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**SUBJECT: CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD**

**KANSAS CITY MASSACRE**

**FILE: 62-28915**

**SECTION 75**



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CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD  
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ADAM RICHETTI  
KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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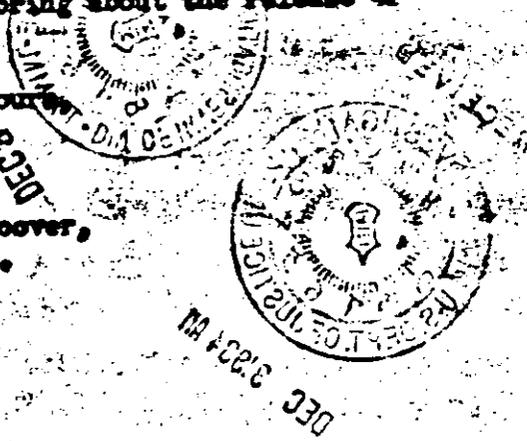
December 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In regard to the attached letter dated November 28, 1934, from Special Agent in Charge Nathan of the Kansas City Office concerning the disposition of Richetti and the desire of the authorities in Jackson County to receive any information which might be in our possession which would prove Richetti's connection with the Kansas City massacre, I believe that, first, of course, such Agents of our service as were at the Kansas City massacre should view Richetti and determine whether they can recognize him as being one of those present at the massacre. Then I think we should determine whether the information in our possession of a confidential character should be made available to Sheriff Nash. Of course, if there is in our possession definite information, either through identification of our own Agents or through other sources which are not strictly confidential which would establish the guilt of Richetti in the Kansas City massacre, of course the same should be made available to the proper authorities so that proper prosecution could be initiated. I of course would like to have the views of Special Agent in Charge Nathan as to whether the Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. Graves, is a man who can be relied upon to vigorously prosecute this case. I do not know what Graves' political tie-up may be, and I therefore think that should be determined, because if he is a part of the Pendergast machine and of the Kansas City corrupt political group, it would be next to useless to make available to the Prosecuting Attorney any information because he would not vigorously prosecute Richetti if he has any tie-in to the group which was responsible for hiring Richetti and Floyd to bring about the release of Frank Nash, Ray Verne Miller and his gang.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Baughman.....
- Chief Clerk.....
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- Mr. Edwards.....
- Mr. Egan *1 copy*
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62-28915  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

November 30 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: **VERNON C. MILLER** with aliases  
(Deceased), et al  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 23, 1934 in which you requested that [redacted], be interviewed for information obtained by him at Kansas City, Mo. in connection with this matter during the early stages of this investigation in June, 1933, which later developed to be the true solution of this case.

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[redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent J. J. Keating and stated that a few days after the Kansas City massacre Ray Lapitz, head of the Criminal Division of the Bureau Detective Agency at Chicago, Ill., called him to his apartment at the Wellington Arms Hotel, Chicago, and asked [redacted] to go to Kansas City with him to work on the Kansas City massacre. [redacted] stated that he made two trips to Kansas City with Lapitz. On the first trip he was in Kansas City approximately one week and stayed with Lapitz at the Muhlebach Hotel there. On the second trip, which was about a month later, he stayed in Kansas City approximately two weeks.

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[redacted] advised that while endeavoring to get information as to the perpetrators of this crime he ascertained from one Fred Sullivan, a Kansas City thief, that Pretty Boy Floyd and Vernon C. Miller were mixed up in the shooting; that he received this information on his first trip to Kansas City and that he met Sullivan in the Annex Cigar Store, which is a gambling joint on Baltimore Street, near the Muhlebach Hotel. He also stated that Sullivan informed him that Harvey Bailey did not participate in the massacre; that Bailey was in Kansas City at this time nursing a wound which he had received in a recent jail break. He stated that Sullivan never mentioned the name of Adam Richetti.

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b7D [redacted] advised that he never met former Police Director Eugene C. Heppert of Kansas City, Mo., but that he was acquainted with Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins, having met him on a couple of occasions when Higgins called to see Lapitz at the Wuhlebach Hotel. [redacted] stated he never conversed with Higgins relative to the Kansas City massacre; that on the few occasions that he met Higgins, Higgins would say, "What do you know?" and the reply would be "nothing" due to the fact that [redacted] states Lapitz told him to "keep his mouth shut" and that he, Lapitz, was to be given any information which [redacted] might develop relative to this matter. [redacted] stated when Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins called at the Wuhlebach Hotel to interview Lapitz he, [redacted] would be instructed by Lapitz to leave the room and go downstairs and wait. [redacted] stated he never heard any conversations between Chief of Detectives Higgins of the Kansas City, Mo. Police Department and Roy Lapitz of the Burns Detective Agency, Chicago, Ill., while he was working on this case.

The informant stated that he never knew Floyd or Richetti personally nor did he know of any of their connections at Kansas City, Missouri. He described Fred Sullivan, whom he has known for approximately two or three years, as follows:

Age: 65  
 Height: 5' 9"  
 Weight: 160  
 Well known to the police of  
 Kansas City, Mo. and Chicago, Ill.

b7D [redacted] believes that "Big Bill Weisman the Killer", and who is also connected with the Buckhalter mob in New York City, through some political connections, had this old charge revived to put him out of the way as Weisman is alleged to have informed the underworld in various cities throughout the country that [redacted] has been an informant for the government and other agencies. Louis Buckhalter alias Lepke and his attorney Jack Adler recently visited Los Angeles and Buckhalter's suspension there, according to [redacted] is Farmer Page, who controls gambling in that town.

Reference is made to paragraph 3, page 2, of the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran dated at Chicago, Ill., October 11, 1934, in which Vivian Mathias stated that "the second car was a black 1935 model

Chevrolet Sedan, purchased by Miller from some dealer in Chicago, Ill., under the name of V. Page". (This is the Chevrolet sedan which was used in the massacre). For the information of all offices concerned, this black Chevrolet sedan was purchased from Joseph Bergl, Chevrolet dealer at Cicero, Ill., as set out in reports made at the Chicago Division office at the time Bergl's books were examined by a Division accountant. The report in the aforementioned matter was submitted by Special Agent J. J. Easting.

Attention is called to paragraph 4, page 7, of the report of Special Agent S. G. Suran dated at Chicago, Ill., October 6, 1934, in connection with that portion of Vivian Mathias' statement which concerns her having been taken from Kansas City, Missouri to Des Moines, Iowa on June 20, 1934 by a friend of Vernon C. Miller, who was a jeweler by occupation. It was learned through interrogation of [redacted] that the jeweler referred to is Martin Schwartzberg of Kansas City, Mo., who was Miller's closest friend in Kansas City; that he had made the acquaintance of Schwartzberg through Frisco Dutch of St. Paul, Minn. She stated that Schwartzberg had played with the Miller mob over a period of several years and that they liked him because he could be trusted; that Schwartzberg was known to the majority of major criminals and although not mixed up in any rackets, still he was always ready to make a dollar if he saw his way clear in doing so. She advised he is a bachelor and has been going regularly with a girl for the past ten or twelve years. She describes him as about 38 years of age; 5' 8" in height; 190 pounds; having a baby face and wearing glasses.

[redacted] further stated this individual has a brother named Harry Schwartzberg who is wanted by the government at Kansas City for violation of the National Bankruptcy Act; that Martin Schwartzberg knows the whereabouts of this fugitive as on several occasions he passed through Chicago enroute to visit the fugitive and stopped off at the Bass home for dinner. [redacted] stated when her husband went to Kansas City in an endeavor to solve the Kansas City massacre, Martin Schwartzberg immediately wanted to give him a job in one of Johnny Lazzia's gambling joints. The purpose, she believes, was to put him on the spot so that he (her husband) could be "bumped off" by persons friendly with Lazzia and Miller. She stated that Schwartzberg knows more about the gangsters of Kansas City, Missouri than people suspect.

[redacted] requested that the foregoing information be treated with the strictest confidence as if it were known that her husband or she ever gave any information to the authorities there would be reprisals by the mob.

Very truly yours,

CC: Division  
Chicago  
Los Angeles

F. X. FAY  
Special Agent in Charge

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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December 1, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson	
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Chief Clerk	
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In connection with the Kansas City Massacre case, the Kansas City, Missouri Division Office, on November 28, 1934 received from Colonel B. M. Casteel of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, information to the effect that one Francis McNeiley, who was arrested at Corydon, Iowa and is now in the custody of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, has admitted his participation in the murder of Sergeant Benjamin Moore of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Sheriff Roger Wilson, at Columbia, Missouri on June 15, 1933. McNeiley names Elroy C. McKeever as an accomplice. The gun found in McNeiley's possession has been positively identified by the local authorities as the weapon used in the Columbia, Missouri killings.

Adam Richetti, who was recently taken into custody by the local authorities at Wellsville, Ohio, and who is presently being held by the Missouri State Highway Patrol as one of the murderers, is now considered as innocent of this crime and is to be surrendered to the Kansas City, Missouri authorities.

The Kansas City Office of this Division was instructed not to take custody of Richetti, but that he should be delivered to the United States Marshal or the United States Attorney, Kansas City, Missouri.

Respectfully,

*R. E. Newby*  
R. E. Newby

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

RE: BILL GRAHAM.  
S.L. File 62-619.

Dear Sir:

This case is of Salt Lake City office origin, and was received at this office on November 26, 1934, from the U.S. Attorney at Reno, Nevada. The investigation lies at Reno, Nevada.

In this case an effort will be made to show that Bill Graham harbored Richard Galatas, while the latter was a fugitive from Federal Justice, it appearing from a statement of Richard Galatas, made to representatives of the Chicago Division office, that subsequent to the Kansas City massacre he proceeded to New Orleans, La., and after a period there proceeded west, and at Reno, or a point near Reno, Nevada, contacted Bill Graham, with whom he was personally known, and sold the automobile in which he, Galatas, was travelling, to Bill Graham. At that time it was believed that Galatas was badly in need of funds, and it is also believed that Graham knew at that time, or was told by Galatas, that Galatas was being sought by this Division.

This matter will be placed in early assignment.

Very truly yours,

*John E. Dowd*

JOHN E. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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December 4, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Buffalo, New York.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated November 23, 1934 transmitting to the Division, magazines found in the apartment occupied by subjects Floyd, Michetti and their companions, Sculish and Rose Baird at 8 Lightenth Street, Buffalo, New York. Three of the magazines contain considerable scribbling and an examination of this scribbling does not disclose any information considered of value to the investigation in this case. No other examination with respect to these magazines will be made by the Technical Laboratory of the Division unless otherwise instructed.

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On the American Magazine, issue of July, 1934, following address, prepared on an addressing machine of the publishing company:

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MRS. GEORGE SANDERS  
48 18th ST  
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The Cincinnati Office is being furnished with a copy of this letter and it is desired that an appropriate investigation be made at the Crowell Publishing Company, Springfield, Ohio, with the view to tracing the subscription which was apparently taken out by Mrs. George Sanders, an alias used by subject Rose Baird as the wife of subject Michetti. There is some indication that this subscription was for a period of three years. The Division feels that the obtaining of this subscription should be traced.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-New York  
Cincinnati  
Kansas City  
Chicago

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MRS GEO SANDERS  
8 18TH ST  
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P. O. Box #30  
Buffalo, New York

November 23rd, 1934

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

ATTENTION: DIVISION LABORATORY

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);  
RICHARD TULLYAN CASPARD, with aliases, I.C.#1201;  
ADAM RICCHETTI, with aliases.  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Enclosed herewith, please find the following magazines,  
on which appears scribbling, which were found in the apartment occupied  
by subjects Floyd and Ricchetti at 8 Eighteenth Street, Buffalo, New  
York:

Photoplay	August, 1934
American	July, 1934
True Romances	November, 1933

It might be that an examination by the laboratory of  
these examinations will disclose pertinent information of value to this  
case.

The following magazines are also enclosed herewith, they  
having been found in said apartment and appear to be of no value:

American Detective	November, 1934
True Story Magazine	July, 1934
Master Detective	October, 1934

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November 23rd, 1936

It is noted that an advertisement appears to be clipped from the bottom of page 128 of the True Story Magazine, just below an advertisement on the said page entitled "Bunions." As this magazine is published by the True Story Publishing Corporation, 1926 Broadway, New York City, the New York Office is being requested to determine the nature of the advertisement on the said page, clipped presumably by the subjects Floyd, Richetti and/or their paramours, Rose and Juanita Baird with a view to determining their whereabouts when the said clipped advertisement might have been mailed by them to the advertiser.

Very truly yours

J. P. MacFarland  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc New York

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Detroit, Michigan  
December 4 1934

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

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, aliases, (Deceased);  
ADAM RICETTI with aliases - FUGITIVE  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Division letter of November 16, 1934, there is being transmitted herewith a copy of the Coroner's Finding as was requested in said letter, relating to the death of Subject Floyd, which bears the signature of E. R. Sturgis, Coroner, Columbiana County, East Liverpool, Ohio.

Coroner Sturgis advises that the testimony taken at the inquest has not been transcribed to date and is quite lengthy but that he will have the same transcribed and forward a copy to this office for transmittal as soon as possible, to the Division.

Upon receipt of same it will be forwarded to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Chicago  
Kansas City

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*Coroner Finding  
To Mr. Newby 12-12-34*

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: EUGENE C. REPPERT,  
GEORGE L. RAYEN, alias Rayen;  
THOMAS J. HIGGINS,  
Perjury.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated December 4, 1934,  
I am attaching the record, revealed through a search of the  
identification files of this Division in the case, of the  
following individuals who are probably identical with the persons  
concerning whom you inquire:

GEORGE L. RAYEN, our File #650004.

T. J. HIGGINS, #172, United States Marshal,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

E. C. REPPERT, #171, United States Marshal,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

No further information regarding these persons appears  
in the files of the Identification Unit of this Division.

Very truly yours,

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

December 10, 1934.

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

Subject as T. J. Higgins, #173, arrested by United States Marshal, Kansas City, Missouri, November 3, 1934, charge perjury.

The following is the description of the above subject as appearing on print #173, United States Marshal, Kansas City, Missouri:

Color, white; sex, male; residence, 11-13 Bennington; birthplace, Ohio; nationality, American; age, 51 years; height, 5 feet, 10 inches; weight, 200 pounds; build, heavy; complexion, light; eyes, gray; hair, sandy.

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

December 10, 1934.

The following is an abstract of the fingerprint record of one E. C. Reppert, on file in the Division of Investigation:

Subject as E. C. Reppert, #171, arrested by United States Marshal, Kansas City, Missouri, November 9th, (year not given), charge perjury (,) (Print received November 7, 1934).

The following is the description of the above subject as appearing on print #171, United States Marshal, Kansas City, Missouri:

Color, white; sex, male; residence, 614 West 60th Street; birthplace, Burlington, Iowa (,); nationality, German; age, 49 years; height, 5 feet, 11 1/2 inches; weight, 194 pounds; build, stout; complexion, dark; eyes, blue; hair, gray.

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Kansas City, Missouri  
December 4, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ~~EUGENE C. REPPERT~~ 6/2/7c  
~~GEORGE L. RAYEN~~ alias Rayen  
~~THOMAS J. HIGGINS~~  
PERJURY

On November 3, 1934, the Federal Grand Jury at Kansas City, Missouri, returned an indictment against the above named charging that they committed perjury while testifying before the Grand Jury which was investigating the case commonly known as the Kansas City massacre. These defendants were taken into custody by the United States Marshal at Kansas City, November 4, 1934, at which time descriptions were taken of them and their fingerprints recorded. The Marshal's office advises that the fingerprints were forwarded to the Division the same day.

This office has endeavored to secure the criminal records of the defendants from the United States Marshal, but he advised that the records were turned over to the United States Attorney, the latter, however, is unable to find them. It is requested therefore that this office be furnished with the criminal records of the above named defendants and any personal history which may appear on their fingerprint cards. It is also requested that the descriptions of subjects be furnished.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. DRAWER 1487,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

December 4, 1934.



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

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

Dear Sir:

In harmony with the request made by Mr. Milligan, United States Attorney at Kansas City, I am submitting herewith remarks which were made to the writer immediately after the Kansas City Massacre. I understand Special Agents in Charge Harvey and Jones are also to submit memorandums in connection with this matter.

The day of the Kansas City Massacre, while I was at the police station, a remark was made by Mr. Reppert, although I am not absolutely positive that it was he who made the remark, to the effect that he was confident that no Kansas City gangsters had been mixed up in the Kansas City Massacre owing to the fact that John Laxia had made a survey and found there was no connection of any of the Kansas City element with the Union Station shooting.

The following day, which was a Sunday, in harmony with Agents in Charge Harvey and Jones, I went to police headquarters and there had a conversation with Mr. Reppert, Director of Police, and Chief of Detectives Higgins and in the presence of all three Mr. Reppert stated that the McElroy case was a Kansas City case and the Union Station killing was not their baby, or words to that effect, but was a Federal case and made some remark to the effect that we had caused the decease of two of their police officers.

A copy of this letter is being furnished you for transmission to the United States Attorney at Kansas City.

Very truly yours,

REV: M  
CC-Division  
CC-U.S. Atty., Kansas City, Mo.  
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R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
December 3, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS OF OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, ET AL.  
LESTER MCGILLIS with aliases, ET AL.  
THOMAS H. ROBINSON, JR. with aliases.

In all leads in the above entitled cases you are hereby instructed to submit a report thereon within fifteen days after the receipt thereof. In the event your investigation discloses leads indicating the whereabouts of the subjects or their associates, you are instructed to communicate the same to me by telephone immediately.

Strict adherence to these instructions is imperative.

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division

T. M. Birch	J. B. Little
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Department of Justice  
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St. Louis, Missouri.

December 4, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that a conference was held at the St. Louis Division office Saturday, December 1, 1934, on the above captioned matter in which there were present United States Attorney DeLoigan of Kansas City and two of his assistants, Special Agents Gus Jones, George Harvey, R. E. Vetterli and W. F. Trainor, and Sheriff Bash of Kansas City.

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The United States Attorney went over the evidence with respect to a number of subjects in this case, dealing first with the conspiracy charge. There was some question as to whether statements had been taken freely and voluntarily and, therefore, would be admissible in court. In one or two instances it appears that statements were secured from some of the defendants with the promise that their statements would not be used against them and would be treated confidentially. The statement of Vivian Matthews, which statement is perhaps the best secured to date and which is the crux of the entire case, apparently fell within this category.

Accordingly, the writer telephoned to the Director, personally, at Washington to secure his opinion with respect to the use of these statements and was advised that he, the Director, felt that if these statements were made under certain conditions and promises made by Division agents that we should adhere to these statements, providing the defendants made good their promises, owing to the fact that if such were not the case word would no doubt be scattered from coast to coast to the effect that Division agents had secured statements from underworld characters and then had not proven true to their promises, and thus it would make it exceedingly difficult for the Division to work with the underworld in the future in connection with other cases which might arise.

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The Director's instructions were given to the group. We later telephoned to Special Agent McKee at Chicago, who stated that the statement secured from Vivian Matthews was made voluntarily and she understood specifically that this statement would not be used against her if she pleaded guilty, but if she did not plead guilty to the charges preferred, then the statement could be used.

Accordingly, I again discussed this matter with the Director, telephonically, and he advised that if, of course, any of the defendants retracted any part of the bargain which they had made with the Division then that nullified the entire matter. In other words, the Director stated that if the defendants remained true to their bargain we would remain true to our bargain, otherwise the entire matter was nullified. The Director advised I could tell the group that if Vivian Matthews did not plead guilty that then, under the conditions under which the statement was secured, the statement which she made could be used against her. I advised the group of the Director's decision and the United States Attorney and all parties were satisfied.

This letter is to inform the Director, who requested I advise him of the following, to the effect that the United States Attorney at Kansas City has agreed that if Vivian Matthews does enter a plea of guilty then her statement will not be used. Of course, it would not be admissible under those circumstances anyway, but that if she does not enter a plea of guilty then the statement will be used. We went over this case very carefully with Special Agent McKee, telephonically, at Chicago so that there is no misunderstanding as to what promises were made to Vivian Matthews.

As a result of the conference the United States Attorney stated that the conspiracy case would go to trial at Kansas City on December 26th or 27th, 1934. During the latter part of this conference we also went over certain remarks which had been made to respective Division agents by police authorities at Kansas City, covering possible perjury charges on the part of certain law enforcement officials at Kansas City.

Very truly yours,

  
R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

REV:M  
CC-Kansas City  
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U. S. Department of Justice  
1616 Federal Reserve  
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Kansas City, Missouri

December 5, 1934

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Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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

On December 4, 1934, an officer of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, who works in the office of Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins, called at this office and advised me that Mr. Higgins had requested him to verify the addresses of certain Agents of the Division. The names which this man had were Vetterli, Hurley, McIntire and Hardy. His information was that these Agents were in Kansas City during the summer of 1933.

It is my assumption that Chief Higgins is possibly contemplating asking for subpoenas for these Agents in connection with the indictment which has been returned against him. However, I was not definitely so advised. I furnished the office addresses of the various Agents, feeling that in the event he did desire to subpoena them, they could undoubtedly be reached by addressing a subpoena to this office, and that there could be no good reason for refusing the information. I also furnished the address of Special Agent in Charge Harvey, on the assumption that Higgins referred to Harvey rather than Hardy.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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TITLE: <b>GEORGE WASHINGTON NASH, SR., et al</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>Harboring and Concealing a person for whom a warrant of arrest has been issued. Conspiracy</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

U.S. Attorney Summers, Muskogee, Okla. advised has not yet arrived at a decision relative to prosecution in this case.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent T. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, June 7, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

Special Agent G. H. Franklin interviewed United States Attorney Cleon A. Summers at Muskogee, Oklahoma with reference to prosecutive action to be taken in this case. Mr. Summers stated that he has not yet arrived at a decision relative to prosecution in this case and requested to be again contacted relative thereto before the January, 1935 term of the Federal Grand Jury at Muskogee, Oklahoma.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

**DETAILS:**

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE will contact the United States Attorney at Muskogee, Oklahoma immediately after January, 1935 with reference to prosecution in this case.

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Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Date Sept. 29, 1934

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Division of Investigation:

Division File Number	Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
#8225	Terre Haute PD	John Horn <i>ovl 12-5</i>	Given hours to leave
	#1654		city. ✓
#8225	Evansville PD	8225 Harry Charles Nelson ✓	Fined \$60.00, sentenced ✓
#1222		<i>aliases:</i> P.C. Ford, H.C. Hurd, "Slivers" McBride ✓	180 days Ind. State Farm. ✓
		John Horn, Harry McGee ✓	Appealed - sentence sus- pended. ✓
		H.C. Nelson, Robert O. McBride ✓	

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Very truly yours,  
*H. H. Rinecke*  
H. H. RINECKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.  
(Official Title)

cc Chicago  
Kansas City  
(For instructions see reverse side)

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G.W.H.*

RE: ER

December 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. **HOOPER**  
**NATHAN**  
**TOLSON**  
**EDWARDS**  
**CLEGG**  
**APPEL**  
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**BILLINGS**  
**BRYAN**  
**COFFEY**  
**EGAN**  
**FAGAN**  
**GLAVIN**  
**HAIR**  
**HARBO**  
**SINCE**  
**JOSEPH**

**LESTER**  
**LISTERMAN**  
**LOWDON**  
**McGARRAGHY**  
**NEWBY**  
**PENNINGTON**  
**RICHMOND, E. L.**  
**RICHMOND, L. H.**  
**RENNEBERGER**  
**QUINN**  
**SCHILDER**  
**SKYFARTH**  
**SMITH**  
**TAMM**  
**TRACY**  
**WARNES**

For your confidential information, Mr. E. J. Connelley has been placed in charge of the investigations of the following cases:

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218, ET AL.  
 LESTER M. GILLIS with aliases (Deceased), ET AL.  
 CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD with aliases (Deceased), ET AL.

and is maintaining an office in the New York Life Insurance Building, Chicago Illinois. The telephone numbers of the office are Franklin 4606 and Franklin 4607.

All communications and reports in the above entitled cases should be addressed to Mr. E. J. Connelley, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Post Office Box 829, Chicago, Illinois.

All telegrams in the above entitled cases should be directed to Mr. E. J. Connelley in care of the Chicago Division Office, 1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago, Illinois.

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The above instructions should be followed until further notice.

Very truly yours, DEC 17 1934 P.M.  
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John Edgar Hoover,  
 Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

You are instructed to obtain for the Division a complete transcript of the Grand Jury testimony heard by the Grand Jury which recently returned indictments against various individuals in Kansas City, Missouri upon charges of conspiracy to deliver a Federal prisoner, which indictments grew out of the Kansas City Massacre. The Division desires that the transcript obtained be entirely complete and include the testimony of all witnesses, including those witnesses whose testimony resulted in the subsequent charges of perjury against certain of the witnesses. The Division understands that the complete cost of obtaining this transcript will not exceed approximately \$200.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Division of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

December 22, 1934

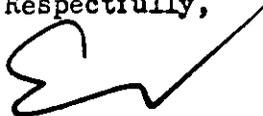
## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. R. B. Nathan has advised that a complete transcript of the Grand Jury testimony taken in connection with the inquiries into the Kansas City Massacre case will cost approximately \$200. I believe it would be well for the Division to have a complete transcript of this testimony on record, primarily for reference in the event charges are made against the Division by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department officials or political leaders concerning the facts surrounding this case at any future date. If you approve this recommendation, Mr. Nathan will be instructed to obtain a complete transcript of the Grand Jury testimony.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm

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Kansas City, Missouri

December 5, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Division letter of November 28, 1934, and communication from this office dated November 21, 1934, concerning the testimony taken before the recent session of the Federal grand jury in Kansas City, Missouri. I have had copies made of certain portions of this testimony, and am transmitting herewith to the Division two copies each of testimony given by the following persons on the dates indicated:

Eugene C. Reppert	October 27, 1934
Eugene C. Reppert	November 2, 1934
Charlton A. Beatty	November 1, 1934
Ben H. Thurman	October 29, 1934
Thomas J. Higgins	November 2, 1934

It is noted that Mr. Higgins testified before the grand jury originally on October 26, 1934. It was not possible to complete the transcribing of this testimony at the time the United States Attorney's copy was in the possession of this office, but it is expected that this will be completed within a few days, at which time it will be forwarded to the Division. I will also endeavor to have copies made of the testimony of George Rayen. Special Agent Andersen made inquiries through the office of the United States Attorney concerning the approximate cost of having transcripts made of the additional testimony taken before the grand jury, and was advised that it would cost approximately \$200.00.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*  
R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO  
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125 NORTH STREET, NEW YORK CITY  
REFER TO **Administrative**  
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November 28, 1934

Subj. I.O. #1196  
Bernard Phillips alias B. A. Courtney

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

Gentlemen:

The enclosed notification is returned herewith and we would ask that you kindly furnish us with more detailed information with regard to this matter, such as address, personal description, etc.

Very truly yours,  
COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
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*James Brody*  
J. James Brody,  
Deputy Commissioner.

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Mr. I. James Brody,  
Deputy Commissioner in Charge,  
Bureau of Motor Vehicles,  
155 North Street,  
New York, New York.

RE: SUBJECT I. O. #1196,  
BERNARD PHILLIPS alias B. A. COURTNEY;  
Your file Administration Division - HM.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 28,  
1934 with which you enclose Apprehension Order #1196-323,  
and request that further detailed information relative  
to the above stated apprehension order be furnished.

For your information, there is transmitted herewith  
a copy of Identification Order #1196, together with the  
Apprehension Order #1196-323 which you forwarded.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
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December 3, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
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- Mr. Tamm.....

I called Mr. R. B. Nathan regarding the letter from the Kansas City of November 28, concerning the possible prosecution of Richetti in the State Court. I inquired as to whether the Prosecuting Attorney Graves is a man who can be relied upon to vigorously prosecute the case. Mr. Nathan stated that Graves is connected with the Pendergast faction there. I advised that your reaction to the letter from Kansas City was that if the prosecuting attorney was a reliable and vigorous prosecuting attorney that we probably should turn over to Sheriff Bosh information in our possession which was not of a confidential character. Mr. Nathan stated Bosh is of the opinion that if Graves is given the information - that he will vigorously prosecute. I advised that we could not use the information furnished by Vivian Mathis. Mr. Nathan stated that the information he had received was that the statement given by Vivian Mathis was made voluntarily but on the promise that it would not be used in the event she entered a plea of guilty. He stated that the other evidence concerning Richetti is fingerprint identification; that there has been an identification by Mrs. Swift of the Travel Bureau at the Union Station. The Agents will view Richetti on the 7th of December.

Mr. Nathan stated Graves had called him this morning and stated that a question had arisen as to whether to file a murder charge as to Richetti; that a warrant has already been issued for him. Graves stated that several attorneys had been endeavoring to get in touch with Richetti, but he did not want to file and have a habeas corpus brought which would require that he produce all the State's evidence within twenty-four hours; that he would not take any further action in this matter until we had given him whatever information it was our intention to convey to him. Richetti is now in State custody with Federal warrants filed against him. He stated that the Sheriff at Boliver also has a detainer filed against Richetti on a kidnaping charge. I asked that a letter be written to the Division concerning the connection of Graves with the Pendergast machine.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm

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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:

Reference is hereby made to the Division's letter to Kansas City dated November 7, 1934 in the above entitled case.

The Oklahoma City office is in the possession of five different photographs of Volney Davis. Two of these photographs, according to persons who know Davis were taken when he was probably still in his teens. The photograph referred to in the Division's letter, which bears Kansas City Police Department No. 14004, is not thought by any person who knows Davis, who was interviewed, to be an especially good likeness of him. The following persons were interviewed in this connection by Special Agent Paul Hansen:

- Blackie Jones, Tulsa Police Officer
- Earl Gardner, Tulsa Police Officer
- L. B. Hoffman, Brother-in-law of Volney Davis
- E. H. King, Tulsa Police Officer
- M. L. Larimer, Tulsa Police Officer
- Bill Bassham, Tulsa Police Captain
- J. D. Bills, Tulsa Police Captain

The above mentioned persons uniformly advised Agent Hansen that it is their opinion that the best likeness of Davis is the one taken at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary February 3, 1923, No. 12808, which is the one found on the strip with the five subjects in this case prepared by the Division several months ago; and that the next best likeness of him is the one which bears this same number, and in order to identify it without any question, that photograph is being enclosed herewith for the information of the Division.

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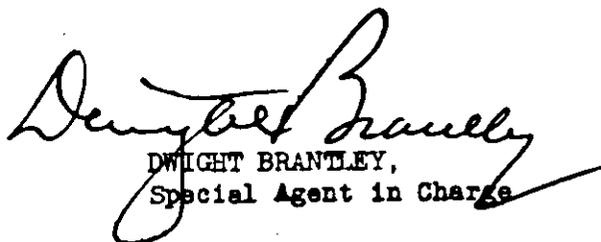
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L. B. Hoffman was a little inclined to believe that the second photograph mentioned, which is enclosed in this letter, was probably a little better likeness of Davis than the one taken by the Oklahoma State Penitentiary February 3, 1923.

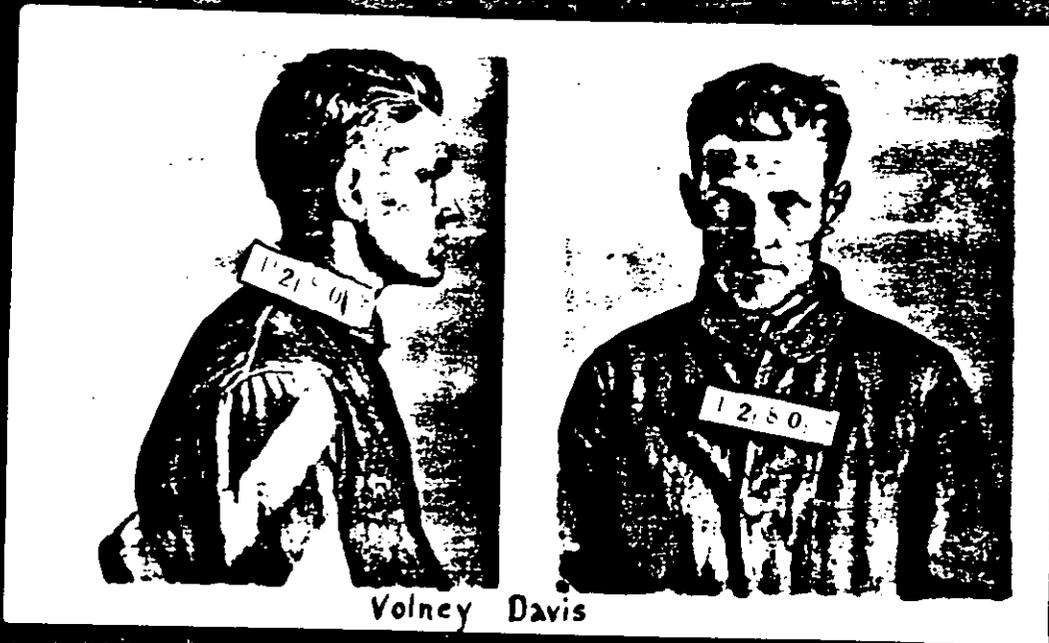
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DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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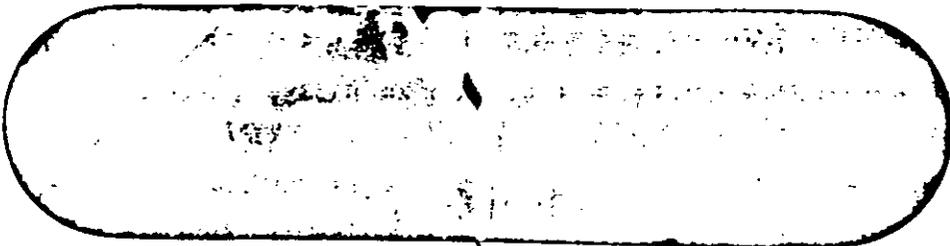
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December 6, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WOLSON

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Clegg from Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Clegg advised me that the "secret" office was all ready to be used and he was of the opinion that Mr. Connelley could move over to this new office and then there would be someone there at all times. I stated that I approved of the idea.

Mr. Clegg inquired when they could issue the bulletin on it as they already had the telephone number and the mail box number and would like to go ahead with it. I stated that I would make the necessary arrangements immediately.

Mr. Clegg stated that it was probable that the all-night shift would remain at the old office and I remarked that would be satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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FILE NO. **52-1649**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12/6/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12/3/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. C. SURAN</b>
TITLE: <b>CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases Deceased, et al</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

In view of the recent developments in this case, no investigation is now pending in Chicago District.

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**REFERENCE:**

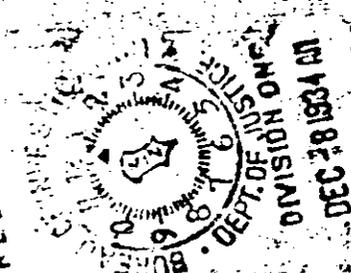
Division letter dated December 1, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

In view of the recent developments in instant case, no further investigation is now pending in the District of the Chicago Division Office. This case is being referred upon completion in compliance with the instructions contained in the reference letter.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. H. Purvis</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	162-28915-95295	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>DEC 8 - 1934</b>
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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

December 6, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Kansas City, Missouri

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY"  
FLOYD, with aliases, Deceased,  
et al - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER  
FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the New York Office to the Philadelphia Office dated November 30, 1934, transmitting the photograph of Dr. Irvin Silvers requesting that the above photograph be displayed to Vivian Mathias to ascertain if this individual was a party who took Vivian Mathias from the Robert Trent Hotel in Newark, New Jersey, to meet Vernon C. Miller, Newark, New Jersey, during the fall of 1933.

It is believed that Vivian Mathias is not at the present time in the territory covered by the Chicago Office, but could probably be located at Brainerd, Minnesota. However, it is believed desirable that no interview be had with Vivian Mathias concerning this matter until such a time as it would be convenient for a Special Agent who has previously discussed this matter with Vivian Mathias to talk to her concerning it.

The photograph of Dr. Silvers is, therefore, being transmitted to the Kansas City Office in order that it would be available at the time Vivian Mathias appears for trial in this matter at Kansas City on or about December 27, 1934, at which time Vivian Mathias could be interviewed by Special Agent H. F. Anderson, in an effort to obtain the desired information.

Very truly yours,

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H. R. FORVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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New Orleans, La.,  
December 7, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SPECIAL AGENTS:

Re: Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd,  
with aliases (deceased), et al.  
Conspiracy to deliver Federal Prisoner.

The Division by letter of December 1, 1934, in the above entitled case, has advised that in view of the recent developments in this case, all investigations now pending in all field offices, except Kansas City Division Office, looking to the location of individuals sought for questioning, be discontinued.

This particularly applies to individuals such as Bernard Phillips, James Bove, Tom Lascuola, Meyer Berman, and Allister O'Brien.

If you are furnished any information relative this case, kindly transmit it by memorandum to this office that its importance may be determined relative any further investigation on this case.

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

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

December 7, 1934.

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

Dear Sir: In re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased);  
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases,  
I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with  
aliases (Deceased), I.O. 1194; et al  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER  
CHICAGO FILE NO. 62-1649

Reference is made to Division letter dated November 7, 1934, furnishing information regarding an additional criminal record of subject Volney Davis, showing his arrest as Roy Green by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, on January 21, 1925, charged with investigation, and his return to the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, on January 23, 1925, as an escape. The Division submitted a photograph of subject Davis taken at that time and requested that this photograph be exhibited to persons acquainted with Davis in order to establish whether or not this photograph was a better likeness of Davis than the one already in possession of the various field offices.

The above mentioned photograph of Davis was exhibited by Special Agent R. D. Brown to Helen Byrnes, 1046 Waller Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, who recently received a visit from Volney Davis, and who has seen him frequently during the past year and a half. It will be noted from the photograph that Davis appears to have a sore on his upper lip.

Miss Byrnes advised that this photograph is not as good a likeness of Davis as one shown her on previous occasions, which is the photograph already in possession of the Chicago Division office, and which has been furnished to all field offices. She further stated that Davis has no sore or mark of any kind on his upper lip. She stated the photograph which has previously been shown her, in her opinion, is a fairly good likeness of Davis. She stated he is now apparently several pounds heavier and more mature appearing than when the photograph in question was taken and that he now has a very ruddy complexion, indicating he has spent a great deal of time out of doors.

Very truly yours,

*E. J. Connelley*  
E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-St. Paul  
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ms  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
December 7th, 1934



Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "MATTY BOY" FLOYD,  
with aliases (deceased) ET AL;  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONERS

Dear Sir:

In view of Division letter of December 1st, 1934, the file at this office is being closed on the instant case.

Prior to the receipt of reference letter, the entire file at this office, which is quite voluminous, was carefully reviewed by me personally, to determine whether any additional inquiries might appropriately be made in this District. None were noted. It was found, however, that certain developments set forth in memorandum form in the files at this office should be reported to your office as a matter of record. In addition, during the review of the file, certain phases of the case have been brought to mind, which I am incorporating herewith as a matter of suggestion. It is entirely probable, however, that such matters have already been covered.

It is recalled, during the summer of 1933, there was furnished Mr. Maston, Prosecuting Attorney of Jackson County, Missouri, a copy of a Summary Report in this case, to be used by the State Prosecutors in connection with murder charges, which were filed. Due to the recent indictment of local Kansas City officials it might be advisable to retrieve the copy of the Summary Report from the State Prosecutors Office, in the event that same can be done discreetly and diplomatically. It is quite possible that the defendants in this case may receive the aid of local Kansas City officials, at least indirectly, at the time of trial, in which event it is possible that

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the contents of the Summary Report in question might be revealed to the disadvantage of the Government.

With reference to page #12, report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated October 6th, 1934, wherein it is stated that the underworld has made plans to kill Frances Nash for having furnished information to the Government; it has occurred to me that Mrs. Nash should be served with a subpoena immediately. By this means she would have the legal status of a witness, then should any harm come to her the Government probably would be in a better position to prosecute her assailants.

Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, dated October 8th, 1934, sets forth that the Little Rock Office should give consideration to conducting a vigorous interview with Lou Conner in Hot Springs, Arkansas. As a matter of record and for the information of interested offices, it might be stated that a short time subsequent to the receipt of Agent Suran's report, I discussed with you the question of interviewing Lou Conner, at which time you informed me that the interview was being had at Kansas City, Missouri, where Mrs. Conner was staying at that time.

With reference to your letter of November 14th, 1934, addressed to the New Orleans Office, in connection with the seizure of the property of Richard Tallman Galatas, there is being transmitted herewith a copy of the Court Order, releasing the safety deposit box at the Arkansas National Bank, Hot Springs, Arkansas, rented in the name of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Richards. There is also being transmitted herewith copy of Memorandum of Special Agent

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R. L. Halls at Little Rock, Arkansas, dated November 8th, 1934, regarding the property found in the safety deposit box in question. With reference to the release of the Cadillac automobile, property of Galatas, stored at the Madison-Smith Cadillac Company, Little Rock, Arkansas, it might be stated that after the receipt of information from your office to the effect that the U. S. Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri, did not desire that automobile held, I had an Agent of this office make arrangements to call upon Mr. Madison of the Madison-Smith Cadillac Company and advise him the Government was no further interested in the automobile.

In connection with a long distance telephone call made by former Chief of Police William Brandenburg, Hot Springs, Arkansas, to Special Agent H. R. Anderson, this is to confirm information furnished you over long distance telephone at the time Grand Jury was in session at Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Brandenburg, upon being interviewed and after being somewhat reticent at the beginning, stated that Mr. Scott Wood, Attorney at Law, Hot Springs, Arkansas, had had C. Floyd Huff, Jr., U. S. Commissioner, Hot Springs, Arkansas, call upon him shortly before Huff proceeded to Kansas City as a witness before the Grand Jury. Huff is alleged to have inquired of Mr. Wood, who bears the reputation of being a responsible attorney, as to whether he should disclose certain information to the Grand Jury, in the event that he was requested to give same. Mr. Huff is alleged to have told Mr. Wood that six months after Galatas disappeared from Hot Springs, Arkansas, he was met on Highway #70, leading into Hot Springs by Huff, Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers, Deputy Sheriff Marion Anderson, George

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Ryan, Ed Spears, Frank Clark and Matt Ficchi, the last four being gamblers. This party was supposed to have seen Calatas for a short time on the highway. Mr. Brandenburg desired to have Mr. Huff recalled as a witness before the Grand Jury and questioned again. I advised him the matter would be brought to the attention of the U. S. Attorney at Kansas City for any action he might deem appropriate. Accordingly, that information was furnished you over long distance telephone.

With reference to Division letter of November 30th, 1934, addressed to Mrs. Nellie Greenman, Hot Springs, Arkansas, please be advised that no consideration is being given her letter, photostatic copy of which was furnished your office. Letter from this office to your office, dated November 14th, 1934, with reference to the entitled case, indicates that Mrs. Greenman is mentally deranged.

In view of the fact there appears to be no further investigation to be performed by this office, at the present time, same will be considered - Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin.

Very truly yours,

E. L. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Division  
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December 9th, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,  
with aliases (deceased) ET AL;  
CONSPIRACY TO RELIEVE FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of November 24th, 1934, and previous communications, with regard to an interview with Homer B. Scott at Louisville, Kentucky, please be advised that there appears to be no question whatsoever but what the Mr. Gaddis, mentioned therein, is Richard Tallman Galatas, Subject of the entitled case.

The original communication received at this office from Homer B. Scott at Hot Springs, Arkansas, was dated August 31st, 1934, prior to the apprehension of Galatas. Accordingly no further consideration will be given this specific matter, in view of the fact that this office and the Division are familiar with the activities of Galatas mentioned by Scott.

Very truly yours,

E. E. GERRY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Division  
Kansas City  
Chicago

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS  
WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

One Safety Deposit Box.

ORDER

Now, on this day, October 31, 1934, has been presented the petition of Fred A. Iagrig, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and the Court, being fully advised both as to the facts and law in the premises, doth hereby order and direct that the Arkansas National Bank at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and its officers and agents, permit the opening of the Safety Deposit Box rented in the name of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Richards by Richard T. Galatas in the presence of and with a Special Agent of the Division of Investigation, Department of Justice.

(Signed) John E. Martinson

United States District Judge.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

NOVEMBER 6TH, 1934.

LITTLE ROCK FILE: #62-2

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,  
(DECEASED) ET AL  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Pursuant to instructions of Acting Special Agent in Charge L. M. Chipman, the writer met Harry Balaban, Attorney and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Galatas, at the Arkansas National Bank, Hot Springs, Arkansas this morning. Arrangements were made to have the safety deposit box, rented in the name of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Richards, by Richard T. Galatas, opened in the presence of the writer, an officer of the bank and Mr. and Mrs. Galatas. Mr. Galatas removed the contents of the box and permitted the writer to examine the same, which consisted of the following:

- 1 - Gold Masonic Ring
- 2 - Diamond Brooches
- Several Diamond Rings (lady's)
- 1 - Diamond Ring (man's)
- 1 - Gold Signet Ring (man's)
- 3 - Shares of A. T. & T. Stock (issued in the name of Mrs. Galatas)
- 3 - \$100.00 Liberty Bonds
- 2 - Claim Storage Checks on automobile.
- 1 - Insurance Policy covering automobile
- Miscellaneous papers pertaining to a moving picture business at Hot Springs in which Mr. Galatas is interested.
- A Lease covering building in which a picture house is located at Hot Springs.

Mrs. Galatas remarked that one of the brooches was her personal property and that the other brooch and one diamond ring was the property of the wife of a Captain Smith and that the other lady's diamond rings were her personal property, some of which she was holding as security for loans.

R. L. HALLS,  
SPECIAL AGENT

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **62-7**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Butte, Montana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12/5/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12/5/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>D. H. Dickason MRA</b>
TITLE: <b>CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases (deceased) ET AL;</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Division letter advises discontinue investigation, **END**

**Reference:** Division letter dated December 1, 1934.



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**DETAILS:**

At Butte, Montana.

Reference letter advises that all investigations now pending in field offices, except the Kansas City Office, be discontinued.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D. H. Dickason</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-29915-330	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>DEC 10 1934</b>
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
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Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....

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December 7, 1934

Time: 11:15 AM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: ADAM RICHETTI, et al.

Mr. Nathan telephoned and requested advice as to what to do regarding talking with Graves on the case. He stated that Findley, Lackey and Smith were in town today; that they haven't as yet seen this man and he calls every day asking when they are going to be in a position to talk with him. I informed Mr. Nathan that it was your idea that if we had any information which was not of a confidential nature, that it be discussed with the United States Attorney and be guided by his judgment in the matter.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>OMAHA, NEBRASKA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12/6/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>11/30 - 12/1/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>J. E. MURNANE TME</b>
TITLE: <b>CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases (deceased) --- et al.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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Information received that Subject FLOYD paid a visit to a Mrs. Woody, at Webster City, Iowa in the early part of 1934. Mrs. Woody is mother-in-law of one Dutch Fontana, bootlegger, at Webster City. Rumor had it that "Baby Face" Nelson had been in Webster City, but investigation developed, the rumor was connected with report that FLOYD had been there. "Dutch" Fontana has been arrested on several occasions on liquor charges.

**DETAILS:**

On the morning of November 28, 1934, Special Agent G. D. Dewey, from Des Moines, Iowa, advised this office that one Hugh Whaley, proprietor of a plumbing shop in Webster City, Iowa, had definite information that "BABY FACE" NELSON had dropped in, from time to time, to see an Italian, operating a confectionery store there.

At Webster City, Iowa, this Agent interviewed Mr. Hugh Whaley, who stated the only information he had was that obtained from Russell Foley, a bookkeeper for Whaley, from whom he had heard that "Baby Face" Nelson had at one time dropped into a place in Webster City, known as "Dutch's Restaurant", where liquor is sold.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. E. Murnane</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28915-3362	RECORDED AND INDEXED: DEC 10 1934
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Russell Foley stated that his father, L. E. Foley, is an Agent for the Fort Dodge and Des Moines Railroad, at Webster City, Iowa, and it was from his father that he had secured the information. Accordingly, Agent located Mr. L. E. Foley, who stated that Bill Dillon, an elderly man living above the Greeley Furniture Store, in Webster City, had mentioned something to the effect that "Baby Face" Nelson had been seen in town, but that he thought it was one of the Barrow Gang.

In company with L. E. Foley, Agent interviewed Bill Dillon, who stated that he was in "Dutch's Restaurant" one night during the first three months of 1934, at which time Mrs. Woody, Dutch Fontana's mother-in-law, made the remark that "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD had been in the restaurant a few weeks prior to that time and that he had been there in answer to a letter she had written to Mrs. Floyd, asking for financial assistance. Mrs. Woody stated that Mrs. Floyd had replied that "Charles" would drop in to see her. Dillon stated that Mrs. Woody had been drinking and was rather talkative on that occasion and he was unable to recall any further details of what she said. Dillon said there were several other people in the restaurant at that time, but he could not recall at this time, who these individuals were.

Agent interviewed Chief of Police J. R. Silver and Captain Dick Carpenter of the Webster City, Iowa, Police Department, from whom it was learned that "Dutch" Fontana had operated a soft drink parlor, known as "Dutch's Restaurant" on Second Street, between Seneca and Willson Avenue, in Webster City, but that it had been raided about one year ago, at which time some liquor was found on the premises and Fontana was arrested and turned over to the County Sheriff; that Fontana was convicted and sentenced to three months in prison and fined \$300.00, but that he had obtained a pardon from the Governor, because of ill health, after serving about two months of his sentence.

The officers stated that Fontana had since gone out of business and was now living at 309 E. First Avenue, in Webster City, Iowa and it was their opinion he was selling liquor on these premises but they had been unable to secure positive proof. They stated that Fontana's wife and her mother had come from Oklahoma, but that they had not been aware that these women had been visited by anyone from Oklahoma, since coming to Webster City.

Agent interviewed Eugene Miller, Deputy Sheriff, who stated that Fontana had been in the County Jail from January 13, 1934 to March 7, 1934 on a charge of illegal possession of intoxicating liquor; that he plead guilty and was sentenced to the county jail and fined \$300.00 but that he had later been pardoned by the Governor, because of his ill health.

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Deputy Sheriff Miller further stated they had been keeping Fontana's place under observation for some time, as they had received information he was again selling liquor and if during this surveillance, they noted anyone answering the description of the Subjects wanted by this Division, they would notify the Omaha Division Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OMAHA DIVISION OFFICE: Will keep in contact with the local authorities at Webster City, Iowa, and if deemed advisable, will interview Mrs. Woody and Fontana, for the purpose of ascertaining if they have any information concerning the activities of Subject Floyd.

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December 8, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER  
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In connection with my memorandum dated December 8, 1934, with reference to the establishment of a separate office in Chicago, Illinois, under the supervision of Mr. E. J. Connelley, who has been placed in charge of the investigation of the following cases:

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218, et al,  
 LESTER M. GILLIS, with aliases (Deceased), et al,  
 CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases (Deceased), et al.

please be advised that the telephone number of that office to be used in connection with all long distance calls made to and from the Division at Washington, D. C. is FRANKLIN 4608.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
 Director.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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RE: CSM  
62-28719-3906

December 17, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Butte, Montana.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to your letter of December 3, 1934, calling attention to the reports of Special Agents C. I. Lord and A. E. Lockerman, Butte, Montana, dated September 15 and October 10, 1934, respectively, containing undeveloped leads based upon Division letter of August 17, 1934 addressed to the Jacksonville Office, a copy of which was furnished the Butte Office.

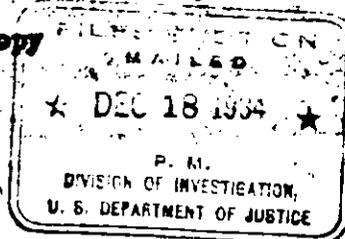
You are advised that it will not be necessary to conduct further investigation in your district in accordance with the undeveloped leads referred to. It appears from your report, dated December 3, 1934, that the investigation in your district has already been referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana, December 5, 1934.

*W.S.*

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

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

Dear Sir:

Attention is invited to reports of Special Agents  
C. I. Lord, Butte, 9/15/34, and A. E. Lockeman, Butte,  
10/10/34, which contain certain undeveloped leads for the  
Butte Office, which are based upon Division letter, dated  
August 17, 1934, to the Jacksonville Office, copy of which  
was furnished the Butte Office.

It appears that the above-mentioned Division letter  
requested that certain leads be followed out in the district  
covered by the Butte Division Office for the purpose of  
checking a former associate of Subject Richard Tallman Galatas,  
the purpose of which was to cause the location and apprehension  
of Galatas, and in view of the fact that Galatas has already  
been taken into custody, this is to request the Division's  
advice as to whether it is necessary to conduct further  
investigation in this district along the above-mentioned lines,  
and as to whether the Division does not now believe that this  
case can be closed by the Butte Office.

Very truly yours,

*D. H. Dickason*

D. H. DICKASON  
Special Agent in Charge

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# Division of Investigation

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November 28, 1934

~~Personal and Confidential~~

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to my telegram of November 27, concerning recent developments in connection with charges of the Missouri State Highway Patrol against Ricketti, growing out of the killing of two men at Columbia, Missouri, in June, 1933. In accordance with the telephonic instructions of Mr. Tamm of the Division on November 28, no activity is being taken by this office with reference to possibly obtaining custody of Ricketti.

It is noted from press reports at Kansas City today that authorities at Columbia, Missouri, are contemplating the possibility of delivering Ricketti for prosecution in Polk County, growing out of the kidnaping of Sheriff Killingsworth. The press also reports that the question of turning Ricketti over to Sheriff Bash, of Jackson County, is receiving consideration.

Mr. Bash called me by telephone today and advised that he talked briefly with County Prosecutor Graves concerning his desire to bring Ricketti to Kansas City for trial on charges of murder growing out of the Union Station killings. At that time Graves advised him that he would vigorously prosecute Ricketti if evidence of his participation in the massacre were furnished. Graves counselled against Bash endeavoring to obtain custody of the prisoner unless it were possible to convict him after his return here. Mr. Bash stated that he is very anxious that the Division cooperate with him in furnishing any available evidence which could be used in a prosecution of Ricketti. He stated that the prosecuting attorney at Columbia will not decide for approximately five days what disposition will be made of Ricketti, and

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expressed the wish that I confer with him concerning the available evidence, within that period of time.

Mr. Bash is extremely anxious to have Richetti prosecuted and convicted in Jackson County. In addition to his natural wish in this regard, he is considerably exercised because of recent adverse newspaper comment appearing in the Kansas City Journal-Post, which is to the effect that the massacre has not been solved, and that the Government is without evidence connecting Floyd and Richetti with it. He feels that because of his close association with this office he is "on trial" before the public, and if he cannot produce, will be subject to considerable embarrassment. I might state that Mr. Milligan, United States Attorney at Kansas City, has also expressed the view that the same situation applies to his office and to the Division. Of course, these gentlemen are interested in political angles with which the Division is not concerned.

In this situation, I would appreciate the advice of the Division as to the action desired by this office. It is realized that some of the information which we have is confidential in its nature, and not available for use at any trial of Richetti. In the event it is desired that Mr. Bash and the prosecuting attorney here be furnished with such information as can be given, the question of a possible personal identification by the Agents present at the massacre will undoubtedly arise. I will accordingly appreciate advice as to any steps which the Division might be willing to take to have those Agents view Richetti in person for purposes of possible identification. Your early consideration of this matter will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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December 7, 1934

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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.

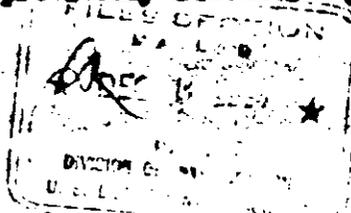
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated December 5, 1934 per-  
taining to the submission of evidence in the possession of the Division  
to Mr. W. E. Graves, Prosecuting Attorney of Jackson County, Kansas City,  
Missouri, to be used in prosecuting Adam Richetti on charges of murder.

The Division feels that every assistance should be rendered to  
the County Prosecutor and to that end all information and evidence should  
be submitted to him. You should not, however, submit the statement  
rendered by Vivian Mathis inasmuch as it was obtained under circumstances  
which will prevent its use as evidence in the prosecution of Richetti.  
You should, of course, before taking any action in this matter consult  
the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri, and be guided by his  
wishes.

With reference to that portion of your letter dated November 24,  
1934, wherein you state that Merle A. Gill is positive that the ballistic  
exhibits secured from the weapons of Charles Arthur Floyd, which were  
forwarded by the Division to the Missouri State Highway Patrol some time  
ago, will furnish a definite means of identification of one of Floyd's  
weapons with the evidence exhibits found after the Kansas City massacre,  
you are instructed to advise the United States Attorney of this fact in  
order that he might take appropriate action in the premises. I do not  
desire that you accept from Mr. Gill any more documents relating to this  
case as previously stated in my letter dated December 4, 1934.

Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
1616 Federal Reserve  
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Kansas City, Missouri

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December 3, 1934

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

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

Reference is made to my letter of November 28, 1934, concerning the question of furnishing evidence to the Prosecutor of Jackson County, Missouri, and to telephone conversation had with Mr. Tamm of the Division on December 3, 1934. It is noted that Mr. Tamm instructed that a communication be forwarded to the Division with particular reference to the present Prosecuting Attorney of Jackson County, Mr. W. W. Graves.

You are advised that my information is that Graves was formerly an assistant prosecutor under Mr. T. A. J. Mastin. Upon Mr. Mastin's death, Graves was elevated to his present position. He has recently been reelected as Prosecutor. I am advised that he has had the support of the "organization", which means the Pendergast organization, and that he was selected as the Democratic nominee in the recent race by that group. In conversations which I have had from time to time with Sheriff Bash, I have gathered that he does not belong to the same political faction as Graves, but does have a kindly feeling toward him. In connection with the instant matter, Mr. Bash recently advised me that he feels that Graves would vigorously prosecute Richetti.

As I advised Mr. Tamm, I talked by telephone with Graves today, at which time he informed me that it was his understanding that certain attorneys had endeavored to see Richetti on December 31, 1934 P.M. and that he hesitated to file murder charges without a knowledge of the available evidence, because of the possibility that habeas corpus proceedings might be brought, which would require that he

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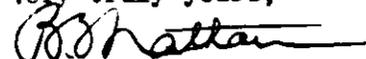
present his evidence to the court within twenty-four hours. In this connection, it is noted that a warrant charging Richetti with murder in Jackson County has previously been issued, and it was upon this warrant that he was brought to Jackson County by deputy sheriffs. Graves suggested that the Marshal file the warrants issued in Federal court for Richetti, in order to avoid the possibility of his release by habeas corpus. I am informed that this has been done. I am further informed that a warrant issued in Polk County, charging the kidnaping of Sheriff Killingsworth, has been filed as a detainer against Richetti. When talking to Mr. Graves, I informed him that I would communicate with him at such time as we might be in a position to furnish any evidence Richetti. He had been previously advised by Mr. Bash that it was contemplated that the Division Agents present at the massacre would be given an opportunity to see Richetti in person within a short time.

*Richetti*

Special Agent H. E. Andersen has advised me that in a conversation with United States Attorney Milligan today, Mr. Milligan suggested that it would not be harmful to the Government's case if the county authorities were furnished evidence showing the presence of Richetti in Kansas City on the day of the massacre; the evidence showing the finding of Richetti's latent fingerprint at the home occupied by Miller; and any evidence of personal identification.

I will not confer with Mr. Graves with the view of giving him any information concerning this case until advised by the Division.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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62-760  
cc - Chicago

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December 4, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I telephoned Mr. Clegg at 3:25 P. M., today concerning the matter of securing a post office box for mail to be addressed to Mr. Connelley concerning the Bremer, Dillinger and Massacre cases. Mr. Clegg thought that this would be a splendid idea and will teletype the number of the post office box to the Division this afternoon.

He also mentioned the fact that he believes it would be desirable for the Chicago Office to have a post office box inasmuch as no mail is received at the office on Sunday.

With regard to telegrams addressed to the Connelley squad, Mr. Clegg believes these telegrams should be forwarded to Connelley at the main Chicago Office. He pointed out that frequently messages are forwarded "collect" and also that frequent messenger service can be made available between the regular office and the emergency office.

Mr. Clegg stated it was proposed to move into the new space at six o'clock tonight. This space is located two blocks from the main office in the New York Life Insurance Building. The numbers of the telephones being installed are Franklin 4606 and Franklin 4607; also Franklin 4608 will be the long distance telephone available for Washington calls only and this telephone will ring on Mr. Connelley's desk without any extensions.

Mr. Clegg indicated that the space is costing \$100 a month and that he did not secure any bids for the renting of the space. I told him that this was proper and that it should be paid for in cash and handled by blue slip. He also indicated that he had authorized the payment of \$37.50 for screens over the windows which he believed to be desirable.

I suggested to Mr. Tamm that a letter be prepared to all offices instructing that mail in the Bremer, Dillinger, and Massacre cases be forwarded directly to Mr. Connelley at Chicago at the post office box to be indicated. This will be done immediately upon the receipt of information as to the box number.

Respectfully,

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Clyde Tolson.

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cc - Mr. Tamm.

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UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY  
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CLAIM DEPARTMENT

November 30th, 1934.

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

RE: BG 45979 Palmetto State Bank,  
Lake City, S. C.

Dear Sir:

I thank you for yours of the 27th in reference to the apprehension of Frank Lee Callan in connection with the Palmetto Bank case of South Carolina and also your activities in connection with the Hawley Bank at Hawley, Pennsylvania in which we understand two men have just been apprehended and confessed.

This success only confirms our respect for the ability of your Department and it is to be regretted that your Department is restricted in its jurisdiction in such matters as this, which are such a serious menace to our country today, as I feel that only through the help of your Department is there any hope for relief.

We appreciate your cooperation and are assisting all we can in the prosecution of Callan in connection with the Palmetto Bank case.

I realize the gigantic job your Department is faced with but appreciate the cooperative spirit of your Mr. Egan and Mr. Smith of the Washington Office as well as your Mr. Templeton of the Charlotte Office with whom I collaborated in connection with the Palmetto Bank case. They are capable and efficient men as shown by the results accomplished and assure you that we appreciate the results and our help is always at your disposal.

*Communication*

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I also congratulate you on the recent apprehension of our public enemy No. 1, George (Babyface) Nelson and also offer our sympathy for the loss of two good men in the cause.

Very truly yours,

(Signed by) J. W. CHESLEY

Superintendent.

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December 8, 1934.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Attention: Mr. J. V. Barnes.

Special Agent in Charge.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. #1219;  
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I. O. #1213;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. #1232;  
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

LESTER M. GILLIS with aliases (Deceased);  
JOHN HAMILTON with alias, I. O. #1220;  
JOHN PAUL CHASE with aliases; ET AL;  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; Conspiracy  
to Harbor Fugitives; Probation Violators.

CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD with aliases  
(Deceased); ET AL;  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

For your confidential information, Mr. E. J. Connelley has been placed in charge of the investigations of the above entitled cases and is maintaining an office in the New York Life Insurance Building, Chicago, Illinois. The telephone numbers of the office are Franklin 4606 and Franklin 4607.

All communications and reports in the above entitled cases should be addressed to Mr. E. J. Connelley, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Post Office Box 829, Chicago, Illinois.

All telegrams in the above entitled cases should be directed to Mr. E. J. Connelley in care of the Chicago Division Office, 1900 Bankers Building, Chicago, Illinois.

The above instructions should be followed until further notice.

Very truly yours,

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

U. S. Department of Justice  
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**Bureau of Investigation**

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326½ Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, La.  
December 9, 1934.

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

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Sir:

Re: Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd,  
with aliases (deceased), et al.  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

United States Attorney Rene Viosca, New Orleans, Louisiana, has advised the writer that Attorney Schultz, of the Liberty Magazine, directed a wire to Confidential Informant [redacted] who, for the purposes of the instant case in correspondence with Liberty Magazine through Mr. Viosca had adopted the name of Ed. J. Thomas, and who has been designated as Confidential Informant #1 in this case, and that Mr. Schultz likewise directed a wire to Confidential Informant #2, who is [redacted] requesting wire confirmation whether they would be willing to accept \$500.00 of the \$1,000.00 reward offered by Liberty Magazine.

Mr. Viosca advised that this was satisfactory to both these informants and that they accepted the offer and have received their checks.

Mr. Viosca, who Confidential Informant [redacted] first approached on the instant case, was at first inclined to believe that his claim for the reward merited full consideration of the amount offered, and had promised [redacted] assistance looking toward this result. He later, when the matter was explained to him, could see the equitable justification of the claim of Confidential Informant #2, [redacted]

The writer therefore thinks that Mr. Viosca was instrumental in satisfactorily bringing this question of a reward to a successful termination and, as a result, no further communications will be addressed to the Department or to the Division at Washington, D.C., for an opinion as to whom the reward should be paid.

Mr. Viosca has always expressed high regard for the Division and stated that he hoped that any statement, through letters addressed by him to Liberty Magazine, did not result in any embarrassment to this office or to the Division. He stated that he would not have addressed a letter to Liberty Magazine had he known they intended to use same in their publication, as was done.

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The above subject matter is in reference to Division personal and confidential letter to the New Orleans Division Office dated November 5, 1934, and to personal and confidential letter of this office to the Division dated September 29, 1934.

Very truly yours,

*D. W. Magee*

D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-  
Nashville

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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:

In response to the request contained in your  
letter dated December 10, 1934, there are transmitted  
herewith photostatic copies of the Coroner's findings  
relative to the death of subject Floyd, which were se-  
cured from the authorities at Columbiana County, East  
Liverpool, Ohio.

No copies of the enclosure are being forwarded  
to the offices indicated below.

Very truly yours,

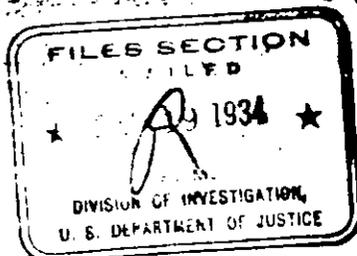
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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cc-Detroit (no enclosures)

Mr. E. J. Connelley, (no enclosures)  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 829,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
DECEMBER 10, 1934.



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

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased) ET AL  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to letter of December 4, 1934, addressed by the Detroit Office to the Division, transmitting a copy of the Coroner's Findings relating to the death of Subject Floyd secured from Columbiana County, East Liverpool, Ohio.

It is requested that the Division furnish the Kansas City Office with a photostatic copy of the document in question. Also it is requested that this office be furnished with a supply of any photographs of the corpse of Floyd taken after his death. If there are available any close-up views showing wounds and scars these are desired.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Detroit  
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The following is a description of the person

Name Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd

Age 30 Sex Male

Residence Transitory

Place of Nativity \_\_\_\_\_

Color of the eyes Grey Color of the hair Dark Brown

Marks Gunshot wound

**INVENTORY OF ALL ARTICLES FOUND ON OR ABOUT SAID BODY**

The following moneys were found on or about said body: \$122.00 in cash

Also the following other articles of property: \_\_\_\_\_

All of which finding and other proceedings in the matter is hereby respectfully submitted.

E. R. Sturgis  
Coroner of Columbiana County, Ohio.

The State of Ohio, Columbiana County.

I, the undersigned, Coroner of said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is my finding of facts, in writing, and subscribed by me, upon the inquest held by me as such Coroner, over the dead body of Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd found within said County, and whose death was supposed to have been caused by unlawful or suspicious means.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office, at East Liverpool,

Ohio, this 1st day of December 1934

E. R. Sturgis  
Coroner.

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Before E. R. Sturgis  
CORONER  
COLUMBIANA COUNTY, OHIO

Inquest over the dead body of  
Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd

FINDING OF FACTS

Filed \_\_\_\_\_ 1934

Clerk of Common Pleas Court.

Deputy

The State of Ohio, Columbiana County.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the 22 day of October in the year A. D. 1934, information was given to me, E. R. Sturgis

Coroner of said Columbiana County, Ohio,

that the dead body of Charles (Preety Boy) Floyd

a person whose death was supposed to have been caused by unlawful or suspicious means, has been found within said

County. Whereupon I appeared forthwith at Sturgis Funeral Home

East Liverpool, Ohio

the place where such body was, and thereupon

examined the body and inquired of the witnesses

and questioned

such witnesses as I deemed necessary, and thereupon

reduced to writing

I administered the usual oath to said witnesses

and proceeded to inquire how the deceased came to his death, if by violence from

any other person or persons, by whom, whether as principals or accessories before or

after the fact, together with all the circumstances relating thereto. The testimony

of the said witnesses was reduced to writing, and by them respectfully subscribed.



The said post mortem examination occupied \_\_\_\_\_ hours and was as follows:

Death due to internal hemorrhage

#### FINDING

After having heard the evidence, examined the body, and considered the facts and circumstances, I do find that the said deceased came to his death by gunshot wounds, two through the chest and abdomen and one through the forearm.

After a complete hearing of the known facts regarding the actions of Charles, (Pretty Boy) Floyd from Saturday, October 20th. to Monday, October 22nd., I find that he was justly shot to death by a combined force of Agents of the Department of Justice and Officers of the East Liverpool Police Department, while making an armed attempt to escape arrest.

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Indianapolis, Indiana

(Name and address of Contributor)

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Date October 10, 1934

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Division of Investigation:

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Hammond, Ind. PD #877		174842 & 12/17/34 Adam Richetti	Turned over to S.O. Crown Point, Ind.
Crown Point, Ind. S.O. #7674		Adam Richetti	1 - 10 years I.S.R., Pendleton, Ind.

*Refer in jacket*

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Very truly yours,  
*H. H. Reinecke*  
H. H. REINECKE  
Special Agent in Charge  
(Official Title)

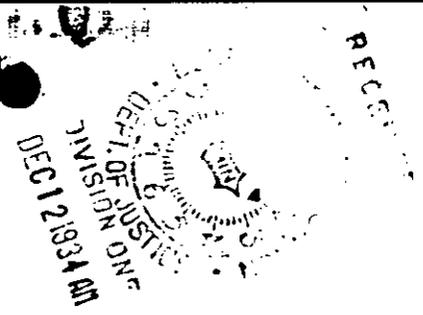
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
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Kansas City, Missouri



December 10, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

I have been advised by the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri, that the trial of the conspiracy case will be set down for December 31, 1934. Mr. Milligan states that he will probably require that those Agents necessary at the trial report at Kansas City December 29, 1934.

With reference to the possibility of the defense in the perjury trials growing out of this case desiring to call certain Division Agents as witnesses, you are advised that attorneys for Reppert and Higgins have filed a motion in Federal court at Kansas City to permit the taking of depositions of the Agents named in my previous communication. The United States Attorney will resist this motion, and it will be heard at Kansas City on December 10, 1934. The United States Attorney does not desire that depositions of these Agents be taken and, in the event it appears necessary, will advise the court that subpoenas will be issued for any Agents having any material evidence, in order that they might be present and examined in open court at the time of the perjury trials. I will advise you of the outcome of the defense motion.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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December 10, 1934

Mr. Henry L. Melaban  
Suite 208, 11 South LaSalle Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 27, 1934, addressed to the Special Agent of the New Orleans Office of this Division, concerning copies of waivers of removal signed by Picard, Gelinas and both Gelinas, and referred to this office for inclusion in the files.

You are advised that it is not considered desirable to comply with your requests at this time, and it would not seem that further correspondence in this regard is necessary.

Very truly yours,

R. B. LAMM  
Special Agent in Charge



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

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REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minnesota	DATE WHEN MADE: 12-9-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/7/34	REPORT MADE BY: R. N. Franke
TITLE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases (Deceased); ET AL.			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Case being referred upon completion to office of origin except that investigation as to cottage at Fred Goetz near Hayward, Wisconsin, is still being investigated and reports will be headed under the Edward G. Bremer Kidnaping case.

REFERENCE:

Division letter dated December 1, 1934.

DETAILS:

As instructed in Division letter of reference, no further investigations are being made in this case inasmuch as there are no other leads to be investigated.

However, investigation is still being made in the vicinity of Cranberry Lake near Hayward, Wisconsin, in an endeavor to locate the cottage of FRED GOETZ, who is supposed to have used the name of VON ISH or VON ESCH. See report of Special Agent R. C. Barran, Chicago, Illinois, dated August 9, 1934. This investigation will be carried on under the heading of the EDWARD G. BREMER Kidnaping case.

Two copies of this report are being placed in the BREMER Kidnaping file.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

*D. M. Ladd*

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