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Special Agent in Charge,
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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,
Chicago File 62-1040.

Attorney B. Feldman called personally at the Chicago Office today and inquired of Special Agent R. C. Suren the particulars concerning the detainer which had been placed against Vivian Mathias and was advised that Vivian Mathias was being charged as a co-conspirator to deliver a federal prisoner, namely, Frank Nash, at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933. He requested information as to when Vivian Mathias would be taken into custody and was advised immediately upon her release from the penitentiary on September 18, 1934; that an application for removal order would then be made to remove her to Kansas City.

Attorney Feldman stated that while he has not been retained as an attorney to defend Vivian Mathias on the instant charge, he is making the present inquiries because he represented her on the charge of harboring Vernon Miller and was paid a retainer fee. He stated that he was on this date corresponding with Vivian Mathias and advising her that she could be expected to be arrested immediately upon her release from the penitentiary and held for removal to Kansas City, Missouri, to face the above stated charge. He stated it was his intention to advise her that it would be useless and a waste of money to fight the removal order to Kansas City and he would advise her to return to that city freely and voluntarily, at which place she would have an opportunity to make bond. He stated that he doubted very much if Vivian Mathias could make a bond in Detroit, Michigan, and he did not feel that he should, in the interest of his client, make an effort

to secure a bond for her at that place unless she insisted upon it. He further inquired if there was a possibility of State charges being placed against Vivian Mathias after her removal to Kansas City and he was advised that such a possibility did exist. He also asked if the State of Missouri recognized an accessory before the fact, and Agent Suran advised him that it was his understanding that there was no such recognition in the State of Missouri, and all accessories before the fact were charged as principals in the crime.

Mr. Feldman reiterated his statement that he had not, as yet, been retained as an attorney and he would await further advice from Vivian Mathias before attempting to give her any advice as to what action to take. He stated he would, of course, at all times protect the interests of his client, but he voluntarily stated he realized that the Government had placed the detainer and evidently had sufficient information upon which to base an indictment and go to trial, and he further realized that the evidence required in a conspiracy was of a much broader nature than the evidence required in other cases. He stated that he never at any time discussed the Kansas City massacre with Vivian Mathias at the time he was representing her in the harboring charge in Chicago, at which time he had advised her to plead guilty to the latter charge. Mr. Feldman stated that he was at one time an assistant prosecutor in the State Courts and realized that in a conspiracy there is usually a grand rush of the co-conspirators to be State witnesses. And in the event he was retained by Vivian Mathias in this case he would so advise her. He stated that from his association with Vivian Mathias he was of the opinion that under no circumstances could anyone induce Vivian Mathias to testify, even on the promise of absolute immunity, but for consideration she might talk. Mr. Feldman further stated that he was of the opinion that Vivian Mathias had no money and possibly would not be able to defray his expenses to Kansas City to represent her, and it was possible that she would secure an attorney in Kansas City for this purpose.

Attorney Feldman favorably impressed Agent Suran with his sincerity and advice that could be expected to be given to Vivian Mathias should he be retained, and when the question of the fee came up Agent Suran intimated to him that Vivian Mathias had very close friends in Chicago who possibly would come to her assistance, namely, Lillian Holden and Marge Keating, and he stated that he was acquainted with these individuals.

While not requested to do so by Agent Suran, Attorney Feldman stated that he would, under no circumstances, advise

Vivian Mathias as to any action she should take in connection with this matter other than previously stated relative to her removal because if he should write to her advising her to furnish any information she might possess for her own benefit her reaction would not be favorable and other inmates would learn of this and would conclude that he, as an attorney, was advising his client to turn "stool pigeon", but that he firmly believed that Vivian Mathias should talk for her own benefit.

The Kansas City Office, in the event Vivian Mathias is removed to Kansas City, should vigorously question her concerning the instant case and also conduct appropriate interview with any attorney she might retain in Kansas City.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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September 16, 1934.

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

SEP 17 1934

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.
Chicago File #62-1649.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent H. F. Trainor dated September 5, 1934, relative to the above entitled case. Special Agent A. A. Mumsey, of this office, was furnished information by J. E. Fanning, Manager of the Elevator Supplies Company, 113 South Jefferson Street, Chicago, Illinois, that the Al O'Brien, who was formerly connected with the Elevator Supplies Company was, in fact, one Allister O'Brien, whose brothers, William J. O'Brien and Wallace O'Brien, reside in Chicago, Illinois, the former being employed as an electrician in the Jackson-Franklin Building, and the latter being a superintendent of the Westinghouse Electric Company; that Allister O'Brien was formerly on the baseball team of the Kansas City Blues.

There was obtained from the Chicago Police Department a group photograph, #1532, of one Allister O'Brien, who is described as being 34 years of age in 1929, and being 5'11¼" in height. It was ascertained that when measurements are taken by the Police Department one inch is allowed on measurements of height to allow for shoes. The photograph of Allister O'Brien is attached to this letter for the Kansas City Office.

Allister O'Brien was arrested by the Chicago Police Department on March 30, 1929, charge not given, and was later discharged. Prior arrests by the Chicago Police Department were on April 3rd, 1921, September 3rd, 1923, and April 25, 1924.

Further details concerning O'Brien will be incorporated in a report which will be submitted in the near future, and it is

believed desirable, before further investigation is conducted by the Chicago Office, that the Kansas City Office ascertain if the photograph of Allister O'Brien is a likeness of the Al O'Brien referred to by Chief of Detectives Higgins of the Kansas City Police Department.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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326½ Post Office Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

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

For your information and appropriate attention, there are enclosed herewith copies of letter dated September 10, 1934, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, addressed to Sheriff Henderson Jordan, Arcadia, Louisiana, by the Louisiana State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, relative to one, PAUL W. MAXWELL, and subject FLOYD, together with photostatic copy of Maxwell's photograph and fingerprints referred to therein.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION

Baton Rouge, P. O. Box 1069.
September 10, 1934.

Sheriff Henderson Jordan,
Arcadia, La.

Dear Sheriff:

Mr. Whitman has been informed through inmates of the pehitentiary that Paul W. Maxwell, wanted for robbery of the Ringgold Bank, is in company with one Frank Thomas, an out-law and bootlegger, who lives in the hills about 25 miles west of Fort Smith, Ark, where he is well known. It is believed that Pretty Boy Floyd is there with them.

We are writing today to Mr. Dixon Robinson, Manager of the Burns Detective Agency at Memphis, Tenn., giving him this information.

You will find enclosed a photograph and copy of fingerprints of Paul W. Maxwell.

If we can be of any service to you in apprehending Maxwell, kindly advise us.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) W. D. Atkins,
Investigator.

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DALLAS, TEXAS.	9-12-34	9-8-34	H.T. ARTERBERRY.

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

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Denison, Texas, Police Department, received information that Adam Richetti connected with robbery Whitesboro National Bank, in May 1934, and requested Division to post wanted notice. Information later verified that Richetti not connected with instant robbery and requested Division on July 24, 1934 to cancel said request.

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REFERENCE: Division letter, dated August 7, 1934.

DETAILS:

Chief of Police Dishner, Denison, Texas, had no information relative to the request that the Division cause a Wanted Notice to be posted on Adam Richetti, with aliases, or that a request had been made of the Division to later cancel said Wanted Notice. Chief Dishner called James T. Price, Superintendent of the Identification Bureau, from his vacation for an explanation.

DETAILS: J.T. Pride, Superintendent of the Identification Bureau at Denison, Texas, Police Department, advised that a few days after the robbery of the Whitesboro National Bank, he received information that one of the robbers purchased an automobile at some point in Oklahoma and used the name of Adam Richetti when purchasing same; that he believed his inforation authentic at the time and caused a wanted notice to be placed with the Division in Washington; that later the Sheriff's Department at Sherman, Texas, apprehended all three of the robbers connected with the Whitesboro National Bank; that all had been identified and sentenced to the State Penitentiary, Huntsville, Texas. He then addressed a letter to the Division requesting that his former request be disregarded and the wanted notice cancelled; that in view of the circumstances he thought this the proper procedure.

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Chief Diahner and Superintendent J.T. Price have no information relative to any of the instant persons, but desired to be quoted as being ready and willing at all times to cooperate with any agency in causing their apprehension.

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Post Office Drawer 1457
Saint Louis, Missouri
September 10, 1934

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

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Deceased;
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:

I am in receipt of the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor of the Kansas City Office, dated September 8, 1934, and have thoroughly digested the report in question, and while I have nothing of any particular value to offer after reading this report, I am struck very forcibly with the thought that the information contained in this report sounds more reasonable and more logical than anything to date. While you will recall that shortly after the massacre I identified a photograph of Bob Brady as being the wielder of one of the machine guns, when viewing Brady it was evident that it was not he. Frankly, I just have a hunch that if I am ever able to view Pretty Boy Floyd in person, I will be able to identify him as the wielder of one of the machine guns.

In view of the fact that almost immediate action was necessary by the culprits at Kansas City to endeavor to effect the delivery of Nash, I frankly doubt that anyone was imported from any other city. We know Floyd was in Kansas City at that particular time, and the police at Kansas City were always positive that Floyd had nothing whatsoever to do with this case, possibly because it is rumored that Floyd had protection in Kansas City in the past.

I am simply submitting these comments to you, while they are of no particular value, to give you my opinion, which of course may not be worth anything.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTELLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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September 13, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Denver, Colorado.

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:

Pursuant to your oral request, there is transmitted herewith, for your information, a copy of the report of Special Agent T. G. Melvin, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, July 17, 1934, in the above entitled case, wherein it was reported that Harry Morris, alias "Slim" Horan was found shot and killed five miles east of Redwing, Minnesota, on highway #3, on August 17, 1934. This is possibly the individual concerning whom the Chief of Police at Denver, Colorado recently requested information from the Division in connection with his investigation of the Denver Mint Robbery case.

There are also transmitted herewith copies of an abstract of the criminal record of Harry Morris which sets forth information with respect to this individual, and copies of a wanted circular issued by J. E. Risden, Chief, Bureau of Investigation, State House, Des Moines, Iowa.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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cc - St. Paul
Kansas City (with encls - copies of criminal record of Morris and wanted circular)

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STATE OF IOWA
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OCTOBER 25, 1929
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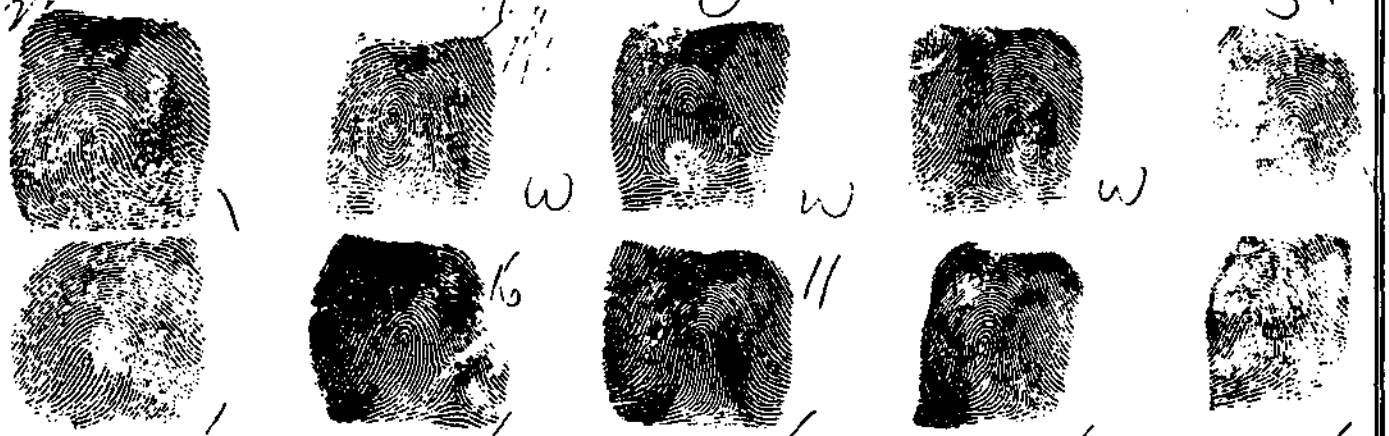
$50.00 REWARD

FOR THE APPREHENSION AND CONVICTION OF

HARRY MORRIS
ALIAS SLIM MORAN



Age	45 years
Height	6 ft., 3 in.
Weight	171 lbs.
Hair	Dark Chestnut
Eyes	Hazel

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Morris is wanted for participating in robbery of Emmet County State Bank of Estherville, Ia., on Aug. 30, 1929, about 11:00 A. M. This crime carries a life penalty in Iowa. Morris was indicted by the Emmet County Grand Jury, September 9, 1929. Warrants have been issued and bonds fixed at $50,000.00.

IF LOCATED, ARREST AND HOLD AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE
WIRE ANY INFORMATION TO EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

F. M. BROWN, Sheriff
Emmet County
ESTHERVILLE, IOWA

J. E. RISDEN, Chief
Bureau of Investigation
STATE HOUSE, DES MOINES, IOWA

IDENTIFICATION BUREAUS ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT ANY RECORD OF THIS MAN TO HARRY J. PASSNO, SUPT. OF IDENTIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE STATE HOUSE, DES MOINES, IOWA

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DALLAS, TEXAS	9/11/34	8/28,30,31/34 & 9/4 & 5/34	E. J. DOWD

TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, w.a. (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, w.a., FUGITIVE, I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR (Pretty Boy) FLOYD; w.a. I.O. 1194; ET AL.

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: A. C. Russell of Kellerville, Texas informed that his brother, Elbert Russell is now associating with Floyd and Adam Ricchetti and that Floyd and Ricchetti frequent Phillips, Texas. Investigation develops that Elbert Russell is now in McAllester, Oklahoma Penitentiary and that the shack, alleged by A. C. Russell to be the temporary domicile Floyd and Ricchetti, is occupied by an employee of the Alamo Refinery.

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DETAILS:

O. T. Lindsey, Deputy Sheriff, McLean, Texas, recently appointed and formerly a Police Officer at Pampa, Texas, informed the writer that one A. C. Russell of Borger, Texas, now living at Watts Last Chance Tourist Camp, McLean, Texas, personally is acquainted with Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, went to school with him, and positively knows where Floyd is at present. Lindsey stated that Russell is a tool dresser engaged in erecting rigs at Kellerville, Texas, and being in need of money to go ahead with his business, intimated to Deputy Sheriff Lindsey that he (Russell) would place Floyd on the "spot" for a good reward.

DETAILS: Agent located Russell, in a cabin in the Watts Last Chance Tourist Camp living with his father. Russell stated that he is a tool dresser; that off and on since 1926 he has lived at Borger, Texas; that he was born in Oklahoma, lived at Holdenville, Sapulpa, Manford and Sand Springs, Oklahoma, and visited a number of oil-boom towns where he got employment erecting rigs; that recently he came from Borger to McLean, Texas, and lives in the above mentioned Tourist Camp. That he frequently goes to Kellerville, Texas, ten miles north of McLean, where in this new oil field he is engaged in erecting a rig. He stated that he is

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well acquainted with Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd; that when they were boys he attended the Oak Grove School, located between Holdenville and Wewoka, Oklahoma with Pretty Boy Floyd; that in the last few months he has seen Floyd and talked to him at least a half-dozen times; that Floyd when he (Russell) saw him a week ago was with two other men, who are badly wanted. Russell stated that he needed money and understood that there is a good reward on Floyd; that the latter is now in a County where there is practically no enforcement of law, and if the Peace Officers knew that Floyd or any other hunted criminal was in that County no attempt would be made to arrest them, in fact the Officers would from time to time keep him (Floyd) posted when to leave the place when he got too "hot".

Russell stated that he could positively put Floyd on the spot, and guaranteed to do so. In this connection he said he was willing to take an Agent of the Division of Investigation to where Floyd was a week ago; that he,(Russell) was confident that Floyd and the two men were still there as they were living in a oil-field shack near the town, and were dressing and posing as oil field workers. Russell further stated that he had read that the Government was looking for Floyd, and that he (Russell) needed money, and if the Government would guarantee him a certain amount he would guarantee to go to where Floyd was and that it would cost the Government not one cent until Floyd was captured. Russell was requested to furnish more definite information and facts as to Floyd. Russell further stated that from September 6, 1932 until March, 1934 he operated the Sunshine Tourist Camp at Las Vegas, New Mexico, and in February, 1934, Floyd came to the place in a Plymouth Coach bearing Kansas License plates, and with two other men, registered as "George Williams and Party, and occupied a cabin for nearly a week, paying at the rate of $1.25 each for every day they stayed there. Russell stated that at that time Floyd had with him a red-headed boy about 23 or 24 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing about 150 pounds; and a boy with dark hair, about the same age and weight as the first boy. The latter two men posed as typewriter salesmen, said Mr. Russell, and at the time, Floyd had a machine gun, sawed-off shot gun and a number of .45 caliber pistols. Russell said that Floyd is now with two other men. He further stated that there are numerous reports that Floyd was badly wounded, but that such is not the case.

Russell said that Floyd and companions were, and had been within a short distance of Borger, Texas where they occupied a small oil field shack, and that Floyd is known as "Shorty", is quite fleshy and weighs about 165 pounds, and that anyone could recognize him from his photographs. Informant further said that Floyd and his companions were using a 1934 Ford V-8 Sedan with Missouri license tags; that Floyd, he believes, is always well armed, although he (Russell) did not see any firearms. Floyd, stated Russell, was wearing button-legged trousers, similar to riding trousers, Florsheim dressed laced boots, grey shirt, and wide brim soft hat and was posing as an oil field worker. Russell said that Floyd's companions were also posing as oil field workers, and were described as follows:

No. 1

Name	Unknown
Age	35 to 37 years
Height	About 5' 10"

Description of
No. 1, continued:

Weight	160 pounds
Eyes	Black or dark
Hair	Curly black
Nose	Slightly crooked, looks as though broken once
Complexion	Dark
Nationality	Looks like foreigner, may be Italian
Clothes	Was wearing khaki pants, blue shirt, and tan sharp toed shoes.

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No. 2:

Name	Unknown
Age	30 to 32 years
Height	5' 9"
Weight	155 pounds
Eyes	Dark Blue
Hair	Dark brown
Nose	has about 2" sc, on left side face from bridge of nose to cheek bone
Complexion	Medium. Slightly Ruddy
Nationality	American
Clothes	Grey pants and grey shirt, black neck-tie, and black low cut shoes

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Russell further stated that Floyd and his companions regularly visit a roadhouse in the vicinity of Borger, Texas. In this connection Russell said that he (Russell) was well acquainted with "Society Red" a gambler originally from Oklahoma, and whose real name is Ostrum; that the latter and his brother Fritz Ostrum, who operates a store at Whittenberg, Texas, originally came to Borger and "Red" operated a gambling place at Belloc, near Kellerville, Texas, which joint was hi-jacked of $400, is now closed the play going to Kellerville, Texas.

On August 30, 1934 Agent again proceeded to McLean, Texas and called at the cabin occupied by informant A. C. Russell and family in Watts last Chance Tourist Camp. Mrs. Russell advised that her husband was employed by contractor Shoemaker of Shamrock, Texas and could be located at Kellerville, Texas, where Shoemaker was erecting a rig preparatory to drilling an oil well. The writer drove to Kellerville, Texas and located A. C. Russell, and talked to him during his lunch hour. He still insisted that "Pretty Boy" Floyd and the man described as Adam Ricchetti, could be located not far from Borger, Texas, consequently agent agreed to meet Russell at McLean, Texas at 5:30 PM same date. Russell, at that time,

advised that his father, S. B. Russell was stopping with him at McLean, and in order to have an excuse for going to Borger, Texas, and to not create any suspicion, he suggested that his father go along in the car. Enroute Russell talked quite freely regarding "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and somewhat impressed the writer that he was really acquainted with Floyd.

After reaching Borger, Texas, Russell said that his father lived at Phillips, Texas, about three miles from Borger, and that it was at Phillips, that Floyd and the man described as Adam Richetti were hiding out. Upon reaching Phillips, Texas, informant Russell got out of the car in front of Carter's Barber Shop, talked to Carter, and then went across the street to a place known as "Irish's Bar". After he returned, Russell said that he learned through Carter and one or two of the boys at Irish's place that his brother Elbert Russell, ex-convict, in company with Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd (who was using the alias of Willie Gray), Adam Ricchetti (using the name Art Gibbons), all three left Phillips, Texas about 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon in a Cordoba Grey (dark sand grey) colored 1934 Ford V-8 Coach, with vermillion stripe and red wheels, bearing Missouri license plates. That they carried one Thompson Sub-machine gun, three sawed-off shot guns and a number of automatic pistols; that they were dressed in the clothes described above, and when leaving Phillips stated that they were going for a ride to Pampa, Texas. Inasmuch as they took firearms with them, stated Russell, they might have been going to rob a bank in Kansas or Missouri, and possibly would not be back at Phillips for a few days or longer. Russell suggested that it might be well to place a couple of under-cover men at Phillips, Texas and cover "Irish's Place" as well as a shack located across the Railroad track, which Russell pointed out to Agent, stating that the above criminals had occupied this oil field shack for more than a week, the shack having previously been occupied by or secured by Russell's brother-in-law, Johnny Barker, whose sister Lee Barker is convict Elbert Russell's wife.

In order to familiarize Agent with the location of the oil field shack, Russell drove past the place from different directions, the writer taking note of exactly where it was to be found, and Russell drew a map of the location, inasmuch as it was dark at that time. Upon passing the shack twice, Agent noticed a man directly inside the front door of the shack, which was brightly lighted. This man was about thirty years old, weighed 170 pounds, was about 5 feet 10 inches to 6 feet tall. Agent suggested to informant Russell that the latter get out and talk to this man, who he thought at first was his brother-in-law Johnny Barker. Upon passing the house the second time, Russell stated that the man was a stranger to him, and he would rather not talk with him.

Enroute from Borger to McLean, Texas, informant Russell stated that his brother, Elbert Russell, served in penitentiaries at Canon City, Colorado at McAlester, Oklahoma and at Huntsville, Texas and upon his release from Huntsville in 1933 immediately joined "Pretty Boy" Floyd; that his brother showed up with large sums of money, and when he saw him a week or ten days previously, Elbert had something like $800.00 with him; that Elbert was not a killer type but would probably attempt to shoot it out in a tight spot; that Adam Ricchetti was quick tempered and talked of killing people, while "Pretty Boy" Floyd was calm, cool, and

of a jovial disposition. Upon reaching McLean, Texas, informant Russell stated that his brother Elbert, with "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Adam Ricchetti, might possibly have left Phillips, Texas to call on him (informant) at the Tourist Camp, McLean, Texas. Accordingly at about 12:15 a.m. Agent drove Russell to the Tourist Camp and instead of proceeding towards Shamrock, doubled back to McLean, Texas and remained there until about 1:15 a.m. having in mind the possibility that the car described might come in or out of McLean, Texas.

On August 31, 1934, as per instructions from SAC Blake, Agent drove from Shamrock, Texas to Wichita Falls, Texas conferring there with SAC Blake and Lieutenant Fritz of the Dallas Police Department, as to the best plans by which the oil field shack and "Irish's Place" should be covered. SAC Blake instructed Agent to return to Phillips, Texas and to make arrangements through Mr. Phillips of the Phillips Petroleum Company or other official to cooperate with two under-cover men.

At the Wichita Falls, Texas Police Department Agent interviewed Jimmy Gonzales, in Charge of the Criminal Identification Bureau, who stated that he recalled photographing and fingerprinting an "Elbert Russell". After searching his files he produced a photograph of Elbert Russell, dated March 14, 1933, Wichita Falls, Texas Police No. 1-3097; and an abstract of Russell's fingerprint record furnished by the Division under date of March 20, 1933, with additional information that Elbert Russell, under the name of James Hargrow No. 29595, was received at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, April 2, 1934 from Pottawatomie County, crime - larceny of auto, sentence 5 years. The description was similar to the one furnished by informant A. C. Russell, the latter stating that his father's name is S. B. Russell and that Elbert's wife, is named Lee Russell, which information was recorded in the file of the Wichita Falls, Texas Police Department.

On September 4, 1934, Agent again conferred with informant A. C. Russell, and carefully went over the matter with him. He insisted that "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Adam Ricchetti, and informant's brother, Elbert Russell, were together, and at Phillips, Texas as already outlined above. Agent exhibited a number of photographs to him and he immediately picked out his brother, then the other two mentioned. Agent then told him that his brother, Elbert Russell, according to information received from the Division, was received in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, under the name of James Hargrow on April 7, 1934, crime - auto larceny. He stated he did not know this, and finally after telling a number of conflicting stories and inconsistencies, stated that he did not talk to his brother while at Phillips, Texas; that the only person he talked to was "Pretty Boy" Floyd, or rather the same person he formerly knew at Holdenville, Oklahoma, and met in his (Russell's) Tourist Camp at Las Vegas, Nevada, in February, 1934. He stated that the conversation with "Pretty Boy" Floyd took place in "Irish's Place" at Phillips, Texas; that when he (Russell, the informant) and Pretty Boy came out of the place, he noticed Adam Ricchetti and a man that looked like his brother, walk down the street and enter the Ford V-8 car described above. Then Pretty Boy Floyd followed and got in the car; that additional information regarding Elbert Russell, Floyd and Adam Ricchetti was received by him (Russell, the informant) from Carter, a barber at Phillips, Texas

and one or two of the boys he interviewed at Irish's place in Phillips. Before Agent left informant Russell, Agent was convinced that his imagination had been working overtime. However, the next day, September 6, 1934, Agent went to Borger, and Phillips, Texas, and conducted the following investigation:

From Borger, Agent followed the route taken by informant the night he showed the writer the oil field shack and Irish's Place at Phillips, Texas. Agent made discreet inquiries at the shack, which is located on the S. E. corner of the company's Pumper House, Johnson A Farm, east of the Prairie Camp, and interviewed an elderly woman in the shack who stated that she was the mother of Lloyd Lane; that the latter's wife was confined to her bed on account of illness, her husband being employed in the Alamo Plant at Phillips, Texas. She stated that her son and wife moved into the shack just a week ago; that they formerly lived at Eufala, Oklahoma. She further stated that Marshall Whittaker owned the shack, which information she received from a Mrs. Yates who lived in the adjoining shack.

Agent interviewed Mrs. Whittaker, and from her learned that Leland Alsip and wife formerly occupied the shack; that they moved a little over a week ago to another one of Mrs. Whittaker's shacks. She stated that the place was vacant just two days before the present occupants took possession. Mrs. Alsip stated that her husband was transferred from the St. Louis, Missouri plant of the Phillips Petroleum Company about a month and one-half ago; that after reaching Phillips, Texas they rented the shack now occupied by Lloyd Lane at $7.00 per month and moved out of it exactly a week ago. She stated she never knew of any three men calling at the place and never noticed any Ford V-8, 1934 model coach, sand gray color, in the vicinity. The shack in question is number 1. In the adjoining shack number "3", lives Mrs. Yates, Mr. Yates and family. Mr. Yates stated that Lloyd Lane and wife moved into number "1" shack a week ago; that Mrs. Lane has been ill during that time and her mother came to visit her from Oklahoma; that he, Yates, who said he had lived in shack number "3" for almost a year, never had seen any strange men visit shack number "1", nor had he seen the Ford V-8 Ford car described above.

Agent visited Irish's Place which has a small bar in the front, and a pool table and card tables in the back behind a partition, and made discreet inquiries for A. C. Russell, but no one in the place seemed to know him. Agent then went across the street to Carter's Barber Shop and Beauty Parlor and located S. B. Carter outside the place, and to him disclosed his identify. He stated that he had known A. C. Russell and his family for a number of years; that Russell formerly was employed for about two years in the Alamo Plant; that Russell cannot be relied upon for information; that he, Carter, recalls talking to Russell on the night of August 30, 1934, at which time Russell asked about a boy named "Billy Ellers", and Carter told him that he left for Pampa, Texas; that he (Carter) never at any time told Russell or anyone else that "Pretty Boy" Floyd under the name of Billy Gray, or that Adam Ricchetti, under the name of Art Nichols, or Gibbons was in company with Elbert Russell. In fact, Carter, stated, he does not believe that "Pretty Boy" Floyd or Ricchetti ever visited Phillips, and he is positive that they have not been in Irish's Place, which he visits several times a day, the place being operated by one Henry Brooks from Arkansas. Carter pointed out Brooks to the writer. He is

six feet tall, weight over 200 pounds, dark brown curly hair, and in no way resembles "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Carter further stated that Elbert Russell has not been seen here at Phillips, Texas, in about a year; that he (Carter) heard that Elbert Russell was last heard of in Jail at Sevoka, Oklahoma; that for the past two days the wife of Elbert Russell had been employed in his (Carter's) wife's Beauty Parlor; that she is a sister of Johnny Barker, who lives with Carter's wife at Phillips, Texas. Carter advised the writer that informant A. D. Russell, who used to go on "periodical drunks", about a year ago joined the Pentecostal Holiness Church at Phillips, Texas, and in the role of reformer, began preaching to the congregation. Carter stated, however, that informant Russell is "windy", and while a likeable fellow, cannot be relied upon.

Carter directed the writer to the shack occupied by Johnny Barker and his wife and child. Elbert Russell's wife, Lee Barker Russell, also lived there. Like the oil field shack already referred to, the shack of Johnny Barker is also located on the Southwest corner, directly across from the Railroad track in a place known as "ragtown", about a half-mile distant from the oil shack pointed out to the writer by informant Russell. Discreet inquiries were made in several of the other adjoining shacks for the Ford V-8 automobile, and two or three men visiting Johnny Barker's shack, without success.

Johnny Barker, his wife, and his sister, Lee Barker Russell, were interviewed by the writer. Lee Barker Russell, in the beginning, declined to identify the photograph of Elbert Russell as that of her husband. She finally broke down, crying, and stated that she had not seen him for over a year, and often wondered where he was. She stated that when he married her, she was not aware that he was an ex-convict, although she admitted that after she married him he was sent to the State Penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas, in 1932, and was released in 1933, returning for a short time to Phillips, Texas, since which time - over a year - she said she had not seen nor heard from him. This information was also verified by Johnny Barker and his wife. Johnny Barker stated that for over a year, he has been employed at the Standish Pipe Line Company, at Phillips, Texas. He had just returned from his day's work when the writer interviewed him. He stated that he has three other brothers, William W. Barker, a school teacher, living at Bowie, Texas, and now attending Teachers College, Denton, Texas. Barker said that this brother was 42 years of age. The second brother, Fred Barker, age 40, was a car salesman with the General Motors Company, Detroit, Michigan; and Vassar Barker, the third brother, is a farmer at Sunset, Texas. Johnny Barker stated that his father's name is F. H. Barker, who with his mother, wife of the latter, is living and residing at Bowie, Texas. Barker exhibited photographs of every member of the family. Neither Johnny Barker nor any of the brothers resembles Doc Barker or Fred Barker, both of whom are wanted by the Division in connection with the Bremer Kidneping Case. Photographs of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Adam Ricchetti were exhibited to Johnny Barker, and his wife and to Lee Barker Russell. They could not identify said photographs, and claimed that such persons were unknown to them and had not to

their knowledge visited Phillips, Texas. Lee Barker Russell stated that to her knowledge her husband, Elbert Russell, did not know "Pretty Boy" Floyd or Adam Micchetti.

The writer interviewed Hugh Miller, Superintendent of the Alamo Refinery of the Phillips Petroleum Company, at Phillips, Texas. He is known to be absolutely reliable and strictly in favor of law enforcement. He advised the writer that the Phillips Petroleum Company is one hundred percent with the Division; that as far as the Alamo Refinery at Phillips, Texas, is concerned, he is ready at all times to cooperate with the Division and under-cover men, if necessary, can be placed at the plant and shacks furnished free of charge. Mr. Miller stated that he is very much interested in seeing Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd captured. In this connection, he stated, his late father and brother, Alfred Miller, were intimately acquainted with "Pretty Boy" Floyd and his family; that before he, Hugh Miller, came to Phillips, Texas, about eight years ago, and took over the direction of the Alamo Plant, he lived at Warner, Oklahoma, 20 miles South of Muskogee, where he was raised; that his mother was raised at Sallisaw, Oklahoma. He stated that immediately after Irvin Kelly, former Sheriff of McIntosh County, Oklahoma was killed by "Pretty Boy" Floyd and George Birdwell, his (Hugh Miller's) brother, Alfred Miller and Deputy Sheriff W. Counts, now a Policeman at Checote, Oklahoma, began a search for "Pretty Boy" Floyd; that the latter, according to information said to have been furnished by Dr. Icklin of Gore, Oklahoma, got to "Pretty Boy" Floyd; that just before his (Miller's) father died in July, 1933, "Pretty Boy" Floyd came to his father's home, located four miles South of Warner, Oklahoma, and told the father that he understood that his son, Alfred Miller had just joined Deputy Sheriff Counts in an effort to capture him (Floyd), Floyd stating that he did not want to harm Alfred, but unless he withdrew, and went about his business as a farmer, instead of hunting criminals, he ("Pretty Boy" Floyd) would see that Arthur Miller was put out of the way. Mr. Hugh Miller stated that his brother Alfred took the tip and ceased hunting Floyd. This was the last time, Miller stated, that he heard of Floyd being actually in Oklahoma, except what news appeared now and then in the newspapers. As far as "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Adam Micchetti hiding out at Phillips, Texas, Mr. Miller stated that he doubted this very much, although Phillips, Texas would be an ideal spot for them. Mr. Miller stated that there are two or three employees at the Alamo Plant who are personally acquainted with Floyd and while he would not put it past them to shield him, nevertheless, he believes, sooner or later through a grapevine route, he (Miller) would be informed should Floyd attempt to hideout by working at the Refinery or by visiting Phillips, Texas.

Miller further stated that there are now about 500 men employed at the Plant; that in order to bring up the quota to the requirements of the NRA during September of 1933, men were employed without having their records of previous employment, etc., checked. However, Mr. Miller stated, this is unusual, and all applicants prior to and subsequent to that time have been obliged to fill out application blanks and their previous employment record, etc., is checked before employment. Miller advised the writer that he recalls that informant A. C. Russell

worked at the Plant for about two years; that he was given the alias-name of "Windy"; that the latter's father and mother lived at Phillips, Texas and were considered good citizens. Miller stated that informant Russell is considered a good mixer and a conscientious worker, but he told such fantastic stories while employed at the Plant that he was finally requested to give up his job at the Plant. Mr. Miller checked the employments records of the Plant for five years back, under the names of Billy Grey, Art Gibbons, Art Nichols, and Adam Ricchetti, but failed to find any such names on the record. He stated that from now on he will closely look over every employee at the Plant, and in the event that there is a possible chance that one of them might be Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd or Adam Ricchetti, the Dallas Division office will be immediately notified.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE: Advise whether any information has been received that Floyd attended the Oak Grove School between Wewoka and Holdenville, Oklahoma.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

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

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Information received that PRETTY BOY FLOYD may be in the vicinity of Franklin, Pa. Informants, however, do not positively identify him and in all probability identification is erroneous.

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DETAILS: AT PITTSBURGH, PA.

On September 14, 1934 an individual who introduced himself as Reverend Bill Denton, Box 444, Akron, Ohio, called at this office with Glen Dagget, 678 Sanford Avenue, Akron, and Earl Wilson, a reporter of the Beacon Journal, Akron.

From the above individuals the information hereinafter set forth was obtained.

Dagget, it appears, is employed at the Burkhart Brewery in Akron, Ohio and a fellow employee of his is one John Price. Dagget stated that Price has at various times informed him confidentially of an individual living at Franklin in Venango County, Pa., for whom Price at one time drove a car. Price told Dagget that this individual, who is known in that community as Bert Thompson, has in his possession machine guns, high-powered rifles, and numerous automatic pistols and revolvers and that as a matter of fact he had given Price two rifles and a shotgun.

Price told of the numerous trips which Thompson takes from Franklin to points in the Middle West and during a period of intoxication Price related to Dagget that Thompson was PRETTY BOY FLOYD and that he, Price, was the only individual in this section who knows Thompson's real identity. He also stated that Thompson warned him that should he ever reveal it he would kill him on th

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Dagget conferred with Reverend Denton and the latter advised him to turn the information over to the authorities. He, then, got in touch with Earl Wilson of the Beacon Journal and the Akron Police Department.

Wilson proceeded to Franklin, Pa. and on the pretext [redacted] interviewed Frank Williams, [redacted] the owner of a garage at Franklin. Williams directed him to the farm occupied by Thompson, who is allegedly FLOYD, and Wilson interviewed Thompson on the pretext [redacted] Thompson became quite interested and stated he was interested in some property in St. Louis which he desired Wilson to handle for him and requested Wilson to call back at a later date which the latter did after getting in touch with the Akron Police Department.

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It was suggested by the Akron Police Department that Wilson attempt to get Thompson's fingerprints and for this reason on the occasion of the second visit he brought with him several bottles containing prepared cocktails and succeeded in obtaining, so he claims, on the bottles, latent fingerprints of Thompson. These were turned over to the Akron Police Department by Wilson but he was informed that they were merely smudges and it was impossible to identify them.

Wilson stated that Thompson is described as follows:

Age:	35 - 38
Weight:	180 - 200
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Blue
Face:	Rounded
Beard:	Heavy, black
Tattoo:	On left arm.

He stated that he has seen FLOYD'S picture numerous times and he is not convinced that Thompson is actually PRETTY BOY FLOYD, while at the same time he is not positive that he is not identical.

His inquiries in Franklin revealed that Thompson has resided there for the past five or six years and is married to a girl whose name before marriage was Dorothy Taft, who apparently is of good family and quite wealthy. No one in the community, however, knew anything of Thompson's antecedents before he came to Franklin. It was learned also that he does travel to the Middle West at stated periods, alleging that he is in the cattle business.

Wilson stated that Frank Williams, the owner of the Franklin Garage, is reliable and that he can be contacted without fear of his disclosing the purpose of the inquiry. He advised that the residence of Thompson may be located by turning right at Williams' Garage, proceeding about two miles where a left turn is made into a dirt road. Thompson's residence is the first house to the left and is on R. F. D. # 3. He stated that the residence is brick and was described as being a "long, squat building", in the rear of which is a garage which would accommodate five or six automobiles, and the house is situated on the crest of a little hill. There are numerous out-buildings in the vicinity inasmuch as the place was formerly a chicken farm.

Glen Dagget, who works with Price, stated that Thompson is now in the Middle West and that Price is going to inform him when he returns. Arrangements were made whereby an Agent of the Detroit Office will contact Earl Wilson at the earliest opportunity, who, in turn, will inform the Agent when Thompson returns from the Middle West.

In the meantime discreet inquiries will be made by the Pittsburgh Division Office to determine the identity of Thompson at Franklin.

It was requested by the three individuals interviewed that nothing be said to Price concerning the information furnished by them as it is planned that Dagget will continue to get as much data from Price as possible.

From the conversation this Agent is of the impression that the information furnished by these individuals may possibly be the result of vivid imaginations, but it is believed that it should be checked nevertheless.

It is suggested that this investigation be expedited.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

An Agent from the Detroit Office will contact Earl Wilson of the Beacon Journal at Akron, Ohio for the purpose of meeting not only him but also Glen Dagget, 678 Sanford Avenue, Akron, Ohio, an employee of the Burkhart Brewery, so that any information received as to Thompson's return may be communicated immediately to the Pittsburgh Office.

Will interview the fingerprint expert of the Akron Police Department without disclosing such interview to the informants in this case to obtain all information relative to the latent fingerprints allegedly obtained on the bottles which Wilson brought to Franklin, Pa.

The Pittsburgh Office, prior to Thompson's return, will make discreet inquiries in the vicinity of Franklin in an attempt to determine Thompson's identity.

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
September 6, 1934.

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

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased) et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER,
S.L. File 62-474.

Dear Sir:

Answering your communication of September 4, 1934, I wish to inform you that I have again made a careful examination of the Salt Lake City file in this matter, but fail to find any additional information relating to an interview with Arthur Johnson alias Red Price, now confined in the Colorado State Penitentiary, other than an interview had with him by Agent J.D. Swenson, which is covered in attached copy of letter from this office to the Chicago Division office dated March 29, 1934.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Postmaster
Purdy, Missouri

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation it is requested that you furnish this office with the present address of John Roland, who, with his family, formerly resided near Mrs. Mamie Vaught about three miles from Purdy.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased) Et Al
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Suite 1616
Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.
September 13, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

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

The Kansas City office has had on hand an incomplete set of photostatic copies of the early reports made in this case, and for the use of the Little Rock and Omaha offices, which have been opened since the initiation of the Investigation, there are transmitted under separate covers to each of the offices copies of the following reports:

2 copies of the report of Special Agent in Charge J. E. Vetterli dated at Kansas City, Missouri, June 26, 1933.

2 copies of the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated at Kansas City, Missouri, July 3, 1933.

1 copy of the report of Agent Trainor dated at Kansas City, July 10, 1933.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 419,
Nashville, Tenn.,
September 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.

RE: VERNON G. MILLER, with aliases, (Dec'd.); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, L.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE, L.O. 1194, et al;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from E. R. Hyatt, Acting Chief of Detectives, Chattanooga, Tenn. Police Department, which is quoted below:

"Young man named Allen whose father is J. Lee Allen of 2026 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, La. was reading a Liberty Magazine and feels that he has seen one Richard Tallman Galatas alias Dick Sheridan who is wanted in connection with the Kansas City murder as advertised in the Liberty.

Young Allen says a man using name of E. W. Lee who has stopped at the Carroll Apartment Hotel, the Ponchatrain Hotel and at 406 Stearns Building, New Orleans resembles the photo of Galatas as given in the Liberty. Says Lee is representating some paint concern out of Los Angeles.

The photo of Galatas in the Liberty does in no way compare with the photo of subject sent out by your department dated August 1, 1933.

This information passed on to your Department as one can never tell until proper investigation has been made."

See Serial 62-28915-1-3

Please conduct necessary investigation immediately at New Orleans.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Kansas City Division

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Director
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Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, 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

In connection with interviews had with James LaCapra alias Jimmy Needles, he has advised that Ed Wilhite, now incarcerated in the Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort Madison, Iowa, should be in a position to corroborate some of the information given concerning the massacre.

LaCapra states he was present on an occasion subsequent to the massacre when John Lazia approached Jack Griffin and Ed Wilhite and requested that they escort Floyd from the City of Kansas City. LaCapra advises that Griffin on this occasion told Lazia that he would not comply with his request and that Lazia had plenty of men in Kansas City to do this job. In this connection, it is stated that LaCapra has stated that the car which Floyd used in leaving Kansas City was originally brought to Kansas City from St. Louis by Griffin and Wilhite.

I am of the opinion that it would be desirable to have Wilhite interviewed at an early date and that such interview should be undertaken by Special Agents Andersen and Trainor in view of their intimate knowledge of the statements made by LaCapra. It further occurs to me that LaCapra will probably be willing to give these Agents some kind of introduction to Wilhite which would influence him to talk. If the Division agreed to this proposal it is requested that this office be advised by telegram in order that the necessary interview may be had without any delay.

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Vary truly yours,
R. B. Nathan
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Director
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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

There are being transmitted herewith news clippings from the Kansas City Journal Post for September 4th and 5th, 1934, relative to the appearance of the alleged wife and son of Charles Arthur Floyd at theatres in Kansas City, Missouri at that time.

Further facts relative to this appearance are set out in a letter from the Kansas City Office to the Oklahoma City Office dated September 12, 1934.

In view of the information in the Director's speech before the American Bar Association at Milwaukee, Wisconsin on August 30, 1934 relative to the part the movies and newspapers played in crime it is thought these articles may be of interest.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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KANSAS CITY JOURNAL-POST. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1934.

Making Crime Pay

The wife of "Pretty Boy" Floyd, notorious killer and bandit, is capitalizing the criminal record of the outlaw on the stages of the Liberty and Regent theaters this week.

This offense to decency and good morals is all the more pronounced because her 9-year-old son appears on the stage with her.

The excuse for the exploitation of the criminal reputation of Floyd is contained in a few trite lines to the effect that "crime never pays," which are uttered by Mrs. Floyd.

But, as pointed out in a subjoined article, Mrs. Floyd's appearance would indicate that she has made it pay.

And Ed Dubinsky, operator of the theaters, is making it pay. Perhaps after all it is upon him that censure should fall. He primarily is responsible for the disgraceful exhibition, which the law enforcement agencies ought to stop.

Crime Doesn't Pay, But Public Does to See 'Pretty Boy's' Wife and Son

Mate of Outlaw Uses 9-Year-Old Boy to

MAKING CRIME PAY ON STAGE SEEN AS PERIL

Civic Leaders Deplore Act Put On by Wife and Son of Outlaw.

FEAR EFFECT ON YOUNG

Ministers and Others Regret City Permits Showing of Mrs. Floyd.

That the act of Mrs. "Pretty Boy" Floyd and her 9-year-old boy, wife and son of the notorious bandit and killer, now appearing on the stages of the Liberty and Regent theaters, is a bid for cheap sensationalism and an attempt to cash in on the desperado's reputation—to make crime pay—were among numerous

MENACE IS SEEN IN EXHIBITION TO MAKE CRIME PAY

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"she is certainly cashing in on it, and this is certainly a time when crime does pay.

"The lad may have the makings of a fine man, but he is getting a bad start. I feel sorry for the child and my heart goes out to him. He is beginning life beneath a tremendous handicap."

Dr. Joseph Myers of the Community church declared the public appearance of Mrs. Floyd and her son was "one of the thousand current illustrations of the mad greed for profits."

That the act was nothing more than "cheap and blatant sensationalism" was Dr. Myers' opinion. "Anybody interested in the development of decent values of the community should deplore such an exhibition," he said.

"It is a decidedly bad reflection upon the community which allows such a thing to exist. When the exploitation of womanhood and childhood is based on crime, it is the most vicious exploitation which profit-mad humans can devise."

FORM NO. 1

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Oklahoma City, Okla.	9/13/34	8/21-to 9-12/34	Dwight Brantley,

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

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTIC

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Informants who know Floyd and his relatives state Floyd not in Oklahoma at this time and apparently has not been here recently. Jess Cunningham, Jennings, Oklahoma, suspected of harboring Floyd, arrested, interviewed and stated he made remarks while drunk to effect he had been seeing Floyd, but avers this untrue. No evidence developed against him on harboring charges. Efforts being made to develop further contacts this case. A relative of Floyd by marriage has indirectly stated he desires to "finger" Floyd; this angle being pursued vigorously.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 8-23-34.

DETAILS:

Included in this report are the results of investigations conducted by Special Agents F. S. Smith, J. M. O'Leary and others of the Oklahoma City office. Special Agent F. S. Smith, working in the vicinity of Muskogee, Oklahoma, near which is Sallisaw, the residence of Floyd's mother and the majority of his relatives, is maintaining contact with several informants who have promised to obtain information concerning the whereabouts of Floyd and report it to Agent Smith.

DETAILS

On August 30, 1934, the male informant and his wife, the latter being a relative of the Floyd family, rented a house in Sallisaw, Oklahoma. The mother of subject Floyd is in financial difficulties, as are all the other members of the family whose names will be mentioned as being presently with the informant and his woman. Perry Latimer died recently. His widow is Mary, the

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sister of subject Floyd. E. W. Floyd, a brother of subject Floyd, is married and has a very young baby. He is out of employment and is broke. Living with the informants at Sallisaw in the house mentioned are the mother of subject Floyd, Mary Latimer and E. W. Floyd and his wife and child. Mary Latimer is working at a cafe in Sallisaw from 5:00 o'clock in the evening until 2 o'clock in the morning, and it is said that she gets $3.00 a week. The informant reported to Agent Smith that although the house is poorly furnished and there are no shades on the windows of any room save one, which is a back room, the old lady Floyd insisted that shades be bought for the windows of this room and this was done by the woman informant.

The informants, with whom Agent Smith is constantly in contact, state that Floyd has not appeared at the house in Sallisaw and from every indication, the mother of Floyd nor any of the relatives there know his present whereabouts. The male informant, as well as his woman, have access to the entire house and they state that they made a careful search and examination of everything there in an effort to determine whether there is any correspondence being received from Floyd. They report none has been found. The informant submitted a written report which is incorporated herein as follows:

Muskogee -
Aug 23-34-

"Come to Muskogee Tonight & since other report I spoke of Hughes Gay that is uncle Hugh Gay at Akins son. Hughie Lives at Bristow is operating a Tank Co the only one in Bristow uncle Hugh is Chas uncle & he never comes to Salisaw without coming to see him & aunt Liddie his they are very old. 72 & 77 yrs of age- The son Hughie told me the other day while we was squarl Hunting that Chas had lost all of his good Friends I ask him how was that I thought he had more Friends than any Body he said he ment Friends he could get money off of- I ask him who was that the First one that he spoke of was Miller I ask if that was Vern he said Yes & he said next Clyde Barrow he said he was the Best Friend Chas had said he was a money maker & chas could get ever Peny he had & Clyde could do the same by Chas Then he said Dillinger of course that was or I taken that as a Big suprise I said Chas- didn't know him Personal did he, & he said he could get all the money he wanted off of any of them I said looks like Chas would get in on some of them Big Jobs if he Knew all them People in the East he said Chas didnt want to cut in with no Big Gang, that he only could Borrow money from them Boys that they Played Back & fourth that way would Borrow off of one another when each other had money. I ask him when he had seen Chas- he said a little over a year he dont think a thing about talking that is all he wanted to talk about. But he doesnt Know where Chas is right now & Mrs. F. was wearying the other day & Brought up The same thing saying Chas- couldn't get out & get aholt of money like he use to since all his Friends had got killed said she Knew he

didnt have any money & was afraid he would atempt to come in since Perry that was Marrys husband died. We have Been with her either Both of us - or the Girl ever day for the last week The Girl has Been taking Marry to work & has stayed 2 nights with Mrs. F. & the 2 Babies & I went & caught a nice mess of Fish Tues- Ev- & when I got Back we went up to see Marry & she said you all go down & stay all night with Mother it was coming up a cloud & she said she will Be afraid. It was Batwene 8 & 9 oclock, so we Both went down & stayed till 10:15 we told them I had caught a mess of Fish they told us to Bring them down & cook them we Put the fish on ice at Drug store & taken them down yesterday & when we got there Mrs. F. was trying to Fix a screen door- I said mother let me fix that so I had to take the Hinges of to fix this & after I fixed Both doors & eat dinner we taken some other Gro- down there she had all ways seem to Be Kindly distant with me But after we had eat as it was the First time I had eat with them since they had moved she Mrs. F. & the Girl washed the dishes Marry lie down to take a nap as She goes to work at 5 pm. till 2 am. Mrs. F. come in Brought me a chair I was on the Porch said come in the house set down & be with good company. I did she went to the trunk & Dresser started geting out Pictures one Hand full after another we started looking she had family groops was at least 75 yrs old of course I was asking her who this one & that one was she showed us 2 of Chas one By his self another with Clyde Chucalay with him that I had never seen it looked like he was Just as white as he could Be & his Face looked long & Poor. Finaly she hand the Girl one said yes This one here is Jaunita she said I guess you have heard Ruby speak of her the other was Rose Jaunita sis. The Girl said this dont look like the one that Chas- Give Jackie Mrs. F. said that is after she come Back from up yonder, ment from Penintary. The Girl told her about Ruby starting to tear up the one of Jaunita that Chas give Jackie his son & Jackie said I will tell daddy on you if you do it tickled Mrs. F & she said again she was afraid Chas- would hear about the way Ruby was doing & atempt to take Jackie. So Marry wake up about that time & the Baby was crying But the Girl was going to take Mrs. F. to Ruths yesterday eve & stay all night there has all ways Been some one there at night to Keep them from talking I told the Girl that Mrs. F. was all right now & for her to ask her any question she wanted to & told her how to lead the mother & keep the subject going when it started & to ask her when she heard from Chas last & how was his foot was it as Bad as ever Body said it was I know it will Be all OK and to Bring up the House subject again & till Mrs. F. to look out for a house it may take a few days to get a house & Mrs. F. said we would hafto have another matress when we rented another house. But ever thing looks fine I get disgusted it going off so slow I thought we would of had it over with by this time But E. W. is Busted & cant go any where he hasnt Been to town since last Sat- he told the Girl he didnt go to Bradleys on that trip But since E. W . has maried I think Clyde Chucalay has Been contacting Chas & Bleave he Knows where he is But Clyde hasnt Been to Salisaw since we have Been down there. his Bro. Claud told us Clyde was in Little Rock But Mr. Smith said he seen Clyde here the other day. I seen a envelope in the Dresser Drawer yester to Mrs. F. a dim Post Mark I made it out to be from Calhorn Ga- it didnt have any ret- adress. There wasn't any letter in it. I looked- now this is about all at this time I expect him in any time that is Mrs. F. does- I hope we are there when he comes if he does come. I will write

a list of Kin folks & Friends where he could stay when I get Back so the Girl can help me Besides this you sent Back I will tell who they are Plainer-"

On the night of September 3d, Agent Smith at Muskogee, Oklahoma received a telephone call from John Ferguson, present Undersheriff at Stilwell, Oklahoma and the Sheriff elect of that county. Ferguson has a splendid reputation as an officer and is considered trustworthy and reliable. In the phone call to Agent Smith, he requested that he come over to Stilwell, as he desired to discuss an important matter with him. Agent Paul Hansen was in Muskogee and accompanied Agent Smith to Stilwell.

John Ferguson told Agent Smith that a man by the name of Wes Casey of Sallisaw, a relative of Floyd and who is a Republican nominee for Sheriff of that county, had approached him, Ferguson, concerning Floyd. Casey is alleged to have said that subject Floyd is a "thorn in his flesh" during this campaign and that he desired to furnish information that will result in his apprehension and approached Ferguson concerning it, because he has the utmost confidence in him, and asked Ferguson to put him in touch or to discuss with him the proper authorities with whom he should treat in the matter, but that he, Casey, was not ready at the time to talk to the Federal officers, but desired to know their proposition. Ferguson said that Casey related to him that in addition to being embarrassed in the campaign by Floyd's being at large, that if he should be successful in the campaign, that he would be further embarrassed, and that in addition to these things, he desires any reward outstanding for the apprehension of Floyd. Ferguson said that Casey told him that Floyd and Racchetti are together; that with these two men are the Baird sisters, Beulah and Rose, of Kansas City, and that it is his understanding that Floyd is married to one of them and Racchetti to the other, and that Floyd has a new baby. Ferguson said that Casey told him that a few months ago, he went to Kansas City, Missouri and there saw Floyd; that he made some contact there, the address of which he cannot remember, and that this contact took him to see Floyd which was at some gambling joint or a tavern, the address of which he does not know, and that it is his belief that Floyd is there now, or if not, that he is making frequent trips to Kansas City. Ferguson said that Casey told him that Floyd is not in Oklahoma at this time and is not frequenting the Sallisaw country, because he knows that it is too "hot" for him, and that he is aware that the Government is vigorously seeking his apprehension.

Agent Smith asked Ferguson the exact relationship of Wes Casey to Floyd, and Ferguson is of the impression that he is a brother of E. W. Floyd's wife. Agent Smith further told Ferguson what the Division will do for the person who furnishes information that results in the apprehension of Floyd by the Division, and requested that efforts be made to put him, Smith, in touch with Wes Casey immediately. Ferguson said that he would see Casey, who was near Stilwell at that time, and inform Agent Smith. Ferguson left and was gone about one and one-half hours, and upon his return, told Agent Smith that he had contacted Casey and the latter had said that he is not yet ready to talk to Agent

Smith, but desires to make a trip to Earlsboro, the home of Bradley Floyd, and contact him, and that he will talk to Agent Smith Monday night, September 10th at Stilwell. Ferguson said that Casey told him that he desired to make the trip to Earlsboro for the purpose of seeing what if any information he could obtain from Bradley Floyd concerning subject Floyd's present location. He further told Ferguson that it might be necessary for him to make a trip to Kansas City and take Floyd's mother with him, as she is very desirous of seeing subject Floyd, and it has been considerable time since she has had any contact with him. Agent Smith will be on hand at Stilwell Monday night, September 10th, to interview Casey. Ferguson stated that he has a great deal of confidence in Casey and believes that he will furnish information concerning Floyd if he possibly can do it. He stated, however, that Casey is very much afraid of Floyd and the other members of the family and fears for his safety should it even become known that he has talked to anyone relative to "fingering" Floyd.

Mention has been made in previous reports of Harve Worley, now in jail at Muskogee, Oklahoma on Federal liquor charges. Agent Smith has maintained contact with Worley and recently had an interview with Worley and his wife, the latter allegedly a woman friend of Floyd. Agent Smith stated that at this conversation, Worley's wife was in a state of indecision as to whether she desired to undertake the "fingering" of Floyd. She stated, however, that she would think it over and contact Agent Smith later that day or the following day. She called Agent Smith later the same day and talked to him alone. Agent Smith had a long conversation with her. He reports that she is smart and foxy and is of the outlaw type. She stated emphatically to Agent Smith that she last saw Floyd between the 25th of June and the first of July, 1934, but would not tell him where nor under what circumstances; that there was with Floyd another man whose identity she would not reveal, but who does not belong in Oklahoma and who is a high-powered outlaw. She stated that she did not want Floyd killed nor this other man with him, but that if Floyd were apprehended, she would, by all means, want the other man apprehended as well, because it would be in the interest of her safety. She stated that Floyd is not in Oklahoma at this time, and that she does not know definitely where he is, but that she believes she can find out within a short time. She stated that she would have to make some inquiries before she would reveal to Agent Smith her plans and tell him definitely that she would "finger" Floyd. She said that, before the conversation was over, however, which indicates some indecision on her part, she will undertake the "fingering" of Floyd, and that she would meet Agent Smith at Muskogee, Oklahoma Tuesday, September 11th. Agent Smith is making arrangements to meet this woman on the designated date.

As will be observed, it was through the contact Agent Smith had with the Worley woman's husband that he finally induced Worley's wife to undertake this matter. Agent Smith went back to Worley and talked with him concerning the possible identity of the man that allegedly is accompanying Floyd. Worley stated frankly that he does not know who it is, but that apparently it must be some relative of the wife, whose identity is unknown to him, Worley.

The results of Agent Smith's interviews with Wes Casey and with the Worley woman will be carefully weighed, and if it is believed they possess merit, investigation in respect thereto will be vigorously pursued.

Agent Smith has been in contact with J. M. Hawkins of Haskell, Oklahoma, who is a neighbor of Jess Ring with whom Floyd is supposed to have been on friendly terms in the past. J. M. Hawkins stated that he has interested his boy, Walter Hawkins, in locating Floyd for the reward. Agent Smith interviewed Walter Hawkins, who said that he had been running around with Boyd Ring, brother of Jess, for some time and knows all of his people, including Zibe Ring who lives in Missouri. Walter told of a conversation he had some time ago with Boyd, in which the latter suggested that Walter accompany him to Missouri, stating that he was going up there to see some of his people. They left together, catching a freight train, and when they reached Parsons, Walter stated he didn't care to accompany Boyd any further, because he was afraid he would get into trouble with him; that Boyd went on to Missouri and that he, Walter, went to Kansas City and from there went to the home of his aunt in Ozark, Arkansas and later came on back to Haskell, Oklahoma; that Boyd returned from Missouri a short time ago, and that he told him that about the time he left Missouri, Floyd left there, too, and went on a big job, not describing the particulars; that Floyd has been at Zibe's place about five weeks, fishing with Zibe's boys on the Osage River. Walter stated that he had been in the company of Boyd and the Rings several times when he heard Floyd discussed, but he paid very little attention to them. Walter stated that he would keep his ears open and pay close attention to any conversation relating to Floyd and report the results to Agent Smith.

Walter stated that on August 30th, Ruby Floyd came to the home of Jess Ring driving a Terraplane car and was there just a few minutes when Jess Ring left in the car and was gone about two hours, and on his return, Ruby left in the car; that a few days after that, she again appeared at Jess Ring's house, driving the same car and remained most of the day and visited the home of Olliver Thomason, one-fourth of a mile East, and that during the day, she rode around the section line as if she were endeavoring to contact someone on the road; that after she left Rings the last time, he, Walter, went over and talked with the daughter of Thomason and the Thomason girl stated that Ruby had told her that she had not married, but that she had a chauffeur who drives her around big towns. The father of young Hawkins corroborated the statements of Walter. Walter and his father stated that Floyd was not in the vicinity and did not show up at the time Ruby was there.

On September 5th, Agent Smith informed the writer by long distance telephone from Muskogee that the confidential informant had stated that on the previous night there was a discussion among members of the Floyd family to the effect that Ruby and Floyd's son were appearing at the Liberty Theater in Kansas City during the week and that unquestionably subject Floyd would make an effort to contact Ruby and the boy, and that he would be caught or killed; that he believed that he would disguise himself as a negro; that is, blacken his face and in that manner approach Ruby and the boy and that the family very much lamented the fact, as it would be dangerous and that Ruby knew that Floyd was in

Kansas City. This information was furnished the Kansas City office. The Kansas City office stated that it was aware of Ruby's appearance in Kansas City and that it had information as to where she was stopping and that she was under surveillance. On the night of September 5th a telegram was received from the Kansas City office to the effect that Ruby Floyd had left Kansas City that night in a Terraplane car, bearing Oklahoma license No. 331-879, and that she inquired the route to Pawhuska, Oklahoma via Coffeyville, and that she was observed to leave Kansas City on Highway 73E shortly after 11 o'clock, and that her theater engagement in Kansas City had terminated that night.

Pawhuska, Oklahoma was covered by Special Agent T. M. Birch on September 6th, and it was learned that Ruby Floyd and her son returned to Pawhuska about 7:30 o'clock that morning in the Terraplane car, which is the property of one Charles Dennison, an Indian, of Pawhuska, and who was with Ruby in Kansas City.

On September 5th, there appeared a news item in an Oklahoma City paper to the effect that a woman by the name of Nora Ferguson of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, unknowingly transported Floyd recently to the outskirts of Oklahoma City; that this person whom she was allegedly to have transported was dressed as an old woman whom she gave a ride and that later on, she received a postcard reading as follows: "Thanks for the ride," signed "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Agent Birch at Pawhuska interviewed Nora Ferguson of 19th and Claremore Streets at Pawhuska, who stated that during the past week she had been to Chicago, Illinois, Tulsa, Oklahoma and Kansas City, Missouri, but had not been in Oklahoma City; that she did not pick up anyone on the road, nor did she receive a postal card from any person signed "Pretty Boy" Floyd, nor any other person, and she had no knowledge whatever of the article appearing in the paper. Agent Birch learned through confidential inquiries that Mrs. Ferguson's husband is a barber and operates a shop in Pawhuska, and that he is quite a drunkard and goes on long sprees and is apt to make any kind of a statement in his drunken moments, and it is believed that the newspaper article in question can be attributed to some remark of Ferguson while drunk and that a newspaper reporter got a hold of it.

Ruby Floyd is now in Pawhuska. Agent Birch, working in the vicinity of Tulsa, has informants who will immediately furnish him information as to the movements of Ruby Floyd.

Agent Smith has been in contact with Will Woody of Tulsa, Oklahoma and vicinity. Woody is the man who "fingered" Floyd at the time officer Kelley was killed in Tulsa County by Floyd and Birdwell. Woody has the confidence of a boy by the name of Theodore Falen of Akin, Oklahoma who has known Floyd all his life. Woody has heard various rumors concerning Floyd recently, but has no definite information. He believes he can obtain something concerning him and is willing to undertake it. He stated that Floyd has a relative in Tulsa by the name of Andrew J. Floyd and wife, Olive, residing at 911 East 4th Street, Tulsa. Harve Worley has stated to Agent Smith that this is the place where a

relative of Floyd lived at the time that Worley and his wife lived at 916 East Third Street, Tulsa. Woody has a room across the street from 911 East 4th Street, having recently moved in there at the request of Agents Smith and Paul Hansen.

Theodore Falen has been to Earlsboro where Bradley Floyd lives and whom he knows, and is now in that vicinity. He is reporting every day or two to Agent Smith and states that Floyd is not there, is not frequenting Bradley's residence and he has obtained no information concerning him. Arrangements have been made whereby Falen is to report to Agent Smith anything of value.

Special Agent J. M. O'Leary, working in the vicinity of Ada and Seminole, Oklahoma in connection with this case, reports that on September 4th one Smith, first name unknown, approached Deputy Marshal Allen Stanfield on the streets of Ada and asked him what the Department of Justice would do for his brother, Clint Smith, who is now serving nine years at Leavenworth on a charge of Theft from Interstate Shipment, having been sentenced from Muskogee on January 5, 1934, in the event that he, Smith, were to put Charles Floyd and Racchetti "on the spot." Clint Smith is the subject of Oklahoma City file titled "Clint Smith, et al; Theft from Interstate Shipment," file No. 15-175. Smith was informed by Stanfield that no definite promise could be made him, but that the matter would be taken up with the proper officials of the Department of Justice. Smith at the time refused to meet Agent O'Leary and stated that it would not be necessary for him to talk until such time as the Department of Justice has indicated whether or not it will do anything for his brother, Clint Smith. Agent O'Leary discussed this matter on September 5th with Assistant Director Harold Nathan and the writer, at which time, he was instructed to tell Smith that no definite promises could be made that anything will be done for his brother, but that if he is instrumental in furnishing information which results in the apprehension of these two men by Division Agents, that the facts therein most certainly will be presented to the proper authorities of the Department, and that it certainly would not do his brother in the penitentiary any harm. This information was communicated to Smith, and he has said that he will see what he can do and left immediately for some unknown point in Texas where he said he would have to go to begin his inquiries. Agent O'Leary has made arrangements to contact Smith frequently.

Postmaster Dowdy of Haskell, Oklahoma advised Agent Frank Smith on August 31st that Jess Ring had received a postal card from Ruby Floyd which stated, "Charles is sick. Will have to go alone from here for a while," and wishing him good health, etc. The card was mailed in Kansas City. The boy's name is Jack Dempsey Floyd, and it would appear that the "Charles" referred to is subject Floyd.

With reference to the lead contained in the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, August 22, 1934 that the Oklahoma City office check the photographers in Oklahoma City in an effort to ascertain any

information concerning a photograph made here of Rose Baird. Special Agent G. H. Franklin of the Oklahoma City office has contacted twenty-four photographic shops in Oklahoma City and has searched their records in many instances for a period of more than one year, but failed to find any photograph of Rose Baird or anything to indicate that such a photograph had been made by any of said establishments.

With reference to letters from the Kansas City office, dated August 14th and 17th, 1934, wherein mention is made of Bob Parker and the possibility that there is a doctor in the vicinity of Nowata, Oklahoma who may be harboring Floyd, Special Agent Paul Hansen conducted investigation at Nowata and interviewed Sheriff H. B. Lowrey who is reliable. Sheriff Lowrey says that he cannot think of any doctor who would fit this description. Deputy Sheriff Hugh Owen, however, of Nowata advised Agent Hansen that he thinks it may be Dr. J. P. Sudderth who owns about twenty acres of land in the country from Nowata and lived there until two or three years ago; that his house burned down and he is now living in town; that while he raises no hay now, he could have raised some two or three years ago. Owen said that he is of the opinion Sudderth has three daughters, all of whom are a little wild and especially one whom he thinks is now living in Kansas City. Bob Parker is unknown to either Sheriff Lowrey or Hugh Owen, but Owen did say that a Bob Parker lived in Nowata about fifteen years ago and that he was a friend of the criminal element, but had no criminal record there. Owen could not find out while Agent Hansen was at Nowata whether Bob Parker is a cousin of the Sudderth family, but will endeavor to do so along confidential lines and advise Agent Hansen.

It was reported to the Division by long distance telephone on the morning of August 25th that it appeared that the Oklahoma City office had developed information and evidence to the effect that one Jess Cunningham of Jennings, Oklahoma had recently harbored Floyd. With respect thereto, Agent T. M. Birch submitted the following memorandum:

"The writer was a member of a party that conducted a raid in the vicinity of Jennings, Oklahoma in an effort to apprehend Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd. At the conclusion of this raid, the writer accompanied by George W. Stewart, an ex-police officer, Tulsa, Oklahoma, contacted one Jess Cunningham, who was the informant in this case. Cunningham was picked up the morning of July 22, 1934 at his residence in Jennings, and, accompanied by the writer and George Stewart, was driven some three miles outside of Jennings where he was questioned as to his knowledge of Floyd, Shine Rush, Adam Racchetti and other members of Floyd's gang. Cunningham stated at this time that he had lived in Jennings, Oklahoma for twenty-five years and had known Shine Rush personally and intimately. Cunningham advised that on July 15, 1934, Shine Rush, accompanied by another man, had driven into his place about 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon and had requested that Cunningham procure some whiskey for him and bring it to him in a piece of timber located some twelve miles

north and west of Jennings, Cunningham stated that he purchased a gallon of whiskey from a Mrs. Vaughn of Jennings and took this whiskey to the place designated by Rush, at which time he was introduced to a man, whose name was given him as "Pretty Boy" Floyd. At this time Cunningham was shown a picture of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and he stated emphatically that this was the man that Shine Rush had introduced to him as "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Cunningham stated that from that time until the evening of the 21st he had visited these men daily, taking them ice, water, whiskey, groceries and girls, and that on the evening of the 21st of July, he had given the information that these men were located in a canyon to a man by the name of McNinch, who is Town Marshal at Jennings, Oklahoma, and that McNinch had relayed this information to Jack Ary, Chief of Police at Drumright, who had organized the raiding party in an attempt to apprehend Floyd. Cunningham's reason for not being able to locate Floyd at the time of this raid was, as he stated, because the local officers had 'flushed' Floyd and Rush by continuously riding around the section of cow pasture in which they were camping. At this time the writer informed Cunningham that should he be able to procure any information that would lead to the apprehension of subject Floyd, he would be suitably reimbursed by the Division for his trouble and he stated that he would gladly cooperate and assist to the best of his ability in this work.

"On the evening of August 19, 1934, the writer at Tulsa, Oklahoma received a long distance telephone call from Jess Cunningham at Arkansas City, Kansas, in which he stated that he desired to see the writer at his residence in Jennings the next morning.

"On August 20th, the writer accompanied by Special Agent O. G. Hall interviewed Cunningham at his residence in Jennings, Oklahoma. At this time, Cunningham stated that he had information relative to a counterfeit gang and exhibited to the writer some counterfeit fifty cent pieces. Cunningham was questioned as to any information he might have relative to Charles Floyd or Shine Rush and he stated that he had not heard from them since last being contacted by the writer, but that he was sure he would soon have some information that would be of value.

"On Friday evening, August 24, 1934, the writer received a telephone call from Mr. McNinch, Town Marshal at Jennings, Oklahoma, requesting that the writer and other officers proceed to Jennings at once; that he had definite information relative to the location of subject Floyd. This writer, accompanied by Special Agent Paul Hansen and George Stewart and Joe Anderson, a member of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, who had received a similar call from Mr. McNinch, proceeded to Jennings, Oklahoma and interviewed him at that place. Mr. McNinch stated that he had received information from an informant, one Albert (Lum) Vaughn to the effect that Charles Arthur Floyd was living at the home of an old gambler some six miles out of Jennings, and that he could be apprehended at that place. Mr. McNinch also stated that informant Vaughn had stated to him that Shine Rush and three

other outlaws were located in a pasture outside of Jennings.

"Lum Vaughn was interviewed and at first denied that he had any knowledge of the whereabouts of Shine Rush and would only state that if he knew, he could not tell because they would kill him. Later this man gave the information that he had previously given Mr. McNinch that Floyd was located on a ranch six miles out of Jennings living with an old gambler, and gave the location of this place.

"The above information was communicated to Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley and Special Agents John B. Little, George Franklin, J. T. Martin and M. B. Lindquist proceeded from Oklahoma City to Jennings. In the meantime, Sheriff Charles Bergdoll of Pawnee County had been communicated with. While awaiting the arrival of these officers, the writer, accompanied by George Stewart, took up the surveillance of the residence of Jess Cunningham, which was unoccupied at this time. At about 3:30 A.M. it was noticed that a Pontiac Coupe had pulled up in front of Cunningham's residence and Cunningham was seen to get out and carry into his residence a quantity of bedding and cooking articles. It had begun to rain. When this car pulled away, it drove to a residence about two blocks from Cunningham's place and a woman was seen to get out of this car. The car then proceeded out of Jennings and was followed by the writer and George Stewart. At a point about three miles outside of Jennings this car was stopped and found to contain a man, who gave his name as Tom Inglin, and a woman who stated her last name to be Vaughn, she being a sister of Albert (Lum) Vaughn. These people were taken back to the residence of Marshal McNinch and turned over to Agent Hansen, while George Stewart and the writer went to the home of Jess Cunningham and took him to the home of Marshal McNinch. During the ride back from Cunningham's house to McNinch's house, Cunningham stated that on the morning of August 20th, prior to the time he was visited by the writer and Agent Hall, he had been in company with Shine Rush. When asked why he had not informed the Agents of his contact with Rush, he stated that he did not think it was advisable. Marshal McNinch at this time informed the writer that Jess Cunningham had over a period of two weeks harbored Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd in his residence; that he had bought him medicine, clothing, food and other necessities. Lum Vaughn stated that under threat of death he had been compelled to go to the residence of Jess Cunningham and assist in caring for subject Floyd. Cunningham was thoroughly and vigorously questioned as to his activities and admitted the above, but denied that he had any knowledge of the whereabouts of Floyd or Rush at this time. At daylight a raid was made on the ranch mentioned by informant Vaughn as the place where "Pretty Boy" Floyd was staying and there was no evidence found that he had ever been there.

"The information relative to Cunningham's statements was communicated to Special Agent in Charge Brantley by Agent Paul Hansen, who requested that Cunningham and Inglin be arrested and taken to Tulsa for further questioning.

Inglin's statement at this time was that he and Cunningham and two other women had been out on a drunken party and that they had decided to come in when it started raining, and that this was the reason for their appearance in Jennings at this hour.

"On the evening of July 25, 1934, Captain J. D. Bills of the Tulsa Police Department called this Agent at about 11:30 and stated to him that he had a party at the Police station whom he wanted an Agent of the Division to interview. At the Tulsa Police station, a woman, who stated her name to be Mrs. Emma Conil, residing at 627 North Cheyenne Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and 528 North Main Street, Tulsa, was interviewed and stated that she had been instrumental in the Tulsa Police and other authorities capturing no less than six bank robbers. Mrs. Conil, a woman approximately fifty years of age, and by her own statements a former mistress of a house of ill-repute, stated that she is in direct communication with a man who claimed to be a cousin of "Pretty Boy" Floyd, but whose name she does not know. Mrs. Conil described this man as follows: Age about 25 or 28; Height, 5 feet, 5 inches; brown hair; light complexion; weight, 140 pounds. Mrs. Conil stated that she has known this man for some time, frequently meeting him in a cheap restaurant on First Street between Boston and Cincinnati Streets in Tulsa, and he stated that he was in direct communication with Charles Floyd and that for some unstated reason he was going to take her to see Floyd. Mrs. Conil stated that she knows "Pretty Boy" Floyd, having met him in Tulsa a little over a year ago, and at that time he told her his name was Floyd and that other than this, she had no information relative to him.

"Mrs. Conil stated that she would readily assist officers in the apprehension of "Pretty Boy" Floyd and that, as requested by the man who claimed to be a cousin of Floyd, she was on the 27th of August going to take a trip to Sallisaw, Oklahoma with this man and that she would communicate with the Oklahoma City office when she returned relative to any information she received. Mrs. Conil inquired specifically as to any reward for information which would lead to the arrest or apprehension of Floyd and was told that the Division would pay an unspecified amount for information leading to the arrest of Floyd. It is not thought by the writer that Mrs. Conil has any definite information or contact relative to Floyd and it is thought that her statement that the man mentioned by her is Floyd's cousin is exaggerated. However, she stated that she would make the trip and communicate with the Oklahoma City Division office upon her return."

In connection with the Jess Cunningham angle of the case and other investigation in this case, Special Agent Paul Hansen submitted a memorandum which is as follows:

"Mr. F. C. Kelly, proprietor of the City Drug Store, Jennings, Oklahoma, advised that about four or five weeks before the raid described by Agent Birch, which would be around July 21, 1934, Jess Cunningham purchased some zinc oxide or boric acid and some rubbing alcohol and glycerin mixed in equal proportions and asked Kelly if these would be good to apply on wounds. Kelly told him that they would. Cunningham then told Kelly that he was a contact man for

Floyd, Shine Rush and some other criminal; that one of them had been wounded in the leg and he, Cunningham, was aiding and helping these men. He asked what could be put on a leg that would kill a man and Kelly said that he did not want to make any recommendations. Cunningham also told Kelly that he had taken food, cigarettes, liquor, women and medicine to these men and, while he had helped them, he was going to put them 'on the spot' for some officers.

"Annie Vaughn, mother of Lum Vaughn, advised that Cunningham told her that Floyd was in his home about five weeks before the last raid described by Agent Birch; that he was shot in the leg and Cunningham was afraid he would not live; that Cunningham was taking care of him and doing everything he could for him. She said, 'He was wanten him away from there.' He also told her that Floyd, Shine Rush and their friends had sent a message by him to tell Mrs. Vaughn that if anything was said about them being in that country that she would be killed.

"Mrs. Stella Hardman, daughter of Mrs. Vaughn, advised that Cunningham had told her that he had taken care of Floyd, Rush and other criminals by taking food, tobacco, liquor and women to them about the same time that he told the same story to Mrs. Vaughn.

"Alice McNabb, another daughter of Mrs. Vaughn, advised that she has been keeping company with Tom Inglin for nine or ten months and that they had been on parties with Cunningham on two different occasions. She and the other persons interviewed claimed that they had never seen Floyd, Rush or other criminals and she denied that Cunningham had told her that he was helping and protecting any criminals. She said, however, it was generally talked in Jennings that Cunningham had boasted that he was doing a lot of things for these criminals, but that it was generally felt that he was drunk when he made these assertions and that the statements were untrue.

"Moatte Warden, who is the other woman that was with Inglin, Alice McNabb and Cunningham on the morning Cunningham was arrested, denied that Cunningham had ever told her that he was helping or protecting Floyd or any other criminals.

"A written statement was obtained from Cunningham at the office of the United States Attorney in Tulsa, Oklahoma which is included in this report as follows:

'Tulsa, Oklahoma
August 27, 1934

'I, Jess Cunningham, make the following written statement to Paul Hansen, Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, after having been informed of his official capacity. I am 47 years old, and reside at Jennings, Oklahoma. I am a tool dresser and oil driller by trade.

'About six to eight weeks ago, on a date which I cannot definitely fix at this time, I was changing a tire on a side road about three miles North and one Mile West of Jennings, Oklahoma, when a V-8 ford sedan approached with three men in it, one of them was Shine Rush, but I did not know the other two men. I suspected that one was Pretty Boy Floyd and that the other was Adam Rachetti. We talked about several common place things and Shine Rush asked me if I would bring them some ice water to a certain spring where they were going to camp that night. I told him that I would and did take a can of ice water and place it by a post near this spring which is located about two miles North and one mile West of Jennings. Shine later asked me to get them some whiskey and some women. I purchased some whiskey from Annie Vaughn and took Alice McNabb and Stella Hardman out to where these men were supposed to be camping but we did not make connections with them then. I took some whiskey and took these same two women to make connections with these men on two other different occasions but never did make actual contact with them.

'A few days after this, I told Annie Vaughn that Pretty Boy Floyd was in my home and that he was shot in the leg and that I was afraid he would not live. I told her that no doctor was taking care of Floyd but that I was doctoring him the best I could. I also told her that I was buying the liquor that I was buying from her for Floyd, Rush, Rachetti and their friends and that Shine Rush had told me to tell Mrs. Vaughn that he would kill her if she said anything about them to any person connected with the law. Mrs. Vaughn was in my home and gave me hot towels which I told her I was applying to the wounds of Floyd. Mrs. Vaughn would hand these hot towels to me through a partly open door and while I am confident she thought they were being applied to Floyd's wounds, I now say that they were only being applied to my hemorrhoids.

'I also told Stella Hardman that Floyd was in my home in Jennings, Oklahoma, at this same time, wounded, and that I was caring for him.

'I also told Albert (Lum) Vaughn that Floyd was in my home wounded and that I was buying medicine and liquor for him.

'I bought some glycerin and rubbing alcohol mixed in equal proportions and some borax acid or zinc oxide which I told Kelley I was using on a man with a gun shot wound. I told Kelley that Shine Rush, Floyd and several others were hiding out near Jennings, Oklahoma, and that I was taking liquor to them, as well as women and medicine, also tobacco and food.

'On Friday, August 24th, 1934, I went to Grover Everly, a bootlegger near Jennings, Oklahoma and told Everly that I wanted to buy one quart of liquor and have it charged to Shine Rush. This was agreeable with Everly and I purchased the liquor under those conditions.

'On at least seven different occasions during the last two months, I have told different officers about Floyd, Bush, Rachetti and other criminals being in the vicinity of Jennings, Oklahoma, and they have made all night raids on these occasions, but I was never able to give them the definite location of these criminals.

'I was arrested by officers at Jennings, Oklahoma, on the early morning of August 25th, 1934, and was unable to give these officers any information concerning the location of any of these fugitives. I now wish to state that I have been on a continuous drunk for several weeks and that I have never known where any of these fugitives were. I have misrepresented this information to officers upon numerous occasions by telling them that I was going to put these men on the spot for them and get the reward that is alleged to be paid for the capture of Floyd.

'Soon after the first time I saw Bush, when I was fixing my tire, as stated above, I told George Mack Aninch, City Marshal at Jennings, Oklahoma, where these men were hiding out by a spring about two miles North and one mile West of Jennings. Mackaninch wanted to know where this location was and I took him to within about two hundred yards of this spring where we could see these three men. One of the men was lying on a rock with a machine gun in his hand and I told Mackaninch that this was Pretty Boy Floyd. When the officers raided this spring, several hours later, these men had left and while they told me that they were going to move to another canyon, I could not furnish the information as to their new hideout.

'I have read all of the above statements on two typewritten pages and it is the truth. I have made it freely and willingly and without any coercion in any way.'

(Signed) Jess Cunningham.

WITNESSES:
Paul Hansen, Special Agent, Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

George Stewart,
Minoks Hotel, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

"United States Attorney C. E. Bailey at Tulsa, Oklahoma advised the writer, after thoroughly discussing the facts in this matter, that he did not think a successful prosecution could be maintained against Cunningham and, as he believed Cunningham to be simply a liar and not a harborer of criminals, he did not wish to institute any prosecution against him and suggested that he be released. Accordingly, Cunningham was released from the Tulsa County Jail, August 28, 1934. Inglin was released from the same jail August 27, 1934.

"In accordance with the suggestion of Mr. Nathan and Agent Frank Smith, the writer arranged for Will Woody to obtain a room at 914 East 3d Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in order that 911 East 3d Street might be kept

under surveillance. Agent Smith obtained the information that the Floyd who lives at 911 is a brother to "Pretty Boy" Floyd's uncle, but Woody says that this can not be, though he has obtained some information that he is some relative of Floyd's. Woody will keep a close watch on this address.

"Woody has apparently been working hard to obtain some information about Floyd's location in Tulsa, but has obtained no apparent information of value. On the night of September 1, 1934 he came to me with a young man by the name of Delaney, whose father is a former banker from Sallisaw, Oklahoma, and who claims to know Floyd personally. This person said he had some connections in Tulsa that would locate Floyd and the writer took him to several addresses where he could make these contacts. At his suggestion the Rainbow Inn, which is located about a mile north of Turley, Oklahoma, was covered as he said he had seen Floyd at this place about six weeks ago. He said that he had obtained some information that Floyd was living in a house about one and one-half miles north of Turley and the writer, with Agents Birch and Hall and George Stewart of Tulsa, went to the home of Ace Kennedy, with whom Stewart is well acquainted, and inquired about Floyd. Kennedy claimed not to know Floyd and stated he had never had him in his house and there was no evidence of any other person being around there. Delaney advised the writer very confidentially that Bradley Floyd and Birdwell were coming up around Tulsa frequently. He was questioned very closely and it was definitely ascertained that he was talking about the Birdwell who was killed a couple of years ago. It is therefore thought that Delaney is unreliable, and even Woody is now of this opinion.

"Mr. J. B. Sample, who is a former Postmaster and also a former City Marshal at Bixby, Oklahoma, confidentially advised the writer that a Dr. G. M. Davis of Bixby is one who would doctor and protect disabled criminals and that it had been reported from what may be unreliable sources that he has doctored Floyd in the past few months. Sample says that he has heard from several sources, which he admits are apparently unreliable, that Floyd hangs out with G. M. Creekmore on the Dave Layton farm, which is located in the Kadashan bottoms two miles north, four and one-half miles east, and one and one-half miles south of Bixby, Oklahoma. Sample continually talked about there being no 'leak' about this information and, while it is felt by the writer that a check of this Dave Layton farm should be made, it is not felt that Sample's information is worth much."

Special Agent Frank Smith was informed by the male informant connected with the Floyd relatives that the brother of Floyd told him of the receipt of a card from Juanita Ash at St. Louis, Missouri in March, 1934, in which she gave no address nor did she mention Charles. Juanita Ash is one of the Baird girls mentioned so frequently as being in contact with Floyd.

Agent Birch reported to the office that one Tom Miller of Pawhuska, Oklahoma had information concerning Floyd and wanted to discuss it with an Agent. Arrangements were made for Agent Smith to contact Miller who interviewed

him and stated that he desired to "work" on the Floyd case with the Department. Agent Smith stated that Miller had no information and merely wants a job.

In connection with the investigation at Coalgate, Oklahoma and vicinity, a cover was placed on the mail of Mrs. Marie Kerriel, Coalgate, Oklahoma. This woman is said to be a contact of Racchetti. It was learned that this woman received a letter bearing the return address of Mrs. J. N. Jarvis, 1326 Southwest 28th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Agent G. H. Franklin of this office conducted investigation and learned that J. N. Jarvis is a salesman for the Braniff Investment Company of Oklahoma City and was married in 1932 to Rose Kerriel, and his investigation disclosed nothing to indicate that Racchetti is frequenting the address at 1326 Southwest 28th Street, Oklahoma City.

Agent T. M. Birch learned from Will Woods, a Burns operative in Tulsa, Oklahoma, that the latter received a report in the Floyd case from R. J. Eckert, a Burns operative in Kansas City, Missouri, dated September 4th, which stated that a few days ago, Eckert interviewed Mikey Ash, a daughter of Bertha Ash, whose sons were taken "for a ride" by Floyd, and she informed him that Mrs. Golden, mother of Beulah and Rose, who are supposed to be with Floyd, moved to Alton, Illinois and she would try to find out Mrs. Golden's address; that this woman further informed that Mrs. Golden is living in Alton, Illinois with her mother, Mrs. Mary Gieard, and that Beulah and Rose often go there; that Floyd is supposed to be in a hospital in Arkansas and goes to Little Rock, Arkansas for treatment; that he, Eckert, some time ago, went to a barber shop located at 35th and Indiana Avenue and interviewed Bill Bellinger, the proprietor, who said he formerly was in Tulsa; that he does not know Floyd personally, but he is sure he shaved him in his shop in Kansas City a few months ago. Bellinger said he would not protect Floyd and that if he ever came into the shop again, he would notify the Burns people. The foregoing information was furnished the Kansas City office by telephone and then confirmed by letter. The Kansas City office reported, however, that it is in possession of the foregoing.

Sheriff Dick Conners of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, advised this office and Agent Birch that one "Blackie" Carroll (not Terrill), as previously mentioned in a letter going to Kansas City, Little Rock and New York offices, who killed himself at Fairfax, Oklahoma several weeks ago, was formerly a dealer in a gambling establishment run by one Hubert Coates, or Coats. Carroll stated Coates was an associate and partner of Frank Nash and Richard Galatas. Conners stated that just prior to Carroll's death, Carroll informed him that Hubert Coates married a wealthy woman at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that he is, at the present time, operating a large gambling joint in New York City or near there, and that Floyd is at his place. Sheriff Conners seemed very much impressed with the story. The details in connection therewith have been furnished the Little Rock and New York offices by letter with the request that investigation be conducted.

Reference is made to a letter dated May 31, 1934 from the Los Angeles office, in which it is stated that a Mr. and Mrs. J. Shrader who formerly were

at San Bernardino, California might have information concerning Floyd, and that they had left California and had gone to Pawnee, Oklahoma where Mrs. Shrader is now employed at the Peoples Department Store at 1306 East Main Street. Agent Birch conducted investigation at Pawnee, Oklahoma and learned that there is no 1306 East Main Street, nor any Peoples Department Store there. It was thought this might mean Shawnee, Oklahoma. Special Agent R. N. Butterworth conducted investigation at Shawnee and learned that there is a Peoples Store at 113 East Main Street. His inquiries were made under cover of a woman in charge of the place, and she stated that she received a letter recently from Mildred Turner Brooks Shrader, stating that Mrs. Shrader is driving to Shawnee, Oklahoma from California and expected to arrive in Shawnee some time during the first of September; that Mrs. Shrader had formerly been employed at that store, but she did not believe she would be reemployed there. Further inquiries by Agent Butterworth disclosed that Mildred Turner Brooks Shrader was born near Seminole, Oklahoma and her father, whose name was Turner, made some money in oil. Her brother, Fred O. Turner, owns a bus line running from Shawnee to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mildred Turner married a man by the name of Brooks who died several years ago. She then married A. J. Shrader and has been living in California and Shawnee during the past year; that Mrs. Shrader travels with a wild gang and has spent all the money she received from her father's estate.

Captain Bowen of the Shawnee Police Department stated that A. J. Shrader was arrested at Shawnee on January 13, 1934 for drunken driving and again on February 11th for fighting, but was released on both charges and was not fingerprinted. He stated that shortly after the second arrest of Shrader, he and his wife went to California, and he has heard that Mrs. Shrader and her husband have separated and are going to be divorced. The Oklahoma City office will make further inquiry at Shawnee, Oklahoma and will consider the advisability of interviewing Mrs. Shrader.

With respect to the letter from the Division dated August 23d to O. B. Blackford, Route 3, Vinita, Oklahoma, which relates to a letter received by the Division from Blackford to the effect that he has information concerning Floyd, Agent O. G. Hall has advised that he interviewed Blackford, but that Blackford has no information and wants a job. A memorandum covering the details of this interview will be submitted shortly by Agent Hall.

Special Agent O'Leary reports that he has kept in contact with Ruth Earls, Cleve Taylor and A. A. Dorris in the Seminole, Coalgate and Ada vicinity, and that they have no new information. The alleged hideouts of Racchetti in that vicinity are constantly watched by Agent O'Leary.

Agent O'Leary reports that W. A. (Blackie) Smalley who married Marie Racchetti, sister of Adam, is now wanted in Arkansas on a charge of taking

$2,000.00 from an old woman. Information is that he and "Shine" Rush were together on this job. Sheriff Ball of Hughes County, Oklahoma holds the warrants. The officers missed him recently in an effort to arrest him. "Blackie" and Marje are alleged to have traded in their old Chevrolet Coupe on a Plymouth Sedan at Wewoka, Oklahoma and disappeared. In this connection, it is observed that recently a "Blackie" and Marje were in Kansas City and contacted the Golden outfit. This unquestionably was "Blackie" Smalley and Marje, his wife.

Wolf and Gale, the alleged rodeo performers of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, told Agent O'Leary that they are now confident that Ruth Crawford has been "stringing them along" and they want nothing further to do with her. However, she called them on Thursday, August 24th, and wanted to pay their entrance fees at a rodeo to be held at Enid, Oklahoma on September 1, 2 and 3d. She promised to see what further information she could get concerning the outlaws and furnish it to them. Inasmuch as Gale and Wolf had previously decided to enter this rodeo, they decided to play along with her hoping that she might get something of value for them, which is doubtful.

J. E. Osborn, Operative in Charge, U. S. Secret Service, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, referred to this office a letter he received August 25th from John W. Keith, Cashier of the Citizens First National Bank of Pawhuska, Oklahoma. In this letter, Keith stated that he had been called on recently by Mrs. Charles Floyd who made inquiry as to whether he had received a remittance for her, but he informed her that such remittance he had never received, but stated that it is possible that a remittance had been received by the Western Union Telegraph Company. He stated that on the 25th, he received a telegram from Mrs. Charles Floyd at Stroud, Oklahoma stating that if there was any money there for her to wire $45.00 immediately. He replied no such remittance had been received. Keith expressed a desire to contact an Agent.

Agent Birch at Pawhuska interviewed John W. Keith, who stated that about 1:45 p. m., September 4th, Charles Dennison, an associate of Ruby Floyd, appeared at the bank and asked if there was any money for Mrs. Floyd, and upon being informed there was none, Dennison was questioned by Mr. Keith. Dennison stated at first that Mrs. Floyd was expecting some money from New York City and later changed the statement to the effect that the money was coming from one Bill Griffith, a newspaper reporter residing at Fort Smith, Arkansas, and the money was being sent to Mrs. Floyd as her part of a purported interview between Griffith and "Pretty Boy" Floyd, the articles appearing, or supposed to have appeared, in the New York Daily Mirror.

As a result of the cover which had been placed on the mail of Mrs. Charles A. Floyd at Pawhuska, it was learned that a letter had been received for Mrs. Floyd with a return address "Bessie Mayberry, 223 North V Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas." This information was furnished the Little Rock office for such attention as is deemed appropriate.

It was said by Harve Worley to Agent Smith that possibly Racchetti and Floyd might have, in the past, frequented the home of a negro by the name of Gus Hearn, which at one time, was located near the home of "Blackie" and Marie Smalley in the vicinity of Wewoka, and that Floyd and Racchetti were at this negro's house when the officers would raid "Blackie" Smalley's place looking for them, which was the reason they didn't find them.

With reference to the lead contained in the report of Special Agent C. E. McRae, Jr., Jacksonville, dated July 2, 1934, to ascertain at Antlers, Oklahoma information concerning Mrs. L. S. Pinkerton, nee Louise Decker, as it was stated by one Dobbins, a drug addict, who was interviewed, that Floyd could be located through her, Special Agent Donovan Owens of this office conducted an investigation at Antlers. He, under suitable pretext, interviewed Mrs. Mary Decker of Antlers who stated that she does not have a daughter by the name of Louise and that the only daughter she has who is married to a Pinkerton is one who is married to Cecil Pinkerton who, according to the best information obtainable by Agent Owens, formerly was engaged in making whiskey and now hauls logs, and that there has never been any rumor current to the effect that Cecil is connected with anything but a bootleg element.

Bube Pinkerton of Antlers was interviewed, and he stated that he has no relative by the name of L. S. Pinkerton and that his family is the only one in Antlers by that name, and that Cecil is married to a Decker girl.

With further reference to the letter from the Division dated August 23d to O. B. Blackford, Route 3, Vinita, Oklahoma, Agent O. G. Hall has submitted a memorandum concerning his interview with Blackford which is as follows:

"Mr. O. B. Blackford resides one mile from Ketchum, Oklahoma on a farm. When interviewed, he informed me that he was the person that killed 'Kaiser Bill' also known as the 'Old Man of the Mountain' and his confederate when they robbed the State Bank of Ketchum about six weeks ago. He stated that his information came from a woman who knew where Floyd was living. He advised that this woman was the operator of a hotel at Pryor, Oklahoma, 34 miles distant, and that this woman knew a large number of hoodlums, etc., and would furnish the required information if assured she would participate in the reward offered. Blackford also wanted such assurance, which was given to him, on the condition that his information directly resulted in Floyd's capture.

"Agent took Blackford to Pryor, Oklahoma, where Mrs. D. M. Butler, operator of the Mayor Hotel, was interviewed. After some reluctance, she told the following story. She stated she was campaigning for J. Berry King, unsuccessful candidate for Governor of the State of Oklahoma, and found herself in the vicinity of Stilwell, Oklahoma. Having heard that there was a very famous harpist living in that vicinity and anxious to hear him play, she stopped a man about 45 years of age, on the road and inquired as to the location of the harpist. This man got on the running board and directed her to the house. On

arriving there she found no one home so she and her newly acquired guide sat on the grass and talked. She pointed to a range of hills and inquired what they were and was told the hills were the Cookson Hills, and she remarked, "Well, that's where all the toughies live" and her guide said that was true and that Floyd was living near Stilwell; that he was badly shot up, had long red hair and a long red beard; was living with a woman at the Hill place and having dental work done in Stilwell.

"At first Mrs. Butler would not give any names or locations and it is Agent's impression that when she originally told the story she never anticipated that she would be questioned by an Agent regarding it. As to the other hoodlums she is supposed to know, it developed that about thirty years ago when she first came to Oklahoma, the train in which she was riding was guarded by about fifty officers as there had been a report that train robbers were to board the train on the Eastern line. She has nothing else to offer. I recommend nothing be done about this. I talked to Agent Frank Smith and he agrees with me. Blackford wants to be appointed as a Special Agent and that is probably why he wrote the letter to the Division."

Agent O'Leary reports that he interviewed one Henry "Hoss" Dickison, a negro living at Lehigh, Oklahoma, who says he has known Adam Racchetti for many years and informs he saw Adam at a negro picnic and goat roping about eight miles west of Lehigh in the Hickory Hill section on August 3d; that Adam was alone and that he did not see any automobile used by Adam; that Adam has a close friend or relative who lives near the place where the picnic occurred, but he could furnish no information concerning the identity of this relative; that he, Dickison, knows Adam well; that he believes Adam still frequents the place. It is not believed that the information furnished by Dickison is reliable, although Sheriff Clark at Coalgate seems to think that he is.

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[redacted] a confidential informant of Clint Miers, Oklahoma City Police Department, living on Route 3, Edmond, Oklahoma, was interviewed by Agent O'Leary and [redacted] states that he has lived in Coal County for many years and that he knows Adam Racchetti and all his family. He said that recently he, [redacted] had been in Coal County "working" for some member of the State Bureau of Oklahoma, but as they have no money to pay for information, he came to the Division. He stated that Adam and a big fellow by the name of "Shine", possibly "Shine" Rush, are supposed to go to the farm of George "Slim" Thompson near Lehigh and obtain liquor; that they have been there several times in the past few months, and that the Thompson place can be located by going to "Midway", a crossing west of Lehigh, and turn west about four and one-half miles to five miles and south one mile. [redacted] asserts that Adam is hauling liquor. He further stated that Adam visits a woman named Brown who conducts a liquor joint in or near Lehigh. Agent O'Leary made exhaustive investigation in an effort to locate this woman, but with negative results.

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[redacted] further stated that he saw Adam Racchetti on August 24, 1934 on the streets of Oklahoma City, driving a Ford Coupe, tags unknown, and at that time, he was accompanied by a young woman with blond hair. [redacted] is expecting

to move from Edmond to some place near Atoka, Oklahoma. He said he would leave a forwarding address at Edmond and that Clint Miers will know how to reach him.

670 On the evening of September 7th, Clint Miers, City Detective, informed the writer he had just talked to [redacted] and that the latter had excitedly reported to him that while near the Capitol Building en route to his home near Edmond, he had seen a car stop, containing two men and two women; that the two women got out, went into a beer joint or sandwich shop and very shortly, one of the men got out and followed them in there; that the man he recognized as Floyd, basing the identification upon photographs he had seen of the subject, but he did not know the identity of the other persons; that he went to the car and looked in and saw a machine gun in the front and in the rear; that the car appeared to be a DeSoto sedan and was bearing Oklahoma 1934 license No. 478-820. The car was blue in color.

With Clint Miers, the writer conducted immediate investigation and learned that this license was issued to E. W. Connelly of the Phillips Petroleum Company.

Jim Stevens, Superintendent of the Phillips Petroleum Production Department, in Oklahoma City was interviewed and stated that Connelly is a carpenter and has been with the company for many years and is considered a valuable and reliable employee, and that he lives at a production camp several miles east of Oklahoma City. Agent and Miers went immediately to the place where Connelly resides and learned that he was absent from the city and had gone up into Kay County, possibly for a picnic or outing of the Phillips Petroleum Company employees, and would be gone all of September 8th.

Special Agent J. B. Little accompanied by Special Agents B. L. Damron and Paul Hansen, interviewed Connelly, who advised that accompanied by his two sons, his daughter-in-law, and his wife, he left Oklahoma City on the evening of September 7, 1934, en route to a barbecue for the Phillips employees near Kaw City, Oklahoma. It was verified that he owns a blue Plymouth Sedan, bearing Oklahoma license plates, No. 478-820, which were issued for a Plymouth Sedan, Motor Number PE202,270, August 24, 1934. Mr. Connelly's son drove the car. Mr. Connelly cannot recall making any stops on the way out of Oklahoma City. However, his son stated that they stopped at the Marathon filling station directly across from the State Capitol Building on the evening of September 7th, where he entered the men's rest room and the two women entered the women's rest room. He carried two .22 calibre rifles for the purpose of squirrel hunting. Young Connelly does not resemble "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Mr. E. W. Connelly stated that he has been employed by the Phillips Petroleum Company for the past fourteen years. He further stated that he does not know Floyd nor any of his associates, neither did the Connelly car stop in Edmond and pick up any addi-

tional passengers. The latter is mentioned as [redacted] stated that he saw a car later on the same evening in Edmond which he took to be the car he had seen in Oklahoma City stop and pick up a small, dark man, and that he thought this dark man was Adam Racchetti.

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It should be mentioned here that [redacted] was brought to the Division office in Oklahoma City and interviewed by the writer, and he was shown photographs of several people, among them being Floyd, but he could not identify the photograph of Floyd as the man he had seen in the car near the Capitol. He stated that he does not know Floyd, but believes that he saw him a year or two ago.

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[redacted] stated that he is financially embarrassed at this time, and is looking for a job. It is not believed that he has or can furnish any reliable information. Contact will be maintained with him, however.

Agent O'Leary interviewed one Howell Walker, who resides about two and one-half miles from Seminole, Oklahoma on the Seminole-Ada Highway, and who stated that Ben Meyers, a bootlegger, lives on the property adjoining his, which is about 150 yards from Walker's home; that "Shine" Rush is in the habit of making visits at Meyers' place; that he knows Rush personally, and that Rush was at the home of Meyers three times within the past two weeks and is usually accompanied by a slender, dark Italian. Walker says he does not know Adam Racchetti, but has seen his picture, and has read his description and he believes that this man might be Racchetti. He stated that Rush is usually accompanied by one Lillian Deputy, a prostitute, who is the first wife of Ben Meyers; that Lillian is and has been for the past two years the girl friend of Frank Aldridge, Sheriff of Seminole County. In this connection, one D. L. Nowlin, Special Officer, First National Bank of Seminole, made the same statement about the friendship existing between Aldridge and this woman.

Walker informed Agent O'Leary that "Shine" Rush is driving a red-colored Pontiac or Chevrolet Sedan, but that he has been unable to obtain the license number. Walker has agreed to obtain what information he can and supply it to Agent O'Leary.

Agent O'Leary is covering this situation and is in constant contact with Walker.

Ruth Earls, an informant of Chris Whitson, mentioned in previous reports, is in such poor health at this time that she cannot leave her home, and it is not believed that she will be useful in obtaining any information in the near future.

Reference is made to a telegram from the Kansas City office dated September 12, 1934 concerning the attendance of Floyd at a Catholic institution in McAlester, Oklahoma; that Floyd has a grandmother in Southwest City, Missouri, and that the son of Floyd is, in fact, not the boy who is now appearing in the various theaters with Ruby Floyd. Agent Paul Hansen of this office and Agent T. M. Birch both have viewed the son of Ruby Floyd who is accompanying Ruby in her theatrical engagements, and they state emphatically that he is almost the image of photographs of his father. Agent Hansen has seen this child on the stage and off. The allegation that the boy appearing with Ruby is not the son of Floyd impresses all the Agents of the Oklahoma City office, as well as the writer, working on this case, as without any merit, and it is believed that such allegation is untrue.

Agents Smith, Hall and Hansen have interviewed Theodore Falin, whose home is in the vicinity of Akin, Oklahoma, and who has known Floyd since childhood, and who attended school with Floyd, and he states that Floyd has never attended any Catholic institution, and in fact, did not attend school beyond the fifth grade and is barely able to write his name. Agent Smith has been in contact with other informants and has interviewed the Postmaster at Sallisaw, Oklahoma in respect to this matter, and no information has ever been obtained to the effect that Floyd attended any Catholic institution. Moreover, Floyd's people were raised in the Baptist faith, and it is said that the mother of Floyd and other members of the family, are still strong Baptists and attend Baptist churches for purposes of worship.

Floyd's paternal grandfather and grandmother live near Akin, Oklahoma at the present time. It is said that the maternal grandfather and grandmother of Floyd are dead. No information has ever been obtained, and careful inquiries have been made with respect thereto, to the effect that Floyd has any grandmother or relatives of any nature at Southwest City, Missouri. The allegation that Floyd placed a son in some Catholic institution at Fort Worth, Texas several years ago appears to be answered by the fact that it is established practically beyond any doubt that the Floyd child is now accompanying Ruby in their theatrical engagement.

The foregoing was furnished the Kansas City office by telephone on September 12, 1934, and further investigation in respect thereto will not be instituted unless more definite and reliable information can be obtained by the Kansas City office.

Reference is made to an interview had by Agent Smith with John Ferguson, Deputy Sheriff at Stilwell, Oklahoma, in connection with Wes Casey's purported desire to "finger" Floyd. The meeting between Agent Smith and Wes Casey took place on the night of September 11th rather than September 10th, circumstances having prevented Casey from being able to fill the engagement on the 10th.

Agent Smith informs that he met Casey and was introduced to him by Ferguson in the latter's home. Casey told Agent Smith that he, Casey, and Bradley Floyd, brother of the subject, married sisters, which is his connection with the Floyd family. Agent Smith states that when he saw Casey, Casey seemed excited, his face was flushed and he was breathing heavily as if he had been running. Casey's first remark was that when he got out of his car, he ran into the house, thinking that someone might have shadowed him, and stated, "This is a very dangerous thing, if anyone found out what I am doing." After being assured that anything that he divulged would be treated as confidential, Casey produced a post card showing a rough sketch of the view of Earlsboro, Oklahoma, and proceeded to designate thereon the residence of Bradley Floyd and where his, Casey's, father-in-law at one time lived, and where "Shine" Rush is supposed to have resided at one time. He stated that on Sunday, September 9th, he intended to take old lady Floyd to Bradley's place at Earlsboro, but that she could not leave on account of the illness of her grandchild. Instead, he says he took Ruth, Floyd's sister, and reached Bradley's place Sunday morning. Shortly after arriving, he got Bradley in his car and they drove around and after some preliminary discussion of ordinary matters, he approached Bradley on the subject of Charlie; that Bradley was very reticent and would not open up. He said that they then drove to "Blackie" Smalley's place, Bradley stating that he wanted to go by there, and they found that Smalley and his wife had been gone for some time; that Bradley had a short conversation, out of his hearing, with a filling station operator across the road, after which Bradley remarked, "Well, he has dusted out." Bradley then went on to relate that officers from Arkansas wanted Smalley for a job. He recited that Bradley told him that Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow had come to his place on one occasion with the man who later "snitched" on them, and that they stayed two or three days with him, threw a party, and wanted to get in touch with Charlie, stating that they had a big job and they wanted Charlie in on it.

Casey stated to Agent Smith that he made various attempts to get Bradley to open up about Charlie, but that he appeared indifferent and would not discuss him. He said that Bess, Bradley's wife, stated that they were afraid that "Blackie" Smalley would do the same to Floyd that the "snitch" did to Barrow, that is, turn him in to help himself. Bess related, according to Casey, that Mrs. Smalley came over to her house about two weeks ago and said that she expected some money from Charlie and Adam Bacchetti to help "Blackie" Smalley, but when the letter came, the money was missing and she thought that someone got it; that she gave them a piece of paper on which a note was written -- on one side was one from Adam to Smalley, and on the other side, one from Charlie to Bradley; that Mrs. Smalley and Bess recognized Charlie's handwriting, and that Floyd's address was on this note. Bess, according to Casey, said that they did not know what to do; that they were afraid to write Charlie at that address for fear he would get caught. Bess told Casey that Mrs. Smalley suspected Mrs.

Van Meter, a neighbor, had possibly opened some mail and took the money, and threatened to go over and jump on her. Bess stated she always gave her letters to Mrs. Van Meter to mail. Casey advised that Mrs. Van Meter lives a short distance from Bradley Floyd and her husband is an oil worker. Agent Smith advised that at this point the informant stated he had related all he had found out, and he was then questioned and stated that the last time he saw Floyd was just prior to George Birdwell's death, which is more than a year and one-half ago, and that on this occasion Charlie and George Birdwell were at Bradley's place and Casey happened to be there and talked to them. Kansas City was discussed with Casey, who was asked if he had ever been there and he replied that he had not. He, however, stated that he suspected possibly that Floyd might be there due to the fact that the Ash girls live there. Ferguson then mentioned to Casey the statement he had made relative to meeting Floyd in Kansas City a few months ago, and Casey stated that he had never heard of it. He did state that Bradley Floyd and "Shine" Rush made a trip to Kansas City some time ago to get a load of counterfeit money, but failed to make a connection; that Bradley did not see Charlie on that trip and Bradley said the Dagos in Kansas City were going to kill Sheriff Bash on account of his killing some Dago there last summer. It was said that the brother of the Dago who was killed is supposed to have a rustic place of some nature or a tavern with vines and bark over it.

Agent Smith advised that Casey's statements to him were entirely at variance with the statements Ferguson alleged Casey made to him, and that Ferguson was astonished at the informant's conduct and attitude, and stated that apparently something had gone wrong, and he would make an endeavor to straighten him out.

In a further conversation with Casey, the latter stated that old lady Floyd, her daughter Mary and her children, and E. W. Floyd and wife live in the same house; that there is a gambler living there with a woman who is not his wife, and that he suspected he is a detective, and that he told E. W. Floyd to tell Bradley to warn Charlie in the event he showed up. He said he did this thinking it would make E. W. believe he was looking out for Charlie. This, of course, refers to the informant who is living with the Floyds.

The informant and his woman contacted Agent Smith on September 12th at Muskogee and stated that Sunday, Ruth Floyd's sister, went with someone to Earlsboro to see Bradley. They further stated that they had not obtained any further information concerning Floyd and that he has not shown up at the house in Sallisaw and he does not believe that any members of the family are in contact with him. After leaving the hotel in Muskogee, the informant was picked up by two officers with his woman, and they were taken to Police headquarters where they were separated and questioned. Agent Smith was called by the Chief of Police who asked him if he knew the informant who gave the name of Mills, and Agent Smith told him that he did. The informant was released without being questioned further. The informant later saw Agent Smith and stated that he believes someone had "fingered" him when he left the hotel, as the Chief had asked him if he was using the name of Mills.

It is not believed at this time that the statement made by Casey to the Floyds concerning the informant nor the fact that the informant was picked up by the Police at Muskogee has destroyed his usefulness. This will be borne in mind, and if it is felt that it has, his services will be dispensed with immediately. The statement that it is not believed the usefulness of the informant has been destroyed is predicated upon the fact that the Floyds know the woman informant exceedingly well and have the utmost confidence in her, and know the male informant very well and are of the opinion that the woman informant would not be with anyone who is not all right. There have been no manifestations of any kind by members of the Floyd household to the effect that they distrust the male and female informants.

The wife of Harve Worley has not filled her appointment with Agent Smith, as it was stated she would on September 11th. Agent Smith will make further efforts to get in touch with her.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE will contact Sheriff Thomas B. Bash at Kansas City and inform him of the remarks alleged to have been made by some of the Dagos to the effect that they were going to kill him for shooting some Italians in Kansas City last summer, and ascertain from him if he knows the location of any tavern or rustic appearing place, as described in the body of this report, allegedly operated by a brother or relative of one of the Italians he killed.

THE LITTLE ROCK OFFICE is requested to make inquiry at Fort Smith to determine whether there is a Bill Griffith connected with any newspaper or any news service there, and who might be writing articles concerning Floyd or might be in contact with Ruby Floyd.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE will continue the investigation in this district by maintaining contact with various informants, endeavoring to develop others, and will make an effort to develop other informants in the vicinity of Earlsboro and ascertain whether Bradley Floyd is, through some other person, corresponding with Charles Floyd.

It is to be noted, however, that cover is being maintained on the mail of Bradley Floyd and that Theodore Falin is in contact with Bradley Floyd at Earlsboro.

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September 21, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

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

For your information, there is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated September 12, 1934, addressed to the Division by Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears of the Portland, Oregon Division office, suggesting several sources of information which are considered reliable by Special Agent T. M. Clifford.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

T. D. Quinn,
Acting Assistant Director.

Encl. #502202

CC Kansas City

Encl. (copy of letter from
Mr. Spears, dated
9/12/34)

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box #709
Portland, Oregon

September 12, 1934

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

Dear Sir;

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

In reply to your inquiry of the 4th instant with reference to the above captioned case this will advise that Special Agent T. M. Clifford has some hesitancy in suggesting the manner in which Herbert "Dutch" Akers of Hot Springs, Arkansas might be approached regarding his information of subject Galatas, in view of the fact that Agent Clifford is unfamilier with the methods heretofore used in an endeavor to obtain information from Akers.

Agent Clifford respectfully submits the following information and suggestions for the consideration of the Division: Mr. S. L. Todhunter, the present Warden of the Arkansas Penitentiary, with offices in England, Arkansas, is an old and reliable peace officer of wide experience. Warden Todhunter has served several terms as superintendent of the Arkansas Prisons. At one time he was Special Agent for the Missouri Pacific Railroad. He has a wide acquaintance in the underworld and in the opinion of Agent Clifford has informants in and out of the penitentiary who would be of value to the Division. It might be stated that during the season at Hot Springs, Arkansas members of the mobs and gangsters from the East congregate at Hot Springs; in the event they pay tribute to "Dutch" Akers they are permitted to remain without molestation..

Major James A. Pitcock, Chief of Detectives at Little Rock, Arkansas, one of the oldest peace officers in the state of Arkansas, is considered reliable and trustworthy. He has upon occasions advised Agent Clifford that he had no confidence in Akers and Agent Clifford feels that Major Pitcock, whose acquaintance in the under-world is also wide, could be relied upon to furnish an informant who could contact Akers with the view of securing the information sought.

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It also may be noted that all prostitutes operating in Hot Springs pay tribute to "Dutch" Akers. It is a further known fact that Akers has a failing for women. Agent Clifford has been informed that Akers contacts most of the prostitutes in Hot Springs personally.

It is the opinion of Agent Clifford that Mr. Todhunter or Chief Pitcock would gladly work with the Division and should be in a position to plant someone in Hot Springs who could make the necessary contact with Akers under pretext and secure the information necessary in this case. A reliable woman informant under pretext of prositution, if not an actual prostitute, could possibly elicit the information regarding Galatas after proper contact with Akers.

Very truly yours,

C. C. Spears

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

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FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHARLOTTE, N. C. FILE NO. 62-512

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Oklahoma City, Okla.	9/12/34	9/11/34	Dwight Brantley.

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
ALBERT O KELLEY, with aliases, et al.	INFORMATION CONCERNING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Records of the Oklahoma City office fail to reflect any information concerning any of subjects hereof.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge T. N. Stapleton, Charlotte, North Carolina, dated 9/6/34.

DETAILS:

The report of reference has been carefully reviewed and the files and records of the Oklahoma City office have been searched, but fail to reflect anything that would indicate the identities of these subjects. Of course, a reference is made in the report to the effect that the informant said that one of the subjects was referred to as "Pretty Boy", and the inference is that this refers to Charles Arthur Floyd, a notorious Oklahoma outlaw and who is now being sought by this Division, but there is nothing definite in the informant's conversation to indicate that she knows that this was Floyd.

The case, therefore, is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

DETAILS

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TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Dwight Brantley SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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1900 Bankers Building

Chicago, Illinois

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September 11, 1934

Hon. James P. Allman
Commissioner of Police
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:-

Attention, Inspector Emmett Evans

Will you kindly furnish Special Agent A. A. Mussey of this Office with a group photograph of Allister O'Brien, Chicago Police Department No. 1532; fingerprint classification
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Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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September 15, 1934

RECORDED 62-28915-2443

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division September 10, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: #670113

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Laboratory Report

September 13, 1934

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

Number: 62-28915

Specimens: One .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol, government model, serial number C133826.

Examination requested by: Kansas City Division Office

Date received: September 10, 1934

Examination requested: Ballistic

Result of examination:

Examination by: S. Wiard

The .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol number C133826 has had test bullets fired through it, and these bullets and shells checked against evidence exhibits present in the Laboratory Files. No identification was made.

The above numbered arm is being returned under separate cover to the Kansas City Division Office.

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September 14, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases (deceased) et al - Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner.

In this connection it is noted that no record of Louis Buckwalt, #B 46043 PD N w York City, mentioned as a possible suspect in aiding the subject Miller in effecting his escape from officers in Chicago on November 1, 1933, can be located in the Division's fingerprint files. Your office is requested to secure, if possible, a copy of the fingerprints of the above named person.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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September 14, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

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

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints previously developed in connection with this case have been compared with the fingerprints of the following persons:

Irving Waxler, #668974
Mrs. Bobbie Moore, #751659
J. R. Burns, #419408
Joseph Fox, #284945
Herman Borenstein, #768183
Charles Makley, #87731
Harry Pierpont, #4268
Harry Copeland, #150136
Dr. Irvin R. Silvers, USM Newark, N.J.
Albert Silverman, #B 5136, New York City
Loyd Parker, #432278
Abe Zwillman, #346333
Walter E. Detrich, #229740
William Weisman, PD New York
Abraham Chait, #751659
Edward Shouse, #1984
Hilton O. Crouch, #67661
Homer Van Meter, #11561 SP, Michigan City, Indiana

No identification was effected by any of these comparisons.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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September 17, 1934.

62-28715-2446

Mr. S. P. Cowley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I have observed that previous interviews conducted at Milan with Vivian Mathis have not been productive of any great amount of information of any value to the Division. I feel that perhaps you might be able to obtain considerable information from this woman who is undoubtedly in possession of considerable data concerning the Kansas City Massacre case. Whenever possible and practicable, I believe it would be advisable for you to proceed to Milan and interview Vivian Mathis.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan .....
Mr. [illegible] .....
Mr. [illegible] .....
Mr. [illegible] .....
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Mr. [illegible] .....
Mr. [illegible] .....
Mr. [illegible] .....
Mr. Keith .....
Mr. Lester .....
Mr. [illegible] .....
Mr. [illegible] .....
Mr. [illegible] .....

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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September 5, 1934.

Mr. Cowley
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schlicer
Mr. Tamm

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While talking with Mr. Larson he advised that he had just returned from Milan and had had a long talk with Vivian Mathis. I asked what he got besides sympathy. Mr. Larson stated that she is very close mouthed and it occurred to him that perhaps it might be well to get in touch with her attorney as she is very much worried about the detainer which has been lodged against her and she wrote a letter to the attorney stating that she was worried over the detainer and wants to know what it is all about and what the attorney thinks about it. Mr. Larson stated that he talked to her for about an hour and her attitude seems to be all right but she just would not say anything. Mr. Larson stated that he thought that it might be a good idea to have the Chicago office get in touch with her attorney and talk to him as he might persuade her to do a little talking; that is, if we can convince the attorney that we have a very good case against her, he may have enough influence to get her to talk to us. Mr. Larson stated he was going to call Mr. Cowley tonight and I stated this would be satisfactory.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

What does he think this woman knows?
J. E. H.

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September 17, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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

Under date of August 15, 1934 the Division addressed a letter to Mr. William B. Murphy, Treasurer, Insurance Agency of Charlottesville, Incorporated, 219 Fifth Street, Charlottesville, Virginia, acknowledging receipt of his letter dated August 10, 1934, wherein he advised that on August 4, 1934 while a passenger on the S.S. "George Washington" en route from New York City to Norfolk, Virginia he met a fairly well dressed young man in a brown suit who resembled the photograph of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd which appeared on page thirteen of the magazine "Time", issue of August 6, 1934.

Mr. Murphy was advised that a Special Agent of this Division would interview him in the very near future, and the Division desires that this interview be expedited.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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September 17, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

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.

Your attention is again invited to Division letter dated August 7, 1934, instructing that an inquiry be made at Denison, Texas as to the reason for the withdrawal of the "wanted" notice placed with the Division against the fingerprints of Adam Richetti. Your letter of September 4, 1934 advised that the inquiry would be made within the next few days, but the Division has not received the desired information.

In this connection your attention is directed to the wanted notice based upon the request of the Police Department at Denison, Texas, which was posted in the bulletin "Fugitives Wanted by Police", issue of May 1, 1934. Pursuant to the withdrawal of the wanted notice by that Police Department a notation to that effect was entered in the same bulletin, issue of September 1, 1934. The posting of the notice in the bulletin that Richetti is no longer wanted has been misinterpreted by a number of readers of the bulletin to mean that the Division is no longer seeking the apprehension of Richetti. The Division, however, is making every effort to locate Richetti as one of the principals in the Kansas City massacre, although it has deemed it inadvisable to make this fact known publicly at this time.

The requested interview with J. T. Price, Superintendent, Identification Bureau, Denison, Texas Police Department, should be conducted immediately.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Oklahoma City
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

September 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

With reference to the attached copy of a letter from the Dallas Office of the Division to the Birmingham Office dated September 5, 1934, transmitted to the Identification Unit by Mr. Hemby under date of September 8, 1934, wherein reference is made to one Jack French, please be informed that a search of the files of the Identification Unit on the basis of the information appearing in this letter fails to disclose any record of this person.

Respectfully,

L. E. Schilder.

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420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

September 8, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir: 0779/11

It is desired that you secure from the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, information as to whether or not JACK FRENCH is at this time an inmate of that institution.

The only information that we can supply of this convict is that he previously operated con games in Florida and was sentenced to the penitentiary for use of the mails to defraud.

Very truly yours,

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F.J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Schilder

Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue,
New York City.

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Via Air Mail, Special Delivery

Personal and Confidential

September 11, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Re: Richard Tallman Galatas with aliases - Fugitive, I. O. #1201.
Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. #1194.
Bernard Phillips with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. #1196, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner — Obstruction of Justice.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of August 27, 1934, concerning Leon and Nellie Loquet of Freehold, N.J., please be advised that it was learned that Mrs. Leon Loquet, 47 First Street, Freehold, N.J., received a letter bearing the cancellation of Avon, Montana, post office, September 7, 1934. [redacted] Discreet inquiries developed that the letter read as follows:

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"Dear Nell;

I have owed you a letter for so long I am ashamed of myself - but I have been pretty busy the past two months and have felt none too good for a month. We had Nona here with us for two months and the weather has been unusually hot this summer - the worst Montana has ever known. Fishing has been exceptionally good because of low water - Hugh has caught so many makes us think often of Leon. Dad Loquet has had another bad Spring and Summer. Took a bad flu spell before coming home from the Springs and when he did come too soon took a relapse and had to go to Missoula for a couple of months. He is pretty good now and has been here about two months.

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"Avon has surely had a bumper crop of babies this past year - and an unusual number of weddings - I guess most of them Leon wouldn't know. Kate Schultz got married last month and Esther Davis (Fred's girl) he may remember them. Janice Knight (Henry's girl) had a baby last month. She isn't married and she is nearly twenty. Guess the fellow don't intend to marry her even now.

Tell Leon that his old pal Buster Moore broke his leg - he is laid up now with it.

John Bensons have a new baby - that makes five, I guess. Charles Blood's have another girl (two now). Walter Davis' are expecting another. He married Hugh's niece, Olive McIntosh. Mildred Moore has had six (five are living). Buster has six. Bayards have two - Madge 3, Bill Schreeves have two, Isabelle Schultz has two - George Kimmerlys have had two and are expecting another, and Ted Kimmerly expects one soon - Charley Brander also. One of the Brander girls got married last month - the first one of the girls to marry.

5 I have some pictures taken recently and when I get some fixed I'll send you some.

Well, I have mailed you a parcel of clothes, I hope you can get some use of them - they are old and won't wear long, but the youngsters can use them for play clothes and save their school clothes. I may send more soon so I'd like you to let me know the ones that fit just as they are - or you might tell me the various sizes each one wears so I won't send useless size things. I sent three boxes to Orelle in the past year and I could just as well have divided with you if I had known - won't have anything fine but often Tilli's outgrown garments before they are all worn out - Nona seldom wears out her clothes.

Well, I must get busy and get this to the office or it won's go today.

This finds us all well.

As ever,

Zora.

In the event of any further developments relating to this angle of the investigation, you will immediately be advised.

Very truly yours,

F. I. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

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.

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218, ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. 1219, et al, EDWARD GEORGE BRUNER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

There are transmitted herewith photographic copies of the fingerprint card of Henry Beckman, #5098, Miami, Florida Police Department, who was arrested March 31, 1932, together with Lee Turner and Robert Blake. Copies of these photographs are also being furnished to the St. Paul and Kansas City Offices, and it is suggested that they be searched through the identification bureaus of the local police departments with a view to determining whether Beckman has any local arrests.

Photographic copies of the fingerprints of Robert Blake #5097 Miami, Florida Police Department have been previously furnished to your office and the offices indicated below with a similar request.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Washington, D. C.

September 18, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby I am transmitting herewith six positive photographs of both sides of the fingerprint card of Henry Beckman #5093 Miami, Florida, Police Department.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

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Chicago, Illinois.

September 17, 1934

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of September 10, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased), et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, advising there were being transmitted under separate cover enlarged photographs illustrating the matching of the microscopic marks on the shells involved in this case, I have to advise that these exhibits have been received by the Chicago Division Office.

Very truly yours,

S. P. Cowley

S. P. COWLEY,
Inspector

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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased)
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. #1194; etal

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Max Miller unknown to Chief of Police and M. E. Byrnes, operator of Interlaking Club, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and no information developed that Max Miller operated or connected with gambling houses there. Racing season closed.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent G. E. McRae, Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., dated 8/16/34.

DETAILS: AT SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK

From past investigations in Saratoga Springs, New York Agent has found that Chief of Police, R. F. Rox of that city has cooperated very closely in official matters and that he is well informed on local affairs, especially as pertaining to the race track and gambling houses. Chief Rox was interviewed and he informed that he has never heard of Max Miller and that no such

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individual was or had operated a gambling club in that county to his knowledge, as the operators, for the most part, are local people who make that city their permanent residence. However, Chief Rox communicated by telephone with several operators and contacts for information of Miller, and in each instance negative information was obtained. Chief Rox informed that the racing season is over for the year 1934 and that the gambling houses and clubs are closed until the next season.

Accompanied by Chief Rox Agent interviewed M. E. Byrnes, operator of the Interlaking Club, which is a leading house of that section, and he stated that he has never heard of Max Miller and that, to his knowledge, no such person had been connected or was operating in Saratoga Springs.

Inquiries of Chief Rox and Mr. Byrnes concerning subject Galatas were likewise without result, they stating that he had not been seen at Saratoga Springs during the past racing season.

-UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The DETROIT OFFICE at DETROIT, MICHIGAN will ascertain from Mert Wortheimer, a Detroit gambler, to whom Max Miller may be known, of the whereabouts of Miller. For the information of the Detroit office there is enclosed herewith a copy of the report of reference. It will be noted that Max Miller was reported operating or living at the Miami Beach and Tennis Club during the past season and that said club was operated by Mert Wortheimer and Ruby Mathews. It is possible that Mert Wortheimer is known to Special Agent in Charge William Larson and to Inspector John Hoffman, Special Investigation Squad, Police Department, Detroit, Michigan. Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois dated 8/1/34 is also attached hereto.

The BUFFALO OFFICE will complete leads as set forth in report of Special Agent R. C. Vogel, Buffalo, New York, dated 8/10/34.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
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September 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I talked with Special Agent Fallon in Philadelphia yesterday and asked him whether, if he were placed on a special undercover assignment in Kansas City where he would be in contact with criminals from all over the country, there would be any possibility of his being recognized because of his activities in Oklahoma some years ago. Mr. Fallon stated that he was certain that he would not be so recognized since his assignment in the Oklahoma district was seven years ago and the number of contacts made by him were relatively few. I advised Mr. Fallon that we would probably take this matter up with the Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Philadelphia Office and that if he was to be assigned to this special assignment, he would be notified within the next day or so.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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September 17, 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
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, Fugitive,
I. O. 1194, et al,
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218,
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. 1219,
et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

The Division is in receipt of a copy of the letter from the Denver Office, dated September 4, 1934, addressed to your office, in the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased), et al, wherein you were advised that Arthur Johnson alias "Red" Price, now confined in the Colorado State Penitentiary, furnished information to either Special Agent Val C. Zimmer or Special Agent J. D. Swanson. The Division is also in receipt of a copy of your letter dated September 6, 1934, in reply to the above letter, wherein you advise that a careful examination of the file in your office failed to reveal any additional information relating to an interview with Arthur Johnson alias "Red" Price, other than an interview had with Johnson by Agent Swanson, as reflected in the letter addressed to the Chicago Division Office, dated March 29, 1934.

A review of the Division's file discloses that Arthur Johnson was interviewed by Special Agents Val C. Zimmer and J. D. Swanson, as reflected in their reports dated at Salt Lake City, Utah, February 21, 1934 and March 13, 1934. Both reports bear your autographic signature of approval. The fact that you did not locate in your files the reports requested by the Denver Office indicates that you are not familiar with the files in the above entitled

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cases at your office. A number of reports have been forwarded to your office reflecting the inter-related character of the above entitled cases and in this connection your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri February 20, 1934, submitted in the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping.

You are instructed to promptly forward to the Denver Office copies of the reports referred to above, submitted by Special Agents Zimmer and Swenson.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC Denver
Chicago
St. Paul.

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
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Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

SEP 20 1934

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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Reference is made to Division letter dated September 13, 1934, in the above case concerning the location of Phillip Lascuola, James Bove alias James Civelle, and Meyer Berman.

In connection with the last paragraph on page two of this communication, which relates to the desirability of ascertaining the identity of the underworld contacts at Cleveland, Ohio, which have attracted numbers of the Barker-Karpis gang, as well as the individuals in question, you are advised that during recent interviews had by Agents of this office with one Michael James LaCapra, alias Jimmie Needles, he has advised that the contact man at Cleveland is one Moe Davis. LaCapra states that Davis is connected with the underworld syndicate headed by an individual whom he calls "Lucke" of New York City. LaCapra states that when Subject Floyd left Kansas City following the Union Station massacre he proceeded to Cleveland, Ohio, and his purpose in going there was to contact Miller through Moe Davis. It is further noted that on September 15, 1934, Detective Frank Howland of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, called at this office concerning the inquiries made by the Cincinnati office as to the location of Lascuola and those associating with him, and during the conversation had with him he mentioned that they had apparently received a tip-off from some one in Cleveland At the time Chief of Detectives Higgins of Kansas City went to Cleveland to effect their apprehension. Howland stated that this tip-off probably came from Moe Davis whom he described as a well known fence for thieves. Previous information had been given to this office by Higgins to the effect that these persons had a contact at Cleveland, but up to this time the name of the contact had not been given.

In view of the information connecting Davis with underworld activities at Cleveland coming to this office from two distinct sources, it is believed that it is probably reliable and worthy of considerable attention. It is noted, for the information of the Division and interested offices, that LaCapra has

stated that this underworld syndicate has connections in most of the large cities in the country. He has not, as yet, furnished the names of such connections in other cities, but questioning along these lines will be continued and it is believed that valuable information in this regard will be obtained.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division
Detroit
New York City
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5034 U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
September 14, 1934.

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

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, Deceased;
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR
FLOYD with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1194, et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.
S.L. File 62-474.

Dear Sir:

Answering your communication of September 11, 1934, you will find attached hereto a copy of a letter dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, September 7, 1933, over the signature of Werner Hanni, Special Agent in Charge, which is the letter to which you refer.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1101 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
September 17, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, aka aliases, (Deceased),
RICHARD TALLMAN GAY TAS, with aliases IO 1201-FUGITIVE
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases IO 1194-FUGITIVE, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to your letter of September 1, 1934, addressed to this office, and to letter of August 27th, addressed by the Kansas City office to you.

It appears that the group photograph forwarded with the Kansas City letter to you previously believed to be Ruby Floyd, Charles Arthur Floyd and a sister of that Subject, is in reality identical with the newspaper photograph transmitted with your letter of September 1, wherein it is shown that the parties in the photograph are Charles Arthur Floyd, Ruby, his wife, and Inez Loving, the so-called wife of George Birdwell, (deceased). The Division will note that photographs previously distributed pursuant to the letter from this office of August 27, 1934, indicates the identities of the Subjects as Floyd, his sister and his wife.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge.

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Suite 1010
Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri.
September 17, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. WILLIS (DECEASED) WITH ALIASES
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, WITH ALIASES, IC #1201-FUGITIVE
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, WITH ALIASES, IC #1194-FUGITIVE
ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent H. B. Lawrence dated at Little Rock, September 3, 1934, in the above entitled case.

With reference to Louis Austin, it is thought probable that this individual is identical with Hart Austin, now believed to be in the County Jail at Birmingham, Ala bama. [redacted] of Memphis, Tenn essee, who has been furnishing certain data in an effort to locate Richard Tallman Galatas had contemplated interviewing Austin in an effort to effect Galatas's location.

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The attention of the interested offices is called to the probable identity of the party named Austin mentioned in the report of Special Agent Lawrence with the individual whom [redacted] contemplated contacting.

Very truly yours,

H. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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Suite 1616
Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
September 17, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases(deceased)
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases IO 1201 - FUGITIVE
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases IO 1194 - FUGITIVE, ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to letter dated August 27, 1934, from the Little Rock office to the Oklahoma City office relative to the alleged information furnished by Howard Dean, informant, relative to the location of Charles Arthur Floyd.

While it does appear that Dean apparently possesses no information of his own knowledge, it is noted that mention is made of his having met while in the County Jail at Tulsa, individuals mentioned as K. Daniels, Coleman Green and Charlie Elliott.

In connection with the individuals mentioned by Dean, your attention is invited to the memorandum of Special Agent L. M. Chipman dated at Oklahoma City September 16, 1933, showing an interview by Special Agent Chipman with John L. Moore, wherein Moore makes mention of the same parties as friends of Floyd.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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Suite 1616
Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri.
September 17, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases(Deceased)
RICHARD TALIAFERRO CLATAS, with aliases IO 1801 - FUGITIVE
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases IO 1194 - FUGITIVE et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to the letter by the Chicago office to the Detroit office dated September 11, 1934, with reference to the possibilities of Mr. B. Feldman, Attorney of Chicago, Illinois, who is representing Vivian Mathis, making contact with the United States Attorney at Kansas City with reference to the gravity of the charges against Vivian Mathis.

Please be advised that Special Agent Andersen made inquiry of the United States Attorney at Kansas City on September 12th and was advised that no correspondence had been received from Mr. Feldman. He was requested to notify this office in event any letters should arrive from Mr. Feldman. In such an event, arrangements will be made to notify Mr. Feldman that he should contact the Chicago office.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 16, 1934, to which were attached copies of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent H. D. Harris under date of September 15, 1934, in the above entitled case.

The files of the Identification Unit of the Division reflect a record of one Sam Schraeder, #33036, who was received at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, March 25, 1930 from Cincinnati, Ohio, crime, conspiracy to violate National Prohibition Act; sentence 1 year and 1 day. Schraeder was transferred to Camp Lee, Virginia, June 14, 1930. The files do not disclose the date of Schraeder's release. There also appears on the record a notation as follows:

> "Hancock County Jail, Finley, Ohio, 1927, carrying concealed weapons; served 52 days of a four months' sentence, also paid a fine of $500".

Copies of the photograph of this individual are enclosed herewith, and to each of the offices indicated below, and it is suggested that an appropriate investigation be made with a view to determining whether this individual is any way associated with Vernon C. Miller. This investigation is requested in view of the similarity between the names Sam Schraeder and Sam Schraiger, the photograph of the latter person having been identified as an associate of Miller during the course of previous investigation.

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Schraiger's photograph was furnished your office and each of the offices indicated below with Division letter dated September 13, 1934, and it is to be noted that the name appearing on these photographs was inadvertently misspelled.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure 902355

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Cincinnati, Ohio, September 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

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.

Reference is made to letter from the Cincinnati Office to the Kansas City Office under date of September 8, 1934, relative to the possibility of two individuals mentioned by E. K. Carmichael being identical with Phillip Lascuola, and James Civella.

Agent contacted Detective Martin Steiner, 1726 Blue Rock St., Cumminsville, Cincinnati, Ohio, relative to the "raid" at the Prospect Club, in July of this year, and Steiner told his story of this raid which agreed almost entirely with the story told by Carmichael, except that Steiner said that he walked into the Prospect Club and noticed the two suspects sitting there and left to give the alarm. With respect to the identity of these two individuals, however, Steiner advised that in his opinion there could be absolutely no question but what they were Lascuola and Civella and stated that he has never been able to understand why Civella, after being questioned by Ora Slater was not taken into custody. He stated that Ora Slater was in charge of the proceedings and apparently decided that Civella was not the man wanted, but that if he, Steiner had been running things there would have been no question but what this man would have been taken into custody until he could have been fingerprinted for comparison purposes. He also advised that his former partner Detective Ed Puttman is of the same opinion as himself. Steiner also advised that he has since that time been transferred and is now on night duty, working out of detective headquarters under Captain Fricke.

In a further effort to check the information previously secured as to the identity of these two individuals and also for the purpose of securing information as to whether they are still in this vicinity, Agent contacted confidential informant who advised that he has no knowledge of this particular matter and that he has never heard of these individuals being in this part of the country, but stated however he was not particularly familiar with the Arrow Head Inn and the Prospect Club. He advised that for confidential and reliable information concerning these establishments, contact should be made with Detective Bill Holland of the Newport, Ky. Police Department, as an informant known only to himself and Holland could undoubtedly secure any information desired in this connection.

Agent contacted Detective Holland relative to this matter without revealing the identity of the informant who had furnished his name, inasmuch as this Agent has an acquaintance with Detective Holland over a period of two years and knows that he is reliable as well as extremely well informed. Through Detective Holland Agent was put in contact with confidential informant

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who is being used in this matter and whose name is being furnished to the Division under separate cover.

This individual advised that he was also present at the Prospect Club during the time of the "raid" previously mentioned and gave information concerning this raid which corresponds in all respects to that previously secured. He also advised there was absolutely no question but what the two individuals at the Prospect Club were Lascuola, and Civella. He further stated that the Prospect Club is managed by one Charlie Meyers who is usually known as "Murph" and who is a brother-in-law of Sammy Schraeder, Schraeder also being connected with the Arrow Head Inn. He further advised that the individual with whom Civella claimed relationship at the time of this raid is Red Sneiderman, usually known as Red Snyder who operates a pool room in Elmhurst and who is reported to have important political connections, being well acquainted with the Democratic County Chairman Bill Leonard. He also advised that this relationship claimed by Civella was entirely fictitious and that it was claimed solely for the purpose of establishing a false identity at the time of the raid.

He stated further that he learned through Murph that Lascuola and Civella had come to Cincinnati through Sammy Schraeder and that they are supposed to have furnished the bank roll which is being used to operate the Arrow Head Inn at the present time. He also advised that while these men were frequenting the Prospect Club they were not driving an automobile and told him they did not care to own an automobile and that he, consequently, on various occasions drove them to the Arrow Head Inn when they were supposed to get their cut of the profits and that on such occasions Subject Civella would always stay in the car, while Lascuola would go into the establishment and come back with someone from the establishment; that both Lascuola and Civella are wearing glasses at the present time and that Lascuola has also grown a mustache.

The informant further stated that at the time of the raid at the Prospect Club he left the Club with Lascuola and that after the detectives left, Civella joined them and that the two men immediately made plans to leave Cincinnati and in his opinion are not likely to return to Cincinnati and that he is positive they will never go near the Prospect Club again. He advised however that his acquaintance with them was of such a nature that he can undoubtedly get in contact with them again through Murph or Schraeder or through Harold or Sammy Mason who are connected with Schraeder at the Arrow Head Inn.

Informant also advised that Harry Blackman and Sam Wingman reputed members of the Detroit Purple Gang who formerly were connected with the Arrow Head Inn are no longer connected there in any capacity and are in Detroit at the present time although Harry Blackman is trying to make arrangements to open a gambling establishment near Newport, Ky., at the present time.

This informant further advised that there are no individuals connected with the Arrow Head Inn at the present time who are from Cleveland, Ohio, but that a man named Marks with the establishment is from Canton, Ohio. He advised, however, that there is a tie-up between Arrow Head Inn and a gambling establishment in Cleveland, Ohio and that a good friend of his named Charlie Glick was recently "transferred" from the Arrow Head Inn to the Cleveland establishment where he now has charge of the card games and the crap game. Informant advised that he knows he can secure the exact location of Charlie Glick and of this establishment in Cleveland from the above named individuals.

Agent has maintained daily contact with E. K. Carmichael and Carmichael has been going to the Arrow Head Inn nightly, in order to ascertain if either Lasenola or Civella should return there. Carmichael was also shown photograph of Sammy Schneider with aliases, transmitted with Division letter under date of September 13, 1934, and he advised that this is not Sammy Schreeder who is connected with the Arrow Head Inn. The latter individual he stated was convicted in Federal Court at Cincinnati, on a prohibition charge and served a sentence in the Atlanta, Ga. Penitentiary. At the office of the United States Attorney at Cincinnati it was ascertained that this individual under name of Sam Schreeder was sentenced on March 12, 1930 to a year and a day in Atlanta, Penitentiary for Conspiracy to Violate the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Indictment 3812, and that final commitment was issued on March 24, 1930. The records of the United States Marshal's Office indicate that Schreeder was delivered to the Warden of the Atlanta Penitentiary on March 25, 1930. Through confidential informant previously mentioned it was ascertained that this is the individual now connected with the Arrow Head Inn. Through Carmichael the following descriptions were secured.

Name:	Sammy Schreeder
Age:	35-40
Height:	5' 5" or 6"
Weight:	150 lbs.
Build:	Medium muscular
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Unknown
Nationality:	Probably Jewish descent
Peculiarities:	Always has cigar in mouth at angle. Has a swinging walk.

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Name:	Harold Mason
Age:	30
Height:	5'
Weight:	200 lbs.
Build:	Very well built
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Dark
Nationality:	American-Jew
Criminal Record:	Once charged with murder at Cincinnati, O. Victim being named Fitch but was acquitted. Has had several liquor convictions.

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Name:	Sam Mason
Age:	40
Height:	5' 10"-11"
Weight:	190 lbs.
Build:	Heavy
Hair:	Dark
Eyes:	Dark
Nationality:	American-Jew
Criminal Record:	Unknown.

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Name:	Joseph Bauer
Age:	65
Height:	5' 7"
Weight:	170 lbs.
Build:	Heavy
Hair:	Dark
Eyes:	Unknown
Nationality:	American
Criminal Record:	Unknown

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H.D.Harris,
Special Agent.

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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box #766
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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September 18, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to Division letter of September 13, 1934, there are attached hereto copies of memorandum submitted by Special Agent H. D. Harris, copies of which are also being enclosed to each of the offices receiving copies of this letter. Agent also talked with informant [redacted] and also the confidential informant whose name is not indicated and the latter has agreed to obtain information for us and I believe that he will be able to get the information desired as to the location of Phillip Lascuola and James Bove alias James Civella. The other confidential informants referred to are personally known to me and I believe that they will furnish us with information which can be depended upon, and that their statements as to this situation are true, namely, that these parties were here at Cincinnati as indicated.

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Our confidential informant will get the information as soon as he can, as to where these parties are now located, as apparently Lascuola and Civella are furnishing the bank roll for the Arrow Head Inn. It may be necessary for our informant to proceed to Cleveland, Ohio, and possibly either myself or Agent Harris should proceed there at the same time in order to maintain the necessary contact with him. This will depend upon developments here.

Please immediately wire me authority if granted, to pay to this confidential informant not to exceed $100.00 and authority to pay to informant [redacted] not to exceed $50.00, for the present such funds to be paid to these two informants as necessary and in the

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most economical manner, in order that they may be able to visit the places they will contact to obtain information.

The confidential informant referred to may be able to obtain information also for us in connection with the location of the persons believed to be responsible for the Canadian Kidnaping of John S. Labatt.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR

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September 14, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. R. B. Nathan telephoned with reference to the Kansas City Massacre case concerning a fellow named La Capra, alias Jimmy Needles, an Italian of the underworld, and advised that they recently submitted a report containing some information that he gave. I told Mr. Nathan that we want to take good care of this fellow and see that nothing happens to him. Mr. Nathan advised that they have filed a complaint against him and had him removed to Kansas City in accordance with his desire; that he came in late last night and Trainor and Anderson talked to him for several hours and got whatever he was able to give them; that he told them he would like to give them a complete statement about the whole situation in Kansas City including everything that ever happened that he knows about but he wants to give the statement in the presence of the United States Attorney and Sheriff Bash; that is he wants to give a statement to a stenographer. I stated that we should have this information and Bash is a friend of ours and has always cooperated 100%. I asked Mr. Nathan who the United States Attorney was and Mr. Nathan stated his name is Milligan and he believes he is intelligent enough to keep his mouth closed; that he has not talked to him about it but believes he will not talk if they ask him not to. I told Mr. Nathan this would be O.K. as we are interested in the Kansas City massacre and other stuff he gives us may be of interest to the United States Attorney or to Bash. I told Mr. Nathan to get all of them to emphatically state that they will not release any publicity which will in any way jeopardize our case. Mr. Nathan stated he felt the Division should pass on this first and I stated it was O.K. and he should get everything possible from this fellow and to be very careful about his safety as they will try to drop a stiletto between his ribs the first chance they get. Mr. Nathan stated that this fellow wants to stay in jail and does not want to make bond or anything and everything is agreeable to him up to date. Mr. Nathan stated they felt they would rather have him there than in Kansas where the state might get ahold of him. Mr. Nathan stated they will go ahead and take his complete statement.

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Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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I think it is a mistake to take the U.S. Atty in as, I assume he is a member of the Prendergast machine to which Pizia belonged.

J. E. H.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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September 14, 1934.

Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Lowery
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Fox
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schnider
Mr. Tamm

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Mr. Nathan with reference to the Kansas City Massacre case and asked him if he had arranged for the conference with the United States Attorney and Sheriff Bash. Mr. Nathan stated that this conference has been arranged and as a matter of fact they are already talking to the fellow. I told Mr. Nathan that the Director felt that, inasmuch as the United States Attorney was probably a member of the Pendergast machine which is connected with the Lazia outfit, the United States Attorney should not be included in such a conference. Mr. Nathan stated that he did not believe Milligan was connected with that outfit. I asked how he got to be United States Attorney and Mr. Nathan stated he did not know. Mr. Nathan stated that the United States Attorney's brother is a member of Congress and has been a member for some time; that he recently was a candidate for the United States Senate. Mr. Nathan advised that apparently Milligan has no connection with that tie-up as he has never indicated it in his conversation or in his actions; that he was pretty well sold on the prosecution of Charles Gargota and did a good job on it; that he shows a great deal of interest and apparently is anxious to do everything possible to clean up that town. Mr. Nathan stated also that his brother, who ran for Senator, was defeated by the Pendergast man, and apparently there is no tie-up there at all as he wanted them to investigate the election because of what he thought they were going to pull in Kansas City. I stated I remembered that and that was what I had in mind when I thought he would be O.K. Mr. Nathan stated that they are getting some stuff as a result of this conference but they will do better after they have this man alone for a while. I stated I felt that if we give this fellow his way, then we can get him back in a cell and talk to him in our way and ask questions that we want answered and will probably get a lot of information that way. Mr. Nathan stated that right now he is just talking in a rambling way and they are not pressing him for details on the stuff that they want.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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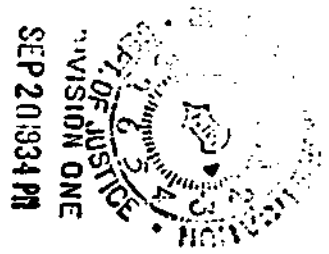

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased),
RICHARD TALLMAN GALLIS, with aliases, IO 1201 - FUGITIVE
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, IO 1194 - FUGITIVE, ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to letter from the Kansas City office to the Division dated September 96, 1934, with reference to an intended interview with Robert M. Coleman, Attorney at Kansas City, who has been suspected of receiving mail for Mrs. Zella Golden for her daughter, believed possibly to be in company with Charles Arthur Floyd.

Please be advised that Special Agents Harold E. Andersen and W. F. Trainor openly interviewed Mr. Coleman. He was questioned as to his acquaintance with Floyd and with the Baird sisters, who are daughters of Mrs. Golden, and also as to his acquaintance with Mrs. Golden. He stated that he first made connections with Charles Arthur Floyd during the year 1930, when he represented him in State Court at Toledo, Ohio; that his contact was brought about through Hymie Coleman, who was his brother, and apparently was an underworld character; he stated that Hymie Coleman was killed by members of the underworld at St. Paul, Minn., or close to St. Paul, about two years ago; that Hymie Coleman was friendly with Floyd and caused the contact through which he represented Floyd in the State case. He also stated that he later represented Beulah and Rose Baird when they were serving in the State Penitentiary at Frankfort, Kentucky, and that he caused the retainer of an attorney to represent them at Frankfort in their appeal to the State Supreme Court. He denied that he had any direct contact with Floyd in connection with the representation of the girls. He stated that he had not seen these women since he made a trip to Kentucky while they were in the Penitentiary. He later stated, however, that he had seen them after their return to

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Kansas City, but denied that he had been in touch with the Baird sisters or Mrs. Golden, or Floyd, for the past two years.

When questioned by the Agents as to whether he would cooperate in this matter were he to learn the location of Floyd, or the Baird girls, he stated that he would rather it were found that he were in contact with them without his cooperation with the officers, as he would fear for his life in such an instance. He denied, however, that he is, or has been, in contact with these individuals.

The Agents served notice on Mr. Coleman that Floyd is wanted under Federal process by this Department, and he was requested to cooperate if he would do so. He was also advised that a further interview with him will be had at a later time. No indication was, of course, given to him that any information had reached this Division to the effect that he had been acting as a go-between in distributing communications between the Baird sisters and their mother.

Later contact will be had with Coleman, and the Division will be notified.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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September 18, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your memorandum dated August 25, 1934 covering an interview had with Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, relative to the murder of John Lazia at Kansas City, Missouri on July 10, 1934. There are transmitted herewith copies of a photograph of Jack Griffin, alias Jack Gregory, #19136 Police Department, St. Louis, Missouri and William "Bad Eye" Smith, #36583 Police Department, St. Louis, Missouri who are possibly identical with the individuals referred to in your memorandum.

It has not been possible to identify the individual referred to as Al O'Brien from the information furnished in your memorandum, which memorandum was transmitted to the Division with your letter dated August 25, 1934.

Copies of the criminal record of each of these individuals are also being enclosed herewith.

Copies of both the photographs and criminal records referred to herein are being transmitted with a copy of this letter to the Chicago Division Office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith six abstracts of the record and twelve photographs of each of the following individuals: Jack Griffin, #19136, St. Louis, Missouri Police Department - William Smith, alias "Bad Eye Smith", #36583, St. Louis, Missouri Police Department.

A search of the files of the Identification Unit, on the basis of the information furnished by Mr. Newby, fails to disclose any information concerning Al O'Brien, whose photograph and record Mr. Newby also requested.

Respectfully,

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L. C. Schilder.

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September 22, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of September 18, 1934, in the case of Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, (Deceased), et al - Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, there are transmitted herewith two copies of the report identifying the Thompson Submachine gun recovered at Chicago with the specimens stated to have been recovered at the scenes of the Kansas City (Plaza) Massacre and the killing of John Lazia.

The records show that these reports were forwarded to your office under date of August 28th. It should also be noted that photographic enlargements of microphotographs showing some of the points of comparison were forwarded to your office under separate cover from the reports. If these have not been received you should advise.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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September 18, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
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Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased)
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, IO #1201-FUGITIVE
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, IO #1194-FUGITIVE
ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to letter from the Division dated September 1, 1934, addressed to this office in the matter entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al, Edward George Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping. It is noted that information is shown in the letter to the effect that Thompson sub-machine gun No. 7387 was recovered at Chicago Illinois, and that a comparison of ballistic specimens from that weapon with specimens recovered after the Kansas City massacre and with specimens recovered after the death of John Lazia at Kansas City as of July 10, 1934, revealed that all were fired from the same gun.

The Kansas City office has not received the laboratory report referred to in the Division letter of September 1, and it is requested that this office be furnished with same.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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REN:RD September 18, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Cowley telephoned at 2:10 P.M. today and advised that the statements of the three women, Gladys Sawyer, Winona Burdette, and Paula Harmon had been taken, the first two statements having been previously forwarded to the Division and the statement of the Harmon woman having been forwarded air mail, special delivery to reach Washington at 6:00 P.M. today. Mr. Cowley requested that I read these statements as soon as they are received at Washington and advise him by telephone or telegraph as to whether they reflect generally, accurate information with respect to the operations of the Barker-Karpis gang. I asked Mr. Cowley if Paula Harmon had been questioned concerning her knowledge of Frits Sullivan and June Kathrens of Kansas City and their associates with a view to developing information concerning the Kansas City Massacre case. Mr. Cowley stated that he did not believe that the Harmon woman had been questioned concerning these individuals and that Agent Brown was continuing the questioning and he would suggest to Agent Brown that she be questioned concerning the Massacre case.

Mr. Cowley asked whether the statement of Helen Ferguson appeared to be accurate and I advised him that the information contained in the statement is corroborative of information obtained from other sources and reflected in the files of the Division.

Mr. Cowley inquired as to whether anyone had been killed in connection with the Fairbury, Nebraska bank robbery and I advised him that from the meager information in the file it appears that the Sheriff or one of his deputies was near the bank at the time of the robbery and exchanged several shots with the robbers, and it is reported that he hit one of the robbers. Mr. Cowley stated that this man must have been Earl Cristman who later died in the home of Verne Miller in Kansas City. Paula Harmon has stated that a man known as Earl had died in Miller's home after a bank robbery.

I inquired as to developments at Milan, Michigan with respect to the release of Vivian Mathis and Mr. Cowley stated that two Agents had been sent to Milan; that they were to look for an apartment and after locating the apartment were to telephone him but he has not yet heard from them.

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With respect to the F. J. Hoeman Detective Agency at Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Cowley stated that he telephoned Special Agent in Charge Larson

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requesting him to conduct an investigation at Cleveland with a view to ascertaining the background of the agency prior to an open interview with Noonan; and that in view of the contemplated meeting between Helen Ferguson and members of the gang on Friday night, the interview with Noonan would be held in abeyance until early next week.

Helen Ferguson has advised Agents of the Chicago Office that the Barkers and Lou Cernocky are on the "outs" and the Barkers will not have anything to do with Cernocky; that Cernocky owes Fred Barker $200 or $300 and for this reason she does not believe they will contact Cernocky. She stated that she does not believe the Barkers have been to Cernocky's place since last summer.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby.