurant when a car drove up and parked outside. Two men and a woman got out of the car and entered the restaurant. Venable observed that the car the trio arrived in was a

two door Chevrolet Sedan with a red stripe around it. This automobile had wire wheels and was equipped with a radio and did not have license plates in front. As the party entered the restaurant Venable believes he recognized one of the men as Charles Arthur Floyd. He said the party ordered sandwiches and some beverage and remained in the eating establishment for approximately 20 minutes listening to the radio. He said that his attention was drawn to the automobile when he noted the radio had been left running, as well as the engine of the car. He advised that they drove off in the direction of Eureka Springs and that he had information later to the effect that one Hob Amos, who lives near the Garrett Brothers Garage, at Butterfield, Missouri, was visited by Floyd that evening. He advised that Floyd, whose photograph he identified, was with a small woman who he was unable to more definitely describe. He stated that Floyd's male companion was small in stature and had ears a bit misshapen. All of the individuals, according to the informant, were plainly dressed and Floyd wore khaki trousers and boots. Venable was unable to identify photographs of Beulah and Rose Baird or Adam Richetti. He has promised cooperation and has suggested that he be interviewed or communicated with from time to time. As will be noted later in this report Hob Amos is reputed to be a close friend of Floyd's.

C. W. Kemper, rural carrier Route 2, Exeter, Missouri, advised that he believes one E. U. Fair, who lives 2½ miles south of Wheaton, Missouri, is the contact for Floyd. In that connection he advised that he had noted that Fair communicates with someone in Joplin, Missouri, by the name of Floyd. He has promised to watch outgoing mail in an endeavor to get more definite information. He advised that this information will be relayed to the Kansas City Office.

B. F. Cox, Night Watchman, Exeter, Missouri, stated that he had received numerous rumors to the effect that Floyd passes through Exeter but had never obtained any definite information to that effect outside of the information heretofore set out in this report.

C. E. Henderson, who resides on a farm about 1½ miles northeast of Purdy, Missouri, stated that one Mrs. Vaught, who lives in the vicinity of Purdy, told him that she had observed "Pretty Boy" Floyd, a man companion and a woman drive up to her farmhouse about the first of August 1934, at which time the party obtained drinking water for their thermos jug. He suggested that Mrs. Vaught be interviewed for more definite information.

Mrs. Mamie (L.K.) Vaught resides on a farm one mile south and two miles west of Purdy, Missouri. She was interviewed and stated about August 1, 1934 at approximately 3 P.M. a Pontiac or Dodge Coupe drove up to her home and stopped. A man got out, went to the side of her house where he filled a thermos jug full of water from her pump. Mrs. Vaught observed that a woman remained in the car. This woman appeared to be about 25 years of age, had an oval face and bleached blonde hair. The man, whom she identified as

Floyd from photograph exhibited to her, wore khaki trousers and a blue shirt. Mrs. Vaught stated that she felt positive that the man who called at her home was Charles Arthur Floyd. She was questioned as to any friends Floyd might have in the vicinity and stated that up to about a year ago John Roland and his family lived in back of their farm. Mrs. Roland often advised that she knew Floyd and his family and Mrs. Vaught said that she had not a doubt in the world but that the Rolands would harbor Floyd should he call to see them. She stated, however, that the Rolands were very undesirable residents, in her opinion and would not cooperate in any manner in locating Floyd. When questioned as to the present whereabouts of the Roland family she advised they moved around considerably but that the last time she heard of them they were some place in Arkansas. A letter is being directed to the Postmaster at Purdy, Missouri to secure any forwarding address the Rolands may have left.

Motorcycle Patrolman Frank Pike, Springfield, Missouri, when interviewed, advised that he had formerly been very friendly with one Benita Young, sister of Harry Young, formerly a notorious outlaw of Southern Missouri who is now deceased. He said he felt that Benita Young would be in a position to secure or furnish valuable information relative to Floyd inasmuch as it was generally rumored that Benita Young's brothers had been friendly with Floyd prior to their death. In this connection it should be noted that Harry Young and his brothers engaged in a gun battle with officers at Springfield sometime ago and killed several officers. These men were later killed. Patrolman Pike said that if the writer could gain the consent of the Chief of Police at Springfield he would make a date with Benita Young and attempt to obtain information from her regarding Floyd and his associates. The matter was taken up with the Chief of Police and the same night Patrolman Pike went riding with Benita Young. He reported the following day that he had been unable to obtain any information; that he felt he had been laboring under a mis-apprehension as he was convinced that Benita Young knew nothing about Floyd or his activities. He has promised, however, to cooperate with the Division in obtaining information regarding Floyd.

B. K. Wommack, Assistant Chief of Police, Springfield, Missouri, stated that one Dr. Pace, a friend of his, of Gainesville, Missouri, recently informed him he had treated a leg wound for Floyd last October. The doctor, according to Wommack, was contacted first by Wilbur Underhill, who made arrangements for Floyd's medical treatment. Because of fear Dr. Pace made no mention of having treated Floyd until recently. It should be noted he is a personal friend of Wommack's and at the present time will probably furnish any information he has regarding the Fugitive. The Kansas City Office contemplates interviewing Dr. Pace.

Hugh Brixie, former Sheriff at Cassville, Missouri, is now connected with the State Fish Hatchery at Roaring River, Missouri, which is situated about 12 miles from Cassville. He advised that he had not received any definite information regarding Floyd but did not doubt that Floyd frequently passes through the Camp at Roaring River. He pointed out that the camp would make an ideal hideout

and because of the numerous visitors slight attention would be paid to him. Brixie promised to cooperate and it is believed he should be contacted from time to time as he is in an ideal position to obtain information with reference to Floyd. Brixie stated that one Hob Amos, a close friend of Charles Arthur Floyd, whose last address he knew as a point about three miles northwest of Cassville on Highway Number 37, undoubtedly harbors Floyd from time to time. He said that Amos has a hideout about one mile off the highway just mentioned at which Floyd could stay without fear of detection.

In connection with hideouts and contacts, Brixie suggested that it was quite possible that one Jack Clayton, who lives in back of a hospital in Cassville, might be a good possibility. He stated that Clayton is unscrupulous and is reported to hide those who are evading the law. He further stated that it was generally known that one Cecil Garrett, a garage mechanic at Cassville, Missouri, does work on Floyd's automobiles from time to time. He advised that this individual would be entirely undependable as far as the Division is concerned. These reputed contacts will be given consideration at a later date.

Harold Randall, Attorney-at-Law, Springfield, Missouri, and former Division Agent, was contacted for any information he might have with reference to Floyd. He advised that he would endeavor to secure some information regarding possible contacts of Floyd and would furnish same to the Division Office at Kansas City. He suggested that if the writer proceeded to Joplin, Missouri, it might be advisable to contact one Cecil Brookshire, gambler and bootlegger at that point. He voiced the opinion that if anyone in Southern Missouri could locate Floyd, Brookshire would be the man. He advised, however, that he did not know whether Brookshire would cooperate. Incidentally, it should be noted that Brookshire is an old friend of E. E. Fisher.

Cecil Brookshire now operates a drug store and wholesale liquor establishment at Joplin, Missouri. He was interviewed and denied he had any information pertaining to the present whereabouts of Floyd or Richetti. When shown a photograph of Adam Richetti, however, he identified it as a likeness of an individual he had seen at the Cotton Club, a night club situated near Joplin, the night of August 25, 1934. He explained that he and a woman companion had attended the Club the night mentioned and had observed two men and two women who aroused his suspicion. He noted that both men kept their backs to the wall at all times and from the bulge around their waists he felt certain they both were armed. He said his suspicions were further aroused when he observed that only one man would dance at a time, the other man keeping a watchful eye on what transpired in the club.

At his suggestion Fisher and the writer attended the Cotton Club with Brookshire Sunday night August 26, 1934, but did not see anyone who re-

sembled Richetti or Floyd. It should be noted that Brookshire did not identify the photograph of Floyd as being the companion of Richetti at the Night Club. Brookshire has promised to keep his eyes open and endeavor to secure information regarding Floyd and Richetti and that he would advise the Kansas City Office of any information he obtained. The informant is in an excellent position to obtain information discreetly in view of the fact that he furnishes liquor to many of the bootleggers from various points in Oklahoma.

N. O'Neal, partner of Brookshire in the liquor business, was contacted and expressed his willingness to "set in" the writer with any of the notorious characters from Oklahoma it might be desirable to meet. He said he felt certain that he could arrange so that an Agent would be able to not only meet these connections but to become intimately acquainted with them. This matter should be given consideration at a later date as it would be possible to gain the confidence of the Oklahoma bootleggers through the offices of O'Neal. In addition, O'Neal said that should it be desired at a later date he will arrange to have an Agent or informant meet, through his Indian girl friend, some of the wealthy Indian girls from Miami, Oklahoma, who would be of considerable value in securing information regarding Floyd and his activities. Incidentally it should be noted that O'Neal is keeping company with an Indian girl named Peck, who is the sister of the Chief of Police at Commerce, Oklahoma.

Harry Mead, Chief of Police, Joplin, Missouri, was contacted in reference to Floyd, but advised he had no information relative to the fugitive. Later the same day, however, he was observed entering the liquor warehouse of Brookshire and it was noted he was partially intoxicated. When he met Fisher and the writer he invited them to go for a ride with his family and during the ride he became somewhat loquacious. He advised that he had forgotten to mention earlier that day that Floyd had been in Joplin about the middle of August 1934. After riding around for some time he told the writer that he wanted to introduce him to the source of his information, a bootlegger of Joplin.

Accordingly, Tom Lloyd, 316 East 9th Street, Joplin, Missouri, was interviewed in the presence of Fisher and the Police Chief. Upon being advised to tell what he knew by the Chief, Lloyd stated that during the night of August 13, 1934, a black V-8 two door Ford Sedan, bearing custom trunk on back, drove up to the side of his house and stopped. He observed the car had a red stripe around it and bore Oklahoma license tag. Jack Leroy Curry, an old friend of his, the former's girl friend, and Charles Floyd entered the house. Curry and the woman had several drinks but Floyd did not touch any. Lloyd said that he observed Floyd was armed, having one gun in his belt and one under his shoulder, and that the car they had arrived in was not left unoccupied. He said that on looking through the window of his kitchen, the shade being up, he noted that another man had remained in the automobile. Lloyd frankly stated he would like to get any reward that might be out on Floyd and said he would

not be a bit surprised if Floyd returned at any time. He said that when Floyd and the rest of the party arrived it must have been sometime between 10 and 12 and that they could easily have been captured as they did not seem a bit afraid of detection. He has made arrangements with Chief Mead whereby the latter will be notified in the event Floyd again returns to his home. He feels that Jack Curry brought Floyd to his home in order that Floyd might have another contact in Joplin, should he need it.

In connection with the foregoing Lloyd advised that he had formerly served time at the County Jail at Neosho, Missouri with Jack Leroy Curry, whom he styled as an Oklahoma outlaw with a big record. He stated that during the visit the night of August 13th Jack Curry mentioned that they might want to make use of his place at some future date in case "the heat was on them", to which he informed Curry that it would be agreeable to him. Lloyd described the woman companion of Curry as follows: Age about 25; 5'3"; weight about 106 pounds; blonde hair, very good looking. Photographs of Jack Leroy Curry are being obtained from the Joplin Police Department and will be furnished to the Division and interested offices.

Chief Mead was again contacted the following day and expressed his willingness to cooperate with the Division unbeknown to his Chief of Detectives in an effort to cause the apprehension of Floyd and Richetti. He stated that he would much rather that Division Agents were on the scene in the event Floyd is located than to handle the apprehension as a local matter.

Bailey Barber, who runs a gasoline station, eating house and drinking establishment on the outskirts of Joplin, Missouri, is an old acquaintance of Fisher's. He was interviewed for information regarding Floyd and Richetti but stated he knew nothing about these individuals. He promised to be on the watch, however, and said he would gladly cooperate with the Division to the best of his ability. Although Fisher seemed to have faith in Barber he did not impress the writer as one who would furnish any valuable cooperation.

Mrs. Lula Dunaway is an aunt of E. E. Fisher and resides at 315 West Lee Street, Sapulpa, Oklahoma. She was interviewed in an effort to establish a reliable contact at Sapulpa. She stated that she had no doubt but that Floyd frequently visits Sapulpa and pointed out that many of the more desperate characters in Oklahoma seek haven there when they are wanted elsewhere. She said she had no faith in the local law enforcement officials and did not believe the Division could secure any cooperation at that point. Mrs. Dunaway, who is employed as a waitress in the Lindberg Cafe at Sapulpa, would be in an excellent position to secure information. When approached in this regard she said she would think the matter over and would then get in touch with her nephew, Fisher.

During the investigation reported above the writer observed that while Fisher is honest and willing to do everything he can he is limited in

intelligence and by education in his efforts to secure information. Fisher appeared indiscreet in that he made it generally known wherever he and the writer happened to be that he was seeking the apprehension of "Pretty Boy" Floyd. In view of this it was not deemed advisable to spend any additional time with him.

Since returning to Kansas City Fisher has approached Sheriff Tom Bash with the proposition that the Sheriff finance him in a trip to Southern Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas looking to the location and apprehension of Floyd. Sheriff Bash has advised that he furnished Fisher with $100.00 to defray the latter's expenses. While it appears doubtful that Fisher will secure any information of value he appears friendly toward this office and has advised that in the event he locates Floyd or Richetti or receives any information pertaining to them he will immediately communicate same to this office. Fisher departed for Southern Missouri Friday, September 7, 1934. Before leaving he advised the writer that he contemplated making contacts in Joplin, Missouri and Sapulpa, Oklahoma, as well as other points where he is acquainted.

With reference to the report of Special Agent R. A. Lawrence, dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, September 3, 1934, in which leads are set out for the Kansas City Office to interview Patrolman Pike, of Springfield, Missouri, it should be noted that while the writer was in Springfield interviewing Pike he made mention of the individuals arrested at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, July 20, 1934, one of whom was believed to have been "Pretty Boy" Floyd. In connection therewith it should be noted that the writer exhibited to Pike the latest photograph of Floyd and that Pike was not certain but said he felt that Floyd may have been one of the individuals he was instrumental in having arrested at Eureka Springs. He was not positive, however. He at that time did not furnish any information in addition to that which has previously been recorded in the report just mentioned.

Ralph Hoffman and Paul Weaver, who were with Pike at the time of the arrest at Eureka Springs, will be interviewed at Springfield as soon as practicable.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KANSAS CITY DIVISION OFFICE at Warrensburg, Missouri will keep in touch with Walter Cousin, monument worker, for such information as he may be able to obtain at Bolivar, Missouri, regarding Adam Richetti.

At Springfield, Missouri, contact should be maintained with Frank Pike, Motorcycle Patrolman, for any information he may be able to secure regarding this matter.

At Gainesville, Missouri, an interview should be had with one

Dr. Pace, who is alleged to have treated a leg wound for Floyd in October 1933.

At Roaring River, Missouri, contact should be maintained with Hugh Brixie, former Sheriff at Cassville, who is now endeavoring to obtain information regarding Floyd and Richetti.

At Exeter, Missouri, an interview should be again had with C. W. Kemper, rural carrier, who is endeavoring to secure information with reference to Floyd and his associates.

Consideration should be given to the advisability of establishing contact with Oklahoma liquor runners through Cecil Brookshire and N. O'Neal, of Joplin, Missouri, who, as will be noted, have promised cooperation in this matter.

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September 13, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, Fugitive,
I. O. #1194; ET AL;
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 8, 1934, in the above entitled case, addressed to the Kansas City office, a copy of which was furnished the Detroit office but not the Chicago and New York offices.

For the information of the Chicago and New York Division offices, the Division is interested in locating Phillip Lascuola, James Bove, alias James Civella and Mayer Berman, whose photographs are enclosed herewith and with copies of this letter designated for the Detroit, Chicago and New York offices. These individuals are suspected by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department of having murdered John Lazia, notorious underworld leader at Kansas City on July 10, 1934. The Technical Laboratory of the Division has identified shells found at the scene of the murder of Lazia as shells fired from one of the guns used in the Kansas City massacre.

The investigation at Cincinnati disclosed that Phillip Lascuola and James Bove have been identified as frequenting the Prospect Club, which is located over a bank at the corner of Rockdale and Reading Road, Cincinnati, and is operated by a man known to E. K. Carmichael as "Murph". Carmichael advised that during the early part of July, 1934, probably between the 10th and 15th, arrangements were made whereby he was to notify Detective Ora Slater when both Lascuola and Bove could be located at the Prospect Club at the same time. Carmichael further advised, however, that there was some method of tipping off patrons of this club whenever detectives entered, and at the time the raid on the club was made, Lascuola and Bove disappeared from Cincinnati.

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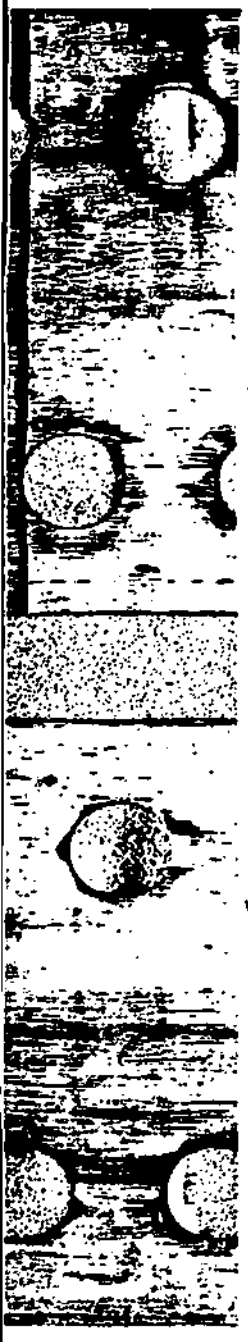

Carmichael further advised that he has, at times, been employed at the Arrow Head Inn, approximately twenty miles from Cincinnati in Butler County, Ohio, which is a well known gambling resort; that he is acquainted with a number of the men connected with this resort, and is especially well acquainted with Joe Bauer, who he states is the Manager; that he also knows Harold Mason, Sam Mason and Sammy Schraeder, who are all connected with the organization, and that the last named individual is well acquainted with Lascuola and Bove and will protect them under any circumstances; that he is of the opinion that Lascuola and Bove have some connection with the Arrow Head Inn although he has been unable to find out what this connection might be. He stated that he had seen Lascuola at the Arrow Head Inn on two occasions, the last time being on the night of August 29, 1934.

Carmichael stated that some of the individuals connected with the Arrow Head Inn are also connected with a gambling resort in Cleveland, Ohio, but does not know the name or address of this latter place and that it is his opinion, although not based on any definite information, that both of the individuals referred to may be frequenting this Cleveland gambling resort.

In view of the tie-up between Lascuola and Bove and the Kansas City underworld, and likewise the association between the late Vernon C. Miller and one Sammy Schreger, alias Samuel Martin, number B-51368, Police Department, New York City, and the similarity between Schrager's name and the Schraeder mentioned above, the Division desires that a further intensive investigation be made by the Cincinnati office at Cincinnati, and the Detroit office at Cleveland, Ohio, with respect to the information set forth above in view of the recent developments at Cleveland, Ohio, in connection with the Brenner case. Copies of a photograph of Sammy Schrager are being furnished to the Cincinnati, Detroit and Chicago Division offices with a copy of this letter. The New York and Kansas City offices are already well acquainted with Schrager.

In connection with the above, it is to be noted that members of the Barker-Karpis gang in the past have had definite connections at Kansas City, Missouri, as have the individuals who are discussed in the foregoing portion of this letter, and the Division desires that every effort be made to ascertain the

Identity of the underworld contacts at Cleveland, Ohio, which have attracted members of the Berger-Karpis gang as well as Lacuoi and Love.

This matter should be given immediate, thorough and vigorous attention by all officers receiving a copy of this letter.

The descriptions of the individuals whose photographs are enclosed herewith are as follows:

Name	*Tom Lascuola, with aliases: Phillip Tom Lascuola, Phil School.
Age	22 years (1929)
Height	5' 7½"
Weight	150 lbs.
Build	slender
Hair	dark chestnut
Eyes	brown
Complexion	dark
Name	*James Civella, with aliases: James Love, "Jack".
Age	27 years (1934)
Height	5' 8"
Weight	148 lbs.
Build	slender
Hair	chestnut
Eyes	light brown
Complexion	medium
Name	*Meyer Berman, with aliases: "Ice" Berman, Myer Burman.
Age	33 years (1934)
Height	5' 10½"
Weight	160 lbs.
Build	slender
Hair	dark chestnut
Eyes	dark brown
Complexion	dark

Name	Sonny Schreider, with aliases: Samuel Schraiger, Sam Schwartz, Louis Tessler, Samuel Martin, William Cohen.
Age	31 years (1928)
Height	5' 6"
Weight	
Build	good
Hair	black
Eyes	brown
Complexion	dark

*Was published in bulletin "Fugitives Wanted by Police", issue of May 1, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
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