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KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Vetterli called from St. Louis about 10:40 PM and asked that you be advised as soon as possible that the party came through St. Louis from New Orleans this afternoon and left there about 8:40 PM St. Louis time expecting to arrive in Chicago about two hours later. Also that he had telephoned the Chicago Office full details of the matter.

I informed Mr. Vetterli that you would be so advised as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

Eugene J. Coble
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September 24, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Deceased;
RICHARD TALINIAN GALATAS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR
FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194;
ET AL;

CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

This office was advised today by Sheriff Thomas B. Bash of Kansas City, Missouri, that he received confidential information from ██████████ Kansas City Star that an inquiry had been made today by a representative of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, indicating that Jack Griffin, alias Jack Gregory, is presently on a farm near Peoria, Illinois, with Al O'Brien. b7D

You will note from the report of Special Agent Trainer dated September 5, 1934, that the suspicion has been voiced by various persons in Kansas City that Griffin is dead. You will further note that there is a strong indication that both Griffin and O'Brien were implicated in the killing of John Laria at Kansas City, Missouri, on July 10, 1934. It is accordingly believed desirable that they be located for interview if possible. A photograph of Allister O'Brien, who has been identified as Al O'Brien, is being attached hereto for your use in conducting this investigation. It is requested that this photograph be returned to this office when it has served its purpose.

As indicated, the information in this regard was furnished to Sheriff Bash in confidence, and should be so treated.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge

RBN:bn 62-760
cc - Chicago
Mr. Cowley, Chicago
Division

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Baldwin, Kansas
September 25, 1934

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Dear sirs,

I am a student of Baker University at Baldwin, Kansas. In my Criminology course I am making a case study of "Petty Boy" Floyd and his string of crimes.

Would your department be able to send me material or pictures of any sort on this matter? Or, if this is not possible, could you advise me where to look for such information? Your help will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Rose Lister
Baldwin City

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ARE HERE TOGETHER ADVISE IF FIRST HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED AND WHETHER INTERVIEW
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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

Buffalo FILE NO. **62-10 870**

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| REPORT MADE AT: Buffalo, New York | DATE WHEN MADE: 9/27/34 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9/22/34 | REPORT MADE BY: M. W. Hoskins |
| TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased) RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, I.O. #1201 FUGITIVE; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases, I.O. #1194 - FUGITIVE; et al. | | | CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records of New York State Automobile registration maintained by names of owners. Unable to locate any registration under name of Weisman which could be identified as William Weisman. A check of stolen motor vehicles maintained by motor numbers without results. No state operator's permit issued of interest. Records at Albany, New York, do not include metropolitan New York.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from Kansas City to Buffalo dated 9-17-34, with copy to each Field Office.

DETAILS:

Through Miss Mary Martin, Assistant File Clerk, Record Bureau, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Department of Taxation and Finance, State Office Building, Albany, New York, it was ascertained that registration of motor vehicles are maintained by names of owners, except stolen motor vehicle which are maintained by motor and serial numbers.

A check of the stolen automobile files failed to disclose information of the Cadillac sedan bearing motor #301478, serial #4660. Miss Martin also made a search of the registrations under the name Weisman and attached the state auto operator's permits issued to those respective

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>John MacFarland</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | 62-28915-256 | RECORDED AND INDEXED SEP 29 1934 |
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persons, and none was found whose description answered that of William Weisman.

Miss Martin also informed that her files contained all state registrations for the state of New York, except those of the metropolitan area, where the same would be on file at their New York offices at 155 North Street, New York City.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE NEW YORK DIVISION OFFICE, at the offices of the Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Taxation and Finance, state of New York, 155 North Street, New York City will cause a similar search to be made in agreement with reference letter.

THE BUFFALO DIVISION OFFICE, at ROCHESTER, NEW YORK - Mr. Wykoff of the Rochester Telephone Company will be interviewed at a later date to determine whether long distance telephone calls have been made from Le Roy 49 and 481 subsequent to August 9, 1934.

at LE ROY, NEW YORK. - Mr. Cady and Carrier Mooney will also be interviewed for what additional information they may have ascertaining what, if any, information High McFadden possessed relative to the present whereabouts of Galatas.

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SEPTEMBER 25, 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:

Reference is made to Division letter of September 21, 1934, and my letter of September 22, 1934, concerning the presence in Kansas City, Missouri, of Special Agent J. L. Fallon on undercover assignment. Inasmuch as copies of my letter of September 22nd were not forwarded to the St. Louis and Chicago offices, copies are being attached to copy of this letter designated for those offices.

The Division is advised that Agent Fallon has moved from the Missouri Hotel to the Dixon Hotel, where he is occupying Room 720. He will communicate with this office by telephone every day but, of course, no open contact will be had with him.

Very truly yours,

R. S. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Oklahoma City, Personal and Confidential
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U. S. Department of Justice
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September 27, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

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Vivian Mathis was released from the penitentiary at Milan, Michigan at about 8:30 P. M. on September 18, 1934, and was immediately taken into custody by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan, D. E. Hall, and R. C. Suran. Special Agent Hall had, prior to the release of Vivian Mathis, made appropriate arrangements with Warden Ryan not to release her until such a time as Division Agents desired, and Mr. Ryan cooperated fully in this respect. Vivian Mathis was given a conditional release and allowed the usual amount of seventy-two days good time, it being necessary for her to submit the appropriate parole reports, the first one being due on September 29, 1934.

Immediately upon taking Vivian Mathis into custody, the agents proceeded to an apartment at 12134 Lincoln Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, which apartment had been previously rented by the agents. Interrogation of Vivian Mathis was conducted by Special Agents Sullivan and Suran, during which time Vivian Mathis stated that on the night of June 16, 1933, she was at her home on Edgevale Road, Kansas City, Missouri; that Verne Miller left that evening and did not return until the following morning. She refused to give the approximate time of Miller's departure and return. She stated that no other individuals were present at her home on the night of June 16; that when Verne Miller returned the following morning, the first time she saw him, he was alone. She refused to state whether other individuals came to the residence on Edgevale Road, Kansas City

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on the morning of June 17, 1933, stating that she could not answer that question. Vivian Mathis claims that she does not know the identities of the participants in the massacre and steadfastly refuses to discuss the activities of Verne Miller and herself on June 16 and June 17, other than stated above.

Vivian Mathis admits knowing and associating with Fred Barker, Doc Barker, Kate Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, Fred Goetz, C. J. Fitzgerald, and the individual known as Gus, but she refuses to discuss their activities.

Concerning C. J. Fitzgerald, Vivian Mathis stated that she did not know him by that name, but knew him as C. J. Murphy, who was identical with the C. J. Murphy who associated with Verne Miller in Kansas City, Missouri. She stated that Fitzgerald is suffering from rheumatism and usually spends the winters in Kansas City taking baths for that ailment. She further stated that Fitzgerald indulges freely in intoxicating liquors and when under the influence of said liquors is boisterous and rowdy.

Vivian Mathis stated that the Gus who is known to her is not an old individual, but she refused to give a description of him and denied that she knew his last name, but admitted that he was friendly with Verne Miller. She stated that she also knew Gus Winkler, but that Gus Winkler is not identical with the above-mentioned Gus. She refused to further discuss the personal history of these two individuals, but stated positively that neither of them were in her home on June 16 or 17, 1933, and to her knowledge, neither were in Kansas City, Missouri. She further stated that to her knowledge, none of the Karpis and Barker gang were in Kansas City, Missouri on the days in question.

To date Vivian Mathis has refused to admit that she accompanied Verne Miller to Chicago, Illinois subsequent to the massacre and has further refused to admit that she and Verne were at the home of Fritz Mulloy subsequent to the massacre, but she admits being well acquainted with Mulloy.

Vivian Mathis further admits being acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Herb Farmer, but denies being acquainted with Dick Galatas and likewise refused to discuss the true identity of J. W. Ward, which individual played golf with Miller on June 16, 1933, at Kansas City, Missouri.

Concerning "Big" Homer, she stated that she knew none of Verne Miller's associates by that name. She denied that she was acquainted with Adam Richetti and "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and refused to discuss the possibility of either of them being in her home on the morning of June 17.

She stated that she and Verne Miller drank a considerable amount of beer and that she placed beer in the ice box almost daily. However, she stated she could not recall when the last case of beer was brought to the Edgevale residence and refuses to discuss the source of this supply.

Special Agents Earl M. Black and D. P. Sullivan are continuing the interrogation of Vivian Mathis.

Very truly yours,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. COWLEY,
Inspector

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cc - Kansas City

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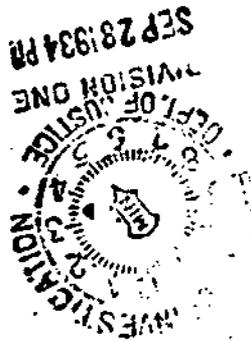
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326 1/2 Post Office Building,
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September 27, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith three copies of original statement given by Mrs. Elizabeth Galatas, wife of subject Richard Tallman Galatas, to Special Agents L. A. Kindell and L. E. Kingman, at New Orleans, Louisiana, on the night of September 26, 1934.

The original statement and one copy, both signed by Mrs. Elizabeth Galatas, are being retained in the New Orleans Division Office file.

There are also transmitted herewith three copies of original supplemental statement given by subject Richard Tallman Galatas, at New Orleans, Louisiana, on September 26, 1934, to Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley and Special Agent H. E. Andersen.

The original and seven copies of signed statement of subject Richard Tallman Galatas dated September 26, 1934, will be retained in the New Orleans Division Office file.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley 62-28915-256
R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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New Orleans, La.
September 26, 1934.

My name is Mrs. Elizabeth Galatas. This statement is being made to Leslie A. Kindall and L. E. Kingman, Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

I am making this statement voluntarily. No threats, or promises have been made to me to influence me in what I am saying in this statement.

I am 43 years of age and the wife of Richard Tallman Galatas. We were married 17 years ago in Riverside, California. We have no children. At the time of our marriage I was a widow, having been divorced for about three years from B. Sturney. I have one son, Pat Sturney, who was an issue of that marriage. Mr. Galatas and I moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas, from Detroit, Michigan, in 1925 or 1926. He operated in Hot Springs as a book maker for horse races and baseball games with his headquarters at the White Front and at another place on Central Avenue over Ben Harris' cigar store. He also operated for several months a garage known as the Olive Street Garage. During our stay in Hot Springs I became acquainted with Lou Conner and her husband, Eddie Conner. Eddie operated a road house. He died in July 1932. In the spring of 1933 I became acquainted with two individuals whom I now know were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nash. I never knew them previous to the Kansas City massacre under any names except "Doc" and Frances. They had a little girl but I did not know that until just a day or two previous to the massacre. I did not know what "Doc" was doing nor where they lived but he hung around the White Front where Dick made his headquarters and I met Frances there several times and, on some occasions, she and I and Lou Conner met there. These meetings were casual and not by pre-arrangement.

On June 16, 1933, in the early afternoon, I had been down town in Hot Springs and upon returning home, or shortly thereafter, my husband, Richard Galatas, and Frances, with her little girl, came to my home. They told me that "Doc" had been kidnapped. Previous to this time and during the two or three years previous, I had met and known Herb Farmer and his wife, of Joplin, Missouri. I had seen the Farmers on numerous occasions in company with Doc and Frances. Frances was very much upset on this occasion that I refer to, on June 16th, and I understood from her and my husband that it was her intention to go immediately to the Farmers' home at Joplin. I prepared lunch for her and the child. I had been in and out of my home several times. Between two and three o'clock, as near as I can recall, on June 16th, I was in my Cadillac Sedan and it stalled just at the end of Bathhouse Row. Several friends pushed me off a street car track, and about this time "Dutch" Akers and Joe Wakelin, Police Department officials, came by and drove me in their car to my home. Frances Nash and my husband may have been at home at this time. I am not sure of this. I believe that Akers told me that he would go back and see if he could get my Cadillac started and bring it to the house. The Cadillac appeared at our home within a few minutes and while I feel that Dutch Akers may have driven it, I am not sure. My husband told me that he had been down to the Police Station but he did not say who he had seen there. I don't know if Dutch Akers and Wakelin and my husband had any conversation at the house when the car was brought back or not, or at any other time, and I don't know about any long distance calls that might have been placed to

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Benton or Little Rock. I did not know that Frances Nash expected to go to Joplin by airplane until just before my husband and I, with Mrs. Nash and her child, left my house to go to the airport. At the time we left the house my husband did not intend to go with her but after we got to the airport he walked with her over to the plane and I remained in the car, which was my Cadillac. My husband came back to the car and said that Mrs. Nash was so nervous and hysterical and the child was hysterical and she was afraid because she had never been up in a plane before, and therefore he had decided to go with her. They told me that when I returned to my house to telephone to the Farmers at Joplin and tell Mr. Farmer to meet them at the airport. On my way home I stopped at Lou Comer's house on Central Avenue and placed a long distance call from her telephone to the Farmers. I don't recall if I talked with Mr. Farmer or Mrs. Farmer but I told them to meet the airplane at the airport as Richard and Frances and Frances' baby were then on the way to Joplin. I might have told them that "Doc" had been in some trouble.

There were no other developments that I knew about until about 9:30 that night when my husband telephoned to me from Joplin. He told me that they had arrived all right but that he would not be able to return that night because there had been a great deal of delay as they had landed at the wrong airport. I don't know anything about any telephone call placed from Lou Comer's house in Hot Springs at 10:09 p.m. to the telephone of Herbert Farmer at Joplin.

Up to this time I did not know that "Doc", or Frank Nash, was arrested or that he had been wanted for anything. However, I did hear my husband say to Mrs. Nash: "Tell Frances if he was wanted, what was he wanted for?", and she said that she did not know.

I stayed at my own home that night. I did not see Lou Comer the night of June 16th and I stayed at my home and did not see her until the next morning, which was a short time before my husband returned to Hot Springs. He returned to Hot Springs in the same airplane and arrived about 10:30 a.m.

In the meantime, I had heard either over the radio or down town about the shooting and killing of the officers at Kansas City and I began to get mighty frightened as I associated this killing with the picking up of "Doc", or Frank Nash, at Hot Springs. My husband had not heard about the killing at Kansas City until he got home to our house and I told him. When I told him he kept saying, "oh, no". He was terribly upset and so was I. We were convinced that the killing at Kansas City and the Frank Nash involved was the party who had been picked up at Hot Springs. Radio accounts were mentioning the fact that Frank Nash had been arrested the previous day in Hot Springs by federal agents.

My mother was visiting me from New York and she left that day for New York. Mr. Calatas' mother was also visiting us from Long Beach, California, and she also left that day for her home. Early the next morning my husband and I left Hot Springs in the Cadillac. We drove to St. Louis and I stored the Cadillac at a garage and I don't recall where it was that I left it but I told them that I wanted to leave it there for a short time. We went by train from St. Louis to Sacramento, California, changing trains at Los Angeles, but did not stop over.

We purchased a Plymouth Coupe at Sacramento and there began to use the name of Mr. and Mrs. William Lee. We later changed this name to R. A. Lee. The Plymouth was registered in Sacramento. Since that time we have spent some time in Santa Monica, California, and from there made a trip to New Orleans and then back to California and came back to New Orleans about the middle of last April, and for the past few weeks have been living at 912 Harding Place.

Since our departure from Hot Springs we have communicated with no former friends, relatives or associates. We did not even go to see my husband's mother in California and I have not corresponded with my son, who has been living in Montgomery, Alabama, and who was attending school at Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

I was aware from reading newspapers that federal warrants had been issued for my husband and that the federal government was looking for him.

The above statement, consisting of three pages, was dictated by Agents Kindell and Kingman from information furnished by me. I have read the statement and it is true in its entirety.

WITNESSES:

Special Agent, Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice.

Special Agent, Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice.

NEW ORLEANS,
September 26,
1934.

This is a supplementary statement to the one given by me on September 25, 1934, to Messrs. L. A. Kindell, B. W. Magee, and H. E. Anderson, of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, and is made after having been advised that whatever I say can and may be used against me. The statement is made to H. E. Anderson and Dwight Brantley, of the Division of Investigation:

I have been questioned relative to a long distance telephone call made from the home of Mrs. L. B. Connor, Hot Springs, Arkansas, to the telephone of Herbert Allen Farmer, Joplin, Missouri, during the afternoon of June 16, 1934. I recall that in my previous statement I said that this telephone call was made by Mrs. Frances Nash. This is incorrect, as I was confused at the time. I recall that I instructed my wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Galatas, to make a long distance telephone call to the home of Herbert Allen Farmer, Joplin, Missouri, and inform Farmer or his wife to the effect that I was coming over to their home with Mrs. Frances Nash and her child by airplane that afternoon, June 16, 1934. This call was referred to in my previous statement as long distance call No. 3.

In my previous statement, in connection with the telephone call designated No. 5, I now recall that I talked to first the maid and then to my wife, Mrs. Galatas. During this telephone conversation I informed Mrs. Galatas that I would not be home until the next day.

After having made the call to my wife from the Midway Drug Company in Joplin, I returned to the Farmer residence. Upon my return I was informed by Mrs. Frances Nash that Mrs. Galatas had called long distance to the Farmer residence and informed that the men who had Nash in custody were taking him to Kansas City rather than bringing him to Joplin, Missouri, and it was mentioned that these men were going by train from Fort Smith to Kansas City. The question arose as to what time they would arrive in Kansas City, and I said that I thought the train would arrive in Kansas City about breakfast time. This call is referred to as call No. 6 in my previous statement.

Some time after the massacre in Kansas City I saw a photograph in the newspapers of a man by the name of Verne Miller, mentioned as having participated in the massacre. I identified the photograph of this man as an individual I had met in Hot Springs, Arkansas, on two occasions when I was operating a garage in Hot Springs and was a sub-agent for the Madison Smith Cadillac Company of Little Rock, Arkansas. My best recollection is that this was about three years ago. I was introduced to this man by Eddie Connor, deceased husband of Louise Connor. I had known Eddie for several years. He was a gambler and it was my understanding that this man identified as Verne Miller had been playing golf with him. Eddie brought him to me as a prospective purchaser of a Cadillac. I talked to him about a Cadillac but he did not purchase one from me. I later learned that he purchased a Cadillac car from the Madison Smith Cadillac Company at Little Rock, Arkansas, through Wesley Smith of that concern.

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In the Farmer home on the evening of June 16th there was a conversation between the Farmers, Frances and myself relative to a long distance telephone call that was placed for some party in Kansas City. During this conversation Mrs. Nash/some person by the name of "Verne," at which time she mentioned the warm friendship existing between this person and her husband. I recall that she said that this party in Kansas City had plenty of money and she believed that he was the type of friend who would do almost anything for her husband, but no specific mention of what he would or could do for Nash. This call is identified as call No. 7 in my previous statement.

I did not at the time know the true identity of Frank Nash, and, of course, did not know that he was an escaped Federal prisoner.

I again wish to say that I do not know the identity of the suspects in the massacre at Kansas City.

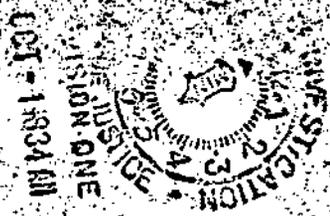
From what I have learned of the occurrence in Kansas City since June 17th I believe that Verne Miller was a participant. I have not, since June 17th, seen Herbert Farmer, his wife, Mrs. Frances Nash, or Verne Miller. I did see Mrs. Lou Conner upon my return to Hot Springs, Arkansas, on June 17, 1934.

Witnesses:

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

H. E. Anderson
Special Agent,
Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
Kansas City, Missouri.

1531 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,
El Paso, Texas,
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 1278,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased)
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I.O.#1201; CHARLES ARTHUR
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O.#1194, et al - CONSPIRACY TO BELIEVER
FEDERAL PRISONER. E. P. File 62-385.

Reference is had to your telephonic communication of September 21, 1934 wherein you reported that E.W. Floyd, brother of Charles A. "Pretty Boy" Floyd, had received a letter from one D.O.O'Connor, 214 South Main Ave., El Paso, Tex., which letter is quoted in your letter to this office dated September 21, 1934, copies of which were furnished the Division and interested offices.

I have made a discreet investigation at 214 South Main Ave., which address is a flop house known as the Peoples Hotel, operated by one Robert Pollock, and where cots are rented to itinerants for the price of 15 cents per night and where all comers, white, black or yellow, are accommodated. I placed an undercover informant in this house for a night and it developed that he was well acquainted with the operator and under suitable pretext he made inquiry as to D.O.O'Connor. It was ascertained that O'Connor had been stopping there most every night for about ten days up to September 20, when he disappeared. He had no baggage of consequence, was shabby in appearance and practically broke. He paid the usual fee of 15 cents per night and nothing was known as to his antecedents, except that the attendant in the basement cot room stated he thought the man was from New Mexico.

He was described as: Age - 35; Height - 5' 11"; Weight - 165 lbs. Light complexion; cheap clothes; shoes practically worn out. While there he purchased a pair of rubber half soles which he glued on to the bottom of his shoes. This man disappeared on the morning of September 19 or 20, date not exact, and has not been seen since.

Mr. Pollock stated that a day or two after his departure he arrived for O'Connor but inasmuch as they did not know where he had gone the

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letter was returned to the mail carrier. Appropriate investigation has been made at the post office but no record of this letter can be found and the carrier has no recollection thereof.

Arrangements have been made with Mr. Fallock that if this individual returns to his place this office will be advised.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

RHC:hg
cc Division
Chicago
Kansas City.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

326 1/2 Post Office Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

September 26, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

The interrogation of subject Galatas was conducted throughout the night of September 25, 1934, by Messrs. Andersen and Brantley. This questioning took place in the New Orleans office. Subject Galatas was brought to the office after dark and was kept there until shortly before daylight. The interrogation was continuous and vigorous.

A statement obtained from Galatas has already been forwarded to the Division. On the night of September 25th he admitted several things with respect to the occurrences on June 16th, which was the day before the massacre, and which he had not admitted before. He admitted that the information relative to the change of plans of the officers in taking Nash to Kansas City rather than bringing him to Joplin was furnished to him and Mrs. Nash in Farmer's residence at Joplin by Mrs. Galatas by telephone on the night of June 16th.

He admitted having seen Verne Miller in Hot Springs on two or more occasions prior to the massacre, but stated that at the time he did not know his true identity and believes that he met him under the name of Moore or Mason. He was asked who effected this introduction and he stated that it was Eddie Conner, the late husband of Lou Conner, subject in this case. It will be observed from the file that Miller purchased a Cadillac automobile in Little Rock on one occasion. Galatas says that he was a sub-agent for the Cadillac concern out of Little Rock, and that he tried to sell Miller, whom he knew as Moore or Mason, this car but that the sale eventually was made by a representative by the name of Smith, connected with the Cadillac Agency in Little Rock.

He admitted there was a discussion between the Farmers, Frances Nash, and himself, on the evening of June 16th with respect to calling

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Verne Miller; that during this discussion Mrs. Nash discussed the friendship existing between Verne and her husband, subject Nash; that Nash's widow is alleged to have said that Miller had plenty of money and she believed he would do almost anything for her husband. He, of course, denied that there was any mention made as to just what Miller could or would do for Nash. Galatas also admitted that he talked to Verne Miller on the telephone that night, as did Mrs. Nash.

He denied that he knows the identity of the participants in the massacre, except to say that he does believe that Verne Miller was there. He denied that he knew the true identity of Nash. Galatas's statement, of course, is untrue.

During the questioning of Galatas on the night of September 25, 1934, on several occasions, he stated that the agents could prepare any statement they desired him to make and that he would sign same, but, of course, he was informed that only truthful statements from him are desired.

The questioning of this subject and of his wife will be continued, and the Division will be advised of results.

This is in confirmation of my telephonic conversation with Mr. Tamm today.

Very truly yours,



R. G. Harvey,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
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See Serial # 7-576-1137

RE: **VERNON C. MILLE**, with aliases (deceased);
RICHARD TALMAN GALIAS, with aliases, Fugitive,
Identification Order #1201; **CHARLES ARTHUR "PETTY BOY" FLOED**, with aliases,
Fugitive, Identification Order #1194, et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

In response to your telegram of even date, there are transmitted herewith photographs of **William Weisman**, who, according to the files of the Identification Unit of the Division, was arrested as **William Westerman**, #12354, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, on April 23, 1923, charged with investigation - grand larceny. He was released on April 24, 1923 on bond, which was forfeited June 11, 1923 and he is now wanted for bond jumping. Weisman is also wanted by the Police Department, Elizabeth, New Jersey for murder, committed on September 19, 1930. At the time of his arrest by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department he was described as follows:

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| Age | 25 years |
| Height | 5'6" |
| Weight | 220 pounds |
| Build | heavy |
| Hair | Very dark chestnut |
| Eyes | dark brown |
| Complexion | dark |
| Scars and marks | 11-ft. blot scar lc. center forehead outer; 111-pit scar center left cheek, small br. mole right temple. |

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It appears from the files of the Division that the other offices receiving a copy of this letter are already in possession of photographs of this individual, and therefore, none are being transmitted with copies of this letter.

cc Kansas City
Chicago
St. Paul

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

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| REPORT MADE AT: Detroit, Michigan | DATE WHEN MADE: 9/28/34 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9/22/34 | REPORT MADE BY: W. E. HOPTON |
| TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1194; et al | | | CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER |

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No information received from Glen Dagget, Akron, Ohio, as to return of Bert Thompson to Franklin, Pennsylvania. A.A. Ley of the Identification Bureau, Akron Police Department, advised that fingerprints of Bert Thompson on a bottle furnished by Earl Wilson, Akron Beacon Journal, were not those of "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge J. J. Waters, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, dated September 14, 1934.

DETAILS: AT AKRON, OHIO

Agent contacted Mr. Earl Wilson of the Akron Beacon Journal, who advised that he had not heard from Glen Dagget, 672 Sanford Avenue, Akron, and that he would get in touch with said person relative to information concerning the return of Bert Thompson. Mr. Wilson intimated that he did not wish to introduce Agent to Mr. Dagget inasmuch as it would be advisable for him to get any information that Glen Dagget might have.

DETAILS: On the following day, Mr. Wilson advised Agent that Mr. Dagget had been contacted and that he stated to him that his informant, [redacted] had refused to give him any information concerning the return of Bert Thompson to Franklin, Pennsylvania. Mr. Wilson stated that in the event he received any information from Glen Dagget, he intended to forward the same to Mr. Waters at Pittsburgh.

Agent interviewed Mr. A. A. Ley of the Identification Bureau, Akron Police Department, who advised that a short time ago a reporter from the Akron Beacon Journal had brought him a bottle containing the fingerprints of a man who resides in the vicinity of Franklin, Pennsylvania, and whom he thought to be "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Mr. Ley stated that he developed several prints on the

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bottle and that two of them were whorls; that he was convinced the fingerprints were not those of "Pretty Boy" Floyd inasmuch as Floyd does not have a whorl on either hand.

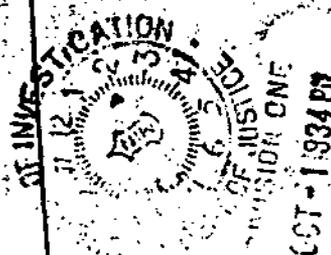
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| TITLE VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased). RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUG., I.O. 1201 CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, FUG., I.O. 1194 et al. | | | CHARACTER OF CASE Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner. |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



Homer Wilson, 7150 Cyril Ave., Chicago, Ill., registered Packard Sedan in State of Illinois in 1930. He also registered Cadillac Sedan during same year and has registered a Cadillac Sedan each year since that time. In 1934 he gave his address as 8015 S. Wood St., Chicago, and requested title certificate to be mailed him care of Felz Motor Sales, 1132 Diversey St., Chicago, Ill. It is believed that this man is identical with the Weisman whom the Division is seeking. William Weisman has never registered an automobile in the State of Illinois.

REFERENCE:

Letter from Chicago Division office dated 8-30-34 and letter from Kansas City Division office dated 9-17-34 to all Division offices.

DETAILS:

At Springfield, Ill.

In the first letter of reference it was stated that it had been ascertained that Homer Wilson, whose apprehension is desired by the Division had in 1931 a Cadillac Sedan at which time he was residing at 7135 Cyril Ave., Chicago, Ill. It was further stated that this individual also had a Packard Sedan at or about that time and it was requested that investigation be conducted through the office of the Secretary of State at Springfield, Ill. in an effort to ascertain if Wilson had registered these automobiles in the State of Illinois.

Mr. R. J. Hurst, who is in charge of the Title Department of the Automobile Division, Secretary of State's office, informed the writer that

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prior to the year 1934 the registration of automobiles in the State of Illinois was recorded by name of the owner and by the number of the automobile license; that in 1934 Certificates of Title were issued to the owners for the first time and that now all automobiles are listed by motor and serial number, as well as alphabetically according to the name of the owner.

A search of the records disclosed that one H. Wilson on November 19, 1929, who gave his address as 7150 Cyril Avenue, Chicago, Ill., filed an application for the registration of a Packard Sedan, the same being notarized at Chicago on December 14, 1929 by C. E. Niccum, a Notary Public of Chicago. This automobile was described as being a black, 1929 model, with engine #253,049. A photostatic copy of application for registration was obtained and is being transmitted to the Chicago Division office with this report. It shows the signature of H. Wilson, which is identical with the signature appearing on applications filed by this individual for registration of automobiles during subsequent years.

In 1930 the same H. Wilson also filed an application with the Secretary of State for the registration of a Cadillac, 5 passenger Sedan, bearing motor #803,227. This application was notarized by Herman E. Oswald, a Notary Public, 2015 E. 71st St., Chicago, Ill. This application was made for a transfer of the license issued to him for the above mentioned Packard Sedan to the Cadillac Sedan. It was stated in the application that the Cadillac Sedan was purchased from the Cadillac Motor Car Company, 2301 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. A photostatic copy of this application was also obtained and is being furnished the Chicago office with this report.

In 1931 H. Wilson, giving his address as 7130 Cyril Parkway, Chicago, Ill., registered a Cadillac Sedan, motor #803,227 in the State of Illinois. His application for registration at that time was notarized by Herman E. Oswald, 2015 E. 71st St., Chicago, Ill., May 19, 1931. A photostatic copy of this application is also being transmitted to the Chicago Division office.

In 1932 H. Wilson giving his address as 7130 Cyril Parkway, Chicago, Ill., again registered this same Cadillac in the State of Illinois. His application for license and registration was notarized December 5, 1932 by Herman E. Oswald, 2015 E. 71st St., Chicago, Ill.

In 1933 H. Wilson, giving his address as 8015 S. Wood St., Chicago, Ill., registered a Cadillac, 5 passenger Sedan in the State of Illinois under motor #1,202,348. He was issued 1933 Illinois license #199506 for the said automobile. This car was described as a Cadillac, 5 passenger Sedan, model 355B, and 1932 model. It was stated in the

application that said car was purchased January 10, 1933. Wilson stated in this application that he had never registered said car in the State of Illinois and that it had not been registered in any other State prior to that time. This application was notarized before E. J. Missing, 2015 E. 71st St., Chicago, Ill., January 10, 1933. A photostatic copy of this application is being transmitted to the Chicago Division Office.

In 1934 H. Wilson, giving his address as 8015 E. Wood St., Chicago, Ill., registered a Cadillac Sedan, 1932 model, factory #1,202,348, engine #1,202,348, model 355B. He was issued Illinois, 1934, license #722069 for said car. In this application Wilson stated that he bought this car new on January 10, 1933 from the Cadillac Motor Car Co., 2301 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill., and stated that the said car was registered in the State of Illinois during the previous year. The application requested that license and title be mailed to him in care of the Felz Motor Sales, 1132 Diversey, Chicago, Ill. A photostatic copy of this application is also being transmitted to the Chicago Office with this report.

It appears from the above that Wilson, after registering Packard Sedan, motor #253,048 in the State of Illinois in 1930, traded this car to the Cadillac Motor Car Co., 2301 S. Michigan Ave. for a Cadillac, 5 passenger Sedan, motor #803,227, which he registered in the State of Illinois in 1930, 1931 and 1932. It further appears that he traded this automobile in to the Cadillac Motor Car Co., 2301 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill., for Cadillac Sedan, motor #1,202,348 on January 10, 1933 and according to the records in the Secretary of State's office at Springfield, Ill. this car is still in his possession, being registered in the State in 1933 and 1934.

It will be observed that in the application filed by Wilson for the registration of Cadillac Sedan, motor #803,227 in 1932, it is stated that the said car had also been registered in the State of California, but the date of registration was not given.

The above automobiles are the only cars which have been registered in the State of Illinois since 1930 in the name of H. Wilson or Homer Wilson that appear to have been owned or registered by the Homer Wilson of this investigation. It is noted that the letter of reference stated that in 1931 Homer Wilson was residing at 7135 Cyril Ave., Chicago. The first address given by H. Wilson in his registration of the Packard Sedan was 7150 Cyril Ave., Chicago, the address being changed in 1931 when he registered the Cadillac Sedan, motor #803,227, to 7130 Cyril Parkway, Chicago, Ill.

It is believed from the information shown in these applications that H. Wilson is identical with the Homer Wilson, whose apprehension the

Division is seeking. Accordingly, the Chicago Division Office is being requested to conduct appropriate investigation to determine that fact.

The second letter of reference stated that during the year 1930 there was in the possession of William Weisman a Cadillac Sedan, serial #4660, motor #901,478, and it was requested that investigation be conducted at the Secretary of State's office in Springfield, Ill. to determine if this automobile has been registered in Illinois at any time subsequent thereto.

As previously stated automobiles have not been registered in the State of Illinois by motor and serial numbers prior to 1934. A check of the records showed that this car was not registered in Illinois during 1934 and an examination of the alphabetical registrations disclosed no person by the name of William Weisman since 1930. There is no record of automobile registrations in Illinois prior to 1930.

On July 5, 1934 the Division transmitted a copy of a letter to the St. Louis Division Office which had been directed to the Attorney-General June 26, 1934 by Earl Kinney, Deputy Sheriff, Oconee, Ill., which states in substance that a man had drifted into that city who answered the description of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

The writer interviewed Deputy Sheriff Earl Kinney, Oconee, Ill. and presented to him a photograph of subject Floyd and he stated Floyd is not identical with the man he had in mind when he communicated with the Attorney-General; that he has previously received from the Division a photograph of Floyd and has determined that the man he suspected was not Floyd.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE at Chicago, Ill. is requested to conduct appropriate investigation to determine whether or not the H. Wilson who registered the automobiles listed herein and who is now supposed to be residing at 8015 S. Wood St., Chicago, is identical with the Homer Wilson whom the Division is seeking. Information concerning this man can undoubtedly be obtained from the Felz Motor Sales, 1132 Diversey, Chicago, however, Wilson probably has some contact with this concern and an open investigation would not seem advisable.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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Mr. Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director,
P. O. Box 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Nathan:

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

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated September 24, 1934 addressed to Mr. Brantley, in which you suggest that Agent Lawrence arrange to proceed to Muskogee, Oklahoma with Roy Cooch of Springdale, Arkansas for the purpose of conferring with Special Agent Smith. For your information, Agent Smith was in Fort Smith, Arkansas at the time your letter was received and he was instructed to make suitable arrangements with Agent Lawrence at that point.

Agent Smith was in Fort Smith with Agents Hansen, Hall and Franklin of this office and Special Agent in Charge Conroy, Agents Lawrence and Marshall of the Little Rock office, as a result of information furnished by the informant who turned in "Red" Unsell to the effect that "Pretty Boy" Floyd would undoubtedly be at the home of L. Edwards in Van Buren, Arkansas. The informant had arrangements to take Ruby Floyd from Morris, Oklahoma to Van Buren, Arkansas last night and a car was obtained for him for that purpose. Information has since been received that no developments of consequence occurred as a result of this effort. However, we shall attempt to utilize the further services of this informant inasmuch as information furnished previously by him has been of value and resulted in the successful apprehension of "Red" Unsell.

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This, of course, was another bet that could not be overlooked. In the event of any developments of consequence, I shall advise you.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division

P.S. A telephone call was received from Agent Frank Smith at Fort Smith at 8:30 this evening advising that he had checked over matters with the informant mentioned in this letter and is convinced of his reliability. Agent Smith further advised that Floyd was at the Edwards residence for a few minutes last night, having departed prior to the arrival of Agents at Fort Smith and contact with the informant. The informant did not have this information last night. Agent Smith is to go over matters in detail with the informant with the view to conducting further and intensive inquiries in the vicinity of Fort Smith and the southern part of Oklahoma where Floyd is reported to have a hideout on a ranch twenty-five or thirty miles from any town.

J. B. L.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Kansas City, Missouri**

FILE NO. **62-2**

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| REPORT MADE AT: Little Rock, Ark. | DATE WHEN MADE: 9-29-34 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9-19-34 | REPORT MADE BY: L. M. CHIPMAN DAN |
| TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased) RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases, I. O. #1201, FUGITIVE; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1194, et al | | | CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER. OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. |

INVESTIGATION
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Arkansas 1934 license plates #83-301 issued to Howard Killingsworth, Cabot, Arkansas for a 1934 Chevrolet Coach, motor #194672 on August 11th, 1934. Investigation discloses that Killingsworth is a gambler and has been residing in North Little Rock, Ark., with Clyde Chuculate, but they are now said to be stopping at the Main Hotel, Ft. Smith, Ark.

REFERENCE:

Letter from Oklahoma City Office dated September 17th, 1934.

DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon request set forth in reference letter requesting the Little Rock Office to check Arkansas 1934 license plate #83-301, which was seen on a 1934 Chevrolet Coach at the Reagal Hotel, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in possession of Clyde Chuculate, a friend of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

DETAILS:

Roger Wills of the Automobile License Division, State Revenue Department, Little Rock, Ark., informed Agent that 1934 Arkansas license plate #83-301 was issued on August 11th, 1934 to Harold Killingsworth, Cabot, Arkansas for a 1934 Chevrolet Coach, motor #194672.

In this connection, investigation recently conducted at North Little Rock, Arkansas, by the writer, as is set forth on pages #13 and #14 of report of Special Agent in Charge E. R. Conroy, dated 9/22/34 in the BREKID case, indicated

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that Harold Killingsworth and Clyde Chuculate resided in North Little Rock, Ark., at 301½ E. 3rd Street, during May and June of this year. That Harold Killingsworth is a gambler and is alleged to be acquainted with Mrs. Jimmie Creighton of Nowata, Oklahoma, who is friendly to the Barkers and other notorious Oklahoma outlaws and who was in N. Little Rock during the above mentioned period obtaining a divorce. It was ascertained that Mrs. Jimmie Creighton had returned to her home at Nowata, Oklahoma and that Harold Killingsworth and Clyde Chuculate are at present supposed to be now using the Main Hotel at Ft. Smith, Arkansas as their headquarters.

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
September 24, 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),
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. 1891; 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.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated September 17, 1934.
A review of the Salt Lake City Division office files disclose the following
reports mentioned in letter of reference:- Report of Special Agent Val C.
Zimmer, Salt Lake City, Utah, February 21, 1934, entitled "Unknown Subjects,
Edward G. Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping"; Report of Special Agent J.D. Swanson,
Salt Lake City, Utah, dated March 13, 1934, entitled "Alvin Karpis with
aliases et al., Edward George Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping".

In compliance with instructions contained in Division letter
of reference, copies of these reports are being forwarded herewith to
your office.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DODD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division
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Post Office Box 8118
Detroit, Michigan
September 27 1934

Mr. Henry I. Bourne
Acting Postmaster
United States Post Office
Adrian, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON MILLER, wa (deceased); RICHARD
TALLMAN GALATAS, wa FUGITIVE, I.O.1201
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, wa FUGITIVE
I.O.1194; et al - Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoners

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter to the effect
that Mr. Herman Huffile, 804 E. Toledo Street, Adrian, Michigan,
claims to have information as to where "Pretty Boy Floyd and
the Dillinger Gang" had a hideout near Swanton, Ohio.

An Agent of this office will call upon Mr. Huffile
in the immediate future and you can assure him that any infor-
mation supplied by him will be treated in the strictest con-
fidence.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

W. L. Larch
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.**

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| REPORT MADE AT: NEW ORLEANS | DATE WHEN MADE: 9-28-54 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9/22-27/54. | REPORT MADE BY: D. W. MAGEE |
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| TITLE: CHANGED: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, aliases; EDWIN W. LEE, WILLIAM LEE, W. C. LEE, W. E. DOX, 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. |
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject Richard Tallman Galatas, using the aliases of Edwin W. Lee and William Lee, and his wife, Mrs. Richard Tallman Galatas, were apprehended at New Orleans, La., by Special Agents Magee, Blake, and Rosen, on September 28, 1954. They voluntarily signed waivers for removal orders and were taken by plane on September 27, 1954, en route Kansas City, Missouri. Subject Galatas was operating as Southeastern Representative for the Liquid Cellophane Co., of Los Angeles, Cal. Subject Galatas and wife resided at 1022 Fifth St., Sacramento, Cal., and at Rio Rita Apartments, Santa Monica, Cal., as well as Fern Cliff Apartments, Los Angeles, Cal., since their flight from Hot Springs, Ark., about June 18, 1935. Subject Galatas in signed statement admits complicity in telephone calls which resulted in delivery of Federal prisoner Frank Nash. He admits having telephone conversation with subject Verne Miller, deceased, call placed by Mrs. Frank Nash at Herbert Farmer's farm at Joplin, Mo., to Verne Miller, Kansas City, Mo. Galatas denies knowledge of identity of participants in Kansas City massacre other than that he suspects Verne Miller of instigating same. Original statements given by subject Galatas and wife will be retained in New Orleans Division Office file pending advice from Division or Kansas City Office.

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DETAILS: P.

REFERENCE: New Orleans Division Office telegram dated September 28, 1954, to the Division, Division letter dated September 24, 1954, Report Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Mo., 7-5-33. The title of this case has been changed to include the new aliases of subject Richard Tallman Galatas.

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. Whitley</i> | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | 62-28915-2574 | RECORDED AND INDEXED: OCT 1 1954 |
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DETAILS: AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

The facts in this report are the result of joint investigation by Special Agents in Charge R. G. Harvey and Dwight Brantley, and Special Agents H. E. Anderson, L. A. Kindell, L. E. Kingman, W. A. Temple, A. Rosen, J. V. Blake, and D. W. Magee.

Subject Richard Tallman Galatas, and his wife, Elizabeth Galatas, were taken into Federal custody at New Orleans, Louisiana, at 1 p. m., on September 22, 1934, by Special Agents D. W. Magee, J. V. Blake, and A. Rosen.

Confidential informant No. 1, on the morning of September 22, 1934, conferred with United States Attorney Rene A. Viosca, New Orleans, Louisiana, who requested a conference with reporting agent, which was arranged, and at which time confidential informant No. 1 stated that he had viewed a photograph of subject Galatas in the September 15, 1934 issue of the Liberty Magazine offering a \$1000.00 reward for information leading to the arrest of subject Galatas. Confidential informant No. 1 stated that an individual known to him under the name of Edwin W. Lee, or William Lee, who was the Southeastern Distributor for the Liquid Colophane, office Room 503 Stern Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, was in his opinion subject Richard Tallman Galatas. Confidential informant No. 1 stated that the purpose of disclosing this information was to secure the \$1000.00 reward offered by the Liberty Magazine, and any other existing rewards offered. The reporting agent advised confidential informant No. 1 that, to his knowledge, no definite reward had been offered by the United States Department of Justice or the Division of Investigation for information leading to the apprehension of subject Galatas or his wife, but agent stated to him that if the information furnished proved to be true the matter would be submitted to the Department for an opinion relative a reward.

Confidential informant No. 1 was taken to the New Orleans Division Office by agent, was permitted to view the existing photographs of subject Richard Tallman Galatas, and his wife, Elizabeth Galatas, and informant No. 1 was positive in his identification of subject Galatas after viewing Columbus, Ohio Police arrest #9091, photograph of subject Galatas, and was positive in his identification of Mrs. Richard Tallman Galatas after viewing her photograph, Miami, Florida Police #1959, under the name of Mrs. Glenn Morris.

Agent immediately endeavored to reach Mr. Tamm at the Division in Washington, D. C., by telephone, but was referred to Mr. R. E. Newby, at which time request was made of the Division whether subject Galatas should be placed under surveillance, as was requested by Division letter of July 24, 1933, or whether he should be apprehended. Special Agent Newby advised that if this individual was subject Galatas he should be apprehended immediately.

Confidential informant No. 1 advised that it had been the custom of Galatas, alias Lee, to remain in his office on Saturday afternoon until 2 p. m., and that his wife was always with him; that subject Galatas always wore his hat but never wore eyeglasses in the office; that he always refused to furnish his address or furnished false addresses when requested to advise the location of his residence; that he claimed to own an apartment house in Los Angeles, California, and claimed to be from Southern California.

Agent instructed confidential informant No. 1 to advise no one of this information or the identity of subject Galatas, but to remain silent on the matter in the event it was a true identification. This he promised to do.

Special Agents D. W. Magee and J. V. Blake proceeded to 503 Stern Building, 343 Baronne Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, leaving Special Agent A. Rosen as a lookout in an automobile in front of the building.

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In the front office of the aforementioned company there were three salesman, who were subsequently identified as follows:

Leonard Burger, salesman, 6901 Napoleon Avenue, telephone Uptown 3923-W, New Orleans, Louisiana, who always lived in New Orleans, Louisiana, having formerly operated a wall paper business. Burger recently met subject Galatas under the name of Lee and secured employment from subject Galatas as a salesman on a commission basis.

Chester H. G. Alexander, salesman, address Huber Hotel, 423 St. Charles Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, who was recently, within a six weeks' period, employed by subject Galatas as a salesman. Mr. Alexander has resided for thirty-five years in Birmingham, Alabama.

George W. Burt, salesman, Huber Hotel, 423 St. Charles Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, was employed by subject Galatas about two weeks ago. He is a close friend of Mr. Chester H. G. Alexander, and has resided most of his life in Birmingham, Alabama. Burt claims he is a first cousin of Crawford Ellis, a prominent official of the United Fruit Company, at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Chester B. Simpson, 4408 Tonti Street, Uptown 4414-W, New Orleans, Louisiana, occupied a joint office with subject Galatas, selling an oil pure refiner, which is manufactured by the Oil Pure Refinery, Glendale, California. Mr. Simpson was in his office adjoining that of subject Galatas when Special Agents Magee and Blake entered Room 503 Stern Building, and the three salesmen, whose identity was not known at that time, immediately left the office. Mrs. Galatas was in an adjoining room and first approached Agents Blake and Magee. She was immediately identified. Mrs. Galatas ushered Agents Blake and Magee into the room where subject was located, he being obviously engaged in applying Colophane paint to some sample boards.

b7E Subject Galatas barely glanced at Agents, turned his back, and continued painting. For a short time Agents Blake and Magee conversed with subject Galatas [REDACTED] No gun was noticed on his person. Galatas wore his hat but no coat. Agents Blake and Magee established the identity of subject Richard Tallman Galatas, and when guns were placed on him he showed no emotion and continued to paint his samples. He stated that he knew it was coming but that he would never in the world have surrendered.

Subject Galatas, his wife, Elizabeth Galatas, and Mr. Chester B. Simpson, the only remaining individual in the office, were brought to the New Orleans Division Office for questioning.

Mr. Tamm, of the Division, was immediately notified by telephonic communication of the arrest of subject Richard Tallman Galatas, and his wife, Elizabeth Galatas, and instructions were received that no publicity be given relative the arrest, and that they be confined in a suitable place and questioned relative the Kansas City massacre.

The Director was advised by personal and confidential letter of the New Orleans Division Office dated September 23, 1934, of the developments and interrogation of subject Galatas and his wife transpiring up to that date.

After placing proper guard over subject Galatas and his wife, agent immediately backtracked and interviewed the three above mentioned salesman and Mr. Chester B. Simpson and took steps to avoid any publicity, this requiring immediate attention prior to the time that agent questioned subject Galatas and his wife.

Agent and Agent Rosen proceeded to the office of subject Richard Tallman Galatas and immediately took possession of all personal correspondence and records that might be of evidentiary value. This material, however, was all of a business nature.

Agent Rosen, on instructions, secured the Plymouth Coupe of subject Galatas from in front of the Stern Building and placed same in the Crescent City Garage at New Orleans, Louisiana, after removing all personal papers and the license plates. This car will be held pending advice from the Division for disposition.

Agents Kindell and Magee proceeded to the residence address of subject Galatas and wife at 912 Harding Place, Apartment F, and secured a few letters, which were correspondence entirely of a business nature. Nothing has been found by investigation to identify subject Galatas as being in communication with any friends, relatives, or former associates, and nothing was found to identify him as subject Galatas, all correspondence being under the name of Edwin W. Lee or William Lee.

The Division was furnished a summary, by coded telegram dated September 22, 1934, relating to facts of the apprehension of subject Richard Tallman Galatas and Mrs. Galatas, and furnishing their former residence addresses.

Subject Galatas stated to Special Agents D. W. Magee and J. V. Blake, when first questioned during the night of September 22, 1934, and ^{early} morning of September 23, 1934, that immediately after the Kansas City, Missouri massacre, which came to his attention while he and his wife were at Hot Springs, Arkansas, they decided to leave immediately and traveled in their Cadillac car to Little Rock, Arkansas, thence to St. Louis, Missouri; that they decided to drop all contact and association with relatives and friends for the purpose of avoiding possible

arrest; that he, Galatas, took a bank roll of sufficient size to carry him through; that after staying a few days in St. Louis, Missouri, where they stored the Cadillac car, he and his wife took a train to Los Angeles, California, over the Missouri Pacific and Southern Pacific Railway, staying a few hours in Los Angeles, and taking a bus over the Ridge route to Sacramento, California.

Subject Galatas places the date of his departure from Hot Springs, Arkansas, as about June 18, 1933.

Subject Galatas states that his mother and his wife's mother, who were residing with him in Hot Springs, Arkansas, left about the same time for their respective homes.

Subject Galatas and his wife, under the names of Mr. and Mrs. William Lee, (Edwin W. Lee) resided at 1022 5th Street, Sacramento, California, for a period of one and one-half months, and subject Galatas stated that it was at this point that he assumed the aliases of Edwin W. Lee and William Lee. Under the alias of William Lee he purchased a new Plymouth Coupe, Motor PD 59178, Serial 3004574, bearing 1933 California License #4 D 8639, and subsequently 1934 California License #3 D 5074.

This car, when located in New Orleans, Louisiana, bore 1934 Louisiana License #128-807.

Subject had in his possession receipts for the payment of this car from Boyd and Riggs, Ltd., Woodland, California, but subject Galatas states that he purchased this car in Sacramento, California.

Subject Galatas secured California automobile operator's license C-21168, under the name of William Lee, address 1022 5th Street, Sacramento, California, on July 18, 1933, on which license subject Galatas is described as age, 45; height, 5' 10 1/2"; weight 182 lbs.; eyes, green; hair, gray.

Subject Galatas states that after a month or a month and a half's residence in Sacramento, California, he and his wife proceeded to Santa Monica, California, where they resided at the Rio Rita Apartments, at which place they lived in two separate apartments on separate occasions.

Subject Galatas states that he and his wife later moved to the Fern Cliff Apartments in Los Angeles, California, residing there for about one month. He stated that they lived a majority of the time while in Southern California at the Rio Rita Apartments. He stated that when traveling he and his wife always lived in tourist camps and that they either used the name of Edwin W. Lee or William Lee.

Subject Galatas had in his possession at New Orleans, Louisiana, a warehouse receipt of the Redmon Fire-Proof Warehouse Company, 2428 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, California, for one hand case and two suit cases, and he stated that these personal effects were stored by him when he left California under the alias of W. E. Cox.

Subject Richard Tallman Galatas executed a letter power of attorney for the inspection of this baggage, under the name of W. E. Cox, and same was forwarded to the Los Angeles Division Office by letter dated September 27, 1934, from the New Orleans Division Office, wherein request was made for inspection of the baggage.

Subject Galatas stated that he and his wife traveled in the Plymouth Coupe from Los Angeles, California, to New Orleans, Louisiana, arriving in New Orleans, Louisiana, about the middle of September 1933, and that he resided at 1641 Metairie Road, Metairie Ridge, Jefferson Parish, in the Metairie Apartments, until about the middle of December 1933, when they traveled back to California in the Plymouth Coupe.

Agent found in subject Galatas's possession electric light bills which indicated the address as 614 Metairie Road, instead of 1641 Metairie Road. These bills were from a period of time from September 18, 1933, to December 7, 1933. These bills indicate that subject Galatas and wife were living under the name of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lee at the Metairie Apartments at 614 Metairie Road, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, a suburb of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Investigation will be made at this address at an early date.

Subject, in April 1934, at Los Angeles, California, met a Mr. H. W. Grapes, who is the head of the Liquid Colophane Corporation, main address - 3636 Beverly Boulevard, Room 604, Los Angeles, California. Subject Galatas states that he secured a contract from Mr. Grapes, whom he claims did not know his correct identity, as Distributor and Field Representative of the Colophane Products for the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, and all Southeastern States.

Mr. H. W. Grapes at present is reported to be in Kansas City, Missouri, residing at the Valentine Hotel. He is reported to be a resident of Denison, Texas, where the wife of H. W. Grapes now resides.

Subject Galatas and his wife stated that on their second trip to New Orleans, Louisiana, which was about the middle of April 1934, they resided first at the Carroll Hotel, 3688 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, subsequently moving to the Pontchartrain Apartments, address - 2031 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, an exclusive apartment house in New Orleans, Louisiana, for a period of about two months; that recently, being hard pressed for money, he has been residing in a small apartment at 912 Harding Place, Apartment F, New Orleans, Louisiana, which is his present address.

Subject Galatas gave Agent Magee a written letter of authority directed to Nat Gold, Manager of the apartment house at 912 Harding Place, for the removal of subject Galatas's and Mrs. Galatas's personal effects and baggage, and same was removed by Agents Magee and Temple on September 26, 1934, at the request of R. G. Harvey, Special Agent in Charge of the Philadelphia Division Office, who was in New Orleans, Louisiana, to the New Orleans Division Office, where these personal effects are stored. Personal effects of subject Richard Tallman Galatas and his wife will be listed at New Orleans, Louisiana, in a memorandum in instant file, and will be held pending advice from the Kansas City Division Office or the Division.

Subject Galatas resembles photograph of the Division Identification Order bearing photograph without glasses, and looks very little like the photograph on Identification Order #1204.

Subject Galatas stated to Agents Blake and Magee that he witnessed the Marriage License Certificate of Doc Miller (Frank Nash) and Mrs. Nash, at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The foregoing facts were given for the purpose of making available leads to be investigated should it be the desire of the Division or the office of origin to request same. The aforementioned facts were secured by Agents Blake and Magee by investigation and by interrogation of subject Galatas and his wife, and contain material and pertinent matters developed on the investigation to date of September 23, 1934.

Special Agent H. E. Andersen, at New Orleans, Louisiana, on the night of September 23, and early morning of September 24, 1934, interrogated subject Richard, and secured the following information and statements:

"Galatas related that a short time prior to the apprehension of Frank Nash at Hot Springs, Arkansas, two men from Chicago, whose names he did not recollect, called on him to obtain his O. K. in the distribution of illicit beer bearing the labels of the Blue Ribbon Brewing Company. Galatas informed these men that he was not interested in their proposition, advising them that he did not deal in beer himself, and that he did not feel in a position to back them with the City Administration at Hot Springs. The men left, but a night or two later appeared at the White Front Cigar Store and invited Galatas to go to the Eastman Hotel and have some cold beer with them. Galatas got in the car and noticed the third man who was driving. The car proceeded to the side entrance of the Hotel when one of the men he had met got out and opened the door to the car and told him to get out. Galatas noticed that all three individuals were armed. He was directed to proceed to the basement of the Eastman Hotel, the driver remaining in the car and Galatas's two companions going with Galatas. They entered an elevator and the floor was called. The car, unbeknown to the two individuals, stopped at the first floor of the Hotel, and as some people started to enter the elevator Galatas made a hurried exit.

Galatas made his way to the White Front Cigar Store and told some of his cronies what had happened. He then concealed himself and a few minutes later observed the car he had ridden in and the three men drive up to the White Front and inquire for him. He had arranged so that he did not have to meet them.

Within a day or two one of the men, aforementioned, in company with Frank Nash, alias Doc Miller, accosted him, and during the conversation he pulled out a mortgage which he had on his property, and in answer to their queries as to the money he had been making stated that he was almost broke but was merely putting on a big front. Nash and the other man appeared greatly surprised and they conferred at some length about the racket business in Hot Springs. Nash, whom Galatas maintained he knew at that time only as Doc Miller, offered to loan him a few thousand

dollars to carry on, and Galatas intimated that he might have use for the money at a later date.

In explanation of the foregoing, Galatas stated that while in the "booking" business at Hot Springs it was his habit to keep most of his money at his residence. He stated that this was generally known and that in his opinion the men who invited him to the hotel room intended to hold him for ransom and have someone, in his opinion Herbert Farmer, to act as a go-between and collect the money from his wife. He said it would have been very easy for these men to have obtained at least Ten Thousand Dollars from his wife had she thought he was in danger. He was pressed for reasons as to why he suspected Herbert Farmer and Nash, and stated that their actions subsequent to the night in question clearly indicated to him that they had knowledge of what had transpired.

Galatas advised that it was his intention to get in contact with some Government official through Tom Kearney, a bookmaker at St. Louis, and inform him that Nash and Verne Miller, whom he also stated he had met at Hot Springs, could be located at that point through proper investigation. He claimed, however, that before he had an opportunity to take this action Frank Nash was taken into custody by the Government officers.

Galatas has not satisfactorily explained the telephone calls which form the basis for the conspiracy through which an attempt was made to liberate Nash at Kansas City, Missouri. It is believed that this information will be secured within a very short time.

In reports of this case it appears that Verne Miller placed a telephone call from a pay 'phone in the Union Station at Kansas City, Missouri, at 12:05 a.m., June 17, 1935. This call was to the residence of Herbert Farmer, who resides near Joplin, Missouri. Statements made by both Mrs. Nash and Esther Farmer reveal that Galatas talked to Verne Miller, and that a general conversation was carried on between them regarding a change in the route which the officers were taking in bringing Nash to Kansas City. Their statements indicate that Galatas advised Miller that Nash, with his captors, would arrive in Kansas City from Fort Smith, Arkansas, by train at approximately 7:20 a.m. that morning. Their statements also indicate that Galatas inquired over the telephone whether his presence would be required in Kansas City and that he remarked, in substance - "Well, as long as you don't need me I will return to Hot Springs in the morning."

Galatas was questioned with reference to this telephone call and stated that he could not afford to make any statement relative thereto, as if he admitted such a conversation he would undoubtedly get the "hot seat." He was questioned along that line over a period of time and when the writer inquired - "Did you ask Verne how he was going to deliver Nash?" - Galatas replied - "No I did not." He then remarked that he had been tricked into making an admission which might hang him, and said that should agent testify in a murder trial he had no doubt that his statement would be very harmful to him.

Galatas stated that he would gladly plead guilty to the Federal charge against him in the event the sentence was not more than two years, as he understood would be the case, but maintained that he would rather die than sign a statement or readily make an admission against those involved in the "massacre case."

He said that he felt that his life was in danger from mobsters who no doubt felt he had double crossed them with reference to the apprehension of Nash; that even though he were found not guilty by the Government in Kansas City he would not live long as the mob would probably be waiting for him to put him on the spot.

From the statements of Galatas as set forth above, it appears to the writer that Galatas was probably desirous of getting rid of Frank Nash, and that pursuant thereto he may have passed the word on to Informant A, whose identity is known to the Division. It should be noted that Informant A was without doubt aware of the fact that Frank Nash was frequenting Hot Springs at intervals, and that he could have worked with the Government for Nash's apprehension, had he desired, months before. It is interesting to note that within a very short time after Galatas became desirous of ridding Hot Springs of Nash that the latter was "fingered" to Government agents by Informant A. The Division, of course, knows the relationship which existed between Galatas and Informant A.

The information recorded above is being furnished in order that it may be of record at this time."

Special Agents L. A. Kindell, H. E. Andersen, and D. W. Magee secured the following signed statement from subject Richard Tallman Galatas the night of September 24, 1934, and early morning of September 25, 1934, which statement is dated September 25, 1934. The three mentioned agents signed as witnesses to this statement. The original and one copy, which were signed by subject Richard Tallman Galatas and the witnesses, are being retained in the New Orleans Division Office file pending advice from the Division or the Kansas City Division Office. The original stenographic notes are being retained in the New Orleans Office file.

NEW ORLEANS,
September 25,
1934.

"I am making this statement of my own free will to D. W. Magee, L. A. Kindell, and H. E. Andersen, knowing them to be Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, after being advised that whatever I say can and may be used against me in court.

My name is Richard Tallman Galatas. I am forty-five years of age. For several years prior to June 16, 1933, I was a resident of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

About two or three months prior to June 1933 I met Frank Nash, whom I knew as Doc Miller, through Herbert Farmer, of Joplin, Missouri, the meeting taking place in Hot Springs, Arkansas. I was located at the White Front Pool Hall in the capacity of making baseball books. In the latter part of May or early part of June two men came into the White Front and introduced themselves to me and propositioned me to handle some Blue Ribbon beer. They told me that it was beer that they had been handling in Chicago during Prohibition and it was an excellent grade of beer and would deliver in Hot Springs, Arkansas, for less than the genuine Blue Ribbon, so I said - 'Well, if it is not the genuine Blue Ribbon I don't want to buy it. I am not bootlegging and don't want to handle any beer of any kind. However, I have some here that I buy for the purpose of giving it to customers.' That evening after dark I was standing in front of the White Front running a book when this fellow said - 'How about going over to get a drink? I want you to try this beer anyway and maybe you can connect me with someone who can handle it.' I said - 'I don't know of a soul who would be interested in that kind of a proposition.' But anyway I got in the car with them and went down the street. I got in the back seat and one fellow got in the back seat with me, and there was one man in the front seat - the driver. We pulled up to the side entrance of the Eastman Hotel, (now the Kingsway), I noticed that the car parked double instead of parking along the curbing. This boy, the driver, got out and ran around the car and opened the door for us to get out and when we got out I became suspicious and I walked on through the entrance to the Coffee Shop into the back, and there was no way for me to break away from the man because I was cornered. I thought one of them was armed. I didn't see any pistols but I saw a bulge in his pocket and thought it was a pistol. I walked through the corridor and got into the elevator in company with the two men. When the elevator stopped on the main floor I got off right quick. I went

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"down through the lobby, hailed a car, and went to the White Front. Almost coincident with my arrival at the White Front the two men drove up in front of the White Front. They were driving a Cadillac Sedan with Illinois license. The biggest boy got out of the car and came over and said - 'What's the matter? Why didn't you come up to get some beer? This is good beer.' So I said I saw a friend of mine I had been looking for a few days, and I had to see him and I would have come up later. So he said - 'We'll go back down and get some now,' and I said - 'I can't go now but will go some other time.'

While I was talking to them Nash walked up. He started talking to me and it was then that I told this boy, one of those who had taken me to the hotel, that I could not handle it anyway because 'I haven't any money to take care of it.' I showed him a Five Thousand Dollar mortgage. Nash was there at this time, having walked up. I explained to the boy that I could not handle any proposition owing to the fact that I did not have any money and there was no use for me to go any further into the proposition. I was afraid of a snatch and that is why I showed them the mortgage to convince them that I was broke. I thought in this way that I would ward off any snatch. At the same time I did not want the men to suspect what I really thought.

I met Nash again in the White Front. He broached the subject that he was surprised to learn that I was broke, and I explained to him that that was the reason that I did not open the book. He said - 'Well - I'm going to Chicago and I will be back in a few days. I am going to get some money and will a couple of thousands take care of the book?' I said - 'I would not take the money from you unless you would accept it as an interest in the place or make a loan with the understanding that if I lose the money I will owe you Two Thousand Dollars, and if I win anything I will give you ten per cent on your money,' and he said that was satisfactory. I think that was the last I saw of Nash until this other time, when he was arrested. I was suspicious then but it was so far fetched that it was unreasonable for me to be sure in my own mind. There was no way for me to figure the connection. I wondered at that time why Nash should offer me Two Thousand Dollars to open a book, and I became suspicious of him, and wondered if they might be connected with some snatch racket.

On June 16, 1933, at about 12 noon, I was in the back of the White Front. I came out front and the boys were talking about a kidnaping. That was the first thing I heard - that someone was kidnaped. I said who and somebody spoke up and said three men came in here and put guns on Doc Miller, put him in a car and drove off with him. We stayed there talking for a little while and nobody could decide what to do. I later reported the incident to Chief of Police Joe Wakelin, and Chief of Detectives Dutch Akers. They called the surrounding towns and asked that the car be stopped. I went to the Oaklawn Tourist Court and got Mrs. Nash and took her to my house, after informing her of what had happened. She had something to eat in the dining room and I went into the back yard. I remember that about this time I went to the police station and overheard two telephone calls come in from Benton, Arkansas, the first advising that the police there had stopped the car containing Nash and found he was in custody of officers. The party called back a second time, almost right after, and said he was not sure that they were officers, although one of them had

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"exhibited a gold badge. The car that took Mashaway was a Buick Sedan with California license.

At this time I was residing at 107 Harrell, Hot Springs, Arkansas. My telephone #3342 was listed in the name of Mrs. George W. Bates. This name was adopted so as to get the same results as an unlisted telephone, not wanting to be called at all hours of the night.

I am informed by Mr. Kindell that on June 12, 1935, at 2:24 p. m. a long distance call, to be designated as No. 1, was placed from my telephone to the police department at Little Rock, Arkansas. I called the Police Department to find out if they had heard anything of the car and they reported that the car had been stopped at Little Rock, Arkansas, and that there were three officers taking a prisoner to Joplin, Missouri.

Mrs. Mash was in the dining room and I told her this man was arrested and in the custody of officers, so I had been told by the Police Department, and what is the man wanted for, and she said 'I don't know. I asked her what he could have been wanted for, and she said 'Probably on a bootleg charge.' I asked her 'At Joplin?' and she said - yes - at Joplin, Missouri for bootlegging. I asked her specifically at the time and she denied emphatically that he was wanted or that she knew of any place that he was wanted except on the bootlegging charge.

To the best of my knowledge I believe that I told the police officers at Little Rock that I was Chief of Detectives at Hot Springs. I am pretty certain of this.

Mrs. Mash said - 'If they are taking him up to Joplin, how long will it take me to get up there?' I told her quite a while as there are tough roads. She could not drive her own car. I told her if she could not drive the car I could not take her but I would hire a chauffeur and she did not like that and asked me if there was an airplane service out of Hot Springs. I said - 'No, the airplane service is out of Little Rock but none in that direction,' but that there was an airplane field in Hot Springs and the man would take trips anywhere. So she said - 'Well - let's go out there and see how much it will cost and what arrangements we can make.'

On the way out I stopped at the home of Lou Conner. I stopped at Mrs. Conner's on the way to the field as Mrs. Mash wanted to use the 'phone. Mrs. Conner was not at home but her front door was open and the maid was there. I went in and waited while Mrs. Mash placed the call. When she completed her call she told me that she had called Chicago and could not get the party she wanted, but had left a message. I don't remember who was asked for, nor what place she called. This call shall be designated as No. 2.

Then we went to the field and made arrangements for the plane. I was informed that it would take some time to get the plane ready and returned home.

Just before we boarded the plane we stopped at Lou Conner's

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"again, as near as I can recall at this time, and Mrs. Nash placed a call to Herb Farmer's home at Joplin, Missouri. This call should be designated as No. 3. This call was telling the Farmers that she and her daughter were coming by plane to Joplin.

Later I took Mrs. Nash to the airport and boarded the plane for Joplin, Missouri, in company with Mrs. Nash and her young daughter, and the pilot, Charley Stever. My reason for boarding the plane was that when Mrs. Nash got in the plane she became hysterical and wanted me to ride over with her, and I asked Charley if he would charge me anything for going over and he said 'No.' I wanted to get rid of her to stop newspaper notoriety. I was trying to appease her in every way to keep her from thinking that I might have something to do with Nash's arrest. She told me, as we got on the plane, that Herb Farmer was to meet her at the field. When we got to Joplin we circled and finally landed in the old airport. Herb Farmer was not there and I learned later that he was at the new airport. We got a taxi to a drug store and 'phoned the Farmer residence. We were told to wait and Herb would come for us. He came after us and took us out to his farm, located near Joplin, Missouri. Herb Farmer and I left almost immediately and went back to the Midway Drug Store. Herb went there to try to make some connection to find out if Nash had been brought to Joplin. I went up to the hotel then to look for the pilot, found that he was out, waited around a while and then decided to go back out to the farm with Herb Farmer. We went back to the farm and we did not get the information that Nash was not in town. We went back to the farm. Mrs. Farmer and Mrs. Nash were in the back and discussed Nash's apprehension by officers at Hot Springs.

Later we drove into town and I put in a call from the drug store to my home in Hot Springs. This is call No. 3. I believe the maid answered the 'phone and I had made a station to station call and talked to the maid and told her to tell Mrs. Galatas that I would not be home until 'tomorrow.'

I walked out to get a sandwich and while I was going that Farmer was making another check to see if Nash had gotten in. When Farmer returned he told me that Nash had not arrived in Joplin. We drove back to the farm and then drove back into town to get some beer; then drove back to the farm.

I have known Herb Farmer four or five years. I first met him in Hot Springs. I thought Herb Farmer was a gambler and short con man.

When we got back to the farm with the bear I stopped in the kitchen and asked Mrs. Farmer if I could make a sandwich. I had not been able to get one uptown. She came out in the kitchen and made egg sandwiches.

Mrs. Nash told me that 'they' were taking her husband to Kansas City from Fort Smith, Arkansas, by train. She asked me what time does the train get in Kansas City in the morning and I said to the best of my recollection I figured it would get there about breakfast time.

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"I am advised by Mr. Kindell that 'phone call, designated as No. 6, was placed from the telephone of Mrs. Lou Conner, Hot Springs, to telephone of Herbert Farmer at Joplin, Missouri, on this night. I did not talk to anyone in Hot Springs from the Farmer residence. I do not know who talked from Hot Springs. I assume that Mrs. Nash received her information through this call, though she could have gotten the information from Herb Farmer.

I am advised by Mr. Kindell that a long distance call, designated as No. 7, was placed from the 'phone of Herb Farmer to the residence of Vernon C. Miller in Kansas City at 10:17 p. m., June 16, 1933. On this occasion I did not talk to Vernon Miller, as I believe that Herbert Farmer and I were then in Joplin proper. Some time after call, designated as No. 8, which will be mentioned below, was received, Mrs. Nash told me that she had called Kansas City early in the evening but had been unable to locate the party, and that she left word for him to call her. I went to bed at about eleven o'clock, as did the rest of them. Shortly after midnight Mrs. Nash was calling for somebody to come out to the telephone. She was crying and I took the receiver and conversed with a man I knew as 'Verne.' I told him who I was and that I had brought Mrs. Nash over there and he thanked me. I told him that Nash had been arrested at the White Front by three officers and taken away. I asked him if there was anything else I could do and he said 'No.' I told him I would go on back to Hot Springs early in the morning.

Mrs. Nash told me that she told Verne Miller that Nash and the officers were en route Kansas City, and were due to arrive that morning by train. Mrs. Farmer came out of her room and I went back to bed. I was up first in the morning. Those present in the house at the time this telephone call was received were Mrs. Frank Nash, Herbert Farmer, Mrs. Herbert Farmer, and myself. I left the next morning. Nothing worthwhile occurred in that interval. I was up first and waited for Mrs. Nash to get up, and I told her I was going to take the plane on back to Hot Springs, and asked if there was anything else I could do, and she said - 'No - not now.' I told Esther Farmer goodbye and Herb was out getting the car. He drove me to the airport and I went back to Hot Springs.

I stayed at home most of the morning and I went downtown where I heard of the massacre at Kansas City. I then went over to get Lou and took her over to my house. I told her what had happened in Kansas City and that I had taken this party, Mrs. Nash, over there and let her use the 'phone and apologized for the 'heat' I had brought on her.

I talked with Dutch Akers on my return. We talked about the Kansas City massacre and he knew that I went to Joplin. I told him that I was in Joplin.

The reason I showed such an active interest in this case was:

First. I wanted to avoid the newspaper notiriety that would come to me personally owing to the fact that this man, Nash, had been a steady customer in the White Front.

Second. That I was afraid the woman, Mrs. Nash, might believe that I might be the cause of Nash's arrest.

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"On either June 17, or 18, 1935, my mother and my wife's mother, who had been living at my home with my wife and myself, drove to Little Rock, Arkansas, where my mother and mother-in-law boarded a train for the home of my brother-in-law, Lee Cady, near Glenn Falls, New York.

The purpose of their trip was that I expected to have notoriety in this case and I wanted my mother and my wife's mother to leave. I had not intended to leave at this time.

The next morning I decided to leave with my wife because I knew there was going to be a lot of excitement and notoriety, and because I feared arrest. I went to St. Louis, had my wife store my Cadillac car.

I adopted the name of William Lee at Sacramento, California, and have used every means known by me to conceal my identity and prevent apprehension by the Government. I have corresponded with no one and neither has my wife. I have communicated with no friends or relatives, for the purpose of avoiding apprehension.

With reference to the actual participants in the murders at the Union Station at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1935, I want to state that I surmise that Verne Miller not only laid the plans leading up to the murders at the Union Station, but that he was an actual participant.

I have read the foregoing statement consisting of six pages, and as same is the truth I have signed each page of this statement.

(Signed) Richard Tallman Galatas.

Witnesses:

H. E. Andersen,
Special Agent, Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice, Kansas City, Mo.

D. W. Magee,
Special Agent, Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice, New Orleans, La.

L. A. Kindell,
Special Agent, Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice, New Orleans, La.

Subject Richard Tallman Galatas and his wife voluntarily suggested that they would be willing to proceed to Kansas City, Missouri, and Special Agents H. E. Andersen, D. W. Magee, and L. A. Kindell secured from subject Richard Tallman Galatas a waiver agreeing to voluntarily accompany officers of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, to the Western District of Missouri.

The same agents secured a waiver from Mrs. Richard Tallman Galatas agreeing to voluntarily accompany officers of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, to the Western District of Missouri, to answer there any proceedings begun in, or processes issuing from, or that may be filed against her in the District Court of the United States of the Western District of Missouri.

These waivers were signed on September 24, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, and Special Agent H. E. Andersen, conducted interrogation of subject Richard Tallman Galatas throughout the night of September 25, 1934, at the New Orleans Division Office, and a signed statement was secured from subject Richard Tallman Galatas dated September 26, 1934, relative this investigation, as follows:

NEW ORLEANS,
September 26, 1934.

"This is a supplementary statement to the one given by me on September 25, 1934, to Messrs. L. A. Kindell, D. W. Magee, and H. E. Andersen, of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, and is made after having been advised that whatever I say can and may be used against me. The statement is made to H. E. Andersen and Dwight Brantley, of the Division of Investigation:

I have been questioned relative to a long distance telephone call made from the home of Mrs. E. B. Conner, Hot Springs, Arkansas, to the telephone of Herbert Allen Farmer, Joplin, Missouri, during the afternoon of June 16, 1934. I recall that in my previous statement I said that this telephone call was made by Mrs. Frances Nash. This is incorrect, as I was confused at the time. I recall that I instructed my wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Galatas, to make a long distance telephone call to the home of Herbert Allen Farmer, Joplin, Missouri, and inform Farmer or his wife to the effect that I was coming over to their home with Mrs. Frances Nash and her child by airplane that afternoon, June 16, 1934. This call was referred to in my previous statement as long distance call No. 2.

In my previous statement, in connection with the telephone call designated No. 5, I now recall that I talked to first the maid and then to my wife, Mrs. Galatas. During this telephone conversation I informed Mrs. Galatas that I would not be home until the next day.

After having made the call to my wife from the Midway Drug Company in Joplin, I returned to the Farmer residence. Upon my return I was informed by Mrs. Frances Nash that Mrs. Galatas had called long distance to the Farmer residence and informed that the men who had Nash in custody were taking him to Kansas City rather than bringing him to Joplin, Missouri, and it was mentioned that these men were going by train from Fort Smith to Kansas City. The question

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"arose as to what time they would arrive in Kansas City, and I said that I thought the train would arrive in Kansas City about breakfast time. This call is referred to as call No. 8 in my previous statement;

Some time after the massacre in Kansas City I saw a photograph in the newspapers of a man by the name of Verne Miller, mentioned as having participated in the massacre. I identified the photograph of this man as an individual I had met in Hot Springs, Arkansas, on two occasions when I was operating a garage in Hot Springs and was a sub-agent for the Madison Smith Cadillac Company of Little Rock, Arkansas. My best recollection is that this was about three years ago. I was introduced to this man by Eddie Conner, deceased husband of Louise Conner. I had known Eddie for several years. He was a gambler and it was my understanding that this man identified as Verne Miller had been playing golf with him. Eddie brought him to me as a prospective purchaser of a Cadillac. I talked to him about a Cadillac but he did not purchase one from me. I later learned that he purchased a Cadillac car from the Madison Smith Cadillac Company at Little Rock, Arkansas, through Wesley Smith of that concern.

In the Farmer home on the evening of June 16th there was a conversation between the Farmers, Frances and myself relative to a long distance telephone call that was placed for some party in Kansas City. During this conversation Mrs. Nash mentioned some person by the name of "Verne," at which time she mentioned the warm friendship existing between this person and her husband. I recall that she said that this party in Kansas City had plenty of money and she believed that he was the type of friend who would do almost anything for her husband, but no specific mention of what he would or could do for Nash. This call is identified as call No. 9 in my previous statement.

I did not at the time know the true identity of Frank Nash, and, of course, did not know that he was an escaped Federal prisoner.

I again wish to say that I do not know the identity of the suspects in the massacre at Kansas City.

From what I have learned of the occurrence in Kansas City since June 17th I believe that Verne Miller was a participant. I have not, since June 17th, seen Herbert Farmer, his wife, Mrs. Frances Nash, or Verne Miller. I did see Mrs. Lou Conner upon my return to Hot Springs, Arkansas, on June 17, 1934.

Witnesses:

(Signed) RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS.

Dwight Brantley, Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
H. E. Andersen, Special Agent, Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice, Kansas City, Missouri.

The original and one signed copy of the above quoted statement, witnessed by Agents Brantley and Andersen, are being retained in the New Orleans Division Office file pending advice from the Division or the Kansas City Office.

Special Agent H. E. Andersen, in the presence of Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, of the Oklahoma City Office at the New Orleans Division Office, on September 27, 1934, took the fingerprints of subject Richard Tallman Galatas. One copy was forwarded under personal and confidential cover to the Director, and one copy will be retained in the New Orleans Division Office file.

Inasmuch as there was no process outstanding against Mrs. Richard Tallman Galatas, her prints were not taken by the New Orleans Division Office.

On September 26, 1934, Special Agents L. A. Kindell and L. E. Kingman secured the following signed statement from Mrs. Elizabeth Galatas, wife of subject Richard Tallman Galatas: The original and one signed copy, properly witnessed by Agents Kindell and Kingman, are being retained in the New Orleans Division Office file pending advice from the Division or the Kansas City Division Office:

New Orleans, La.
September 26, 1934.

"My name is Mrs. Elizabeth Galatas. This statement is being made to Leslie A. Kindell and L. E. Kingman, Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

I am making this statement voluntarily. No threats, or promises have been made to me to influence me in what I am saying in this statement.

I am 45 years of age and the wife of Richard Tallman Galatas. We were married 17 years ago in Riverside, California. We have no children. At the time of our marriage I was a widow, having been divorced for about three years from B. Sturney. I have one son, Pat Sturney, who was an issue of that marriage. Mr. Galatas and I moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas, from Detroit, Michigan, in 1925 or 1926. He operated in Hot Springs as a book maker for horse races and baseball games with his headquarters at the White Front and at another place on Central Avenue over Ben Harris' cigar store. He also operated for several months a garage known as the Olive Street Garage. During our stay in Hot Springs I became acquainted with Lou Conner and her husband, Eddie Comer. Eddie operated a road house. He died in July 1932. In the spring of 1933 I became acquainted with two individuals whom I now know were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nash. I never knew them previous to the Kansas City massacre under any names except 'Doc' and Frances. They had a little girl but I did not know that until just a day or two previous to the massacre. I did not know what 'Doc' was doing nor where they lived but he hung around the White Front where Dick made his headquarters and I met Frances there several times and, on some occasions, she and I and Lou Conner met there. These meetings were casual and not by pre-arrangement.

On June 16, 1933, in the early afternoon, I had been down town in Hot Springs and upon returning home, or shortly thereafter, my husband, Richard Galatas, and Frances, with her little girl, came to my home. They told me that 'Doc' had been kidnapped. Previous to this time and during the two or three

years previous, I had met and known Herb Farmer and his wife, of Joplin, Missouri. I had seen the Farmers on numerous occasions in company with Doc and Frances. Frances was very much upset on this occasion that I refer to, on June 16th, and I understood from her and my husband that it was her intention to go immediately to the Farmers' home at Joplin. I prepared lunch for her and the child. I had been in and out of my home several times. Between two and three o'clock, as near as I can recall, on June 16th, I was in my Cadillac Sedan and it stalled just at the end of Bathhouse Row. Several friends pushed me off a street car track, and about this time "Dutch" Akers and Joe Wakelin, Police Department officials, came by and drove me in their car to my home. Frances Nash and my husband may have been at home at this time. I am not sure of this. I believe that Akers told me that he would go back and see if he could get my Cadillac started and bring it to the house. The Cadillac appeared at our home within a few minutes and while I feel that Dutch Akers may have driven it, I am not sure. My husband told me that he had been down to the Police Station but he did not say who he had seen there. I don't know if Dutch Akers and Wakelin and my husband had any conversation at the house when the car was brought back or not, or at any other time, and I don't know about any long distance calls that might have been placed to Benton or Little Rock. I did not know that Frances Nash expected to go to Joplin by airplane until just before my husband and I, with Mrs. Nash and her child, left my house to go to the airport. At the time we left the house my husband did not intend to go with her but after we got to the airport he walked with her over to the plane and I remained in the car, which was my Cadillac. My husband came back to the car and said that Mrs. Nash was so nervous and hysterical and the child was hysterical and she was afraid because she had never been up in a plane before, and therefore he had decided to go with her. They told me that when I returned to my house to telephone to the Farmers at Joplin and tell Mr. Farmer to meet them at the airport. On my way home I stopped at Lou Conner's house on Central Avenue and placed a long distance call from her telephone to the Farmers. I don't recall if I talked with Mr. Farmer or Mrs. Farmer but I told them to meet the airplane at the airport as Richard and Frances and Frances' baby were then on the way to Joplin. I might have told them that "Doc" had been in some trouble.

There were no other developments that I knew about until about 9:30 that night when my husband telephoned to me from Joplin. He told me that they had arrived all right but that he would not be able to return that night because there had been a great deal of delay as they had landed at the wrong airport. I don't know anything about any telephone call placed from Lou Conner's house in Hot Springs at 10:09 p.m. to the telephone of Herbert Farmer at Joplin.

Up to this time I did not know that "Doc", or Frank Nash, was arrested or that he had been wanted for anything. However, I did hear my husband say to Mrs. Nash: "Well, Frances if he was wanted, what was he wanted for?", and she said that she did not know.

I stayed at my own home that night. I did not see Lou Conner the night of June 16th and I stayed at my home and did not see her until the next morning, which was a short time before my husband returned to Hot Springs. He returned to Hot Springs in the same airplane and arrived about 10:30 a.m.

In the meantime, I had heard either over the radio or down town about the shooting and killing of the officers at Kansas City and I began to get mighty frightened as I associated this killing with the picking up of "Doc", or Frank Nash, at Hot Springs. My husband had not heard about the killing at Kansas City until he got home to our house and I told him. When I told him he kept saying, "oh, no". He was terribly upset and so was I. We were convinced that the killing at Kansas City and the Frank Nash involved was the party who had been picked up at Hot Springs. Radio accounts were mentioning the fact that Frank Nash had been arrested the previous day in Hot Springs by federal agents.

My mother was visiting me from New York and she left that day for New York. Mr. Galatas' mother was also visiting us from Long Beach, California, and she also left that day for her home. Early the next morning my husband and I left Hot Springs in the Cadillac. We drove to St. Louis and I stored the Cadillac at a garage and I don't recall where it was that I left it but I told them that I wanted to leave it there for a short time. We went by train from St. Louis to Sacramento, California, changing trains at Los Angeles, but did not stop over.

We purchased a Plymouth Coupe at Sacramento and there began to use the name of Mr. and Mrs. William Lee. We later changed this name to E. W. Lee. The Plymouth was registered in Sacramento. Since that time we have spent some time in Santa Monica, California, and from there made a trip to New Orleans and then back to California and came back to New Orleans about the middle of last April, and for the past few weeks have been living at 912 Harding Place.

Since our departure from Hot Springs we have communicated with no former friends, relatives or associates. We did not even go to see my husband's mother in California and I have not corresponded with my son, who has been living in Montgomery, Alabama, and who was attending school at Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

I was aware from reading newspapers that federal warrants had been issued for my husband and that the federal government was looking for him.

The above statement, consisting of three pages, was dictated by Agents Kindell and Kingman from information furnished by me. I have read the statement and it is true in its entirety.

Mrs. Elizabeth Galatas (Signed)

Witnesses:

L. E. Kingman,
Special Agent, Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice.

L. A. Kindell,
Special Agent, Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice.

Special Agents in Charge Dwight Brantley and R. G. Harvey, and Special Agent D. W. Magee contacted informant No. 1 and the salesman of the Liquid Colophane Company, for the purpose of forestalling any publicity on the instant case, on September 27, 1934, as informant No. 1 had gone on a protracted drunk. This matter was straightened out satisfactorily and it is not believed that any publicity will arise at New Orleans, Louisiana, on the instant case before official notification to the newspapers.

It was considered advisable by Special Agents in Charge R. G. Harvey and Dwight Brantley, as well as by Special Agents H. E. Andersen, L. A. Kindell, and D. W. Magee, that subject Galatas and his wife be removed from New Orleans, Louisiana.

Telephonic instructions were received from the Division by Special Agents in Charge R. G. Harvey and Dwight Brantley to remove subject Richard Tallman Galatas and his wife from New Orleans, Louisiana.

At 2:28 p. m. on September 27, 1934, subject Richard Tallman Galatas and his wife, accompanied by Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley and Special Agents Winstead and Ryan, left New Orleans, Louisiana, by chartered plane en route the Western District of Missouri.

Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley had possession of the original signed waivers of subject Richard Tallman Galatas and his wife, as well as copies of all memorandums and statements relative the instant case and referred to in this report.

Investigation is being continued at New Orleans, Louisiana, at the aforementioned residences of subject Galatas, and relative subject Galatas's office telephone calls of the Liquid Colophane Company. Particularly the long distance calls are being checked for possible leads on the instant case. Supplementary report will be submitted relative this investigation and Special Agent W. A. Temple has submitted a memorandum of investigation on the local telephone calls.

Subject Richard Tallman Galatas stated to Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley and Special Agent R. E. Andersen that he would enter a plea of guilty to an indictment charging him with conspiracy, Title 18, Section 755, Paragraphs 2 and 3. At times, however, he stated that he would only enter a plea of guilty if the indictment contained one count only.

Subject Richard Tallman Galatas stated to Special Agent R. E. Andersen that he had given enough information now on himself to give himself the "rope or the seat," referring to a possible murder indictment in the State of Missouri.

Subject Galatas, when questioned by Special Agents L. E. Kingman and H. E. Andersen, stated that he had read the law relative an accessory before the fact of murder and that he was worried about his participation in the Kansas City massacre.

Subject was given a vigorous and rigorous interrogation while in New Orleans, Louisiana, by Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, and Special Agents H. E. Andersen and D. W. Magee on separate occasions in an effort to secure a statement from him concerning his knowledge of the participants in the Kansas City, Missouri massacre. Subject Galatas denies knowing the identity of the participants, with the exception of subject Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, deceased. He stated that it should appear likely to anyone that subject Verne Miller would not relate to him, Galatas, that he intended to do or who would join him, Miller, in the massacre. Subject Galatas, when given vigorous interrogation would completely surrender and would state that he would sign any statement or any set of facts produced, but would volunteer no information on which to base this statement.

Subject Galatas, when apprehended, appeared to be in a state of physical and mental exhaustion, and all facts and statements secured from him were obtained under laborious conditions because of his mental condition. He apparently has worried considerably since his flight from Hot Springs, Arkansas, which has brought about the state of mental exhaustion.

Mrs. Elizabeth Galatas, alias Mrs. Richard Tallman Galatas, alias Mrs. Edwin W. Lee, alias Mrs. E. W. Lee, alias Mrs. William Lee, alias Mrs. W. C. Lee, alias Mrs. W. E. Cox, and other aliases, will not be carried as a subject in the instant case in this report, same being left to the discretion of the office of origin, should process be instituted against her.

All leads in this case are left to the discretion of the Division and the Kansas City Division Office, which is the office of origin, with the exception of the facts to be developed at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Agent Magee, in conversation with subject's wife during one of the occasions of interrogation of her in subject Galatas's presence, aroused the ire of subject Galatas, and subject Galatas made the remark to Agent Magee - "I will take care of you." Agent Magee was talking to Mrs. Galatas at the time and to make sure of this remark asked subject Galatas to repeat the remark. He declined to do so and later denied to S.A.C. Brantley and Agents Andersen and Magee that he had made such a remark. However, Agent Magee definitely heard subject Galatas make the aforementioned threat.

Agents Kindell and Magee, on first investigation at Apartment F, 912 Harding Place, New Orleans, Louisiana, residence of subject Galatas and his wife, found most all of their personal effects packed in their baggage ready for instant flight. Informant No. 1 stated previously that subject Galatas usually carried his bags around with him in the back of his car. No guns were found in personal possession of subject Galatas or in his personal effects.

Confidential informants Nos. 2 and 3 have a part in investigation of the instant case. Their names and parts played by them will be furnished the Division by personal and confidential letter.

Agents Kindell, Andersen, and Magee, when taking statement of subject Galatas dated September 25, 1934, and quoted beginning page ten of this report, questioned him concerning the identity of the men whom he intimated were attempting to either take him for a ride or extort money from him, and he denied knowledge of their identity. He stated, however, that one of these men had two or three fingers off of one hand. He refused, however, to permit this to be placed in the signed statement.

The numbers of the telephone calls in the statements of subject Galatas identified as the same numbers of the telephone calls as listed in the summary report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, the date of which is not known to the New Orleans Division Office, but copy of which was in possession of Special Agent H. E. Andersen at New Orleans, Louisiana.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE: At New Orleans, Louisiana, will continue the investigation checking the telephone calls at places of residence and business of subject Galatas at New Orleans, Louisiana.

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October 16, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1194,
et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoners.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
D. W. Magee, dated New Orleans, Louisiana, September 23, 1934,
in the above entitled case.

On Page 4 of the report it is noted that the Ply-
mouth Coupe, the property of subject Galatas has been placed
in the Crescent City Garage at New Orleans, Louisiana, pending
advice from the Division for disposition.

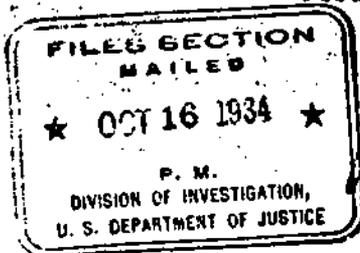
The Kansas City Office is instructed to take this
matter up with the United States Attorney at Kansas City,
Missouri relative to any confiscation proceedings that might
be instituted.

On Page 6 of the report it is noted that the personal
effects of subject Galatas and his wife are being held in the New
Orleans Office pending advice from the Kansas City Office or the
Division. This matter also should be discussed with the United
States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri.

On Pages 10 and 18 it is noted that the original
signed statements of subject Galatas and his wife are being re-
tained in the files of the New Orleans Office. You are instructed
to forward these statements to the Kansas City Office directly.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



cc Kansas City
Chicago

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.**

File No. **62-1043**

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

CHARACTER OF CASE:
Conspiracy to Deliver
Federal Prisoner

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



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REFERENCE: Division letter dated August 17, 1934, also report of Special Agent M. W. Meekins, dated at Buffalo, New York 8/31/34.

DETAILS:



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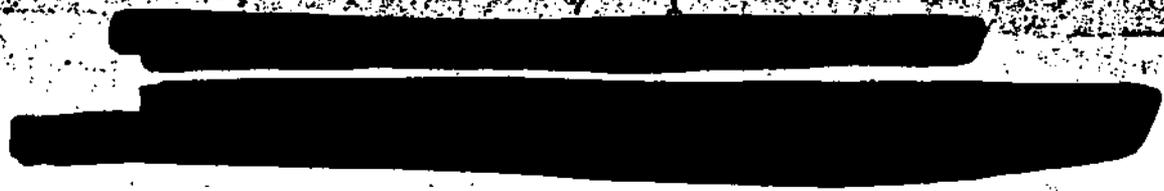
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| Name | J. J. Miller, with aliases |
| Age | 60 years |
| Height | 5' 10 1/2" |
| Weight | 196 pounds |
| Build | Medium heavy |
| Color of hair | Brown, turning grey |
| Color of eyes | Blue |
| Complexion | Ruddy |
| Occupation | Miner |
| Race | White |
| Nationality | American |
| Fingerprints | <u>31</u> <u>00</u> 32 11 |

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| Name | Thomas Sullivan, with aliases |
| Age | 37 years |
| Height | 5' 5" |
| Weight | 131 pounds |
| Build | Slender |
| Color of hair | Chestnut, very thin around edges |
| Color of eyes | Hazel |
| Complexion | Fair |
| Occupation | Salesman |
| Race | White |
| Nationality | American |
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
506 Fletcher Trust Building
Indianapolis, Indiana

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September 29, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:

8-9-10/3

With reference to Division letter of September 24,
1934 to the Kansas City office, transmitting copy of the crim-
inal record of David C. McBride, there is attached hereto dis-
position sheet pertaining to arrests at Terre Haute and Evans-
ville, Indiana.

Re: 10/1/34

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
DIVISION ONE
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Very truly yours,
H. H. Reinecke
H. H. REINECKE,
Special Agent in Charge

cc Chicago
Kansas City

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FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Kansas City, Missouri.**

St. Paul FILE NO. **62-888**

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| REPORT MADE AT St. Paul, Minn. | DATE WHEN MADE 9-29-34 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/12 to 15/34 | REPORT MADE BY G. O. LAWRENCE |
| TITLE VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased); RICHARD TALMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1194, et al. | | | CHARACTER OF CASE CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER. |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

MRS. GEORGE SEIBERT alias IRENE DORSEY, according to the records of Mayo Bros. at Rochester, Minn., has been a patient of that clinic on five different occasions since 1926. Interviews with various doctors of this clinic reveal that she seemed to have been accompanied by her husband in May, 1932, and some of them recalled seeing her with a person whose description fits that of LEE EVANS. Photographs of well known criminals were exhibited to proprietors of hotels at which MRS. GEORGE SEIBERT had lived during her stay in Rochester, none of whom could be identified as being connected with MRS. SEIBERT. However, C. O. HUTCHINSON of the Cook Hotel identified the photograph of ARTHUR R. BARKER as a person who had registered at his hotel sometime since July, 1934.



REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent in Charge E. P. GUINANE, San Francisco, Calif., dated 7-14-34.

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At Rochester, Minnesota.

Upon making the appropriate inquiry at the Mayo Bros. Clinic of this city concerning hospital record of MRS. GEORGE SEIBERT alias IRENE DORSEY,

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | 62-28915-2577 | RECORDED AND INDEXED: OCT 1 1934 |
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MR. G. H. JOENSON, Business Manager of this institution, was reluctant to disclose any information contained in this file except that which pertained to her physical condition; and eventually explained that he deemed it necessary to turn the entire file over to one of the doctors who had attended her, due to the fact that this file contains a number of letters and notations which might convey the wrong impression to the reader unless someone familiar with this case was available to explain; therefore, the file was turned over to a DR. O. L. KIRKLAND of this institution who explained that he had been assigned to MRS. GEORGE SEIBERT'S case and that she was merely at the clinic under observation at such time in the spring of 1934 and was not confined to the hospital at all while she was there from the specific dates of March 27, 1934, to April 11, 1934.

DR. KIRKLAND stated further that he felt that he had been assigned to this case because he was a new and young doctor at this clinic, with a good deal of time, and that very probably the older doctors had "sized her up" on her previous visits to the clinic and did not care to handle the case; that she was very nervous at the time he made his first call upon MRS. SEIBERT, at which time she made the remark that he was just a kid but supposed that he would do all right and then proceeded to tell him that she was the wife of GEORGE GOETZ, the "Big shot from Chicago"; that he was a headliner in that town and any time she wanted to know where he was, or what he was doing, all she had to do was to pick up the newspapers and find out for he was always where things were the hottest; and she made the remark that how did she know but what he was not mixed up in the Bremer kidnaping case. DR. KIRKLAND stated further that she then seemed to realize what she was saying and attempted to smooth the statement over by remarking that she was not telling him that her husband was mixed up in the Bremer kidnaping case but that he might have been and she did not want anyone quoting her as saying that he was because she did not care to be "bumped off" by some of the gang who was actually "hooked up" with them.

Continuing, DR. KIRKLAND stated that he was quite sure that she was mentally impaired and for that reason he had not paid as much attention to her statements as he possibly should have nor did any of the other doctors with whom she managed to make friends pay a great deal of attention to the remarks that she had made while under observation; that MRS. SEIBERT was rather attractive and fast in her manner while a patient at this clinic, which resulted in her becoming quite intimate with several of the doctors of this clinic, especially

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bb [REDACTED] would probably know something of value concerning her past life for he and MRS. SEIBERT were quite intimate and no doubt carried on a correspondence [REDACTED]

DR. KIRKLAND advised further that it was commonly known around the clinic that Dr. Arnold Kagel, who formerly studied medicine at the Mayo Clinic and then became health officer in Chicago, quite frequently had dates with MRS. SEIBERT while she was a patient at this hospital on various dates after 1926; further that at the time MRS. SEIBERT'S husband was killed by gangsters in Chicago, DR. KAGEL was responsible for her returning to Mayo's in the spring of 1934 and that possibly this doctor possesses a good deal of information relative to the underworld characters of Chicago. He very probably knew many of MRS. SEIBERT'S connections in that city.

DR. KIRKLAND stated further that the records in his possession pertaining to MRS. SEIBERT'S case indicate that DR. C. F. DIXON of this clinic had performed an operation on MRS. SEIBERT in May, 1932, and that she had been confined to St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester for twelve days and that during that time two special nurses were assigned to the case, a MISS PEARL LOCKREM as day nurse and MISS ELEANOR A. FISHER as night nurse; further, that if there had been any telephone calls to or from MRS. SEIBERT while in Rochester at any time while being treated by the clinic, there is a possibility that there would be on record such phone calls at the St. Mary's Hospital; and during the month of May, 1932, is the only time that she was confined to the hospital at all and that on other visits she had probably stayed at some of the local hotels in this city inasmuch as the records indicate that she at one time had been registered at the Brown Hotel sometime in 1926 and that no record was made as to her local address upon her various other visits to this clinic after 1926.

Continuing, DR. KIRKLAND mentioned that he had never seen any of MRS. SEIBERT'S friends while she was a patient at the clinic except one man whom she introduced to him on one of the downtown streets and vaguely recalls that such person had been called LEE. DR. KIRKLAND described this man as being approximately 30 to 35 years of age, 6 feet tall, slender, and had a small mustache and that his hair, as well as he remembers, was sandy. The writer then exhibited to DR. KIRKLAND the photograph of VERNON MILLER, VIVIAN MATTHEWS, FRED BARKER, ARTHUR BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, FITZGERALD, GALATAS, "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, HARRY CAMPBELL, VOLNEY DAVIS, and BERNARD PHILLIPS, but he was unable to identify any of these people as anyone he had ever seen around the clinic and states that very probably a number of them had been there, no doubt, and that very often he had noticed patients who were continually watched by a man at their door for days at a time and

it was very often a case which would not require that much attention at any time; further, that "BUGS" MORAN and his body guard had been there at one time and none of the doctors knew his identity until after someone from the clinic had accidentally met him at a lodge near Rochester and the proprietor of this place told this person who MORAN was.

The file pertaining to the history of MRS. SEIBERT contains several postcards to DR. KIRKLAND, DAN MARKHAM, DR. GUARDY, and DR. WALTMAN, all of which postcards bear the postmark of San Francisco, California. The jacket to this file bears the notation to the effect that patient requests that no receipts or statements be forwarded to her.

In an effort to locate J. ADAMS who formerly lived at the Cook Hotel, agent interviewed the proprietor, C. O. HUTCHINSON, who stated that MR. J. ADAMS and his wife had recently moved to an apartment, exact location of which he did not know and that MR. ADAMS is now operating a restaurant on Second Avenue S. E., in this city; that his father is JOHN ADAMS, owner of the Town Taxi, who at one time was connected with the Hertz Drive-It-Yourself in Chicago. During the course of the conversation, the writer asked MR. HUTCHINSON whether he recalls a MRS. GEORGE SEIBERT having stayed at his hotel during the spring of 1934 and he replied that he did and that she had occupied Room 19 in this hotel, which is the adjoining room to that which J. ADAMS and his wife had occupied. MR. HUTCHINSON stated further that MRS. SEIBERT had become acquainted with MRS. ADAMS while living at this hotel and they were very often visiting one another in their rooms, but outside of that he knows nothing about their relationship and further that he had never seen MRS. SEIBERT with anyone except one man who bore the identical description as that of LEE BEVANS.

MR. HUTCHINSON referred to his records which reflected that she had registered under the name of MRS. K. SUBERT on 3-29-34 and checked out on 4-11-34 at which time she proceeded to Chicago, Illinois, by plane; and returned to this hotel on 4-14-34 and registered under the name of MRS. GEORGE SEIBERT and remained until 4-22-34, at which time she checked out from this hotel.

The same photographs which were exhibited to DR. KIRKLAND were exhibited to MR. HUTCHINSON, who immediately picked out the picture of ARTHUR R. BARKER as being the picture of someone who he is positive had stayed at the Cook Hotel sometime since July, 1934. MR. HUTCHINSON thoroughly reviewed his records from the first of July, 1934, to the present date, in an effort to connect some of the names appearing therein with the person of ARTHUR R. BARKER, but he was unable to do so with any accuracy

and stated that he is willing to turn over all his daily registration sheets to the Division at any time in the event same are desired for the purpose of checking against the handwriting of ARTHUR R. BARKER.

MR. DAN MARKHAM, Business Executive, Mayo Bros. Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, stated that he recalls MRS. SKIBERT and that she had been in this clinic on a number of occasions for the past eight or nine years and that he had never seen her with anyone except one man in 1934 and that this person's identity had been checked by him and was found to be a patient at the clinic and had no connection with her prior to the few days before she left Rochester.

MR. MARKHAM stated further that he recalls that upon one occasion in a conversation with MRS. SKIBERT, she had mentioned to him that someone in Chicago was attempting to take her property away from her, the exact nature of which she did not explain, and that she left the clinic to attend to this matter and in a few days she returned and mentioned that she had seen some politician in Chicago and had the transaction straightened out; further, that she had mentioned to him (MR. MARKHAM) that immediately after her husband's death, she had visited his mother and sister, both of whom informed her that they desired to sever all connections with her; likewise, that she had visited some of the members of the gang her husband had belonged to and they too told her they did not intend to have anything to do with her since her husband had been killed; nor would any of the attorneys who were connected with her husband's gang represent her in the matter referred to above concerning the property being taken away from her. MR. MARKHAM stated further that MRS. SKIBERT had made the statement at this time that she was not afraid of any of the members of her husband's gang but was in constant fear that the Federal men would pick her up.

MR. MARKHAM produced a cross reference file to this case and it indicated that a MISS ELSIE HELLER at 859 Fourteenth N. S., Miami, Florida, had given the name of MRS. SKIBERT on July 10, 1933, as a reference. He too mentioned the fact that this cross reference card reflects that Dr. DeCarle is at the present time communicating with the clinic in regard to the various findings in this case and that there is a possibility that Dr. DeCarle is now attending MRS. SKIBERT, wherever she may be located in California.

MR. LLOYD KOENIG, Manager of the Brown Hotel in this city, referred to his records in his office which indicated that MRS. GEORGE SEIBERT had registered July 10, 1933, with a MRS. ELSIE HELLER in room 101 and that they checked out on July 20, 1933; MR. KOENIG stated that he recalls MRS. SKIBERT'S posing as a nurse for MRS. HELLER while she was being

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treated at the Mayo Bros. Clinic; further, that in the spring of 1934, MRS. SEIBERT had visited the hotel and had mentioned to him at that time that MRS. HELLER had died at her home in Florida since the visit to the clinic in 1933, as is noted above; further, that a DR. HEATRICE R. GREEN had attended MRS. SEIBERT sometime during the spring of 1934.

DR. HEATRICE R. GREEN was interviewed at the Brown Hotel and stated that she is an osteopathic physician and that she had attended MRS. SEIBERT in the spring of 1934, during which time MRS. SEIBERT had introduced to her a young man by the name of LEE BEVANS and that after such introduction, MRS. SEIBERT had stated that she and BEVANS had adjoining rooms at the Cook Hotel and that they frequently visited with MR. and MRS. J. ADAMS, and that they invited her to call on them at the Cook Hotel. DR. GREEN stated further that she has never seen her with anyone except BEVANS while MRS. SEIBERT was under her care, and suggested that a MR. IRWIN WEBBER, the former manager of the Brown Hotel, would possibly furnish information relative to people with whom MRS. SEIBERT associated while in Rochester because of the fact that MRS. SEIBERT had always stayed at the Brown Hotel while in Rochester prior to the spring of 1934, at which time she stayed at the Cook Hotel.

MR. IRWIN WEBBER, manager of the Campbell Hotel, stated that he knew MRS. SEIBERT prior to her marriage because of the fact that a person by the name of GEORGE INGLE, from Wilmington, Illinois, very frequently visited the Mayo Bros. Clinic and had always stayed at the Brown Hotel and that upon one occasion, he had recommended this hotel to MRS. SEIBERT'S family and that upon this recommendation, MRS. DORSKY, her two sons, and IRENE, had driven up to Rochester from Wilmington, Illinois, sometime in 1927 and registered at the Brown Hotel; and through this connection, he became acquainted with MRS. SEIBERT; further, that in 1932, he had met her husband, who was introduced to him as MR. GEORGE SEIBERT and that they had stayed several days at the Brown Hotel and during this time, MR. SEIBERT had never mentioned to him as to what his business connection was nor was he very friendly and for that reason, he had not become well enough acquainted with MR. SEIBERT to be able to know very much about his character or activities of any kind; further, that in the spring of 1934, MRS. SEIBERT again visited Rochester and had called on him at the Campbell Hotel and asked him to visit her in her room at the Cook Hotel; further, that he had visited her, at which place he met a young man who was introduced to him as LEE and that during the course of the conversation she had never mentioned anything to him as to why she

was here or the events that had taken place in her life since he had last seen her in 1932 and talked only about her intention of going into the hotel business in Wilmington, Illinois, and asked his advice concerning the management of the same; further, that this was the only time he had seen or talked to MRS. SEIBERT in 1934 and, in fact, he had not seen her since.

The various pictures as previously mentioned in this report were likewise exhibited to MR. WEBBER, who was unable to identify any of them as anyone he had ever seen in connection with MRS. SEIBERT.

MISS PEARL LOCKRAM advised that she was, during May, 1934, the day nurse for MRS. SEIBERT, and that in this connection, she had become acquainted with a man who was introduced to her as MR. SEIBERT, the husband of the patient; further, that he was purported to be a swimming instructor and that he had stayed at the hospital visiting his wife, MRS. SEIBERT, approximately a week. MISS LOCKRAM described this person as being approximately 30 years old, blonde hair combed straight back, blue eyes, about five feet ten inches tall, had wide shoulders, and was very well built, and weighed about 170 pounds and that he made a very nice appearance; likewise, that some lady from the Twin Cities had come to visit MRS. SEIBERT while confined in St. Mary's Hospital but could not recall this person's name, nor could she describe her at all.

MISS LOCKRAM stated further that in the spring of 1934, MRS. SEIBERT had visited her in her home for a very few minutes and at which time she did not mention anything concerning her own interests but merely confined their conversation in renewing their past acquaintance; further, that the night nurse, MISS ELEANOR A. FISHER, has recently undergone an operation at St. Mary's Hospital and is now with her people in their home at Winona, Minnesota.

The various photographs previously mentioned in this report were likewise exhibited to MISS LOCKRAM, who was unable to identify them as being anyone she had ever seen.

DR. C. F. DIXON of Mayo Bros. Clinic, advised that he had operated on MRS. SEIBERT in 1932, at which time she had introduced him to her husband, a MR. GEORGE SEIBERT, who represented himself as being a Ford salesman from Chicago; that in talking to MR. SEIBERT nothing was said that indicated or would arouse anyone's suspicion that he was connected with any of the underworld characters of Chicago, other than the fact that he seemed to be well

supplied with money during the depression. Continuing, DR. DIXON stated that in the spring of 1934, MRS. SEIBERT had called at his office for the purpose of paying him a friendly visit and that she had mentioned that her husband had been killed by some of the members of his gang in Chicago, and that she made the impression that she was rather amazed at the fact that DR. DIXON had not noticed it in the paper; further, that outside of this person who was introduced to him as her husband, GEORGE SEIBERT, he had never seen anyone with MRS. SEIBERT at all. The photographs previously mentioned in this case were shown to DR. DIXON but he was unable to identify anyone of them as being a person he had ever seen.

An effort was made to locate J. ADAMS and his wife at 13 Second Street, Southeast, Rochester, Minnesota, which is located in the same building as his father's establishment, the Town Taxi, whereupon MR. ADAMS' secretary advised that he was out of the city, visiting his wife at Menomonie, Wisconsin, and that he was not expected back for several days.

Likewise, an attempt was made to obtain the address of PRICILLA LEWIS, Box 166, Rochester, Minnesota, but in view of the fact that the custodian of the proper records pertaining to the address and ownership of this particular box was absent, the address could not be determined.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

St. Paul Office

Will continue the investigation as is set out in reference report.

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P. O. Box 5706
Cincinnati, Ohio

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September 29, 1934.

SPECIAL DELIVERY
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Special Agent in Charge,
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U. S. Department of Justice,
907 Federal Building,
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Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1901; CHARLES ARTHUR
"Pretty Boy" FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1194, et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

With reference to letter of the Cincinnati Office dated September 16, 1934, to the Director, copy of which was furnished to you, confidential informant of this office, who was previously associated with Phillip Lascuola and James Bove alias Civella, here at Cincinnati, Ohio, has located information as to a gambling house in Cleveland, Ohio, and through his contacts here at Cincinnati, has arranged a plausible reason for contacting the parties at this gambling house in Cleveland, with the possibility in mind of locating Lascuola and Bove if they are in Cleveland, at this time. The informant, of course, is very apprehensive of his identity becoming known, however, he proceeded to Cleveland last night, with the idea of developing a possible contact with these two parties, if they are now in Cleveland, and as arranged, he is to meet Special Agent H. D. Harris at the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, on Monday morning, October 1, 1934.

We have advised the Division, accordingly, that Agent Harris will proceed to Cleveland, in order to make this contact with him, unless contrary advice is received. Agent Harris will notify you of his arrival at this point and will communicate with you by telephone, in order that, if necessary, he may contact the men stationed at Cleveland, Ohio, should an emergency arise warranting attention immediately. He will, of course, telephone to you any such development, in order that if these parties are located there suitable arrangements can be made to have them apprehended. You will be kept advised by this office and by Agent Harris at Cleveland, as to just what the develop-

ments are from day to day, if it is necessary for Agent Harris to remain there for a few days, in connection with the maintenance of the proper contact with our informant.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY, MO.**

FILE NO. **62-474**

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| REPORT MADE AT: CHARLOTTE, N. C. | DATE WHEN MADE: 9/29/34 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9/26/34 | REPORT MADE BY: W. G. BLACKBURN NO |
| 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:

Cadillac Sedan Motor #801,478 never registered in S. C. Stop placed Motor Vehicle Bureaus, N. C. and S. C.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from Kansas City Office dated September 17, 1934.



DETAILS:

Mr. Benjamin R. Stroup, Director, Motor Vehicle Bureau, State Highway Department, Columbia, South Carolina, was requested by letter to inform the Charlotte Office whether Cadillac Sedan Motor number 801,478, Serial number 4660 had ever been registered in South Carolina by William Weisman or others, and to place an appropriate stop in his records; to advise the Charlotte Office if this car should later be registered in South Carolina. Mr. Stroup advised by letter dated September 24, 1934, that William Weisman had never registered instant car or any other car in his name, and that instant car had not been

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. G. Blackburn</i> | Acting SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | 62-28915-258 | RECORDED AND INDEXED: OCT 1 1934 |
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registered by anyone else. He advised that the stop card was being placed in both the Motor Vehicle and the Drivers' License files.

Similar request was made of Mr. L. S. Harris, Director, Motor Vehicle Bureau, Department of Revenue, Raleigh, North Carolina, but to date no reply has been received.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
 P. O. Drawer, 1457.
 St. Louis, Missouri
 September 28, 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: 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.

Pursuant to instructions contained in your letter directed to the Kansas City office September 22, 1934, I am transmitting, herewith, a photograph of Jerome Crets, alias "Romie" Crets, St. Louis Police number 34976 which was taken on June 15, 1934. The following criminal record of this individual was supplied by the Identification Bureau of the St. Louis Police Department, which is additional to that supplied by the Division:

| Date of Arrest | Charge | Disposition |
|----------------|-------------------------|--|
| 9-3-1913 | General Dist. the Peace | Fined \$5.00, 2nd Dist, Police Ct. 9-4-1913. |
| 11-24-1915 | Susp. larceny | Rel. insuf. evid. 11-24-1915 |
| 8-6-1921 | Hold for Coroner | Disch. on bond CCC#1, 3-10-21 |
| 3-8-1922 | Vio. State Bone Dry Law | Disch. on bond 3-11-22 |
| 4-3-1922 | " " " " " | Rel. insuf. evid. 4-3-22 |
| 4-3-1922 | Susp. Robbery | Rel. insuf. evid. 4-3-22 |
| 2-21-1923 | " " | Released |
| 5-11-1923 | " " | Rel. insuf. evid. 5-12-23 |
| 9-26-1923 | Held for Mtd. District | Turned over to St. Louis Co. Authorities 9-27-23 |
| 8-11-1923 | Susp. Robbery | Rel. insuf. evid. 8-12-23 |
| 8-12-1923 | " " | Released 8-13-23 |
| 10-1-1923 | Susp. Larceny | Disch. on bond 10-6-23 |
| 1-15-1924 | " Robbery | Rel. insuf. evid. 1-16-24 |
| 4-2-1924 | Fugitive | Delv. to Depty. Sheriff Roth, St. Louis Co., Mo. |
| 4-9-1924 | Susp. Robbery | Rel. insuf. evid. 4-10-24 |
| 4-22-1926 | One headlight | Costs |
| 4-17-1928 | One headlight | Costs. CC#2, 4-26-1928 |
| 8-20-1928 | Susp. Robbery | Disch. No Prosecution, CCC#2, 11-28-1928 |

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| 9-29-1928 | Susp. Robbery | Disch. on bond |
| 11-3-1928 | " " | Rela.insuf.evid. |
| 1-15-1929 | " "& Imp.State Lic. | Rela.insuf.evid. |
| 4-4-1929 | Susp. Robbery | Rela. insuf.evid. |
| 1-15-1930 | " " | Released |
| 5-21-1932 | " " | Released |
| 7-16-1932 | Speeding | \$5 & Costs CC#1 7-25-32 |
| 8-11-1932 | Susp. Robbery | Released 8-12-32 |
| 10-12-1933 | " " | Rela. no warrant applied for. |

Crets was arrested by the St. Louis Police Department on June 15, 1934 as being implicated with Herman Dipton, Carl Fiorito and James Michael, in the holdup and robbery of Mike and Fannie Accardi at St. Louis, Missouri on February 24, 1934. At that time they obtained \$150 and threatened to kidnap Mr. Accardi if he did not have \$350 for them when they returned at some later time. Crets was positively identified by Mr. and Mrs. Accardi as one of the five men who came to their home and held them up. One, Norman Govier and James Vincent Griffin were shot and killed on February 26, 1934, when they were about to enter the residence of Mike Accardi to collect the amount of money demanded.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Vetterli

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge

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Jerome 'Romie' Cretz

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI** FILE NO. **86-5804**

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| REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Ill. | DATE WHEN MADE 8/28/34 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/22/34 | REPORT MADE BY E. H. WILLIAMS LM |
| TITLE CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, alias Frank Mitchell, alias "Pretty Boy" Smith, I.O. #1194; ADAM RICETTI | | CHARACTER OF CASE NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT | |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records of Pines Hotel, 3736 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, Ill. reflect that Joe Hudiburg has left Chicago and returned to Oklahoma and may be located in that State at Prague.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Donovan Owens, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 7/6/34.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Agent interviewed the Room Clerk of the Pines Hotel, 3736 Pine Grove Avenue, who furnished for Agent's inspection the record of Apartment 209, which was formerly held by Mr. Joe Hudiburg. A notation in the record book of the hotel reflects that Joe Hudiburg returned to Oklahoma several weeks ago and left a forwarding address as Prague, Oklahoma.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Prague, Oklahoma, will interview Joe Hudiburg regarding the facts of the theft of his automobile as requested in the report of reference.

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September 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

During telephonic conversation today, I confidentially informed Mr. Cowley at Chicago that Galatas was taken into custody at New Orleans yesterday; that this information is being kept quiet for the time being and that Galatas is being held incommunicado while being questioned. Upon Mr. Cowley's inquiry, I stated that Agent H. E. Andersen had been ordered to New Orleans from Kansas City to conduct the interrogation. I asked Mr. Cowley if he could suggest anybody else who should be present. He stated he thought Mr. Andersen could handle the matter if he can keep the matter quiet, and if not, to assign somebody else.

I remarked that according to information we have, it appears that Galatas is "yellow," and that if it felt it would be to his interest to give us information he would do so. Mr. Cowley again stated that he felt Mr. Andersen could handle this matter better than anybody in the Chicago Office; that Agent Suran has been handling the matter at Chicago, and he, Mr. Cowley, believes that Agent Andersen is better qualified than Agent Suran. I inquired as to Agent Andersen's ability to obtain information from such a prisoner. Mr. Cowley said that he personally does not know Mr. Andersen, but that both Mr. Quinn and Mr. Conroy feel that he has hardly any superior qualifications along this line.

Mr. Cowley stated he feels that in such a case the first thing we should do is to convince the prisoner that he will not be able to get out on a writ.

I stated that I intend to have Galatas held by our Division until we are able to obtain some information; that we know he is the key man and he may clear up many doubts in our minds and may confirm some of the information already in our possession; that he possibly will want to make a "deal" with us, which, of course we would refuse to enter into. Mr. Cowley suggested that if it becomes known that Galatas was taken into custody in New Orleans, we have him to sign a waiver and remove him from that district so that in the event a writ is filed, the Agent in Charge can state he is not in his custody. I stated I would discuss this suggestion with you

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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- Mr. Edwards
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- Mr. Harb 2 copies
- Mr. Keith
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Schilder
- Mr. Tamm

Richard Galatas

JER:RCB

September 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

I telephoned Agent in Charge Brantley at Oklahoma City this afternoon and inquired if his health would permit him to proceed immediately to New Orleans. He assured me that he would be ready to leave at any time I designated.

I instructed him to proceed to New Orleans at once by plane; that Galatas is in custody; that Agent in Charge Whitley is in Washington; that the Agents in Charge at Birmingham and Nashville likewise are not at their offices; that Agent Andersen is now in New Orleans, but I feel that he has not been able to obtain sufficient information from Galatas. I stated that in my estimation this is the solution of the Kansas City massacre case and it is therefore important that careful attention be given to the questioning of Galatas. I informed him that it has not become known that this man is in our custody. I also stated that I had ordered Mr. Harvey to leave New York this evening by plane for New Orleans, but he will be able to take care of only the outside contacts, such as when the story breaks in the newspapers. I told Mr. Brantley that I wanted him to handle the questioning of the prisoner because I want some one whom I can trust and who is familiar with the case. I stated that I feel this is the most important case we have, next to the Lindbergh case, and I would like to wait possibly a week or ten days to break it, if we can get the other participants. I stated that I believe Galatas is "yellow", cunning, and thoroughly unscrupulous, and since he was taken into custody quietly I want to take advantage of this opportunity to obtain everything possible from him. I told Mr. Brantley to direct this matter at New Orleans, so that as few people as possible, even in our service, will know about it.

Richard Baister

Mr. Brantley inquired if I desire Galatas removed from New Orleans. I stated that I did not want this done unless his friends should learn that we have him in custody. I also stated that you had directed the New Orleans Office to have Galatas sign a waiver of removal for use in the event it becomes necessary to remove him hurriedly.

Mr. Brantley said he would wire the Division as soon as he makes arrangements for his departure. He will leave Mr. Little in charge. Mr. Brantley indicated that he would probably go by way of Dallas. I directed him to let me know of all developments at New Orleans, and if I am not available, he should talk to either you or Mr. Quinn.

- Mr. Nathan
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- Mr. Baughman
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Very truly yours, 62-28915-2585

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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| Mr. Nathan |
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I called Mr. Brantley with reference to the telegram (on Galatas) about the two additional agents and asked why he needed these agents. He advised that two or three of the local agents have some court assignments and they will need some teams as he is going to keep the individuals there separate and apart. I stated he has three agents from Birmingham, also Anderson and himself, which is five; that Harvey will make six. Mr. Brantley stated they have to keep them together now in the same room and it would probably be a good idea to split them up. I stated that he has Rosen and Perronnin. Mr. Brantley stated that Perronnin is on sick leave. I stated that Blake is there and Mr. Brantley stated that he has a court assignment and the United States Attorney is worrying him about a grand jury assignment. I told Mr. Brantley that I would see what I could do but I was not very optimistic.

Mr. Brantley advised that today at noon one of the informants got in touch with Dave Magee; that the informant was drunk and was rather obstreperous and wanted to know when he was going to get his reward and also wanted to borrow money. Mr. Brantley stated that the likelihood is that this fellow will get drunk again and continue to be drunk and might spill something. I told Mr. Brantley to get him up against the wall and talk to him. Mr. Brantley stated that Magee did this; that he told him the best thing he could do would be to shut up or he would be in jail; that if we could do anything for him, we would do it in due time; that he talked pretty straight to him. Mr. Brantley stated that he can not control all of his movements. I told Mr. Brantley that if it was necessary he should put the fear of God into this fellow.

Mr. Brantley stated that Galatas has not told them anything so far; that they did not already know; that he denies knowing of anyone's participation in the massacre other than Verne Miller. Mr. Brantley stated that they are working on Galatas and he thinks they will get some information. I advised Mr. Brantley that two Special Agents would be sent to him today.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMI.

Mr. Brantley telephoned from New Orleans with regard to the GALATAS matter, and stated he arrived at New Orleans this morning, but Mr. Harvey had not arrived as yet. I stated that the airplane in which he was traveling was grounded and he will probably not arrive before six o'clock this evening.

Mr. Brantley stated that the Agents talked to Galatas all last night and secured a statement from him; that what they have is very good, but he is inclined to think that Galatas is "holding out" on us, and that they are going to make an effort to get more from him. I told Mr. Brantley I wanted particularly to get from Galatas the background of any protection he received. Mr. Brantley stated it is obvious that Mrs. Wash has lied to us all the way through, and it is his opinion she should be taken into custody, and that Mr. Cowley had indicated to him it is possible she is at Wenona, Illinois. I suggested that Mr. Cowley take this woman into custody and not let any one get to her, and Mr. Brantley stated he thought she should be taken to Kansas City as there is more information in the file at that office than anywhere else. I stated I thought it might be best to keep her at Chicago due to the reason that we have facilities there for keeping any one from knowing we are holding her. Mr. Brantley stated he thought this would be alright.

*Richard O. DeLoach
Mrs. Wash Galatas*

Mr. Brantley stated that Esther Farmer is also not telling the truth. (She is the wife of Herbert Farmer). He advised that two or three weeks ago Farmer shot a deputy sheriff at Joplin, but he did not kill the officer, and that he left and his wife went with him. Mr. Brantley was of the opinion that they should both be taken into custody. I instructed Mr. Brantley to give the necessary orders on this.

Mr. Brantley further advised that Galatas admits talking with Miller on the phone on the night in question, but does not know who was with Verne. Mr. Brantley remarked that he had not personally as yet talked with Verne Miller. I stated I had my doubts about this last statement attributed to Galatas. Mr. Brantley stated that there had been no publicity on the matter, and both Galatas and his wife have signed Waivers to go anywhere we desire to take them. I stated if anything begins to break we may move them out of New Orleans.

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Telephone Conversation,
Mr. Brantley - New Orleans.

I advised that although Mr. Harvey was coming to New Orleans, Mr. Brantley was to have entire charge of this case, and Mr. Harvey was to be in charge of the office, and anything that may break on the outside.

Mr. Brantley stated that the Agents are with Galatas and his wife at all times.

Mr. Brantley inquired whether I had any definite time in mind I wanted them to depart for Kansas City, and I stated I wanted them held there until such time as we can round up the rest of them. I cautioned that they should guard against any attempts at suicide on the part of the persons being held in custody. Mr. Brantley stated that Galatas has indicated to Agents Magee and Harold Anderson that he wants to plead guilty right away. I stated we want to try him for murder. I instructed Mr. Brantley that continued efforts should be made to make him talk.

Mr. Brantley stated he would ask Mr. Cowley at Chicago, and Kansas City, to take into custody Mrs. Nash, and the Farmers, respectively. He stated he would keep this office advised of any developments.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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326 1/2 Post Office Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.
September 27, 1934.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.~~

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 536,
Los Angeles, California.

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith non-negotiable warehouse receipt or contract between W. E. Cox and the Redman Fire-Proof Warehouse Co., 2428 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, California, concerning one hand case and two suit cases, Lot No. 4585, together with a letter of authority by W. E. Cox to inspect this personal property addressed to the Redman Fire-Proof Warehouse Co. W. E. Cox is an alias used by subject Richard Tallman Galatas and the property stored in this warehouse belongs to subject Galatas and his wife.

It is requested that you inspect the above described property and secure any facts of evidentiary nature.

For your confidential information, the fact of which is not to be disclosed until same is given newspaper publicity, subject Galatas and his wife are in custody. Additional facts will be furnished you by report from this office, which will disclose that subject resided at Santa Monica and Los Angeles, California, under the aliases of Edwin W. Lee and William Lee. However, no investigation is to be conducted relative that phase until advice is received from the Kansas City Division Office.

After inspection of the baggage, it is requested that the original Warehouse Receipt and Contract No. 4585 be forwarded to the Kansas City Division Office. The aforementioned property is to be left at the Redman Fire-Proof Warehouse Company pending advice from the Kansas City Division Office.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While talking with Mr. Cowley, I asked what he thought about picking up Ted Angus and whether we could prosecute him for harboring. Mr. Cowley stated he did not think we could do this right now. I stated if we picked him up and held him, we might get some information from him. Mr. Cowley stated that they have an agent working right near his place in the guise of a P.W.A. worker, - Dickstein. I asked whether he was any good and Mr. Cowley stated that he is a comparatively new man but he believes he is very good.

Mr. Cowley advised that he noticed a letter from Oklahoma City dated September 26th concerning Barker and Karpis which fitted in with the information given to them by their informant. I stated that I recalled this letter from Brantley and Mr. Cowley stated that these men were in Kansas on September 21st and when their informant saw them a week prior to that, they said they were going to Kansas City. Mr. Cowley stated it looks as though they might have gone to Kansas City although the only thing wrong is that on September 22nd, the informant called the man in Toledo and said she had seen them on that date although she did not indicate which one and probably referred to Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Fred Barker. Mr. Cowley stated that this letter from Oklahoma City sounded all right and seems to fit in with the information they got from their informant. Mr. Cowley stated that this lead looks good to him.

I asked Mr. Cowley what he thought about picking up Willie Harrison and Mr. Cowley stated they have a couple of men working on Harrison right now but have not been able to spot him as yet. I stated he is supposed to be around the Casino Club all the time and Mr. Cowley stated that he is just there some of the time; that they have a pretty good lead on him and he is apparently on the lam for another reason and apparently because of trouble with Hammond. Mr. Cowley stated that when this trouble blows over, they will have him.

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I asked Mr. Cowley about Betty Tracey and he advised that they have had her in the office a number of times and questioned her; that she denies ever having had any contact. I asked if she admitted giving Jimmy Wilson \$500 recently. Mr. Cowley stated they have not talked with her since that time. Mr. Cowley stated they probably would have gotten Moran the other day except for all of the publicity which came out when the I.O.'s were released; that the newspaper publicity came out just about an hour before they thought they were going to get him. Mr. Cowley stated that the newspapers apparently watch for the issuance of I.O.'s. I asked how old Moran is and Mr. Cowley stated he is about 40. Mr. Cowley stated that

Memo for the Director

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September 29, 1934.

Harrison and Dr. Moran will both be very valuable pick-ups. I stated that I felt Moran would talk when we get him and Mr. Cowley stated he does not know whether Moran knows where the hide-out is or not. I stated he probably does not but can give us a lot of information.

I asked Mr. Cowley if we were getting anything from our friend in the detention room and Mr. Cowley stated that they have not gotten such and he thinks he is terribly over-rated. Mr. Cowley stated he would send in a teletype summary on what they have got and I told Mr. Cowley to keep right after him because, if he is innocent, why did he hop out of there so fast and live under an alias and abandon that Cadillac and everything else he did do. Mr. Cowley stated that he admits making those arrangements and has admitted enough to make him an accessory. Mr. Cowley stated he would send us a teletype.

I asked Mr. Cowley whether they are getting anything from Vivian Mathis and Mr. Cowley stated that he feels that they will; that if the fellows down there don't do any good within the next day or so, he will have her brought up to Chicago and see what they can do. I stated that would be worth while as she seems to know the answers. I told Mr. Cowley that if we could get Vivian Mathis, Mrs. Frank Nash and the Galatas together and let them see each other and tell them they better talk while they have a chance, we might get something as they will not know what the others have said. I asked Mr. Cowley whether he had any pictures of Varne Miller after he was killed and stated this might be a mental stimulant. Mr. Cowley stated that he will see what they can get.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
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AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY September 28, 1934.

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

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:

There are enclosed herewith six photographs of MRS.
ELIZABETH GALATAS, and six photographs of RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS
taken on September 28, 1934, at the Chicago Division office, together
with the fingerprints of Mrs. Elizabeth Galatas.

I understand that the fingerprints of Richard Tallman Galatas
were taken at New Orleans, La. and forwarded to the Division.

Very truly yours,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. COWLEY
Inspector

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_____ Mr. Tolson
_____ Mr. Clegg
_____ Miss Gandy
_____ Chief, Unit _____
_____ Chief Clerk
_____ Printing Section
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_____ Mr. _____

Attached are photographs of Galatas and Mrs. Galatas, which accompanied letter received today from the Chicago office. They should have been kept with the letter. Would you kindly see that they are retained there. The file number is #62-28915-2591. I have kept one copy of each of these photographs in our files.

L. C. Schilder.



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September 28, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Kansas City Office in the above entitled case, under date of September 17, 1934, describing a Cadillac Sedan known to have been in the possession of William Weisman in the year 1930, and requesting all offices to check automobile registration records to determine the present location of this car.

Confirming telegram of this date, you are advised that Ohio 1934 license #238670 was issued to J. W. McIntire, Plymouth, Ohio, for Cadillac Sedan, motor #801478. The records of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Columbus, Ohio, indicate that this car was purchased by McIntire on April 22, 1932 and that the bill of sale is #52862, Huron County, Ohio.

The Detroit Office should make the necessary collateral investigation to trace this car back, in an endeavor to ascertain the location of Weisman.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
September 28, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

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

On September 27, 1934, inquiry was received through representatives of the press at Oklahoma City for verification of a report to the effect that "Pretty Boy" Floyd had been apprehended at or near Oklahoma City. The source of the report was attributed to the Western Union telegraph office at McAlester, Oklahoma. Inquiry of Deputy Sheriff Rainey by telephone at McAlester, Oklahoma revealed that such a report had been received there, but was unconfirmed. Mr. Rainey had received his information through Police Judge Haley of McAlester, who reported that he had received the report by radio or wire.

Inquiry of Judge W. E. Haley, McAlester, Oklahoma, by telephone revealed that the rumor is attributed to the fact that two messenger boys, one employed by the Postal Telegraph and the other by the Western Union, passed each other on the street at McAlester on the morning of September 27th. The Postal messenger remarked that a message had just come over the Postal wires from Dallas, stating that "Pretty Boy" Floyd had been caught in Oklahoma City. This story had been picked up by the newspapers at McAlester and broadcast, and Judge Haley stated that to his knowledge, there was no basis to the rumor. Mr. C. A. Abernathy, Postal Telegraph Company, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised that inquiries had been received there from McAlester for confirmation of this rumor and that no such wire had been transmitted by Postal Telegraph. The rumor, of course, was erroneous.

This memorandum is prepared for the purpose of recording the receipt of the rumor and the checking thereof.

JOHN B. LITTLE, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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**P. O. Box #766
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September 30, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to my telegram of September 29, 1934, Special Agent H. D. Harris, left Cincinnati at 11:50 P.M. September 30, 1934, and will arrive at Cleveland, Ohio, at 7:30 A.M. October 1, 1934, and will be registered at the Hollenden Hotel, in order to contact confidential informant concerned with the case of "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."

Very truly yours,

[Handwritten Signature]
**H. J. CONNELLY,
Special Agent in Charge.**

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Harvey called from New York and advised there was nothing he could get from New York to New Orleans last night; that he did not take a train as they would not have done any good; that he can get a plane which will bring him in New Orleans in the morning and a train would not get there until Wednesday. I asked Mr. Harvey whether, if he left New York on Sunday night, he would not get to New Orleans until Wednesday. Mr. Harvey stated he could not get a train last night; that the only train would be this morning and he figured it would be better to take a plane. Mr. Harvey stated he is taking the 9:40 plane and will be in New Orleans 10:30 the next morning, Tuesday morning and the best by train would be Wednesday morning. Mr. Harvey stated the only possibility would be a plane to St. Louis which would leave at 3:30 this afternoon and miss the connections out straight.

I advised Mr. Harvey that when he gets down there, we do not want any publicity on this case until we are ready to break it; that when it breaks, we want favorable publicity of an intelligent type, giving the Division full credit for what it has done in this matter; that we want him, Harvey, to dominate the situation down there; that we are not satisfied with the progress being made by Anderson with regard to Galatas; that we want the agents to be kept ⁱⁿ line; that we want every precaution to be taken against Galatas committing suicide; that we want a waiver of removal in the event they spring a writ of habeas corpus, in which event we want to get him out of the district into Texas; that this calls for a great deal of work; that we want this interrogation conducted most vigorously because Galatas is the key to the whole situation; that Anderson asked him some questions last night and he said he had to think about it; that this is not the answer as what we want to do is to get everything out of him that he has and get it as soon as possible; that he is being held at Magee's apartment and we want him, Harvey, to go to work on this fellow as we understand that he is yellow and, of course, there is a way to deal with people like that. I told Mr. Harvey that when this breaks, we want the Division to get full and favorable publicity about the whole case; that some write-ups on the case should be ready to be given out. I told Mr. Harvey that we would send him some photographs today under personal and confidential cover on Galatas so he will have them. Mr. Harvey stated he will wire his departure.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
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DIRECTOR

Richard

KAN MO CONTINUOUS INTERVIEWING OF GALATAS HAS DEVELOPED ONLY THE
 INFORMATION THAT HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH FRANK NASH FOR ABOUT ONE
 YEAR PRIOR TO HIS ARREST AND THAT HE MET HIM THROUGH HERBERT FARMER
 OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI. GALATAS CONTENDS THAT HE SUGGESTED TO DUTCH
MAKERS CHIEF OF DETECTIVES OF HOT SPRINGS ARKANSAS THAT HE ARRANGE TO
HAVE NASH APPREHENDED BY AUTHORITIES OUTSIDE OF HOT SPRINGS IN ORDER
THAT NO SUSPICION WOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARD HIM. HE TO DATE CONTENDS
 THAT HIS ONLY INTEREST IN THE MATTER AFTER NASH'S APPREHENSION WAS TO
 AID MRS. NASH FINANCIALLY IN ORDER THAT NO SUSPICION MIGHT BE DIRECT-
 ED TOWARD HIM. HE STATES THAT THE TELEPHONE CALL MADE FROM HOT
 SPRINGS ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE 16 TO JOPLIN, MISSOURI ADVISING THAT
 NASH WAS BEING TAKEN TO KANSAS CITY WAS MADE BY HIS WIFE BETTY
 GALATAS. MRS. GALATAS HOWEVER UP TO DATE DENIES MAKING THIS CALL.

IT IS OBVIOUS THAT NEITHER OF THESE INDIVIDUALS IS TELLING THE FULL
 TRUTH. FRANCES NASH ARRIVED AT THE ~~CITY~~ CHICAGO OFFICE AT SEVEN
 AM THIS DATE IN COMPANY WITH AGENTS NOTESTEEN, BOARDMAN AND LAWRENCE
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| REPORT MADE AT: NEW ORLEANS | DATE WHEN MADE: 9-29-34. | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9/27-29/34. | REPORT MADE BY: D. W. MAGEE |
| 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: Robt. H. Jernigan, Attorney, Port Arthur, Texas, by letter September 26, 1934, advised the New Orleans Division Office that he has a client who has definite information which, if properly developed, would lead to the apprehension of the man who actually did the shooting in the Nash case, the client hesitating to disclose the fact because of fear of gang vengeance. Purpose of reporting matter to secure reward. Special Agent A. Rosen, of the New Orleans Division Office, overheard subject Galatas make remark to his wife that they would never give the information of the participants in the Kansas City messengers, indicating that he had knowledge of the fact.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent D. W. Magee, New Orleans, Louisiana, 9-28-34.

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

DETAILS:

Robt H. Jernigan, Attorney-At-Law, address Box 116, or Goodhue Hotel, Port Arthur, Texas, by letter to the New Orleans Division Office dated September 26, 1934, stated as follows:

"I have a client here who has definite information which if properly developed will lead to the apprehension of the man who actually did the shooting in the Nash case. This information has been recently developed by my client and he has been hesitating to disclose the same because of fear of gang vengeance.

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"It is my understanding that there is a reward offered for such information and of course I would like my client to participate in any reward should he be of service to your department.

In the event you are interested in this you may get in touch with me at the Goodhue Hotel, Port Arthur, Texas, or Box 116."

Agent communicated the aforementioned facts to Special Agent in Charge F. J. Blake, of the Dallas Division Office, by telephonic communication on September 29, 1934, when the aforementioned letter was received at the New Orleans Division Office.

Special Agents A. Rosen and C. O. Pickard, while on guard duty at New Orleans, Louisiana, guarding subject Galatas and his wife, at about 12:15 p. m., September 27, 1934, were conversing with each other. At this time Special Agent A. Rosen overheard a conversation between subject Galatas and his wife to the effect that they, meaning agents, had worked on him for five days and hadn't gotten anything, and subject Galatas further stated - "We haven't gotten anything and we won't."

Information concerning the letter of Robt H. Jernigan and the statement made by subject Galatas to his wife were transmitted by telephone to Inspector Sam Cowley, of the Chicago Division Office, on September 29, 1934.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DALLAS OFFICE: At Port Arthur, Texas, is requested to confer with Attorney Robt. H. Jernigan and ascertain what facts his client has with respect to the actual identity of the participants in the Kansas City massacre, and advise the Division. Inspector Sam Cowley of the Chicago Office expressed a desire for an immediate investigation.

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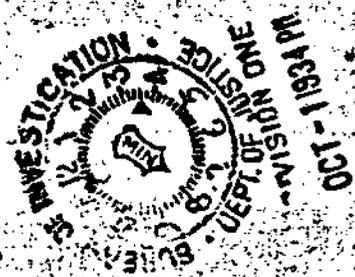
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September 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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I telephoned the Birmingham Office and talked to Agent D. O. Smith. I advised him very confidentially that Agents Magee and Blake this afternoon took Galatas and his wife into custody, and are holding them in the New Orleans Office. I stated that we do not want this matter given any publicity for possibly a month; that we intend to hold them and interrogate them thoroughly and consistently in our own way; that I had instructed Agent Magee to rent an apartment in which to incarcerate these people, keeping them under guard while they are being questioned. I instructed Mr. Smith to select three sensible, steady Agents from his office, with as much experience as possible, who are qualified to perform such guard duty, and have them proceed at once to New Orleans, advising the Division by wire the time of their departure.

Mr. Smith stated that he had received a telephone call this morning from Agent in Charge Conroy at Little Rock relative to this matter, requesting that a telegram be checked which was sent from Birmingham September 20 or 21. I directed him to ignore this matter, and suggested that if Mr. Conroy calls him about it, he should advise him very confidentially that we have Galatas in custody but that there is to be absolutely no publicity given to the matter; however, that it would not be necessary to advise Mr. Conroy unless he calls him relative to the lead at Birmingham.

I told Mr. Smith to send the three Agents to New Orleans tonight, and to instruct them to be very cautious in keeping the individuals under continual guard; that the proper steps should be taken to have the windows properly barricaded, the locks should be removed from the doors of the apartment, including the bathroom door; they should not be allowed to keep anything sharp in their possession or within reach; and that every possible precaution should be taken to prevent suicide. Mr. Smith said he would have the Agents leave on the first train. I informed him that Agent Andersen is going to New Orleans from Kansas City.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Brantley called from New Orleans and advised that they would leave at approximately 2:15 P.M.; that weather charts indicated considerable bad weather and that he doubted that they would be able to get beyond St. Louis tonight. I instructed Mr. Brantley to attempt to get through and if necessary to ground for the night, to stop at St. Louis. I contacted Mr. Vetterli by telephone and advised him of the situation and instructed him to make the necessary arrangements in St. Louis so that Gelatas and his wife could be held over night there, if necessary, under proper guard and that due precaution should be taken against any possible publicity.

Mr. Magee telephoned from New Orleans and advised that the plane left at 2:28 P.M.; that they are having bad weather there; that the plane will stop at Memphis for gas and, if they run into difficulties, will stop for the night at the Lambert Municipal Field in St. Louis. I told Mr. Magee that I would advise Mr. Vetterli that the plane will stop in St. Louis for gas and may stay all night. Mr. Magee stated that Mr. Vetterli should be informed that the Gelatases do not know they are going to Chicago. Mr. Magee stated he is wiring all of the agents out.

Mr. Harvey advised that he was returning to New York by plane tonight.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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[Handwritten signature: S. P. Cowley]

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

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:

There are enclosed herewith copies of the statement obtained from Vivian Mathias in connection with the above entitled matter.

The questioning of Vivian Mathias will, of course, be continued for any further information she may have in connection with this and other cases.

The source of this information should be held in the strictest of confidence.

Very truly yours,

[Handwritten signature: S. P. Cowley]
S. P. COWLEY
Inspector

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Chicago, Illinois
September 30, 1934.

I, Vivian Mathias, make the following voluntary statement to R. C. Suran and S. K. McKee, Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, having been told I need not say anything, but that anything I did say would be used against me.

During the forepart of June, 1933 Vernon E. Miller and I, along with my eleven year old daughter Betty, were living at 6612 Edgevale Road in Kansas City, Mo. We were residing there under the name of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Moore. Verne held himself out to be a salesman for the Educational Finance Corp. of Oklahoma City, Okla. and our electric lights, gas, and water were secured under the name of V. C. Moore with the name of the above firm as his employers. Verne was a member of the Milburne Golf Club and had his membership under the name White. I cannot recall the initials he used.

For sometime prior to June, 1933, I had been acquainted with one Frank Nash, an escapee from Leavenworth Penitentiary. Verne Miller introduced Nash to me and I had known him for some time before I knew he was an escaped convict.

On the afternoon of June 15, 1933 Verne Miller was playing golf at the Milburne Golf Club in Kansas City. I do not know with whom he was playing. Around 5:00 o'clock on this afternoon I received a telephone call at 6612 Edgevale Road from Fritz Mulloy, who requested that I get in touch with Verne Miller and ask that Verne get in touch with him. Fritz Mulloy did not furnish me with any other information. In compliance with this request I communicated by telephone with the Milburne Golf Club and left a message for Mr. White to call his wife. Shortly thereafter Verne called me and I told him to get in touch with Fritz Mulloy right away.

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An hour or so later Verne arrived at home for dinner. At this time Verne told me that Nash had been picked up in Hot Springs, Ark. Verne did not to my recollection tell me how he had obtained this information, but I assumed that he learned it during his conversation on the telephone with Fritz Mulloy.

I was accustomed to putting my daughter, Betty, to bed at about 9:00 o'clock each night. On this night Verne left home at about the time I was putting Betty to bed. He did not tell me where he was going. Sometime after Verne left, a period of possibly an hour or two, a telephone call was received on our phone from Joplin, Mo. I answered the phone and the person talking stated she was Esther. The only person named Esther whom I knew in Joplin, Mo. was Esther Farmer, wife of Herb Farmer. Esther asked for Verne and when I told her he was not at home she said that I could take the message. She said that "that party" had left Ft. Smith. She told me the time the train left and I made a note for Verne on a piece of paper. I cannot now remember the time she furnished. Esther was the only person I talked to at the time of this telephone call.

I cannot recall whether I associated Esther's telephone call with the matter of Frank Nash's arrest in Hot Springs, Ark. During the time I lived with Verne Miller, however, I often received telephone messages for him which I did not understand.

Shortly after receiving this telephone call from Esther Farmer I went to bed. Sometime after I had gone to sleep Verne came in and awakened me. He told me to get Betty from her room and to take her in bed with me; that he had brought some friends home with him who were going to sleep in her bed. He did not tell me who these friends were and I did not see them. I took Betty into bed with me and went back to sleep. Verne, also, slept in the same bed.

On the following morning at a time which I would estimate to be about 9:00 A. M. Verne came into my room and awakened me. He was fully dressed at this time. He told me to get up and put on my clothes; that he was going to call Fritz Mulloy and tell him to come for me. I sensed that something was wrong, but asked

no questions as his request was not unusual in the light of my past experiences. I dressed and, also, dressed Betty. After I had dressed I saw nobody except Verne. The door leading to Betty's room was closed, however. Shortly after I had finished dressing Fritz Mulloy arrived and drove Betty and me to his house. I remained at Mulloy's house for about an hour and during this time Mrs. Mulloy and I prepared breakfast for Betty and for Rose Marie Mulloy. I do not recall having seen the Mulloy's housekeeper.

After breakfast Verne telephoned to me and told me to come home, but to leave Betty at the Mulloy's home. I telephoned for a taxicab and directed the driver to take me to a grocery store, the name and exact location of which I cannot recall, but which I do know was located about four blocks from my home. I purchased some groceries and walked the remaining distance to my home.

While in the taxicab the driver talked about some people having been killed in a gun battle at the Union Station in Kansas City that morning. I do not recall whether he mentioned any names and cannot recall my reactions to his remark.

On arriving at home I found Verne and two men whom I had never seen before. Sometime during the day Verne told me one of these men was named Floyd. He did not tell me the name of the second man. I have been shown the photographs of Charles Arthur Floyd alias "Pretty Boy" and Adam Richetti and recognize them as the pictures of the two men who were at our home with Verne. Floyd was in Betty's bed because of a wound he had in his left shoulder. I do not know how serious his wound was, but do know that no one was called to treat him. Verne had a small wound on his right little finger, but he did not tell me how he had acquired it. Verne told me that they had been to the station to get Frank; that there had been some shooting and that Frank had been killed. He, also, said Floyd had been wounded. I do not remember whether he said anything about any officers having been shot. I knew that he felt badly about the matter from the way he looked and talked.

I went to the kitchen and prepared breakfast. Verne and Richetti drank some coffee and I took a cup in to Floyd. None of them cared for anything to eat.

The four of us remained in the house during the entire day, which was June 17, 1933. Sometime during the day Verne remarked that he, Floyd, and Richetti had used his, Verne's, Chevrolet Sedan in making the trip to and from the Union Station. Floyd and Richetti remained in the bedroom all day, with the exception that Richetti came to the dinette a second time for coffee. I believe I took coffee to Floyd a second time. I did not have anything to say to either Floyd or Richetti about what had happened and they did not say anything to me.

Sometime after dark Verne left the house by himself. He was away for about an hour. I do not know where he went. After he returned we were talking in the living room when I heard someone walk onto the porch. Verne asked me to go into our bedroom, which I did. I at no time saw the person who came onto the porch and have never known his identity. I remained in the bedroom about twenty minutes. When I came out into the living room both Floyd and Richetti were gone.

During the day when the daily newspaper was delivered to the house Verne read the account of the shooting at the Union Station and remarked, after reading that five or six men had been involved, "that's what the newspapers can do". He stated at this time that only the three of them had been at the station.

Verne and I remained at 5512 Edgewale Road on this night. He told me during the night that we would leave the next day. The next day Verne called a friend, whose name I cannot remember at this time, but whom I know was engaged in the jewelry business in Kansas City. He made arrangements for this man to drive me to Des Moines, Iowa. This man picked me up during the afternoon, and after getting Betty from Mulloy's home, we drove to Des Moines, Iowa, arriving some time after dark. Betty and I took a night train to Chicago, Ill., arriving on Monday morning, June 19, 1934. In accordance with prior arrangements Verne and I had made I took a taxicab with Betty and proceeded to a dressmaker's shop operated by one Madame Therese on Harding Ave. near Cermack Road, where I waited for Verne. Verne met me there late in the evening and we drove in his car to the apartment of Volney Davis in Maywood, Ill. Volney Davis and his wife lived in this apartment. We spent Monday night in this apartment. On the following day we went to

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an apartment on which I was still paying rent and which I remember was located in a building near Cleveland Ave. and the elevated car tracks in Berwyn, Ill. We spent Tuesday night in this apartment. We may have spent one more night in Chicago, but I am not sure as to this point. If we did, this night was spent at the apartment of Volney Davis. However, on either Wednesday or Thursday afternoon Volney Davis and I drove Verne to the airport where Verne took a plane for New York City.

I returned to Volney Davis apartment with him and Betty and I remained there for the night. On the following morning Betty and I went to Minneapolis, Minn. via airplane, our destination being the home of my parents in Brainard, Minn.

I have read this statement consisting of ten pages and know the contents to be the truth and to be composed of substance furnished by me.

(Signed) Vivian Mathias

Witnessed:

(Signed) S. K. McKee, Special Agent
Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

(Signed) R. C. Suran, Special Agent
Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

P. O. Drawer, 1457
St. Louis, Missouri
September 28, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLS, with aliases (Deceased)
RICHARD TELMAN GALATAS, with aliases
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1801
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTYBOY" FLOYD, with
aliases, FUGITIVE I.O. #1104, et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Pursuant to the request contained in the letter directed to your office in this matter by Special Agent in Charge William Laron, Detroit, Michigan, September 22, 1934, I am transmitting, herewith, a copy of the report of Special Agent W. E. Peters, rendered at Detroit, Michigan, August 5, 1933 in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS Buick Sedan, motor number 2771430, National Motor Vehicle Theft act, which is carried at this office under file--26-3976.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: VERNON G. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
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I. O. #1801;
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1194; et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter to the Cincinnati office dated September 13, 1934, to letter from the Cincinnati office to the Division, dated September 16, 1934, and to letter from the Kansas City office to the Cincinnati office dated September 17, 1934, all of which relate to determining the location of Phillip Lascuola and James Dove alias James Sivella.

Special Agent in Charge William Larson recently in Cleveland exhibited the photographs of Phillip Lascuola, James Dove, Meyer Herman and Sammie Schragar to Jack Mintz Jr., a reporter for the Cleveland Plain Dealer who is acquainted with a great many underworld characters in Cleveland. Mintz is a confidential informant of this office. He advised that he did not recognize any of the photographs, nor was he acquainted with any of these individuals, and had not heard of any of them being in Cleveland. He advised that there were a great number of hoodlums and underworld characters hanging around the Hollenden Hotel in Cleveland and that it was possible these individuals might be there. The lobby of the Hollenden Hotel was observed by Agents on several occasions but none of these individuals were there, though it was possible that they might use this place either as evidence or for loafing.

It was also ascertained by SAC Larson that the Harvard Club in Newburgh Heights, Cleveland, Ohio, is a notorious gaming house being operated by Nathan Weisenberg who is known as the machine king in Cleveland. It is possible that this gambling resort frequented by Lascuola and Dove.

Concerning Noe Davis, of whom it was indicated by Special Agent James Lacapra alias Jimmie Needle to be a contact made as set forth in letter from the Kansas City office

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dated September 19, 1934, it was ascertained that there was a person by the name of Moe Davis alias William Martin who was apparently around Cleveland and vicinity in the past, who was caught in connection with the murder of Morris Kaminarov in either Cleveland or Lakewood, Ohio, in 1930, and is reported to have been arrested by the Akron, Ohio, Police Department in July of 1930 at the request of the Lakewood, Ohio, Police Department, but was later released with no charge having been placed against him. At one time Moe Davis used the name of William Martin in registering a motor boat which he kept in a boat house on the Rocky River Lagoon, a suburb of Cleveland.

To date information has not been developed to the effect that this individual has been in Cleveland recently, and no local addresses are known for him either in Cleveland or Akron, Ohio. We are requesting a photograph of this individual from the Akron, Ohio, Police Department.

In view of the fact that it is set forth in letter from the Cincinnati office to the Division dated September 18, 1934, that a confidential informant from Cincinnati indicated he could secure information at Cincinnati leading to the location of Lascuola and Bove at Cleveland and might proceed to that point, further investigation in this matter at Cleveland is being held in abeyance and you are requested to advise this office what steps are being taken with a view of sending the informant to Cleveland forementioned. In event informant has been unsuccessful and proceeding to Cleveland, investigation at that point will be waived. This procedure is deemed advisable in view of the fact that the information indicating Lascuola and Bove are at Cleveland is only very general, and further investigation at this point might retard matters if the confidential informant does proceed to Cleveland.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Laram
Special Agent in Charge

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September 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called Mr. Magee at New Orleans regarding the apprehension of Richard Galatas and advised that there was to be absolutely no publicity in the matter; that he was to be held and questioned until they got the information they were looking for. I suggested that probably the best thing to do would be to get an apartment and keep him there.

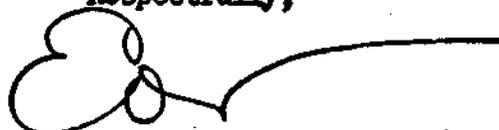
I advised Mr. Magee that Agent Andersen had been ordered to come down from Kansas City by plane to help in the questioning.

Mr. Magee was advised that additional agents from the Birmingham Office would be sent over to help on guard duty.

Magee is preparing a telegraphic summary of the catch at this time.

The fact that the case should get no publicity was strongly emphasized.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

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