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KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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Dear Sir,
May we, the undersigned,
show our appreciation to
Mr. Melvin Purvis and
the Dept. of Justice to the
manner in which
they handled the "Pretty
Boy Floyd" case and past
cases. The Dept. and the
Administration for the record
they have made in these
past months should be highly
commended.

Sincerely yours
C. O. Gershwiler
Mrs. Gershwiler

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Mr. C. O. Garshwiler,
626 Venice Boulevard,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Your undated postal card postmarked November 2, 1934, addressed to the Department of Justice and signed by you, Mrs. D. Garshwiler, H. A. Graham, Helen A. Johnson, Mrs. Mary Farr and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Berger, has been referred to this Division.

Permit me to take this opportunity of thanking you for your congratulations concerning the Division's activities in connection with the apprehension of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Such commendation coming from public spirited citizens is always appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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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,
(DECEASED); ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

With reference to my letter of November 5, 1934, with which was transmitted a clipping from the Kansas City Journal Post concerning the recent Grand Jury inquiry here, I am transmitting herewith further clippings from that paper of today as of possible interest.

You are advised that my information is that a large number of copies of the Journal Post of November 5th were purchased by Thomas J. Pendergast, Democratic politician here, and were distributed widely in Kansas City. One informant told me that 120,000 copies of the paper were bought by Mr. Pendergast, and another that \$10,000.00 worth of the paper were so purchased. I, of course, have no way of determining the truth of these statements.

Very truly yours,

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

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'Hounds of Law' Sniff Way to Lair of Massacre Suspect--One Year Late

Government Prepares to Tap Phone Wires of South Side Residence Only to Learn Spinsters Have Replaced Quarry.

A South side home that may have been a rendezvous for the Union station killers and other gangsters was discovered by the government "just a year too late."

Recently federal agents called at the home of a South side resident. It was after dark and upon opening his door he saw two strangers on his porch. He was apprehensive, looking over his shoulder at his wife and daughter.

"We are federal agents," one of the men said.

They walked into the room.

"The government now permits tapping of wires," began one of the federal agents. "We know who you are. We have looked you up and we will tell you what we are doing. The house back of you, we have learned, is being used for a meeting place for gangsters. We want to tap their telephone wire and put a man in your garage twenty-four hours a day."

"How do I know you are federal agents?" asked the resident.

The two men produced cards with their names and pictures thereon.

Still the resident was nonplussed.

"What's the name of the people?" he asked.

"He goes by the name of So-and-So," said the federal agent.

A smile spread over the face of the resident.

"Well, gentlemen, you are just a year too late," he said. "That man and woman pulled out just a year ago and three spinsters, who work downtown, live there now. I am sure you would gain nothing of value by tapping their telephone."

"I think your delayed hunch is right, though. I remember on several mornings seeing two or three cars back out of the house with Oklahoma licenses. The morning the man and his wife moved out, just after the Union station massacre, I saw them put a machine gun in the front seat as they left."

The federal agents were skeptical and had to be taken to the keeper of the corner grocery, who confirmed the story.

Fiasco.

Once more the Union station massacre returns to the list of unsolved crimes.

Despite extravagant claims before the convening of the federal grand jury which adjourned Monday night, no new light has been shed on the murders.

Two new names were added to the list of those alleged to have participated in arranging the plot that led to the massacre and that of Adam Richetti was substituted for four named as the actual killers.

In the light of the outcome, there is more reason than ever to believe that the jury was summoned solely to permit use of the massacre case as a medium through which to pay off political scores.

Most of the time of the jury was consumed by the United States district attorney in trying to get something on the local Democratic organization.

He succeeded in obtaining indictments against three Kansas Cityans on evidence so flimsy that the sense of fairness of the community has been outraged, but he did not get one step closer to bringing to justice those involved in the massacre, whoever they were.

There is something so revolting in the use of a crime that shocked the whole country for political purposes that it is difficult to find words to express the indignation such conduct arouses.

The whole show that was staged at the federal building over a period of two weeks can result only in loss of respect for the law. It also will tend to breed contempt for the department of justice which has made such a fine record in other cases.

Yesterday the Journal-Post suggested that the time had come for the government to put up or shut up—to produce some evidence to justify its blackening of Kansas City's name or to put an end to ballyhoo.

Unable to put up, the government shut up. Within a few hours after publication of the Journal-Post's editorial challenge the farce was ended by adjournment of the grand jury.

MASSACRE HERE BACK ON LIST OF UNSOLVED CRIMES

Now That U. S. Has Failed, Police Are Expected to Renew Probe.

The Union station massacre returned to the category of unsolved crimes when the federal grand jury adjourned Monday night after going through the formality of indicting Adam Richetti, pal of "Pretty Boy" Floyd, as one of the killers.

Indictments in the case now stand at ten, a net loss of one since the crime was investigated by another federal grand jury in September, 1933.

At that time the government named the following as the killers:

- Harvey J. Bailey.
- Robert C. Brady.
- Verne C. Miller.
- Wilbur Underhill.

Seven others also were indicted in 1933 as accessories before the fact, the charge being that they participated in arranging the attempted delivery of Frank Nash, federal prisoner. The seven were:

- Louise Conner.
- Esther Farmer.
- Herbert A. Farmer, husband of Esther Farmer.
- Richard Galatas.
- Frances Nash, widow of the slain prisoner.
- Louis Stacci.
- Frank B. (Fritz) Mulloy.

The grand jury which has just adjourned added two to his list of seven, naming Mrs. Galatas and Vivian Mathias, alias Mrs. Verne Miller, as also having helped to arrange the plot.

Abandon First Theory.

The government has abandoned the theory...

KANSAS CITY JOURNAL-POST.

a word in his favor would have given him a boost.

MASSACRE HERE BACK ON LIST OF UNSOLVED CRIMES

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been killed and this left only Richetti to be indicted.

To summarize, three names have been added to the list of those indicted in 1933 and four dropped from the list. One, that of Miller, was dropped because he is dead.

Three Political Indictments.

Besides the three new indictments in the massacre case, the jury returned three political indictments against Eugene C. Reppert, former director of police; Thomas J. Higgins, chief of detectives, and "Jeff" Rayen, lieutenant of police.

Now that the government has failed to solve the mystery of the massacre, it was expected that police would redouble their efforts to track down the men responsible for the slaying of two detectives, a federal agent, a visiting chief of police and their prisoner, Frank Nash.

Whether Richetti, who was returned to Ohio Monday night after adjournment of the federal grand jury, will ever be brought back to Kansas City to stand trial for murder was considered problematical Tuesday, in view of the evidence developed against him.

Left Here at 9 o'Clock.

The prisoner, brought to Kansas City on a federal writ to appear before the grand jury, left Kansas City at 9 o'clock Monday night in custody of two United States deputy marshals from Cleveland, who guarded him during the trip here Saturday night. A. T. McGowan, chief deputy marshal in Cleveland, missed his train.

An offer to turn Richetti over to

Boone county was made Monday night by federal authorities, W. H. Sapp, prosecuting attorney of Boone county said. The offer was refused, however, because the prosecutor doubted the validity of a trial on murder charges under such circumstances. The desperado is wanted in that county on a charge of slaying Sheriff Roger Wilson and Ben Booth, state highway patrol sergeant, three days before the massacre.

May Go to Ohio.

Sapp was expected to go to Ohio to proceed further with an extradition hearing to bring about Richetti's removal to Boone county. Just before the prisoner was taken into custody by government agents on the federal court writ Saturday the governor of Ohio ordered his extradition to Boone county.

Richetti appeared before the grand jury shortly after 5 o'clock Monday night. For an hour and a half he was questioned by the jurors and members of the district attorney's staff. He refused to answer any questions, as had been expected. Frequently the questioners lost their temper and shouted at the prisoner.

After giving up the interrogation as a hopeless job, the grand jurors

dismissed Richetti. He was taken to the county jail to await his turn to the Ohio county where he was captured October 20.

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

Dear Sir:

I have received your personal and confidential communication of November 6, 1934, transmitting copies of newspaper clippings appearing in the Kansas City Journal Post on November 6, 1934, which contain derogatory statements concerning the activities of Division Agents in connection with the Kansas City Massacre Case. In view of the rather pernicious attitude displayed towards the Division by the Kansas City Journal Post, I desire that you exercise the utmost caution and discretion in any contacts you may have with representatives of this paper.

Very truly yours,

~~John Edgar Hoover~~

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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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 of the Kansas City office, he requested advice as to what action should now be taken by the Division with respect to James LaCapra alias Jimmie Needles.

Mr. Nathan stated the understanding had with the authorities at Wellington, Kansas was that before LaCapra is released he should be returned to Wellington, Kansas in order to make bond as a material witness in connection with the case pending at that place. Mr. Nathan suggested that LaCapra be taken by Division Agents to Wellington and turned over to the authorities there for whatever disposition they cared to make of him.

Mr. Nathan requested that the Division consider his request and advise him at the earliest moment.

Respectfully,

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November 6, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD
with aliases (Deceased), et al -
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner

Dear Sirs:

Associated Press dispatches emanating from Kansas City, Missouri indicate that Jack Jenkins, head of the Identification Bureau, Kansas City, Kansas Police Department, has given out information to the effect that identifications were made by that Bureau from latent prints taken from beer bottles recovered at the residence of the late Vernon C. Miller, which implicate Miller, Floyd and Richetti in the above entitled case.

Of course, the identification of the prints of Miller and Richetti were effected in the Technical Laboratory of the Division and this information was being treated as confidential until such time as it became necessary to disclose the information at the trial of the case. I, therefore, desire that you make every effort to determine the source of Mr. Jenkins' information that the identifications had been effected.

Copies of a portion of one of the press dispatches are enclosed herewith. This matter should receive prompt attention by you, personally.

Very truly yours, RECORDED & INDEXED

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Washington Star,
October 31, 1934.

BEER BOTTLES GIVE CLUE TO MASSACRE

Floyd and Miller Are Believed
Involved by Fingerprint
Evidence.

By the Associated Press.

KANSAS CITY, October 31.—Some beer bottles appeared likely last night to prove a big point in the Federal grand jury's investigation of the slayings of five men at the Union Station here in June, 1933.

Yesterday Federal authorities subpoenaed Jack Jenkins, head of the Identification Bureau of the Kansas City, Kans., Police Department, to appear before the grand jury. Jenkins is reported to have fingerprint evidence, taken off beer bottles, that Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, Verne C. Miller and Adam Richetti drank beer in a house here together the night before the slayings.

Floyd and Miller, who since were slain, and Richetti, now under arrest in Ohio, have been accused as the gunmen who shot four officers at the station in an attempt to rescue

prisoner, who was killed accidentally.

Maurice M. Milligan, after a conference, said efforts would continue to bring Richetti before the grand jury. Wellsville, Ohio, authorities refused to turn him over to Federal officers.

Milligan said no word had been received from Police Chief J. L. Fultz and Mayor William Daugherty of Wellsville, who have been subpoenaed to relate what they learned from Richetti.

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

There is attached hereto a copy of a memorandum which I have this day directed to the Attorney General respecting the removal of Adam Richetti from Kansas City, Missouri, to Cleveland, Ohio by Deputy United States Marshals on the evening of November 5, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

In connection with the removal of Adam Richetti to Kansas City, Missouri for purposes of appearing before the Federal Grand Jury hearing evidence relative to the Kansas City massacre case, I have today been advised of an incident which I believe should be brought to your attention.

It appears that Richetti was removed to Kansas City by three Deputy United States Marshals from Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. A. T. McGowan who was in charge of the party and believed to be the Chief Deputy Marshal was accompanied by Joe Luce and Deight Williams (colored). Mr. McGowan when approached by a representative of this Division yesterday morning appeared to be under the influence of intoxicants and yesterday evening, November 5, 1934, the Marshals were scheduled to leave Kansas City at nine o'clock p.m., on the Santa Fe Railroad with their prisoner Richetti. Mr. McGowan did not arrive at the station in time and so Marshals Luce and Williams departed with their prisoner Richetti without McGowan. The ticket which had previously been purchased for Mr. McGowan was turned over to the Kansas City Office of this Division and is today being transmitted to the United States Marshal at Cleveland, Ohio. The Assistant Station Master, Union Station, Kansas City, Missouri, has advised that Mr. McGowan accompanied by Mr. E. E. Fisher, a Deputy Marshal employed part-time as a court bailiff at Kansas City, Missouri, appeared at the station with women in a drunken condition. Having missed the nine o'clock train, Mr. McGowan departed on the Chicago and Alton Railroad train at nine fifteen p.m.

In view of the importance of this case and the character of the prisoner and bearing in mind what transpired in Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933, I am submitting the above information for whatever action you care to take in the premises.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

November 8, 1934.

Time 11:45 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Advised

Mr. Cowley called from Chicago this evening and advised that the Deputy Marshals are returning Ricketti to Cleveland in the morning. They are going through Chicago at 7:50. Mr. Cowley stated that before leaving, one of the Deputies was quite sore because he was of the opinion that Ricketti had been abused at Kansas City, during the course of the interviewing. The Marshal who was supposed to have returned Ricketti got drunk there and is not going to return Ricketti and the other two are returning Ricketti and requested, if possible, that we have two agents at the station to help in transferring him from one train to another. Mr. Cowley stated that he was of the opinion that we were to have nothing to do with the transportation, however, due to the circumstances up there, he deemed it advisable to have two agents there. I advised Mr. Cowley that Ricketti was never in our custody and not to have two agents there.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy

Mr. R. B. Nathan called from Kansas City and advised that there was a confidential rumor abroad there that the Grand Jury will return perjury indictments today against Tom Higgins, George Raven, who is head of the Automobile Theft Squad of the Police Department at Kansas City, and Rebbett, the former Police Commissioner. He stated he could not vouch for the accuracy of this rumor, and could not furnish details as to the nature of the perjury.

Report

He further advised that the Chief of Police and the Mayor of Wellsville, Ohio are in Kansas City and that they apparently have brought the guns with them. He inquired if the Division desired these guns. I advised we should have them if that were possible - that we did not want to have anything to do with Fultz. He advised that the latest report in the papers was that Richetti is to be brought back to Kansas City on habeas corpus to testify. He requested advice as to whether Richetti should be questioned upon his return - I replied he should so question him.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

We should be more careful re spelling of names.

J. E. H.

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November 18, 1934

Mr. Frank D. Butler,
Manager, South Side Office,
The Toledo Trust Company,
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 5, 1934, in which you state that from recent pictures of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd you are of the opinion that he is one of the bandits who attempted to rob your bank on September 16, 1934, and in which you request a photograph of Adam Richetti.

Inasmuch as the attempted robbery of your bank is under investigation by the Detroit Office of this Division, I am sending a copy of your letter to Mr. William Larson, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 907 Federal Building, Detroit, Michigan, who will have an Agent call on you at an early date with photographs of these individuals.

I desire to thank you for calling this matter to my attention.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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cc - Detroit (with incl. copy let. 11/5/34 fr. Mr. Butler.)

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Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Re: Attempted Holdup, September 18, 1934
South Side Office, The Toledo Trust Company

Gentlemen:

From recent pictures of Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd,
I am of the opinion that he was one of the bandits.

I would like to obtain a picture of his companion,
now in jail at Lisbon, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

Frank D. Butler
Mgr. South Side Office

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
October 26, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith copy of a letter dated October 22, 1934, from Mr. Clyde D. Sargent, Slater, Missouri, together with copy of my reply to Mr. Sargent.

It is noted Mr. Sargent is very complimentary toward the Division and its personnel in his communication.

The Division is advised that Mr. Sargent has been contacted by this office on a number of occasions on cases in which he is interested and that he does investigative work of the Prosecutor's Office in Saline County, Missouri.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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CLYDE D. SARGENT

INVESTIGATOR

SLATER, MISSOURI

Mr. R. B. Nathan,
Special Agent in Charge
Division Investigation, Dept. Justice
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Nathan:

It is with great delight and satisfaction that information is received of the apprehension of Richetti and Floyd, and a cherrished thought to realize that again the able men of the Division of Investigation, Department of Justice have demonstrated to the citizens of these United States, and the citizens of foreign countries, that there is at least one law enforcement agency in this country, supervised by an able director, and with him associated a corp of efficient officers, who never falter, nor fail in the solution of major crimes, and those men have so ably demonstrated that the racketeer, and the hoodlum, shall be summarily dealt with and the Laws of the United States upheld and enforced, without thought of the criminals' financial, political, social or provincial prestige and connections.

While Melvin Purvins has so ably shown and demonstrated his ability in his handling of the apprehension of Dillinger in Chicago, and the apprehension of Floyd in Ohio, and his work so commendable, although it is apparent that he has been able to bring those cases to the point of apprehending the criminals by the concerted efforts of all of the men of the Department, and men who shall share the honor of concluding those publicised cases.

With kindest personal regards,

I am

Yours very truly

(Signed) Clyde D. Sargent
Clyde D. Sargent
Special Investigator, PAO
Saline County

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N 62-28915-3081
Mr. Ed J. Thomas,
care United States Attorney,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to the Attorney General under date of November 2, 1934, wherein you request that consideration be given you inasmuch as the information furnished by you led to the apprehension of Richard Tallman Galatas, has been referred to this Division for reply.

Please be advised that the Attorney General made no public offer of any reward for information leading to the apprehension of Galatas as provided for in the Act of June 6, 1934, and unless you were acting on the specific offer of a reward offered by a representative of this Division, no compensation can be paid to you under the circumstances.

With reference to rewards offered by private concerns, this Division will, upon the receipt of a formal request, furnish such concerns with a memorandum of facts taken from official reports showing in what manner the information leading to the arrest of an individual was received by the Division of Investigation.

Thanking you for the cooperation and assistance rendered in this case, I am

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - New Orleans (Encl. to each office listed:
Kansas City (Copy of Mr. Thomas' letter of 11-2-34)

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2 yellows

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THE NEW
HOTEL
MONTELEONE

New Orleans,

Nov. 2nd, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

I am the man that gave Mr. Rene A. Viosca, U. S. Attorney at New Orleans the information that caused capture of Richard Tallman Galatas here on Sept. 22nd. while I am aware that there was no set Government reward from the Government, still an act of Congress approved June 6th 1934 gives the Attorney General the right to offer rewards, or pay rewards.

I underwent a number of hardships after the capture of Galatas, trying as best I could to cooperate with the Division of Investigation here in not making it known, in order that they might capture some more of the gang. Mr. Viosca and Mr. Magee will both bear me out when I say I did cooperate 100% with them for there was days from Sept. 22nd to Oct. 10th that I did not know whether I would eat or not.

I came to New Orleans looking for work and only intended staying a few days, but after I spotted Galatas and he was captured I could not leave.

In view of the fact that I did cooperate with your departments here and also in my opinion Adam Ruchetti was captured and Pretty Boy Floyd killed, partly through information gained by capture of Galatas, I feel like the Government should recognize me in some way and compensate me accordingly.

You have all the details and it is not necessary that I mention them, along with my right name.

I will thank you for any consideration you may give me for I feel like I should be rewarded in some degree for what I have done.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Ed J. Thomas (alias)
% U. S. Attorney
New Orleans, La.

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Mr. H. J. McDermott,
Chief of Police,
East Liverpool, Ohio.

My dear Chiefs:-

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated November 3, 1934, in which you request a copy of Mr. Purvis' report in the Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd matter. The only report which has been received in this matter is the telephonic advice to the Division relative to the apprehension and death of this fugitive.

With regard to your inquiry concerning rewards in this case, you are informed that no reward for the apprehension of Floyd or information leading to his apprehension was made by the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL

EXECUTIVE OFFICES
O. EARL GREENAWALT, MAYOR

DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND
AND PUBLIC SAFETY

F. B. LAUGHLIN, DIRECTOR

DIVISION OF POLICE
HUGH J. McDERMOTT, CHIEF
H. M. CONLEY, CAPTAIN

EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO.

Nov. 3, 1934.

Mr. Nathan.....	✓
Mr. Tolson.....	✓
Mr. Clegg.....	
Mr. Baughman.....	
Chief Clerk.....	
Mr. Coffey.....	
Mr. Cowley.....	
Mr. Edwards.....	
Mr. Egan.....	
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Mr. Keith.....	
Mr. Lester.....	
Mr. Quinn.....	
Mr. Schilder.....	
Mr. Tamm.....	✓
Mr. Tracy.....	
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Mr. John E. Hoover,
Director Department Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

On Oct. 22, 1934, myself and three officers of the East Liverpool police department aided Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the department of justice of the Chicago area and three of his men in the capture of Charles A. "Pretty Boy" Floyd, wanted by federal agents and others on murder charges, at the Mrs. Ellen Conkle farm, seven miles north of here.

You are no doubt familiar with the details of this case and know that his demise was brought about as a result of a search and not from a "tip." I would appreciate very much having a copy of Purvis' report on the case, together with a list of the rewards offered in order that this department may make proper claim. Any money that may be obtained here from the rewards would go into the police pension fund, created through city ordinance.

Thanking you in advance for any courtesy which may be extended me, I am

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very truly yours,

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

EPC:ON

October 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

With reference to latent fingerprints recently found in Cleveland, Ohio, and subsequently identified in the Laboratory as the fingerprints of Fred Barker, Charles J. Fitzgerald, Wynona Walcott, and Gladys Sawyer, your advice is requested as to whether it is desirable to prepare enlarged photographic charts illustrating these identifications for possible future use in substantiating the identification in Court.

Yes
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Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey
E. P. Coffey.

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Thanks - Broader's won't allow it
Ruth
Then to J. H.
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Youngstown, Ohio
Oct. 24, 1934

Walter Winchell
New York World-Telegram

Dear Winchell:

Here's a sidelight on the Floyd case I think you might be interested in knowing. Police chief J.H. Fulz, of Wellsville, a small-town copper, refused to co-operate with Melvin Purvis all the way through because he was peeved over stories I and other reporters wrote giving Purvis credit with directing the search.

Fulz told me that Adam Richetti had admitted to him that his escaped companion was "Pretty Boy", yet Fulz did not tell the federal agents this and also refused to let the federal men interview Richetti at the Wellsville jail.

Also Fulz refused to turn over the prisoner after warrants were brought in by plane from Kansas City by Sheriff Tom Bash and Federal Agent C.W. Crowley. Although Purvis wanted to check the machine gun found near the scene of the Wellsville battle, Richetti refused to let

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Walter Winchell
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He also refused to turn over the machine gun found in the Wellsville hallow when Purvis told him that he wanted to check it to learn if it had been used in the Kansas City Union Station massacre.

Purvis did everything he could to get co-operation from Fulz, but finally had to turn to Police Chief H.J. McDermott ~~and~~ of East Liverpool and Chief Leroy Goodwin of Youngstown for extra men.

I think a crack about this over the air might give other small town chiefs something to think about in the future.

Sincerely,

W.W. Griffith
The Vindicator

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November 7, 1954

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Mr. L. C. Swinney,
2812 Vine Street,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 2, 1954 requesting a photograph of Richard T. Galatas and information as to the crime for which he is wanted.

Please be advised that Galatas was wanted in connection with the murder of four peace officers and their prisoner at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933. He is no longer wanted, however, inasmuch as he was apprehended by Special Agents of this Division at New Orleans, Louisiana, on September 22, 1954. The self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed with your letter is returned herewith, together with a photograph of Galatas.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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2812 Vine St
Dallas, Texas

Nov. 8, 1934

Bureau of Identification:

Dear Sir: 8/21/36.

Would you be so kind as to send
a copy of "Richard H. Swinney"
and account of crime he is investigated.
I would like to address envelope for
the information.

Respectfully

L. L. Swinney

2812 Vine St.

Dallas, Texas

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November 7, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "FRATTY 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 E. P. Cruise dated at Kansas City, Missouri October 8, 1934 in the above entitled case, containing an undeveloped lead on page 6, directed to the New Orleans Office requesting that a review be made of the file entitled Earl Stucklick, et al, New Orleans Office as the office of origin, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act and White Slave Traffic Act case. Under date of October 12, 1934 the New Orleans office in a letter addressed to the Washington Field Office requested that the file be obtained and reviewed at Washington, D. C. inasmuch as the file is no longer available in New Orleans, Louisiana.

As indicated in the letter of the Washington Field Office addressed to the Division, dated October 19, 1934, the files referred to in the report of reference of Special Agent Cruise have been reviewed at the Division. An additional criminal record on Volney Davis was discovered as a result of the review showing that Davis as Roy Green No. 13404 was arrested by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department on January 11, 1925 charged with investigation and on January 23, 1925 was returned to the State Penitentiary McAlester, Oklahoma, as an escape. Copies of the photograph taken at the time of this arrest, reflecting the number 14004, are transmitted herewith and to each of the offices indicated below. It is to be noted that there is, apparently, a sore on the upper left lip of Davis. This sore also appears on photographs previously

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furnished to our Division offices, which photograph was taken on February 3, 1923, two years before the enclosed photograph was taken. Both photographs should be exhibited to persons who are acquainted with Davis in order to determine which one more closely resembles him.

This letter should receive your prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Encl. #515723.

cc - New Orleans
Chicago City
Little Rock
Chicago
St. Paul

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Volney Davis

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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October 23, 1934.

RECEIVED FOR MR. BARKER

was p 202.

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby I am transmitting herewith two copies of an abstract of the criminal record of Volney Davis, Identification Unit file #40041.

Respectfully,

E. J. Schilder

E. J. Schilder.

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November 6, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In compliance with your instructions, I telephoned Mr. Purvis to determine whether he had fired any shots in connection with the Dillinger or Floyd apprehensions and killings. He stated he fired no shots when Dillinger was killed at Chicago but that he fired six shots from a .38 detective special in connection with the Floyd matter.

Respectfully,

Clyde Tolson.

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November 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

The attached clipping, appearing in the Washington Star for October 31, 1934, contained certain information in the Kansas City Massacre Case, which I do not believe should have been given out. It was my understanding that this information was procured by the Division of Investigation, but the article would indicate that it has been given out by the Identification Bureau of the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department. Will you please ask Mr. Nathan, of the Kansas City Office, for any information which he may have concerning the disclosure of this rather important piece of information, which should have been retained until the trial of the case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

October 26, 1934

Mr. Baughman.

The Director desires that the two Floyd guns be placed in the exhibit cases in the reception room with appropriate cards after the Laboratory has made such tests as may be desired. Two of the guns now in the exhibit case may be removed.

The appropriate inventory records should be made.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

November 1, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

One of the two .45 caliber automatic pistols recovered from "Pretty Boy" Floyd when he was shot and killed near Clarkson, Ohio, has been placed in the exhibition case in the Director's reception room. This gun is .45 caliber Colt automatic pistol, Serial No. 18001.

The other Floyd gun, which has been converted, is being kept securely locked up in a safe place. The gun which is not being placed on exhibition is a commercial gun on which the number has been ground off, although it appears to be .45 caliber Colt automatic pistol, Serial No. C-84197.

Respectfully,



T. F. Baughman.

C - Mrs. Kelley.

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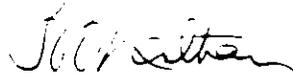
1016 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
NOVEMBER 7, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith an editorial appearing in the Kansas City Kansan, a newspaper published at Kansas City, Kansas, on November 5, 1934. The editor of this paper is Mr. W. A. Bailey.

Very truly yours,



R. E. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Encl.



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Crime-Ridden Kansas City, Mo.

When Senator Copeland of New York, chairman of a senate committee investigating crime conditions, declared Kansas City, Mo., to be one of the worst crime centers in the country, a few indignant denials were heard across the state line and then the matter was promptly dropped and apparently forgotten as soon as possible.

Events have been transpiring of late to lend support to the senator's description. These events are brought to a climax with the indictment of the former director of police, the chief of detectives and the head of the police auto theft bureau of Kansas City, Mo. The indictments allege perjury in connection with the federal grand jury's investigation into the union station massacre which cost the lives of four officers and their prisoner, Frank Nash.

Indictments do not mean that those indicted are judged to be guilty but rather that circumstances are such as to warrant trial to determine their guilt. Accordingly, the passing of judgment must be withheld until testimony is presented in open court and a verdict is rendered according to law. But this does not prevent the occasion from being of concern, especially in view of the report of the grand jury which included this statement:

"Criminal mobs and racketeers exist here, composed wholly of men who permanently live in Kansas City, Mo. We have proof beyond question of reasonable doubt that they have close connections with men of similar character living in other cities where it is known there are harbored criminals of the lowest type," and this statement with direct bearing upon the union station massacre: "The police department of Kansas City, Mo., was, on the date of the massacre . . . unquestionably not as efficient or not as effective in the discharge of its duties as it should have been."

Close neighbors that we are, Kansas City Kansas cannot escape a vital interest in the maintenance of law and order in Kansas City, Mo. Crime conditions there are bound to be reflected to a greater or lesser degree upon the welfare of our own city. With personal interest as well as a general interest in the suppression of crime and the maintenance of order, we hope to see a thoro cleanup across the state line such as now seems definitely in prospect.

THE KANSAS CITY HANSAAN
NOVEMBER 5, 1934
EDITORIAL

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

November 5, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

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Mr. Murphy of the Single Fingerprint Section returned Friday morning from Kansas City, Missouri, where he appeared before the Grand Jury in connection with the presentation of the evidence in the case entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases (deceased); Richard Tallman Galatas with aliases, I.O. #1201; Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases, I.O. #1194, et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner. Mr. Murphy appeared before the Grand Jury immediately following Special Agent Brennan and Acting Chief of Detectives Jack Jenkins who described the development of latent fingerprints in the house formerly occupied by Vernon C. Miller in Kansas City prior to the Massacre. Mr. Murphy described to the jurors the method followed in the Single Fingerprint Section in identifying latent fingerprints and exhibited seven enlarged charts of latent impressions found in the house and the corresponding charts of inked impressions of the fingerprints of Vernon C. Miller, Vivian Mathias and Adam Richetti. In response to numerous questions from Assistant United States Attorney Randall Wilson, in charge of the prosecution, and various members of the jury, Mr. Murphy described at some length the work of the technical experts of the Division's Single Fingerprint Section and Identification Unit. The jurors appeared to be quite interested in the identification work and quite convinced of the soundness of fingerprint evidence.

Respectfully,

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Department of Justice
United States Attorney's Office
Cleveland

Mr. Nathan.....
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Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....

November 7, 1934

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your kind letter of November 2nd with reference to the assistance by this office in obtaining custody of Adam Richetti.

I sincerely appreciate your kind words in behalf of Assistants Wiedemann and McNamee. I can not help but return the compliment and assure you of the appreciation of this office of the splendid work of Special Agent Cowley and the other Department of Justice agents in this matter.

Sincerely,

E. B. Freed
E. B. Freed

United States Attorney.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Room 1405
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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November 9, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Louis, Mo.

RE: Vernon C. Miller with aliases
(Deceased), et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.

Dear Sir:-

This will confirm telegram addressed to your office on November 5, 1934, requesting that a Colt 45 Caliber Automatic Pistol bearing serial #C-84197 which had been shipped to the Shepleigh Hardware Company, St. Louis, Mo., be traced.

Please be advised that on November 5, 1934, the New York City Division office was in receipt of a telegram from the Division, requesting that Colt 45 Caliber Automatic Pistol, serial #C-84197 be traced from the Colt plant at Hartford, Conn.

Special Agent D. L. Nicholson communicated by telephone with Mr. Robert Courtney of the Colt Arms Manufacturing Company in Hartford, Conn., and was advised by Mr. Courtney that this 45 Automatic had been shipped on January 22, 1917 to the Shepleigh Hardware Company at St. Louis, Mo.

After conducting appropriate investigation with reference to this automatic it is requested that the Division and the Kansas City office be immediately advised of the results.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Division
cc - Chicago
cc - Kansas City

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November 8, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letters of September 14, and October 9, 1934, requesting your office to make an effort to obtain a copy of the fingerprints of Louis Suckwalt, No. B-46043, Police Department, New York City, for use of the Division in connection with the case entitled Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, with aliases, et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Please give this matter early attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases (deceased);
Richard Tallman Galatas with aliases,
I.O. #1201; Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy"
Floyd with aliases, I.O. #1194, 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 November 3, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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Laboratory Report

November 8, 1934

Case: Vernon C. Miller with aliases (deceased); Number: 62-28915
Richard Tallman Galatas with aliases, I. O. #1201;
Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases,
I.O. #1194, et al. Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Specimens: One bullet and exploded shell case fired from Adam Richetti's
revolver.
One bullet and exploded shell case fired from "Pretty Boy" Floyd's
machine gun.

Examination requested by: Kansas City Division Office.

Date received: November 3, 1934.

Examination requested: Ballistic.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Wiard *SW*

The above mentioned exhibits consisting of bullets and fired shell
cases from Richetti's and Floyd's guns have been checked against exhibits
in the Laboratory File and no identification was made.

These exhibits are being retained in the Laboratory File.

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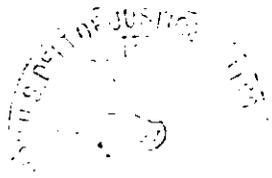
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This form to be submitted to the Division of Investigation to report dispositions of cases in which prints have been forwarded previously. Dispositions include such information as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, acquittals, dismissals, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

Where the Division file number is available it should be used.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases (Deceased); ET AL;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated November 6, 1934, with which you transmitted copies of indictments returned by the Federal Grand Jury at Kansas City, Missouri, on November 5, 1934, charging Eugene C. Reppert, Thomas J. Higgins, and George Rayen with perjury in connection with the testimony given by them before that Grand Jury.

It is noted that the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri, has requested certain immediate inquiries at Wellington and Wichita, Kansas, relative to the indictment against Rayen. You do not indicate the specific nature of the inquiries to be made but from a reading of the indictment it appears that further corroboration of a statement attributed to defendant Rayen is desired. You are authorized to conduct the additional investigation requested by the United States Attorney.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Dear Sir:

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
(DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

I am transmitting herewith copies of indictments returned by the Federal Grand Jury at Kansas City, Missouri, November 3, 1934, against Eugene C. Reppert, Thomas J. Higgins and George Feyen.

You, of course, realize that these indictments were returned by the Grand Jury from evidence adduced before it during its inquiry and no investigation has been made by this office in connection with these particular indictments. The United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri, has requested certain immediate inquiries at Wellington and Wichita, Kansas, relative to the indictment against Feyen. In the circumstances I am withholding the conduct of this investigation until advised by you.

Very truly yours,
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI.

United States of America,
Plaintiff,

vs.

Eugene C. Rappert,
Defendant.

No.

INDICTMENT

The grand jurors of the United States of America, duly and legally chosen, selected, summoned and drawn from the body of the Western District of Missouri, and duly and legally empanelled, sworn and charged to inquire of and concerning crimes and offenses against the United States of America in the Western District of Missouri, upon their oaths present and charge that heretofore, to-wit, on the 2nd day of November, 1934, at Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri and within the jurisdiction of this court, before the grand jury of the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, which was then and there duly and legally chosen, selected, summoned and drawn from the body of the Western District of Missouri, and duly and legally empanelled, sworn and charged to inquire of and concerning crimes and offenses against the United States of America in the Western District of Missouri, a certain inquiry, hearing and investigation was then and there pending and being duly and legally conducted and prosecuted by the grand jury last aforesaid of and concerning a conspiracy, confederation and

prisoner lawfully committed by legally issued process to the custody of the Attorney General of the United States of America, and to aid in his escape from such custody and to conceal him after the same, contrary to Section 953 i, Title 18, United States Code Annotated and Section 246, Title 18, Code of Laws of the United States of America (Original Code Section 141), and in violation of Section 88, Title 18, United States Code Annotated, then and there presented by the United States Attorney in and for the Western District of Missouri to the grand jury last aforesaid, and charged to have been entered, prosecuted and consummated by one Vernon C. Miller, alias Verne Mason, alias Verne Moore, Charles Arthur Floyd, alias "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Aden Richetti, Richard Tallman Galatas, alias Dick Galadis, alias Pritchard Sheridan, Herbert Allen Farmer, alias Herbert Black, alias H. A. Patton, alias W. H. Williams, Esther Farmer, Frances Nash, alias Frances Miller, alias Frances Harrison, Frank B. Mulloy, alias Fritz Mulloy, Louis Stacci, alias Doc Stacey, Elizabeth Galatas, alias Betty McFadden, alias Mrs. Glenn Morris and Vivian Mathis, alias Vivian Page, alias Clara Hays, and other persons to the grand jury last aforesaid unknown, which said felonious conspiracy, confederation and agreement culminated in the wanton and deliberate murder of five human beings, which said inquiry, hearing and investigation then and there was being conducted and prosecuted partially for the purpose of ascertaining the identity of the unknown conspirators aforesaid, and the character of their participation, and the grand jury last aforesaid, then and there having competent authority to conduct and prosecute the inquiry, hearing and investigation

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then and there appeared in his own proper person before the grand jury last aforesaid and then and there was duly sworn and took his solemn oath that the evidence which he, Eugene C. Reppert aforesaid, should give and depose to and before the grand jury last aforesaid relating to the inquiry, hearing and investigation then pending and being conducted and prosecuted as aforesaid, should be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, which said oath was then and there duly and lawfully administered to him, Eugene C. Reppert aforesaid, by Tomley Culbertson, who was then and there the duly appointed, qualified and acting foreman of the grand jury last aforesaid, he, Tomley Culbertson aforesaid, then and there having full power and competent authority to administer said oath as aforesaid to Eugene C. Reppert aforesaid in that manner and behalf.

And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that upon said inquiry, hearing and investigation before the grand jury last aforesaid, it became and was a material and relevant matter and question relating to the inquiry, hearing and investigation aforesaid touching, as aforesaid, the felonious conspiracy, confederation and agreement aforesaid, for the grand jury last aforesaid to learn and ascertain whether on or about the 19th, 20th or 21st day of June, 1939, or thereabout, or at any time after any day last aforesaid, Eugene C. Reppert aforesaid, in Kansas City, Missouri, then himself director of police of Kansas City, Missouri, at the office of Thomas J. Higgins, chief of detectives of Kansas City,

detectives of Kansas City, Missouri, in reference to the wanton and deliberate murders aforesaid, and an investigation of the same: "This is not a police matter, hands off. Have nothing to do with it," and that Eugene C. Reppert aforesaid, at the inquiry, hearing and investigation aforesaid, and before the grand jury last aforesaid, and upon his oath aforesaid, and while under, obliged by and contrary to the same, then and there wilfully, falsely, corruptly and feloniously did, in response to the questions hereinafter set forth and contained, and each singly designated "Question", duly and legally propounded by competent authority to him, in pursuance of the inquiry, hearing and investigation aforesaid, testify, depose and swear, by giving and making the answers hereinafter set forth, and each singly designated "Answer", concerning the relevant and material matter and question aforesaid, relating to the inquiry, hearing and investigation aforesaid, touching, as aforesaid, the felonious conspiracy, confederation and agreement aforesaid, in the words and figures and in the manner following:

Question: "These murders were committed on the 17th of June. Isn't it a fact that three or four days after that date you were in Chief Higgins' office with Chief Higgins' and you called Thurman up and talked to him concerning this massacre?"

Answer: " I don't recall it."

Question: "Isn't it a fact that in Chief Higgins office, you, Chief Higgins and Thurman were present and that you then and there, approximately three or four days after the 17th of June, 1933, in talking to Detective Thurman ordered or instructed or said to him 'This is not a police matter; hands

off, have nothing to do with this" or words to that effect?"

Answer: "I made no such statement."

Question: "And I understand you to swear that you did not on June 17, or three or four days subsequent thereto, or within a short time thereafter, in Chief Higgins' office, at the time Chief Higgins was present, call Detective Thurman into that office, either in the private office or in the outer office there where the telephone man was, or any place else down there and talk to him and say in substance, if not in fact, to Officer Thurman 'This matter is not a police matter, hands off, have nothing to do with it'. You deny saying that or words to that effect, or that in substance?"

Answer: "I did not, nor neither did I hear any conversation to that effect."

Question: "Or saying that to anyone else?"

Answer: "No, sir."

Question: "At any time or any place?"

Answer: "No, sir."

Question: "Then as I understand you, Mr. Reppert, you do deny that on June 17, 1933, or three or four days subsequent thereto, or at any other time, you said to Officer Thurman 'This is not a police matter' or 'it wasn't a police matter, hands off, have nothing to do with it' or words to that effect, or that in substance? You do deny that?"

Answer: "I deny that any statement was made on my part, and neither did I hear any such statement uttered by anyone else."

And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that Eugene C. Reppert aforesaid, at the time he testified, deposed and swore as aforesaid, and gave and made the answers and statements aforesaid, as aforesaid, then and there well and fully knew that the same were, as a matter of fact, false and untrue in that, and for the reason that Eugene C. Reppert aforesaid well and fully knew, as a matter of fact, that he, Eugene C. Reppert aforesaid, on or about the 19th, 20th or 21st day of June, 1933, or thereabout, in Kansas City, Missouri, at the office of Thomas J. Higgins aforesaid, did say and speak to Ben H. Thurman aforesaid, in reference to the deliberate and wanton murders aforesaid, and investigation of the same: "This is not a police matter, hands off. Have nothing to do with it," and words of similar meaning and import.

And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that at the time Eugene C. Reppert aforesaid testified, deposed and swore as aforesaid, Eugene C. Reppert aforesaid then and there did not believe the answers and statements made and given by him as aforesaid to be true, and then and there well and fully knew that his answers and statements aforesaid then and there constituted and were willful, false and corrupt perjury.

(Assignment No. 2.) And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that upon the inquiry, hearing and investigation aforesaid, before the grand jury of the United States District Court aforesaid, it became and was a material and relevant matter and question relating to the inquiry, hearing and investigation aforesaid, touching, as aforesaid, the felonious

conspiracy, confederation and agreement aforesaid, for the grand jury last aforesaid, to learn and ascertain whether on or about the 17th day of June, 1933, or thereabout, or at any time after the day last aforesaid, Eugene C. Reppert aforesaid, in Kansas City, Missouri, then himself director of police of Kansas City, Missouri, said to one Ben E. Thurman, then sergeant of detectives of Kansas City, Missouri or to any other person, in reference to the wanton and deliberate murders aforesaid, and an investigation of the same: "This is not our case, it is a government case and you go on your regular assignments," or words of the same import and meaning, and that Eugene C. Reppert aforesaid, at the inquiry, hearing and investigation aforesaid, and before the grand jury last aforesaid, and upon his oath aforesaid, and while under, obliged by and contrary to the same, then and there wilfully, falsely, corruptly and feloniously did, in response to the questions hereinafter set forth and contained, and each singly designated "Question" duly and legally propounded by competent authority to him in pursuance of the inquiry, hearing and investigation aforesaid, testify, depose and swear, by giving and making the answers hereinafter set forth and contained, and each singly designated "Answer" concerning the relevant and material matter in question aforesaid, relating to the inquiry, hearing and investigation aforesaid, touching, as aforesaid, the felonious conspiracy, confederation and agreement aforesaid, in the words and figures and in the manner following:

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Answer: "No, sir."

Question: "At any time or any place?"

Answer: "No, sir."

And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that Eugene C. Reppert

aforesaid, at the time he testified, deposed and swore as aforesaid, and gave and made the answers and statements aforesaid, as aforesaid, then and there well and fully knew that the same were, as a matter of fact, false and untrue in that, and for the reason that Eugene C. Reppert aforesaid, well and fully knew, as a matter of fact, that he, Eugene C. Reppert aforesaid, on or about the 17th day of June, 1933, or thereabout, in Kansas City, Missouri, in reference to the wanton and deliberate murders aforesaid, and an investigation of the same, did then and there speak to a person other than Ben H. Thurman aforesaid, namely, one Charlton A. Beatty, otherwise called Charles A. Beatty, a detective of the police department at Kansas City, Missouri: "This is not our case, it is a government case and you go on your regular assignments," and words of the same import and meaning.

And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that at the time Eugene C. Reppert aforesaid testified, deposed and swore as aforesaid, he, Eugene C. Reppert aforesaid, then and there did not believe the answers and statements made and given as aforesaid to be true, and then and there well and fully knew that his answers and statements aforesaid then and there constituted and were willful, false and corrupt perjury.

And so the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do present and charge that Eugene C. Reppert aforesaid, on the 2nd day of November, 1934, at Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, in the Western Division of the Western District of Missouri, and within the jurisdiction of

this court, before the grand jury for the United States District Court aforesaid; and upon the inquiry, hearing and investigation aforesaid, did, in the form and manner aforesaid, wilfully, falsely, corruptly and feloniously commit willful and corrupt perjury: Contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the United States of America.

United States Attorney.

A TRUE BILL:

Foreman of the Grand Jury.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI.

United States of America,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Thomas J. Higgins,
Defendant.

No.

INDICTMENT

The grand jurors of the United States of America, duly and legally chosen, selected, summoned and drawn from the body of the Western District of Missouri, and duly and legally empanelled, sworn and charged to inquire of and concerning crimes and offenses against the United States of America in the Western District of Missouri, upon their oaths present and charge that heretofore, to wit, on the 2nd day of November, 1934, at Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri and within the jurisdiction of this court, before the grand jury of the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, which was then and there duly and legally chosen, selected, summoned and drawn from the body of the Western District of Missouri, and duly and legally empanelled, sworn and charged to inquire of and concerning crimes and offenses against the United States of America in the Western District of Missouri, a certain inquiry, hearing and investigation was then and there pending and being duly and legally conducted and prosecuted by the grand jury last aforesaid of and concerning a certain alleged felonious conspiracy, confederation and agreement to rescue and liberate one Frank Kash, a federal

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prisoner lawfully committed by legally issued process to the custody of the Attorney General of the United States of America, and to aid in his escape from such custody and to conceal him after the same, contrary to Section 753 i, Title 18, United States Code Annotated and Section 246, Title 18, Code of Laws of the United States of America (Criminal Code Section 141), and in violation of Section 88, Title 18, United States Code Annotated, then and there presented by the United States Attorney in and for the Western District of Missouri to the grand jury last aforesaid, and charged to have been entered, prosecuted and consummated by one Vernon C. Miller, alias Verne Mason, alias Verne Moore, Charles Arthur Floyd, alias "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Adam Richetti, Richard Tallman Galatas, alias Dick Galadis, alias Pritchard Sheridan, Herbert Allen Farmer, alias Herbert Black, alias E. A. Patton, alias W. H. Williams, Esther Farmer, Frances Nash, alias Frances Miller, alias Frances Harrison, Frank B. Mulloy, alias Fritz Mulloy, Louis Stacci, alias Doc Stacey, Elizabeth Galatas, alias Betty McFadden, alias Mrs. Glenn Morris and Vivian Kathis, alias Vivian Page, alias Clara Hays, and other persons to the grand jury last aforesaid unknown, which said felonious conspiracy, confederation and agreement culminated in the wanton and deliberate murder of five human beings, which said inquiry, hearing and investigation then and there was being conducted and prosecuted partially for the purpose of ascertaining the identity of the unknown conspirators aforesaid, and the character of their participation, and the grand jury last aforesaid, then and there having competent authority to conduct and prosecute the inquiry, hearing and investigation

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then and there appeared in his own proper person before the grand jury last aforesaid and then and there was duly sworn and took his solemn oath that the evidence which he, Thomas J. Higgins aforesaid, should give and depose to and before the grand jury last aforesaid, relating to the inquiry, hearing and investigation then pending and being conducted and prosecuted as aforesaid, should be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, which said oath was then and there duly and lawfully administered to him, Thomas J. Higgins aforesaid, by Townley Culbertson, who was then and there the duly appointed, qualified and acting foreman of the grand jury last aforesaid, he, Townley Culbertson aforesaid, then and there having full power and competent authority to administer said oath as aforesaid to Thomas J. Higgins aforesaid, in that manner and behalf.

And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that upon said inquiry, hearing and investigation before the grand jury last aforesaid, it became and was a material and relevant matter and question relating to the inquiry, hearing and investigation aforesaid touching, as aforesaid, the felonious conspiracy, confederation and agreement aforesaid, for the grand jury last aforesaid to learn and ascertain whether on or about the 17th day of June, 1933, or thereabout, or at any time after the day last aforesaid. Thomas J. Higgins aforesaid, in Kansas City, Missouri, then himself Chief of Detectives of Kansas City, Missouri, in reference to the wanton and deliberate murders aforesaid, and an investigation of the same, held a conversation with one Charlton A. Beatty, otherwise called Charles A. Beatty, a detective of the Police Department of

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Question: "You had no conversations with him concerning this case? Is that your testimony?"

Answer: "With Beatty?"

Question: "Yes."

Answer: "No, sir, I didn't."

Question: "Isn't it a fact that soon after these officers were murdered there at the Union Station on the 17th day of June, 1933, or at any time thereafter, you had a talk with Officer Beatty at which time you told him that "it was not our case, it was a government case and for us to go on our regular assignments"?"

Answer: "No, sir; I never told no man that."

Question: "That is not true?"

Answer: "It is not true."

Question: "Did you say that to him in substance or in other words that would be in substance that, with the same import and same meaning?"

Answer: "I called all my men in - -"

Question: "Answer that question."

Answer: "No, sir, I didn't."

And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that Thomas J. Higgins aforesaid, at the time he testified, deposed and swore as aforesaid, and gave and made the answers and statements aforesaid, as aforesaid, then and there well and fully knew that the same were, as a matter of fact, false and untrue in that, and for the reason that Thomas J. Higgins aforesaid, well and fully knew, as a matter of fact, that he, Thomas J. Higgins, aforesaid, on or about the 17th day of June, 1933, or thereabout, in Kansas City, Missouri, in reference to the wanton and deliberate murders aforesaid, and an investigation of the same did say and speak to Charlton A. Beatty, otherwise called Charles A. Beatty, as aforesaid, : "This is not our case, it is a government case and you go on your regular assignments," and words of the same import and meaning.

And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that at the time Thomas J. Higgins aforesaid, testified, deposed and swore as aforesaid, he, Thomas J. Higgins aforesaid, then and there did not believe the answers and statements made and given as aforesaid to be true, and then and there well and fully knew that his answers and statements aforesaid then and there constituted and were wilful, false and corrupt perjury.

(Assignment No. 2) And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that upon the inquiry, hearing and investigation aforesaid, before the grand jury of the United States District Court aforesaid, it became and was a material and relevant matter and question relating to the inquiry, hearing and investigation as aforesaid, touching, as aforesaid, a felonious conspiracy, confederation and agreement as aforesaid, for the grand jury last aforesaid to learn and ascertain whether, on or about the 17th day of June, 1933, or thereabout, or at any time after the day last aforesaid, Thomas J. Higgins aforesaid, in Kansas City, Missouri, then himself Chief of Detectives of Kansas City, Missouri, in reference to the wanton and deliberate murders aforesaid, and an investigation of the same, held a conversation with one Ben H. Thurman, then Sergeant of Detectives of Kansas City, Missouri, wherein he, Thomas J. Higgins aforesaid, said to Ben H. Thurman aforesaid: "This is not a police case, this is a government case and you lay off of it," or words of the same import and meaning, and that Thomas J. Higgins aforesaid, at the inquiry, hearing and investigation aforesaid, and upon his oath aforesaid, and while under, obliged by and contrary to the same, then and there wilfully, falsely, corruptly and feloniously did, in response to the questions hereinafter set forth and contained, and each singly designated "Question," duly and legally propounded by competent authority to him, in pursuance of the inquiry, hearing and investigation aforesaid, testify, depose and swear, by giving and making the answers hereinafter set forth and contained, and each singly

designated "Answer", concerning the relevant and material matter and question aforesaid, relating to the inquiry, hearing and investigation aforesaid, touching, as aforesaid, the felonious conspiracy, confederation and agreement aforesaid, in words and figures and in the manner following:

Question: "Did you have at that time an officer by the name of B. H. Thurman working in the detective department?"

Answer: "Yes, sir, I did."

Question: "Did he work on that massacre case?"

Answer: "Yes, sir."

Question: "Did you talk with him about the matter?"

Answer: "Yes; I talked with Thurman on one day about the case."

Question: "Was Police Director Reppert present?"

Answer: "Not that I can recall, no, sir."

Question: "Did you have any conversation with Mr. B. H. Thurman as to what he was doing in regard to investigating this particular case? I mean on June 17th or any day thereafter, 1935?"

Answer: "I did, yes, sir."

Question: "Where did that conversation take place?"

Answer: "In the detective department."

Question: "In your office?"

Answer: "No, right outside my office."

Question: "Can you state whether or not Director Reppert was present at any time?"

Answer: "Not to my knowledge, no, sir."

Question: "Isn't it a fact that you had a conversation with then Sergeant B. H. Thurman of the detective department of the city of Kansas City, in the presence of Director Reppert of

the Police Department of Kansas City, concerning the murder of these four officers on June 17, 1933 at the Union Station in Kansas City, Missouri; that at that time you said in substance, if not in these exact words 'This is not a police case; this is a government case and you lay off of it'?"

Answer: "I never made that remark, no, sir."

And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that Thomas J. Higgins aforesaid, at the time he testified, deposed and swore as aforesaid, and gave and made the answers and statements aforesaid, as aforesaid, then and there well and fully knew that the same were, as a matter of fact, false and untrue in that, and for the reason that Thomas J. Higgins aforesaid, well and dully knew, as a matter of fact, that he, Thomas J. Higgins aforesaid, on or about the 17th day of June, 1933, or thereabout, in Kansas City, Missouri, in reference to the wanton and deliberate murders aforesaid, and an investigation of the same, did say, and speak to Ben H. Thurman aforesaid: "This is not a police case, this is a government case and you lay off of it," and words of the same import and meaning.

And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that at the time Thomas J. Higgins aforesaid testified, deposed and swore as aforesaid, he, Thomas J. Higgins aforesaid, then and there did not believe the answers and statements made and given as aforesaid to be true, and then and there well and fully knew that his answers and statements aforesaid then and there constituted and were willful, false and corrupt perjury.

(Assignment No. 3) And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that upon the inquiry, hearing and investigation aforesaid before the grand jury of the United States District Court aforesaid, it became and was a material and relevant matter and question relating to the inquiry, hearing and investigation aforesaid touching as aforesaid the felonious conspiracy, confederation and agreement aforesaid for the grand jury last aforesaid to learn and ascertain whether on or about the 19th, 20th or 21st day of June, 1935, or thereabout, or at any time after any day last aforesaid, Thomas J. Higgins, aforesaid, in Kansas City, Missouri, then himself Chief of Detectives of Kansas City, Missouri, in reference to the wanton and deliberate murders aforesaid, and an investigation of the same, and an investigation of Sloppy Joe's Place, hereinafter named and located, held a conversation with one Ben H. Thurman, then Sergeant of Detectives in Kansas City, Missouri, wherein he, Thomas J. Higgins, aforesaid, said to Ben H. Thurman aforesaid: "Stay away from that place, don't go near it," then and there meaning and being understood to mean Sloppy Joe's Place, an establishment located at 31st and Gillham Road, Kansas City, Missouri, or, "Stay away from that place," meaning the establishment aforesaid, or, "You lay off that place," meaning the establishment aforesaid, or, words of the same import and meaning, and that Thomas J. Higgins aforesaid at the inquiry, hearing and investigation aforesaid and before the grand jury last aforesaid, and upon his oath aforesaid, and while under, obliged by and contrary to the same, then and there wilfully, falsely, corruptly and feloniously did, in response to questions hereinafter set forth and contained, and each singly designated "question," duly and legally propounded by competent authority to him, in pursuance

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Question: "Do you recall, or do you know a place at 31st and Gillham Road commonly known as Sloppy Joe's Place?"

Answer: "Yes, sir."

Question: "In connection with that, did Detective Thurman talk to you about that place?"

Answer: "No, not that I can recall."

Question: "Didn't Detective Thurman tell you that he had traced Bailey and others to Sloppy Joe's Place?"

Answer: "No, sir, he didn't."

Question: "He never told you anything of that kind?"

Answer: "No, sir."

Question: "And didn't he, in talking with you, propose to make an investigation of that particular place in connection with this massacre matter and didn't you at that time say to Detective Thurman "Stay away from that place" or words to that effect?"

Answer: "I never talked to Detective Thurman about that place."

Question: "Didn't you, in talking to Thurman, at which time Thurman had suggested to you that they make an investigation of what is known as Sloppy Joe's Place at 31st and Gillham Road, in connection with this massacre matter say to Thurman "You lay off that place" or words to that effect?"

Answer: "No, sir, I never did say that."

Question: "Then if I understand you, you deny ever making that statement in those words or to that effect, is that correct?"

Answer: "Yes, sir."

Question: "Isn't it a fact that about three or four days after June 17, 1933, at about 2:30 in the afternoon, or at least in the afternoon, Detective Thurman was in your office talking to you concerning this massacre, about an investigation of Sloppy Joe's Place in connection with the massacre, to ascertain whether or not there was some connection there and that he told you about this place and that known criminals such as Bailey and Holden and Keating and others hung out there, and that he thought there should be an investigation in connection with the Union Station massacre, and at that time in your office you said to him in substance, if not in these words "Stay away from that place, don't go near it" or just "stay away from that place" or words to that effect, and he said all right?"

Answer: "I never discussed that place with Thurman in my life."

Question: "Then I understand from your testimony that you deny the words or in substance having stated to him at the time just heretofore stated, namely three or four days after June 17, 1933, in connection with the request from him to you, as his superior, and in connection with the Union Station massacre, in which he stated in words or in effect that Sloppy Joe's Place was a hang-out for criminals such as Bailey and Keating and others and that he thought the place should be investigated in connection with the Union Station massacre - you deny that you then said to him "Stay away from that place, don't go near it", or "stay away from that place" and he then said all right, or in substance that particular matter or those particular words?"

Answer: "I never talked to him about it."

Question: "I say, you deny that?"

Answer: "Yes, sir, I do."

Question: "You deny that you ever had any of those conversations at any time with Detective Thurman?"

Answer: "I only had one conversation with him that I can recall."

Question: "That is the one you outlined a moment ago?"

Answer: "Yes, sir."

And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that Thomas J. Higgins, aforesaid, at the time he testified, deposed and swore as aforesaid, and gave and made the answers and statements aforesaid, as aforesaid, then and there well and fully knew that the same were, as a matter of fact, false and untrue in that, and for the reason that Thomas J. Higgins aforesaid well and fully knew, as a matter of fact, that he, Thomas J. Higgins, aforesaid, on or about the 19th, or 20th or 21st day of June, 1933, or thereabout, in Kansas City, Missouri, in reference to the wanton and deliberate murders aforesaid and an investigation of the same, and an investigation of Sloppy Joe's Place, hereinabove named and located, did hold a conversation with Ben H. Thurman, aforesaid, wherein he, Thomas J. Higgins aforesaid, as a matter of fact, did say to him, Ben H. Thurman aforesaid: "Stay away from that place, don't go near it," and words of the same import and meaning, then and there meaning and being understood to mean Sloppy Joe's Place, an establishment located at 31st and Gillham Road, Kansas City, Missouri, as aforesaid.

And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that at the time Thomas J. Higgins, aforesaid, testified, deposed and swore as aforesaid, he, Thomas J. Higgins aforesaid then and there did not believe the answers and statements made and given as aforesaid to be true,

and then and there well and fully knew that his answers and statements aforesaid then and there constituted and were wilful, false and corrupt perjury.

And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do present and charge that Thomas J. Higgins, aforesaid, on the 2nd day of November, 1933, at Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, in the Western Division of the Western District of Missouri and within the jurisdiction of this court, before the grand jury of the United States District Court aforesaid, and upon the inquiry, hearing and investigation aforesaid, did, in the form and manner aforesaid, wilfully, falsely, corruptly and feloniously commit wilful and corrupt perjury.

Contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the United States of America.

Assistant United States Attorney.

A TRUE BILL:

Foreman of the Grand Jury.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI.

United States of America,)	
Plaintiff,)	
vs.)	No.
George Rayen,)	
Defendant.)	

INDICTMENT

The grand jurors of the United States of America, duly and legally chosen, selected, summoned and drawn from the body of the Western District of Missouri, and duly and legally empanelled, sworn and charged to inquire of and concerning crimes and offenses against the United States of America in the Western District of Missouri, upon their oaths present and charge that heretofore, to-wit, on the 3rd day of November, 1934, at Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri and within the jurisdiction of this court, before the grand jury of the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, which was then and there duly and legally chosen, selected, summoned and drawn from the body of the Western District of Missouri, and duly and legally empanelled, sworn and charged to inquire of and concerning crimes and offenses against the United States of America in the Western District of Missouri, a certain inquiry, hearing and investigation was then and there pending and being duly and legally conducted and prosecuted by the grand jury last aforesaid, of and concerning a certain alleged felonious conspiracy, confederation and agreement to rescue and liberate one Frank Nash, a federal

prisoner lawfully committed by legally issued process to the custody of the Attorney General of the United States of America, and to aid in his escape from such custody and to conceal him after the same, contrary to Section 753 i, Title 18, United States Code Annotated and Section 246, Title 18, Code of Laws of the United States of America (Criminal Code Section 141), and in violation of Section 20, Title 18, United States Code Annotated, then and there presented by the United States Attorney in and for the Western District of Missouri to the grand jury last aforesaid, and charged to have been entered, prosecuted and consummated by one Vernon C. Miller, alias Verne Mason, alias Verne Moore, Charles Arthur Floyd, alias "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Adam Richetti, Richard Tallman Galatas, alias Dick Galadis, alias Pritchard Sheridan, Herbert Allen Farmer, alias Herbert Black, alias H. A. Patton, alias W. H. Williams, Esther Farmer, Frances Nash, alias Frances Miller, alias Frances Harrison, Frank B. Mulloy, alias Fritz Mulloy, Louis Staaci, alias Doc Stacey, Elizabeth Galatas, alias Betty McFadden, alias Mrs. Glenn Morris and Vivian Kathie, alias Vivian Page, alias Clara Hays, and other persons to the grand jury last aforesaid unknown, which said felonious conspiracy, confederation and agreement culminated in the wanton and deliberate murder of five human beings, which said inquiry, hearing and investigation then and there was being conducted and prosecuted partially for the purpose of ascertaining the identity of the unknown conspirators aforesaid, and the character of their participation, and the grand jury last aforesaid, then and there having competent authority to conduct and prosecute the inquiry, hearing and investigation

aforesaid, one

GEORGE RAYEN,

then and there appeared in his own proper person before the grand jury last aforesaid and then and there was duly sworn and took his solemn oath that the evidence which he, George Rayen aforesaid, should give and depose to and before the grand jury last aforesaid relating to the inquiry, hearing and investigation then pending and being conducted and prosecuted as aforesaid, should be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, which said oath was then and there duly and lawfully administered to him, George Rayen aforesaid, by Townley Culbertson, who was then and there the duly appointed, qualified and acting foreman of the grand jury last aforesaid, he, Townley Culbertson aforesaid, then and there having full power and competent authority to administer said oath as aforesaid to George Rayen aforesaid in that manner and behalf.

And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that upon said inquiry, hearing and investigation before the grand jury last aforesaid, it became and was a material and relevant matter and question relating to the inquiry, hearing and investigation aforesaid, touching, as aforesaid, the felonious conspiracy, confederation and agreement aforesaid, for the grand jury last aforesaid to learn and ascertain whether on or about the 1st or 2nd day of September, 1934, or thereabout, George Rayen aforesaid, in Wichita, Kansas, then himself Lieutenant of Detectives of the

Police Department of Kansas City, Missouri, is a room in the

Hotel in Wichita, Kansas, said to one Guy Neal, County

corner of Harcourt and Joe Pottuck, County

Attorney of Sumner County, Kansas, in a conversation prosecuted by him, George Rayen aforesaid, for the purpose of securing custody of one Pace, one McCoy, and one Crest: "This man LaCapra is wanted very badly in Kansas City and that is what these boys were down here to do, to wipe him out", and "I don't know what political affiliations you two gentlemen have. We have got to work for the good of the Democratic party. I am in the employ of Kansas City, Missouri, nevertheless I owe a greater duty to the organization there which is headed by Mr. Pendergast. This man LaCapra is wanted very badly in Kansas City and that is what these boys were down here to do, was to wipe him out," or words of similar meaning and import, and that George Rayen aforesaid, at the inquiry, hearing and investigation aforesaid, and before the grand jury last aforesaid, and upon his oath aforesaid, and while and compelled by and contrary to the same, then and there wilfully, falsely, corruptly and feloniously did, in response to the questions hereinafter set forth and contained, and each singly designated "Question", duly and legally propounded by competent authority to him in pursuance of the inquiry, hearing and investigation aforesaid, testify, depose and swear by giving and making the answers hereinafter set forth, and each singly designated "Answer", concerning the relevant and material matter and question aforesaid, relating to the inquiry, hearing and investigation aforesaid, touching, as aforesaid, the felonious conspiracy, confederation and agreement aforesaid, in the words and figures and in the manner following:

Question: "In that conversation in that room where all of you were including the two prosecutors and Cohen and these other men did some one there give these two prosecutors to understand that they were going to return these three men to Kansas City?"

Answer: "Yes; I asked for the custody of the men."

Question: "Then you talked with Pottusack and with Neal?"

Answer: "They did most of the talking."

Question: "You did some?"

Answer: "Yes, I asked for the three men and they said they didn't know yet what they were going to do."

Question: "At that meeting didn't you tell them that these three men were members of the Democratic party?"

Answer: "No, sir."

Question: "Didn't you say this, addressing Pottusack and Neal 'I don't know what political affiliation you two gentlemen have?'"

Answer: "I don't remember talking politics to them at all."

Question: "And didn't Mr. Neal say in answer to that 'I am a Democrat?'"

Answer: "I don't recall that."

Question: "Didn't you further say 'We have got to work for the good of the Democratic party, I am in the employ of Kansas City, Missouri, nevertheless I owe a greater duty to the organization there which is headed by Mr. Pendergast.'"

Answer: "No. There was no conversation like that."

Question: "Or words to that effect?"

Answer: "No, sir; I never said anything like that."

Question: "Didn't you further say 'This man LaCapra is wanted very badly in Kansas City and that is what these boys were down here to do, was to wipe him out', -- or words to that effect?"

Answer: "No, sir."

Question: "Then I understand from your testimony that you deny, in a conversation which you had with Mr. Neal and Mr. Pottuck, the two prosecutors out there in Kansas, that you said in words or in substance the following: 'I don't know what political affiliation you two gentlemen have.'"

"We have got to work for the good of the Democratic party. I am in the employ of Kansas City, Missouri, nevertheless I owe a greater duty to the organization there which is headed by Mr. Pendergast. This man LaCapra is wanted very badly in Kansas City and that is what these boys were down here to do, was to wipe him out' or in substance that particular matter that I have just quoted you?"

Answer: "I don't recall anything like that."

Question: "Do you deny you said that?"

Answer: "I don't think I said that. The only thing that I recall --"

Question: "Just a minute. Do you think that you actually said that or any part of it, or that in substance or any words of that kind to those two gentlemen?"

Answer: "No, I didn't say that."

Question: "You deny that you said it?"

Answer: "Yes."

And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that George Rayen aforesaid, at the time he testified, deposed and swore as aforesaid, and gave and made the answers and statements aforesaid, as aforesaid, then and there well and fully knew that the same were, as a matter of fact, false and untrue in that, and for the reason that George Rayen aforesaid, well and fully knew, as a matter of fact, that he, George Rayen aforesaid, on or about the 1st or 2nd day of September, 1934, or thereabout, in Wichita, Kansas, in a room in the Allis Hotel in Wichita, Kansas, did say and speak to Guy Neal, County Attorney of Harper County, Kansas and Joe Pottussek, County Attorney of Sumner County, Kansas, in a conversation prosecuted by him, George Rayen aforesaid, for the purpose of securing custody of one Pace, one McCoy and one Crats: "This man LaCapra is wanted very badly in Kansas City and that is what these boys were down here to do, to wipe him out", and "I don't know what political affiliations you two gentlemen have. We have got to work for the good of the Democratic party. I am in the employ of Kansas City, Missouri, nevertheless I owe a greater duty to the organization there which is headed by Mr. Pendergast. This man LaCapra is wanted very badly in Kansas City and that is what these boys were down here to do, was to wipe him out," and words of similar meaning and import.

And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that at the time George Rayen aforesaid, testified, deposed and swore as aforesaid, George Rayen aforesaid then and there did not believe the answers and statements made and given by him as aforesaid to be true, and then and there well and fully knew that his

answers and statements aforesaid then and there constituted and were willful, false and corrupt perjury.

And so the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do present and charge that George Rayan aforesaid, on the 3rd day of November, 1934, at Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, in the Western Division of the Western District of Missouri, and within the jurisdiction of this court, before the grand jury for the United States District Court aforesaid, and upon the inquiry, hearing and investigation aforesaid, did, in the manner and form aforesaid, wilfully, falsely, corruptly and feloniously commit willful, and corrupt perjury: Contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the United States of America.

United States Attorney.

A TRUE BILL:

Foreman of the Grand Jury.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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November 5, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Reinecke of the Indianapolis Office telephoned at 10:45 AM today to advise further with respect to the arrest of Frank Lee Callan, alias Franklin English at Louisville, Kentucky on October 31, 1934. Mr. Reinecke stated that in order to hold the woman who was arrested with Callan it was necessary to file a fugitive complaint, and therefore he had caused complaint to be filed at Lake City, South Carolina, charging Callan and his wife with fleeing from the State of South Carolina and based upon this complaint a fugitive complaint has been filed at Louisville, Kentucky in order to hold both Callan and his wife. Mr. Reinecke stated that he did not intent to waste any time on these individuals, but as a matter of cooperation with state authorities, and in view of the fact that both Callan and his wife had been arrested on information furnished by Special Agents of this Division, he wanted to make certain that they were held pending their removal on state warrants.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
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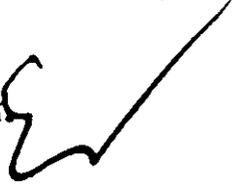
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November 7, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM 

In connection with the efforts of the Division to locate the gun used in the Kansas City massacre, the Division is presently engaged upon an investigation looking to the location and apprehension of James Bove, Tom Lascuola and Meyer Berman. These individuals were first suspected by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department of being the gunmen who murdered John Lazia at Kansas City on July 10, 1934. Inasmuch as the bolt of the gun used in that murder has been identified by the Technical Laboratory of the Division as the same bolt used in the gun in the Kansas City massacre, the Division instituted an investigation looking toward the apprehension of these individuals.

It has subsequently been learned that these individuals did not participate in the assassination of Lazia. The individuals now charged with that crime are Jack Griffin, James LaCapra and Allister O'Brien. Griffin has been disposed of in a manner unknown to the Division. LaCapra, of course, has recently furnished the Division with considerable information respecting the massacre. The Division at the present time is endeavoring to locate O'Brien in order to account for the gun or guns used in the murder of Lazia.

In view of recent developments, I recommend that the investigation with respect to Bove, Lascuola and Berman be discontinued. Also the investigation conducted thus far with respect to these individuals has thrown considerable light upon the operation of the underworld syndicate with its connections at Kansas City, Missouri, Cincinnati, Ohio and Cleveland, Ohio. The investigation further discloses that these individuals apparently have a definite connection with the former Lazia gang at Kansas City, Missouri.

Respectfully,


R. E. Newby.

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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

October 31, 1934.

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

RE Vernon C. Miller, w.a.; et al.
ENTSAVOR DELIVER FREEL. PRISONER.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to our telephone conversation of Saturday afternoon, at which time I advised you that an agent from the Dallas office was proceeding to Beaumont, Texas upon other matters, and at that time would interview again, Paula Harmon:

You are advised that the travel of this agent was not made by reason of the postponement of the case which was expected to come to trial; and it is indefinite when an agent will again be in that vicinity. But if you desire that a special trip be made for the purpose of interviewing Paula Harmon and ascertaining her mental condition, and will so advise, same will be made.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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November 3, 1934

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Mr. Egan.....
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Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Roder.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

This will advise that Mr. Nathan at Kansas City called and stated that at 9:50P.M. Kansas City time on this date, a Federal Grand Jury at Kansas City returned indictments against Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins, former Director of Police, Eugene Reppert, and George Rayen, Lieutenant of Detectives, in charge of the automobile squad, charging them with perjury committed before the present Grand Jury.

The indictment against Higgins pertains to alleged conversations with B. H. Thurman, former Chief of Detectives, to the effect that the Kansas City Massacre Case was a Federal government case and not a police case. Similar conversations were alleged to have been had with Detective Charlton A. Beatty.

The indictment against Reppert was along similar lines setting forth statements allegedly made by him to the effect that the case was not a police matter and that the police should keep hands off.

The indictment against Rayen referred to alleged statements recently made by him at Wichita, Kansas, shortly after one Lacapra was shot in Kansas. Rayen allegedly stated to the local Prosecuting Attorney and two or three other individuals at Wichita, Kansas, that although he was working for the Kansas Police Department, he was also working for the Bendergast organization and that his first duty was to the Bendergast organization. Rayen denied before the Grand Jury.

Mr. Nathan further advised that although the Grand Jury was originally scheduled to adjourn this evening, the session will be continued on Monday morning in view of the arrival in Kansas City of Adam Richetti tomorrow morning.

Respectfully,

W. L. Listerman
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REPORT MADE AT New York City	DATE WHEN MADE 11/8/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/18/34	REPORT MADE BY J.S. Kavanaugh
TITLE Albert Kelley with aliases; et al			CHARACTER OF CASE: Miscellaneous - Information Concerning.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No criminal record in New York City on Albert or Bert Kelley answering description set forth. No such address as --19 State Street, Brooklyn. Name not known to Lieutenant Owens of Detective Squad who has been covering Broadway theatrical section for over ten years.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent T.N. Stapleton, Charlotte, N.C., 9/6/34.

DETAILS:

Special Agent J.E. Amos ascertained at the New York City Police Department, Bureau of Criminal Identification, that they have no record in their files of any person by the name of Albert or Bert Kelley answering the description set forth in the report of reference.

State Street in Brooklyn, N.Y. is a comparatively short street running from 1 to 550, address numbers. Check of the Brooklyn Address Telephone Directory shows one party there by the name of Kelley, residing at 155 State Street.

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This party was interviewed and found to be an elderly woman about 55 years, whose husband was formerly a police officer in New York City but who died several years ago. Mrs. Kelley is now living on his pension. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mrs. Kelley stated that she was not acquainted with anyone by the name of Albert or Bert Kelley; that her late husband had only one brother and she did not know where he is.

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Lieutenant Owens of the Detective Squad covers the Broadway theatrical district, and he stated that he had a rather wide acquaintance there and several good informants. He stated when interviewed that he could possibly get some information within a few days. He later advised by telephone that he was unable to find anyone that was acquainted with Albert or Bert Kelley on Broadway.

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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 FLOWE, with aliases
(DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

There is being transmitted herewith original and one memorandum copy of Government Bill of Lading, J-69690, covering shipment from this office on November 7, 1934 of a box of firearms.

C. H. [unclear]
This box contains the Thompson sub-machine gun, with serial number obliterated, and .45 caliber Colt automatic pistol, serial number 483208, both of which guns were taken from Subject Edgar Richetti at the time of his arrest at Wellsville, Ohio; these guns being produced before the Federal Grand Jury at Kansas City, Missouri under a subpoena duces tecum. After the guns had been introduced in evidence before the Grand Jury the United States Attorney instructed that they be forwarded by this office to our Division for appropriate examination and tests in the Division laboratory.

Although no definite instructions have been received as yet from the United States Attorney as to the ultimate disposition of these guns, it is believed that it will probably be necessary to return them to this city in order that they may be again turned over to the United States District Court. However, the Division will be further advised in this respect when further details are obtained.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

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Kansas City, Missouri

R. B. Nathan, Special Agent in Charge, (Issuing office)

Nov. 7, 1934 (Date issued)

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P. O. Box #709
Portland, Oregon

October 30, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box #766
Cincinnati, Ohio

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 26, 1934,
concerning one Frank English, an alleged salesman for the
Cadillac Motor Car Company, driving VB Cadillac, carrying
Washington license plates #241-142.

Enclosed herewith is report of Special Agent H. A.
King, Portland, Oregon, dated October 16, 1934, which is
self-explanatory, it being noted that Callan is referred
to as Callam.

Very truly yours,

C. C. Spears
Special Agent in Charge

H.K.B
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October 31, 1934.

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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

WRO:JR

November 9, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. W. GARDNER,
GENERAL AGENT AND CHIEF CLERK.

There is transmitted herewith voucher in the amount of \$189.20, in favor of the Vermilya-Huffman Flying Service, for a chartered plane used by Special Agents of this Division in proceeding from Cincinnati to East Liverpool, Ohio, in connection with the investigation resulting in the apprehension of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

This is to advise you that the above investigation could have been completed only by the use of this means of transportation. Information requiring the Agents of this Division to proceed to East Liverpool was such that it had to be acted on immediately. Inasmuch as the investigation involved the apprehension of a fugitive, it would have been impossible, of course, to have postponed the travel so that train could have been used. It was absolutely necessary that the Agents have an airplane at their disposal which could be used for any travel required and which would not be required to follow any definite route or schedule. This could be had only through chartering a plane, and consequently the air travel as shown in the attached voucher was arranged.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director,

62-28915-3103

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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November 20, 1954.

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Mr. R. P. Allen,
Oilpure Refiner Sales of Tennessee,
921 Carter Street,
Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 8, 1954, wherein you make claim to a reward offered by the Government for information leading to the apprehension of Richard T. Galates, who was taken into custody at New Orleans, Louisiana on September 22, 1954.

Please be advised that the Federal Government had made no public offer of reward for information leading to the apprehension of this individual.

With respect to the reward offered by the Liberty Magazine, please be advised that the facts, as reflected by the official reports, are being furnished the officials of that publishing company in order that they may make a distribution of the reward offered by them.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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OILPURE REFINER SALES OF TENNESSEE

"THE GUARDIAN OF YOUR MOTOR"

921 CARTER STREET

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

November 8, 1934

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director National Bureau
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

A few minutes ago I left W.H.Hackett, Chief of Detectives of this city after having him tell me that he had written to the proper Federal authorities to the effect that I was entitled to the reward offered by the Government for the capture of Richard T. Galatas in New Orleans, La., on September 22, 1934. I am writing to give you full information regarding the whole affair just in case it was possible Chief Hackett's information had not reached you.

On September 11th I went to Sergeant Dorsey of the City Detectives and told him that Galatas could be found in New Orleans at 406 Stern Building. I also told him he had at one time resided at the Carrolton Hotel and later at the Pontchartrain Hotel where I thought he would probably be at that time. If he was not there they could no doubt trace him. Dorsey immediately wrote to Mr. Rohr, I believe, in the Nashville office giving the information as I had related it to him, both addresses being given in the letter, a copy of which letter is now in the files of Sergt. Dorsey here in Chattanooga.

A letter from the Nashville office a couple of days later asked for my complete address which was given to Dorsey.

One night in a Chattanooga newspaper I happened to see on the back page a long article regarding the capture of Galatas in New Orleans on September 22nd. The date I saw this article has slipped my mind but it was fully ten days after the arrest had materialized.

I at once communicated with Sergt. Dorsey here in regard to the claim for the Federal reward and he said his office would take care of that for me. I presume you have received the communication from Chief Hackett and will notify me what disposition is to be made of the matter at your convenience.

Liberty Magazine also offered a reward of \$1000.00 for this man and I have entered my claim for that. However, there seems to be a party operating under an alias in New Orleans who claims that he gave the information which led to the arrest of Galatas to the District Attorney in New Orleans and upon this information Galatas was captured rather than through my information. His data was given on the 21st and mine on the 11th in Chattanooga. Mr. Viosca, District Attorney in New Orleans, admits that a party by the name of Allen gave some information regarding the whereabouts of Galatas but it "was of such an indefinite nature" that it was not of any value. Personally I would not consider residence and business addresses of a party to be of an indefinite nature.

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DILPURE REFINER SALES OF TENNESSEE

"THE GUARDIAN OF YOUR MOTOR"

921 CARTER STREET

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

I am, of course, anxious to substantiate my claim and collect the Liberty reward as well as the Federal reward. I feel especially entitled to the reward from Liberty in view of the fact that in spite of my letter asking that they not disclose my identity for fear of reprisals from others of the gang yet at large they not only printed my name and specific address in their own magazine while allowing the other claimant to hide under an assumed name but actually sent out over the Associated Press a notice with the same disclosures which were printed in both our local newspapers much to my embarrassment.

As I see it, there is an attempt by parties in New Orleans to convince Liberty that my information was so indefinite it could not be used, leaving the field open for the other claimant. There is, of course, only one way in which I can prove that my information was of a very definite nature, on the contrary, and that is through the Department of Justice office in Nashville and New Orleans. I feel sure that the efficiency of your offices is such that when definite data concerning the whereabouts of such a man as Galatas is given to it that this information would not be mislaid and fail to reach its destination in New Orleans. In other words, I know that the information given to your Nashville branch by Sergt. Dorsey here must surely have been transmitted in detail to the authorities in New Orleans and upon this information they could have and surely did arrest Galatas.

My purpose in writing to you directly was to give you all information independent of what Chief Hackett might have given you and to ask if I might refer Liberty in its investigation to your Nashville and New Orleans files to prove that my information was of a very definite nature and that it resulted in the capture of Galatas rather than the information given by the other claimant under an assumed name.

I trust that you will be kind enough to give me an answer to this letter at your earliest possible convenience as it means quite a bit to me, as you can no doubt realize fully.

Very truly yours,

R. P. Allen
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TWO PATHS AHEAD

THE victory at the polls of the End Poverty In California movement is an event whose importance it is hard to overestimate. We are face to face with the breakdown of a system whereby human beings have created and obtained the necessities of life for centuries. We have to find a new way to go about it; and can we make this change by peaceable and orderly means, with democratic consent, or do we have to have violence, civil war, and the overthrow of our government?

The present election gives us a chance to show that the former is the case. We have obtained from the people of California by the method of the ballot box permission to establish a system of production for use to apply to the 1,250,000 persons in our state—nearly one fifth of our population—who are now living on public charity. The people have declared that the credit power of the state shall be put behind these destitute ones.

We figure that keeping these persons as objects of charity costs the State of California more than \$500,000 a day. We figure that the 500,000 able-bodied workers among them would, if they were at productive labor, create \$2,000,000 a day of new wealth. We are unwilling to lose that wealth, even for the sixty days between the day of our election and the day of our taking office. Therefore we are going to start our system of production for use on the day after election. Our entire political machine is now to be converted into the organ of the people's economic activities.

I am about to issue a proclamation as Governor-Elect, asking our whole EPIC force, and likewise the Democratic Party, to set immediately to work upon a land and fac-



Why Liberty Opposes the SINCLAIR Program

As this issue of Liberty reaches the news stands the results of the elections in various states should be known.

Because the whole nation has watched the California contest with the deepest concern and interest and in many cases with apprehension, the editors of Liberty have given Upton Sinclair the opportunity to state frankly in these pages what his plans for the future will be, whether he is elected or defeated. We do this because of the importance his candidacy has assumed in the eyes of all thoughtful Americans, who have begun to wonder which way this country of ours is headed. But in doing this journalistic service we feel we would be remiss in our duty to our readers if we did not at the same time point out to them our own complete lack of sympathy with Mr. Sinclair's philosophy of politics and his program for California. This disagreement with his EPIC Plan we want to make clear beyond the possibility of doubt. For Upton Sinclair the man we have a genuine admiration. He is a staunch fighter and he is not afraid to say what he thinks. It is too bad that these fine talents are not being used to help America on safer and more conservative lines. We still believe that the problems oppressing the American people today, not only in California but in all the sovereign states, can be solved by a return to sound business principles, open competition, and the old-fashioned wisdom of common sense.

Cornari Macfadden

make these committees official relief organizations of the state, and to give out of the relief funds a small amount of money to pay the preliminary costs. If he refuses to do this, our movement will proceed for two months, as it has done in the past, with volunteer labor and volunteer gifts.

I shall endeavor to find the best men in the state, those who are technically qualified for the particular job, and who have at the same time independence, integrity, and a real belief in democracy. I shall give each of these persons his job and tell him to go to it, paying no attention to any idea but the people's welfare. If he succeeds I will stand behind him, and if he fails I will get somebody else who can do better.

We hope for the cooperation of our former opponents—because we are all in the same boat together, and if we succeed in establishing production for use by the efforts and for the benefit of the unemployed, everybody in the state will reap a share of advantage.

For forty years I have been a writer of books. I am now no longer a writer. I am making a sacrifice of my own talents, my own tastes, my own comfort. I am asking others to make

sacrifices for the common welfare; and as proof of my own good faith I am turning over to the State of California the plates and copyrights of my forty-nine books. As soon as the California Authority for Production is organized, this legal transfer will be made, and one of the tasks of the unemployed printers and binders of our state will be to make an edition of these books to be donated to public libraries throughout our state.

We have a majority of the people of our state behind us, and we are going to show that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish

A MAD DOG is Caught!

How Liberty's \$1,000 Offer Led to the Capture of a Famous Fugitive from Justice

by RICHARD G. HARRIS

FOR more than a year the police of the United States hunted Richard T. Galatas. He was alleged to have had a part in the "Kansas City Massacre" on June 16, 1933, when four officers were killed, and so was Frank Nash, a criminal who was being taken to Leavenworth Prison.

The actual assassins, according to Department of Justice agents, were Vernon C. Miller, Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and Adam Richetti. Galatas was alleged to be the "brains of the gang." (Last month Floyd was killed in Ohio two days after Richetti had been captured.)

In its issue of last September 15 Liberty published pictures of four "mad dogs" and offered a reward for their apprehension—\$1,000 apiece. They were John Hamilton, "Baby Face" Nelson, Floyd, and Galatas.

On September 22 Galatas was arrested in New Orleans.

Two men claim the thousand-dollar reward. Liberty is now determining the merits of each claim and will pay the reward at the conclusion of its investigation.

One of the claimants who used the name Ed J. Thomas to protect himself from Galatas's friends, recognized Galatas in "E. W. Lee," a reputed business man of New Orleans, and went to United States Attorney Rene A. Viosca, told him Galatas was planning to leave town that night, and directed him to the fugitive's office.

The other claimant is R. P. Allen, who writes from the Hotel Moccasin, Chattanooga, Tennessee:

"In the September 15 Liberty I saw the picture of Galatas and your offer of a \$1,000 reward to the person causing the capture. I recognized the picture as being that of a man in New Orleans who called himself E. W. Lee. He was selling a product and our business brought us together for numerous conversations.

"I immediately informed Sergeant Dorsey of the detectives in Chattanooga, and on September 13 he wrote the Department of Justice in Nashville. I read in this morning's paper that Galatas had been taken in New Orleans. Sergeant Dorsey said the seizure had been made due to the very definite information in regard to name and both residence and business addresses which I had given, and told me to write you at once, entering my claim for the reward and referring you to him."

Mr. Viosca champions the claim of "Thomas."

WATCH FOR THESE MAD DOGS!



JOHN HAMILTON, known as "Red," for the murder of Sheriff James Nathan of Jackson, Miss., and for the murder of the Southern Railway conductor at Jackson, Miss., in 1931 near the station near Paris, La., Missouri.

Liberty Will Offer \$1,000 to the Person Who Causes the Capture of Any of These Fugitives

JOHN HAMILTON is a well known fugitive in the South. He is a white man, about 35 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 175 pounds, has dark hair, blue eyes, and a high forehead. He is a native of Mississippi and has lived in various parts of the South. He is a member of the "Black Legion" and has been active in its operations. He is a dangerous criminal and is wanted by the law.

CHARLES A. FLOYD is a well known fugitive in the South. He is a white man, about 35 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 175 pounds, has dark hair, blue eyes, and a high forehead. He is a native of Mississippi and has lived in various parts of the South. He is a member of the "Black Legion" and has been active in its operations. He is a dangerous criminal and is wanted by the law.

ADAM RICHETTI is a well known fugitive in the South. He is a white man, about 35 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 175 pounds, has dark hair, blue eyes, and a high forehead. He is a native of Mississippi and has lived in various parts of the South. He is a member of the "Black Legion" and has been active in its operations. He is a dangerous criminal and is wanted by the law.

VERNON C. MILLER is a well known fugitive in the South. He is a white man, about 35 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 175 pounds, has dark hair, blue eyes, and a high forehead. He is a native of Mississippi and has lived in various parts of the South. He is a member of the "Black Legion" and has been active in its operations. He is a dangerous criminal and is wanted by the law.



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RICHARD T. GALATAS is a well known fugitive in the South. He is a white man, about 35 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 175 pounds, has dark hair, blue eyes, and a high forehead. He is a native of Mississippi and has lived in various parts of the South. He is a member of the "Black Legion" and has been active in its operations. He is a dangerous criminal and is wanted by the law.

This page of Liberty's issue of September 15 landed Galatas in custody September 22!

reward of \$1,000. He stated that he had seen the man's photograph in Liberty, which he had with him. . . . I immediately took the matter up with Mr. D. W. Magee, acting special agent in charge, Division of Investigation, Department of Justice, New Orleans. . . . The informant apprised Mr. Magee of the exact room number in the Stern Building in which Galatas could be found, and he was apprehended at that office one hour and a half later. The informant furnished certain other information. . . .

"I am informed that the local Division of Investigation had [previously] received a communication from a Mr. Allen giving certain information with respect to Galatas's presence in New Orleans; but in my opinion this information was

rather indefinite, and Galatas would not have been apprehended, as he was apparently planning to leave New Orleans in a day or two."

After the Kansas City murders Galatas went to California and spent some time on the beach at Santa Monica. He lived a quiet life there with his wife as Mr. and Mrs. Lee. In Los Angeles he made a connection with a paint concern and was appointed Southern sales representative. In June he went to New Orleans, rented an office, and began advertising in the newspapers for salesmen.

THEN Liberty printed his picture—not the one so much circularized, yet a police-made photograph. It showed him as he is today, though not in business clothes.

One Liberty reader wrote immediately to the Department of Justice, through a police sergeant. The other claimant had gone to New Orleans from Mississippi, looking for work. He bought a copy of Liberty, a magazine he had read for years, and studied the "mad dog" pictures. By accident next day he saw Galatas, or thought he did. He followed him to an office in the Stern Building, trailed him when he came out, took his car's license number.

Then he came across a "Help Wanted" ad inserted by the man he had trailed. He applied for the job, talked with the man, and became convinced of his identity. He went directly to Mr. Viosca—and the arrest followed.

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October 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

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In regard to your memorandum of October 26, 1934, I believe that the informant who has contacted Beulah Baird should be continued for the time being, in view of the fact that Mr. Brantley yesterday informed me that he had received information from Beulah Baird that Mr. Purvis was to be "placed on the spot" by the rest of the gang. I do not think that we can afford to treat this threat lightly, and we should definitely run it down. Will you please take this matter up with Mr. Brantley to see that it is done.

With regard to the watch and personal possessions of "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Mr. Purvis has sent in to Washington headquarters these articles. They should be forwarded to Mr. Brantley, with instructions that they be turned over to the mother of Floyd, obtaining a receipt therefor. Before the watch is turned over, it should be photographed in order to have a picture of the ten notches which appear on the face of the watch and on the inside thereof, which probably indicate the number of men that Floyd has killed, using the watch for this purpose rather than his gun, which would have attracted more attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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October 26, 1934

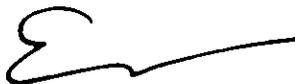
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Brantley called from Oklahoma City at 3:45 P.M. on October 25, 1934 and advised that an informant of the Division, closely associated with the Floyd family at Sallisaw, Oklahoma, has advised him that Beulah Bird has returned to Sallisaw. This woman has stated that she and her sister, together with Floyd and Richetti had been in Indiana and New York State prior to Floyd's apprehension, and that she would return to "join the rest of the gang" after Floyd's funeral. Mr. Brantley requested to be advised whether we had any indication that there were any additional persons associated with Floyd and I advised him that we had no information of this type and that in my opinion, the informant was merely endeavoring to make it appear that he would be of continuing value to the Division. I instructed Mr. Brantley to obtain any additional information that he could along these lines, but that the present information did not appear to warrant any particular investigative attention.

Mr. Brantley advised that he would dispense with the services of this informant shortly after the Floyd funeral.

The mother of "Pretty Boy" Floyd has written Mr. Brantley relative to Floyd's watch and other personal property. I advised Mr. Brantley that probably this property would be in the possession of the coroner of the county in which Floyd was shot.

Respectfully,


E. A. TAMM

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 29, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

NOV 14 1934

Reference is made to the telegram received from Special Agent in Charge W. A. Rorer, dated at Nashville, Tennessee, October 25, 1934, wherein the attention of the Division is directed to the letter of the Nashville Office addressed to the New Orleans Office dated September 13, 1934; the letter from the New Orleans Office to the Division dated September 23, 1934, and to Division letter to the New Orleans office dated October 15, 1934, with reference to the location of Richard Tallman Galatas, subject of Identification Order 1201.

It appears from the letter of the Nashville Office dated September 13th that W. R. Hyatt, Acting Chief of Detectives, Chattanooga, Tennessee Police Department, directed a letter to the Nashville Division Office, the date of which does not appear in the Division's file, advising that a young man named [redacted], New Orleans, Louisiana, feels that he had seen subject Galatas, whose photograph had appeared in an issue of the Liberty Magazine. [redacted] also advised Mr. Hyatt that Galatas was using the name of "E. W. Lee" and could be located at 406 Stearns Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, where he was representing a paint concern out of Los Angeles, California. Mr. Hyatt also stated in his letter that his informant, [redacted] had indicated that Galatas in the past had stopped at the Carroll Apartments and the Ponchartrain Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana. A copy of Mr. Hyatt's letter was included in the letter of the Nashville Office dated September 13, which letter was received at the New Orleans Office on September 15. The lead was promptly assigned to Special Agent L. W. Magee, but because of an emergency situation arising in the office, it did not receive immediate attention. In the meantime, George W. Burt, Jr., Huber Hotel, 423 St. Charles Street, New Orleans, Louisiana had observed that the photograph of Galatas appearing in the Liberty Magazine closely resembled an individual known to him as "Edwin W. Lee, or William Lee" who occupied an office in Room 503, Stern Building, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Burt first reported his observations to the Honorable Rene A. Viosca, United States Attorney at New Orleans, Louisiana on September 22, 1934. Mr. Viosca thereupon furnished the information to the local office of the Division of

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What was the emergency situation?
So a matter of this importance should never
have been sidetracked. Set me have
further details. S. E. N.

Memo for the Director.

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Investigation. Special Agent Magee thereupon made an investigation which resulted in the apprehension of Galatas on that date, September 22, 1934.

It is to be noted that the original informant gave information slightly at variance with the correct address for Galatas, but Special Agent Magee in his letter to the Division points out that this information would have resulted in the apprehension of Galatas without the additional information which was furnished by Mr. Burt through the United States Attorney.

Respectfully,


R. E. Newby.

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DIRECTOR DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION, US DEPT OF JUSTICE
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KANMO REFER TO MY LETTER ADDRESSED TO NEWORLEANS OFFICE
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 NEWORLEANS OCTOBER FIFTEENTH STOP CHATTANOOGA POLICE AND
 THEIR INFORMANT DESIRE INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER DATA
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 WHETHER IT WOULD HAVE BEEN PRODUCTIVE HAD IT BEEN ACTED
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RORER.

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Baughman
- Chief Clerk
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November 5, 1934

PERSONAL AND
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Mr. D. W. Magee,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
326 1/2 Post Office Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases (deceased) ET AL;
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

I am very much concerned and the Division has been placed in a very embarrassing position as a result of the delay in covering the lead directed to your office by the Nashville office with respect to the whereabouts of subject Galatas.

You have explained that the reason for the delay was due to an emergency situation arising in your office at the time this lead was received, the emergency situation being that Special Agent in Charge R. Whitley was out of town and that only one Agent was available in addition to yourself, and further that the lead did not impress you as being of any importance. The Division does not consider this a satisfactory explanation of the delay and furthermore, no attempts should be made to evaluate the importance of leads received at your office. All leads are important and should be so considered.

I want you to know that such slipshod methods of handling investigations will not be tolerated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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BY AIR

November 9, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. W. GARDNER,
GENERAL AGENT AND CHIEF CLERK.

There is transmitted herewith voucher for the transportation of passengers, covering airplane charter in the amount of \$203.50.

This is to advise you that the use of this means of transportation was necessitated by the sudden developments in the investigation conducted by this Division looking to the apprehension of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd. All of the travel performed in these planes was necessitated by that investigation. Due to its nature it was essential that the Agents of this Division have planes at their disposal in order that they could be directed to any points in an endeavor to ascertain the location of the fugitive. Planes flying on regular schedule could not be used for this purpose. In order that the investigation could be conducted properly, it was necessary to augment the number of Agents located in Ohio and to direct Agents from the Detroit office to proceed to that vicinity.

It is therefore believed that the expenditure represented by this voucher was entirely justified by the circumstances as explained above, it being contended that investigations involving the apprehension of Federal fugitives from justice, or the solution of serious crimes against the United States, will not permit of any delays or postponements.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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November 5, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm

With reference to the situation whereby no fugitive index card was filed with the Identification Unit upon the issuance of an identification order on subject Galatas, please be advised that the facts in that particular instance do not bear Mr. Schilder out in that a fugitive index card was prepared at the same time as was the identification order. There appears however in file 7-86, John Factor, Victim - Kidnaping, Serial 145, an exchange of memoranda relative to placing in the Identification Unit fugitive index cards upon the issuance of an identification order. It appears that this was not done at the time an identification order was issued on Charles B. Connors, with aliases, Identification Order #1206.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 9, 1934

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62-456

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),
et al - Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.

In accordance with instructions received from the Division
confidential informant [REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] has been retained in the capacity
of confidential informant for the purpose of determining the movements
of Beulah Baird, alias Juanita Baird, the paramour of the late Charles
Arthur Floyd.

A letter was received from this informant dated November 5,
1934 at Fort Smith, Arkansas containing information to the effect that
Beulah Baird is still visiting relatives at Okmulgee, Oklahoma and is
expected to return to Sallisaw, Oklahoma within the next few days.
This information was confirmed in a telephone message received from
this informant on November 8, 1934.

Beulah Baird indicates that she desires to have the informant
transport her to Kansas City or vicinity when she leaves Sallisaw. The
informant is to advise of any arrangements made in this respect and in
the event he does not personally transport Beulah Baird, he will advise
the date of her departure from Sallisaw, her destination and the manner
in which she is traveling in order that she may be picked up by Agents
of the Division upon leaving the state of Oklahoma or upon arriving at
her destination. It is not deemed desirable or advisable at this time
to either pick up Beulah Baird in the state of Oklahoma or to attempt to
place her under surveillance at Sallisaw in view of the situation under
which the informant has been placed with the relatives of Floyd.

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Very truly yours,

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Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Kansas City
Chicago

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

326½ Post Office Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

November 9, 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: Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd,
with aliases (Deceased); et al;
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of November 1, 1934, referring to Division letter of October 3, 1934, which requested an explanation as to why it was necessary to refer to a confidential informant in a personal and confidential letter without disclosing the name of the informant, as was done in New Orleans Division office letter dated September 23, 1934.

This subject matter was answered by New Orleans Division office letter of October 8, 1934, to the Division, two copies of which are transmitted herewith.

In further explanation of this matter, attention of the Division is called to the fact that New Orleans Division office letter of September 23, 1934, contained other subject matter than that which furnished the name of the confidential informant and would subsequently be placed in the case file. This being true, it was the intent of the writer that the subject matter be personal and confidential to the Director until the release of the publicity on the instant case.

The names of confidential informants No. 1, and No. 3 developed later, as well as information relative confidential informant No. 2, were furnished the Division by personal and confidential letter of this office dated September 29, 1934.

Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee
D. W. Magee,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 9, 1934

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

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases (deceased); ET AL;
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir :

In accordance with instructions contained in Division letter dated November 2, 1934, I am enclosing herewith a receipt executed by Mrs. W. L. Floyd, mother of the late Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, in connection with delivery to her of the personal property of Floyd referred to in the Division's letter of reference. A copy of the executed receipt is also being retained in the files of the Oklahoma City office.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Sallisaw, Oklahoma,
November 6, 1934.

I have this day received from a Special Agent of the
Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice,
the following property of the late Charles Arthur Floyd:

- 1 open face Gruen Pocket Watch, Serial No. 496692;
- 1 silver colored watch chain, attached thereto;
- 1 coin, United States half-dollar, minted 1928,
attached to the opposite end of the watch
chain;
- 1 14 carat white gold ring with a double face
cameo setting.

Wm. W. L. Floyde

WITNESSES:

Tom Liddell Chief of Police ^{Ben-yetta} Okla

J. J. Perkins
Special Agent, Division of
Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Mr. Robert M. Brookes,
Chairman,
East Liverpool Police Pension Board,
East Liverpool, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of November 9, 1934, relative to rewards offered for the apprehension of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, please be advised that the Federal Government did not make a public offer of a reward for information leading to the apprehension of Floyd, nor did it prepare reward circulars, such as were prepared in the case of John Dillinger and Lester M. Gillis alias "Baby Face" Nelson.

This Division did, however, prepare and issue an identification order, reflecting that Floyd was wanted for questioning in connection with the massacre of four peace officers and their prisoner at Kansas City, Missouri on the morning of June 17, 1933. A copy of this identification order, which bears #1194, is enclosed herewith for your information.

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

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure 513767.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
NOVEMBER 10, 1934



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

Dear Sir:

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "BRETHER" BOY" FLOYD
with aliases (Deceased), et al -
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. E. J. Connelley	
Chief Clerk	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Gandy	

Reference is made to Division letter of November 1934 concerning press dispatches from Kansas City indicating that Jack Jenkins of the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department had given out information concerning identifications of fingerprints at the residence of the late Vernon C. Miller.

During the course of the Grand Jury investigation recently had at Kansas City, the United States Attorney issued a subpoena for Mr. Jenkins to testify before the Grand Jury concerning the search made at the house occupied by Miller for latent fingerprints. Prior to Jenkins appearing before the Grand Jury it is my understanding that some discussion was had by the United States Attorney, or his assistant, with Jenkins relative to the nature of his testimony. I am advised that during this discussion it was disclosed that the fingerprint of Ricketti had been identified in the Division. He was, of course, already aware of the identification made during the Summer of 1933 of Miller's fingerprints. The statement contained in the press dispatch referred to as to the identification of Floyd's fingerprint is, of course, erroneous and in view of its inclusion in the press dispatch it appears doubtful that the dispatch is actually based on concrete information furnished to the press representatives by either Jenkins or anyone else familiar with the facts.

I have not made any inquiries of Mr. Jenkins concerning any statement which he may have given to the press and will not do so unless you so direct. It would not appear to me any useful purpose could be served by such inquiry.

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R. E. Ladd
R. E. LADD
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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RE: os
cc - Chicago

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
FROM: UNIT 1 & UNIT #3

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TO: Director
 Mr. Nathan
 Mr. Tolson
 Mr. Edwards
 Unit Two

Unit Four
 Files Section
 Personnel Files
 Equipment Section
 Chief Clerk's Office

Unit Five
 Identification Unit
 Statistical Section
 Technical Laboratory

SUPERVISORS

Unit One
 Mr. Listerman
 Mr. Lowdon
 Mr. McKee
 Mr. Newby
 Mr. Richmond
 Mr. Thompson

Unit Three
 Mr. Joseph
 Mr. Schroeder
 Mr. Smith

Miss Gandy
 Mrs. Kelley
 Washington Field Office

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*Re-subject on
fingerprint evidence
in Kansas City
massacre.*

E. A. TAMM - Room 5107

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 10, 1934

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APPREHENSION ORDER
No. 1196-523

Dear Sir:

In Re: BENJAMIN PHILLIPS alias
B. A. COURNEY,
Subject of I. O. No. 1196.

Identification Order No. 1196 on the
above named subject is hereby cancelled.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FOUR
EQUIPMENT SECTION

Transmitted herewith is a memorandum containing data for Apprehension Order #525 on BERNARD PHILLIPS alias E. A. COURTNEY, Identification Order No. 1196.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Inclosure #502716

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November 15, 1934

Mrs. Hattie Fisher,
3601 - 23rd Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Madam:

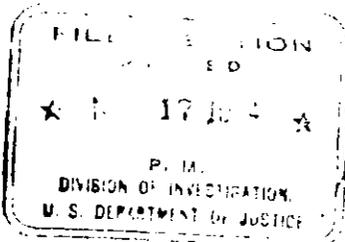
This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 5, 1934 wherein you request information regarding one Will Irwin who is said to have been one of the officers who participated in the killing of "Pretty Boy" Floyd on October 22, 1934.

Please be advised that the files of this Division do not reflect the name of the individual concerning whom you make inquiry, as one of the officers who participated in the apprehension of Floyd, but I suggest that you communicate with Mr. Hugh J. McDermott, Chief of Police, East Liverpool, Ohio, who may be acquainted with Will Irwin whose name possibly may have appeared in press dispatches relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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San Francisco Nov 5 1934

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Dear Sir

In regards of the killing of pretty boy
Floyd on Oct 22 I have noticed that
an officer by the name of Bill Drwin
has taken a part in the killing

I have a brother by that name who
I have not seen for many years
and I would like to know where
he is

Will you please let me know how
I can get in contact with this officer
to see if he by any chance could be
my lost brother. Hoping you will
oblige I remain yours

Mrs. Mattie Fisher
3601 - 29th St
San Francisco

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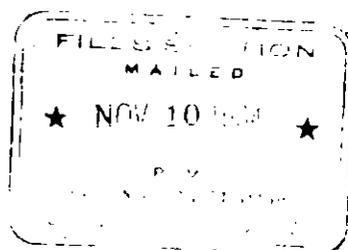
UNIT FIVE

Please be advised that the apprehension of subject
BERNARD PHILLIPS, with alias, FUGITIVE, Index No. 5415,
is no longer desired by the Division.

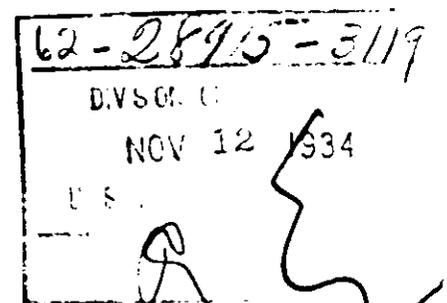
Kindly cancel the wanted notice in your files and
in the Police Bulletin.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA

KARMO GEORGE RYAN NUMBER TEN FIVE EIGHT ARRESTED SO SANTA ANNA CALIFORNIA
SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN NINETEEN SEVENTEEN CHARGE SUSPICION GRAND LARCENY RELEASED
LOS ANGELES AUTHORITIES WHERE WANTED OBTAIN DETAILS AND DISPOSITION

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
NOVEMBER 6, 1934.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 2, 1934, and telephone call from Mr. Tamm on November 1, 1934 concerning a request received by the Division from Major L. M. Means of the Missouri State Highway Patrol for certain assistance.

In accordance with the instructions of Mr. Tamm I immediately communicated by telephone with Col. E. M. Casteel, informing him of the Division's position concerning Means, and at the same time assuring him of the Division's desire to cooperate with him. Col. Casteel expressed his appreciation for the cooperation extended to him by the Division and asked that I inform you that he was at all times ready and willing to work with the Division in every respect.

Very truly yours,

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

RE: OS

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

Dear Sir:

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases
(Deceased) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to communication from this office dated October 16, 1934, under personal and confidential cover to the Special Agent in Charge at Oklahoma City, and concerning a communication received from Merle A. Gill, Ballistician regarding the shot gun shells recovered at the scene of the massacre.

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Since the receipt of this letter from Gill he has further discussed his theories in this connection with Agents of this office. In order that the Division might be fully advised in this matter, and particularly in view of Gill's known close connection with the Kansas City Journal Post and his possible present contact with the Kansas City Police Department, I am setting out herein the substance of Gill's recent remarks.

Gill advised Special Agents Harold E. Andersen and T. F. Trainor on November 6th that he has recently discussed the matter here referred to with two Kansas City, Missouri police detectives, one being Officer Collins, the other not having been named. He stated that those officers informed him that Otto Reed, Deceased, had on his lap when they discovered his dead body in the seat of Agent Caffrey's car a double barreled, sawed off shot gun of 16 gauge, and that shells from both barrels had been discharged. It is Mr. Gill's statement that according to his theory Otto Reed very probably shot Agent Caffrey, who was on the left hand side of the automobile, and also that he may have shot Detective Herranson, Deceased, who was on the right hand side of the car. That at the time he shot Agent Caffrey the same charge killed Frank Nash, who was in the front seat of the automobile on the left hand side.

This sustains the opinion which I have had of Gill all along. It proves what a grievous error it was to turn over the thing for examination on our evidence. We had a laboratory of our own & I never have understood why we dealt with this man.

J. C. H.

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batim in the report by Special Agent Trainor, dated at this office March 22, 1934, and coupled with previous written statements of Verle Gill, which are also commented on in that report, it has been previously indicated to the Agents assigned to this investigation that Agent Caffrey only was killed by means of a pellet fired from a shotgun.

Gill has now stated that the detectives with whom he has conferred informed him that the shotgun shells discovered at the scene of the massacre were not in the barrel of the gun, but that one was in the rear seat of the car and one was beside the car. He has stated also that he positively remembers having examined a double-barrelled 16 gauge shotgun at the Kansas City Division Office immediately after the massacre, which gun he understood had been turned over to this office by Kansas City Police after having been found at the scene of the shooting. He also states that he examined a shotgun shell at the same time which was in possession of the Kansas City Office, and which had allegedly been recovered at the scene of the massacre, and that the shotgun shell which had not been fired was taken apart and found to contain steel ballbearing pellets of the same size and kind as that which apparently killed Agent Caffrey.

He is now plain and definite in his statement that the aforementioned shootings occurred on the part of Mr. Reed. His previous statements indicated the same meaning by innuendo.

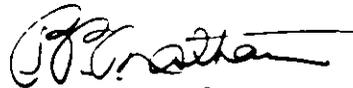
While there was no record made of the kind of shotguns carried by Officer Peed and Agent Caffrey during June 1933 when they were returned after the massacre, it has been indicated through recent inquiry of the Oklahoma City Office and the San Antonio office that these shotguns were 12 gauge, and that they were not double-barrelled guns, but rather the regular type of pump gun.

The publicity which has occurred in the Journal Post newspaper, at Kansas City, has carried the implication that the Kansas City Police Department is to undertake an investigation of the Kansas City massacre. The Journal Post has been plainly biased in favor of the Police Department since the rendition of the recent indictments against members of that organization, and it is self evident that Mr. Gill has been furnishing certain information to that newspaper. It is thought quite likely that allegations such as these, which have come from Mr. Gill, may be forthcoming from the Police Department through the Journal Post at a later date.

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The above is furnished for the information of the Division, and, unless directed to do so, no inquiry concerning this matter is to be made of the Kansas City Police detectives.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Chicago (Personal and Confidential) ~~X~~

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November 9, 1934.

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

I am attaching hereto, as of possible interest to you, a copy of a memorandum which I have just addressed to the Attorney General, transmitting a copy of an article appearing in the Muskogee Daily Phoenix for October 29, 1934, giving a local account of the funeral of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
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- Chief Clerk
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- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Tamm

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I am attaching hereto an article which appeared in the Muskogee Daily Phoenix for October 29, 1934, giving a local account of the funeral of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd. I thought you might be interested in the description of the funeral of this criminal.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Incl. #698920

- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Baughman.....
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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 6, 1934

JEL:ME

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

Personal and Confidential

Dear Sir:

As of possible interest to you there is enclosed
herewith an article appearing in the Muskogee Daily Phoenix
for October 29, 1934, giving a local account of the funeral
of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY, Jr.
Special Agent in Charge.

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FLOYD'S FUNERAL SATURNALIA DRAWS 20,000

PRETTY BOY RITES SEE HILL COUNTRY OVERRUN BY HORDE

Food Sells at Premium; Liquor
And Gun-Toting Toughs in
Evidence at Cemetery

6000 CARS JAM VICINITY

Phantom Outlaw Buried at
Akins; Preacher Makes Best
Of Difficult Job

By HARRISON HUMPHRIES
(Of the Phoenix Staff)

AKINS CEMETERY, Oct. 28—
The same rocky earth of the Cook-
son hills region over which the bare
feet of Charles A. "Choc" Floyd pat-
tered in his childhood some 20-odd
years ago, tonight held the bullet-
punctured remains of the southwest's
most ruthless slayer of the modern
era.

More than twenty thousand men,
women and children, curiosity seek-
ers from 20 or more states, jammed
around the little pavilion in the cen-
ter of this rural cemetery, trampled
graves, overturned headstones, and
ripped down fences in their efforts
to catch a last glimpse of the phan-
tom outlaw, who was shot to death
by federal agents near East Liver-
pool, Ohio, last Monday. Six thousand
automobiles were parked in the fields
surrounding the graveyard, and hun-
dreds were massed along the high-
way and through the little town of
Akins, a mile and a half away.

Foodstuff at a Premium

Grocery stores and restaurants in
Sallisaw, Vian, Gore and other points
along the highway leading from the
funeral site were sold out of food be-
fore dark, as motorists who had been
waiting at the cemetery since early
morning stopped for a bite to eat be-
fore going home. At noon Sallisaw
merchants reported the largest sale of
lunch meat, buns, cheese, cookies, and
fruit in the history of the city. Toward
evening the cemetery assumed the ap-
pearance of a maudlin picnic as fam-
ilies, exhausted by more than two
hours fighting in the crowd, gathered
in their own circle and spread their
bounty.

Dust thicker than the famous Lon-
don "pea soup fog" arose over the en-
tire area as cars streamed in from
every section line and highway. In

mid-afternoon the use of headlights
was necessary and the visibility was
reduced to not more than 100 feet in
any direction.

Night had fallen before many of the
motorists, some of whom had driven
halfway across the continent, inches
their way from the funeral grounds:
10 miles to Sallisaw. The roads were
packed with cars, all heading from
Akins, for 50 miles in every direction.

'Largest Funeral Spectacle

The enormous quantity of funera-
l wreaths was reduced to a few tattered
fragments as the milling horde grab-
bed at the blossoms and made away
with souvenirs of Oklahoma's largest
funeral spectacle. Burial was delayed
when curiosity seekers stole the screws
from the lid of the "rough box", into
which the casket was lowered.

After simple funeral rites, several
songs by the Akins choir, and a ser-
mon by the Rev. W. E. Rockett, pastor
of the First Baptist church of Sallisa-
w, the casket of the slain outlaw
was opened so that the thousands
could view the sorry reminder that
"crime does not pay."

With a single file line forming to
the east of the shingle-roofed shelter,
directors of the Moore funeral home at
Sallisaw and special officers appoint-
ed by the family from the Floyd clan
rushed spectators in rapid procession
past the casket. Men were reminded to
uncover their heads and the greatest
of respect was demanded beneath the
pavilion, while on the outside the jam
was so compact that 20 women at
nearly as many children and men
fainted from suffocation.

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Booze Flows Freely

Twenty thousand was a conservative estimate on the size of the crowd by unbiased observers. Estimates by some press services ran as high as 50,000 persons, though this last was considered somewhat too high.

In the throng which was packed in literal sardinelike fashion in a radius of 100 feet around the canopy, many men packed pistols. Corn liquor was in evidence on every hand. "Mourners" who became too boisterous were promptly silenced by those "in authority."

The family carried out its plan of barring photographers and newspapermen insofar as it was able, but the hillside was dotted with writers and both men and women with cameras. A woman carrying a folding camera in a "trick" purselike case was spotted under the enclosure before the body arrived from Sallisaw and firmly ordered to leave the grounds. Another camera was snatched from a mother, Mrs. Walter F. Floyd.

"I drove 1400 miles to see the body and got within three feet of it," one man was heard to complain.

Others announced their residence as "a few miles from where Floyd was killed in Ohio."

After the throng was convinced that the casket really had been sealed, the mob began drifting away in all directions. The bulk of them, however, went 100 yards deeper into the cemetery to the Floyd family lot, selected by the gunman as his last resting place more than a year ago. The body was lowered there at nearly dusk, beside the graves of his father and younger brother.

The Rev. Rockett, pastor of the church of which the bandit's mother and a sister are members, made the best of his difficult assignment. He selected as his text a passage from the 19th chapter, 30th verse of the Apostle John, "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished; and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."

Emphasis on Forgiveness

In his sermon, the pastor placed emphasis on the passage in the same chapter concerning Jesus' forgiveness of the thief hanging on the cross at

his side with the words, "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise."

"Who are we to judge?" the pastor asked. "Who are we to doubt but that Charles Floyd was forgiven by the Master when he asked, as I have been told he did, in his last hour, 'Lord have mercy upon me?'"

The Rev. Rockett praised the people of Akins and the Cookson area as "the salt of the earth." He asserted that relatives of the "Pretty Boy" were among his best personal friends and were kind, lovable people who "would do anything in the world for me."

"I do not say this for the benefit of the thousands of persons, mostly curiosity seekers, who have gathered here today, but because I feel it deep in my heart. With the sanction of the family I wish to speak word of caution to all of you, that you who call yourselves Christians, be not led astray as this lad was."

Cautions the Living

"There is nothing we could say that would be of any benefit to Charles Arthur Floyd, but it is possible, we hope, for us to say something that would be beneficial and consoling to those who are living; therefore we urge you who do not know the Christ as your Lord and Savior, to seek Him now before it is too late and we may have to recognize that it is finished."

The arrival of the body from Sallisaw was delayed some time because of the traffic jam on the road from Akins to the cemetery. Three flower cars preceded the hearse, as did several more cars bearing members of Floyd's family.

Before doors of the hearse could be opened, more than half an hour was spent in persuading the unruly throng to back away from the vehicle. Only a small part of those gathered around could hear the funeral oration, and cries for loudspeakers rang out from every side.

When the casket was opened, the outlaw's mother almost fainted, screamed, "My boy never hurt nobody!" and then quieted. His widow, Mrs. Ruby Floyd, wept in the arms of Mrs. George Birdwell, widow of Floyd's first henchman, killed in a bank robbery nearly two years ago.

Son Looks Like Him

Floyd's 9-year-old son, Jack Dempsey Floyd, was with his mother. The two spent all last week in Sallisaw.

Young Floyd, who bears a remarkable resemblance to "Pretty Boy", is a nice appearing, well-behaved child. He spent the week playing with neighboring children, was well liked and made many friends.

Floyd's aged grandparents, the wrinkled old woman wearing a new sunbonnet, waited in the cemetery from noon until joined by the other relatives. The family stoically fought its way to the cane-bottomed chairs under the shelter.

Among those who viewed the body were police officers from every county in the state. Only a small percentage of them had ever seen Floyd alive and were anxious for a glimpse of the man they had trailed fruitlessly for the past 10 years.

Floyd's grave clothes consisted of a dark serge suit, white shirt and tie. Only the upper part of his body was visible, and his features bore no signs of the bullet spray of federal officers who sent him to his rendezvous with death seven miles east of East Liverpool, Ohio last Monday afternoon.

Private Rites First

At time the routine of passing before the casket was halted while warnings were sung out to the crowd, reminding them of their respect for the family. When the casket was closed a howl immediately went up to "Let the people see the body," and at times under the canopy, individuals were cautioned against boisterous laughter and "improper" remarks.

According to those intimately connected with the family, private funeral rites were conducted at the home of his mother in Sallisaw before the body was brought to Akins. Pallbearers were Clar Frix, Lester Maudin, B. D. Cheek, Arphus Franks, Melvin Faulkner and Frank Green.

It was rumored that it was only through the pleadings of friends and hill-folk that Mrs. Walter Floyd permitted a public funeral. Spectators began arriving last night in every manner of conveyance, wagons, trucks, busses, buggies and on horseback. Some walked as far as 30 miles through the rough country.

Sallisaw was during the day the host to perhaps the most motley crowd in history. Booted hillmen with "ten gallon" hats, city dwellers, Indians and "toughs" alike descended upon the city at daybreak.

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Mr. Charles E. Robinson,
201 Post Office Building,
Galveston, Texas.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 9, 1934 calling attention to an article which appeared in the November issue of the trade magazine, "Office Appliances" wherein it is noted that one E. J. Mitchell of Levison and Elythe Company was a visitor at the Mid-West Travelers Headquarters and that he had the ill fortune of being a witness to the gangster killing which occurred in Kansas City not long ago.

Please be advised that this information will receive the attention of this Division and your interest and cooperation in forwarding it are appreciated.

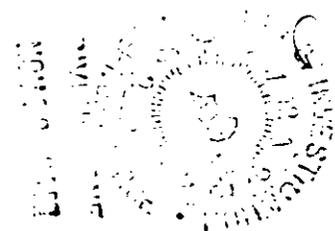
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-San Antonio (copy of Mr. Robinson's letter 11/9/34 att)
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Chief Secret Service,
WASHINGTON.

Sir:-

From a trade magazine Office Appliances for
November I notice the following item:

"E.J. Mitchell of Levison & Blythe Company was
a visitor at Mid-West Travelers headquarters the first
part of last month. He had the ill fortune on a
previous visit to be a witness to the gangster kill-
ing which occurred in Kansas City not long ago."

In case you do not have Mr. Mitchell's name
as one of the witnesses this may be of interest to you.

Respectfully,

Chas. E. Robinson

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Washington, D. C.

November 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

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In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby,
I am transmitting herewith five additional copies of
abstract of criminal record as appearing in the files
of the Identification Unit of Robert O. McBride.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

With regard to the status of the Kansas City Massacre case, please be advised that all of the defendants named in the indictment returned by the Federal Grand Jury at Kansas City, Missouri on October 26, 1934 have been released under bonds of \$5,000.00 with the exception of Herbert Allen Farmer who has not yet made bond. The bond of Galatas was fixed at \$15,000.00. Alan Richetti was named in an indictment including three counts, charging him with the release of, conspiring to release, and aiding and abetting in the release of a Federal prisoner. The same Grand Jury returned an indictment charging perjury against Eugene C. Rappert, former Director of Police, Kansas City, Missouri, Thomas J. Higgins, Chief of Detectives, and George Rayen, Lieutenant in charge of the automobile squad.

The bolt of one of the guns used in the massacre case has been identified as the bolt on the gun recovered in the lagoon, Lincoln Park, Chicago, Illinois on July 24, 1934. Although the gun proper has not yet been recovered, all Field Offices are being instructed to discontinue investigation with the view to causing the apprehension of those individuals suspected of perpetrating the murder of John Ladd at Kansas City, Missouri on July 10, 1934, it having been determined by the Technical Laboratory of the Division that one of the bolts of the gun used in that murder is the same bolt which has been identified in connection with the Kansas City Massacre case.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby.

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