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Colonel Gates telephoned and asked if there was anything new in the Louisville situation with regard to the kidnaping of Mrs. Stoll. I told Colonel Gates that there was nothing new and everything remains in status quo.

Colonel Gates stated that the Associated Press had called him and told him they had a flash to the effect that Pretty Boy Floyd is surrounded in a corn field out in Missouri. I told Colonel Gates that I had heard nothing about this.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Mr. Cowley telephoned from Salt Lake City with regard to the Baby Face Nelson matter and advised that it may take him a day and a half to get up to Glasgow, Montana; that he will find out the best he can and if he can make it without it taking too long, he will go up to Glasgow. I told Mr. Cowley that he could go up to Great Falls by plane and then go to Glasgow by train. Mr. Cowley stated that he could do this but it is a day's trip from Great Falls to Glasgow; that he will find out more definitely about the transportation and then advise us.

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I asked Mr. Cowley what the situation was in Reno and he advised that they have this car located in a garage but they don't know who put it there; that they do know it is Chase's car; that the garage man failed to identify the photograph of Chase as being the man who took it there; that it is, of course, either Chase or a direct contact; that there is, however, no indication that Nelson is in Reno and from all indications Chase was in Helena alone so that even though Chase is in Reno, there is no indication that Nelson is with him. I stated that they were together before and Mr. Cowley stated that they have been together a long time periodically; that they are known associates and as a matter of fact, Chase took Nelson to Chicago before they went up to Little Bohemia. Mr. Cowley stated that this garage is well covered and the agents have with them a Chief of Police from Sausalito, California who knows personally both Nelson and Chase. Mr. Cowley stated that he believes their set up is very good. With reference to keeping Agents McLaughlin and Nichols out there, Mr. Cowley stated that he believes their time is being utilized to very good advantage as they have a lot of leads in that district on Chase and Nelson and Nelson has spent considerable time running liquor down at San Francisco a couple of years ago and, of course, there are a lot of contacts down there; that in addition to that, McLaughlin is spending a good deal of time in Nevada and there is always a possibility that the Barkers will return to that vicinity; that Reno is a hot spot and some contacts should be maintained there; that we have no contacts in Reno at all and it is a place where we should have a lot of contacts.

Mr. Cowley advised that he talked to McKee last night at Chicago, who had apparently just returned from Kansas City and McKee stated that Mr. Nathan indicated that Milligan, the United States Attorney, seems to be sorry about the defendant making that press release; that McKee was fearful that Milligan was going to release the Miller woman's statement; that, of course, Milligan does not have this statement but he has read it and it would be quite inadvisable to have that published. I told Mr. Cowley that I would advise Mr. Nathan today to tell him not to do that. Mr. Cowley

stated that McKee may have an exaggerated idea about just what the status is and he, McKee, feels quite responsible to her as the statement was made to him; that, however, it should not go into the paper.

Mr. Cowley stated that Mr. Quinane is doing a very good job up there; that they have a lot of good leads in that territory. Mr. Cowley asked about the Floyd situation and I advised that he has absolutely not been identified; that none of the three was our man.

Mr. Cowley stated that he talked to Suran last night and he said they had some pretty good leads on Richetti as apparently he has been over in Hammond, Indiana until about two days ago and was alone. Mr. Cowley stated that he will advise the Division what he intends to do and asked whether I thought he should spend two days on the train. I stated that I did not think it was worth while unless there is something up there. I told Mr. Cowley to check the arrangements and see what the situation is. Mr. Cowley stated that they are apparently waiting for this man to return and the indications are that he is coming back and if he, Cowley, could get there at an opportune time, it would be a good idea but there is no point in waiting because it is very difficult to do anything in little towns by way of telephoning. Mr. Cowley stated that he will keep us advised and stated that he can be reached at the Salt Lake City office. I told Mr. Cowley that Brantley and some of the agents picked up Shine Rush last night, alleged associate of Pretty Boy Floyd. Mr. Cowley stated that it was 7:00 o'clock there and if it was necessary to reach him before 9:00, his telephone number would be Highland 1884 R.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Please refer to letter from this office dated September 23, 1934, relative to the slaying of John Lazia and the accusations by Kansas City Police of certain underworld characters responsible therefor.

Special Agents Harold E. Andersen and W. F. Trainor, through interview with Michael James LaCapra, questioned him as to whether he in any way participated in the killing of Lazia and he stated positively that he had not. However, he informed the Agents that he knows the identity of the slayers of Lazia and that they were his friends. Consequently he stated the Kansas City Italian underworld would, no doubt, desire his death in retaliation. He advised that Lazia's slayers were Al O'Brien and Jack Griffin, who did the actual shooting, using a machine gun and small arms, and that the man who drove the car used in the slaying of Lazia was a man known as Deutch, whose correct name is Howard Lansden, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department Number 1760. He stated that the car used was a stolen Ford automobile. He stated that he learned of it after the killing happened and that he could not in any way be legally convicted of connection with the slaying.

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He stated also that pursuant to what he has read in the newspaper he believes the Kansas City Police Department is referring to him as one of the conspirators in the Lazia killing and would be his ardent desire to talk with Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins in the presence of an Agent or Agents of this Division, and that he doubts whether Higgins would desire to talk to him under such circumstances because in such an event he would advise Higgins

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that he possessed knowledge of the Lazia killing in the same manner as he, Higgins, possessed knowledge of the participants in the Kansas City massacre, merely by receiving information from his friends.

As to the motive for the killing of Lazia, LaCapra indicated he believed it was political and he stated he believed the man referred to in the newspaper article enclosed in my letter of September 23rd as "the man higher up", is Casimer J. Welch, a local Democratic political leader.

Sheriff Tom Bash also advised the Agents that he has positive information as to the identity of "the man higher up", as he stated he has secured data to the effect that Casimer J. Welch, while at the Broadmour Hotel at Colorado Springs, Colorado, immediately after the Lazia slaying was approached by Jack Griffin, Al O'Brien and one or two others, and that Welch at that time paid all or part of a $12,000.00 stipend which he had offered for the slaying.

This information is being furnished under personal and confidential cover since it came to the Agents in strict confidence, and in view of the fact that there has been considerable conjecture as to the identities of the Lazia slayers, the Police Department having several times referred to various individuals as the perpetrators of the crime. It will be noted that the police have alleged that Philip Lascola, James Cove and Myer Berman were the slayers, and at another time they have stated that Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker and Alvin Karpis committed the crime.

LaCapra informed that he believes there is no possibility of the machine gun used in the Lazia slaying being identical with the one used in the Kansas City massacre. A report of that nature, of course, had been circulated in the newspaper which he read. To support this he stated he knows that Jack Griffin was looking for a machine gun while at Kansas City shortly before the death of Lazia and that he made a couple of trips to St. Louis, Missouri, and that on his return from one of those trips he had a machine gun which LaCapra believes was purchased new from a connection in St. Louis. He believes that this is the machine gun used to kill Lazia. However, he stated that Jerome Cretes had a certain machine gun which had been secured in a hijacking at St. Louis several months ago from the younger brother of the deceased Sam Scola, known as "Little Piggie". That gun might have been Sam Scola's gun and in that event, of course, could have been the one used in the massacre. It is noted that Cretes, according to Tony Gizzo, of Kansas City, an underworld character, was in on the

original plans with Griffin and others to kill Lazia and betrayed their identities prior to the time Lazia was killed.

Any further information that can be secured with the purpose in view of bringing about the location of the machine gun which killed Lazia will be obtained.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Clegg telephoned and advised that he was in a phone booth at the New York Journal office. I asked Mr. Clegg whether the Director had talked to him about the press dispatch concerning the report that Pretty Boy Floyd had been located or was about to be located in the vicinity of New York City. Mr. Clegg stated that he had heard nothing about it. I told him that a press dispatch was received to the effect that we were looking for Floyd in New York City and it came out about the time we had the developments on the Chase angle with regard to Baby Face Nelson; that the Director states that he is getting more fearful of a leak in the New York office; in other words, it appeared that somebody there yesterday knew there was something hot in New York and then the story came out that Floyd was going to be located there. Mr. Clegg stated that he knows nothing about the Floyd angle and with regard to the other angle, he believes Sam Hardy handled it and Soucy last night was about to tell him and he, Clegg, put him on the line for us. I told Mr. Clegg that I just wanted him to know about the Director's belief concerning a leak so that he could keep it in mind with all the other things stirring up there.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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October 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of an abstract of criminal record and photograph of one John F. Lazia, Division No. 381713. The criminal record reflects arrests at Kansas City, Missouri on November 30, 1914 and May 27, 1931.

The Division desires that you conduct appropriate investigation with a view to determining whether this individual is identical with the late John Lazia, Italian political leader, who was murdered at Kansas City, Missouri on July 10, 1934.

A copy of this letter with the enclosures is also being furnished to the Chicago Division office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - Deceased. CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - FUG. I.O. 1194 - Et Al.

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mr. Louis A. Pegel, Wanamaker Store, Philadelphia, identified photograph of Floyd as man appearing at their store in February, 1934, with a woman giving her name as Mrs. James W. Cruder, #10 Park Avenue, New York City, and Ambassador Hotel, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and an address in Milwaukee, Wisconsin which has been mislaid. Woman purchased eyeglasses and until recently has been corresponding with the store from above addresses for adjustment of eyeglasses.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. E. King, Philadelphia, Pa., dated 10-13-34.

DETAILS: At PHILADELPHIA, PA.

On 10-16-34 Philadelphia Police Detective Sergeant R. Mays informed Special Agent John F. Sears, of this office, by telephone that he had some information relative to the whereabouts of Subject Floyd.

Agent and Sears immediately interviewed Mays at his office. He informed that he had just received a telephone message from Mr. Louis A. Pegel, optician at the Wanamaker Store, Philadelphia, and as a result he, Mays, interviewed Pegel, who told him that he felt sure that Floyd had been in their store a few months ago; that he, Mays, took several photographs of well known criminals to the Wanamaker Store and submitted them to Pegel, among them being the photograph of Floyd and "Baby Face" Nelson; that Pegel had immediately identified Floyd's photograph as the man he had seen in the store.

Agent and Mays again interviewed Pegel. He stated that in January, 1934, a well dressed young woman came to their store and made an inquiry about a pair of spectac

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and he, Pegel, waited on her. She did not purchase anything.

On January 23, 1934, the woman again came to the store and purchased a pair of spectacles and gave her name as Mrs. James W. Cryder, 710 Park Avenue, New York City. In February, 1934, the woman again came in, accompanied by a well dressed man, and had an adjustment made on the glasses. Mr. Pegel stated that the woman had a very flat nose and because of that they had to make a special bridge for the spectacles. On April 25, 1934, the woman sent the spectacles to the store for another adjustment, with a letter on the stationery of the Ambassador Hotel, Apartment 809, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Then on May 9, 1934, she again sent the glasses for adjustment from the same place and since then the woman has been sending the glasses to the store for adjustment and from 710 Park Avenue, New York City; also from another address in Milwaukee, which Mr. Pegel stated, had been mislaid. Mr. Pegel was unable to find all of the correspondence and due to their being quite rushed at the store he was requested to furnish same later. Pegel said that shortly after seeing the man in February, he began to notice newspaper photographs of Floyd and immediately recognized them as that of the man who had been seen in the store but hesitated to tell anyone except his wife and his office superior, both of whom advised him to tell the police. Pegel was again shown Floyd's photograph and he positively identified it as that of Floyd. The photograph shown to him was taken in 1929 and the age given at that time was 22 years and the weight, 155 pounds. Mr. Pegel states that the weight is now about 180 pounds.

Pegel described the woman as about 24 years old, blonde, light complexion, about 5'6" tall, 116 pounds, flat nose, well dressed, but rather coarse appearance.

Mr. Pegel described the spectacles purchased by the woman as being pink shell with temples and high bridge. Arrangements were made with Mr. Pegel to notify the Philadelphia Police and this office upon next hearing from or seeing the man or woman. If the woman comes alone she will be followed and if the man comes with her, or alone, arrangements will be made to determine his identity.

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OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE - It is suggested that a discreet inquiry be made at the Ambassador Hotel - Apartment 809, TULSA, OKLAHOMA - for the purpose of determing the identity of Mrs. James W. Cryder who is said to have occupied that apartment on or about April 26, and May 9, 1934; also for the purpose of determining whether or not there is a man residing there named James W. Cryder, with the thought in mind it may be Subject Floyd.

NEW YORK OFFICE - It is suggested that a discreet investigation be made at 10 Park Avenue for the purpose of determining who the Mrs. James W. Cryder is who is said to have resided there on or about January 23, 1934 and on subsequent dates. Also determine whether there is a man there named James W. Cryder who might possibly be Subject Floyd.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE - Contact will be maintained with Philadelphia Police Detective Sergeant R. Mays and Mr. Louis A. Pagel, of the Optical Department of Wanamaker's Store, for the purpose of obtaining any additional information that the store might have with regard to one of their customers, Mrs. James W. Cryder, or at least she might be associated with one James W. Cryder who might be Subject Floyd.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE at ALLENTOWN - Lead mentioned in report of reference will be completed as soon as possible.

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KANMO CADILLAC COUPE MOTOR THREE TEN NAUGHT SIX NAUGHT NINE WAS RETURNED TO ELDRIDGE MOTOR COMPANY SPOKANE BY MAJOR GEORGE CLARK AND SOLD BY ELDRIDGE MOTOR COMPANY TO FRANKLYN ENGLISH WHO PAID CASH ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BILLS AND TRADED IN THRITY FOUR LASELLE COUPE PURCHASED FROM CADILLAC MOTOR COMPANY TWO THREE NAUGHT ONE SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE CHICAGO STOP ENGLISH ENDEAVORED RENT CABIN TOURIST CAMP SPOKANE UNSUCCESSFUL THEN RENTED APARTMENT KINGSTON APARTMENTS STAYED ONE HOUR AND DEPARTED HAD WOMAN UNKNOWN DESCRIPTION WITH HIM MOTOR NUMBER LASELLE AND DATE TRANSFERRED BEING OBTAINED.

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R B NATHAN
Division of Investigation
U S Department of Justice
1516 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg
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R. Whitley
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
326½ Post Office Building
New Orleans, La.

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H H Reinecke
Division of Investigation
U S Department of Justice
506 Fletcher Savings & Trust Bldg.,
Indianapolis, Indiana

KANMO WASHINGTON LICENSE TWO FOUR SEVEN FOUR TWO SEVEN ISSUED TO MAJOR GEORGE S CLARKE FORTWRIGHT US ARMY POST SPOKANE WASHINGTON ON CADILLAC THIRTY FOUR COUPE MOTOR THREE TEN NAUGHT SIX NAUGHT NINE DO YOU WANT CLARKE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED

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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

KANMO ILLINOIS LICENSE PLATES FIVE NINE FIVE TWO NAUGHT TWO

PRESENTLY ON NINETEEN TWO NINE PONTIAC SEDAN MOTOR SIX TWELVE

THREE FIVE THREE CAR IN POSSESSION OF OWNERS SISTER CHICAGO

ILLINOIS YESTERDAY AND TODAY

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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PENNSYLVANIA AT 9 ST

KANMO RE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION TAMM YESTERDAY WICHITA

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EAT-eg October 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While talking with Mr. Clegg, he advised that the Director had read to him today the proposed statement on the Lindbergh case which was being submitted to the Attorney General for his consideration with regard to release. Mr. Clegg stated that he felt it would be a good idea, when the Attorney General makes this statement, to have Fay get in touch with the City Desk of some papers there that are very friendly to us and tell them that the story is breaking out of Washington. Mr. Clegg stated that they have been pestered by several papers on the stock brokerage account and they told them that nothing was ready for release as yet but if it comes out from Washington, it will naturally burn them up a little and if they can tell the City Desk of certain papers that the story is coming out of Washington, they will be set for it and would not feel that it was something over their heads. I told Mr. Clegg that I would see what could be done on this. Mr. Clegg stated that this would put Fay in a more advantageous position later o

Mr. Clegg stated that he heard Mr. Fay talking to Mrs. Kelley this morning about the Galatas statement - something which he perhaps should not have heard. I told Mr. Clegg that this was a release and was to come out at 12:00 o'clock our time. Mr. Clegg stated that he would make the same suggestion on this for the Chicago and New Orleans offices. I told Mr. Clegg that I told New Orleans about it but we did not take Chicago into it; however, New Orleans had the tip and were authorized to release the story at about 12:10. Mr. Clegg stated that he feels this puts us in a better light locally in those places. I asked Mr. Clegg if the Director indicated to him any proposed time on the Lindbergh case. Mr. Clegg stated that the Director stated he did not know whether it would happen today or tomorrow or if at all.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

Reference is made to the Director's telephone call of October 11, 1934, concerning the undesirability of further publicity similar to that which has appeared in connection with this case.

I have endeavored to see Mr. Milligan in accordance with your instructions but find he is absent from Kansas City today. I did, however, talk to his First Assistant, Mr. Randall Wilson, and Mr. Wilson agrees that publicity of this character is not desirable. As soon as possible I will talk to Mr. Milligan himself in this matter.

I also talked to Sheriff Bash and he indicated that he agreed entirely with the Division's attitude in this regard and felt that any publicity of this nature will undoubtedly be hurtful.

It is noted that Mr. Bash informed me that he felt sure that the publicity which has been had was the result of conferences by members of the press with Mr. Milligan. Mr. Bash indicated, in confidence, that this information was given to representatives of the press but that it was not expected that they would use it as they did.

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In addition to the newspaper stories which the Division has seen or learned of I wish to advise that an article has just appeared

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in the Journal Post of today relative to the ballistic evidence in this case and its possible connection with the killing of John Lazia. This article is the result of information given to the paper by Mr. Merle Gill.

I have endeavored to impress upon the persons having knowledge of this case, and upon the officials of the two local newspapers, the undesirability and possible harmful effects of certain kinds of publicity. Prior to any conference which Mr. Milligan had with the press on this case, and shortly after the release which was made at Washington, I talked to Mr. Milligan and was left under the impression that no information indicating the source or nature of the Government's evidence would be made public. However, it is evident that Mr. Milligan determined to act otherwise. I want to assure the Division that absolutely no information of any nature whatsoever has been given to the press by this office in connection with the case, and that any references to representatives of this office were gratuitous on the part of the newspapers and were made contrary to my request. I fully realize the undesirability of such references and of a great deal of the newspaper publicity which has resulted from the announcement made at Washington.

Very truly yours,

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

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Kansas City Journal Post

1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
OCTOBER 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 4, 1934, concerning a communication received by Special Agent J. R. Calhoun from George W. Ford, prisoner number 48200 at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, of this office, recently interviewed Ford at which time Ford advised him that he wished to see Calhoun personally concerning the case on which he was convicted. Ford claims that he was wrongfully convicted and that he has employed the Burns Detective Agency to review his case, and has had copy of the report of that agency forwarded to the Division at Washington.

Ford advised that he has information concerning the Union Station massacre which he might be willing to divulge should Calhoun see him. Agent Norstrom suggested that other Agents of the Kansas City Office could talk to Ford if he desired to divulge any information in his possession and he stated that he would think about the matter and further advise at a later date.

Very truly yours,

R. D. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Division
Oklahoma City

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October 16, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Further reference is made to the seventeen original photographs of latent impressions submitted by your office in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases (Deceased) et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

The fingerprints of Frank Nalley, our #308709, have been compared with the latent impressions remaining unidentified in connection with this matter. They have also been compared with the latent impressions developed on the gun used in connection with the robbery of the First National Bank at Fairbury, Nebraska, as well as those developed on the Buick sedan, motor #2771459, in the case entitled Unknown Subjects; Buick Sedan, Motor #2771459; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. No identification was effected by any of these comparisons.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR IDENTIFICATION UNIT

UNIT FIVE.

Information has been received to the effect that subject RICHARD FALLMAN GALATAS with aliases, FUGITIVE, Index No. 5327, was located at New Orleans, La. on September 22, 1934.

Please cancel wanted notice in Fugitive Bulletin.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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November 1, 1954

Mr. John J. Harrison,
Post Office Box 721,
Pryor, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 15, 1954 by reference from the Attorney General, wherein you furnish information with respect to the whereabouts of "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

As you already know, Floyd was located near Clarkson, Ohio, on October 22, 1954, by Special Agents of this Division and while resisting arrest was shot and killed.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation in the work of this Division, I am

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Oklahoma City (Encl. photostatic copy of letter from Mr. Harrison, dated 10-15-54)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To The
Department of Justice
Office of the Attorney General
Washington D. C.

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Gentlemen

I am enclosing herewith under the heading "Pretty boy Floyd" some information that may be of interest to those in the Department now trying to capture this outlaw.

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This evidence all goes to the pertinent fact that this outlaw has been killed by officers the next day after Floyd and his constant pal Birdwell robbed the bank at Stonewall Oklahoma. Birdwell said he died in the car with him a few hours after he was shot through the back of his neck as they drove o of the surrounded barn and the he and some Italian at Hartshorn Arkansas buried him. Birdwell was killed while robbing a bank at Boley Okla about 2 weeks later. This was about 2 years ago "believe it or not" I have given leads to work on. I suggest that this letter be turn over to those assigned to the case for a secret investigatio and not let the press know of it because if he is not dea but living he would be glad to help prove he was dead. If he was dead before the Kansas City killing you are no working on, you may be able to capture those who did t killing and not let them get away. Crimes have been charge Floyd all over the Nation since these last two years, and will be the future, if the government stated they were satisfied of his deth the Nation would believe it. If your office is positive beyo a reasonable doubt he is living, then forgive me for writing this

Respectfully submitted.

1 "Pretty boy Floyd"

This information may sound like a "bunnest
to protest "Pretty boy" Floyd. but I have reas
and evidence that makes me believe it is tr
otherwise I would not take the trouble to wri
I think Pretty boy Floyd was fatally sh
and died a few hours after he was sh
in the car with his pal Birdwell. abou
2 years ago Birdwell and Floyd robbed
bank at Stonewall Okla. the next day
the officers had them surrounded in
a barn and were exchanging shots with the
two outlaw pals. They escaped out of this
barn under heavy gun fire. a short distan
away a man said one was leaning over
against the shoulder of the man driving
a bullet riddled car. there is no question th
this was Birdwell and Floyd or the above shooti
at the barn. one of the officers from the Okla State
identification ~~[illegible]~~ agency says he hit Floyd
with a tracer bullet. ~~since this~~ This afternoon
I had a long talk with Austin Whitaker who

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. is now a United States ~~Marshall~~ deputy marshall and we have both lived here since 1900. I moved to Holdenville Oklah and have lived there since 1927. but still own my home here as well as at Holdenville. I told him I thought Federal officers were give a bum steer, as I believed Floyd was de he asked why? I said because before the Stonen bank robbery many people who lived i Seminole County, near Holdenville Oklaho where I lived, knew both Birdwell an Pretty boy Floyd and none of them ha seen Floyd since that time. while bef that he was back and forth and in and out of Seminole County all the time. and they had lot of friends that would protect them there and that there was no reason except Floyds death for him not to go back and forth as he always did. and the further the fact that Floyd and Birdwell worked together and that Birdwell tried to keep on working after he lo his pal by himself and tried to rob a bank at a nigger town called Boley a few miles

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north of the Seminole County line and a m
bandit killed Birdwell, while he was try
to escape with the bandits money. These facts
to the identity of the dead Birdwell are unquestio
and the fact they before the Stonewall affair the late
and Floyd were always together are unquestio
Whitaker then said that ~~about~~ a short ti
after Birdwell was killed at Boling a man
he knew well told him that an old wom
that lived in Sand Springs Okla. told him
that she used to live in Dolison Okla.
knew Pretty Boy Floyd well while she lived
Dolison before he got bad and that Floyd
and Birdwell used to come many
times together to her home in Sand Spring
and stay at her home for several days
at time. and that Birdwell came to her hous
alone a few days before he was killed, and
she asked him ~~what~~ why Pretty Boy did n
come with him, and that Birdwell said
"Grandma he is dead" Birdwell then
told her that the officers shot Floyd in

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or rather through the back of his neck just
the base of his scull and that he ~~ol~~ only l
a few hours after he was shot and died i
the car with him in the front seat. he said
he drove to Hartshorn Arkansas (I thin
Hartshorn was the name of the town Whitaker to
me ~~[illegible]~~ Birdwell told her that he took t
body of Floyd to some Stations tha
they both knew well and that these me
helped bury him. Whitaker had been
Chief of Police in Pryor for about 20 yea
before this man told him this story but h
was defeated in election and had start
to run a resturant to earn a living. and
this man was in his resturant talking to hi
he told me that after he was appointed deputy
U.S. Marshall he caught a car thief and
wanted to recover the stolen car and tha
this man told him he would go with him
and try and get the car back from the men
he had sold it two, by promising to bring th
[illegible] to take its place

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so they went to this town and Whitaker the
to these very same Italians that Bird
told the old lady had helped him bur
pretty boy Floyd. this fellow Whitaker sa
did the talking and he brought the sto
car he was after and they brought
back and returned it to its owner. th
was recently. he said that this made
think Birdwell was telling the old lady the truth
about this gang of wops helping to bury Floy
Whitaker said that it was only about 17 days bef
the time Floyd was buried until Birdwell wa
funeral and it may be possible Birdwell
never had a chance to tell Floyds wife or
parents. and that they do not know but what h
is still alive and on the scout. but it looks lik
his wife or parents may if asked in a clever
way by some close friend just when
as well as they can remember did they see Floy
the last time. if they have not seen him since
the Stonewall bank was robbed. and his friend
in Seminole County have not seen him, the

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If this man is dead and he died the week
after the Bank at Stonewall Okla was robbe
Birdwell and Floyd. that was before the kill
at Kansas City and consequently that wa
one of the great many crimes Floyd
is accused of that he did not do. an
those who are guilty may be captured afte
they get off of this cold trail. men who
actually know Floyd would of course
let those men they are now hot after
get by them because they are not Floyd
but someone else. I know that many people wh
have seen Floyds picture think they have seen
Floyd do. even to day my wifes sister wro
since she saw Pretty boy Floyd on the
highway a few miles east of Tulsa. this in
fact was what started my talk with Austi
Whittaker today, he has killed several outlaws
and is fearless. but he thinks he is dead and so do
I would suggest therefore that in view
of the fact that the government is spending

here and many trying to capture Pretty
Floyd that it send instructions to this
Whitaker to officially investigate this evidence
of the actual death of this outlaw or send one
to him and let him tell his story to a sworn
man. I realize there will be those who
will put little reliance on any story Floyd
dead, even if he is dead as they don't want to
a fool of themselves. But in view of the evidence
I have given you I would suggest if
do stool out on a still hunt, don't let the
investigator take a press squad with him.
Floyd if he is alive can read the papers and
he may then help you prove he is in fact
dead. so it must be a still hunt without a brass band
or head line hunter. but if the Government says
that it has satisfactory evidence that Floyd
dead the public will read the story of Floyd's
death with the same interest it now reads
about the Lindburg kidnaper. here is other
evidence before the time of the Stonewall bank
robbery Floyd used to visit his wife
and little baby every few weeks since that time
no [illegible]

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and, reporters and officers explain this be
saying he has another woman. they were watch
his wife and child too close, this last is no answ
because this daring outlaw made constant
visits to his wife and son and escaped
the traps set by officers time after time, s
that is not a good answer. since the time of the
stonewall affair and Floyd does not bring
home money for the support of his wife an
Child they have been forced to get a promote
to exploit the little boy as a preacher and
other public schemes to capitalize on the
advertising given Pretty Boy. bad as he was
he apparently loved his wife and child. and took
chances to see them often. he killed an officer on ou
visit to his wife near Bixby Okla. they had him
surrounder in his house in Tulsa, ~~he got~~ I ask
why did he change his habits after the time
Birdwell told the old lady he was dead. why has
he not been seen in his old haunts in Demmole Count
since that time. I never saw him in my life nor d
I know any of his folks I am telling you this for
[illegible] ever it may be worth not to try to give
[illegible] "[illegible] steer"

I do not want any publicity in fact if you discover he is dead through this information I do not want you to even mention my name. I merely want to help the Roosevelt Administration. I have a number of nice answers to letters on recovery to the White House from Marvin McIntyre, Stephen Early and Col Howe. and several letters from the Treasury I have not, nor do I intend to break into print I give them my ideas for whatever they were worth if anything. Of course if you are satisfied beyond a reasonable ~~doubt~~ doubt that Floyd is alive and you are on a hot trail stay right in there and get him.. There is an attorney in Wewoka Seminole County Okla named Judge Hill that was an attorney for Floyds wife he knows Floyd well If properly approached he might know from Mrs Floyd truthfully if she had sent Floyd since the Stonewall affair. he knows a lot of people in Doubt that also knew Floyd well.

This is a rather long rambling letter but I felt to give details and reasons for this unusual thing

Respt.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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November 6, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Time - 2:00 p.m.

While discussing other matters with Mr. Nathan at Kansas City, Missouri, I referred to the letter in the case entitled CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, et al, addressed to the Division under date of October 16, 1934, wherein reference is made to the request of W. W. Graves, prosecuting attorney for Jackson County, Missouri, that evidence developed by this Division be turned over to him as a basis for issuing murder warrants in connection with the above entitled case.

I advised Mr. Nathan that in view of recent developments at Kansas City, no further action would be taken with regard to his letter and that it would not be necessary to reply thereto.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby

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

Dear Sir:

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

This afternoon I received a telephone call from Thomas B. Bash, Sheriff of Jackson County, requesting that I come to the office of the Prosecuting Attorney of Jackson County, W. W. Graves, 1313 Dierks Building. Mr. Bash had previously discussed with me the desirability of having murder warrants issued in this case and I had counseled against it. Mr. Bash had advised that he expected to talk to Mr. Graves on the theory that Graves would probably wonder why no action of this kind was taken.

I went to Mr. Graves' office and Bash called attention to the fact that Graves is a candidate for re-election of Prosecuting Attorney in the election to be held November 6, 1934, and that in the absence of action by him in this case political capital might be made of it by his opponents. Mr. Graves stated that he was not concerned about such a possibility, but did advise that he has recently conferred with Judge Thomas J. Seehorn of the Criminal Court concerning the desirability of calling a State Grand Jury and that at this conference Judge Seehorn had indicated that he thought Graves should confer with the United States Attorney to determine whether it was desired to have State Grand Jury action in the massacre case. I advised Mr. Graves that at the present time, in view of the fact that our investigation is not complete, it is not believed desirable to furnish to the State officials the evidence in our possession, but that undoubtedly at such time as the circumstances warrant this action would be taken. He expressed himself as entirely agreeable to this procedure. However, he stated that he thought that he or Judge Seehorn should issue a statement to the Press in view of the recent publicity given to this case in Kansas City. He indicated that such a statement would be to the effect that the State officials had conferred with representatives of the Government and that they had been advised that at the present time the Government was not in a position to present such evidence as it has involving a State violation. He advised me that he would communicate with me when such a statement has been prepared and before its issuance. I told Mr. Graves that I could personally see no reason why he should not take this action.

Subsequent to this conference it has occurred to me, however, that a statement of this character might possibly be inadvisable until after the defendants in our case have had an opportunity to enter pleas. I am not sure that I can prevail upon Mr. Graves and Judge Seehorn to refrain from making a statement of this character, but would appreciate the advice of the Division as soon as possible it if is thought that I should make the attempt to prevent the issuance of the statement. Mr. Graves stated that he will probably confer with Judge Seehorn on October 17, 1934, and that no statement will be prepared or issued prior to this conference.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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October 12, 1934.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Magee telephoned and advised, in connection with the Galatas matter, that after the news broke the confidential informant wired the Liberty Magazine for his reward; that the United States Attorney helped him frame the wire but he, Magee, did not take part in it; that the Liberty Magazine wired back and asked for the full history. Mr. Magee stated that the thing is that Liberty might pay that man the full $1,000 but there are three men who ought to share in it. I told Mr. Magee that I have had a memorandum prepared for the Director showing just exactly what part those three fellows took; that Liberty Magazine has called us and we told them to make their request in writing and we will furnish them with whatever information is available. With regard to Galatas's automobile and baggage, Mr. Magee stated he would pay for the storage on the automobile by blue slip and write Kansas City about the baggage. I told Mr. Magee to write them or wire them.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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KANSAS CITY MISSOURI October 14, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
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U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
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KANSAS FORWARD IMMEDIATELY SIX PHOTOGRAPHS OF ADAM RICHETTI OKLAHOMA

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
OCTOBER 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to telephone conversation had between you and Special Agent H. C. Spear, of this office, on October 15, 1934, concerning a Ford V-8 Coupe, Motor Number 422475, abandoned near the place of Jesse King, Haskell, Oklahoma, it being noted that this car bore Missouri license 576-496.

As you were advised on October 15th, inquiry at the Joplin, Missouri Police Department disclosed that this car is the property of R. W. Brown, Connor Hotel, Joplin, Missouri.

Further inquiries were made by Special Agent L. A. Beckstead, of this office, who determined that R. W. Brown lives at 605 North Pearl Street, Joplin, Missouri. The car in question was stolen from the streets of Joplin October 11, 1934. Brown is reported to be a salesman for the Mining Machinery Company, Joplin, Missouri. Persons with whom Agent Beckstead talked advised that Brown's reputation is good. He formerly lived at the Connor Hotel and is known there. Agent Beckstead endeavored to interview Brown but he was unavailable at the time.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Chicago

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
October 14, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased)
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with
aliases, I. O. #1194 - FUGITIVE, ET AL.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your telegram of October 14, 1934 there is transmitted herewith one photograph of Adam Richetto.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box #768
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box #1278,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased)
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1194; BERNARD PHILLIPS with aliases,
I. O. #1196 et al.,
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

With reference to telephonic conversation on October 13, 1934, of Agent Little of your office with Acting Special Agent in Charge H. D. Harris, making inquiry regarding the ownership of 1934 Kentucky License plates 471-518, reported seen on a car containing subject Floyd at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, and to confirm telephonic conversation between Acting Special Agent in Charge Harris and Agent Little of your office on the same date, please be advised that Special Agent A. S. Russell was telephonically advised by Mr. R. C. Carter of the Automobile Department, State Capitol, Frankfort, Ky., that the above named license plates were issued at Covington, Kentucky to Mr. DAVID A. McMILLAN, 1903 Scott St., Covington, Kentucky for a 1933 Chevrolet Sedan, Motor #3732295, on September 17, 1934; also that the above named automobile was brought into the State of Kentucky on 9-17-34 bearing Georgia License 1934 #744-B. The records in the office of the Clerk at Covington, Ky., were checked by Agent Russell but did not give any further information except that David A. McMillan was supposed to live at 518 Boulevard, N.E., Atlanta, Ga.

Agent Russell interviewed Mrs. Marie Hudson, 1903 Scott St., Covington, Ky., who stated that Mr. McMillan lived there for a week or so, leaving about June, 1933. She stated he was a man about 45 years of age, 5'11", weight 200#, heavy build, with dark hair and brown eyes and a gold tooth in front. She stated his wife was a large woman weighing 200# and about 40 years of age and that they had five children, ranging from five up to about 16 years of age. Mrs. Hudson also stated that a few days ago she saw one of McMillan's children in Covington, Kentucky and he stated they were living in a tent at a tourist camp on Highway #17 out of Covington.

This Tourist Camp was located by Agent Russell and the proprietor, Douglas Rothmoore advised that McMillan had lived there with his family in a tent for about a week, leaving on 9-23-34 and stated that he was going to St. Louis, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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October 18, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases Deceased; et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division October 4, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

Enclosure: #509976

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Laboratory Report

October 9, 1934

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

Number: 62-28915-2610

Specimens: One photostatic copy of a Western Union telegram dated Sep 20, 1934 and signed "Eddie".

Examination requested by: Birmingham Division Office

Date received: October 4, 1934

Examination requested: Handwriting

Result of examination: Examination by: Appel

No identification was made of the handwriting on the telegram. In this connection, the handwriting specimens in the Laboratory of the fugitives in this case are very meager consisting with the exception of one or two members of the Karpis Gang, of signatures on fingerprint cards or Identification Orders.

It would seem that specimens of handwriting of some of these individuals might be found in penitentiaries in which they have been confined. If comparisons are to be desired of registrations and other similar specimens in an effort to locate fugitives, the Laboratory should be furnished with a list of the suspects and as many specimens of handwriting as it is possible to obtain.

The telegram was compared with the following: Bernard Phillipps, Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Arthur Barker, Doc Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Raymond Hamilton, John Hamilton, George Nelson, and Randall Norvell.

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

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To J. D. Connell

Street and No. White Front

Place Hot Springs Ark

Will spend sunday some place as last sunday come over you and A.J. sixteen line to day

Eddie

Sender's address for reference

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October 9, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

I telephoned Mr. Stanley this evening to inquire if any decision had been reached relative to moving Galatas and his wife. Mr. Stanley said he had not yet had an opportunity to talk to the Attorney General. I pointed out that if we are going to move them it will have to be done this evening, or the press statement could not go out until Thursday. Mr. Stanley expressed the belief that the story should be released soon, and stated he thought he would have an opportunity to consult the Attorney General and could advise me within the next half hour.

I immediately telephoned Mr. Cowley and told him to stand by; that I would have word from the Attorney General within half an hour as to whether he would issue the statement tomorrow morning, and if it is issued, I will want Galatas and his wife removed to Kansas City tonight. Mr. Cowley said they will go voluntarily. I stated that of course they would be arraigned in Kansas City after the Attorney General makes his announcement here. Mr. Cowley said that he is in full accord with the statement which you read to him. I remarked that the thing which worries me about the statement is that we don't have any process out for Richetti or Floyd; that I don't believe the secret complaint amounts to anything so far as being able to prosecute anybody who aided them is concerned, because we can't hold a person responsible for his act if the complaint has been suppressed; that this appears to be a matter which was overlooked by the District Attorney; that if it had been a public complaint, formally filed, it would have been a different matter. I indicated that I believed the Attorney General would issue the statement tomorrow, as prepared by the Division.

I stated to Mr. Cowley that I understood a written signed statement had not been secured from Mrs. Verne Miller. However, Mr. Cowley advised that he does have a signed statement from her, containing the significant parts concerning the Kansas City case, and that this statement is properly witnessed. I stated that while I have explained to the Attorney General that this witness cannot be used, I do want her signed statement giving the facts.

I told Mr. Cowley we would advise him what we want to have done with Galatas and Mrs. Galatas; that if they are taken to Kansas City, I don't want them arraigned until after we have made the release at Washington. I told him that I had informed the Attorney General's office that we would need six hours' notice; that if the release is to be made tomorrow morning, the Agents should leave tonight for Kansas City with Galatas and his wife, either by plane or by train. Mr. Cowley said that it would not be necessary for him to proceed personally to Kansas City. I told him to caution the Agents who do go that there is to

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be no publicity at Kansas City. Mr. Cowley stated he thought the release should be made before their arrival in Kansas City - while they are en route. I stated the objection to this would be that the release will be flashed at once to Kansas City from Washington, and newspaper men and photographer will be waiting upon their arrival. Mr. Cowley asked if there is anything in the release to indicate where Galatas is. I stated that there is not, but this question will be asked, and I would like to be able to say that he is in Kansas City; that no doubt the fact will come out that we arrested him in New Orleans, and then took him to Chicago and to Kansas City.

Upon my inquiry, Mr. Cowley stated the only person left in his custody at Chicago is Mrs. Verne Miller. I told him I thought he should continue to hold her. Mr. Cowley asked if it would be all right to send her to Kansas City also shortly after the Galatas people leave. I asked why he thought this should be done. He stated she has given practically all the information she has, and she wants to go to Kansas City; that she feels that if she is being held by our office in Chicago and is not held in jail, the underworld will think there is a reason for it, and will try to dispose of her. I suggested then that she be removed to Kansas City and be indicted for obstruction of justice. Mr. Cowley said she understands that, and in fact insists upon it. She is under the impression that the longer she stays in Chicago, the more it will appear that she is being given preference. Nobody knows that we have her in Chicago - not even Galatas.

Mr. Cowley stated that before he left Kansas City the United States Attorney informed him that the grand jury would convent October 22nd. Mr. Cowley expressed the belief that the underworld characters in Kansas City will do everything possible to dispose of Floyd, because they are of the opinion that there is too much "heat" on them. Mrs. Nash has also gone, and after Mrs. Miller is removed, Mr. Cowley said they will have no one in their custody.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHARLOTTE, N.C. FILE NO. 62-1973

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Chicago, Illinois	10/16/34	10/12/34	R. C. SURAH

TITLE: ALBERT KELLEY with aliases, ET AL

CHARACTER OF CASE: MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No information available in Title Chicago Office to assist in determining the identity of Subjects from information furnished.

- R. U. -

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge F. H. Stapleton, Charlotte, N.C., dated 9/6/34.

DETAILS: The reference report has been reviewed in the Chicago Division Office by Special Agent Val C. Zimmer, together with Special Agent V. W. Peterson, to whom the Dillinger Case is assigned; Special Agent R. D. Brown, to whom the Bremer case is assigned; and Special Agent R. C. Surah, to whom the Kansas City massacre case is assigned, and these Agents have been unable to reconcile any of the information contained in the reference report with information previously obtained in the three cases mentioned above.

The general index in the Chicago Office as well as separate indices maintained in the Dillinger and Bremer cases have been searched and no information could be located pertaining to the Subjects of the instant case.

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St. Louis, Mo.	10-16-34	10-15-34	R. E. VETTERLI REV:M

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased) CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1194, et al.	Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Lieut. Ira Cooper, colored, St. Louis, Mo. Police Dept., advises he has information which indicates Floyd is in vicinity Brushy Knob, Mo., which is located in Douglas County, not far from Springfield, Mo. This information furnished Kansas City Division office telephonically.

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DETAILS: At St. Louis, Mo.

Special Agent D. W. Maher of this office conducted the following investigation:

On October 2, 1934, while the undersigned was at the St. Louis Police Dept. on official business, Lieut. of Police Ira Cooper, colored, advised he had a very reliable confidential informant in Southern Missouri who has furnished him with very valuable information from time to time. He stated that some four or five months ago this informant wrote to him to the effect that "Pretty Boy" Floyd has been in hiding in Douglas County, Mo.; that Floyd's principal hiding place is at Brushy Knob, Mo. which is located in Douglas County, Missouri; that Floyd was recently seen in Douglas County riding in a Ford V-8 roadster with a fellow who looked like a "Dago"; that Floyd purchases his supplies from the general merchandise store at Brushy Knob and on each occasion when he and the Dago called at the general merchandise store Floyd left the Dago in the Ford V-8 roadster with the motor running, entered the store and made purchases.

Lieut. Cooper then stated that shortly after receiving the above referred to letter he received another letter from this informant advising that he, the informant, had received information that Floyd had been shot in the

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leg at some point in Oklahoma; that he was then hiding some place in northern Arkansas close to Douglas County, Missouri.

He stated that shortly after receipt of the aforesaid information he furnished same to a Special Agent of this Division office because of the fact he has absolute confidence in this informant; that the Special Agent promised to advise him what, if any, action was taken but that he has heard nothing in the matter since that time. Lieut. Cooper concluded by stating that he communicated with the referred to informant concerning any information in his possession relative to the possible present location of Floyd and on receipt of a reply he will immediately contact the undersigned.

Lieut. Cooper declined to furnish the name of his informant.

Since the aforementioned memorandum was made Lieut. Cooper has submitted a further report to John J. Carroll, Chief of Detectives, St. Louis, Mo., dated October 14, 1934. His report partially reads as follows:

I respectfully report for your information that I was informed this A. M. by a resident of Douglas County, that Chas. Alias Pretty Boy Floyd, wanted in numerous places for Bank Robbery and Murders, etc., entered Douglas County yesterday Oct. 13th, and is hiding in the vicinity of Brushy Knob, Mo.

Floyd is said to be in company with a stocky build dark complexion man, who resembled an Italian. I have been advised to make no contact with the Sheriff or the Postmaster. The Sheriff being at Ava, Mo. and the postmaster referred to being at Brushy Knob, Mo.

The information contained in the second report of Lieut. Cooper was immediately communicated to the St. Louis Division office by the St. Louis Police Dept. and Special Agent D. W. Maher was again dispatched to interview Lieut. Cooper who stated his informant had personally come to St. Louis the morning of October 14, 1934 and advised him of the information contained in his report of October 14th. Lieut. Cooper stated that he would not give the name of his informant because he had promised him that he would never reveal the identity of the informant and he does not desire to break a confidence, however, the Police Dept. at St. Louis advised that Lieut. Cooper is well thought of and being colored he has a number of colored informants who are very good and accordingly they place a great deal of faith in the information submitted.

On the afternoon of October 14, 1934 Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli communicated telephonically with Mr. Bruce Nathan, Special

Agent in Charge, Kansas City, Mo. and furnished him the crux of the above information.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

KANSAS CITY OFFICE is requested to conduct appropriate investigation at Brushy Knob, Mo. As a suggestion, in view of the fact that Brushy Knob is rather isolated, it might be well to dispatch an agent to Brushy Knob as a salesman or in some other capacity to see what information he can uncover, it appearing that it might defeat our purpose if two or three agents appeared in that community, all strangers; however, this matter is left to the discretion of the Kansas City office.

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

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October 16, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

With reference to Division letter dated October 12, 1934, and referring to the letter from this office dated October 4, 1934, containing information obtained from A. R. Harrington, 1417 South 33d Street, Kansas City, Kansas, you are advised that immediately upon receipt of this information from Harrington, Sheriff Bash was advised of the alleged plot on his life.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

During telephonic conversation today, Mr. Keenan inquired if he could assist us in any way with the local prosecutors at Kansas City in connection with the Galatas case. I told him that I knew of nothing he could do for us just now; that we are going to obtain some indictments in the Federal Court on the charge of obstruction of justice, and that may bring in quite a number of the local people; that Mr. Reppert will be involved, and possibly others. I stated that nothing can be done locally until after we get Floyd and Richetti, and then the local authorities may want to prosecute them for murder. I stated that certainly prior to their capture or killing, whichever it happens to be, on our part, I would be inclined to withhold any information from the local authorities because it involves the entire local political machine.

Mr. Keenan stated that he never could understand their reticence to go into the matter of prosecution of Harvey Bailey. I explained that the members of the Pendergrast were the ones who controlled this entire situation and were the ones who were directly in the Kansas City massacre; that Lazia hired the gunmen and made his headquarters at Reppert's office. I stated that this information will no doubt come out in the Federal Grand Jury, and possibly Reppert, as well as the City Manager will be involved. I stated that I know the underworld in Kansas City will try to dispose of Richetti and Floyd, and of course we are also trying to get them. Mr. Keenan inquired if it looks as though Floyd was involved in the Kansas City massacre. I told him that there is no question about it; that Floyd, Richetti and Verne Miller were the only three present and did the actual machine gun work, though a number of others were involved.

Mr. Keenan stated that we are very fortunate to have as United States Attorney at Kansas City a man of Mr. Milligan's type. I told him that of course we appreciated this fact.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Kansas City Missouri Crime Conditions

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DALLAS, TEXAS.	10-12-34	10/10-12/34	D.L. McCORMACK.

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNON D. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE - I.O. #1104; et al.	CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Dr. Rajah Roma, Crystal Gazer, Port Arthur, Texas, states he believes through his influence over a niece of Frank Nash at Paragould, Arkansas, believes he can get entire story of Kansas City Massacre. John Kline only name he remembers the niece giving him.

REFERENCE: Report Special Agent D.W. Magee, New Orleans, La., dated 9-29-34.

DETAILS:

Robert H. Jernigan, Attorney-at-law, Goodhue Hotel, Port Arthur, Texas, stated that he is acquainted with the crystal gazer, Dr. Roma, who has had professional contacts in Arkansas and obtained information which he believed would be valuable to the Division with reference to the Kansas City Massacre.

Dr. Roma was interviewed at the Vaughn Hotel in Port Arthur, Texas. He stated that his full name is Shadymansure; that he is a psychologist, mentalist and crystal gazer, and in such capacity has worked in carnivals all over the country in addition to conducting a studio in many cities throughout the country where he gives private conferences; that through his contacts he obtains information from people in all walks of life and has become acquainted with gangsters all over the country.

Dr. Roma stated that last year he was conducting a studio at Paragould, Arkansas, and was often consulted by a niece of Frank Nash whose name he does not remember but he believes she was perhaps around 20 years old. He state that she had given him a lot of information and that he had been able to pump her under the guise of having a spell on her and giving

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her advice; that he believes through this source he will be able to secure all information relative to the Kansas City Massacre if the Division cares for his assistance. He stated that Charles Carutta (phonetic), a gangster from Kansas City, Missouri, who is interested in the Glendale Beverage Company in that city, was the leader of a mob which he believed was implicated in the killing. He can remember the name of only one person ever mentioned by Nash's niece - and this was John Eliza - since killed in a gang killing; and it is his recollection that Nash's niece told him Eliza was the trigger man.

He has no additional information to impart at the present time, but as above stated it is his belief he could get all the information needed should he return to Paragould, Arkansas.

Rome's motive is hard to understand. He admits being a faker, but did not ask for money and did not intimate he would need money for expenses. He appears to be a Turk - of the sleepy, distrustful type. There is probably little question about his acquaintance with gangsters as he looks and acts the part of one who would be well acquainted in the underworld. It is significant he gave Agent the name of John Eliza. He doubtless refers to John Lazia whom the newspapers have since named in connection with the Kansas City Massacre. However, at the time Rome gave Agent this name the newspaper bearing the information concerning Lazia was not out. It came on the streets about six hours later.

Dr. Rome stated he would be available at any time the Division may want his services.

Inspector of Police Richburg of the Dallas Police Department, advised Special Agent in Charge T.J. Blake on October 11, 1934, that a man named Garrett had reported to him that he had just seen "Pretty Boy" Floyd in a black, Ford V-8 Sedan, Missouri License 12-80 (last digit unknown), on South Ervay Street in Dallas and that Floyd asked him the directions to Huntsville, Texas; that there were two other men in the car at the time. Inspector Richburg said that the informant said he knew Floyd and there was no mistake in identity.

Special Agent in Charge Blake notified O.B. Hutt, Chief of Detectives at Corsicana, Texas, and Inspector Richburg notified Lee Simmons, Manager of the Texas Prison System at Huntsville, Texas. Special Agent in Charge Blake also notified, by phone, the San Antonio Division Office.

Later, Chief Hutt called by telephone and said he overtook the car described, at Fairfield, Texas, and that it bore Missouri License 12-802, and was occupied by two men who gave the names of J.S. Fox and E. Johnson and said they were connected with the Midwest Novelty Company of 1222 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and had a branch at 5114 Commerce Street, Dallas.

Chief Nutt said he searched the car and baggage thoroughly and did not find a gun of any description, only novelty merchandise. He said that neither of the men was Floyd and after satisfying himself in this respect he permitted them to proceed.

Chief Nutt described these men as follows:

J.S. Fox	K. Johnson
Age: 27	Age: 35
Ht.: 5ft 7"	Ht.: 6'
Wt.: 130	Wt.: 170
Comp. dark	

Upon receipt of this information Inspector Richburg had an investigation made at 3114 Commerce Street and reported that it was a store room for a novelty concern but temporarily closed.

The Kansas City Office was by telegram requested to check the Midwest Novelty Company and furnish descriptions of Fox and Johnson. The description of Johnson furnished by the Kansas City Office fits that of Johnson supplied by Chief Nutt and verifies that the car is owned by the partners in the Midwest Novelty Company.

C.W. Garrett who says he lives at 1512 Hughes Circle, Dallas, Texas, by request came to the Dallas Office and was interrogated by Special Agent in Charge Blake. He said that he is at present unemployed except occasional employment by Relief Agencies. That he formerly was a candy salesman at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and knew Floyd at Sallisaw and saw him last about 1931.

He said that on October 11, 1934, about ten A.M. he was walking toward town from his home on Hughes Circle and a car skidded to a stop and asked "Is this the road to Huntsville?" He directed them to go back to South Ervay Street, from which they had just emerged, and at that time the driver said "You don't remember me, do you?" Garrett said, "I have seen you somewhere (then remembering) yes, I know you - Charlie." The driver said "How are you getting along? Do you need any money." Garrett said "I am doing fine and don't need any money." The driver said, "We are going to Huntsville to see some friends. Watch the papers", and drove off. Huntsville is the site of the Main Prison of the Texas Prison System.

Garrett said the conversation was completed in not more than two minutes. He is positive the driver was Floyd. His description of Floyd is:

Age: 30	Wearing brownish gray suit,
Ht.: 5' 11"	grey felt hat, with narrow
Wt.: 200	black band.
Hair: black	
Eyes: grayish brown	

In arriving at the height he said Floyd was almost as tall as he (Garrett) who is 6' 1".

Garrett described No. 2, the man on the front seat with the driver, as:

Age: 25
Ht.: 5' 9"
Wt.: 150
Eyes: grey
Short face
Comp. light
Hair: lt. brown
Wearing blue suit with stripe and soft brown felt hat.

The man on the rear seat Garrett described as:

Age: 35
Ht.: 5' 6"
Wt.: 175lb.
Hair: black
Eyes: brown
Nose: slightly twisted and flat on end
Short, stubby fingers
Comp. swarthy.

Garrett said he noticed no baggage in the car and saw no evidence of guns. He said the car had a built-in trunk on rear and the car was dusty.

Garrett said he could identify a photograph of the companions of the driver of the car and was shown a collection of bandit photographs and he selected one T.C. Ivey, Texas Prison #76,302, as being the man on the front seat with driver. (Ivey was received at the Texas Prison May 17, 1934 under a 99 year sentence and is still there.)

The photograph of Adam Richetti was in the lot shown Garrett, but it made no impression on him, and after passing it twice he was asked if that could be one of the occupants and he was positive it could not be.

As soon as Johnson and Fox return to Dallas they will be interviewed as to the identity of the third man reported by Garrett as being in the car.

Dr. C.J. Wieland, Allen Building, Dallas, Texas, telephoned the Dallas Division Office and advised that a Dr. George Hurt had seen Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas.

Mr. Wieland and Dr. Hurt were interviewed. Dr. Hurt stated it was approximately a year ago he and a friend went to the Adolphus Hotel after returning from a boxing match and at the time were slightly intoxicated; that they went to the Adolphus Wash Room to take a drink. A man there was also taking a drink, dropped his bottle and broke it. He wanted to drink the doctor's liquor, but the doctor had only enough for himself and friend and there was some controversy over providing the stranger with a drink. Dr. Hurt stated he put his arm around the stranger's waist in an effort to prevent a fight between his friend and the stranger and in doing so he felt two large pistols. He looked at the man more carefully and recognized him as someone he knew but could not place. A few minutes later he remembered the man was the likeness of photographs of "Pretty Boy" Floyd and he is satisfied in his own mind it was Floyd he saw. He did not notify the police because he was afraid he would be laughed at and although he had been drinking he does not believe he was too intoxicated to recognize Floyd. He has not seen this man since this occurrence - about a year ago.

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October 11, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Mr. Gates stated by telephone today that the Associated Press has a report that Mr. Eugene Reppert, the former Police Director of Kansas City, is being questioned in Florida by our Agents in connection with the Lazia matter.

I told Colonel Gates I had no report on this, as we are not investigating the Lazia matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

This morning I telephoned Mr. R. B. Nathan, Special Agent in Charge at Kansas City, and advised him that the morning's papers carry an Associated Press dispatch from Kansas City giving almost completely the entire story concerning the statement made by Needles, and inquired where this story came from. Mr. Nathan replied that it must have come from United States Attorney Milligan. I said I did not see why Mr. Milligan is giving out such information if he is going to call a Grand Jury, and asked Mr. Nathan to speak to him diplomatically about this, as I was not desirous of having to take this matter up with the Attorney General. I suggested that Mr. Nathan tell Mr. Milligan that we feel it will be unwise to give out any more public statements on this matter until the Grand Jury meets; that of course when the Grand Jury meets and brings in an indictment, we can then make a statement. I remarked that despite the fact that we have Needles in custody, his life is now in danger.

I told Mr. Nathan that the story was in this morning's papers here, quoting the Kansas City Star, and he said he knew it was in their local papers. I stated we have Needle's statement and the papers have it accurately. I said he could tell Mr. Milligan I was very disturbed over this and think the case will be seriously harmed if there is any more publicity given out along this line.

Mr. Nathan stated that this publicity may have come from Mr. Bash, and I told Mr. Nathan to speak to him about the matter, also.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
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Nashville, Tenn.	10-16-34	9/21,25,26/34	D. E. Wells LS

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Chas. J. Fitzgerald indicted 5-7-14, charged with carrying nitro-glycerin from Ohio to Tenn. Other subject with Fitzgerald escaped and identity not established. No information concerning Frank Matthews, alias J.C.Winnfield, at time of Fitzgerald's arrest in 1914 or since that date.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Louis De Hette, Nashville, Tennessee, dated August 20, 1934.

DETAILS: AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE:

Detective O.O.Griffin, Chattanooga Police Department, stated that he has only been on the police force seven years and knew nothing of an arrest that took place in 1914, and referred agent to Sergeant R. B. Peace, Night Sergeant.

Sergeant R. B. Peace stated that he remembered the arrest of Charles J. Fitzgerald in 1914 for carrying nitro-glycerin on an interstate passenger train; that an associate of Fitzgerald's escaped at that time and was never heard of; that he did not know of anyone named Frank Matthews or J. C. Winnfield; that the case was returned over to the Government for prosecution and the Police Department did not have any records of the case. This was later verified at the Identification Unit, under supervision of Sergeant C. S. Dorsey.

J. H. Liles, of the U. S. District Court Clerk's office, Post Office Building, Chattanooga, Tenn., produced the record of Charles J. Fitzgerald's indictment, and it was ascertained that Fitzgerald was indicted May 7, 1914 for carrying Nitro-glycerin on an interstate passenger train moving in interstate

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commerce from Cincinnati, Ohio to Chattanooga, Tennessee, April 22, 1914; was found guilty and sentenced to a year and a day at Atlanta, Georgia.

The records failed to show anyone by the name of Frank Matthews or J. C. Winnfield, and it was not possible to find any information of Matthews, alias Winnfield, after extensive inquiry regarding him.

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Birmingham, Ala.	10-16-34	10-16-34	J. H. Hanson.

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. Q. #1194, et al.	Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [redacted] Moline, Kansas, in letter to Birmingham office claims Floyd and Richetti are located at a resort near Muscle Shoals, Ala. Birmingham office is conducting inquiry at that place.

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DETAILS: At Birmingham, Ala.

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In a letter received by the Birmingham office on October 16, 1934, [redacted] of Moline, Kansas, no other address being given, the letter however being postmarked at Moline, Kansas, advised as follows:

"Dear Sir:-

The tip I'm going to give you must be kept absolute secrete as far as I'm conserned, for if it should leak out my life wouldn't be worth any thing.

If you want Pretty Boy Floyd you'll find him at Muscle Shoals, Alabama. He lives out near a place called the Beach, its on the river. Floyd is not disguised. He has been shot in his left shoulder and left foot, he has a friend with him he calls Adam.

He has been living in this place for several months and he expects to stay there as he feels hes safe. I dont think that the man the Kansas City papers talk about is Floyd at all.

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My home is at [redacted] Birmingham, Alabama. I live there part of the time and am in the oil business in Oklahoma and Kansas. Am fre-

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quently around Salasaw, Okl., Floyds home, know lots of people in that territory.

Any banker in Birmingham can tell you who I am.

I expected to come to Birmingham several weeks ago and expected to see you and have a talk with you but I find it will be several weeks before my return.

It will pay you to look into this tip.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) [redacted]

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The Birmingham office ascertained, through a check of the City Directory, that an [redacted] resides at [redacted] in Birmingham, no occupation however being given for him.

Inquiry of J. M. Ranier, Contact Officer, Birmingham Trust & Savings Bank, and Frank S. Foster, Cashier, First National Bank, resulted in learning that neither of these gentlemen are personally acquainted with [redacted] nor do the records of their banks indicate that he has ever had an account or any business transactions with the banks. These two banks are the only commercial banks in Birmingham.

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At the Birmingham Retail Credit Association, Special Agent F. C. Dunne ascertained from Mrs. Willis, the following:

[redacted] is the son of [redacted] the elder [redacted] being now deceased, and resides at present with his mother at [redacted] Birmingham, Ala.

[redacted] at present has no income himself, that is, according to the last credit check made in the latter part of 1933, but previous to that time in or about the year 1918 was associated with his father, who owned the [redacted] of Birmingham, Ala. In 1919 he was connected with a Fertilizer Co. in North Carolina, exact location unknown, in the capacity of a stock salesman. The duration of this employment is not known. Recently

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he has been in the Kansas Oil Fields doing Promotion Work for some unknown Oil Co. [redacted] has engaged in very extensive travelling.

[redacted] was sued [redacted] in Birmingham, Ala. The name of the company was not known by Mrs. Willis of the Credit Bureau, but the amount was [redacted] The Credit Bureau collected the debt [redacted]

[redacted] was also sued by [redacted] for a clothing bill amounting to [redacted] This suit has not yet been decided as yet, this is as far as the records of the Credit Bureau are concerned. The Attorneys who represent [redacted] of Birmingham, Ala.

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[redacted] is approximately 50 years old and resides at [redacted] Birmingham, Ala.

His mother, [redacted] owns [redacted] Birmingham, together with a good deal of real estate, and is considered wealthy.

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It might be mentioned that [redacted] in Birmingham.

The Birmingham office at Muscle Shoals, Ala., is conducting an appropriate investigation to verify the information furnished by [redacted]

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KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Moline, Kansas, will locate and interview [redacted] for further details concerning information furnished by him in letter to the Birmingham office.

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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

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

This office received a letter from Merle A. Gill, Ballistician at Kansas City, reciting that through conversation with a police officer who was at the scene of the Kansas City Massacre on June 17, 1933, he was informed that a double-barreled, 16 gauge shotgun was in possession of one of the officers in the car of Special Agent Caffrey, and that same was turned over to the Department of Justice after the shooting occurred.

The suggestion is offered by Gill that since there were found at the scene of the shooting two exploded 16 gauge shotgun cases, there is a possibility that they were fired from the shotgun in question.

The report of Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, dated at Kansas City, June 26, 1933, in this case, contains memoranda by Special Agents Frank Smith and F. J. Lackey, indicating that Chief of Police Otto Reed, deceased, and Special Agent Lackey each carried pump guns and not double-barreled shotguns. The recollection of Agent Trainor, in this office, who was here assigned during June 1933, is that these guns were brought to the Kansas City Office after the shooting and that they were pump guns. They were later returned to the respective owners. There appears to be no record here at present as to whether they were 16 gauge or 12 gauge shotguns, but it appears quite likely they were the regular type, 12 gauge riot guns.

It is requested that the San Antonio Office and the Oklahoma City Office, through the family of Mr. Reed, and with the assistance of Agent Lackey, identify the pump guns carried by Agent Lackey and Mr. Reed at the time in question, and that appropriate exploded shell cases be forwarded to the Kansas City Office. At that time the two shell cases held as evidence in the massacre case, which are now possession of Mr. Gill, will be secured from him and the entir

of exhibits transmitted to the Division for ballistic analysis.

It will be noted that Special Agent Caffrey was slain by a ballbearing shot, apparently fired from a shotgun. It is considered very unlikely that the statement of Mr. Gill is in any wise true in fact. However, it is believed that this matter should be immediately checked in a highly confidential manner.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to the attached memorandum pertaining to the Kansas City Massacre case, you are advised that no Identification Order has ever been issued for Adam Richetti because it has been felt that more successful investigation looking toward his apprehension could probably be conducted if it was not generally known that his apprehension was being actively sought.

Until the Division received information from Vivian Mathis that Floyd and Richetti had actually participated in the Kansas City Massacre case, the apprehension of these two individuals was being sought solely for questioning and consequently the reference to the Division's efforts now to secure their apprehension in connection with the Kansas City Massacre case covers the only purpose for which their apprehension is being sought.

There is no bona fide basis for a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act charge against Floyd and Richetti. A secret complaint was filed at Kansas City, Missouri on July 3, 1934 charging Floyd and Richetti with a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act in order that some process would be outstanding in the event the custody of either of these individuals was effected and it became necessary to hold or remove them. The Kansas City office requested that the filing of this complaint be kept secret and no publicity has ever been given to its existence.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

On the night of October 9, 1934, I contacted Mr. Conroy, Mr. Brantley and Mr. Spears, advising them that a press dispatch had indicated that Pretty Boy Floyd was surrounded at an unknown point. These Agents in Charge all advised me that they had no information concerning this matter.

E. A. TAMM.

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October 15, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

I am transmitting herewith an editorial from the Dallas Morning News of 10/13/34, entitled "Crime on the Run."

This article was written by Wm. B. Ruggles, on the editorial staff of the Morning News.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Dallas Tex ~~News~~ 10/13/34

BY Wm. B. Ruggles

Crime on the Run

The definite announcement by Federal officials that the Kansas City Union Station "massacre" has been solved can be taken without the proverbial grain of salt, in the light of conservatism displayed in making any statements until the net has been fairly well tightened around the criminal. Inclusion of the Southwest's missing desperado, Pretty Boy Floyd, in the affair puts that elusive outlaw on the Federal spot and will quite likely result in his capture or definite proof that he is dead. Governor Murray's ludicrous national guard safari is unlikely to be imitated in its unsuccessful beating through the Oklahoma underbrush after the criminal. Uncle Sam is reaching out for a man wanted and presently he will be yanked in.

The Federal Government has given a definite enough demonstration of superior efficiency in solving and punishing crime to add impetus to enlargement of Federal police powers at the expense of the States. At the same time, it must be admitted that almost certain punishment has not eliminated crime. The brutal Stoll kidnaping at Louisville occurred while two States were moving toward solution of the Lindbergh tragedy and while Federal operatives were writing the record on the Kansas City slaughter.

The criminal continues to believe that he can beat the game. It is an age-old fallacy. Civilization's recourse is remorseless pursuit, complete punishment, and if necessary and adequately provoked elimination of the criminal individual.

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October 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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The El Paso Morning Times, El Paso, Texas,
Saturday, October 13, 1934.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 15, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

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

This afternoon Mr. John Grattan of the Grattan Electric Company, 2123 North Lottie, Phone No. 4-9730, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, called at this office and gave me certain information obtained by him on a recent trip to Missouri. He states that he left Oklahoma City on Friday morning, October 12th, and returned Sunday night, October 14th.

Mr. Grattan married a Miss Lawrence from near Pleasant Hope, Missouri, which is about fifteen miles north of Springfield, Missouri. Mrs. Grattan has a sister who is married to Curtis Wood, who resides on a farm about five miles south of Pleasant Hope. It was at the home of Wood that Mr. and Mrs. Grattan visited. Mrs. Grattan has an interest in the old home place of her father, Laird Lawrence, which is located northwest of Pleasant Hope and is a farm that is well known to any of the old settlers in that vicinity.

Mr. Grattan informs me that his brother-in-law, Curtis Wood, is addicted to the use of whiskey, uses it to excess and when under the influence of whiskey does considerable talking and does considerable drinking with various and sundry people in that vicinity.

Mr. Grattan states that while on this visit he had occasion to go with Curtis Wood to a Shell filling station located about a quarter of a mile north of Crystal Cave, located on Highway 65. The Shell oil station is operated by two young men, whose names Mr. Grattan does not know. He stated that while in this station the two young operators thereof engaged him and his brother-in-law in conversation about Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd and that one of them stated that he knows Floyd and that he has been in that vicinity recently, even as late as Thursday,

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October 11th, at which time he came there and purchased some gasoline and uses a Shell coupon book; that Floyd was accompanied by two other men, but no mention was made of their descriptions nor was it stated what kind of a car they were using or the license plate on it.

In addition to the foregoing Mr. Grattan stated that his wife told him that she had been out to the old Lawrence place and that no one has been living there for some three or four years but that she observed, upon examining the premises, that there are two beds in the barn, that one bed has been set up in the dwelling house and that a stove has been put in and that whoever did this are interlopers and have no business whatever there. Mr. Grattan did not visit the premises of the old place.

Mr. Grattan stated that these two young men made the remark that Floyd had been in that vicinity all summer. He, of course, does not know how true any of the information is, nor whether the young fellows know Floyd or whether Floyd was there or whether it is some of his gang who are using the Lawrence place as a hideout.

Mr. Grattan expressed the opinion that he does not know whether Curtis Wood would do any talking to an Agent of the Division unless he were under the influence of whiskey, in which event he would probably tell all that he knows about anything.

Mr. Grattan informed me that in the event Division Agents are unable to get any information out of Curtis Wood, that he will be willing to go to Pleasant Hope and assist them in any way he can in interviewing Wood.

This information is furnished you for such attention as is deemed appropriate.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division
Chicago

WBDL:EBC

October 17, 1934.

Mr. H. S. Hunter,
Editor,
El Paso Morning Times,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Mr. Hunter:

Mr. E. H. Colvin, Special Agent in Charge of the El Paso Office of this Division, has forwarded me a copy of the editorial entitled, "It Won't Be Long Now", appearing in your publication under date of October 13, 1934.

I have read with interest the comments contained in this editorial relative to this Division's efforts looking toward the apprehension of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for these kind references to the Division and of expressing my appreciation and that of the Division for them.

With my best wishes and kind regards, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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October 16, 1934.

Mr. Quinn:

Mr. Hoover asks that copies of the attached editorial be sent to the Attorney General and Mr. Stanley. Will Mr. Lester also please have an extra copy made for the Director at the same time.

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2 copies for Miss Gandy

Memo. A.G.
Mr. Stanley
10/17/34
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

October 15, 1934

H H Reinecke
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
506 Fletcher Savings & Trust Bldg.,
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P. O. Box 1276
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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

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

Today United States Marshal W. C. Geers of Oklahoma City appeared at this office and furnished me a letter which had been received at his office addressed to "Mr. Dee Moss," and which he opened. This letter is from Roy R. Bobbitt, CCC Camp 2727, Bethany, Missouri, dated October 13, 1934, and it is quoted as follows:

"I am writing you a few lines. I wrote you once befor from Fairland Okla. I like to have a job on that hunt for Pirtty Boy. I now where he hangs out the last two years. I always followed that Bineas to see them kind of thing. De, I want you to ancer back from this letter I have plan to get the boy in hand. I come to vinitia to see you a loot of time a year ago but you wasways gone so if you wont me in on this man hunt you can write me to come. I have know hem quite a while I have been with him two time in two years ago in tulsa okla. He has fine place to stay when he is in tulsa okla. "

"PS Just a frind of De Moss "

This letter was intended for Alfred De Moss, formerly Deputy United States Marshal at Vinita, Oklahoma. De Moss has attempted to furnish information to this office in the past in respect to members of the Barker-Karpis gang but has never been able to give us anything of value. It is my opinion that he is a "wind bag" and decidedly unreliable.

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It is to be observed, however, in this letter that the writer thereof, Roy R. Bobbitt, states that he is personally acquainted with Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd and knows of a hideout he had in Tulsa County some two years ago. It is therefore requested that he be interviewed for any information he may be able to furnish.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division
Chicago

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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As requested in your telegram of October 14th I am transmitting herewith three photographs of Adam Richetti. Three photographs were forwarded to you on the 14th.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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As a result of the cover which has been maintained on the mail of Mrs. Walter Floyd, the mother of Subject Floyd, at Sallisaw, Oklahoma, it has been learned that a letter was received by her on October 13th with the postmark of Osceola, Missouri. The letter bears no return address.

It is requested that investigation be made at Osceola in an effort to ascertain whether this subject is there or has been in that vicinity, or whether he has connections there.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir: re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased)
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
- FUGITIVE, I.O./1194, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

With reference to the telephonic conversation in regard to the above captioned case and the possibility that the reported presence of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd at Iowa, may have been erroneous, please be advised that the Sheriff at Steeleville, Missouri, in which county Cherryville, Missouri is located, was contacted at once. He advised that he had previously made an investigation of one Eddie Bennett in regard to automobile theft but, at that time, said Eddie Bennett was not in the community although his mail had accumulated at the Post Office at Cherryville, Missouri. The Sheriff did not know of any individual by the name of Francis Gould.

The Sheriff at Steeleville, advised that he would immediately check this information and endeavor to ascertain if Eddie Bennett or Francis Gould had been in that community lately. He will also check in regard to the possible relationship of Eddie Bennett to any parties by the name of Bosteter.

As soon as the Sheriff has communicated the result of his investigation to this office, information will be relayed to you at once.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. FILE NO. 62-9

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

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Earl R. Donathan, Sallisaw, Okla., medical student, University of Tenn., at City Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., furnished information concerning Charles Arthur Floyd, which may be of assistance in causing his apprehension.

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DETAILS: AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE:

On October 13, 1934, Inspector Will T. Griffin, Chief of Detectives, Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, was contacted and he advised that he had received information from a confidential source that Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd had been seen in the vicinity of Memphis, Tennessee, and that he had detailed a squad of the county motor patrol to apprehend the person described as being Floyd and he was awaiting their report.

Inspector Griffin further advised that about a year ago he had questioned Dr. Earl R. Donathan at the City Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, who knew Floyd, in an effort to locate the latter, but to no avail. Agent, in company with Inspector Griffin and Detective Joe Feingold, interviewed Earl R. Donathan, whose residence is in Sallisaw, Oklahoma, but who is presently matriculating in the University of Tennessee Medical School at the City Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. Donathan stated that he has known Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd for a number of years and knows that he is from Akins, Oklahoma; that Floyd's mother and sister are presently residing in Sallisaw, where the sister is attending High School; that Floyd is married and has a son five or six years of age; that he last saw Floyd in March, 1933, at Sallisaw, at which time he was supposed to have been suffering from a gunshot wound; that it was common knowledge in Sallisaw that Floyd was a member of the gang that robbed the Sallisaw State Bank about two years

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ago, but no effort was made to molest or prosecute him for the crime; that at the time the robbery was taking place one Shipman, a friend of Floyd's, stepped into the bank and Floyd spoke up and told his confederates not to harm him.

Mr. Donathan further advised that Bert Cotten, Chief of Police at Sallisaw, was a reliable man who might be in a position to furnish information that would assist in the apprehension of Floyd; that Sheriff Bill Byrd, Sallisaw, Oklahoma, was from Akins, Oklahoma, and he thought it inadvisable to contact him concerning Floyd; that his, Mr. Donathan's, brother-in-law, Earl Ivey, a druggist and proprietor of the Ivey Drug Company at Seminole, Oklahoma, might be in a position to furnish valuable information to the Division concerning Floyd; that Earl Ivey should be approached cautiously for the reason that Floyd is well liked in the vicinity of Sallisaw, the population being in sympathy with him, and if it became known that he furnished information to the Division concerning Floyd retaliatory measures might be taken against him, either by Floyd or his friends in that sector.

Mr. Donathan further stated that Clayton Burns, who is connected with the Boy Scouts and is an undertaker and furniture dealer, being connected with the Wheeler-Stevenson Furniture Company at Sallisaw, may be able to furnish information to the Division that would lead to Floyd's apprehension; that George Cheek, former sheriff at Sallisaw, and Otis Romans were unreliable persons and would not honestly assist the Government in causing Floyd's arrest; that Clyde Birdwell, who was later killed by a negro, was with Floyd when he last saw him in Sallisaw. Mr. Donathan advised that he would write his brother-in-law, Earl Ivey, Seminole, Oklahoma, for more information concerning Floyd.

Subsequently, agent was advised by Detective Joe Weingold that the person seen in Memphis and described as being Floyd was taken into custody and it was definitely established that he was not Floyd.

Leads for other offices are being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The NASHVILLE OFFICE, at MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, will again interview Earl R. Donathan, City Hospital, Memphis, in fifteen days to ascertain whether or not he has secured information from his relatives in Sallisaw, Oklahoma, that would assist the Government in bringing about the apprehension of Floyd.

P E N D I N G.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve
Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

October 17, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194; ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

In connection with the presentation of evidence in the above case to the grand jury which convenes at Kansas City October 22, 1934, subpoenas have been received in this office for the following Division employees:

E. E. Conroy
R. E. Vetterli
H. E. Andersen
W. F. Trainor
Frank S. Smith
Leon G. Turrou
S. K. McKee

I expect to confer further with Mr. Milligan on the question of the necessity of these Agents when he returns to Kansas City, he being temporarily absent from the city. In the event he advises that any of the above Agents are not necessary, they will be immediately advised.

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Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge

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CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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[redacted] of Fresno and Turlock, California, considered as an unreliable informant by Police Authorities at Fresno, advises that he observed Subject Floyd driving a Ford Coupe, bearing 1934 Oklahoma license No. 304A575 in the vicinity of Fresno, California.

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DETAILS:

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While Special Agent W. H. Binns was at Fresno, California, on other matters he was advised by Police Sergeant A. L. RHODES, Fresno Police Department, that one [redacted] considered by RHODES as an unreliable Informant, had observed PRETTY BOY FLOYD, whom [redacted] is alleged to know, driving a black Ford Coupe, bearing 1934 Oklahoma license plates No. 304 A 575, on the Chowchilla Madera Highway near Fresno.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Agent Binns of this office contacted [redacted] who related in substance the information as set out above.

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OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION:OFFICE: Although it is the opinion of the officers at Fresno, California, that Informant is unreliable, it is deemed advisable that the 1934 Oklahoma License No. 304 A 575 be checked by the Oklahoma City Office to determine the identity of the owner of the plates in question.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 17, 1934

EAT:CSH

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Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Time: 2:15 P.M.

Mr. Vetterli called from St. Louis to advise that Agent Fallon was at his office today; that he, Vetterli, had talked the situation over with Mr. R. B. Nathan; that the Majestic Hotel has closed down. He advised that the situation there is rather bad because of the matter in Kansas City and the subpoenaing of a number of people before the Grand Jury, and the chances are remote of Fallon obtaining any information there.

I requested that Agent Fallon's assignment there be discontinued and that he return to headquarters, stopping at the Division on his way back, and that we could return him if anything turned up.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division October 15, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Laboratory Report

October 17, 1934

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

Number: 62-28915-2749

Specimens: Two exploded shotgun shell cases fired from Remington Automatic 12 gauge gun, serial #226656.
Two exploded shotgun cases fired from Remington Automatic 12 gauge gun serial #324394.
Shell case and bullet fired from Colt .38 caliber revolver, serial #247947

Examination requested by: Kansas City Division Office

Date received: October 15, 1934

Examination requested: Ballistic

Result of examination:

Examination by: Wiard

The exhibits in the above cases have been suitably marked and are being retained in the Laboratory File for checking against future cases should occasion arise. We have no actual exhibits from the Kansas City Massacre in the Laboratory File to make a physical comparison.

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Thanks, HSC

ORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

ence to the current developments in the Kansas City been advised by the Special Agent in Charge of the fice that United States Attorney Milligan has oses to have an indictment returned against the

Vernon C. Miller
Charles Arthur Floyd
Adam Richetti
Mrs. Frances Nash
Vivian Mathis
Esther Farmer
Herbert A. Farmer
Frank B. Mulloy
Louis Stacci
Richard Tallman Galatas

Mr. Milligan states that the question of including Mrs. Galatas in the indictment would depend upon the Division's attitude in the matter. At the time that Mr. Milligan advised the Division of his contemplated steps in this matter, he was not aware that Mr. and Mrs. Galatas were in custody. Mr. Milligan indicated that, in the event Mrs. Galatas was a willing witness, he might consider it advisable to use her as a witness rather than to name her as a defendant. Mr. Milligan indicated that he would probably desire to call the following persons as witnesses before the grand jury:

Mrs. Frances Nash
Mrs. Richard Tallman Galatas
E. E. Conroy
R. E. Vetterli
Dwight Brantley
L. G. Turrou
S. K. McKee
H. E. Andersen
W. F. Trainor
Michael James LaCapra
Thomas B. Bash
Mrs. Lottie West
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Mr. Howard L. Clayton,
Sheriff, Desha County,
Arkansas City, Arkansas.

My dear Sheriff:

In response to your request dated October 17, 1934, there is transmitted herewith a copy of Identification Order #1194, prepared and issued by this Division on Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd. There are also enclosed herewith photographs of Adam Richetti, Beulah Baird and Rose Baird, who are reported to have been companions of Floyd.

As you know, Richetti is now in custody and Floyd was killed while resisting arrest near Clarkson, Ohio.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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HOWARD L. CLAYTON

SHERIFF AND EX-OFFICIO COLLECTOR

DESHA COUNTY

ARKANSAS CITY, ARK.

COUNTY COURT
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October 17, 1934

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director

Division of Investigation

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Kindly mail me at your earliest convenience, a picture and description of Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, and companions that are supposed to be with him.

Yours very truly,

Howard L. Clayton

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois

October 18, 1934.

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

In reply to your letter of October 5, 1934, suggesting the advisability of offering a reward of $3,000 for information submitted to the Division resulting in the apprehension of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, I heartily agree with this suggestion and shall bring it to the attention of all those with whom I come in contact.

It is also suggested that a confidential reward not exceeding $2,000 be offered for information submitted to the Division leading to the apprehension of Adam Richetti.

The offer of rewards, however, should be made with discretion in that it is believed in a number of instances the offer of a smaller reward would bring about the same result as a $2,000 or $3,000 reward.

In connection with the suggestion that Special Agents be assigned to work in an under-cover capacity in the states of Oklahoma and Arkansas for the purpose of developing information concerning the whereabouts of Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti, it is the writer's opinion that unless definite information is obtained indicating that these individuals frequent these

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states, or more specifically, certain towns in these states, the assignment of under-cover men would not be advisable in that it appears that to date in this investigation no reliable information has been obtained indicating that these individuals are or have been in these states since June 17, 1933. It is my opinion that the territory to be covered is entirely too large to expect any productive results from the assignment of a limited number of Agents to work in an under-cover capacity.

However, I shall bear the suggestion in mind and make it a point to become acquainted with the capabilities of the Agents with whom I come in contact, with a view to assigning them to under-cover work in these states for the purpose above indicated should the Division deem such assignments advisable at this or any future date.

Very truly yours,

S. P. Cowley

S. P. COWLEY,
Inspector

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Item No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City, Missouri FILE NO. 62-1043

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Portland, Oregon	10-15-34	10-11/15-34	H. A. King

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

One Franklin English probably identical with Frank Lee Callam wanted Dallas, Texas, for bank robbery, traded LaSalle Coupe, Motor #2105336 for Cadillac Coupe, Motor #3100669, at Eldridge Motor Company, Spokane, Washington, September 22, 1934; was accompanied by a women; paid difference in $100.00 bills; had sawed-off shotgun and acted in suspicious manner.

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REFERENCE: Indianapolis telegrams, both dated October 11, 1934.

DETAILS:

While the Portland office does not have complete information as to details concerning Franklin English, hereinafter referred to, at Indianapolis, Indiana, copies of this report are being indicated for all Division offices, inasmuch as it appears that said English is identical with one Frank Lee Callam, wanted in Dallas, Texas, as a bank robber. For the information of other offices, the Portland Division office received a telegram from Indianapolis, October 11th,

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requesting a description of the car and identity of the owner to whom Washington 1934 license plates numbered 247427 were issued. Subsequent telegram stated that these license plates were found on a Cadillac Coupe at Indianapolis in possession of suspicious individuals, one being a young man using the name of F. S. English, claiming Spokane, Washington, as residence, and two women, ages about twentypone and forty; that English had endeavored to rent an apartment, refused to give references and demanded the return of his rent; that English also claimed to have a sister named Lillian Crocket, Oklahoma City; paid his rent with numerous Dallas, Texas reserve notes.

The writer ascertained through motor vehicle registration books in Portland that 1934 Washington license plates 247427 were issued to Major George S. Clarke, Fort Wright, a U. S. Army Post near Spokane, Washington, on a 1934 Cadillac Coupe, bearing motor number 3100609. Upon receipt of the second Indianapolis telegram the writer communicated by long distance telephone with the Adjutant, Captain Lewis, at Fort Wright, Washington, there being no special agent immediately available at Spokane. Captain Lewis advised that Major Clarke was absent from the post for the day, but that he personally knew that Major Clarke had formerly owned a Cadillac Coupe, having purchased the same from the Eldridge Motor Company, Spokane, Washington, in the spring of 1934; that the Cadillac Coupe was unsatisfactory and had been returned to the Eldridge Motor Company for a Cadillac Sedan, which Major Clarke now has in his possession. Subsequently, Major Clarke telephonically advised agent that the facts stated by Captain Lewis were true and that he had left his old license tags on the Cadillac.

Upon receipt of the foregoing information, agent communicated with Charles Sonnabend, Detective, Spokane Police Department, known to be reliable and asked him to ascertain whether the Cadillac Coupe was stolen and what information the Eldridge Motor Company could furnish concerning the same. Detective Sonnabend later advised agent concerning the following facts, which have been recently elaborated upon by Special Agent R. C. Eberstein, presently at Spokane, Washington:

On September 22, 1934, a party giving his name as Franklin English, accompanied by a young woman, appeared at the Eldridge Motor Company, Inc., 1329 First Street, Spokane, driving a 1934 LaSalle Coupe. Negotiations were entered into whereby the LaSalle Coupe, Motor #2105136, was traded for the Cadillac Coupe mentioned above, the difference being paid in cash in bills of $100.00 denomination. English produced a bill of sale for the LaSalle, disclosing that it had been purchased September 7, 1934, from the Cadillac Motor Company, 2301 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Agent Eberstein learned

that in removing the baggage from the LaSalle to the Cadillac, Mr. Eldridge of the Eldridge Company noted a sawed-off shotgun and very little other baggage. Agent Eberstein was also informed that English had "his pockets full of bills of one hundred and fifty dollar denomination". A representative of the Eldridge Motor Company was requested by English to accompany him to some tourist camp where he could rent a cabin. No suitable cabin was located, however, and English then went to the Kingston Apartments in Spokane, where he took an apartment, stayed one hour and departed. He has never been seen nor heard from since and English, prior to September 22d, was unknown in Spokane, Washington.

While perusing a copy of a fugitive bulletin published by the William J. Burns International Detective Agency, the writer noted that photograph and description of one Frank Lee Callam, with aliases, bore a strong likeness to the party described by representatives of the Eldridge Motor Company and likewise described in the Indianapolis telegram. The bulletin was forwarded to Special Agent Eberstein who displayed the photographs to representatives of the Eldridge Motor Company and likewise at the Kingston Apartments and said representatives identified English as bearing a very strong resemblance to Callam. The aforementioned bulletin was forwarded to this office by the New York office and undoubtedly copies are in possession of all Division offices.

At the time of purchasing the Cadillac Coupe, English gave his address as Monterey Hotel, 4300 Clarendon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Callam's Dallas police number is obliterated on the photograph in the Burns bulletin. His description as furnished by the Indianapolis office and bulletin is approximately as follows:

Age	25-30
Height	5' 10" or more
Weight	135
Build	Very slender
	Wears octagon rimless glasses
	Has long face, long sharp nose
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The woman accompanying English is described as follows:

Age	23-25
Height	5' 4"
Weight	130
Complexion	Medium
	Well dressed

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ADDENDUM:

Since the typing of the first run of this report, report of Special Agent in Charge H. H. Beinecke, Indianapolis, dated October 15, 1934, has been received, it being noted that English apparently has no connection with the Kansas City massacre case. In view of his probable identity with a known outlaw, however, copies of this report are being indicated for interested offices, although all Division offices are not being furnished with same.

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Chicago, Ill.	10/18/34	10/10-15/34	R. C. SURAN - AB

TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TAILMAN GALATAS with aliases, F. 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:

Subject Stacey admits placing telephone call to Horse Shoe Club, Kansas City, Missouri, on afternoon of June 16, 1933, for purpose of locating Vernon Miller, and further admits receiving call from Miller on same date, at which time information concerning apprehension of Frank Nash was relayed to Miller. Stacey states he met John Lazia through Verne Miller at Kansas City in February or March, 1933. Photograph of Adam Richetti identified as being the likeness of an individual who frequented a gambling house at 516 Exchange Street, East Chicago, Indiana, recently. C. J. Van Doren failed to identify photograph of Subject Richard Galatas as being that of the person who visited Vivian Mathias and Vernon Miller at 419 South Boulevard, Oak Park, Illinois. Subjects Elizabeth and Richard Galatas removed to Kansas City by Division agents 10/9/34. Vivian Mathias removed to Kansas City by Division agent 10/11/34.

DETAILS:

REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, 9/28/34 and 10/11/34; report of Special Agent in Charge H. H. Reinecke, Indianapolis, Indiana, 10/12/34, and report of Special Agent Bliss Morton, Indianapolis, Indiana, 10/10/34.

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DETAILS:

On October 18, 1934, Special Agent S. K. McKee and the writer proceeded to Maywood, Illinois, where a surveillance was made of 509 South 7th Street, the residence of Subject Louis Stacey, it being desired to bring Stacey to the Chicago Division office for questioning and to keep the same confidential. However, Subject Stacey was not observed about the premises, and accordingly at about 8:00 P. M. agents proceeded to the Club Spanish, Roosevelt and Mannheim Roads, Chicago, Illinois, where Subject Stacey was located about 9:00 P. M. and brought to the Chicago Division office for questioning.

Stacey discussed this case freely and stated that he was willing to furnish any information in his possession. A statement was prepared by Special Agent McKee and the writer for the signature of "Doc" Stacey under date of October 18, 1934, which statement Stacey refused to sign, he stating that if his attorney advised him to plead not guilty, he would deny that he had made any admissions in connection with this matter because he was furnishing information to the Division contrary to the advice of his attorney. He stated, however, that there was a probability that his attorney would advise him to plead guilty. The statement which was prepared for Stacey's signature and which he admitted to agents was the entire truth, is quoted below:

"Chicago, Illinois,
October 18, 1934.

I, Louis Stacey, make the following statement of my own free will to R. C. Suran and S. K. McKee, Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, having been told that I need not say anything, but that anything I did say would be used against me in court.

Sometime during the year 1931 I was operating the O. P. Inn, which was then located in Melrose Park, Illinois. During this period I became acquainted with Verne Miller, Freddie Barker, Doc Barker, Ray Karpis, Harvey Bailey, and Frank Nash, all of whom I understood were "big time" bootleggers. At this time a woman named Frances Luce was employed by me at the O. P. Inn as a cook. She and Frank Nash began keeping company with each other and it was my understanding that they later married. I became friendly with these men and played golf with Bailey and Miller from time to time. I knew Nash under the nickname of Jelly.

During February or March of 1938 I made a trip of about ten days to Kansas City, Mo. where I played golf and visited with Verne Miller. This trip was made on the invitation of Miller and was for the purpose of playing golf. At that time Miller and his wife, Vi, were living at the home of Fritz Mulloy. I had dinner at Mulloy's home on one occasion, and, as I remember, Mulloy, his wife, Verne Miller, Vi Miller, Lillian Holden, and myself were present. Lillian Holden was the wife of Tommy Holden, a prisoner in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. I, also, had dinner at Miller's home on several occasions during a second trip I made to Kansas City. The second trip was about three weeks following my return from the first trip.

Sometime during my first trip to Kansas City, Mo. Verne Miller introduced me to one John Lazia, whom I understood to be a "big shot" politician. This introduction took place in a gambling joint in Kansas City, which was then located across the street from the Baltimore Hotel. I cannot recall the name of this gambling club.

On the morning of June 18, 1935 I was playing golf with Jack McGurn at the Evergreen Golf Club in Chicago, Illinois. I returned to my place of business, the O. F. Inn, some time after noon and found a telephone message which had been received for me during my absence by either my step-son, Elmer Stacey, or by Jimmy Burns, a waiter employed at that time. This message was from Frances Nash at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and was to the effect that Nash had been arrested in Hot Springs, that I should get in touch with Verne Miller and have him communicate with a man named Farmer for additional information. I cannot recall whether the message stated that Farmer resided in Joplin, Mo., but it may have.

Later in the afternoon I placed a long distance telephone call to Fritz Mulloy in Kansas City, Mo., to a Jackson telephone exchange number, which I cannot now recall, and which I understood was to a phone located in a roadhouse operated by Mulloy. There was no answer at this phone and I told the operator to try the phone at the

Horse Shoe Club, with which I knew Mulloy was also connected. My call was completed at the Horse Shoe Club where I talked with a person whom I thought was the colored porter. I did not ask who was at the phone but believed it was the porter as I had observed during my trips to Kansas City several months before that the porter was generally at the club in the afternoon. I did not recognize the voice at the phone as that of Fritz Mulloy, so I told the person talking that I was Joe Stacey, who used to come in and drink gin bucks with Verne Miller; that I wanted to get in touch with Verne Miller and that he, meaning the person talking, should get in touch with Fritz and have him tell Verne to get in touch with me.

Sometime later, a period I estimate was not more than an hour, I received a call from Verne Miller at the D. P. Inn. I told him that Frances Nash had called me from Hot Springs, Arkansas and had left a message that Frank had been picked up in Hot Springs, and had asked that I get in touch with him, Miller, and tell him of Frank's arrest, and also, request him to communicate with Farmer for further details. I asked Verne if he knew Farmer and he told me that he did. There was some additional conversation about golf or some matter which did not relate to the arrest of Nash.

At about 11:00 pm on the same night a telephone call from Kansas City, Mo. was received at my home, but I did not talk on it as I was not at home. This call was never completed.

I have not seen Verne Miller since the killing of Frank Nash and four officers at the Union Station in Kansas City, Mo. on June 17, 1933 and have never known the identities of the killers other than what I have read in newspapers.

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

Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers Bldg., Chicago, Illinois.

In an attempt to obtain further information in regard to Adam Richetti bearing on his arrest at Hammond, Indiana, on August 7, 1928, Agent Sullivan interviewed Sergeant Tebodo, Hammond Police Department, who checked his records and was able to locate the original Police arrest card on Adam Richetti. This arrest card indicates that Richetti was arrested in an alley in back of 417 East State Street at 1:40 A.M. in company of Odus Lee Turner mentioned in previous reports. At the time of his arrest, Richetti gave his residence as Oklahoma; Turner gave his address as 115th and Columbia Avenue. Sergeant Tebodo stated that this address was not a local Hammond address and it is possible that the address may have reference to some town in Oklahoma. Richetti gave his nativity as Italian and his birthplace as Lehigh, Oklahoma.

On the back of the arrest card is the following notation, apparently made by either the arresting officer, John J. Hart, or some officer who interviewed Richetti and Turner after their arrest.

It states that Adam Richetti and Turner admitted holding up August Gerber, the complainant in the arrest herein referred to, and also admitted holding up a boy and a girl at Wewoka, Oklahoma, in a Ford roadster; that Richetti and Turner did not get any money from this robbery. They further admitted the burglary of a sandwich shop at Wewoka, Oklahoma; the hold-up of two men in a Ford car between Lehigh and Coalgate, Oklahoma, obtaining $40.00; and the robbery of another man in which robbery they failed to obtain any money. The names and addresses of these parties held up were not given on the arrest card.

Sergeant Tebodo stated that he had no further information in his files regarding Richetti and Turner but stated that he well recalled both of them and felt certain that they had not been in Hammond, Indiana, since their arrest in 1928, stating that he felt sure he would have seen them had they been in town.

In view of the identification of the photograph of Richetti by Mr. Blunk, Identification Bureau, Crown Point, Indiana, and by a bailiff in the County Court, as the man who had been seen in the vicinity of East Chicago or Gary, Indiana, Agent Sullivan made inquiry and exhibited a photograph of Richetti to Officer Zarkovich, East Chicago Police Department and Sergeant Ralph Schilling. Both of these men identified Richetti's photograph as the likeness of a man they had seen frequenting a gambling house located at 716 Exchange Street, East Chicago, Indiana, within the

past week. Both of them advised Agent Sullivan that the description of Richetti and the description of the man they saw was approximately the same.

Agent Sullivan ascertained that the gambling house located at 716 Exchange Street was operated by one James Martinez. Detective Glenn, who formerly covered this section of the town for many years, and who is very familiar with the section, was interviewed by Agent Sullivan and shown the photograph of Adam Richetti. He stated that the photograph appeared familiar to him and that he felt certain that it represented a man he had seen in a negro house of prostitution operated by one "Ham" Chandler, East Chicago. Detective Glenn further advised that he had had occasion several times in the past to make inquiry at Martinez' place and had been able to secure information from him; that he considered Martinez to be dependable and reliable.

Martinez was interviewed by Agent Sullivan and Officer Glenn and he was shown a photograph of Adam Richetti, which he stated was the likeness of a man who came into his place on Monday night, October 1st, 1934, at approximately 10:00 P.M. This man came in alone and hung around the tables until about midnight but did not play cards. He borrowed a cigarette from one of the onlookers and was rebuked by Martinez for doing so. On Tuesday, the following night, Richetti again appeared at the gambling house at approximately the same time, and during the course of the evening mentioned to Martinez that he had come from Oklahoma and was going to Cincinnati. On Wednesday, October 3rd, 1934, Richetti again visited this gambling place and at approximately 11:45 P.M. stated that he had a quarter of an hour before he got the train for Cincinnati. He left at approximately 12:00 midnight. Martinez stated that he noted a train went through at approximately midnight but it did not stop.

Agent Sullivan was advised by Martinez that Richetti was dressed in blue denim pants, a black "V" necked sweater, a blue shirt, a dirty grey cap, and usually wore a necktie. On the evening he was last seen, Richetti had a small package, apparently containing clothing, wrapped in newspaper, under his arm.

Martinez described this man as being identical with Richetti except that Martinez believed him to be approximately 35 years of age but added that because the man believed to be Richetti was quite unkept in his appearance and badly in need of a shave, he thought that this might have caused him to believe the man older than he was. Martinez further stated

that the man appeared to weigh approximately 150 pounds although upon further questioning advised that the man believed to be Richetti was not of husky build but was medium built. Martinez further stated that while the above mentioned party hung about the gambling place he spoke very little and was not seen at any time in the company of anyone, and has not been seen since.

The above information was telephonically communicated to the Cincinnati Office on October 12, 1934, and confirmed by letter of the same date, with the suggestion that investigation be made at Cincinnati for the purpose of locating Richetti or the man believed to be him.

Inquiry was made at the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad freight station, East Chicago, Indiana, and Agent Sullivan was advised by Cyril Haugh, Assistant Trainmaster, that no passenger trains pass through East Chicago at the present time; that nightly, at approximately midnight, fast freight trains were made up at East Chicago, which passed through Cincinnati, Ohio; that frequently these trains carried persons who were stealing a ride.

Agent Sullivan likewise interviewed Fred Membourg, Lieutenant of Police, and W. C. Hunter, Policeman, both employed by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and both of whom frequent the freight yards at East Chicago. Neither of them could identify the photograph of Richetti as anyone they had seen about the freight yards.

Agent Sullivan, in the company of Captain Timothy O'Neil, East Chicago Police Department, exhibited a photograph of Richetti to Steve Genevee, who operates a tavern at 4603 Indianapolis Avenue, and William Lambis, who rooms over the tavern located at 4609 Indianapolis Avenue. Steve Genevee could not identify the photograph of Richetti although he stated that the person represented thereon appeared familiar to him. William Lambis, when shown the photograph, stated that he was certain that the photograph was the likeness of a man who approximately two years ago stayed one night at the Palace Hotel at the corner of Exchange Street and Indianapolis Avenue. Lambis stated that at that time he was managing the Palace Hotel; that the records had been destroyed. He stated that the man he believed to be Richetti stayed only one night and was unaccompanied; that he again saw this man at the Savoy Hotel at Hammond about a year and a half ago; that he does not know anyone acquainted with him, has not seen the man since and has no further information.

Agent Sullivan called Sergeant Tohodo, Hammond, Indiana, Police Department, who stated that "Pop" Schneider, owner of the Navy Hotel, would provide reliable information if he contacted Schneider, and requested him to do so. He thereupon contacted Schneider, and introduced Agent Sullivan, who exhibited to him a photograph of Richetti but he was unable to identify same as any party who had ever stayed at his Hotel. He also called in Ed. Ochwab, clerk, who likewise failed to identify Richetti's photograph.

Accompanied by James Martinez Agent Sullivan visited several poolhalls and gambling places in Hammond where Martinez was acquainted but no information was obtained regarding Richetti.

At the City Welfare Agency operated by the City of Hammond to take care of poor persons, Agent Sullivan interviewed W. Lawrence, night manager, who was shown a photograph of Richetti, which he stated he could not recognize as anyone he had ever seen.

Agent Sullivan was advised by Martinez and by William Lambie that they would immediately notify the Chicago Division Office if they again saw the man they believed to be identical with Adam Richetti.

Accompanied by Detective Glenn, Agent interviewed Grice "Ham" Chandler, who operates a negro house of prostitution at 3528 Parish Street, East Chicago, Indiana. Chandler was shown a photograph of Richetti, which he stated was the likeness of a man who approximately two or three weeks ago came to his establishment about 8:00 A.M. Richetti at that time was dressed in a brown suit and brown shoes, and was accompanied by a man approximately 55 years of age, height approximately 6', weight 210 pounds, grey hair, and whom Richetti stated was his father. They drank during the course of the night and the old man brought out of his pockets some postal savings certificates, which bore a name which could not be recalled by Chandler, and which this older man stated was his name. These certificates were made out in various sums of $5.00, $10.00 and $20.00, and Chandler did not know how much they totalled but stated he had a "sheaf" of them. Feeling that something might be wrong with them, Chandler refused to cash any of the certificates. The old man and Richetti ran up a bill of $1.75 before leaving at approximately 9:00 A.M., stating that they would return after cashing the postal savings certificates. Chandler stated that he has not seen them since.

Agent Sullivan was advised by the East Chicago Police Department that Chandler has a criminal record and is quite "keen". Chandler advised Agent Sullivan that he did not like the looks of the man believed

to be Richetti and he noted that he had a "bad eye". He described him as being build quite similar to Chandler, who is approximately 5'9" tall and weighs about 145 or 150 pounds. He stated that Richetti had no money and apparently was dependent on the old man for financial support; that the old man during the course of the evening stated that he came from the southern part of Indiana. Chandler further stated that they had an old Chevrolet sedan, about a 1930 model. He could not recall whether it bore Indiana license plates or not.

At this point, Officer Glenn questioned Chandler regarding the man that Glenn had seen in Chandler's place, who appeared to be built and look similar to Richetti. Chandler stated that on the evening that Glenn visited his establishment he was not present, and this was verified by Officer Glenn. Glenn stated he had reference to an evening when he called at this establishment and saw a man who appeared to look very similar to Richetti. This man was in the company of one "St. Louis Pete", and one "Red" George Gries. Effort was made to locate Gries, who is reported to be a respectable person, without success.

While Agent Sullivan and Agent Suran were in the company of Officer Glenn on Indianapolis Avenue on the afternoon of October 15, 1934, Officer Glenn saw the man he had previously seen in Chandler's establishment. This man was questioned and he stated that his name was Angelo Ganis; that he was a Greek and had come to the United States approximately 12 years ago, and had been employed for the past five years by John Collins, a cousin of his, who operates "Hot Dog John's" restaurant on Exchange Street. This restaurant is next door to James Martinez' gambling place. Ganis stated that he has not been away from East Chicago, Indiana during the past year and a half and that he has been constantly employed and is well known in the community.

Ganis was viewed by William Lambis, who stated that Ganis was not the man he had reference to; that he has known Ganis for many years as a permanent resident of East Chicago.

John Collins, proprietor of "Hot Dog John's" restaurant, was interviewed and he advised that Ganis had been employed by him for the past five years and further advised that Ganis had never been arrested, and during this time had been continuously employed by him at his restaurant.

An attempt was made at this time to locate James Martinez, who was absent from his establishment, but inasmuch as his gambling place is next door to "Hot Dog John's" restaurant, it would scarcely be possible that Ganis was the man that Martinez had reference to when he identified Richetti's photograph since Martinez has operated this establishment at this address for the past year and a half, and no doubt sees Ganis every day.

It is to be noted that Martinez informed Agent Sullivan that he had seen the man believed to be Richetti on only the three days above mentioned.

Inasmuch as the man that Officer Glenn thought might possibly be Richetti is not the same man referred to by Lambis and Martinez, it is still possible that the man seen in Martinez' place is identical with Adam Richetti.

Agent Sullivan has been advised by Grice "Ham" Chandler, as well as James Martinez and William Lambis, that he will immediately notify the Chicago Division Office should he obtain any information regarding Richetti's whereabouts.

Officer Glenn stated that he would contact some of his confidential informants in an attempt to obtain information as to the intended destination or the present whereabouts of the man who has been identified as Richetti.

After the release of the publicity concerning Subjects Elizabeth and Richard Galatas, Mr. C. J. Van Doren, 419 South Boulevard, Oak Park, Illinois, telephonically communicated with the Chicago Division office and advised that he had seen a picture of Richard Tallman Galatas in the newspapers and he believed this was a photograph of a man who frequently visited the apartment of Verne and Vi Miller during the time they resided at this address, which address, it will be remembered, was occupied for one or two days by Vivian Mathias and Verne Miller subsequent to the massacre.

Special Agent D. P. Sullivan interviewed Mr. S. J. Van Doren and exhibited to him three different photographs showing various poses of Richard Tallman Galatas. Mr. Van Doren immediately and emphatically stated that the photographs of Galatas were not likenesses of the man to whom he had reference. He stated that the man he referred to was about 5'9" in height, weighed about 150 lb., had dark hair, gray about the temples, and a small, lean face. He stated that this man was frequently in the apartment of Verne and Vi Miller, in fact he believed he spent as much time in the apartment as they did. Mr. Van Doren did not know the identity of this man and was unable to provide any further information in regard to him.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge H. H. Reinecke, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated October 18, 1934, concerning an individual known as F. S. English who attempted to rent an apartment at 1733 North Meridian, Indianapolis, Indiana, on or about October 11, 1934, at which time English displayed an automobile registration card showing the registration at Spokane, Washington, of Cadillac coupe with Washington license plates No. 847-427. Special Agent D. P. Sullivan conducted investigation in Chicago concerning the purchase of the above described Cadillac.

Agent Sullivan ascertained at the Cadillac Motor Car Company, 2301 South Michigan Avenue, that Franklin S. English purchased a new two-passenger LaSalle coupe, blue in color, motor No. 2105136, on September 7, 1934. He paid a cash deposit of $193.50 and on September 7, 1934, upon delivery of the car, paid the balance of $1833.25 in cash. Agent Sullivan was advised by Miss Sweeney, Secretary to the Comptroller of the Cadillac Company, that at the time English purchased the car he gave his address as Monterey Hotel, 4300 Clarendon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. It will be noted that this LaSalle coupe was traded in by Franklin to the Eldridge Motor Sales Company, Spokane, Washington, for the Cadillac which he apparently was driving in Indianapolis, Indiana. Agent Sullivan further ascertained that the LaSalle car was sold to English by J. F. McGowan, salesman at the Broadway branch of the Cadillac Company located at 5201 Broadway, Chicago. Inasmuch as the car was paid for in cash, the files of the Cadillac Company contained no further information.

With further reference to the individual known as English, a confidential informant by the name of [redacted] who is presently assisting the Division in an effort to apprehend Lester Gillis, furnished certain information concerning an English known to him, who is probably

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identical with the English referred to above. Without being questioned concerning English, [redacted] stated to Special Agent V. W. Peterson and the writer that he had learned through an individual known as English that Lester Gillis was frequenting the address of 488 South State Street, Chicago. At the time [redacted] made reference to English, he was questioned further concerning him. A description of English as furnished by [redacted] tallied with the description furnished for F. S. English, previously referred to with the exception of the hair. [redacted] described the English known to him as having very curly hair, parted on the left side, which hair had a reddish tint, while in the report of Special Agent in Charge Reinecke it will be noticed that F. S. English was reported to have firey red hair, very curly and parted on the left side. [redacted] furnished the further information concerning the English known to him that the latter at one time resided at the Monterey Hotel and also spent considerable time in the Northwestern part of the United States; that English, in his opinion, was engaged in the handling of narcotics and prostitutes. He further stated that English frequented the address, 714 Diversey Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that he is presently driving a Cadillac car.

As it appears that English might possibly be a contact in Chicago for Lester Gillis, further investigation as to him will be conducted in the case entitled, "Lester M. Gillis with aliases, I. O. 1223, et al. - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; Obstruction of Justice; Harboring of Fugitives".

On October 8, 1934, Special Agents J. H. Welles, E. J. Connor removed Subjects Richard and Elizabeth Galatas, via aeroplane to Kansas City, Missouri, after Subjects Galatas had waived removal and signed a waiver to that effect.

On October 11, 1934 Subject Vivian Mathias was removed to Kansas City, Missouri by Special Agent S. K. McKee, via aeroplane, after she also had signed a waiver of removal.

A lead is set forth in the reference report of Special Agent Bliss Morton requesting investigation at Hammond, Indiana, the residence of Richetti's half-sister, Mary Rankin. In connection with this lead reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. G. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, September 22, 1934, page 48, in which it will be noted that information was obtained from Mrs. Gus Robinson, Hammond, Indiana, that Mary DeHatt married Mrs. Robinson's brother, Thomas Rankin, who now resides at Dillonvale, Ohio. Mrs. Robinson stated that Mary Rankin is dead.

In the past investigation has been conducted looking toward the location and identification of "Big Homer" Wilson as a possible suspect in the instant case as well as in the Bremer kidnaping case but to date no information has been obtained connecting this individual with either case; in fact, the investigation has tended to eliminate him as a suspect. However, a definite connection is known to exist between Ed. Bentz, subject of the case entitled, "Edward Wilhelm Bentz, et al.; Caledonia National Bank, Caledonia, Vermont - Bank Robbery", and "Big Homer" Wilson, and it is believed desirable to continue the investigation concerning "Big Homer". A summary of information concerning "Big Homer", which is in possession of the Chicago Division office, has been prepared and has been incorporated in the case involving Ed. Bentz, and further investigation concerning this individual will be conducted in connection with that case.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE: At East Chicago, Indiana, will continue the investigation in an effort to definitely determine whether Adam Richetti is located at that place.

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

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Rumor concerning Floyd having been hurt in auto accident in Monroe, Louisiana appears to have originated from accident in which one, E. B. Anderson, now in Arkansas State Penitentiary, was injured at Monroe.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, July 31, 1934.

DETAILS: AT MONROE, LOUISIANA

With regard to that portion of reference report indicating a rumor that Floyd had been injured in an automobile accident at Monroe, Louisiana, the writer interviewed Ralph Girffith who is a Deputy U. S. Internal Revenue Collector with office in the Federal Building at Monroe. Mr. Griffith said that he had no information on the matter; that he had gotten his impression on this from a woman, Janie Wingate who runs the Bungalo Inn, a road-house where the Bastrop Road meets Highway #80. He did not remember the details but thought that Janie had been in his office to pay a tax and that she had told him something about the police having had Floyd and let him get away without knowing that they had him. He thought that it was pretty generally believed around Monroe that such was the case and that the police had succeeded in keeping it quiet. Mr. Griffith was not at all clear in his telling about this matter and it appeared to the writer that he was a bit embarrassed in having told something that he was not able to substantiate. He said that he did not put any credance in it at the time that Janie Wingate told him about it.

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Janie Wingate was interviewed and denied having known anything at all about Floyd having stopped at her place or that he had been in an accident. She said that Griffith was out at her place some time ago and she told him about a fellow coming in there and getting a sandwich and being in a great hurry. She said she did not see in the man's car but that he had come into her place and asked her to fix a sandwich for him right quick and that she had done so and that he took it and drove off in the direction of Bastrop. The only thing that made her suspicious was that he seemed very nervous and in a great hurry.

W. G. Banister, former secretary of Chief Tarver was interviewed and said that he had heard nothing of Floyd having been in Monroe, that on the occasion referred to, a man had a wreck on the street right near the St. Francis Hospital and had been taken there and treated by Dr. Tisdale. The man had left the hospital suddenly after regaining consciousness but his car and contents, no guns, was held and sold by Dr. Tisdale to pay for his charges. It was later determined that this man was E. B. Anderson, alias E. Brooks who is now incarcerated in the Arkansas State Penitentiary. Mr. Banister says that these facts were traced out by the police. He says that he had not heard of Floyd having a wreck at Monroe.

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326½ Post Office Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

OCT 22 1934

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 two copies of memorandum of this office dated October 11, 1934, listing the possessions of subject Richard Tallman Galatas and wife, taken from their apartment, 912 Harding Place, Apartment F, New Orleans, Louisiana, upon their written authority for safe keeping.

It is suggested that you confer with subject Galatas, securing advice relative his desires regarding the disposition of these personal effects, unless you personally have reason for believing that the New Orleans Division office should maintain custody of these effects. It is requested that you advise this office immediately if subject Galatas desires these effects shipped to Kansas City, Missouri, or Hot Springs, Arkansas. The expense undoubtedly should be borne by him.

This office has custody and control, at the Crescent City Garage, New Orleans, Louisiana, of the Plymouth car owned by subject Richard Tallman Galatas or his wife, namely, Plymouth Coupe, Motor #PD-59178, Serial #3004574, and desires advice concerning the disposition of same to avoid further garage storage expenditures.

I am enclosing herewith four letters addressed to subject Richard Tallman Galatas, under the name of E. W. and E. M. Lee, and to the Liquid Colophane Sales Company, which he operated in New Orleans, Louisiana. Undoubtedly these letters pertain to business only and should be surrendered to him, at which time inspection can be made concerning their contents.

Kindly inform subject Galatas that Mr. Chester Simpson, of the Oil Pure Refining Company, 503 Stern Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, who operated a joint office space with subject Galatas, has in his possession numerous checks in payment for products that subject Galatas handled and owned in New Orleans, and desires to know what disposition should be made of these checks. If advisable under the circumstances, kindly request subject Galatas to advise Mr. Chester Simpson in this connection. The New Orleans Division office is retaining numerous correspondence and miscellaneous articles of subject Galatas for the time being for additional investigation.

Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee,
Special Agent in Charge.

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New Orleans, Louisiana.
October 11, 1934.

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

The following articles were received from subject Richard Tallman Galatas and wife at New Orleans, La., taken on their authority from 912 Harding Place, New Orleans, La.:

BAG #1

One green dress
Two pair linen pants
One seersucker coat
One purple night gown
One orange dress
One green dress
One pair pajamas
One undershirt
Twelve handkerchiefs
One face towel
Four white shirts
One bow tie
Two shorts.

BAG #2

Pen knife, gold chair, Elk emblem
One night gown
One bath robe
Editorial page of Times-Picayune April 19, 1934, with pencil memorandum "410 Whitney Bldg. Raymond 6040, 1311 Rendon"
Two night gowns
One rubber apron
One whisk-broom
One package of elastic

BAG #2 (continued)

One blanket
Four bracelets
One pair gloves
One bow tie
Stationery of the Charleston Hotel Lake, Charles, La.
Misc.: toothbrush; soap; perfume; brown hair tint; hair curlers perikol tablets.

#4

Electric fan.

BAG #5

Two ladies hats (straw)
One man's hat (Panama)

BAG #7

One brown winter suit
One green sweater
One white night gown
Two supporters
Two undershirts
One pair blue winter pants

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BAG #7 (Continued)

One blue winter suit
One pair men's shoes
One blue shirtwaist
Two pair socks, Men's
One silk handkerchief
One silk scarf
One pair kid gloves, men's
One wallet, marked "CBS"
Stamped envelope addressed
"Mr. H.W.Grapes, 3636 Beverly
Blvd.,Los Angeles, Cal.
Room 604"
One photograph
Three receipts from the Peterson's
Camera Exchange, Los Angeles, Cal.
Two receipts from Eastman Kodak Stores
Inc.,
One receipt from the AGFA Ansco Corp.,
Los Angeles, Calif.
Advertisements.
Want Ad.
Three Christmas Cards, unaddressed.

BAG #8

Two bathing caps
One pair ladies sport shoes
One pair kaki pants
Two pair ladies sport socks
One navy blue lumber jacket
One pair white tennis shoes
One bath towel
One pair brown pants
Three white shirts
One blue sweatshirt
Two pair socks
Four towels
One sport jacket
One yellow cleaning cloth
One man's two piece bathing suit(blue)
One wash rags
One brassiere
Subject's purse (empty)
Subject's wife's purse (empty)
One pink slip
One yellow sport outfit (with hat)

BAG #9

One pack playing cards

BAG #9 (continued)

One box zinc salve
One black beaded evening dress.
One black slip
One red hat
One apron
One pair socks
One grey and black dress.
One black slip
One green dress
One red skirt
One red dress
One blue lace dress
One grey wash dress
One green wash dress
One blue wash dress
One towel
One ladies blue suit
One white and brown wash dress
One purse (ladies)
One bathing cap
Two small bottles of scotch with
glasses.
Misc.: pins, needles,buttons etc.

MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES

One General Electric radio
One Universal "C" battery
One Signal Wireless Practice set
One Universal Thermos bottle
One can bakelite varnish
One bottle ant-foil poison
One brush
One black velvet belt.
One itemizer
One roll gauze bandage
One empty "Evening in Paris" per-
fume bottle
One box "Linit"
One thimble
One pair twizers
One bottle indelible ink
One bottle witch hazel
One black velvet belt
One spool brown thread
Two pans
One box mending silk
Two sample packages of Elastic starch
One bottle castor oil

Two knives, two forks, seven spoons
One bottle skin cream
One box flexible finger boards
One bottle iodine
One box corn pads
One sail boat (ornimental)
One box Corn Pads
One threeway electric socket
One bottle Yeast Foam tablets
One can picture developer
One rubber ball
One electric light extension
One hand brush
One box mending silk
One bottle antiseptic
One empty perfume bottle
One bottle Hinds hand cream
One can talcum powder
One spool grey thread
One bottle "Sta-Bac" brilliantine
One scrapper
One box aspirin
One bottle antiseptic
One spool white thread
One tin box containing bottle white
water color paint and brush.
One box clothes pins
One box floor cleaner
One bottle skin cream
One bottle vicks salve
One box Borax
Two beer glasses
One package paper napkins
One box aspirin
One pair scissors
Three pair man's shoes
Four pair ladies shoes
One pair bedroom slippers
One envelope containing perfume samples
Four boxes containing perfume samples
One book containing records of sales
One red bow tie
One harmonica
One fishing pole
One brief case with Callophane samples
Miscellaneous correspondence, pertaining
to business only.

D. W. Magee
Special Agent
D. W. Magee

P. O. Box 315,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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October 14, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O.#1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, I.O.#1194, Fugitive; ET AL.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.
St. Paul File 62-888.

It is respectfully requested that copies of the photographs of Adam Richetti and Rose and Juanita Beard be supplied to this office for use in conducting investigations.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Building
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October 18, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
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Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased)
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases-
I.O. #1801.
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases-
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1124, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your telegraphic request of this date, there are transmitted herewith one dozen each of photographs of Adam Richetti, Charles Arthur Floyd, Rose Baird alias Rose Ash, and Beulah Baird alias Jaunita Baird.

Two copies each of the photographs of the above named individuals are also attached to the copy of this letter for the St. Paul Office.

Two photographs of Adam Richetti are attached to the copies of this letter for all other field offices.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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Kansas City, Missouri, October 18, 1934.

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

KANMO FURNISH THIS OFFICE ONE DOZEN EACH LATEST PHOTOGRAPHS ADAM RICHETTI CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD ROSE AND JUANITA BAIRD FURNISH TWO COPIES EACH PHOTOGRAPHS RICHETTI AND BAIRD SISTERS ST PAUL OFFICE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

For your information and as of possible interest to you, there is attached a copy of an editorial from the El Paso Morning Times under date of October 13, 1934, entitled "It Won't Be Long Now", dealing with the Department's and the Division's efforts to effect the apprehension of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Incl. #670658.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clark
Mr. Coffey
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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, IO 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: Hebe Nash, brother of Frank Nash, interviewed at Murphy Hotel, Marengo, Indiana. States has no idea as to identity of persons who killed his brother and officers at Union Station, Kansas City, nor as to identity of individuals with whom his brother associated prior to shooting. Claims hadn't seen his brother since 1926 and didn't even attend funeral. Postmaster at Marengo advised Hebe Nash is dope addict and his racket chiefly confidence games and gambling, that he is now kown and out financially. Attempt to play on Hebe's straightened financial condition for purpose of obtaining information without success. Hebe apparently doped up during interview; extremely doubtful whether he would talk if he did know something.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Bliss Morton, Indianapolis, Ind., 10/12/34.

DETAILS: AT LOUISVILLE, KY.

On Oct. 13, 1934, S.A.C. Reinecke telephoned S.A.C. E. J. Connelley who was temporarily at Louisville and advised that a telegram had been received from the Postmaster at Marengo, Indiana to the effect that Hebe Nash, brother of Frank Nash, was in town. S.A.C. Reinecke stated Hebe should be interviewed for the purpose of learning if possible the identity of the persons with whom Frank Nash had been associating just prior to the shooting at the Union Station in Kansas City; also to learn if possible what Hebe might know as to the identity of the persons who did the shooting.

AT MARENGO, INDIANA

L. R. Davis, Postmaster at Marengo was interviewed and stated that Hebe arrived in town alone the evening of Oct. 12, and was staying at

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the Murphy House Hotel, he being an old friend of the Murphy family, and of other persons around Marengo, having spent his boyhood in that section. Davis also advised that Hebe usually came to Marengo about once each year to renew old friendships, but seldom ever stayed around more than a day or two. He stated that Hebe at the present time is in very bad financial circumstances, and was trying to promote a card or crap game around Marengo or Milltown. He further stated that Hebe was a confirmed dope addict and if he could be brought in some time when he was out of dope and money he might be induced to talk if he were given some cash or a supply of dope. However, Davis states it to be his private opinion that Hebe knows noghing about the instant case, he having informed people around town that he knew nothing about his brother's affairs. Davis stated that Hebe is very friendly with the Postmaster at Milltown, Indiana, Name Perry Byrum, and that Byrum at times loans money to Hebe and plays the races with him. He states that Perry Byrum would under no circumstances give any information concerning Hebe. However, that the other day, he, Davis, was talking to Paul Byrum, son of Perry, and Paul said he had seen Hebe who commented on the fact that he had been interviewed by Government men relative to the instant case, but hadn't told them anything. Hebe did not tell Paul what if anything he might have withheld, but merely seemed to be assuming a wise attitude.

Hebe Nash was interviewed at the Murphy House Hotel, and Agent had a long conversation with him but learned nothing of value. It is stated that during this interview Hebe was obviously under the influence of narcotics. Hebe claimed that the last time he saw his brother was in the year 1926 at Leavenworth, that after his brother left home he seldom saw or heard from him, or learned anything definite as to his activities. He stated he knew his brother was a safe cracker and gambler and hung out with a tough crowd, but that he, Hebe, knew none of the crowd personally or by hearsay, as he had never participated in any rackets or crimes of any kind with his brother or his associates. Hebe stated "my racket is switching dice and dealing them off the bottom, nothing else. All I know about that affair is what I read in the papers. I don't know Floyd or any of those fellows and I don't want to know them."

Agent inquired as to Hebe's finances and he admitted that he was in bad shape, but expected to replenish his pocketbook shortly through some friends in the racing game. Agent indicated that if he, Hebe, did know something at the present time or should learn something in the future it might pay him to get in touch with one of the Division offices or tell this Agent, however he insisted he knew nothing and that he could think of no possibility of learning anything in the future. Agent also endeavored to induce Hebe to talk by indicating the investigation had showed his brother was purposely killed at Kansas City, butthis didn't work and didn't seem to stimulate any interest in Hebe.

Inquiry as to Hebe's future itinerary elicited nothing definite, heindicating he might go to Latonia to play the races, or to visit his sister

Mrs. F. E. House, 818 Garland St., Paragould, Arkansas. Hobe stated he often spends his winters with this sister and always keeps in touch with her, that if at any time the Division desired to get in touch with him a note to Mrs. House would serve the purpose. During the conversation Hobe mentioned the fact that he had expected a narcotic agent was trying to get in touch with him. He refused to amplify this statement, but it is believed he may have been worried when he learned that a government agent was making inquiries about him and figured it was the Narcotic Bureau. The office of origin may desire to take up Hobe's case with the Narcotic Service for the reason that a dope charge against him might furnish the necessary pressure which would make him talk.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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October 9, 1934.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Cowley
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Soucy called with reference to Baby Face Nelson on the Chase angle and advised that they received a telegram last night from San Francisco on this case; that in checking this, they found out that these parties used the name of Mr. and Mrs. John Madison and were with Sally Backman, who is now in custody; that on September 26th, the man purchased a 1934 model DeSoto sedan, tobacco color, airflow type and gave his address on the certificate of registration as St. Andrews Hotel; that he was issued New York license plates 4-W-324 under the name of John Madison; that the motor number on the car is SE 8309; that they left on October 1st and prior to their departure, Madison associated with a fellow named Edward C. Scully, apparently a reputable individual, who met him at Sausalito, California when Chase was bootlegging out there and when Chase came back about two weeks, ago he looked him up; that just before Chase's departure last Saturday, he called him, Scully, by phone and stated he was leaving some stuff behind and Scully would receive some sort of communication later on concerning where he could forward this stuff; that on October 5th Scully received a telegram asking him to forward the package in care of A. R. Pratt, Goldblock, Helena, Montana and the telegram was signed Johnny; that Scully sent this stuff on either the 5th or the 6th by special delivery, air mail to A.R.Pratt. Mr. Soucy stated that he talked to Mr. Clegg and Mr. Clegg felt a telephone call would be more practical than a wire. I told Mr. Soucy to telephone at once, and give Butte all of the details; that he should also advise Cowley and Guinane of all developments.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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See that every angle of this lead is closely followed. Also how did the press get the idea we were looking for Floyd in N. Y. I am getting more fearful of a leak in the N. Y. office. J. E. H.

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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.

I am transmitting herewith the fingerprints and photograph of one David A. McMillan, who was seen by a truck driver in Bartlesville, Oklahoma on October 13, 1934 and identified as Floyd. This man was in a Chevrolet car bearing Kentucky license plates. The press had some news items with respect thereto.

Within a very short time after receipt of information to the effect that Floyd had been seen in a car in Bartlesville, I instructed Agents Hall and Hansen to conduct appropriate investigation, which they did, and which resulted in the apprehension of this man and the securing of his photograph and fingerprints. It of course is obvious that he is not Floyd.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE - I. O. 1194 ; ET AL

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

J. J. Miller, as Frank Moran, Los Angeles Police Dept. No. 20580, arrested Los Angeles, 5-4-22 suspicion bunko; 5-5-22 sentenced 180 days on vagrancy charge; arrested San Diego 2-21-31 and sentenced to six months in County Jail.

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REFERENCE: Letter from the Division dated August 17, 1934.

DETAILS:

Record furnished by the Division of J. J. MILLER reflects an arrest of him as FRANK MORAN at Los Angeles, California, on May 4, 1922 on suspicion of bunko.

A review of the records, Los Angeles Police Department Identification Bureau, reflects the arrest of FRANK MORAN, Los Angeles Police Dept. No. 20580 on May 4, 1922 on suspicion of bunko; disposition, May 25, 1922, sentenced 180 days for vagrancy. The record as to the arrest of FRANK MORAN reflects that an individual was taken into custody at the

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same time. The individual's name, however, does not appear in the record and same does not reflect that he received any sentence or was detained. The Record Clerk advised in this connection that apparently the individual was only held for questioning and released.

The record of MORAN further reflects his arrest as FRANK MAY on February 21, 1931, at San Diego, California. Investigation by Special Agent E. J. Geehan at that place discloses the following:

Interview with Captain GEORGE M. SEARS of the Police Department, San Diego, who was in charge of the squad of police who arrested MILLER, who gave the name of FRANK MAY, San Diego Police No. 8842, with seven other man and one woman, known as a "Bunko and Confidence Mob" on February 21, 1931, elicited the information that MILLER's companions were: Mrs. CAROLINE MYERS, San Diego Police No. 8835, MANUAL A. PEARCE no. 8837, JOHN HENRY ENNIS, No. 8838, EDWIN BLAKE No. 8839 (husband of CAROLINE MYERS) ROY STIMPSON No. 8840, WILLIAM SYLVESTER ROUNDS No. 8841, JOSEPH GILMAN No. 8843; HAROLD F. SMITH No. 8844.

The Police Department records are void of details other than the fact that these Subjects were arrested on suspicion of vagrancy and each entered a plea of guilty and given a sixmonths term in the County Jail, which sentence was suspended on condition they leave town and not return.

Captain SEARS stated that information had been received that this mob was attending the races at Tia Juana and had in "tow" an old man from Palm Springs, whom they planned to "trim" in the amount of $25,000. He could not recall the name of the intended victim who for some reason could not get hold of his fortune, so the gang dropped him and were in quest of another victim when the police rounded them up and filed charges of vagrancy.

Superintendent MACKY of the Police Identification Bureau compared the fingerprints of these Subjects with those of GALATAS and stated none of MILLER's companions tallied with the Fugitive GALATAS.

Captain SEARS stated that the members of the gang were stopping at three cheap lodging houses on Market Street when arrested.

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DETROIT, MICHIGAN	10/19/34	10/12/34	W. E. HOPTON

TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1194; BERNARD PHILLIPS, with aliases, I.O. 1196, et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: J. V. Bolte, R.F.D. #3, Wooster, Ohio, resident of community for twenty years, advises that letter of May 6, 1933, was addressed to Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, for purpose of ascertaining reputation and standing of Business Men's Clearing House, through whom he desired to collect debt in Kansas City.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. F. Traynor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 8/22/34.

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DETAILS: At Wooster, Ohio

Agent was advised by Sheriff Bert Hauman and Deputy Sheriff George Fisher, of Wayne County, who are known to Agent, that Mr. J. V. Bolte, R.F.D. #3, Wooster, Ohio, has been living in the community for a number of years and has the reputation of being a law-abiding citizen, but quite eccentric.

DETAILS:

Agent interviewed Mr. J. V. Bolte, R.F.D. #3, who stated that he has resided at that place for the past twenty years, being engaged in farming; that a concern in Kansas City owed him a debt and that he did, in the spring of 1933, write a letter to the Mayor of Kansas City for the purpose of ascertaining the reputation and standing of the Business Men's Clearing House, which organization had come to his attention as the result of an advertisement in a magazine; that subsequent to the writing of this

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letter, he did hire this concern to collect the aforementioned debt. Mr. Bolte also stated, during the course of the conversation, that many people would be surprised if they knew how many letters he wrote to civic and government officials pertaining to various matters in which he had taken an interest. In this connection he stated that when he desires to learn the reputation or standing of a concern with which he intends to do business, it is always his practice to inquire of civic or government officials concerning said organization before he will do business with them.

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DALLAS, TEXAS.	10-18-34	8/24 & 9/24 & 10-10-34	E.J. DOWD.

TITLE:
VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases - I.O. #1201;
HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases - FUGITIVE;
ADAM RICHETTI, with aliases;
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - I.O. #1194; BERNARD PHILLIPS, with aliases - I.O. #1196; et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE:
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

J.F. Wood, salesman, Atlantis Sales Corporation Branch, Dallas, Texas, when interviewed at Lubbock Hotel, stated that his step-son Bailey Wyers, knows "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and on a number of occasions saw him at a gasoline station operated by Gibson Oil Company of Moffitt, Okla.

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REFERENCE: Copy of letter from Director addressed to C.C. Canon, Lamesa, Texas, dated Aug. 16, 1934.

DETAILS:

The writer communicated with C.C. Canon by telephone at Lamesa, Texas, from Amarillo, Texas, and ascertained that one J.F. Wood, a traveling salesman for the Atlantis Sales Corporation Branch, Dallas, Texas, while at the Williams Hotel, Lamesa, Texas, informed him (Canon) that he was acquainted with Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd; that Wood's step-son also knew "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and on a number of occasions Floyd came to a filling station where Wood's step-son was employed and purchased gasoline.

At the office of the Atlantis Sales Corporation, Santa Fe Building, Dallas, Texas, the writer was informed by Fred D. Freeman, Manager, that J.F. Wood is a traveling salesman for the firm; that Wood very seldom comes to Dallas, but probably could be located at the Lubbock Hotel in Lubbock, Texas.

The writer interviewed Mr. Wood at the above hotel, and he stat that he recalls having a general conversation with other salesmen regarding Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and other criminals, at the Williams Hotel, Lamesa, Texas; that he did not state that he was acquainted with Floyd, but mentioned that his step-son Bailey Wyers, who lives at Fort Smith, Arkansas, telephone No. 3424, and formerly

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employed at a gasoline station operated by the Gibson Oil Company, Moffitt, Okla., knew Floyd, and on a number of occasions saw "Pretty Boy" Floyd come over the bridge from Fort Smith, Arkansas, and stop at the station for gasoline. Mr. Wood stated that it is the first filling station on the right as you cross the bridge from Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Moffitt, Oklahoma; that if an Agent of the Division contacts his step-son, the latter will verify knowing Floyd, and possibly furnish additional information concerning him.

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LITTLE ROCK OFFICE is requested to interview Bailey Myers, Fort Smith, Arkansas, telephone No. 3424, for information concerning Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

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

CHARACTER OF CASE:
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation at Heron Hotel, and interview with Freddie Pitt, failed to disclose any information of value.

R.U.C.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge E.E. Conroy, Little Rock, Ark., 8-19-34.
Letter from Little Rock, Ark., Division Office dated 8-19-34.

DETAILS:

Investigation was made in this matter through Detective Charles Olsen of the Salt Lake City Police Department, who cooperates with this office, in connection with an individual noted about the Heron Hotel, Salt Lake City, by the writer, who in some manner answered the description of Galatas, and it was determined that this individual was E.S. King. It developed that he had recently purchased a 1934 Oldsmobile Sedan from the Thorson Motor Co., Utah 1934 License No. 116280, and that he had made a Conditional Contract with the GMAC Holding Co., for this, giving as reference the Ernest Allen Motor Co., Fort Worth, Texas, which had advised the Thorson Motor Co., through correspondence that King had bought a Chevrolet Coupe in 1931 under a Conditional Sales Contract which had been paid off in full. Through some informants of Detective Olsen, whose identity he did not wish to reveal, it was arranged that agent and

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Detective Olsen, obtain a look at this party, and it was observed that he was too large a man to be Galatas. This informant made further investigations throughout the city, and was unable to locate Freddie Pitt, or to determine that Galatas had ever been in Salt Lake City.

Agent interviewed Art Self, Manager of the Heron Hotel, Salt Lake City, which is a reputed hang out for "con" men, and he denied ever having heard of Freddie Pitt, and of Galatas.

Freddie Pitt was located through Detective Lester J. Wise, who informed this office that he could produce Pitt for an interview. Pitt came to the Salt Lake City office, and upon interview advised that his correct name is Fred Pitt; that he was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois and for many years had been a pick-pocket, and that he had an extensive criminal record; that he got out of the pick-pocket racket, and started making book on horses; that he was in Miami, Florida, during the fall of 1932, and then went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he lived at the Ledgerwood Hotel or Apartments, owned by Judge Ledgerwood, under the name of F.J. Murray during the winter of 1932 and up to the latter part of May 1933; that during this time he hung out a good deal in the back of the White Front Cigar Store, because he heard the book there on the horses was going broke and he thought he might get into the place by banking the book when it went broke. However they recouped their losses around the latter part of May, and seeing that there was no opportunity to get into this place he left Hot Springs and went to Detroit, Michigan, where he operated a book on the horse races from the Seville Apartments on Second Street, under the name of F.J. Murray. For a short time in the winter of 1933 and 1934 he was again in Hot Springs, Arkansas, at the Ledgerwood Hotel, and then he went to Denver but was unable to stand the climate and came to Salt Lake City. He advised that during the winter of 1932 and 1933 he made a casual acquaintance with Subject Galatas, but that he was never intimately acquainted with him. Also during this time for a few days he had noticed a man around who was constantly drunk, and who wore a small mustache, who he never knew, but on his last visit to Hot Springs he was advised that this was Frank Nash. Pitt declared that he was never an intimate associate of A.J. Conner, Galatas, or any of the rest of the sporting element of Hot Springs, although he hung around considerably. He described it as a very difficult place to get into and win the confidence of those controlling the city. His primary purpose in being there he asserted was to take the baths on account of a rheumatic condition. He further insisted that he had never been a confidence man, and was never intimately acquainted with any of them; that he now has a ten months old baby, born at Detroit, Michigan, and that he is absolutely staying away from anything that might get him involved with the law, and at present he is not doing anything, although he is trying to make a connection to run a horse book at the Grand Hotel in Salt Lake City.

Pitt was questioned at length concerning any possible knowledge of Galatas, or events transpiring at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and it was evident that he was not acquainted with anything of value to

this investigation. He presently resides at the Picardy Apartments, 115 South 3rd East, Salt Lake City, Utah. He stated that he will be glad to talk to a representative of this office at any time about anything within his knowledge, but that he wishes that it be not revealed to his wife that anyone had talked to him about Galatas or about any sort of a crime for fear she would think that he had got mixed up with them, stating that she is very nervous about such things and does not want him to get in any trouble on account of the baby.

In view of recent reports from the Chicago office, indicating that Subject Galatas was now in custody, this case is being

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Birmingham, Ala.	10-20-34	8/14 to 10/12/34	W. A. TEMPLE

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O.#1194, ET AL.	CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation at Parchman, Booneville and Ripley, Mississippi, failed to reveal that Floyd visited in the vicinity of Ripley, Mississippi.

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DETAILS: The following investigation is predicated upon a letter to the Birmingham office from J. C. Dixon, Mississippi State Convict No. 8299, Parchman, Mississippi, who formerly resided at Ripley, Miss, indicating that he could furnish information that might assist in the apprehension of Floyd.

AT PARCHMAN, MISSISSIPPI

Special Agent L. J. Metcalf interviewed Convict Dixon at the State Penitentiary and was told by Dixon that he is personally acquainted with DeWitt Geno, who is wanted for two murders in Prentiss County, Mississippi and that Geno is a member of the Eaton gang, which has been quite notorious in the city of Booneville. It might be mentioned that Ruey Eaton several years ago murdered a Deputy U. S. Marshal, after which he was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Mississippi State Penitentiary, but he was not apprehended until about March this year, when he and his associates robbed Mrs. Arthur Rittenberg, wife of former Special Agent A.A.Rittenberg, and stole their automobile, after which Ruey Eaton with members of his gang were apprehended and are now serving sentences in various penal institutions. Dixon in his interview with Agent Metcalf indicated that Geno is the man who killed the Deputy U.S.Marshal, for which crime Ruey Eaton was convicted. Dixon also claimed that he last saw Geno in November, 1933, near Ripley, Miss., in the section of that country known as "Eatontown"; further, that he knew it to be a fact that Geno and "Pretty Boy" Floyd are close friends and run together, claiming that Geno and Floyd had robbed a small bank in Missouri. He would not furnish the name of the town or the bank they allegedly robbed.

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Dixon claimed also that he had recently contacted one Clovis Eaton, inmate of the Prison Farm at Parchman, Miss., at which time, in response to his query as to whether Geno and Floyd were still running together, Clovis indicated that they were. Dixon also claimed that Geno in company with Floyd and some other unknown individual, who is referred to as Clayton, are supposed to have hide-outs in the cities of Ripley and Booneville, Miss.; also in Selma, Tennessee and at two places in Arkansas and one in Missouri. While Dixon stated that he did not know where they were, he stated he believed that Edgar Eaton, a relative of Ruey Eaton's, could furnish this information if arrangements could be made for him to be released from the Prison Camp at Parchman, in order that he could contact the appropriate people. He stated also that he intended to be at Ripley, Mississippi on August 15, 1934, when if he was contacted by an Agent he would endeavor to secure additional information in accordance with the above.

Special Agent D. S. Hostetter contacted Convict Dixon, who had been returned to Ripley to serve as a witness in the State Court then convening and was informed that Sheriff Ed Childress of Tippah County had granted Dixon permission to go and come from the jail at will in order that he might contact friends and assist the Division in any manner possible. Dixon claimed he contacted Edgar Eaton who advised that Floyd visited DeWitt Geno, brother-in-law of Ruey Eaton, (Geno is wanted by the officers of Prentiss County, Miss.,on two murder charges), the latter part of November, 1933, for the purpose of holding up a bank in Northern Mississippi, but their plans did not materialize. Edgar Eaton was of the opinion that Geno had contacts who could locate Floyd on short notice.

Mr. Houser Shilds, a cousin of the Eaton's, advised Agent Hostetter that he had been with Eaton and Geno on many occasions when he heard them mention Floyd's name, but he had never seen Floyd in that vicinity.

Mr. Fonnie Stanford, Chevrolet salesman, cousin of the Eaton's contacted Mrs. Eaton, mother of Ruey, and mother-in-law of Geno, advising her that Dixon and others were planning a break at the State Penitentiary at Parchman, Mississippi, and wanted her to get in touch with Geno and have him locate Floyd and assist them in the break, which she promised to do, and that she would notify Dixon.

AT BOONEVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

Mr. A. S. Green, Sheriff, Booneville, Mississippi, advised that DeWitt Geno was wanted by his office on two murder charges, and that he had made numerous trips to the vicinity of Mrs. Eaton's in an effort to

cause his apprehension; he was of the opinion that Floyd never at any time contacted Geno or Ruey Eaton; that they left the impression among their associates that they knew Floyd in order to make themselves appear as being "big shots" among their friends and acquaintances.

The following investigation was conducted by reporting Agent:

AT RIPLEY, MISSISSIPPI

Mr. Ed Childress, advised agent that he had not been able to secure any direct information that Floyd at any time had visited Ripley, Mississippi or the Eaton's, and did not believe that he had made the Eaton's his hang-out at any time.

Mr. Fonnie Stanford advised that he had talked to Dewey Eaton, brother of Ruey Eaton, and he had informed him that Floyd had never been in that vicinity. Mr. Stanford is trying to find out from the Eaton boys and their mother where DeWitt Geno is, in order that he might be interviewed as to Floyd's hang-out and if he receives this information, will notify the Birmingham office.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.D. #1134,
et al - Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated October 19, 1934 setting forth information obtained from one Earl Yates, relative to the whereabouts of subject Floyd.

Inasmuch as Floyd has been positively identified as the individual who was killed by Special Agents of the Division, while resisting arrest near Clarkson, Ohio, the information furnished by Yates need not be further investigated. Therefore, the offices receiving a copy of this letter should disregard the leads indicated in the letter of reference of the Kansas City Office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Dear Sir:

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

At the request of Sheriff Thomas B. Bash, of Kansas City, Missouri, Special Agents W. F. Trainor and H. E. Andersen called at the County Jail in Kansas City for an interview with one Earl Yates, who, the Sheriff advised, had furnished him with confidential information relative to the present whereabouts of Charles Arthur Floyd. As a matter of information Yates entered a plea of Guilty to murder at Kansas City, on October 6, 1934, and was sentenced to serve life in the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City. He advised that this conviction resulted from the murder of a taxicab driver in Kansas City.

Yates related that in 1924 or 1925 he met Charles Arthur Floyd at 12th and Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, being introduced by one Les Fields, a narcotic vendor. He advised that he saw Floyd from time to time after that, and that during the first part of 1929, while he and Floyd were serving in the State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, they frequently conversed and played baseball together. According to Yates, he was received at the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City under register number 35452 on May 22, 1929 from Kansas City under sentence of five years for holdup. It was during his incarceration on the charge mentioned that he and Floyd renewed their acquaintanceship.

Yates stated that on July 16, 1934 he killed a taxi driver in Kansas City, as heretofore indicated, and shortly thereafter went to Chicago, Illinois, by motorcycle. While in Chicago he contacted a friend, whose identity he refused to divulge but whom, he advised, was wanted possibly for violation of the Federal laws. This individual informed him he was going to Honduras to "dodge the heat" as he understood that Honduras and the United States do not have extradition treaties. Incidentally, Yates advised that this friend of his had an ample supply of money. Yates, being a Fugitive, intimated that

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he would like to make the trip also. They left Chicago about August 2nd, traveling by motorcycle to Seattle, Washington, where they arrived about 6½ days later.

About August 12, 1934, according to yates, he and his friend shipped as seamen at Seattle, Washington, on a Japanese Steamship known as the "Toka". He used the name of Mitchell O'Hara. He believes his friend used his correct name. He stated they traveled by way of the Panama Canal, stopping at Galveston, Texas and arriving in the same ship at Puerto Cortez, Honduras. The ship had to "lay up" at that point for engine repairs, so the ship's crew was quartered on the ship but allowed shore leave until August 29th.

Yates stated that straight up the street ahead of the port, about six or eight blocks from the waterfront, there is situated a saloon and gambling house known as "The Port's Inn", which bears a large and attractive neon sign. He said that he and his friend frequented this place, among others, and that while there one day he heard the name Floyd mentioned. He understood that Floyd was the man who operated the place, and having known Floyd in the past expressed his desire to meet him. One of the employees of the saloon approached the manager, allegedly Charles Arthur Floyd, in regard to meeting Yates and brought back word that Floyd said he did not remember Yates by name but would see him in his office, which he did, and upon meeting him Floyd recalled their past associations and made numerous inquiries in reference to Kansas City. Yates, upon seeing the man, recognized him definitely as Charles Arthur Floyd. Floyd asked how "hot" he was in Kansas City and inquired about Les Fields, heretofore mentioned, and a woman named Hazel Childs and one Allen Mabry, all of Kansas City, both the men being ex-convicts from Missouri State Penitentiary.

Yates stated that the fixtures in the saloon appear to be rather new and that the place has probably not been equipped for any great length of time, although he stated the building is quite old. He advised that the employees in the place are apparently henchmen of Floyd and it is his belief that they are all fugitives from the United States. He stated that the police in Cortez furnish protection to many fugitives and that the entire white population of that town comprises a great percentage of this type of people.

Yates related that while at Cortez his friend did considerable gambling in the gambling house operated by Floyd and said that both he and his friend noticed that one of the dealers indulged in cheating at cards. When his friend caught this gambler in the act of cheating the friend pulled a gun and threatened to kill the gambler, whereupon Floyd approached this man from the back and fired a shot into him which resulted in the friend's death. Floyd then informed Yates that he would have to get out of Cortez and intimated it would be healthier for him if he left Honduras. The occasion of the murder by Floyd was about August 24, 1934.

Yates stated that he shipped out on the Japanese Steamship "Toka" on August 29th from Cortez, being given to understand that the ship was to make a six months cruise in foreign waters. When the ship touched on Charleston, South Carolina September 10 or 11, 1934, Yates went on shore leave and engaged in a drunken brawl with some other sailors, which resulted in his arrest. He was later identified as a fugitive from Kansas City and was returned to this city and sentenced, as heretofore noted.

Sheriff Bash advised Agents Andersen and Trainor that Yates did not furnish any of the information relating to Floyd to him until after he had been sentenced to a life term in the State Penitentiary. The Sheriff further advised that Yates has not sought to profit in any way through the information he has furnished. Yates stated frankly to the Agents that he would like to see Floyd apprehended and killed because of the cowardly way in which Floyd shot and killed his friend in Honduras. He stated he did not expect anything from the Government for the information he had furnished and that he is sure it is right, otherwise he would not furnish it since he has no ulterior motive.

This office is not aware whether there is or is not a treaty of extradition existing between Honduras and the United States on charges of murder. If the situation outlined by prisoner Yates is correct there would probably be some difficulty experienced in apprehending and returning Floyd to the United States. This is a matter which is being brought to the attention of the Division for consideration and appropriate action.

The statement of Yates may be fantastic and it is desired that same be checked in every possible detail by the offices in whose territories such investigation is possible. Therefore, copies of this letter are being directed to the Portland and Charlotte Offices. The Portland Office should thoroughly examine record of the Shipping Commissioner at Seattle, Washington, in an effort to verify the statement of Yates as to his signing as a seaman on the Steamship "Toka" bound for Honduras on or about August 12, 1934.

The Charlotte Office should thoroughly check the statement of Yates as to his arrest at Charleston, South Carolina, and through police there determine any possible facts developed as to his previous connections with the Steamship Toka and his arrival from Honduraz on or about September 10, 1934. The records of the Commissioner at the port of Charleston, South Carolina should also be checked for such information as is available and concerning the arrival of Yates on the Steamship Toka.

The Kansas City Office will secure criminal records of Les Fields and Allen Mabry from the Missouri State Penitentiary and will also ascertain definitely the time spent by Yates at the penitentiary with reference to the incarceration there of Charles Arthur Floyd.

Upon completion of the interview with Yates Sheriff Bash stated that he had received information previously to the effect that Floyd was in Honduraz. In the presence of the Agents he telephoned Roy Roberts, the editor of the Kansas City Star, from whom he had previously secured this information. He asked Mr. Roberts the source of that information and was informed that it had been furnished by H. F. McElroy, City Manager, of Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. McElroy is now in Europe and cannot be reached for an interview at present. This additional information, which was not known to Agents, might in some measure corroborate the statement of prisoner Yates, and it is being offered for consideration of the Division.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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October 29, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, October 19, 1934, wherein it is noted that your office will give attention to undeveloped leads set out in the report of the same Agent dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, August 23, 1934, in the near future. The Division desires that this investigation be given immediate and thorough attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION, U.S.DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City,Missouri. St.Paul FILE NO. 62-888

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
St.Paul,Minnesota	10-19-34	9/21 & 22/34 - 10/11,12,13/34	R.C.Coulter

TITLE: VERNON C.MILLER(Deceased) with aliases; 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:

JACK PFEIFFER and TOM FILBEN admitted knowing "BIG HOMER" but claim not to know anything regarding his past history. They deny knowing any one called "OLD GUS", GUS STONE, or GUS STEVENS. FRED BARKER and KATE BARKER resided at the Commodore Hotel, St.Paul,with HELEN FERGUSON, from May 7 to May 23,1933. Information received at St. Paul Office on October 11,1934, that officers at Cresco, Iowa, on that day, had engaged in a gun battle with parties driving a Ford V-8 Sedan, bearing Iowa license plates #41-875, a few miles south of McIntire,Iowa; that one of the parties was believed to be "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD and the gunmen's present whereabouts were unknown. Investigation at these points disclosed that participants of gun battle with officers are known by the names of EDDIE BENNETT, FRANCIS GOULD, and LEE BOSTETER,who, for the past few days had been residing on the farm of ELMER BOSTETER, located about one mile south of McIntire; that BENNETT'S physical description,in some ways, might be similar to FLOYD'S. These individuals are believed to be implicated in petty thievery in that community.

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DETAILS:

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R.C.Suran, Chicago,Illinois, dated September 22,1934; Division letters, dated September 11,1934; Letter of Kansas City Division Office,Sept.17,1934;report of Special Agent R.C.Suran, September 1,1934,Chicago,Ill.;reports of R.C.Coulter,St.Paul,8-23-34;8-31-34.

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DETAILS:

At St.Paul,Minnesota.

Confidential informant mentioned in reference report dated August 31,1934, of Special Agent R.C.Coulter, St.Paul,Minnesota, has been again contacted and he advised that he was unable to secure any information concerning CHARLES J.FITZGERALD. With reference to WILLIAM WEISMAN, he stated that this man is reported to have left St.Paul by air plane the date YOUNG and SCHAFER were arrested for murder and has not, since, returned to this vicinity. A canvass of the motor vehicle license bureaus of Wisconsin, North Dakota, and South Dakota, reflected that Cadillac Sedan, Motor #801478, has not been registered in these states during 1934. The state of Minnesota was previously checked.

The fingerprints of ROBERT BLAKE, Miami, Florida, police number 5097, and HENRY BECKMAN, Miami, Florida, police department #5098, were checked both at the Division of Identification of St.Paul and Minneapolis Police Departments, however, no additional criminal record was developed on either individual.

With reference to the undeveloped lead set forth in the report of Special Agent R.C.Suran, dated September 22,1934, at Chicago,Illinois, JACK PFEIFFER was interviewed and his statement is set out in the following memorandum:

(SEE PAGE 3 FOR MEMORANDUM)

St.Paul, Minnesota,
October 13, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

RE: St.Paul File No. 62-888.

On October 11, 1934 JACK PHEIFFER, proprietor of the Hollyhocks Inn in St.Paul, Minnesota, was interviewed by Special Agents D. L. Nicholson and R. C. Coulter. At this time he denied that he received a telephone call from VERNON C. MILLER at Kansas City, Missouri, on or about June 16, 1933 or any other date. He stated that if MILLER called his place of business he did not know about it, and that he had previously discussed this matter with agents of the St.Paul Division Office, at which time he had informed them along similar lines. He stated that he had no idea who assisted MILLER when the assault was made on the officers in Kansas City, and denied that he was acquainted with RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, or ADAM RECHETTI. He stated that he absolutely knew nothing about the killing and had never discussed the matter with anyone who claimed to know anything about it.

With reference to the CHARLES J. FITZGERALD who is mentioned in this case, PHEIFFER advised that he met FITZGERALD several years ago when he was living at the home of JACK DAVENPORT in Minneapolis; that FITZGERALD is a rather old man and has spent some time in Mankato, Minnesota; however, he knows nothing further about his connections or his activities.

In connection with this case PHEIFFER stated that he was acquainted with FRANK NASH and knew he was an escaped Federal prisoner, and that he had seen NASH'S woman, although he would not admit that he had ever seen NASH and MILLER together. He further advised that the last time he saw FRANK NASH was about ten days before his death, at which time he and MRS. NASH had dinner at the Hollyhocks and spoke of going North to visit MRS. NASH'S relatives. He denied that he had seen them on the return trip or that they had a little girl with them at the time that they stopped at the Hollyhocks.

PHEIFFER stated that he met an individual referred to as "BIG HOMER" several years ago, at which time this individual was in company with

HARVEY BAILEY and appeared to be a good friend to BAILEY. He advised that he never learned "BIG HOMER'S" last name, whom he described as being well over six feet tall; approximately 240 pounds; light complected, and approximately 48 years of age. He stated on one occasion this man came to St.Paul and stayed for a couple of days at the Lowry Hotel. On this occasion he was accompanied by his wife and a small baby. He definitely identified the photograph of MRS. HOMER WILSON as the wife of "BIG HOMER". He stated that he did not know any institution at which this man may have served, or whether in fact he had served time, it being his opinion that he had not, although he did not know definitely. He further stated that this individual was also an acquaintance of TOM FILBIN, and so far as he knew the only person who could possibly give definite information about "BIG HOMER" is HARVEY BAILEY.

R. C. Coulter, Special Agent.

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With reference to the statement of HELEN FERGUSON, as reported in the report of Special Agent R.C.Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated September 1, 1934, inquiry was made of JAMES QUIGLEY, who operates the Shell Oil Station, at Marshall and Cleveland Avenues, and he stated that he recalled a woman living at the Clemar Apartments, a little over a year ago and she apparently had an argument with some license inspectors and suddenly departed. He stated he could not identify the picture of J.EARL CHRISTMAN.

ED WICKMANN, janitor, Clemar Apartments, Cleveland and Marshall Avenues, was interviewed, and he stated that he distinctly recalled HELEN FERGUSON as a person who lived there with a small dark complexioned man for approximately two weeks during the early part of 1933. He identified the photograph of J.EARL CHRISTMAN as the small man. He stated that these individuals resided/at there the same time the BARKERS had resided there and that they suddenly left, no reason given, and did not leave a forwarding address and he has not, since, seen or heard from them directly, or indirectly.

MR.GEORGE TURGEN, assistant manager, Commodore Hotel, produced his records which reflected that HELEN FERGUSON, Chicago, Illinois, registered there on May 7,1933, under registration #799 and was assigned to apartment 404; however, this name was crossed out and she was assigned to apartment 215-221, which he stated was a double apartment. H.W.HUNTER, who handled the registration has since died. MR.TURGEN stated he took HUNTER'S place at the hotel and does not recall MRS. FERGUSON. After making an extended search, MR.TURGEN produced registration card #827, which reflected that FRED E.GARDERN registered there on May 7,1934, and was assigned to apartment 215-221, after having first been assigned to apartment 221, which he apparently did not occupy and that he remained there until May 23,1933, when he checked out. MRS. A.B.GARDERN registered at the Commodore Hotel on May 7,1933, and was first assigned to apartment 423. This assignment was crossed out and she was assigned to apartment 215-221. She remained there until May 23,1933, when she checked out. From the records, it appears that FRED E.GARDERN was driving a Buick automobile bearing Illinois license #726-618. However, there is no record as to whether this was a sedan, coupe, or coach, although it was stored in the garage at the Commodore Hotel. Further search failed to reflect that any long distance telephone calls had been charged to the account of these individuals while they resided at that place. As far as the records reflect, MR.TURGEN, or other employees, could remember none of these individuals having returned since May 23,1933. They paid their bill by cash when they departed and did not furnish a forwarding address.

MISS MARGARET WEISMULLER, a clerk, definitely identified the photograph of KATE BARKER as the person who resided there under the name of MRS. A.B. GARDERN.

TOM FILBEN, who has been mentioned in this file, was contacted during the afternoon of October 11,1934, by Special Agents D.L.Nicholson and R.C.Coulter, at which time he admitted that he was acquainted with "BIG HOMER", although he claimed not to know "BIG HOMER'S" full name. He stated that, as far as he knew,

"BIG HOMER" had been away from St.Paul for the last two or three years and that he did not know "BIG HOMER'S" occupation, although he thought he was a member of the CHICAGO SYNDICATE. He stated that he did not believe "BIG HOMER" had served any time, although he did not know anything about his past history and that he was a large fine looking fellow and looked more like a policeman than a hoodlum. FILBEN also identified a photograph of MRS. HOMER WILSON as the wife of "BIG HOMER". Both he and JACK PFEIFFER were questioned by these agents as to GUS STONE, or GUS STEVENS, and both denied that they knew any one by such a name.

At about 4:30 P.M. on the afternoon of October 11, 1934, this office received a telephone call from a stenographer in the office of the Bureau of Investigation, State of Iowa, at Des Moines, Iowa, advising that one of their investigators had just had a shooting affair with an individual believed possibly to be PRETTY BOY FLOYD; that this individual was in a Ford V-8 Sedan, bearing 1934 Iowa license plates 41-875. They stated further that these individuals were encountered near McIntire, Iowa, and were headed north, and it was believed that they might be headed into Minnesota. Upon receipt of this information, a telephone call was made to the Omaha Division office and said information furnished to them with the request that they check immediately further relative to this matter.

Agents Lawrence and Rice from this office were instructed to proceed immediately to Cresco, Iowa, contact the Sheriff there, and to conduct an immediate and thorough investigation relative to the possible identification of the individuals involved in this shooting scrape, and to keep this office fully informed of all developments.

During the late evening of October 11, 1934, information was received from the Minneapolis Police Department to the effect that the Chief of Police at Mankato, Minnesota, had recovered an automobile which appeared to have bullet holes therein. Accordingly, a call was made to the Chief of Police at Mankato, Minnesota, and he advised that a 1927 Chevrolet Coach, bearing Minnesota plates B 429-369, which were issued to Alvin J. Nelson of Motley, Minnesota, had been discovered; that this car was found to have been in a wreck, and that he had traced same and that the holes which were first reported to be bullet holes were not such in fact, but had been made as a result of the accident; that he had checked this car back and had found same to be o.k. The Chief was then furnished with the information concerning the shooting at McIntire, Iowa, and he advised that his office would be on the lookout for this car.

Immediately upon receipt of information from the Iowa State Bureau of Investigation concerning PRETTY BOY FLOYD, a telephone call was made to Mr. Passolt of the Criminal Apprehension Bureau, State of Minnesota, and he was furnished with full information concerning the matter. Likewise, calls were made to the Sheriff at Austin, Albert Lea, Rochester and Preston, Iowa, and each of these officials was advised of the information furnished by the Iowa State Bureau of Investigation.

Telephonic communication with the St. Paul and Minneapolis Police Departments verified the fact that they were in receipt of this information and that they had officers stationed on the highways leading into the city for the purpose of watching for this automobile.

Agent Nicholson communicated by telephone with the Sheriff at Garner, Iowa, with reference to Iowa license number 41-875, and was advised that this license plate was issued for a Buick Coupe to Mr. E. L. Hatten of Britt, Iowa; that this Buick Coupe was stolen from the possession of Mr. Hatten approximately two months ago and was later found abandoned and burned near a summer resort known as Kir Lake; that the license plates apparently had been removed from the car before it was burned, and are now in possession of other individuals.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents C.O.Lawrence and J.H.Rice:

Upon arrival of this agent and Agent Lawrence at Cresco, Iowa, TOLLOF JOHNSON, sheriff, was contacted and advised that Deputy Sheriff William Owens, of his office, and A.G.HAIGHT, state officer, Iowa Bureau of Investigation, were the officers who had, on that afternoon, engaged with several parties in a gun battle south of McIntire, Iowa. One of these parties was believed to resemble "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD. Sheriff Johnson referred this agent to the above officers for further information.

WILLIAM OWENS, deputy sheriff, and A.G.HAIGHT were located and the following information related:

OWENS stated that on September 28,1934, he served eviction papers on FRED WEBER, who resides on a rented farm about eight miles northwest of Cresco, Iowa; that while serving the papers he noticed a stranger about the farm house of WEBER, who he thought resembled "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD; that for the next few days he made discreet inquiry in that vicinity but was unable to learn the identity of the stranger in question. OWENS stated further that a confidential informant by the name of [redacted] a reputable citizen of that vicinity, who resides on a farm near Lime Springs, Iowa, had advised him that PEARL BENNETT, whose husband is HENRY BENNETT, and formerly reported to reside at Cherryville, Missouri, had advised him, [redacted] a short time previously that the stranger at the Weber farm was "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD and was driving a Ford V-8 black Sedan bearing Iowa license plates #41-875; that PEARL BENNETT is the sister of ELMER BOSTETER, who resides with his family on a farm one mile south of McIntire, Iowa; that the stranger driving the car in question had been observed by [redacted] on numerous occasions at the Weber and Bosteter homes and was accompanied at different times by another stranger, smaller in stature, both of whom had been seen in the company of LEE BOSTETER, son of ELMER BOSTETER, who resides with his father. Officer HAIGHT stated that on October 5,1934, he had been advised by OWENS of the above information and proceeded to Cresco, Iowa, and vicinity; that OWENS and he had maintained casual surveillance of the WEBER and BOSTETER farms in an effort to learn of the true identity of the strangers; that on October 10,1934, about 2:00 P.M., a black Ford V-8 Sedan was observed at the BOSTETER farm; that, after maneuvering for a better position to maintain surveillance of this farm, the car disappeared; that shortly after noon, on October 11,1934, they noticed what appeared to be the same car again parked in the rear of the BOSTETER farm house; but that, after attempting to observe the number of the license plates on this car, with the aid of field glasses, examination disclosed that the license plates appeared to be smudged with mud or grease. They further observed four men working in a field about one-fourth miles south of BOSTETER'S farm house, shocking corn. Having received previous information that some of the BOSTETER

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boys had been shooting pheasant out of season, the officers drove to the BOSTETER farm house, where they observed a Ford V-8 Sedan, black in color, bearing Iowa license plates #41-875, which was parked near the rear door of the farm house and under pretext of being game officers advised MRS. BOSTETER that they had received complaints from neighbors that the BOSTETER boys had been shooting pheasants out of season; that this action must be discontinued and to advise her sons of this fact. At this time, the officers were unable to observe anyone else in the house, although they heard the footsteps of some other party in the house, other than MRS. BOSTETER; that, after departing in their car from the driveway of the BOSTETER farm, they observed a man of large stature hurriedly leave the BOSTETER house and jump into the Ford V-8 Sedan, proceed out of the driveway at a high rate of speed, blowing his horn at the right of way; that this car proceeded south at a high speed along county highway #9, which borders the corn field where four men were shocking corn; that they noticed two men run from the corn field towards the Ford V-8 Sedan. They immediately gave chase to this car and, as they drew near to the Ford V-8 Sedan, the two men who had run out of the corn field had reached the Ford V-8 and had removed from same what appeared to be a rifle, or machine gun, and began shooting at the officers' car as they approached the Ford V-8. As the officers drew near the car in question the driver and the two men immediately took flight south on highway #9, and turned east at the first lefthand turn. The officers pursued this car for about two miles when they overtook same which was parked near the end of this road, which was in the vicinity of a farm house owned by PAUL PILTZEN, this being the place where the second gun battle was staged. Officer OWENS advised that he fired several rounds from his revolver and State Officer HAIGHT fired twelve or fifteen rounds from his 25-20 rifle. The officers stated further that the bandits exchanged thirty or forty shots with them and they believed they might be armed with an automatic rifle and machine gun as well as revolvers; that the bandits succeeded in returning to highway #9, passing their car, which was parked near the dead end of the road; that Officer OWENS is reasonably sure that he hit the bandit car four or five times on the return run to highway #9; that they immediately gave chase and observed the bandit car drive south at a high rate of speed, taking side county roads and, after pursuing them for eight or ten miles, the bandits out-distanced their car and the last they saw of same was proceeding in a southerly direction. Officer HAIGHT advised that the driver of the Ford V-8 Sedan was observed by him when the Ford V-8 Sedan passed their parked car, as it returned from the PILTZEN farm enroute to highway #9; that he noticed a marked resemblance of the driver of this car, in profile, to the profile of "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD. Officer OWENS confirmed this statement.

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[redacted] confidential informant, was interviewed and no further information was secured other than previously related in this report. Officer HAIGHT advised that telephonic inquiry at the State Highway Department dis-

closed that Iowa license plate #41-875 was issued to E.L.HATTEN, Britt,Iowa, for a five passenger Buick Coupe, 1930 model. Photographs of "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD and the BARKER-KARPIS GANG were exhibited to these officers and [redacted] and each was reasonably sure the photograph of FLOYD strongly resembled that of the driver of the bandit car at the time of the gun battle. [redacted] was reasonably sure that FLOYD'S photograph resembled the stranger whom he had observed driving the Ford V-8 Sedan, which license numbers he had secured, this car and driver having frequented the BOSTETER farm, and the same individual and car being the one referred to by PEARL BENNETT as being "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD. Officers HAIGHT and OWENS advised that they believed the description of one of the men,who ran out of the corn field and met the bandit car and engaged in a gun battle, might be similar to ALVIN KARPIS, although no photograph identification of ALVIN KARPIS could be secured from the officers due to the fact that they did not get a good look at the other two companions of the driver of the Ford V-8 Sedan.

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On the night of October 11,1934, the above information was immediately furnished by telephone to Special Agent in Charge D.M.Ladd, at St.Paul,Minnesota. On the morning of October 12,1934, Agents Flood and Kinney of the Omaha Division Office contacted this agent and Agent Lawrence at Cresco, Iowa, and accompanied by Officers HAIGHT and OWENS immeciately proceeded to the BOSTETER farm, located about one mile south of McIntire on State Highway #9. The BOSTETER farm house and surrounding buildings were thoroughly searched for any information or property that might have been left by the bandits at the BOSTETER premises. The search was unsuccessful in locating anything of value to this investigation. The BOSTETER family was reluctant to furnish any information relative to the identity of the participants in the gun battle with the officers on the previous afternoon, but finally stated that strangers by the name of EDDIE and FRANCIS had stayed at their home for the past several days and had been in the employ of BOSTETER, shocking corn; that EDDIE had in his possession a Ford V-8 black Sedan. They further advised that EDDIE and FRANCIS had occupied the downstairs bedroom. This bedroom was thoroughly examined but agents were unsuccessful in securing latent fingerprints mainly due to the material of the furniture contained therein. ELMER BOSTETER, MINNIE BOSTETER, husband and wife, and VANDLA, the daughter, aged 15 years, accompanied Officers HAIGHT and OWENS to the county jail at Cresco, Iowa, where they were interviewed, as well as FRED WEBER and GLADYS WEBER, occupants of the WEBER farm, GLADYS WEBER being a daughter of MR. and MRS. ELMER BOSTETER, who were located by Officer OWENS and brought to the county jail at Cresco for questioning. The above parties were reluctant to give any further information, at first, relative to the identity of the bandits due to the fact that it developed that one of the bandits was their son, LEE BOSTETER, aged 25 years, but after lengthy questioning the following information relative to the bandits' identities was secured and is related as follows:

That EDDIE BENNETT, whose step-father was an ADAMS, had a brother, HENRY BENNETT, who married ELMER BOSTETER'S sister, PEARL, aged 34 years; that the BENNETT boys and PEARL formerly resided at Cherryville, Missouri; that PEARL had been married to HENRY BENNETT for the past eight years and the BOSTETER family had known EDDIE BENNETT since that time; that the first part of last August, EDDIE BENNETT appeared at the BOSTETER and WEBER farms driving a black Ford V-8 Sedan and was accompanied by a friend who represented himself as being FRANCIS GOULD, to the BOSTETERS, and as FRANCIS MEYER, to FRED and GLADYS WEBER. ELMER BOSTETER related that while EDDIE had been at his farm, EDDIE had advised him that HENRY BENNETT was presently residing at Ottumwa,Iowa. Further, that he had not seen his sister, PEARL, in five or six weeks and did not know whether she could be located at Cherryville,Missouri, or Ottumwa,Iowa. Very little information was secured from the BOSTETERS and WEBERS concerning the previous activities of EDDIE and FRANCIS, except that by occupation EDDIE was a mechanic. They further advised that EDDIE and FRANCIS had been dividing their time and staying at the WEBER and BOSTETER farm since the first part of last August, until the time of the gun battle; that, after the appearance of the officers at the BOSTETER farm on October 11, 1934, EDDIE, FRANCIS, and their son, LEE BOSTETER, immediately left the BOSTETER farm in EDDIE'S V-8 Sedan and that they observed the officers give chase to this sedan and noticed the officers fire on the car as they disappeared down the side road; that later they had been informed of the gun battle. They further advised that EDDIE and FRANCIS always seemed to be supplied with money. MINNIE BOSTETER distinctly recalled that on August 15,1934, last, BLANCHE and THELMA EVANS, whose father is MATT EVANS, and resides at Osage,Iowa, visited the BOSTETER farm and made the acquaintance of EDDIE and FRANCIS and on several occasions later, BLANCHE and THELMA had accompanied EDDIE and FRANCIS to the BOSTETER farm for short visits. As previously related, BOSTETER claimed that EDDIE and FRANCIS divided their visits between the BOSTETER and WEBER farms and would frequently be absent from these places for three or four day intervals. It was further learned that EDDIE and FRANCIS had several rifles or shot guns which were kept covered by a blanket in the car. Also, several suit cases and brief cases which were always kept in EDDIE'S car. The BOSTETERS stated that EDDIE and FRANCIS, after being absent for a short period of time, returned to their farm on October 9,1934, and stayed until Thursday afternoon, October 11,1934; that EDDIE and FRANCIS appeared to be real friendly with their son, LEE. Through further questioning, it was ascertained that Mr. and Mrs. BOSTETER have a son by the name of CLIFFORD BOSTETER, who is presently incarcerated at Stillwater,Minnesota,where he is serving a sentence of one to ten years, having been convicted on a state larceny charge, and that EDDIE BENNETT is also known to CLIFFORD. The BOSTETERS and WEBERS could furnish no information as to the present whereabouts of EDDIE, FRANCIS, and their son, LEE. Photographs of FLOYD and the BARKER-KARPIS gang were exhibited to the BOSTETER and WEBER families but none of them were able to identify any of the photographs as resembling EDDIE BENNETT, or FRANCIS GOULD. The above information concerning EDDIE BENNETT and FRANCIS GOULD was the result of separate interviews of the BOSTETERS and WEBERS.

It was further ascertained from officers that the BOSTETER and WEBER families have been under suspicion by local officers over a long period of time as being local thieves. It is further interesting to note that the sheriff's offices in the vicinity of Cresco and McIntire, Iowa, have been investigating the activities of petty thieves and that on the night of October 10, 1934, in these communities there was reported a loss of approximately 350 chickens and that, from several parties interviewed by local police authorities, it was learned that a black sedan similar to Ford V-8 Sedan, in question, had been seen passing over the country roads drawing a four-wheel trailer which was believed to contain chickens, these movements being observed in the early morning hours of October 11,1934. As a result of further investigation and the above interview, State Officer HAIGHT and Deputy Sheriff OWENS are of the opinion that their identification of the driver of the bandit car, as being FLOYD, must be in error but they are of the opinion that the height and weight of the driver of the bandit car, which driver has been identified as EDDIE BENNETT, is somewhat similar to FLOYD. It will be noted that the description of FRANCIS GOULD, which will be set out in this report, is not similar to that of Alvin Karpis. The officers, being of the opinion that the parties who participated in the gun battle might have some connection with a gang of petty thieves who are believed to be operating in that locality and whose identities are not known, will conduct further investigation along these lines and should they receive any pertinent information they think might have a bearing on Subject FLOYD, or any of the other subjects in which this office is interested, will immediately advise the Omaha and St.Paul Offices. EDDIE BENNETT and FRANCIS GOULD are unknown to police authorities at Cresco and McIntire,Iowa. Results of the above investigation, conducted October 12,1934,were furnished by telephone to Special Agent in Charge D.M.Ladd.

At Osage,Iowa.

B.M.KATHAN, postmaster, was contacted and agents were advised that EDDIE BENNETT and FRANCIS GOULD were unknown to postal authorities of that office but that LEE BOSTETER and his family are well known to the postmaster as the BOSTETER family formerly resided at Osage, and that the reputation of this family in that community is bad.

MR.MATT EVANS, father of THELMA EVANS, age 16 years,and BLANCHE EVANS, age 18 years, advised that he is a cousin of MINNIE BOSTETER, wife of ELMER BOSTETER, who formerly resided at Osage, but for the past several years has resided on a farm a mile south of McIntire,Iowa. MR.EVANS stated that on or about August 15,1934, his daughters, BLANCHE and THELMA, accompanied FRED and GLADYS WEBER, in WEBER'S car, to the BOSTETER farm near McIntire, Iowa. At the BOSTETER farm, they made the acquaintance of two young men who told his daughters their names were EDDIE BENNETT and FRANCIS GOULD, at which time he recalled that EDDIE BENNETT was a brother of HENRY BENNETT, who had married

PEARL BOSTETER, sister of EDMER BOSTETER; that on the last six or eight different occasions that EDDIE and FRANCIS had called at the EVANS' residence, at Osage, and had dates with BLANCHE and THELMA, that EDDIE was driving a black Ford V-8 Sedan. MR.EVANS stated that he was never able to observe any firearms in the possession of EDDIE, or FRANCIS, but that he never did inspect the car that EDDIE was driving but had casually observed several suitcases in the back of the car. THELMA and BLANCHE EVANS substantiated their father's statement relative to the meeting of EDDIE and FRANCIS and stated that they had had six or eight dates with these boys; that the boys always seemed to have enough money to pay their way but that they had never talked to them concerning any of their activities; that they had observed several shotguns, or rifles, which were in the rear of the car, covered with a blanket; that they had also observed several suitcases and what appeared to be brief cases in the back of the car. They further advised that on October 8 or 9,1934, they observed a car, similar to EDDIE'S, drive past their home six or eight times but that same did not stop; that the last time they saw EDDIE and FRANCIS was about ten days previously; that they knew they had been staying over short periods of time since last August at the WEBER and BOSTETER farms near McIntire. The EVANS girls further stated that they were suspicious of the activities of EDDIE and FRANCIS and did not care to further associate with them. BLANCHE EVANS assured Agents Rice and Flood that, should she receive any information or letters from EDDIE, or should her sister receive any information or letters from FRANCIS, as to his present whereabouts, she would immediately advise the sheriff's office at Osage, and the Omaha Division Office by wire.

Sheriff Charles Kathan of Osage,Iowa, advised this agent that he had knowledge of two young men who had been keeping company with BLANCHE and THELMA EVANS and that they had been driving a black Ford V-8, bearing Iowa license plates #41-875; that this car and the two occupants had been seen on several occasions by him at Osage, at which time he had no reason to learn of the identity of the occupants of the car, but that later developments had disclosed that this is the same car which had figured in the gun battle with officers near McIntire,Iowa, on October 11,1934. Sheriff Kathan advised that he will be on the lookout for these individuals and should they return to Osage he will detain them for questioning and immediately advise the Omaha Office. Sheriff Kathan further stated that the BOSTETER family is well known to him, they having resided at Osage and vicinity for a number of years before moving to McIntire, and that should LEE BOSTETER return to Osage, he will immediately detain him and, accordingly, advise the Omaha Division Office. Photographs of FLOYD and the BARKER-KARPIS GANG were exhibited to Sheriff Kathan, MATT EVANS, BLANCHE and THELMA EVANS and Postmaster B.M.Kathan, none of whom could identify these parties as resembling EDDIE BENNETT and FRANCIS GOULD. MATT EVANS and BLANCHE and THELMA EVANS distinctly emphasized that the photographs exhibited were not in any way similar to EDDIE BENNETT and FRANCIS GOULD.

A search was made in the vicinity of the PILTZEN farm, which is about three miles southeast of the BOSTETER farm, where one of the gun battles took place, and agents recovered several exploded 351 calibre rifle shells, which are now in the possession of the Omaha Division Office and will be submitted for further examination by that office. MR.PAUL PILTZEN was interviewed and advised that he was about one-half mile away from the place where the gun battle took place; that he heard the report of the rifles, or machine guns, but that he was not near enough to observe any of the participants but that shortly after the gun battle he noticed two cars going at a high rate of speed towards County Highway #9. It was further ascertained that MRS. PILTZEN was not at home on the afternoon of October 11,1934. Agents were unable to locate any witnesses of the gun battle.

On October 12,1934, the Associated Press advised the St.Paul Office that they had received a flash indicating that "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD had been seen in his car near Princeton, Missouri, at 5:30 A.M., October 12,1934. Accordingly, a telephone call was made to the Kansas City Division Office, and Special Agent in Charge Nathan was advised of the information and stated that he would conduct appropriate investigation in his district concerning this matter and would further advise this office.

On October 12,1934, a teletype summary of the investigation conducted by agents at Cresco and McIntire, Iowa, was furnished the Division.

The following descriptions were secured by agents during this investigation:

Name:	EDDIE BENNETT
Age :	34 years
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	185 pounds
Hair:	Brown,straight
Eyes:	Light blue
Teeth:	Good
Scars:	No scars visible
Peculiarities:	Walks with short strides; has square jaw; usually wears overalls
Residence:	Believed to have resided at Cherryville, Missouri.

Name:	FRANCIS GOULD alias FRANCIS MEYER
Age:	25 years
Height:	5'7½"
Weight:	170 pounds
Hair:	Dark brown
Eyes:	--
Teeth:	Good
Features:	Small
Peculiarities:	Generally wears overalls.

Believed to be known by HENRY BENNETT, who is reported to reside at either Cherryville, Missouri, or Ottumwa, Iowa.

Name:	LEE BOSTETER
Age:	25 years
Height:	5'7"
Weight:	145 pounds
Hair:	Dark brown
Eyes:	Blue-gray
Teeth:	Fair
Scars:	None visible
Residence:	Resides with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bosteter, McIntire, Iowa.
Criminal Record:	No known criminal record was secured.

No known criminal record was secured concerning the three individuals, above mentioned, during this investigation.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

Kansas City Division Office.

At Princeton, Missouri, will conduct appropriate investigation.

St. Louis Division Office.

At Cherryville, Missouri, will conduct appropriate investigation ascertaining all information possible relative to EDDIE BENNETT, HENRY BENNETT, and PEARL BENNETT, their present location, and appropriately interview each.

Omaha Division Office.

At Ottumwa, Iowa, will endeavor to locate HENRY and PEARL BENNETT, who [illegible]asibly living in that vicinity and appropriately interview them.

Will keep in touch with police authorities at Cresco, McIntire, and [illegible], [illegible]wa, in an attempt to locate LEE BOSTETER, who, when located, should

be appropriately interviewed.

St.Paul Division Office.

At Stillwater,Minnesota, will interview CLIFFORD BOSTETER and ascertain any information he might be able to afford relative to EDDIE BENNETT and his connections that might be of assistance in this investigation.

The leads at Mankato and Hayward, Wisconsin, as set forth in the report of Special Agent R.C.Coulter, St.Paul,Minnesota, dated August 23,1934, will be given attention in the near future.

PENDING.

1616 Federal Reserve
Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

October 19, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with
aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194; ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

You are advised that on October 18, 1934, a telegram was received by this office from Chief of Police O. W. Wilson, Wichita, Kansas, advising that he is holding Everett E. Beach, who claims that he is working with this Division in furnishing information concerning Floyd. I called Chief Wilson and talked to him and to Captain of Detectives Hayes of the Wichita Police Department, advising them of the situation with regard to Beach, and informing them that any charges which the Wichita Police Department has against Beach should not be affected by reason of his claims of connection with this Division. From the information furnished to me by these officers, Beach has not impersonated a Federal officer, and it is probable that they do not have any serious charges against him, but picked him up more or less on suspicion. I am furnishing you with this information in view of the fact that Beach has been in communication with your office from time to time.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge

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

There is transmitted herewith Summary Report in the above entitled case dated at this office October 19, 1934. The caption of the report has been appropriately set forth, giving the names of the present subjects only in order that the matter might be clear to the United States Attorney, who has not been previously furnished with copies of reports in this case.

With reference to Division letter of October 16, 1934, advising of the information which could be shown in the Summary Report, please be advised that the Summary had already been dictated before receipt of the letter in question and instead of paraphrasing the confidential statements of the various subjects the names of the Agents who took the statements were given and brief comment was made as to the nature of the statements. However, the Summary Report together with one copy of the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Chicago, Illinois, October 6, 1934, which contains verbatim the statements in question, are being handed together to the United States Atturney, Maurice M. Milligan, at Kansas City, both of these to be held confidential by Mr. Milligan in his office.

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Another report will be forthcoming within the near future bringing up to date the arrests, removals and arraignments of Vivian Mathias, Richard Tallman Galatas and Mrs. Richard Tallman Galatas, who have been served with Federal process at Kansas City and are now, in default of bond, confined in the County Jail here.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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HERBERT ALLEN FARMER, aliases: Herb Farmer, Herbert Black, H. A. Patton, W. H. Williams, N. H. Baker, Harry J. Garner, Harry Allen Farmer, William Hilary Baker;
MRS. ESTHER FARMER;
MRS. FRANCES NASH, aliases: Mrs. Frances Miller, Mrs. Frances Harrison, Mrs. George W. Miller, Frances Mikulich Miller;
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, aliases: Dick Galatas, Richard F. Galatas, Dick Gladis, Pritchard Sheridan, Edwin W. Lee, William Lee, W. C. Lee, W. E. Cox;
MRS. E. B. CONNER, aliases: Mrs. Louise Conner, Lou Conner, Mary Conner;
FRANK B. MULLOY, aliases: Fritz Mulloy, Fritz Malloy;
LOUIS STACCI, aliases: Louie Stacci, "Doc" Stacey;
ADAM RICHETTI, aliases: Adam Richette, Adam Rechard, Adam Racchetti, Adam Richardi.
MRS. ELIZABETH GALATAS, aliases: Betty McFadden, Mrs. Glenn Morris, Mrs. William Lee, Mrs. E. W. Lee;
VIVIAN MATHIAS, aliases: Vivian Matthias, Vivian Page, Vivian Mathis, Vivian Matthews, Vivian Allen, Mrs. Vernon C. Miller, Clara Hayes, Clara Hays;
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, aliases: Frank Mitchell, "Pretty Boy" Smith; "Pretty Boy" Floyd - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194.

CHARACTER OF CASE:
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

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SUMMARY REPORT

Frank Nash was sentenced on March 1, 1924, in the United States District Court, Western District of Oklahoma, at Oklahoma City, to serve a term of 25 years upon conviction on a charge of assaulting a mail custodian. Pur-

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suant to this sentence he was received at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on March 3, 1924. He escaped from that Institution on the evening of October 19, 1930. After an extended investigation by the Division of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice looking toward his location, Special Agents F. J. Lackey and Frank Smith, of this Division, located Nash at the White Front Pool Hall, Hot Springs, Arkansas on June 16, 1933, and with the assistance of Chief of Police Otto Reed, of McAlester, Oklahoma, those Agents apprehended Nash at 11:55 A.M., June 16, 1933 at the place in question. The White Front Pool Hall was partly owned and operated by Subject Richard Tallman Galatas. In apprehending Nash the Agents took him in an unceremonious manner due to the fact that the escaped prisoner was strongly entrenched with the local police department at Hot Springs.

Immediately after apprehending him the Agents and Mr. Reed drove with the prisoner, at a high rate of speed, in an automobile from Hot Springs, Arkansas, toward Fort Smith, by way of Benton and Little Rock. They were stopped by a group of officers at Benton, who reported that they had been telephonically advised that a man had been kidnaped in Hot Springs. The Agents, upon identifying themselves, were permitted to proceed with the prisoner. They were again stopped at Little Rock, Arkansas by officers who informed them they had received information of an alleged kidnaping in the same manner. After identifying themselves the Agents and Mr. Reed, with the prisoner, were escorted to the city limits by Little Rock police, and, having inquired the road to Joplin, Missouri, which is the same highway out of Little Rock that leads to Fort Smith, Arkansas, the Agents and Mr. Reed proceeded to Fort Smith with the prisoner. At Fort Smith, Arkansas, Special Agent Lackey communicated with his superior, Special Agent in Charge R. H. Colvin, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, telephonically, and instructions were given by Mr. Colvin, through authority from the Director of the Division, that the prisoner should be transported to Kansas City, Missouri, by Agents Lackey and Smith, who were to be accompanied by Officer Reed as an extra guard. This instruction came from the Attorney General and was given for the purpose of returning prisoner Frank Nash to the United States Penitentiary, at Leavenworth, Kansas, which is adjacent to Kansas City, Missouri. The Agents, Mr. Reed and the prisoner, departed by way of the Missouri Pacific Railroad from Fort Smith, Arkansas, at 8:30 P.M. June 16, 1933, bound for Kansas City, Missouri, and arrived at Kansas City, at the Union Railroad Station, on the morning of June 17, 1933, about 7 A.M.. Upon their arrival at Kansas City they were joined at the train by Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, of the Division of Investigation, Kansas City, Missouri, and also by Special Agent Raymond J. Caffrey, of this Division, and by Police Officers W. J. Grooms and Frank Hermanson of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department. Messrs. Vetterli and Caffrey, Grooms and Hermenson met the train for the purpose of assisting in conducting the Federal prisoner to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

The personally owned Chevrolet Coach of Special Agent Caffrey was parked, headed South, across the street from the East front door of the Union Railroad Station, and was intended to be used to transport Nash from the Union Station to the place where he was to be incarcerated. The prisoner was led from the train through the railroad station to the car of Agent Caffrey. Nash was first placed in the center of the rear seat, but he was then changed from that position in the car and placed in the left front seat of Agent Caffrey's car in order that the officers might occupy the rear seat. Nash was, of course, to occupy the right front seat after the car was loaded. At this instant Special Agent Lackey had boarded the car and was sitting on the left rear seat. Special Agent Smith had also entered and was in the center of the rear seat, and Police Officer Reed, likewise in the car, was on the right rear seat. Police Officers Grooms and Hermanson, together with Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, were standing on the West (right) side of Agent Caffrey's car, while Agent Caffrey had walked around the car preparatory to entering his car from the left door in order that he might drive the same. Just at the instant that Agent Caffrey approached the left door of his car, and while the other officers and prisoner Nash were in the positions heretofore noted in and around the car, a group of men surprised the officers from a point in front of and about 15 or 20 feet to the West of the car carrying machine guns and other arms and shouting "UP, UP, UP". An instant later a voice of one of these attackers was heard to state "Let 'em have it", and immediately a fusillade of gunfire was emitted from the weapons of the attackers. Shots were fired from the front and from all sides of the car of Agent Caffrey. Police Officers Grooms and Hermanson were instantly killed in the place where they stood on the left side of the car; Police Officer Reed was instantly killed by shots which entered through his back and which had been fired through the right rear side of the car; Special Agent Lackey was severely wounded by shots which entered his back and which had entered the car through the left rear of the car. Special Agent Caffrey, who stood beside the car on the left hand side was killed by means of a shot which completely passed through his head from temple to temple, and prisoner Frank Nash was killed by means of gunshot which entered his skull through the back of his head, and which bullet had apparently come through the center rear of the car. Apparently the assassins started at the front right hand side of the car and at least two of them proceeded around the car, making a complete circle and firing as they went. Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli escaped with a minor wound on his arm while Special Agent Frank Smith escaped injury.

An immediate investigation was begun by this Division to determine the identities of the slayers who made good their escape from the scene of the killings. It was first developed that certain long distance telephone calls had been made from Hot Springs, Arkansas, to Little Rock, Arkansas, Chicago, Illinois and Joplin, Missouri; from Chicago, Illinois to Kansas City, Missouri, and from Joplin, Missouri to Kansas City, Missouri, and that these long distance

calls had reference to an endeavor to liberate prisoner Frank Nash. It was determined that Subject Galatas, together with Mrs. Frances Nash, the wife of the deceased prisoner, had proceeded by airplane from Hot Springs, Arkansas to Joplin, Missouri, immediately after Nash's apprehension; that they had gone to the home of Herbert Allen Farmer at Joplin, Missouri, and that from the home of Farmer there were made long distance calls to and from the residence of Vernon C. Miller, in Kansas City, Missouri. It was discovered that Louis Stacci, the party in Chicago, Illinois who was called by Mrs. Nash from Hot Springs, Arkansas immediately after Nash was apprehended, made a call to Frank B. Mulloy at Kansas City, Missouri on June 16, 1933. It was discovered that Richard Tallman Galatas, Herbert Allen Farmer, Mrs. Esther Farmer, Vernon C. Miller, Louis Stacci, and, of course, Mrs. Frances Nash, were all close associates of Frank Nash. Evidence has been developed to the effect that Mrs. Nash, in Hot Springs, Arkansas, first called Louis Stacci in Chicago, Illinois, furnishing information that Nash had been apprehended, and requesting that action be taken to liberate him. That Louis Stacci, in turn, called Frank B. Mulloy, in Kansas City, Missouri, furnishing the same information, in order that it might reach Vernon C. Miller at Kansas City. That this information did reach Vernon C. Miller through Frank B. Mulloy at Kansas City. That Miller then conversed telephonically, on the night of June 16, 1933, with Esther Farmer, and others, at the residence of Herbert Allen Farmer in Joplin, Missouri, and that plans were thereby made whereby Miller sought the assistance of Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti at Kansas City, Missouri on the night of June 16, 1933 in order that Nash might be forcibly taken from the officers upon arrival at Kansas City, Missouri on the morning of June 17, 1933.

Investigation developed that Floyd and Richetti were accomplices of Miller in the actual slayings of the officers. Latent fingerprints of Richetti were found on a beer bottle at the home of Vernon C. Miller at Kansas City after the massacre. Richetti and Floyd, on the morning of June 16th, kidnaped Sheriff Killingsworth, at Bolivar, Missouri, bringing him to Kansas City, where they arrived on the night of June 16, 1933. Miller, on the evening of June 16, 1933, approached John Lazia, Italian underworld leader at Kansas City, (now deceased), requesting assistance of gunmen to take Nash away from the officers on the following morning. Lazia, being aware of the presence of Floyd and Richetti in Kansas City, Missouri, referred Miller to them. Floyd and Richetti were brought by Miller to his home and kept there overnight on June 16, 1933. Richetti, Floyd and Miller, in Miller's Chevrolet Sedan, appeared at the Union Station upon the arrival of the officers and Frank Nash on the morning of June 17, 1933, prepared to intimidate the officers into

releasing Nash to them and that when the attack was made Police Officer Grooms fired his pistol at Floyd, wounding him in the shoulder, whereupon Floyd, Richetti and Miller opened fire on the officers with the result above outlined.

It has been further developed through definite and positive information that Floyd and Richetti then proceeded with Vernon C. Miller to 6612 Edgevale Road, where Floyd remained in bed with his wounded shoulder for the entire day of June 17, 1933, and that Miller, who sustained a wound in one of his hands in the course of the shooting, called Frank B. Mulloy, who proceeded to Miller's residence on June 17th, immediately after the shooting happened, or about 8 A.M. June 17th. It has been established through certain admissions of various parties that Mulloy was requested by Miller to call a doctor and that he endeavored to reach Dr. D. M. Nigro but found that he was out of the city, and therefore some other doctor, not yet identified, was evidently called. Frank B. Mulloy took Vivian Mathias and her young daughter from the residence at 6612 Edgevale Road on the morning of June 17th to his residence at Kansas City and they remained there on June 17th. Vivian Mathias, with her daughter, with the assistance of a friend of Vernon C. Miller, was taken from Kansas City on the day following the massacre. Floyd and Richetti were taken from the Miller residence on the day following the massacre by a party whose identity has not yet been established. Miller departed from Kansas City on or about June 19, 1933, and remained a fugitive from Justice for several months.

Michael James LaCapra disclosed to Agents of this Division that Floyd and Richetti for a few days after the massacre were harbored at Kansas City by the Italian underworld, the name of the party who harbored them not yet being definitely established, and he stated that a few days after the massacre occurred a stolen Buick Sedan, then in possession of one Jack Griffin and Edward Wilhite, at Kansas City, was secured by Sam Scola (now deceased), former henchman of John Lazia, at Lazia's request, for the purpose of the use of Floyd and Richetti in leaving Kansas City. LaCapra was present with Wilhite and Griffin when Scola came to get the car and he was told by Scola that same was desired by Lazia for the purpose mentioned. Scola also informed LaCapra that he, Scola, Charles Carolla, Charles Gargotta, Tano Lacoco, Tony Gizzo and Gus Fuscone (now deceased), were directed by Lazia, also now deceased, to escort Floyd and Richetti from Kansas City, which they did, and it was understood by LaCapra, according to information which later reached him through Edward Wilhite, that the Buick Sedan which was turned over for the purpose heretofore mentioned was a few days later recovered, deserted, near Cleveland, Ohio. Investigation has developed that a Buick Sedan fully answering the description given by LaCapra, stolen in St. Louis, Missouri, on April 30, 1933, was on June 24, 1933, recovered by officers between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio, deserted and containing the dead body of Nathan Gerstein, a known gangster, who had been murdered. In-

cidentally it may be mentioned that Gerstein has no apparent connection with this case and that he arrived in Cleveland, Ohio, from New York on June 22, 1933.

A few days after the departure of Miller from Kansas City, Frank B. Mulloy caused the personal effects of Miller and wife to be hauled by dray from the Miller residence to the residence of Frank B. Mulloy, where the personal effects were later examined by Agents of this Division. Miller was slain and his body found near Detroit, Michigan on November 29, 1933. He was apparently the Victim of other gangsters. Floyd and Richetti are now at large and investigation is being made looking toward their apprehension.

An indictment was returned in this case on September 1, 1933, against Vernon C. Miller, Herbert Allen Farmer, Mrs. Esther Farmer, Mrs. Frances Nash, Richard Tallman Galatas, Mrs. E. B. Conner, Frank B. Mulloy and Louis Stacci. The Subjects in addition to those who were indicted, and which appear in the caption of this case, will be named in a new indictment to be sought by the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri, on or about October 22, 1934. The old indictment will then, according to the United States Attorney at Kansas City, be dismissed since all of the Subjects appearing in the caption above will probably be included in the new indictment. The United States Attorney has advised that he is not fully decided as to whether Mrs. Frances Nash, Mrs. E. B. Conner and Mrs. Elizabeth Galatas will be named in the new indictment.

At present there are in custody, in default of bond in this case, the following: Richard Tallman Galatas, Mrs. Elizabeth Galatas and Vivian Mathias. Louis Stacci, Mrs. Frances Nash, Mrs. E. B. Conner, Frank B. Mulloy, Herbert Allen Farmer and Esther Farmer are at large under bonds made pursuant to the indictment which was returned on September 1, 1933.

W I T N E S S E S.

F. J. MORRISON, Deputy Warden, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas:

Will produce certified copy of indictment, conviction and sentence, together with the original mittimus showing Frank Nash was convicted at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on March 1, 1924, in the United States District Court, Western District of Oklahoma, on a charge of assaulting a mail custodian, and sentenced to 25 years in the United States Penitentiary, and that he was received at said penitentiary on March 3, 1924 as a prisoner. He will also produce prison records and identify same showing that on October 19, 1930 Nash escaped from the residence of Mr. Morrison, on the United States Penitentiary Reservation, Leavenworth, Kansas, where the prisoner was acting as a Trusty in the personal service of Mr. Morrison.

SPECIAL AGENTS F. J. LACKEY and FRANK SMITH, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice (to be reached through the Kansas City Office of this Division):

Will testify that they made investigation to locate escaped Federal prisoner Frank Nash at Hot Springs and that on June 16, 1933, they apprehended Nash and proceeded with him from Hot Springs to Kansas City, by way of the points outlined heretofore in this report. They will also testify to the other details mentioned with reference to their trip and to the attack made on the group of officers at the Union Station upon their arrival at Kansas City, Missouri on the morning of June 17, 1933.

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE R. E. VETTERLI, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, St. Louis, Missouri:

Will testify to the details mentioned heretofore in this report as to his having met the train on the morning of June 17, 1933, in company with Special Agent Raymond J. Caffrey, as noted. He will testify to the attack made on the officers, as mentioned heretofore in this report.

MRS. LOTTIE WEST, c/o Traveler Aid Society, Union Railroad Station, Kansas City, Missouri:

Will testify that on the morning of June 17, 1933, upon her arrival at the Union Station about 7 A.M. she observed a man, whom she will identify from photograph as Charles Arthur Floyd, near her desk in the front part of the Union Station lobby. She will also testify the same individual (Floyd) as one of the men whom she saw firing a machine gun at the officers a few minutes later in front of the railroad station, and whom she saw escape in a car after the shooting. She will testify that she saw at least two other individuals participating with Floyd in these slayings. Her statement as to the positions of the individuals who perpetrated these slayings at the time the shooting began is identical with that outlined heretofore in this report.

SPECIAL AGENT J. E. BRENNAN, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice (to be reached through the Kansas City Office of this Division):

Will testify and identify records now in possession of this Division showing that on June 29, 1933, at the residence of Vernon C. Miller, 6612 Edgevale Road, Kansas City, Missouri, he made a complete and scientific search of the premises, taking therefrom all latent fingerprints available on various objects. He will identify photographs which were made in his presence of these latent fingerprints taken from bottles found in a beer case at the Miller residence. He can qualify as an expert in taking latent fingerprints.

A FINGERPRINT EXPERT (name not now available), from the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.:

Will produce photographic negatives and enlarged photographs made therefrom, initialed by Special Agent J. E. Brennan, showing images of latent fingerprints taken on June 29, 1933 at 6612 Edgevale Road, Kansas City, Missouri. This expert, upon comparison of the latent impressions with the known fingerprints of Vernon C. Miller, Vivian Mathias and Adam Richetti, will identify the latent impressions as fingerprints of those individuals. This expert will also produce and identify the known fingerprints of Vivian Mathias, Vernon C. Miller and Adam Richetti.

MR. JACK KILLINGSWORTH, Sheriff, Bolivar, Missouri:

Will testify that about 7 A.M., June 16, 1933, he went to a garage at Bolivar and happened upon Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti, whom he knows definitely. That Richetti covered him with a gun and that Floyd and Richetti forced him into a car and immediately compelled him to drive from Bolivar in a Northwesterly direction; that at a point adjacent to Deepwater, Missouri, the car in which he, Floyd and Richetti were riding was deserted and Floyd and Richetti held up one Harvey Griffith, who was traveling by car, and took the car of Griffith, compelling the Sheriff and Mr. Griffith also to ride in same. That they proceeded by side roads toward the Kansas line, having stopped several hours at various out of the way spots, and finally, having traveled by way of Paola, Kansas, arrived at Kansas City, Kansas and drove across the intercity viaduct into the Industrial Packing House District of Kansas City, Missouri, which place is known as the West Bottoms. That they stopped at a point which is the site of the old Union Depot about half way across the Intercity viaduct and to the South thereof. That at that point Floyd got out of the car, leaving Richetti to guard Killingsworth and Griffith and proceeded on foot to a building about 1 block away and was gone some three or four minutes. That he then returned to the car and immediately thereafter a black Chevrolet Sedan drove up beside the car of Mr. Griffith and Floyd and Richetti transferred a small Army style trunk, which was very heavy, from Griffith's car to the Chevrolet car. That Floyd then instructed Killingsworth and Griffith to wait for about ten minutes before departing and that at that time Floyd and Richetti entered the Chevrolet car and were driven away hurriedly. That he, Mr. Killingsworth, and Griffith then drove in Griffith's car from Kansas City, Missouri to Lee's Summitt, Missouri, and within three-fourths of an hour from the time of their liberation Mr. Killingsworth furnished information, telephonically, to his home at Bolivar that he had been released.

Mr. Killingsworth has furnished the above information in a rather sketchy fashion and it is believed that he has much more information if he would furnish it. He has demonstrated an attitude of cowardice and fear.

MR. HARVEY GRIFFITH, Clinton, Missouri:

Can testify to the facts regarding his trip with Floyd and Richetti, accompanied by Sheriff Killingsworth, from the point near Deepwater, Missouri to Kansas City, as outlined above. However, Griffith has displayed an attitude of fear and has been very vague in his statements, having stated that he would not willingly furnish any information.

SPECIAL AGENT S. K. McKEE, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice (to be reached through the Kansas City Office of this Division):

Will testify to the confidential statement of admissions against her interests made to him by Vivian Mathias. Special Agent McKee will also testify to a statement confidentially made to him by Frank B. Mulloy, furnishing certain admissions against the interests of Mulloy in the instant case.

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE DWIGHT BRANTLEY, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma:

Will testify to certain statement of admissions made to him confidentially by Subject Richard Tallman Galatas.

SPECIAL AGENT R. C. SURAN, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice (to be reached through the Kansas City Office of this Division):

Will testify to a statement of admissions made confidentially to him by Mrs. Elizabeth Galatas.

Agent Suran will also testify as to a confidential statement of admissions made to him by Mrs. Frances Nash.

MICHAEL JAMES LACAPRA, Federal prisoner, now in the County Jail at Kansas City, Missouri:

Will testify that a day or two subsequent to June 17, 1933, while at Kansas City, Missouri, he had a conversation with his brother-in-law, Sam Scola, now deceased, who advised him, in the presence of Edward Wilhite and Jack Griffin, that John Lazia, now deceased, had sent him, Sam Scola, to LaCapra, Wilhite and Griffin to secure the use of a Buick Sedan which was then in possession of Wilhite and Griffin. He will testify that Scola told him that the purpose for which the car was desired was for the use of Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti in order that they might leave Kansas City, Missouri. He will testify that the car in question was a 1932 model Buick Sedan of black color and that it was, on the date in question, in the Trafficway Garage, 523 Locust Trafficway, Kansas City, Missouri; that the gasoline tank of the car was filled and the car completely serviced on the occasion in question,

and that in addition a ten gallon extra can was filled with gasoline and placed in the rear seat of the car, and that same was turned over to Sam Scola in his presence, and in the presence of Jack Griffin and Ed Wilhite. He will testify also that he had a conversation with Sam Scola about that time in regard to the perpetration of the instant massacre, and that Scola told him that he was aware that on the afternoon or evening of June 16, 1933, Vernon C. Miller approached John Lazia and advised him that a friend of his, Miller's, was in custody and that he, Miller, desired to cause his release at Kansas City on the following morning; that he requested Lazia to furnish men of the Kansas City underworld to assist him, and that Lazia told him, Miller, that he did not wish to furnish any of his own henchmen but that Charles Arthur Floyd and another man, Adam Richetti, were then being harbored by Dominic Bemaggio, at Kansas City, and that through Lazia Miller was brought into contact with Richetti and Floyd on the night of June 16th. Scola further informed LaCapra that Floyd and Richetti, with Miller, in one automobile, proceeded to the Union Station and attacked the officers with machine guns and other weapons in an effort to intimidate them into releasing the prisoner Nash but that police officer Grooms fired a shot which wounded Floyd in the shoulder, and that for that reason Miller, Floyd and Richetti opened fire and killed the officers. He will testify also that Scola informed him that while aware of these facts he, Scola, assisted Charles Carolla, Charles Gargotta, Gus Fascone (now deceased), Tano Lacoco and Tony Gizzo, at the direction of John Lazia, now deceased, in escorting Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti from Kansas City, Missouri a day or two after the massacre occurred, and that John Lazia was present and gave instructions for the escort of Floyd and Richetti from Kansas City.

LaCapra will also testify that about six weeks before June 17, 1933, Jack Griffin and Ed Wilhite appeared at Kansas City late at night in possession of the Buick Sedan heretofore mentioned, and informed him they had stolen it at St. Louis, Missouri through collusion with the manager or attendant of a parking lot at that place. He will testify that he assisted them immediately upon their arrival at Kansas City, in placing the car in storage at the Trafficway Garage, and that when it appeared first at Kansas City it bore a Missouri license tag and also an insignia of the St. Louis, Missouri Fire Department. He will testify that the car in question is the same one that was turned over to Sam Scola for the purpose of use by Floyd and Richetti in leaving Kansas City.

TONY RICH, Attendant at the Trafficway Garage, 523 Locust Trafficway, Kansas City, Missouri;

Will testify that he was employed at the garage in question for the entire time that the Buick Sedan, placed there by Wilhite, Griffin and Michael James LaCapra, was there, which was for about six weeks prior to June 17, 1933, as he recalls. He will also testify that he serviced the car in question for

LaCapra, Griffin and Wilhite on the date that it was taken out and turned over to Sam Scola. He will testify that he placed the extra can of gasoline in the rear of the car and that while the car was at the Trafficway Garage he took from it the metal tire covers which were in the front fender wells and placed them on the automobile of Sam Scola at Scola's direction.

As a matter of information it may be noted that Ed Wilhite corroborates in substance the statements of LaCapra with reference to the request of Scola for the car in question and with reference to what he, Wilhite, heard as to the participants in the Kansas City massacre, although he refuses to make any definite statement and will not be a witness, according to his assertions.

For corroboration of LaCapra's statement with reference to the car used by Floyd and Richetti in leaving Kansas City, it may be noted that P. G. Fix, 4845 Penrod Street, St. Louis, Missouri, will testify that on April 30, 1933, there was stolen at St. Louis, Missouri, Buick Sedan, Motor Number 2771459, which was his property, and that it was stolen from the parking lot operated by Brasin, Inc., at 3617 Washington Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri, sometime between the hours of 8:30 P.M. and 11:40 P.M. that date. He will also testify that the car was recovered about June 24, 1933, by police at Akron, Ohio and that it was returned to him. He will testify that the car, upon its return to him, had on the speedometer about 170 miles additional to that which it had been driven at the time of its theft. It will be noted that the distance between St. Louis, Missouri and Kansas City, Missouri; Kansas City, Missouri and Cleveland, Ohio; Cleveland, Ohio and Akron, Ohio and Akron, Ohio to St. Louis, Missouri, is 1655 miles. It may be noted that the attendant on duty at the time the car in question was stolen at the parking lot in St. Louis, Missouri was E. J. Scheapf, who may be reached at 3617 Washington Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri.

Sheriff Roy Potts, of Akron, Ohio, can testify to the recovery of the car of Mr. Fix on the morning of June 24, 1933, near Akron, Ohio.

It may be noted that Jack Griffin has not been available for interview regarding this matter in view of the fact he was wounded and placed in the General Hospital at Kansas City, Missouri prior to the time that the information was furnished by Michael James LaCapra, namely - about August 1, 1934, and he disappeared from the hospital on August 17, 1934, having been taken therefrom, according to reliable information, by Mr. George Rayen, of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, accompanied by a number of other unidentified men, and his present whereabouts is not known. It may be noted that Griffin, according to newspaper releases from Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins, of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, is said to have been one of the killers of John Lazia, who was murdered on July 10, 1934 at Kansas City, Missouri.

The long distance telephone calls which will be mentioned hereafter show a plan of operation by the various Subjects, including Richard Tallman Galatas, Mrs. Frances Nash, Herbert Allen Farmer, Mrs. Esther Farmer, Louis Stacci, Frank B. Mulloy and Vernon C. Miller in the perpetration of the plot to liberate Federal prisoner Frank Nash, which culminated in the assassination of the officers and prisoner. An outline of these telephone calls, with appropriate witnesses to produce the records and identify them, supplemented by verbal testimony showing the relationship of the various calls to this conspiracy, is as follows:

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL NUMBER 1 FROM THE TELEPHONE OF SUBJECT GALATAS, NUMBER 3842, HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, NUMBER 42162 - TIME 2:24 P.M., JUNE 16, 1933.

MR. W. H. SHEPHERD, District Manager, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Hot Springs, Arkansas:

Will produce the original toll ticket recording the above telephone communication.

He will produce the original telephone contract showing that telephone number 3842, Hot Springs, Arkansas, was listed in the name of Mrs. George W. Bates, 107 Harrell Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, as of June 16, 1933.

SPECIAL AGENT HAROLD E. ANDERSEN, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Kansas City, Missouri:

Will testify that Richard Tallman Galatas admitted to him that on June 16, 1933, he resided at 107 Harrell Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and possessed the above noted phone number.

MRS. HETTIE BONGERS, Long distance telephone operator number 102, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Hot Springs, Arkansas - residence: 206 Cherokee Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas:

Will testify and identify original toll ticket showing she handled the long distance telephone call here listed.

MR. O. N. MARTIN, Police Department, Little Rock, Arkansas:

Will testify that telephone number 42162, at Little Rock, was, on June 16, 1933, that of the Police Department; that about 2:24 P.M. he recalls having received a long distance telephone call from a party who said he was Herbert A. Akers, in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that the individual ad-

vised him that a man had been kidnaped at Hot Springs, Arkansas, about noon of that day, describing the man in terms to fit Frank Nash, and requesting that action be taken to stop the captors of the kidnaped party. He will testify that he informed the individual at that time, however, that the matter was not a kidnaping and that Federal officers had brought a Federal prisoner through Little Rock a short time before, and that they had proceeded on the highway stating that they were going to Joplin, Missouri, traveling by auto.

SPECIAL AGENTS HAROLD E. ANDERSEN and W. F. TRAINOR, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Kansas City, Missouri:

Will testify that Subject Richard Tallman Galatas admitted to them verbally that he made this call and that he thinks he was in the presence of Herbert A. Akers at the time he made it. At any rate, that he impersonated Akers.

NOTE: Galatas, it will be seen, proceeded by airplane with Mrs. Frances Nash from Hot Springs, Arkansas to Joplin, Missouri shortly after the above telephone call on June 16, 1933. It appears that the information conveyed by O. N. Martin, of the Little Rock Police Department, to the effect that the officers were taking the prisoner to Joplin, influenced the trip by Galatas and Mrs. Nash to Joplin, Missouri. This, as it will be noted, is substantiated by statements made by Subject Galatas included in the confidential statement heretofore mentioned in this report under the name of Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley.

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL NUMBER 2 FROM THE TELEPHONE OF MRS. E. B. CONNER, HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, NUMBER 2970, TO THE TELEPHONE OF THE O. P. INN, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, MELROSE PARK 645 - TIME 2:50 P.M., JUNE 16, 1933.

MR. W. H. SHEPHERD, District Manager, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Hot Springs, Arkansas:

Will produce the original long distance telephone toll ticket covering this call.

He will also produce the original telephone contract showing that telephone number 2970 was listed in the name of Mrs. E. B. Conner, 1101 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, on June 16, 1933.

SPECIAL AGENTS L. G. TURROU and W. F. TRAINOR, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice (to be reached through the Kansas City Office):

Will each testify that Mrs. Conner verbally admitted she resided at the address in question and had that telephone number as of June 16, 1933.

MR. B. E. CAMPBELL, Supervisor, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, 2303 Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois:

Will produce the original contract showing that on June 16, 1933, telephone number Melrose Park 645 was listed in the name of "The O. P. Inn", operated by Louis Stacci, at Chicago, Illinois.

SPECIAL AGENT TRAINOR, heretofore noted, will also testify that Louis Stacci admitted to him verbally that on June 16, 1933, he operated The O. P. Inn, and had the telephone in question.

NANNIE BELL KENNEDY, Long distance telephone operator number 49, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Hot Springs, Arkansas, residence - 26 Hogen Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas:

Will identify the original toll ticket covering this call and will testify that she handled same.

NOTE: It will be noted from the confidential statement of Mrs. Nash as made to Agent Suran that Mrs. Nash admitted making this call to The O. P. Inn and talking to an unidentified individual, advising him of the apprehension of Frank Nash at Hot Springs, and furnishing the information that she, Mrs. Nash, could be located at the home of Herbert Farmer, Joplin, Missouri.

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL NUMBER 3 FROM THE TELEPHONE OF MRS. E. B. CONNER, 2970, HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, TO THE TELEPHONE OF HERBERT ALLEN FARMER, 1541 W 2, JOPLIN, MISSOURI - TIME: 4:42 P.M., JUNE 16, 1933.

MR. W. H. SHEPHERD, District Manager, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Hot Springs, Arkansas:

Will produce the original telephone ticket covering this call.

MR. GEORGE SMITH, District Manager, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Joplin, Missouri:

Will produce the original telephone contract showing that telephone number 1541 W 2 was on June 16, 1933 listed in the name of Herbert Allen Farmer, Joplin, Missouri.

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE DWIGHT BRANTLEY, heretofore mentioned:

Will testify that he received verbal admissions from Herbert Allen Farmer and Esther Farmer to the effect the telephone number here mentioned was their number at Joplin, Missouri, on June 16, 1933.

MRS. FREDA HANSON, Long Distance Telephone Operator Number 66, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Hot Springs, Arkansas - residence: 717 Holton Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas:

Will identify the original telephone toll ticket covering this call and will testify she handled the same.

NOTE: As will be noted from the confidential statement made by Mrs. Elizabeth Galatas to Special Agent Suran, Mrs. Galatas admits making this call at the instruction of her husband, Richard Tallman Galatas, stating that she did so after Subject Galatas and Mrs. Nash departed from Hot Springs, and that she called Esther Farmer, at Joplin, Missouri, advising her of the intended arrival of Galatas and Mrs. Nash, who were proceeding to Joplin by air.

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE DWIGHT BRANTLEY, heretofore mentioned:

Will testify to an admission made to him by Esther Farmer to the effect she talked with Mrs. Galatas on this telephone call.

As to the arrival of Richard Tallman Galatas and Mrs. Frances Nash and daughter at Joplin, Missouri, subsequent to this long distance call on the afternoon of June 16, 1933,

MR. FOREST JOHNSON, Keystone Taxi Company, Joplin, Missouri:

Will testify and produce records showing he picked up a woman, a small child and a man described as Mrs. Nash, her daughter, and Galatas, at the Old Airport at 6:40 P.M., June 16, 1933, and took them to the Midway Drug Store, 1512 Main Street, Joplin, Missouri.

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE DWIGHT BRANTLEY, and SPECIAL AGENT L. G. TURROU, heretofore mentioned in this report:

Will testify to admissions made to them by Herbert Allen Farmer to the effect that Farmer proceeded on the afternoon of June 16, 1933, in his car at Joplin, Missouri, to the new airport for the purpose of meeting Galatas and Mrs. Nash upon their arrival, and not finding them there he called his residence, was told by Esther Farmer that Mrs. Nash and Galatas had already arrived and had phoned her they could be located at the Midway Drug Store at Joplin. They will also testify that Herbert Allen Farmer admitted that on the evening of June 16, 1933, he took Galatas in his car to the downtown section of Joplin and left him at the Midway Drug Store about 10 P.M.

JOHN STOVER, air pilot, Hot Springs, Arkansas:

Will testify and produce his aerial log showing that about 4 P.M. June 16, 1933, as pilot of his plane, he departed from Hot Springs, Arkansas,

with passengers Richard Tallman Galatas, Mrs. Frances Nash and her daughter, carrying these individuals, pursuant to arrangements made with him by Galatas, to Joplin, Missouri. That at Joplin he landed at the old airport about 6:30 P.M. that date and that Mrs. Nash paid him $100.00 as a fee for the trip; that his passengers took a taxi from the airport to the downtown section of Joplin and that he proceeded to the new airport immediately after landing at the old airport and found that he could not secure motor fuel for a return trip to Hot Springs, Arkansas that night; that at the new airport he met a large man, described as Herbert Allen Farmer, and that this man questioned Stover regarding passengers whom he had brought to Joplin, saying that he was waiting for them, and that thereafter Farmer departed from the airport when he was told that the passengers had proceeded to downtown Joplin. He will also testify that he later that evening was in telephonic communication with Galatas at Joplin, and Galatas instructed him to stay overnight at the Conner Hotel, which he did, and that about 8 o'clock on the morning of June 17, 1933, he returned in his plane from Joplin, Missouri to Hot Springs, Arkansas, carrying with him Subject Galatas.

NOTE: It may be noted that Subject Galatas has verbally admitted to Special Agent Harold E. Andersen, heretofore mentioned, that on the night of June 16, 1933, at Joplin, he and Herb Farmer proceeded in Herb Farmer's car to various parts of the downtown section of the city making inquiries to develop information as to the arrival of Frank Nash and his captors. He also admitted that conversation between them occurred whereby Farmer was to make inquiries of officers who had Nash in custody to determine whether he could bribe them to secure the release of Nash. He admitted, however, it was not found that Nash had arrived with the officers at Joplin, as expected. He also admitted that it was determined when he returned to the home of Herbert Allen Farmer later on the night of June 16, 1933, that the plans for bringing Nash to Joplin were not being carried through and that Nash was to go to Kansas City from Fort Smith, Arkansas, in custody of officers, by train.

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL NUMBER 4 FROM THE TELEPHONE OF THE O. P. INN, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, TELEPHONE NUMBER MELROSE PARK 645 TO FRANK B. MULLOY, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, REACHED AT THE TAVERN (a roadhouse), TELEPHONE JACKSON 9702 - TIME: 4:46 P.M., ORIGINALLY PLACED - COMPLETED AT 5:53 P.M.

MR. B. E. CAMPBELL, Supervisor, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, 230 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois:

Will produce the original long distance telephone toll ticket covering this call.

MISS ELIZABETH FLEMING, Long Distance Telephone Operator Number 20, Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, Illinois - Residence: 7345 South Lowe Avenue, Chicago, Illinois:

Will identify the long distance toll ticket covering this call and testify that she handled same.

MR. V. B. MINTUN, District Manager, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Kansas City, Missouri:

Will produce the telephone contract showing that on June 16, 1933, telephone number Jackson 9702, was assigned to The Tavern, located at 85th and Wornall Road, Kansas City, Missouri. He will also produce telephone contract showing that telephone number Jackson 9515 was, on June 16, 1933, assigned to The Horseshoe Club, located at 7701 State Line Road, Kansas City, Missouri.

MR. THOMAS B. BASH, Sheriff, Kansas City, Missouri:

Will testify that The Horseshoe Club is a roadhouse which was frequented and operated by Frank B. Mulloy as of June 16, 1933. Will also testify that The Tavern, located at 85th and Wornall Road, was frequented and partially operated by Frank B. Mulloy as of June 16, 1933.

NOTE: The Horseshoe Club and The Tavern are both noted on the long distance telephone ticket pertaining to this call and Mulloy was reached finally at The Tavern but an effort was made to reach him at both of these numbers.

From the confidential statement made by Mulloy, as noted under the name of Special Agent McKee, heretofore mentioned, it will be seen that he makes an admission that his Tavern received two calls during the course of a couple of weeks on and before June 16, 1933, having received a call on the afternoon of June 16th, both of these calls being from Louis Stacci at Chicago, Illinois, at which times Stacci requested to be placed in touch with Vernon C. Miller at Kansas City. He admitted that on one of these occasions he got in direct touch with Miller for Stacci, and on the other occasion Lonnie Ross, an attendant at the Tavern, answered the call and passed on the request for contact with Miller, through telephonic communication with Mrs. Mulloy, who in turn communicated with Mrs. Miller. Mulloy, according to his admission was not certain whether the procedure followed on June 16th was that of his having personally gotten in touch by telephone with Miller or not. It will be noted, however, from the confidential statement of Vivian Mathias that on June 16th she was notified by Mulloy personally, over the telephone, that Stacci wished to reach Miller and that she called Miller, pursuant to this message, at the Milburn Golf Course in Kansas City, where he was then playing. Also, Lonnie Ross made a statement to Special Agent W. F. Trainor, heretofore mentioned, to the effect that it was not on the afternoon of June 16, 1933 that he answered

the call and transmitted the information through Mrs. Mulloy from Stacci to Miller.

SPECIAL AGENT S. K. McKEE, heretofore mentioned:

Will testify to a confidential statement made to him by Subject Stacci at Chicago, Illinois to the effect that he made this call and talked to Frank B. Mulloy, having furnished Mulloy information regarding the apprehension of Nash and telling him to pass on the information to Vernon C. Miller.. It may be stated here that Stacci also admitted having received information regarding the substance of long distance call number 2 made to his place of business in Chicago by Mrs. Nash from Hot Springs on the afternoon of June 16, 1933.

In connection with Mulloy's associations with Miller it may be stated here that Mulloy aided that Subject in making his departure from Kansas City shortly after June 17, 1933. To establish this the following testimony can be introduced:

MR. THOMAS DALTON, 84th & Madison, Kansas City, Missouri, c/o The Waldo Transfer Company:

Will testify that on June 26, 1933, he was ordered, by telephone, to proceed to 6612 Edgevale Road and pick up some articles for hauling. That at that place he met a man whom he will identify as Frank B. Mulloy and that he was ordered by Mulloy to haul certain personal effects, including clothing and small household articles, to 14 East 56th Street Terrace, where he unloaded the articles.

SPECIAL AGENTS L. G. TURROU and W. F. TRAINOR, heretofore mentioned:

Will testify that they examined, at the residence of Frank B. Mulloy at 14 East 56th Street Terrace, on July 7, 1933, personal clothing of Vernon C. Miller, and found among this certain shirts bearing the laundry mark "V.C.M.", being size 14½ collar and 33" sleeves, and also that there were found other clothing, including leather jackets, bed linens, mattresses, towels and two iron beds, all stored together in Mulloy's house. These Agents will testify that Subject Frank B. Mulloy admitted to them that he personally engineered the hauling of the effects of Vernon C. Miller, as here noted.

In regard to that part of the confidential statement of Mulloy with reference to his having sent a Western Union Telegraph money order to Frank Nash at the request of Vivian Mathias, the following testimony can be submitted:

MR. PAUL WALKER, Chief Clerk, Western Union Telegraph Company, Kansas City, Missouri:

Will produce the telegraphic money order and check voucher showing that on May 16, 1933, the above mentioned money order was sent from the Country Club Plaza Station of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

MISS DORIS THORPE, c/o Western Union Telegraph Company, Kansas City, Missouri:

Will identify the original telegraphic money order to be produced by Mr. Walker, and she will identify Subject Mulloy as having been the person that sent it.

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL NUMBER 5 FROM THE MIDWAY DRUG STORE, JOPLIN, MISSOURI, TELEPHONE NUMBER 1644, TO THE RESIDENCE OF RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, PHONE NUMBER 3842 - TIME 9:37 P.M., JUNE 16, 1933.

MR. GEORGE A. SMITH, District Manager, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Joplin, Missouri:

Will produce the original toll ticket covering this telephone call.

MRS. LORETTA BROWN, Long Distance Telephone Operator Number 86, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Joplin, Missouri:

Will identify the original toll ticket covering this call and testify that she handled the same.

NOTE: In connection herewith it has already been shown that Herbert Allen Farmer admitted that he left Subject Galatas at the drug store at Joplin on the night of June 16, 1933. Special Agents Harold E. Andersen and W. F. Trainor, heretofore mentioned, will testify that Galatas verbally admitted to them that he made this telephone call from Joplin to his wife to advise her that he would not be home until the following day and that he would be at Joplin that night. It is evident, however, that Galatas is not truthful in this respect and it is probable that the real facts are that upon failing to find Frank Nash and the officers at Joplin he placed this call to his wife at Hot Springs in order to learn the course taken by the officers and Nash, and that very probably his wife called police officer Herbert A. Akers, who, in turn, determined through the Associated Press that Nash was being taken by train from Fort Smith, Arkansas to Kansas City, Missouri, and that Akers himself made the call listed as call number 6 hereafter at Hot Springs to the Farmer residence, informing of the change of plans. This, however, has not been established

through admissions made to date and it is believed that Herbert A. Akers might be thoroughly questioned in this connection.

LONG DISTANCE CALL NUMBER 6 FROM THE TELEPHONE OF MRS. E. B. CONNER, TELEPHONE NUMBER 2970, HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, TO THE TELEPHONE OF HERBERT ALLEN FARMER, JOPLIN, MISSOURI, TELEPHONE NUMBER 1541 W 2 - TIME: 10:09 P.M., JUNE 16, 1933.

MR. W. H. SHEPHERD, heretofore mentioned:

Will produce the original telephone toll ticket covering this call.

EDITH RAINWATER, Long Distance Telephone Operator Number 46, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Hot Springs, Arkansas - residence 426 Oaklawn Boulevard, Hot Springs, Arkansas:

Will identify the original toll ticket covering this call and testify that she handled same.

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE DWIGHT BRANTLEY and SPECIAL AGENT L. G. TURROU, heretofore mentioned:

Will testify that Mrs. Esther Farmer admitted to them that she talked on this call which came to her residence, and that the individual at Hot Springs calling her called her by the name of Esther.

Mrs. Conner and Mrs. Galatas both deny knowledge of this call and deny having made it. The time element, 10:09 P.M., when this call was made as compared with 9:37 P.M., when call number 5 was made, would appear to make it unlikely that Mrs. Galatas, who admits talking on car number 5, proceeded from her own residence to Mrs. Conner's residence within those few moments to make this call. In her statement Mrs. Nash claims that Mrs. Esther Farmer and Richard Tallman Galatas talked on this call from Joplin, while Galatas contends he was absent from the Farmer's residence at the time this call was made (10:09 P.M.). It is probable that Galatas' denial is correct since it is shown he made call number 5 at 9:37 P.M. from downtown Joplin, which is at least three miles from the home of Herbert Allen Farmer. In this connection, Galatas stated that when he returned to the Farmer home Mrs. Nash and Esther Farmer had already received the call and knew that there had been a change in plans and that Nash was to be brought to Kansas City.

LONG DISTANCE CALL NUMBER 7 FROM THE TELEPHONE OF HERBERT ALLEN FARMER, JOPLIN, MISSOURI, NUMBER 1541 W 2, TO THE RESIDENCE OF VERNON C. MILLER, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, TELEPHONE NUMBER JACKSON 7073 - TIME 10:17 P.M. JUNE 16, 1933.

MR. GEORGE A. SMITH, District Manager, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Joplin, Missouri,

Will produce the original long distance toll ticket covering this call.

WILMA SWOFFORD, Long Distance Telephone Operator Number 49, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Joplin, Missouri - residence Box 552, R.F.D. 1, Joplin, Missouri:

Will identify the toll ticket pertaining to this call and will testify that she handled the same.

NOTE: Concerning this telephone call Mrs. Nash in her statement above noted claims that Mrs. Farmer made the same, while Mrs. Farmer contends the call was placed by Mrs. Nash. In the statement of Vivian Mathias, noted above, it is seen that Mrs. Farmer apparently made the call and that Mrs. Farmer advised that the "party" was leaving Fort Smith. It will be noted that in a statement Richard Tallman Galatas denied being present at the time this call was made and asserted he arrived after same was talked on and that when he arrived at the Farmer residence Mrs. Nash informed him "we placed a call for Verne at Kansas City". It will be noted also that Galatas stated he was informed at that time that Mrs. Farmer and Mrs. Nash had been unable to reach Vernon C. Miller at Kansas City when that call was made as he was not home. Further, in this connection, Galatas stated that Vernon C. Miller placed a call to the Farmer residence shortly after midnight of the same night and that he, Galatas, was present when that call was made from Vernon C. Miller and that he talked on it to some extent. There seems to be nothing gained by Galatas in denying he talked on this call and admitting he talked on the next call, and it is evident that Mrs. Farmer talked on this call and that she made it in company with Mrs. Nash in an effort to reach Vernon C. Miller.

LONG DISTANCE CALL NUMBER 8, FROM A PAY STATION TELEPHONE, NUMBER GRAND 9112, LOCATED AT THE UNION RAILROAD STATION, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI TO THE RESIDENCE OF HERBERT ALLEN FARMER, JOPLIN, MISSOURI, TELEPHONE NUMBER 1541 W 2 - TIME: 12:05 A.M., JUNE 17, 1933.

MR. V. B. MINTUN, District Manager, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Kansas City, Missouri:

Will produce the original toll ticket covering this call. He will also produce and identify the telephone contract showing that telephone number Grand 9112 was a pay station located at the Union Railroad Station, Kansas City, Missouri, as of June 17, 1933.

MRS. VERA FELTON, Long Distance Telephone Operator Number 297, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Kansas City, Missouri:

Will identify the original toll ticket covering this call and testify she handled the same.

NOTE: It will be noted from the statement of Richard Tallman Galatas, mentioned in this report, that he was at the Farmer residence at the time this call came in and that he, as well as Mrs. Nash, talked on the call. It will also be noted that Galatas stated that Mrs. Nash was talking and Mrs. Farmer was standing by at the moment when he was awakened when this call was being talked on. In the statement of Mrs. Nash and in the statement of Richard Tallman Galatas, they both admit that they talked to Vernon C. Miller, who was making the call from Kansas City, and both admit that they discussed the fact that Nash was in custody and would arrive in Kansas City the following morning and that Miller was making arrangements to properly take care of his release. Galatas in his statement admits that he asked Miller at that time whether he, Galatas, could be of any further assistance and Miller told him that he, Miller, had made all the arrangements necessary.

Criminal records as reflected by records of the Fingerprint Unit of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, and obtained through inquiries of various Police Departments are as follows:

CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD

As Charles Arthur Floyd, #22318, arrested P.D. St. Louis, Missouri Sept. 16, 1925, charge - highway robbery.

As Charles Floyd, #29078, received State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo. Dec. 18, 1925, from St. Louis, Mo. - Crime: Robbery, 1st degree. Sentenced 5 years.

As Charles A. Floyd, #16950, arrested P.D., Kansas City, Mo. March 9, 1929, charge - investigation; released March 12, 1929.

As Charles Floyd, #3999, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Kansas, May 6, 1929; charge - vagrancy and suspicion highway robbery; released May 7, 1929.

As Charles Floyd, #887, arrested Police Department, Pueblo, Colorado, May 9, 1929, charge - vagrancy. Fined $50.00 and sentenced 60 days in County Jail.

As Joe Scott, no number, arrested P. D., Kansas City, Mo. Sept. 2, 1929; charge - investigation; released.

As Charles Floyd, no number given, arrested P.D., Kansas City, Mo. November 18, 1929, charge - investigation in holdup; released 11-19-29.

As Frank Mitchell, #19983, arrested Police Department, Akron, Ohio, March 8,1930; charge - investigation.

As Charles Arthur Floyd, #21458, arrested P.D., Toledo, Ohio May 20, 1930 - suspicion.

As Charles Arthur Floyd sentenced 11-24-39 to serve from 12 to 15 years in Ohio State Penitentiary (bank robbery Sylvania, near Toledo, Ohio). Escaped enroute to penitentiary 12-10-30.

Investigation has developed that Floyd perpetrated the following murders:

Wallace and William Ash, brutally murdered at Kansas City, Kansas, March 25, 1931.

Ralph Castner, shot to death by Floyd April 16, 1931 at Bowling Green, Ohio, while attempting to arrest Floyd, whom he pursued for the robbery of a bank at Mount Zion, Kentucky.

Curtis C. Burks, Federal Prohibition Agent, shot by Floyd during a search for liquor at 1039 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri (flower shop of Joe Lusco) in July 1931.

M. P. Wilson, spectator of the shooting of Burks, shot to death by Floyd at the same time.

Erv. Kelly, Deputy Sheriff, shot by Floyd near Bixby, Oklahoma, while seeking to apprehend Floyd.

It is confidentially reported by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, who desire that the information not be divulged to anyone publicly, that Floyd and Richetti murdered Patrol Officer Ben Booth and Sheriff Roger Wilson near Columbia, Missouri, on June 14, 1933.

ADAM RICHETTI

As Adam Richetti, #877, arrested P.D. Hammond, Indiana 8-7-28, charge - holdup. Held to criminal Court, turned over to S. O. Crown Point, Indiana.

As Adam Richetti, #7674, arrested S.O. Crown Point, Indiana 8-8-28, charge - holdup; sentenced 1 to 10 yrs.

As Adam Richetti, #18243, received I. S. R., Pendleton, Indiana 9-22-28 from Crown Point, Indiana, robbery 1-10 years.

As Adam Richard - arr. S.O. Sulphur, Oklahoma 3-9-32; bank robbery - pending.

As Adam Racchetti, #25773, received S.P. McAlester, Okla. 4-5-32 from Johnson County, Safe keeping. Released.

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VERNON C. MILLER

As Vernon C. Miller, #4240, received S. D. Pen. Sioux Falls, S.D. 4-4-23 from Beadle County; sentence 2-10 years and fine $5200.00; charge - embezzlement public funds.

Indicted Sioux Falls, S.D., Federal Court 10-20-25; violation National Prohibition Act; bond forfeited. Case nolle prossed 1-17-31.

HERBERT ALLEN FARMER

As Herbert Black, #172, arrested P.D., Tulsa, Okla., 2-25-14; charge - assault; $100. fine and 90 days.

As Herb Farmer, #2014, received S. Ref., Granite, Okla. 10-27-1917 from Creek; crime - assault and attempt; sentence - 5 years.

As H. A. Patton, #3262, arrested P.D., Memphis, Tenn. 9-11-19[illegible] charge - larceny of auto. Returned to Holley Springs, Miss. Plead Guilty. Fined $125.00 and costs.

As W. H. Williams, #35330-782, arrested P.D., Wichita, Ks. 12-22-20; charge - vagrancy - con.; notation - "#782, Wichita, Kansas. Fined $100. and 6 months."

As W. H. Baker, #25414, arrested P.D., Colorado Springs, Colo., 8-10-21; charge investigation - bunk; fined $200. and costs, suspended and given hours.

As Herbert Allen Farmer, #4475, arrested P.D. St. Joseph, Mo. 11-16-21, charge - investigation; released.

As H. A. Farmer, #1539, arrested P.D. Salt Lake City, Utah, 7-7-22; charge, larceny from person; pleaded Guilty, Fined $50.00.

As H. A. Farmer, #33825, arrested P.D., San Francisco, Calif., 3-10-23; charge - vagrancy. Disposition not given.

As Harry J. Garner, #12790, arrested P.D., Kansas City, Mo. 2-12-24; charge, con man; fined $100.00.

As Harry Allen Farmer, #2933, arrested P.D. San Antonio, Texas 1-26-25; charge - investigation, pickpocket. Released same day. Given hours.

As William Hilary Baker, #35634, arrested P.D., Colorado Springs, Colo., 7-29-28; charge - con man; Fugitive 7-25-28; released.

Additional notations:

As Herb Farmer #7258, received Oklahoma St. Pen. 11-5-16; assault to kill, 5 years.

As Henry Allen Farmer #2933, San Antonio, Texas 1-26-25; Investigation con man; released.

RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS

As Richard Galatas, #7975, arrested Toledo, Ohio, P.D. 7-3-18; charge - suspicion; con man; released.

As Richard F. Galatas, #21434, arrested P.D. Los Angeles, Calif., 3-14-23; charge, fugitive; bunco from Chicago. Returned Chicago, Ill.

As Richard Tallman Galatas, Arr. Chicago, Ill. P.D. Apr. 4, 1923, con game - 3 mos. and $1000.00 fine. Case appealed and Subject released on bond. Bond forfeited.

As Pritchard Sheridan, #9091, arrested P.D., Columbus, O. 4-29-26; suspicious person; forfeited $50.00 bond 5-1-26.

As Dick Sheridan #5283, arrested Flint, Mich. 4-11-27; charge - suspicion; con man.

FRANK B. MULLOY.

Frank B. Mulloy, alias Fritz Mulloy, convicted U. S. District Court, Kansas City, Mo. July 6, 1931; charge - conspiracy to violate National Prohibition Act; sentence - 1 year 6 months U. S. P., Leavenworth, Kansas.

LOUIS STACCI.

As Louis Stacey arrested Wheaton, Ill. 6-25-31; charge - conspiracy.

As Louis Stacey, arrested Wheaton, Ill. July 27, 1931; charge - Carrying concealed weapons. Convicted and fined in local courts $150.00 and costs.

Stacci has very extensive and shady underworld connections at Chicago, Illinois, and has been involved as a suspect in murders and other derelictions at Chicago with the underworld gang of Al Capone. He has operated the O. P. Inn, which was well known to officers at Chicago as an underground station for Fugitives. However, at the present date it is not possible to offer any individual who will testify to such, but same will be secured and recorded later.

MRS. ELIZABETH GALATAS

As Mrs. Glenn Morris, #1959, P.D. Arr. Miami, Fla. 12-16-27; investigation - con. Forfeited $100. bond.

As Mrs. Richard Tallman Galatas, alias Betty McFadden, #88762, arr. P.D. Chicago, Ill. Apr. 4, 1923; charge con game - acquitted.

As Betty McFadden, arr. P.D. Los Angeles, Cal. March 14, 1923, charge - con game; returned to Chicago, Illinois.

VIVIAN MATHIAS

As Clara Hayes, arr. Chicago, Ill., 11-1-33 by Agents Div. of Investigation, U.S. Dept. of Justice; charge - Harboring V.C.M.

As Vivian Mathias, Sentenced Federal Court, Chicago, Ill. 11-29-33 to serve one year and 1 day; charge - Harboring a Federal Fugitive (V.C.M) and conspiracy so to do.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

October 22, 1934. 1:05AM

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

With reference to your telephone call to Mr. Purvis at Wellsville, Ohio, I contacted Mr. Purvis at East Liverpool, Ohio, and advised him that Mr. Cowley with Sheriff Bash will arrive in Pittsburgh at 9AM this morning with warrants for Floyd and Richetti on charges of auto theft and murder; that they will leave by auto for Wellsville.

Mr. Purvis advised that at the time of this call, he was organizing the boys for the search. Mr. Purvis is staying at the Travelers Hotel, room 320, telephone number 560. An Agent will be on duty at this telephone all of the time.

Mr. Purvis will call you this morning.

Respectfully,

R. L. Moore

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October 30, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated October 20, 1934 in the above entitled case, requesting an additional supply of photographs of Floyd and Richetti.

Inasmuch as Richetti has been taken into custody and Floyd was killed while resisting arrest on October 22, 1934 near Clarkson, Ohio by Division Agents, there apparently is no further need of the photographs requested. Therefore, none will be forwarded unless a further request is received from you.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 20, 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:

In connection with investigation in the above matter, it is requested that the Oklahoma City office be furnished with the following photographs:

25 copies of photograph of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, #3999, Kansas City Police Department.
25 photographs of Adam Richetti, #25773, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma.
25 photographs of full length view of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd in which he appears with Jess Ring.

It is requested that these photographs be forwarded to the Oklahoma City office as expeditiously as practicable.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the Division dated September 26, 1934, addressed to Mr. James L. Gordon, Shoe Repair Shop, Metropolis, Illinois, acknowledging receipt of his letter dated September 24, 1934, a copy of which was furnished to your office.

The Division is now in receipt of a second letter from Mr. Gordon wherein he advises that an Agent of this Division has not yet called upon him.

In instanceswhere the Division acknowledges receipt of a letter and indicates that an Agent will be assigned to interview the writer in the very near future, the Division desires that the interview be conducted at the earliest practicable date and, accordingly, Mr. Gordon should be promptly interviewed.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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cc - Kansas City
Chicago

Friday [illegible]

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

your answer to my Letter
concerning Pretty Boy Floyd
recieved a few days ago
Shortly Before the Kam City Raid
you informed me that a man
from the St Louis Office would
call on me in the near future
he has not arived and in the
mean time some supposed
Gov = Fugitives was in my
Shop and as I have several Posted
Photos of wanted men by the Gov =
about a dozen or more clipped from
magazines in my Shop on Display

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A. Suggestio

There is a man by the name of (Clyde Kaylor) that left new york City about the time of the Lindfarg Hauptman case came to Light he told me that He is well acquanted with Dr Condon as he left Hurrydly from N.Y. it may be well to see him. He is at present employed at West Frankfort Ill in an all nite Restaurant Please do not mention my name as he is my Relation and may be Innocent

J L Gordon
Shoe shop Metropolis Ill

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two men left hurriedly after looking them over. I am on Route No 1 Direct South of Chicago, at the end, on the Ohio River, and there are also a good many Mooneshiners here and several Road Houses and a Good Many Strangers here on Sat nights, Especially in fine Large Cars with Chicago Licence. I am almost sure that I can soon get a Line on that Man that Shot and put one eye out of a Federal Man in the moonshine Bolloms some time ago

F L Gordon
Shoe Shop. Metropolis
Please answer Ill

October 21, 1934.

JEH:CEK

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Time 7:35 PM

Mr. Purvis, under the alias of Mr. Marshal, telephoned from Wellsville, Ohio, with regard to the capture of Adam Richetti and the search for Pretty Boy Floyd. Mr. Purvis advised that the last time Floyd was seen he was entering a group of woods, that he had been shot by the Chief of police, that he then entered a car driven by a young boy, where according to the boy's testimony, he lost about a quart of blood, he went into a greenhouse after getting out of the boy's car and got the man at the greenhouse to take him on another road leading back to the place where he had been shot, that he forced the man to take him at the point of his gun and after getting out of the latter's car he shot the man and then entered the clump of woods referred to above. Floyd has been positively identified. According to Mr. Purvis, the woods are being combed by both local officers and the citizens of the countryside under the direction of Chief of Police Fults, that the latter is a garrulous individual and has been objecting to everything Mr. Purvis has suggested, that the Chief of Police does not think they will be able to surround the woods and comb it after dark, but Mr. Purvis thinks that if they get enough men they will be able to surround the whole territory by the method of parking cars at intervals on the fourteen miles of road surrounding the woods. I inquired if there was any possibility of getting a plane to go up and drop flares, but he stated that there was not, that the plane he had arrived was not suited for the purpose because the pilots were unfamilier with the region, and there were no other planes to be had as far as he knew. Mr. Purvis advised that the newspapers have wind of the matter and they are all around, that the Chief of Police is quite a heroand is trying to dominate the situation. I advised that he should, in a diplomatic but firm manner, take direct charge of the situation, that I did not want to let Floyd get away because of any dumbness on the part of the police chief, that we had the right to take charge of the matter inasmuch as Floyd is a Federal Fugitive. Mr. Purvis states that he wants to comb the woods tonight as he believes it can be done.

Mr. Purvis further advised that the situation is very bad, that there are a bunch of town people in the office there, including women and newspapermen who are very garrulous and that it is impossible to control the situation as they do not know who Mr. Purvis is, and that his identity as Marshal does not mean much.

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I advised Mr. Purvis that I desired to get Richetti out of there right away, that Mr. Purvis should send four men with him to the P.M.

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plane that Mr. Purvis had there, that they should take him to Chicago unbeknown to anyone and question him for three or four days. Mr. Purvis advised that Richetti had not as yet signed the waiver of removal, that he refused to do so unless the Chief of Police agreed to the removal. Mr. Purvis stated that he would send him by way of Cincinnati if he signed the waiver so as to throw people off the track, that they would gas up there and go on to Chicago. I advised Mr. Purvis that the Chief of Police should not be allowed to go along, that Richetti was a Federal Prisoner and we would take charge of him. I told Mr. Purvis that he should take the Chief of Police aside, privately, and tell him very emphatically but tactfully, that we wanted to take Richetti away and that we had a right to do this as he was a Federal Prisoner.

Mr. Purvis stated that Agents DiLillo, Rose, and Ames were there from Pittsburgh, that he had brought three men with him from Cincinnati, making seven including himself. I advised Mr. Purvis that Larson was on his way from Detroit with three agents and that Harris was supposed to have two more agents coming into Steubenville, that Mr. Purvis should look up the latter. I advised Mr. Purvis that I would order a couple of men from Indianapolis and a couple from Louisville, to come in there and inquired as to the place they should come to. Mr. Purvis stated that they could go to Yorkville and wait there at the airport for orders from Mr. Purvis. I advised that we would send the men there.

Mr. Purvis stated that Richetti was willing to sign the waiver if the Chief of Police assents to his removal. I instructed Mr. Purvis to get the Chief down there right away and make him do that, and to call me as soon as he does that, that Richetti should be moved quietly and by our agents, and that then he, Mr. Purvis, would be free to take charge of the hunt.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Washington, D. C.

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October 19, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In connection with the call from Cowley at Chicago concerning Dutch Ackers and withdrawing the undercover men from the garage in St. Paul, in connection with the ~~Steel~~ Brenner kidnaping case, I discussed this matter with Mr. Tamm and he stated that he concurred in Mr. Cowley's decision relative thereto.

Respectfully,

Was

W. A. Smith.

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October 21, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Russell Turner of the United Press telephoned about 10:20 PM on October 21, 1934, and inquired whether we had any information concerning the "Pretty Boy" Floyd story which had just broken. I informed him that the Division had no statement to make concerning this story at this time.

Respectfully,

G. N. Lowdon
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TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased) RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1194, et al	Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Further information given by confidential informant with map of alleged hideouts of "Pretty Boy" Floyd in Oklahoma.

Reference: Report of Special Agent In Charge D. H. Dickason, Butte, 8-24-34.

Details:

At Butte, Montana.

The following self-explanatory memorandum was sent by a confidential informant the same as in reference report, whose name is in the Division file of confidential informants, without date or signature but there is no question as to who sent it:

"1. Mount Cooksons. One of the main places where food and protection may be had. Also down the river and on the opposite side from Mounts, place is a brother or brother-in-law who always has corn or cotton growing right up close to the house for a quick get away. Heavy timber all around and a good hide out.

DETAILS:

"2. Clue Andersons. Back off the main highway between Ft. Gibson and Tahlequah (north) lots of heavy timber near by. Good protection and easy to get to with a car.

"3. Don't know this mans name but he lives just west of Sand Springs (Wewoka) or Sekiwa on the concrete road near the Arkansas River has a small cabin down on the river also has corn or some tall crop growing close to the house for a quick get too.

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"4. The second place west of the bridge on the Okla. side of Canadian river west of Ft. Smith. Not familiar with this place but good hideout.

"5. There is a man named Albert Hayes living in Miami who has some connections with the gang but I do not know where the hideout is.

"6. Below Eucha on the Spavinaw River is a breed named Jose Hider (as near as I can remember) who is good protection."

Below these numbers and explanations is typed the following, all being typewritten:

"Mr. Dickason: This is not a very good map but it will do to give you a line on where to get the boy you want there are lots more places but these I know are good he will eventually hit some or all of them in time. It will be just a matter of time for your boys to wait. There is a place in Kansas City but I think he is scared out of there now.

"We will have a talk when you or Mr. Costello comes here for Court and possibly I can tell you more."

Accompanying this memorandum is a map of Oklahoma with lines drawn from the places mentioned, and the numbers listed in the memorandum placed on the margin in the beginning of each line which terminates in an arrow indicating the place told above. The map is sent the Oklahoma City Office with copies of this report.

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October 29, 1934.

Mr. W. P. McKeehan,
Corbin, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 19, 1934 wherein you furnished information respecting the possible whereabouts of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

As you no doubt have already been advised through press and radio reports, Floyd was located by Special Agents of this Division near Clarkson, Ohio on the evening of October 22, 1934 and was killed while resisting arrest.

Your interest, however, in the work of this Division is very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Dear Sir:

I have reasons to believe that "pretty boy" Floyd is in this vicinity now or will be as soon as he can evade his pursuers in Missouri. The reason is plain, his people are all in Knox and Whitley Cos. The Floyd and Johnsons are two of the most numerous of this section, some of the most prominent live in Corbin and they are very numerous out in these hills. I am a 3d Cousin of the boy Charles (Pretty boy) I know he would be given asylum here should he seek it. He was here about 1 year ago his near relatives have told me. I am an ex soldier of the Spanish American and world wars saw action in both

I can not take an active part in a bandit chase as I am over 60 years of age in poor health, but I can locate nearly any possible hideouts if you care to interest your self in this bunch of mine. If he evades the law in the Ozarks his safest retreat is here with his folks in the foot hills of the Cumberlands.

Yours truly

W. P. McKeehan

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October 18, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to your notation on a personal and confidential letter addressed to you under date of October 14, 1934, by Special Agent in Charge Nathan of the Kansas City Office, as to the reasons why the Kansas City Office and Mr. Cowley have not been advised of the results of Agent Fallon's undercover investigation at Kansas City, you are advised that up to the time of Mr. Fallon's removal he had obtained on this assignment no information which was of interest or value to the cases under investigation.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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NATHAN

1616 Federal Reserve
Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

October 16, 1934

Personal and Confidential

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

Dear Sir:

I am advised by Special Agent J. L. Fallon, who is on an undercover assignment in Kansas City, that the situation at the Majestic Hotel is such that it hardly appears possible that any information of value may be obtained. Agent Fallon tells me that there are practically no guests in the hotel and that its present proprietor is advertising it for sale. The telephone switchboard has been disconnected and there is so little activity about the place that Fallon is convinced that little good can possibly be obtained from his remaining there. I am bringing this to your attention in order that you can determine the desirability of the further action to be taken by Fallon. There are undoubtedly a number of hotels in Kansas City which are frequented by underworld characters and through which an Agent might be able to make contacts of value. However, I am not convinced that the chances of success in this respect are good. I am not aware of the nature of the reports which Agent Fallon has made to the Division, and am consequently not in a position to recommend to the Division the proper course to follow in connection with this assignment. However, I am bringing to your attention the situation as reported to me by Agent Fallon.

Very truly yours,

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M. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Department of Justice

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October 21, 1934

TIME: 5:20 P.M.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ~~DIRECTOR~~

Special Agent in Charge Waters at Pittsburgh, telephoned and stated that the Chief of Police at Wellsville saw "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Adam Richetti in an automobile just outside of Wellsville; that he was going to question them, when they ordered him into the automobile at the point of a machine gun. They rode around in the automobile, and Floyd told Richetti to shoot the Chief of Police, whereupon the Chief of Police pulled his gun and started shooting. He claims that he shot Floyd in the stomach. Floyd got away, but the Chief of Police took Richetti into custody and Richetti admits his identity, according go the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police was unable to give any details as to the escaping of Floyd or if he escaped in his own car. Mr. Waters stated that one of the Chief's men was shot in the arm and the Chief, himself, was shot in the ankle, but not seriously. Mr. Waters stated that at the time he called none of the Agents had arrived at the scene of the shooting. He stated that there was a posse of about two hundred men covering the woods searching for Floyd, and it was believed that he, Floyd, was on foot, but he had no definite information as to this.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Cowley telephoned from Chicago and stated that he had just talked with SAC R. B. Nathan, Kansas City, Missouri, who asked whether or not it would be advisable to subpoena Dutch Ackers to the grand jury convening in Kansas City the first next week. He advised that Dutch Ackers was a policeman at Hot Springs, Arkansas; that he was the man who put Nash on the spot; that he is also the man who made a number of telephone calls immediately after he was taken into custody, and is probably one of those who told them where he was going. Mr. Cowley stated that he advised Mr. Nathan to hand the subpoena to the witness, and I advised him that if there was any objection to this procedure, he would be informed.

Mr. Cowley further stated that while he was in St. Paul a few days ago, Mr. Ladd suggested the advisability of withdrawing the Agent who had had undercover a garage in St. Paul, due to the fact that one of the men working in this garage had done considerable work for the Barker brothers, as no progress had been made in connection therewith. This was in connection with the Bremer case. Mr. Cowley advised that he thought the Agent should be withdrawn, and he was informed that this would be all right. He stated that unless he heard from the Division to the contrary, he would call Mr. Ladd tonight and advise him to withdraw this agent.

In connection with the Stoll kidnaping case, Mr. Cowley advised that they had been receiving inquiries relative to serial numbers of the notes, and he was wondering if each lead should be investigated. I advised him to get the complete details, i.e. other identifying data besides serial numbers, such as the name of the bank the bill was issued by, if a national bank, and all of the numbers and letters that appear on the bill besides the letters and numbers appearing in the serial numbers, and if any of the leads appeared to be "hot" to advise the Division by telephone and we would check same against the lists here until the revised lists of bank notes was forwarded to field offices.

Respectfully,

W. A. Smith

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October 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I am attaching hereto a copy of a memorandum prepared upon Adam Richetti and Charles A. Floyd, alias "Pretty Boy" Floyd, together with photographs.

As indicated in this memorandum, Richetti has been arrested by local authorities at Wellsville, Ohio, and Floyd is alleged to have been shot by authorities in that town and to be hiding in the adjacent country. Immediately upon receiving word of this yesterday, I ordered a group of Special Agents into that section in order to bring about the apprehension of Floyd, if he is in that section of the country, and also to take custody of Richetti. The Mayor, the Prosecuting Attorney and the Chief of Police of Wellsville flatly refused to surrender Richetti to representatives of this Division, and also further refused to allow representatives of this Division to even interrogate Richetti. Mr. Purvis, who is in charge of the Special Agents on this assignment, informed the Mayor, the Prosecuting Attorney and the Chief of Police that Richetti and Floyd have been the principal leaders in the Kansas City massacre, in which an Agent of this Division was killed and several other Agents wounded, and three police officers killed. This did not seem to impress the above-named officials of Wellsville, as they stated they have a charge against Richetti for endeavoring to shoot their Chief of Police. As I have indicated they not only did not surrender him, but would not allow Agents of this Division to interrogate him. This condition is existing up to the present time.

As a side-light upon the situation at Wellsville, the Chief of Police stated to Mr. Purvis that he believed Floyd might be hiding in one of several houses on a highway outside of Wellsville, but that he, the Chief, had not had time to get around to searching these houses. However, it is a fact that the Chief spent three hours last evening with the photographers and newspaper men, which three hours could have been more profitably devoted to pursuing the hunt for Floyd.

I arranged last night by long distance telephone with Kansas City to have a warrant issued for Richetti and Floyd on a motor vehicle theft charge which we have against them, and Sheriff Bash of Kansas City has sworn out a warrant for murder against both Floyd and Richetti in connection with the killing of the officers in the Kansas City massacre. Inspector S. P. Cowley of this Division and Sheriff Bash left Kansas City by plane and will arrive at Wellsville this morning to present these warrants. However, in view of the attitude of the authorities at Wellsville, it is doubtful whether we will be able to obtain custody of Richetti at the present time. It was most imperative that we not only have custody of him, but at least have the opportunity of interrogating him in connection with the Kansas City massacre.

I do not know what action we might be able to take in this matter, but it occur to me that communication by you with the Governor of Ohio might result in his being

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able to bring to their proper senses the authorities at Wellsville so that they can desist from their publicity-seeking campaign and allow the Federal Government to proceed with the investigation of this very important case.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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October 21, 1934

MEMORANDUM

On June 16, 1933 Sheriff Jack Killingsworth of Bolivar, Missouri was kidnaped in an encounter at Bolivar by Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Adam Richetti, his latest partner in crime.

Sheriff Killingsworth had entered the garage of Dave Richetti, brother of Adam Richetti at about 7:30 A.M. and accidentally confronted Floyd and the latter. Upon recognizing the officer, Floyd and Richetti produced a machine gun and took Killingsworth prisoner, transporting him to Kansas City, Kansas and traveling by way of Osceola, Missouri where they deserted a Pontiac car and commandeered a car belonging to Harvey Griffith, an insurance salesman. Griffith was forced to drive his own car. They arrived in the industrial section of Kansas City, Kansas and released their captives, Killingsworth and Griffith, around 10:00 P.M. On the following morning on the Union Station Plaza at Kansas City, Missouri, Chief Otto Reed of McAlester, Oklahoma, William J. Greene, Frank Hermanson, detectives of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and their prisoner Frank Nash, were murdered as was Special Agent Raymond J. Caffrey who died shortly after arriving at the hospital. Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli and Special Agent F. J. Lackey were wounded.

The resources of the Division of Investigation were promptly concentrated on the case and within a short time the identities of the principals were learned resulting in an indictment being returned by a Federal Grand Jury at Kansas City, Missouri on September 1, 1933, charging Vernon C. Miller, Frank B. Mulloy, Richard Tallman Galatas, Louis Stacci, Herbert Farmer, Esther Farmer and Frances Nash with conspiracy to deliver a Federal prisoner in violation of Section 141 of the United States Criminal Code.

Vernon C. Miller was identified as the leader of the gunmen and through exhaustive investigation it has been conclusively established that the other assassins were Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd and his lieutenant, Adam Richetti.

Richetti is a native of Oklahoma and as Adam Richetti, #877 was first arrested August 7, 1928 by the Police Department, Hammond, Indiana on a charge of holdup, and on August 8, 1928 as Adam Richetti #7674 was turned over to the County Bureau of Investigation at Crown Point, Indiana; on the same charge he was sentenced to serve from one to ten years in the State Reformatory, Pendleton, Indiana as Adam Richetti #18243. He

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was paroled from this institution September 26, 1930, receiving a final discharge September 24, 1931. Richetti was next arrested March 9, 1932, as Adam Rechard, #—, by the Sheriff of Sulphur, Oklahoma on a charge of bank robbery and as Adam Rachetti, #25773, was held for safe keeping in the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma from April 5, 1932 until August 25, 1932 at which time he was released on bond. This charge, according to the records of the Division of Investigation, is still pending.

On Sunday, October 21, 1934, Floyd and Richetti were identified near Wellsville, Ohio by J. H. Fulks, Chief of Police, who found them camping in a wooded tract of land. After a gun battle, Floyd was wounded and Richetti was captured. Floyd escaped, however, and immediately upon receipt of this information, Special Agents of the Division of Investigation were ordered to the scene where they made a thorough and exhaustive search for the elusive Floyd. Adam Richetti is being held for removal to Kansas City, Missouri, where the Grand Jury on October 22, 1934 is scheduled to hear newly acquired evidence developed through investigation by Special Agents of the Division of Investigation.

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MEMORANDUM

Special Agents of the Division of Investigation have for some time been conducting an investigation to bring about the apprehension of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Floyd is a notorious murderer and bank robber whose apprehension has been widely sought by local law enforcement agencies throughout the entire United States to answer the many crimes attributed to him. He is wanted by the Federal Government in connection with the massacre of four peace officers, including Special Agent Raymond J. Caffrey, and their prisoner, Frank Nash, at Kansas City, Missouri, on the morning of June 17, 1933.

On March 1, 1924, Frank Nash was sentenced in the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, at Oklahoma City, to serve twenty-five years upon conviction of the charge of assaulting a mail custodian. He was received at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on March 3, 1924, and escaped from the Penitentiary Reservation, on the evening of October 19, 1930. The Division of Investigation launched an intensive investigation which extended all over the United States and parts of Canada. Nash was suspected, and evidence was gathered by Special Agents of the Division indicating his participation in the sensational escape of seven prisoners from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth on December 11, 1931. Nash was apprehended in the White Front Pool Hall at Hot Springs, Arkansas on June 16, 1933, by Special Agents of the Division and it was while he, Nash, was being returned to the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth that a group of machine gunners, in a surprise attack, set upon the officers, killing five and wounding several others.

Coincident with the apprehension of Nash, Sheriff Jack Killingsworth of Bolivar, Missouri was kidnaped on the morning of June 16, 1933, in an encounter at Bolivar, by "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Adam Richetti, his latest partner in crime, who carried him into Kansas City, where he was released around eight o'clock P.M., the evening preceding the attempted delivery of Nash. Floyd was identified from his photograph as one of the gunmen who perpetrated

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the Massacre. Identification Orders containing the fingerprints and photograph of Floyd, prepared in the Division of Investigation, were given wide distribution to law enforcement agencies throughout the United States and Canada.

Floyd as Frank Mitchell, Toledo, Ohio, Police Department number 21458 was arrested by the Akron, Ohio Police Department on March 8, 1930 with John King alias Nathan King, Akron Police Department number 19972 and Burt Walker, Akron Police Department number 19964, all on a charge of suspicion. Walker was tried at Akron for murder, convicted and sentenced to the Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio, for electrocution. Floyd and King were released to the Toledo Police on May 20, 1930 to face State charges of robbery of the Sylvania, Ohio, State Bank, and were released to the Sheriff of Lucas County, Toledo, Ohio. On November 24, 1930, both Floyd and King were sentenced to the Ohio State Penitentiary to a minimum term of twelve years. On December 10, 1930, while both were being removed in agreement with their sentences, Floyd made a spectacular escape from a Deputy Sheriff near Kenton, Ohio, by leaping from a speeding train and has successfully evaded arrest since that time. King was committed to the Ohio State Penitentiary where he is now reported in confinement.

Prior to the above arrest, according to the records of the Identification Unit of the Division, Floyd as Charles Arthur Floyd, number 22318, was arrested by the Police Department, St. Louis, Missouri, September 16, 1925 on charges of highway robbery and after conviction was sentenced to serve five years in the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, where he was received December 18, 1925, as Charles Floyd, number 27078. He was next arrested as Charles A. Floyd, number 16950, by the Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, March 9, 1929, charged with investigation, dismissed; as Charles Floyd, number 999, was arrested by the Police Department, Kansas City, Kansas, May 6, 1929, on charges of vagrancy and suspicion - highway robbery and was released the following day, May 7, 1929; as Charles Floyd, number 887, was arrested by the Police Department, Pueblo, Colorado, May 9, 1929, on a charge of vagrancy for which he was fined $50 and sentenced to serve sixty days in jail. He was next arrested as Frank Mitchell by the Police Department at Akron, Ohio, as stated above.

In addition to being wanted by the Federal Government and the Penitentiary officials at Columbus, Ohio, Floyd is also wanted by the Sheriff at Bowling Green, Ohio, to answer a charge of murder when he, together with his then associate, "Killer" Bill Miller and their women companions, Juanita Beulah Baird and Rose Baird shot and killed Officer Ralph Gartner, on April 14, 1931, when Gartner and Chief of Police Carl Gulliher attempted to question Floyd and his companions concerning their suspicious activities. Miller was also killed in this encounter and the two women were seriously wounded but upon their recovery were removed to Williamston, Kentucky, where they were identified as participants in a bank robbery at Mount Eden, Kentucky, on April 4, 1931, with Floyd and Miller. The Baird sisters were tried, convicted and each sentenced to serve three years in the State Penitentiary, Frankfort, Kentucky. They were both received at this institution August 15, 1931 as Juanita Baird, Number 18794, and Rose Baird, Number 18793, and shortly thereafter were released when the Kentucky State Court of Appeals reversed the case for lack of evidence and remanded the case for retrial at Williamston where the Judge of the lower Court finally dismissed the case, there being no additional evidence available for presentation at a retrial. These two women were reported to have again become associated with Floyd and his present partner, Adam Richetti.

Although Floyd has not been indicted in connection with this case, a Warrant was issued at Kansas City, Missouri on February 8, 1934, charging him with conspiracy to violate Section 141 of the Criminal Code which makes it a felony to attempt the delivery of a Federal prisoner.

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Adam Richetti

Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd

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October 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY

I am attaching hereto, for your information, a copy of a memorandum which I have just addressed to the Attorney General, transmitting a copy of a memorandum prepared on Adam Richetti and Charles A. Floyd, together with photographs.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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

October 21, 1934.

Time: 2:45PM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Agent Harris called from Cincinnati and reported that the Sheriff at Steubinsville, Ohio, had just advised him that the Chief of Police at Wellsville, Ohio, has Adam Rechetti under arrest and that Rechetti has admitted his identity, and also that "Pretty Boy" Floyd was in that vicinity this morning.

Agent Harris advised that he now has two men on the way to Wellsville, having sent them over this morning on the strength of a report received then that a car with an Oklahoma license was in that vicinity. He also stated that he would advise Mr. Purvis immediately, and asked that you immediately be advised of the above.

Mr. Quinn and Mr. Tolson were immediately advised of the above.

Respectfully,

Eugene J. Coble

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October 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN
MR. TAMM

(Time - 9:22 a.m.)

Mr. Purvis telephoned from East Liverpool, Ohio, with regard to the "Pretty Boy" Floyd matter, and stated that Mr. Cowley has not as yet arrived; that about seven o'clock this morning an airplane circled the landing field there but did not land, so it is his, Mr. Purvis', belief that Mr. Cowley has landed at some place farther on. Mr. Purvis had an Agent at the landing field when the plane circled the field, and then continued on.

I told Mr. Purvis I had a telegram from Mr. Cowley to the effect that he left by airplane from Kansas City, and would arrive at East Liverpool, Ohio at seven o'clock, and that Pittsburgh had been notified. Mr. Purvis remarked that the landing field at East Liverpool is very poor and the pilot probably decided not to land there.

Mr. Purvis stated that the local authorities last night would not allow him to question Richetti, but told him to come back this morning. Mr. Purvis stated he told them they were stopping the Federal Government and thwarting our attempts to bring about the solution and the final conclusion as to the prosecution of the persons guilty of massacring our men and other officers in Kansas City, and the authorities there said they had a charge against him there. I inquired to whom Mr. Purvis talked, and he said to the Chief of Police, the Mayor and the Prosecuting Attorney. I told Mr. Purvis that Mr. Cowley has with him a warrant for a National Motor Vehicle Theft violation, and the Sheriff has with him a warrant for murder; that of course the Sheriff will have to go to the Governor with his warrant, but that Mr. Cowley and the Sheriff may be able to "bunco" the Chief into letting Richetti sign a waiver, and we will get Richetti on a plane and start back with him. I told Mr. Purvis to get in touch with Mr. Cowley as soon as he arrives and keep in touch with him.

Mr. Purvis stated that they have no word on Floyd, but the information he has now is different from that which he had last night. Mr. Purvis stated that Floyd was not wounded, and if he were wounded at all, it was just a small flesh wound in his arm. I stated that this morning's paper has a big story from the Chief telling how he shot him in the stomach, and Mr. Purvis stated this was not true, as they had interviewed Mr. Baum, with whom Floyd rode last, and Baum, who is a straight-forward talking man, says

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that if Floyd was wounded it was in the flesh, and our men examined his car, and on the side cushion of the rear seat there is a small spot of blood about 2½" in diameter, which does not indicate a serious wound or the loss of a great amount of blood. Baum states there was no wound in the front or the back, as he saw Floyd very plainly in the broad daylight. Baum further stated he saw Floyd run, and no man who had lost blood could run like that. I inquired of Mr. Purvis when this took place, and he said it was on Saturday (he stated he had checked that thoroughly and was positive it was Saturday). I stated according to the story of the Chief of Police in the morning paper, this took place yesterday morning. Mr. Purvis stated it was absolutely Saturday at noon, and it was about one p.m. when Baum saw him, and he had already gone a short distance with McMillan, who cannot be located at present.

Mr. Purvis stated this is his plan, if it meets with the approval of the Director:

To check all doctors in eleven towns close by; check all hospitals; check bridges, and all car companies. I suggested that they watch the relatives of Richetti.

I inquired whether Richetti was held securely in the local jail and Mr. Purvis stated he was of the opinion they did have - that they have men lined up along the other side of the street with rifles.

Mr. Purvis stated he thought he would check the woods by plane flying very low, and I stated this would be all right.

I stated if the Chief of Police will not release Richetti to us after Mr. Cowley arrives with the documents, we will have to have the United States Attorney, Mr. Freed, at Cleveland come there; that however, I hope we will not have to resort to this. I requested Mr. Purvis to let me know if this will be necessary. I inquired whether Mr. Purvis knew where the nearest United States Commissioner is, in the northern district, and he said he thought the Commissioner was at Steubenville, which is about forty miles away. I asked Mr. Purvis to be on the lookout for Mr. Cowley and Sheriff Bush, and have Mr. Cowley call as soon as they arrive.

Memorandum for Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tamm

10/22/34.

I inquired of Mr. Purvis if it was all right if the Attorney General should decide during the day to make the statement that the local police would not permit us to interrogate Richetti last night, and he said this information was correct. Mr. Purvis stated that the local authorities could not understand why we wanted to interview Richetti privately, and Mr. Purvis told them it was quite necessary that our Agents have an opportunity as law enforcement officers to talk to the prisoner who has been charged with the massacre of one of our own men, and the answer of the Chief of Police was - "Well, I'm going to bed". The Chief of Police further stated that he fully believed that Floyd was in one of the houses along a certain route (#45), but he "just hadn't had time to get to it". (Mr. Purvis remarked that for 3 hours this Chief of Police had been with newspaper men and photographers, and had been posing for the pictures.

I instructed Mr. Purvis to always have someone at the telephone there, and he stated he thought he would stay there, as he believed he should not go to the Police Station. I told Mr. Purvis this was all right, but he should make certain Mr. Cowley does not go into the police station before he has talked with Mr. Purvis. He said he told the boys at the airport to bring Mr. Cowley directly to the hotel, but he would call Pittsburgh immediately, due to the fact that he probably landed there. I stated when Mr. Cowley and Sheriff Bash arrived, I expected to have Mr. Purvis go to the Police Station with them. Mr. Purvis stated that he was wondering if this would be advisable, in view of the fact that they had printed what he said there. I said I did not see that this made any difference.

Mr. Purvis, during this conversation, stated that he had at East Liverpool, in addition to himself, the following Agents, which number he considered sufficient:

Mr. Soccy	Detroit	
Mr. Ames	Pittsburgh	
Mr. DiLillo	Pittsburgh	
Mr. T. J. Connor	Chicago	
Mr. McCallum	Detroit	
Mr. Risler	Detroit	(Mr. Purvis stated that this Agent was previously supposed to be in Washington today for a conference on the Aluminum matter.)

Memorandum for Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tamm

10/22/34.

Mr. Rose	Pittsburgh
Mr. Larson	Detroit
Mr. Hopton	Detroit
Mr. Collins	Detroit
Mr. Hollis	Chicago
Mr. S. K. McKee	Chicago
Mr. Klein	Cincinnati
Mr. O'Hair	Cincinnati
Mr. Thornton	Cincinnati
Mr. Reynolds	Birmingham
Mr. D. E. Hall	Detroit
Mr. Johnson	Cincinnati
Mr. Shivers	St. Louis

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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October 21, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Cole Morgan of the Universal News Service telephoned about 9:45 P.M. on October 21, 1934, and advised that he had just received a radio announcement to the effect that "Pretty Boy" Floyd had been shot at Wellesville or Bellsville, Ohio, by a Department of Justice Agent but had escaped. He asked if I could give him any information on this point and I informed him that we had no statement to make concerning this incident. He asked if it were true that a Department of Justice Agent had been involved and I informed him that I had no information to that effect.

Mr. Morgan called again at 10:15 P.M. and advised me that he had received further information to the effect that Floyd had not been involved but that Adam Richetti had been captured. He stated that he was passing this information along to us for whatever value it might be.

Respectfully,

G. N. Lowdon
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

October 21, 1934

9:00 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Waters of the Pittsburgh Office called and advised that the Chief of Police at Kittanning, Pennsylvania had informed him that yesterday he had met a man yesterday, headed toward Indiana, Pennsylvania, who he states was "Pretty Boy" Floyd". The Chief advised that the man approached him and said, "You're an officer", and pulled out a gun, saying, "Stick 'em up". The Chief said that he was not an officer and walked past him. They walked for a few paces and when the Chief reached in his pocket for his gun the man who is supposed to have been Floyd said, "Don't reach for that or I'll kill you". The Chief told the man he was reaching for his tobacco, upon which the man told him to forget "his chew". The walked on and came upon another individual who the Chief said was Richetti, and Floyd called to him to "shoot him, he's an officer", whereupon Floyd started to shoot. The Chief advised that he was first to shoot and shot Floyd in the stomach. He emptied his gun at Floyd and Richetti and then refilled his gun, advising he had five shells therein. The Chief advised that Floyd ran over the hill, but he overtook and apprehended Richetti. He advised that later someone reported to him that Floyd had given a man $10 to take him in his automobile toward Akron. The automobile, in which this individual is supposed to have taken Floyd, was found, and blood was found therein. The Chief advised that he was shot in the ankle and another man was shot in the arm. Mr. Waters suggested that if one of our men was near Akron the police there be contacted in order to cover this matter. He further stated that DiLillo has just arrived there and has been instructed to take Richetti's fingerprints and to call Mr. Waters within five minutes thereafter. Mr. Waters was told that DiLillo should call me immediately, whereupon he advised that DiLillo had been advised that as soon as he determines definitely that the person in custody is Richetti, although the Chief informs that he has admitted that he is Richetti, he should contact Mr. Waters. Mr. Waters advised that the shooting occurred yesterday but advised of the occurrence today. It is not known just when this occurred.

Mr. DiLillo then came to the phone and advised that the person in custody had admitted that he was Richetti and also admitted his number, 25773. Mr. DiLillo advised that he did not have there, the fingerprint classification of Richetti, but he had admitted his identity.

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Mr. DiLillo gave his story of the happenings as follows:

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About 12:00 noon yesterday, Chief of Police J. H. Fultz of Wellsville, Ohio received word that two suspicious-looking individuals were camped just outside of the city. The Chief with two other men went to the place designated. Upon arriving there, the man thought to be Floyd requested the Chief to put up his hands. The Chief advised that he was merely a working man on his way to work and refused to put up his hands. Floyd held the gun against his ribs. The Chief then attempted to get his gun from his pocket but Floyd told him to leave it where it was. The Chief advised that he wanted to chew, upon which Floyd told him that he was already chewing. The Chief then said, "Well, if you are such a sport, I won't chew". The Chief then passed by and met another individual, who he stated was Richetti. Floyd called to this individual saying (in reference to the Chief,) "He's the law, shoot him". The Chief then drew his gun and shot "Pretty Boy" Floyd, taking the other man into custody. Floyd escaped in an automobile, having asked a passerby to take him to Youngstown, Ohio. He jumped out of the car and ran into the woods, upon reaching Youngstown. The Sheriff there is attempting to apprehend him, with the aid of a posse. Floyd is now supposed to be in the woods in the vicinity of Wellsville, Ohio. The individual in whose automobile Floyd rode has not as yet been found. DiLillo stated that at first Richetti advised that his name was Richard Zamboni, but later admitted to Agent Rose that he was Richetti. He is being held in the City Jail at Wellsville. DiLillo was instructed that our men remain with him, it not being desired that anyone talk to him. DiLillo advised that the Sheriff at Steubenville has given the information to the newspapers that our Agents are now in that territory.

(Mr. Larson with three other men and sufficient arms are now en route by chartered plane. It is desired that the area where Floyd now is, be thoroughly covered).

Mr. DiLillo was instructed to immediately get a waiver of removal to any judicial district, to answer any Federal charges pending against Richetti. He was instructed to draw up a form and have same notarized. I requested that the publicity in connection with this matter be kept as quiet as possible in order that, if possible, Richetti could be taken to Chicago and there questioned for 3 or 4 days. However the waiver of removal relative to Richetti should be gotten first. DiLillo stated he would keep the publicity down as much as possible. I suggested that Division Agents be immediately assigned to guard Richetti and that no one should be allowed to talk with him, such as newspaper reporters; also to explain to the Chief that the Division did not wish to make a "scoop", but merely desired to question Richetti so as to ascertain who has been keeping Floyd in hiding and where he has been obtaining his money.. DiLillo stated that the Chief of Police's initials were "J.H." and that he, DiLillo,could be reached at WELLSVILLE 342.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

806 Fletcher Trust Building
Indianapolis, Indiana

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October 19, 1934

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

Dear Sir: Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, I.O. #1201; HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases - FUGITIVE; ADAM RICHETTI, with aliases; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, I.O. #1194; BERNARD PHILLIPS, with aliases, I. O. #1196; ET AL.

CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Reference is had to my report dated at Indianapolis, Indiana October 12, 1934.

I am in receipt of a telegram from the Portland Office under date of October 15, 1934 which advises that Franklin English is probably identical with Frank Callam, No. 4, Fugitive Bulletin, Burns Detective Agency, copy of which bulletin I presume has been forwarded to you by the New York Office.

There is no file on Callam at the Indianapolis Office and so far as I know he is not sought by the Division; in the bulletin referred to he is listed as a bank bandit and escaped convict, apparently having escaped from the prison at Huntsville, Texas. The Bulletin also indicates he is wanted by the County Attorney at Wellington, Kansas for bank robbery.

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I passed on this information to detectives Karrasch and McCarthy who will renew their efforts to locate him in Indianapolis. However, if your records do not reflect that the Division is seeking Callan you may desire to disregard my lead to you in the report referred to.

Very truly yours,

H. H. HEINECKE
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Division
Portland
Kansas City
Oklahoma City
Dallas

1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

October 19, 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. Miller, with aliases,
Deceased; Richard Tallman Galatas,
with aliases, I.O. 1201; Charles
Arthur Floyd, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I.O. 1194, et al,
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Kindly forward to the Chicago Division Office photographs of Subjects Herbert and Esther Farmer.

Very truly yours,

S. P. COWLEY,
Inspector.

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

October 20, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry left St. Paul, Minnesota, at 5:40 P.M. on October 20, 1934, for Kansas City, Missouri, in company with Mrs. Francis Nash. This information was telephoned to the Kansas City Division office previously, together with the reservations which Agent Fortenberry and Mrs. Nash are occupying.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Indianapolis, Indiana

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October 30,1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER,
w.a. (Deceased);
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, w.a.
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1194.
ADAM RICHETTI, with aliases,
et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL
PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 16th, 1934, there is returned herewith the photograph of Frank Lee Callan, which you forwarded with this letter referred to. Photograph of Callan had previously been viewed by the individuals who saw the suspected party in Indianapolis, but they did not make an identification, although the descriptions fit almost perfectly.

However, this information was passed on to the Indianapolis Police for their use in a possible effort to locate and apprehend the individual who was in Indianapolis and thus determine definitely his identity. It appears, however, that he is no longer in this vicinity.

Very truly yours,

H.H.BRINECKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
(Name and address of Contributor)

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Date July 26, 1934

Mr. J. E. Hoover,
Director, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Bureau of Investigation:

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
#14912 Okla. City P. D.	742106 Hazel Hudson Underhill	7-6-34 case dismissed - Harboring and Concealing Wilbur Underhill for whom Warrant of Arrest had been issued.
#15555 Okla. City P. D.	Lon J. Johnson 141053 10/17/ms	7-6-34 6 months - suspended; harboring and concealing Wilbur Underhill for whom warrant of arrest had been issued.

This form to be submitted to the Bureau of Investigation to report dispositions of cases in which prints were forwarded previously. Dispositions include such information as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, discharges from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge
(Official Title)

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San Francisco, California

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October 15th, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 17th, 1934, in connection with the above captioned matter.

Inquiry of the California State Division of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, developed that the Cadillac sedan, Motor No. 801478, Serial No. 4660, known to have been in the possession of William Weisman in the year 1930, is not registered in California at the present time, nor had it been registered in the year 1933. A check of the files developed no chauffeur's license for William Weisman, nor was there a record of an operator's license for anyone of the description of Weisman as noted in your letter.

The records did reflect, however, that 1934 California license 9 Y 6742 was issued on February 6th, 1934, to one William Weisman, of 332 South Detroit, Los Angeles, on a 1930 Ford Tudor Sedan, Motor No. A-2075414, legal owner being listed as the Universal Credit Company, 1206 Maple Avenue, Los Angeles. It is remotely possible that this individual may be the William Weisman for whom this Division is looking, and it is therefore suggested that the Los Angeles office check the identity of this individual.

Very truly yours,

L. P. Quinche
Special Agent in Charge

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326½ Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.
October 19, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd,
with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1194,
et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

With reference to the above entitled case, and particularly to New Orleans Division Office letter of October 17, 1934, addressed to your office, requesting advice concerning the Plymouth car of Subject Galatas, kindly refer to Division letter of October 16, 1934, to this office, copy of which was furnished to you, and note that the instructions therein take precedence over the New Orleans Division Office with respect to the automobile and the personal effects of Subject Galatas now at New Orleans.

The original signed statements secured at New Orleans from Subject Galatas and wife are transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Chicago

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

October 20, 1934.

Agent in Charge,
Intelligence Unit,
St. Paul Postoffice,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which you left at this office which had been received by you from Mary K. Hunter of Stewartville, Minnesota, concerning Pretty Boy Floyd.

I desire to thank you for your courtesy in furnishing this information to this office.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

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DIRECTOR

ASXOCIATED PRESS ADVISE ADAM RICHETTI IN CUSTODY AT WELLSVILLE, OHIO UNDER NAME ADAM ROCHETTI. CINCINNATI OFFICE CONTACTED BY PHONE AND ADVISED MEN SENT TO WELLSVILLE TO HANDLE AND SHERIFF AT STUBENVILLE OHIO POSITIVE MAN HELD IS ADAM RISHETTI. CAR BEARING OKLAHOMA LICENSE CHECKED BY SHERIFF AT STUBENVILLE FOUND ISSUED TO ~~BROTHER IN LAW OF~~ RICHETI.

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Mr. Clegg
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Time: 12:15 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN
MR. TAMM

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Colonel Gates, during telephonic conversation, inquired as to the situation at Bellsville, Ohio. I told him that the authorities won't allow us to even question Richetti. I stated that we are hunting for Floyd. Colonel Gates asked if I thought Floyd was shot. I stated I did not believe he was as badly wounded as originally claimed by the Chief. I also stated that we are not positive that the person was actually Floyd. I pointed out that Richetti has relatives in that vicinity. I explained that we still not be able to have Richetti turned over to us without going through a great deal of legal procedure, which of course handicaps the progress of the case.

Colonel Gates inquired as to what statement he might make. I told him he might state that we are making persistent efforts to try to get custody of Richetti, but the local authorities have refused to even let us interrogate him. I further told Mr. Gates that the Chief spent a considerable amount of time last night with the press, but of course we could not give this out for publication. I stated that we had taken the matter up with the Mayor, the Prosecuting Attorney and the Chief of Police, and they are deliberately thwarting the developments in the Kansas City massacre case by refusing to give us custody of Richetti. I told Colonel Gates I saw no objection to his giving this latter statement to the papers.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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