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SUBJECT: CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD

KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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December 19, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the suggestion in the letter of the Kansas City office of the Division to the Butte, Montana office dated December 10, 1934, concerning the case of Vernon C. Miller, etc., there are transmitted herewith, two copies of the photograph and the criminal record, together with the description of B. B. Blair, our file #20138.

Please be advised that two copies of the above individual's photograph, criminal record and description are also being furnished with a copy of this letter to all interested Division offices.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #512337.

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Special Agent in Charge
Butte, Montana

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to a letter from the Butte Office addressed to the Kansas City Office dated October 24, 1934, and to the report of Special Agent in Charge D. H. Dickason, dated at Butte, Montana, June 8, 1934, both having reference to the identity and location of one Buster Blair, who was shown by the correspondence record of Charles Joseph Fitzgerald to have written a letter from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, to Fitzgerald while the latter was serving in the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas.

Investigation was made at the Kansas State Penitentiary by Special Agent A. E. Farland, of this office, in order to determine whether Blair ever served a term at that institution since it was not found that the Provincial Police at Edmonton are acquainted with the party under that name.

Agent Farland rendered a memorandum, a copy of which is enclosed herewith and to each other office and the Division receiving copies of this letter. It will be noted that the correct name of Blair is apparently Robert Baker, aliases: Edward Blaff, Robert Blair, Robert Rothburn Blair, B. B. Blaff, Emory King, Robert Baker, Buster Blair. It is evident that Baker may be a close friend of Charles Joseph Fitzgerald.

The latest photograph available to this office is that taken at the Colorado State Penitentiary, where his register number was 12960 and which was taken in 1925. This photograph is being furnished herewith to the Division and it is suggested that each of the interested offices be furnished with complete criminal record, a supply of photographs and a full description of Baker, which is not at this time available to the Kansas City Office.

It is noted that Charles J. Fitzgerald is a close contact of the Karpis-Barker gang, is a notorious bank robber and that

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his location is desired in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

Very truly yours,

R. B. WATMAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Kansas City, Missouri
November 23, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. T. J. COUGHLIN IN CHARGE R. B. NATHAN:

RE: YS. CH. C. WELLS, with aliases, deceased, Et Al
MURDER OF JAMES EARL RAYBURN

Reference is made to letter from the Butte Division Office dated October 22, 1934 regarding further investigation be made of the records of the Kansas State Penitentiary with regard to Buster Blair who had been corresponding with Charles Joseph Fitzgerald.

At the Kansas State Penitentiary it was ascertained that their records reflect that Buster Blair, #6654, whose right name, however, is Ernest Baker, alias Edward Blair, alias Robert Blair, alias Robert Rothburn Blair, alias B. B. Blair, alias Snow Bird, alias Robert Baker, had been sentenced on a charge of Grand Larceny (Auto) 10-1-19 and to serve a term of one to five years; that he was received at that institution on November 20, 1919 from the Court, Kansas - gave his age as 25 in 1926, occupation Farmer; that his minimum sentence would expire on 10-17-20, maximum 11-7-20; that he was born in Iowa and had served two previous terms in the Industrial School and one term in the Penitentiary. The records further reflect that he was before the Board of Parole on 12-21-27 and was declared delinquent 12-23-27 and had been returned and later discharged by expiration of his sentence 1-15-27.

His previous criminal record is quoted:

1 term Idaho State Ind. School, St. Anthony as #2854 Edward Blair, 1-17-1910, Burglary and Grand Larceny, Indefinite, from Bonneville County, escaped 3-27-12.

1 term Colorado State Reformatory, Buena Vista as #4269 Robert Baker, 4-27-18, Grand Larceny, Indefinite, paroled 1-7-1910, Parole Violator.

1 term Colorado State Pen. Canon City as #12960 B. B. Blair, 8-24-1901 from Denver, 3-5 years, Burglary & Larceny, paroled to be returned to State of Kansas as Parole Violator.

Examination of his correspondents sheet at the Penitentiary reflects that he had corresponded with:

Mr. E. Luter,
942 West 59th Place,
Los Angeles, California.

Miss Helen Tolbert,
949 West 59th Place,
Los Angeles, California.

Mr. E. L. Marvin - Sister
1218 - 9th Avenue,
Seattle, Washington.

Madeline Decker Nickelson,
1218 - 9th Avenue,
Seattle, Washington.

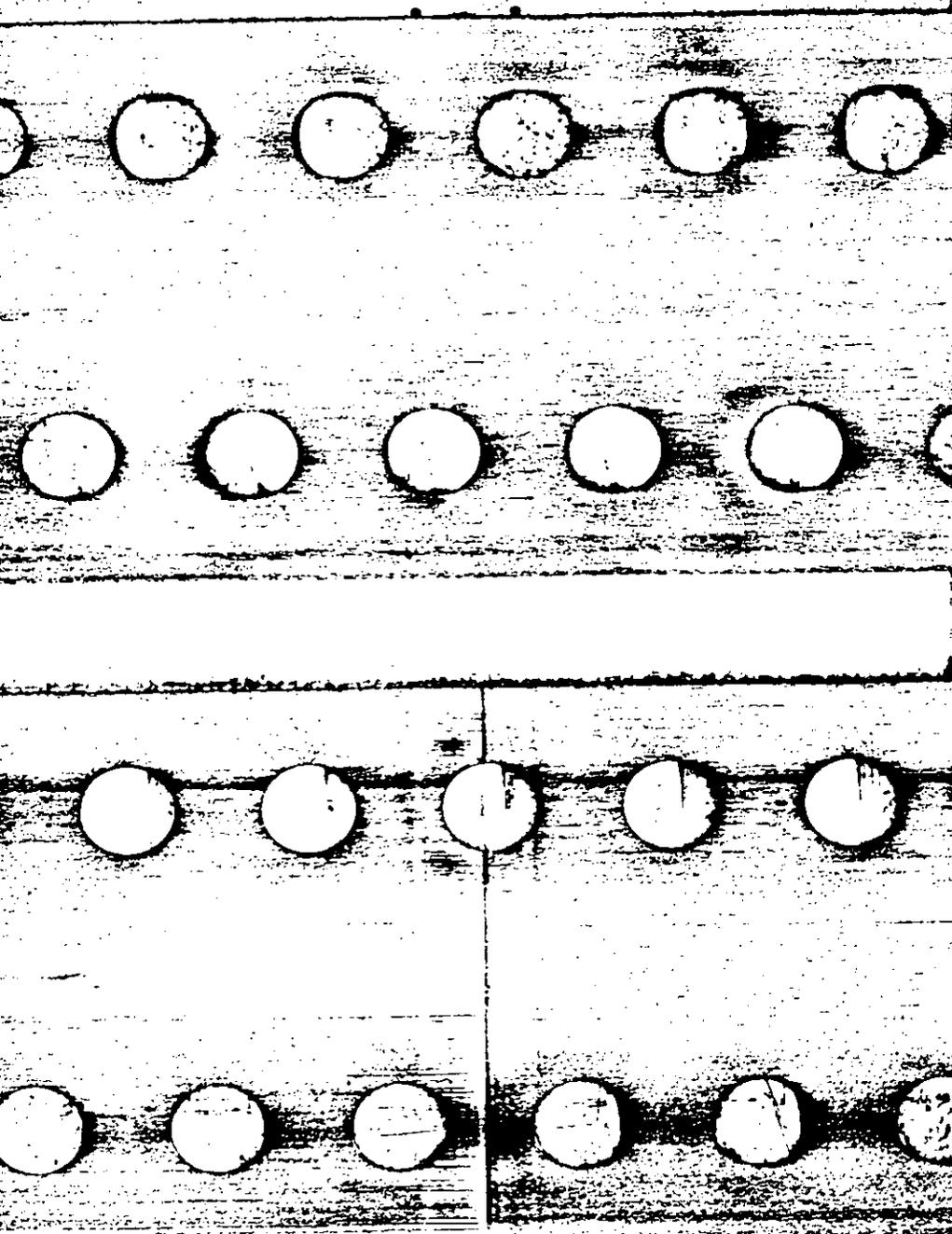
The records further reflect that he was released from the
Kansas State Penitentiary after having been returned there as a parolee
violator, January 18, 1977.

Photograph of this individual as Buster Blair #6854 and
photograph taken at the Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado
#12960 are attached to this memorandum.

The whereabouts of this individual are unknown at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. Marlow,
Special Agent



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

November 28, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

In connection with the Kansas City Massacre case, please be informed that I have just been telegraphically advised by the Kansas City, Missouri Division Office that information has been received from Colonel F. M. Casteel of the Missouri State Highway Patrol 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.

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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.

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The Kansas City Office of this Division has been 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,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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December 11, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

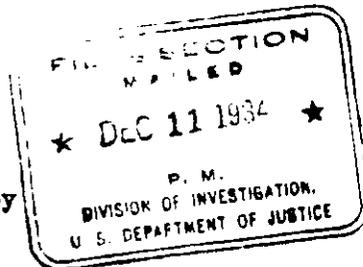
Dear Sir:

With reference to the case entitled Charles Arthur
o Floyd with aliases (deceased), et al; Conspiracy to Deliver
Federal Prisoner, there are being returned under separate cover
one .45 Colt Automatic/pistol, serial number 483296, and one
Thompson Sub-Machine gun with number obliterated, both guns
having been forwarded to the Division after recovery from Adam
Richetti at Wellsville, Ohio. In view of the possible necessity
of producing these guns in evidence there are still attached the
envelopes designating them as exhibits and it is further stated
that these guns have never been out of the possession of the
Division subsequent to their arrival in Washington.

Both of these weapons have been examined in the Divi-
sion Laboratory and test bullets fired for retention in the
files. There exists a possibility that the above machine gun
may have been used in the Kansas City Massacre but the Division
at present does not have possession of the bullets and shells
recovered at the scene of the shootings for comparison purposes.
In view of this possibility of a future identification it is
believed that an effort should be made to ultimately obtain
permanent possession of this machine gun.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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December 11, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

In connection with your telephonic inquiry made of Mr. Tamm of the Division you are advised that laboratory reports concerning an examination of shots fired from the guns submitted to the Division after the death of "Pretty Boy" Floyd and the capture of Adam Richetti were furnished your office under dates of November 8 and November 21, 1934. An additional copy of each of the laboratory reports referred to is transmitted herewith.

In connection with the examinations made your attention is called to the fact that the specimens found at the scene of the so-called Kansas City Massacre are not available for comparison in the Division Laboratory.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #501319.

cc - Mr. Connelley,
Chicago, Ill.

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

FILE NO. **62-10 MAY**

REPORT MADE AT: BUFFALO, N.Y.	DATE WHEN MADE: 12/11/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11/30 & 12/1,3,4/34.	REPORT MADE BY: J. D. CUNNINGHAM
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, I.O. 1201; ADRIAN RICCHETTI, with aliases et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS of FACTS:

No bank account or safe deposit box located Buffalo, N.Y., under names Byrl West, Edith Brennan, George Sanders or Ed Brennan. Efforts to locate garage from which they might have hired a car unsuccessful. Gas, electricity and water furnished by apartment. Investigation discloses Floyd visited by man whose name was unknown.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent in Charge J.P. MacFarland, Buffalo, N.Y., 11/20/34; letter from Kansas City Office, 11/22/34.

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At BUFFALO, N.Y.

Harold Putman, manager of the Marine Trust Bank was interviewed, and after a search of his records, advised that there was no bank account in any of the branches of this bank under the name of George Sanders, Byrl West, Edith Brennan.

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Under the name of Edward Brennan there was, in the Kensington branch, an account opened Sept. 1933, the address of this Brennan being noted as 293 Hastings Ave. However, this account was still active, the last entry being Nov. 30, 1934. Another account was under the name of E. C. Brennan, 2079 Niagara St., in the Riverside branch, which account was also still active.

Mr. W. A. Zimmerman, manager of the safe deposit boxes, Marine Trust Co., was interviewed and upon a search of his files, he advised that he had no safe deposit boxes under the names of the persons aforementioned.

George D. Thomson, manager of the Manufacturers & Traders Bank, was interviewed. After searching his records, he advised that the only account he had under any of these names was one in the name of E. C. Brennan, 2079 Niagara St.; stating he had ascertained from the manager of the branch bank that this man had a good reputation and this account was one of long standing.

J. L. Seitz, manager Manufacturers & Traders Bank safe deposit boxes, upon interview, searched his records and advised no safe deposit boxes were rented in Buffalo for any of the individuals in question.

Robert L. Gibson, manager of the branch banks of the Liberty Bank of Buffalo was interviewed by the writer and he advised, after investigation of his records, that the branch offices have no accounts in the names of the above individuals.

E. E. Ives, manager of the safe deposit box department, Liberty Bank of Buffalo, was interviewed, and he, after a search of his records stated there was no rental of safe deposit boxes in the name of the persons inquired about.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer and Special Agent P. J. Cotter.

Mrs. McCormick, apartment 611, 6 - 18th St., was interviewed, and she stated that the only car she saw Floyd and Richetti and the two girls use was the one they had just before their departure. She stated that they never were observed using a taxi cab; that, while she has a telephone, they never used it, and she knew of no other telephone in the apartment building.

Flora Coughlin, aged 10 years, residing in the pent house

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at 8 - 18th St., was interviewed and she advised she had often run on errands for the two girls (Rose and Juanita Baird) that she had often been in their apartment, and had been allowed to go in any room except the bedroom, that she had often observed Floyd and Richetti and readily identified them from the pictures shown to her. She stated that on one occasion when she had returned from an errand, one of the girls had opened a dresser drawer and in it she had seen many bills of large denomination. She advised that at times these people would go walking at night, but never more than two would leave at the same time and always one of the men and one of the girls. Miss Coughlin stated that she had never seen them in a car, except in the one which they had just before leaving Buffalo—and that she never knew them to use a taxi cab.

Mrs. C. L. Henderson, apartment 831, at 8 - 18th St., was interviewed and she stated that her husband is a customs officer; that he had observed these individuals during their stay at the premises often. She stated that she, herself, did not see them often but that she had lived directly over their apartment, and had never heard any loud talking or arguments in the apartment below.

Mr. C. L. Henderson was subsequently interviewed at the Buffalo Division Office by Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland. Mr. Henderson stated that he could recognize the photographs of the persons who occupied the apartment below his, and when the pictures of Floyd and Richetti were shown to him, he immediately identified those individuals as the men who occupied the said apartment. According to Mr. Henderson, at various times during the late hours of the night, he observed a Packard Sedan calling for the individuals who occupied the said apartment, mentioning that he was unable to ascertain the license number of the Packard. Mr. Henderson related that he informed the owner of the said apartment block, Mr. Francis, that it was his belief the people who were occupying the apartment just below him were gangsters, in view of their peculiar actions. He stated that he was positive that these individuals received mail from Chicago, Ill. and from some point in the state of Ohio.

Mr. Henderson also related that in the same block, some time prior to the departure of Richetti and Floyd from 8 - 18th St., four men, whose identity he did not know, but whose names he believed were Jackson, Recu, Sheriff and Tremper, resided there under somewhat peculiar circumstances and left without much ado. Mr. Henderson mentioned that he informed some official in the customs service

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relative to his suspicions that gangsters were living in the apartment just below the one he occupied, and this official (whose name he would not disclose to the writer) was supposed to have conveyed the information to the Buffalo Detective Bureau--but failed to do so.

Mr. Henderson was again requested to view the photographs of subjects in this case and in other important kidnaping and extortion cases in this office, with a view to determining whether the four men herein mentioned, who occupied one of the apartments in the said block about two months prior to the departure of Floyd and Richetti from the city, were any of the subjects involved in these matters. Mr. Henderson indicated he was unable to identify the said individuals.

Mr. George F. Francis, 245 Lafayette Ave., the owner of the Amiantus Apartments, upon interview, advised that these tenants always paid him in cash, which money was deposited in the Grant Street Branch of the Liberty Bank of Buffalo. In reference to the public utilities serving these apartments, Mr. Francis stated that, although the gas was on a separate meter, still, this was included in the rental of the apartment and he paid for it, as the meter was in his name; that only one electric meter and one water meter were used throughout the apartment, and these were also in the name of the owner.

Continuing, Mr. Francis stated that he knew no reason why these individuals stopped at his apartment house; that he had not asked them for references since they were from outside of the state, and that his suspicions were never aroused during their stay there. Mr. Francis stated that these people never used the telephone in the building during their stay there.

William F. Coughlin, resident of the pent house at 8 18th St., was interviewed (by Agents Cunningham and Cotter) at which time he stated he recalled a car stopping at this address at intervals of several weeks, always during the night, and that Floyd and Richetti would leave in this car and return after several hours. Mr. Coughlin stated that he never had the opportunity to observe this car, but had often heard it start up when Floyd and Richetti left, and he had gained the impression that it was a large, powerful car.

Continuing, Mr. Coughlin stated that on one occasion, as he was leaving the building, Floyd and the man who came in this car met him in the hall; that he had an opportunity to

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observe this second man and described him as follows:

Height	6' 2"
Weight	200 lbs.
Build	heavy; muscular shoulders
Complexion	medium; tanned
Speech	Southern accent
Dress	gray pinch-back suit; gray Fedora Hat
Peculiarities	very thick neck; high cheek bones; cheeks thin, drawn
General appearance	that of an athlete in training

Mr. Coughlin stated he thought he could recognize this man from a picture, if shown to him. The photographs of various subjects of this and other important kidnaping and extortion cases of this office were shown to him, and he identified that of William Weaver as being most like the individual he had seen, although he would not state he was positive of the identification. In conclusion, Mr. Coughlin stated he recalled the persons in the apartment in question received mail and also received several small boxes, which were just too large to fit into the mail slot and were left on top of the mail box. He thought these packages were stamped "cigarette cases". Mr. Coughlin asserted he had never known these people to use a taxi cab.

The various garages in the neighborhood of 8 - 18th St. were contacted in an effort to find where a car might have been rented. It was ascertained that the only garage in the vicinity which rented cars was the Norwood Garage on Norwood Ave.

Mr. L. S. Baker, general manager of Norwood Garage, was contacted and he advised that they are the only garage in Buffalo renting limousines; that they kept a complete record of all calls made and locations where the different people were picked up and destinations. Mr. William Basch, dispatcher of this garage, was interviewed and he stated he recalled on several occasions a car was sent to these apartment houses. In view of this fact, the records at this garage were searched from September 1933 to November 1934, both as to where the people were picked up and the ultimate destination. No record was found, however, of a pickup at 8 18th St.

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There was a record on Dec. 30, 1933 a pickup was made at 12 - 18th St. and persons taken to Colvin and Tauntan St.

Rocky Rurkso, driver, was interviewed and he stated that he had made this pickup and that although he had no recollection as to the passengers taken, he did definitely remember that they came from 12 - 18th St., which is next door to the apartment house; that he had not picked them up at 8 - 18th St. Pictures of Floyd and Richetti were displayed to the various drivers at this garage, but no identification was effected.

Inquiry at the Norwood Garage disclosed that this company is the only company in Buffalo which keeps records; that the other companies rent meter cabs, which merely keep account of money paid for each trip.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

KANSAS CITY, MO.

N. Y. FILE NO. 62-4949

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REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE: 12-11-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11/30-12/6/34	REPORT MADE BY: S. W. HARDY
TITLE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases (Deceased), et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Due to re-allocation of territory, the prosecution of Dr. Irwin R. Silvers in the Federal Courts of New Jersey will hereafter be handled by the Philadelphia office. Assistant U. S. Attorney George Phann, New York City, states that it is his opinion the Government is unable to prove that Chait and Borenstein had knowledge that they were getting an automobile driver's license for Vernon C. Miller, or that they had knowledge Miller was a fugitive from federal justice, and for this reason, Mr. Phann states that he eventually expects to dismiss the federal complaint charging Chait and Borenstein with conspiracy to harbor a federal fugitive from justice in the Southern District of New York. (Title 18, Section 88, U.S.C.A.).

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REFERENCE:

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Report of Special Agent L. G. Turrou, New York City, dated 11-8-33; letter from the New York City office to the Kansas City office, dated 11-30-34; letter from the New York City office to the Philadelphia office, dated 11-30-34; letter from the Kansas City office to the New York City office dated 11-23-34; and Division letter dated 12-1-34.

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DETAILS:

b7D Letter from the Kansas City office to the New York City office, dated November 23, 1934, requested the New York City office to interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This was done and the result of the interview furnished the Kansas City office by letter of November 30, 1934.

Due to re-allocation of territory, the federal prosecution in the District of New Jersey of Dr. Irwin R. Silvers is now to be handled by the Philadelphia office, which covers New Jersey, and full information regarding that angle of this case was furnished the Philadelphia office by letter dated November 30, 1934.

Under date of November 23, 1934, the Buffalo office requested certain investigation with regard to an advertisement which appears to have been clipped from the bottom of page 128 of the "True Story Magazine", of May, 1934, which was found in the apartment at Buffalo, N. Y., which had been occupied by subjects Floyd and Richetti.

At MacFadden Publications, Inc., 1926 Broadway, New York City, it was ascertained that this advertisement had been placed in the "True Story Magazine" by B. Paul, Inc., of 21 West 39th Street, New York City, and related to B. Paul's Henna, for coloring hair. Mr. Paul exhibited his records which failed to show any correspondence between his company and any of the parties connected with this investigation, either in their true names or known aliases. The only name anywhere near similar to those of the parties connected with this investigation was a communication and order for Henna hair dye which was received May 21, 1934 from Alma Baird, of Route #1, Independence, Ky. Mr. Paul stated that his products can be secured in any drug store or department store, and that, if subjects Floyd or Richetti had secured same, undoubtedly, they secured them in this manner, rather than by communicating direct with the New York office of the manufacturer.

Assistant United States Attorney George Phann, New York City, advised that there had been no further prosecutive action in Federal Court, regarding Abraham Chait and Herman Borenstein

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against whom on November 6, 1933, in the Southern District of New York, a complaint was filed charging conspiracy to harbor a federal fugitive from justice, (Title 18, Section 88 and Section 246, U.S.C.); that he is unable to prove that Chait and Borenstein had knowledge that they were getting the automobile driver's license for Vernon C. Miller, or that they had knowledge that Miller was a fugitive from federal justice at the time they secured this automobile driver's license. Mr. Pham suggested that agent ascertain whether the State District Attorney would institute State prosecution against Chait and Borenstein on the facts submitted.

Accordingly, Detective Captain Leahy, of New York City Headquarters, cooperating with this agent, caused the facts to be presented to Mr. George Garrison, of the State District Attorney's office at New York City, and Mr. Garrison decided that the facts presented were not such as to warrant prosecution in the State Court of New York against Chait and Borenstein.

This information was transmitted to Assistant United States Attorney George Pham at New York City, who then said that he expected, under the circumstances, to dismiss the complaint in Federal Court, New York City, against Chait and Borenstein in the near future.

The advertisement from the "True Story Magazine", which has been referred to above, is being attached to Division copies of this report.

Under date of December 1, 1934, the Division advised that it desired all investigation pending in field offices, except the Kansas City office, looking to the location of individuals sought for questioning, be ~~discontinued~~

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

NEW YORK OFFICE, at New York City, will maintain contact with the United States Attorney's office, and report when dismissal of the complaint charging Borenstein and Chait with conspiracy to harbor a fugitive from federal justice, is filed.

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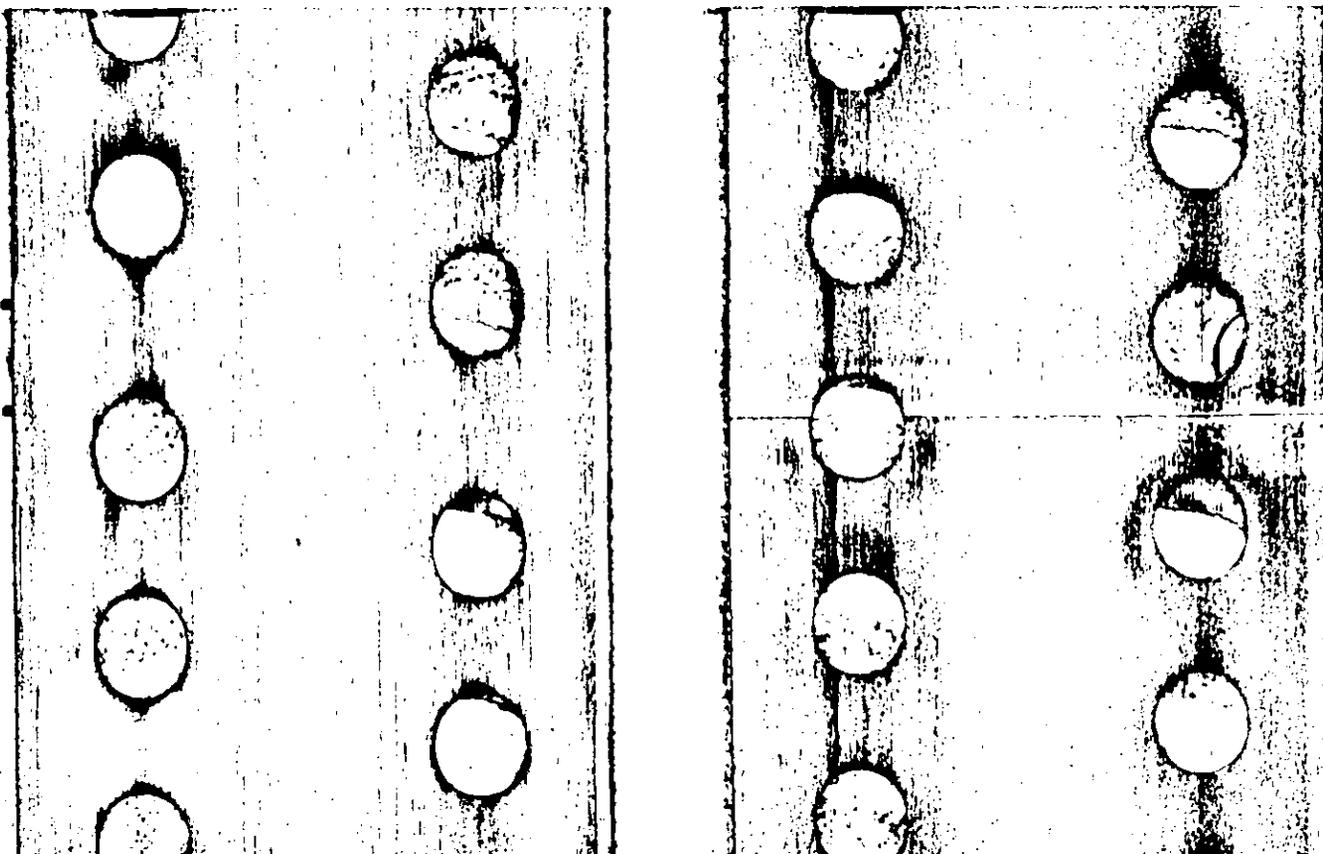
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ENCLOSURE DIVISION (1), re: report, Special Agent
S.W.Hardy, N.Y.C., 12-11-34.

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

Advertisement from "True Story Magazine".

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GRAY HAIR

Gray or Faded Hair is taken as a sign of old age; age is judged by your hair.

Why Have Gray or Faded Hair?
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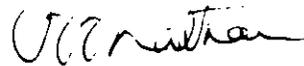
Dear Sir:

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

Confirming my telegram of December 7, 1934, you are advised that on that date Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli and Special Agents F. S. Smith and F. J. Lackey viewed Adam Richetti in a show-up at the Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri.

I was subsequently advised by Vetterli and Smith that they were unable to make any identification of Richetti with anyone seen by them at the time of the massacre. At my request Special Agent Lackey submitted a memorandum concerning the matter, copies of which are attached hereto. It will be noted that Agent Lackey states that Richetti does bear some resemblance to the individual he saw.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - St. Louis
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Kansas City, Mo.
December 7, 1934.

MEMO FOR S A C NATHAN:

Re: KANMO Case

I have today looked at and talked to Adam Richetti in the Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Mo. In size and build, he resembles the smaller of the two men seen by me at the time of the Union Station Massacre, but seems to be of lighter complexion, which might be due to his having remained indoors over an extended period. His facial characteristics somewhat resemble the man above mentioned, but due to the fact that I got only a fleeting glimpse of this man, and then thru the windows of another car, I cannot be positive in this identification. His voice did not indicate anything of value to me.

F. J. Lackey,
Special Agent

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Division of Investigation
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Time: 11:15 AM

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: KANSAS CITY MASSACRE CASE

While talking with Mr. Nathan he asked whether the Laboratory had ever completed an examination of the tests of Floyd's guns; that Gill thought that some of them were identical with specimens used in the massacre. I advised Mr. Nathan that to the best of my knowledge these guns were not identified with any of the evidence in our case, but that I would check on this and advise him.

This is correct. EAT

Respectfully,


E. A. Tamm.

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

Dear Sir:

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

With further reference to my letter of even date concerning the motion filed by attorneys for Higgins and Reppert in the Perjury cases to take depositions of certain Division Agents, you are advised that this motion was heard on December 10, 1934 before Federal Judge Albert L. Reeves and denied. Some discussion was had during the hearing concerning the date these cases would be set for trial at which time Judge Reeves indicated that he would not set them down for a date prior to January 28, 1935.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT

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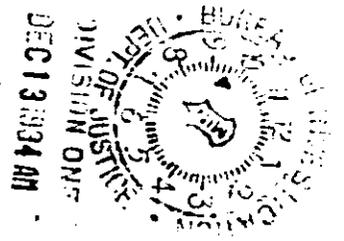
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December 18, 1934

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

Re: Subject Identification Order No. 1196,
BERNARD PHILLIPS alias B. A. Courtney,
Your File, Administrative Division - H.M.

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter dated December 11, 1934 wherein you make reference to your letter dated November 28, 1934, please be advised that this Division has had no previous communication with your office with regard to registration of Bernard Phillips as a driver of a motor vehicle.

The Identification Order No. 1196 prepared and issued by this Division on Bernard Phillips, with alias, was cancelled by Apprehension Order No. 1196-253, copies of both orders having been furnished you with my letter of December 6, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MARK GRAVES
COMMISSIONER OF
TAXATION AND FINANCE
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155 WORTH STREET, NEW YORK CITY

REFER TO
Administrative Div.

December 11, 1934

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

Attention: John Edgar Hoover

Re: Bernard Phillips alias B. A. Courtney

Gentlemen:

We acknowledge receipt of your response to our letter of November 28 and we would inform you that we find no record of Bernard Phillips alias B. A. Courtney being a registered driver of a motor vehicle for the current year.

Therefore, may we ask you to inform us whether you have previously communicated with this office with regard to this matter, and if you have, forward to us copy of your communications together with our replies.

Very truly yours,

COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES

By

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "I. James Brody".

I. James Brody
Deputy Commissioner

HM:RZ

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DJ: S

December 12, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the 7.63 M1 Mauser pistol No. 82378 which was forwarded to the Laboratory by your office for examination in connection with the case entitled Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases (deceased), et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

This gun was received "taken down" and it is noted that a small part known as a lock stop is missing. This piece, located below the hammer, is used to secure the action to the frame and it is necessary that it be replaced before an attempt is made to fire the gun in obtaining test bullets. An effort should be made to locate this piece and the Division advised accordingly.

J.P.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago
cc-Kansas City

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December 11, 1934

Mr. Henry L. Salomon,
Suite 818,
11 South LaSalle Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Mr. E. B. Hager has forwarded to me a copy of your letter addressed to him under date of November 27, 1934 requesting copies of the waivers of removal signed by Richard Tallman Galatas and Elizabeth Galatas.

With reference to the information requested by you, I respectfully refer you to Mr. Maurice K. Hilligan, United States Attorney, Kansas City, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - New Orleans
Chicago
2-Kansas City (1 for USA, Ks.City)

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D. W. Magee.
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326 Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.
December 3, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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Dear Sir:

Re: Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy"
Floyd, with aliases, Deceased; et al.
Conspiracy to Beliver Federal Prisoner.

I am transmitting herewith the original letter received by the New Orleans Division Office from Attorney Henry L. Balaban, Suite 939, 11 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, dated November 27, 1934, requesting additional information concerning the removal waivers of Subjects Richard Tallman Galatas and Mrs. Elizabeth Galatas.

I again suggest that you confer with the United States Attorney at Kansas City for his opinion as to whether this request should be complied with, and inasmuch as this office is not in position to know the desires of the United States Attorney at Kansas City with respect to this matter, it is suggested that a letter of acknowledgment to Mr. Balaban's letter be forwarded either by the United States Attorney at Kansas City or the Kansas City Division Office, for the purpose of terminating any further correspondence from Attorney Balaban.

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Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee,
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Mr. J. W. D. Calhoun
cc - New Orleans
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HENRY L. BALABAN
Lawyer
Suite 938, 11 South La Salle Street
CHICAGO

November 27, 1934.

Mr. David McGee,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

RE: United States
VS: Richard Galatas and
Elizabeth Galatas.

Dear Sir:-

On November 17, 1934, I wrote to you demanding that you forward to me immediately copies of the waivers of removal signed by Richard Galatas and Elizabeth Galatas. Not only have I not received the same but you have neglected to answer my letter.

Inquiry has been made in your local courts regarding the filing of the said waivers there as well as at Kansas City, Missouri, and I find, after having made such inquiry, that these waivers have not been filed in any court.

I wish to know from you directly: 1. Have these waivers of removal been filed? 2. If so, where? 3. If not who has them? 4. If you do not see fit to give them up please advise me to this effect.

If you represent the United States and are associated with the Department of Justice, it is your duty to furnish me with this information.

Very truly yours,

Henry L. Balaban (Signed)

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W. H. Cummings
Attorney General
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir

My Name is Michael James
 it was I whom started the ball rolling to
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 situation Massacre, after doing a great deed
 for society, I must suffer here in jail for nothing
 just cause a young ambitious County attorney that
 is helping gangsters and enemies of mine escape
 from helping the government. I must suffer from
 being helpless and he won't give me any justice,
 for I am being held for material witness, and
 my bond set for \$1000.00 I have had two bonds
 go before him with gilt edge bonds, but he has
 always side stepped, if for some reason or other.
 knowing that my friends cannot help me, for fear
 of the political mob that I defied and helped
 the government, which no doubt you are familiar.

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Hon

Three men from this mob, shot at me they are
 out on bond, and have forfeited their bonds by
 not showing up, and here I am to suffer for ~~nothing~~^{nothing}
~~them~~, just to please a bunch of corrupt gangster
 politicians, under the Constitution I am allowed a
 hearing before a federal judge, but no lawyer will
 apply for a writ of habeas corpus for me, many
 reasons they have not to do this, so I am appealing to
 you in the name of god and justice to please do
 something for me, so I can at least be in a
 position to protect my life, which they are more
 anxious to get since I opposed them and helped
 the government to solve this case.

Sincerely
 M. J. La Crosse
 County Jail
 Wellington Kansas

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December 11, 1954

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Mr. Michael J. LaCapra,
County Jail,
Wellington, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter dated December 8, 1954, addressed to the Honorable Homer Cummings, Attorney General of the United States, requesting assistance in the matter for which you are now being held in the County Jail at Wellington, Kansas, has been referred to this Division for attention.

As previously stated, the Federal Government has no jurisdiction over the charges preferred against you by the local authorities at Wellington, Kansas, and cannot render the assistance requested by you.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Kansas City

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Dec. 12, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT J. D. CUNNINGHAM:

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY"
FLOYD with aliases (deceased)
et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner (62-10)

Your report of Dec. 11, 1934 would appear to be incomplete, in that it does not appear that you made an investigation as was required of the postal authorities, the express agencies and telegraph companies in Buffalo, with a view to determining whether Floyd and Richetti were contacted with through these channels from outside sources.

It also appears that you overlooked the matter of determining at the New York Telephone Company whether there was a telephone in the apartment occupied by Floyd and Richetti. It does not appear that you made any effort to determine whether these subjects used any public telephone booths in the neighborhood of the apartment where they resided.

It is quite possible that these investigations have been made by you, but that you failed to incorporate the results thereof in your report hereinabove referred to. As you undoubtedly know, this is an exceptionally important investigation and it is the Division's desire that all leads coming to light in this matter be very vigorously and forcefully developed. I desire that you inform me by return mail as to whether you covered the said leads and in the event you did not, you will please state the reason why they were not so covered. Your oversight in this report in not developing the said leads, or at least not incorporating the results of your investigation thereof in your report of Dec. 11, 1934, is a source of embarrassment--not only to this office, but to the Division, in that Richetti is to be tried on the charge of murder in the very near future.

I shall have to caution you at this time that when matters are assigned to you for investigation, you must leave no stone unturned in an endeavor to develop the evidence or information required in particular investigations.

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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December 8, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In connection with the Kansas City Massacre case, the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri held a conference at St. Louis, Missouri on December 1, 1934 with Special Agents in Charge Vetterli, Jones, Harvey and Special Agent Trainor relative to the matter of cooperation by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department. The Special Agents in Charge are to prepare memoranda of their contacts with the local authorities, setting forth, to the best of their recollection, the substance of conversations had with Messrs. Reppert and Higgins.

Vetterli and Special Agents Frank Smith and F. J. Lackey on December 7, 1934 viewed Adam Richetti at Kansas City, Missouri. Agent Lackey only partially identified Richetti as resembling one of the gunmen seen by him.

James M. LaCapra, who furnished considerable information concerning this case, is now in the County Jail at Wellington, Kansas where the State authorities are holding him on a local charge and apparently are not inclined to release him on bond. LaCapra has written letters to the Attorney General and to the Division requesting assistance. He has been advised that the Federal Government has no jurisdiction over the charges which have been preferred against him and therefore can not assist him in his present predicament.

The Oklahoma City Office has been requested to obtain a complete detailed description of the guns borrowed from the late Chief of Police, Otto Reed of McAlester, Oklahoma and which were taken to Kansas City, Missouri on June 17, 1934.

The Cincinnati Office is tracing a three year subscription to the American Magazine, which was apparently taken out by Rose Baird as Mrs. George Sanders, wife of Adam Richetti, with a view to possibly establishing other addresses where Floyd and Richetti resided.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
R. E. Newby.

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REPORT MADE AT: Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 12-11-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12-3-34	REPORT MADE BY: N. B. KLEIN MGR
TITLE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases (Deceased) et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

F. A. Harrison, Attorney, Williamstown, Ky., who represented Juanita and Rose Baird, was hired by Attorney Robert Coleman of Kansas City, Missouri and was paid by both Coleman and one L. E. Oliver of Kansas City, in the form of Post Office Money Orders.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent John B. Little, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 11-23-34.

DETAILS:

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

In connection with the report of reference, investigation was made at Williamstown, Kentucky, as reflected in the report of Special Agent N. B. Klein dated at Cincinnati, Ohio 7-25-34. In this connection it will be noted that F. A. Harrison, Attorney, who represented Juanita Beulah Baird and Rose Baird advised he was hired to represent these girls by Robert M. Coleman, Attorney, Gloyd Building, Kansas City, Mo. According to Harrison, Coleman made a personal trip to Williamstown, Kentucky to engage him. Harrison was paid by L. E. Oliver, 1446 Holly St., Kansas City, Mo., who appeared to be very much interested in the case. His pay, according to Harrison, was received both from Coleman and Oliver by Post Office Money Orders. Harrison never met Oliver, according to his statements.

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Kansas City, Missouri, December 11, 1934

J. P. MacFarland
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
612 Marine Trust Building
Buffelo, New York

KAN:O EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION LETTER FROM THIS OFFICE NOVEMBER TWENTY SECOND
STOP RICETTI TO BE TRIED FEDERAL COURT AND FOR MURDER KANSAS CITY NOW
IN CUSTODY HERE

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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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December 12, 1934.

SMH:ET
62-4949

Hon. Martin Conboy,
United States Attorney,
Old Post Office Building,
New York, N. Y.

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

Dear Sir:

I respectfully acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 10, 1934, wherein you advise the evidence against Abe Chait and Herman Borenstein is insufficient for successful federal prosecution.

Replying to your inquiry therein contained, please be advised that this office has no evidence in regard to Chait and Borenstein other than has already been submitted for your consideration. Will you kindly advise me when the complaint against these individuals is dismissed, in order that our files may be complete?

With kindest regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Chicago
cc: Division

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL ST. LOUIS DIVISION OFFICE EMPLOYEES

St. Louis, Mo.
December 11, 1934.

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.

Division letter of December 8, 1934 regarding the above three cases reads as follows:

"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."

Each Individual attached to the St. Louis Division office will govern himself accordingly and this matter, of course, should be treated strictly confidential.

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R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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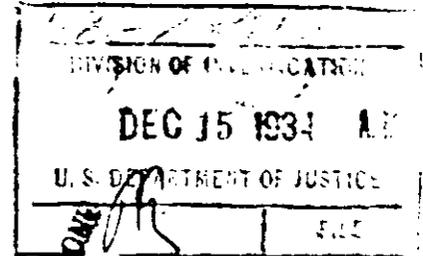
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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
December 13, 1934



Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases,
Deceased, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONERS

An examination of the clothing worn by Adam Richetti when he was received by the Sheriff at Kansas City, Missouri, has developed that he wore a felt hat made by Dobbs, Fifth Avenue, New York, color white or natural, bearing a black band, size 8 7/8. The inside head band of the hat bears the name "The Higbee Company, Cleveland, Ohio". There is a price tag glued inside the leather head band bearing the markings:

KL (remainder torn away)
125
\$6.00

These markings are apparently the lot number, cost number and retail price.

Richetti also wore a gray top coat, size about 36, from which the labels had been removed. An examination of the coat indicates a marking showing NRA Code Authority A-1-Q-053602.

He also wore a suit of Saxon weave, gray color, size 36, with all labels and other markings removed.

It is requested that appropriate investigation be made at The Higbee Company, evidently a clothing concern at Cleveland, in an effort to establish any information available regarding the patronage of Richetti at that store. While this information may not develop facts of value, it is desired that an effort be made to secure any information which the individual clerks may have regarding his associates or places of residence.

Very truly yours,

..FT:B
cc - Division
Chicago
62-760

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 13, 1934

Time: 3:30 pm

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Hugh Fisher of the Criminal Division of the Department telephoned to advise that he was in receipt of information from [REDACTED]

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I advised Mr. Fisher that Galatas had been taken into custody by representatives of the Division at New Orleans, Louisiana on September 22, 1934 and that his whereabouts from the time of the Kansas City Massacre, June 17, 1933 until the time of his apprehension had been checked and verified, and at no time had he been out of the continental United States.

Mr. Fisher advised that he would reply to the State Department's communication without any action being necessary on the part of the Division, he having previously directed a memorandum to the Division setting forth the above information.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
R. E. Newby.

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Dear Sir

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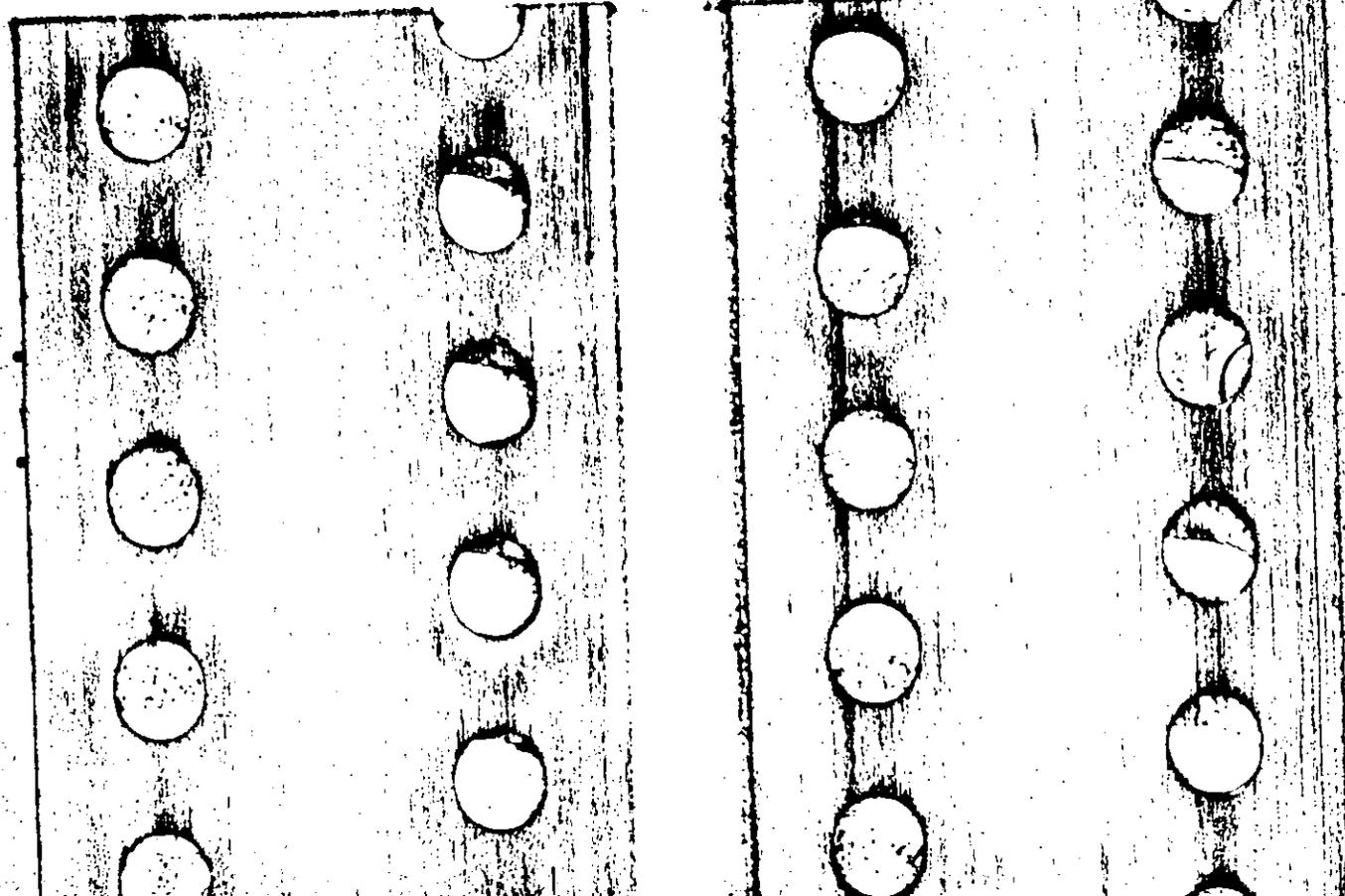
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HOT SPRINGS, ARK.



*Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
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December 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

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

In response to the request contained in your letter of December 13, 1934, there are transmitted herewith, and to each of the offices indicated below, copies of four views of a recent photograph of Adan Richetti, together with copies of the photographs of Ross and Boulah Baird.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure 826417.

CC Buffalo
Detroit
Mr. Connelley at Chicago

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Division of Investigation

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

December 13, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

There are transmitted herewith four views of a recent photograph of Adan Richetti, secured from the office of the Sheriff at Kansas City, Missouri.

Also there are transmitted a standing pose in group of Rose and Beulah Baird, and individual bust photographs of those women.

It is requested that all of these photographs be reproduced and three copies each furnished to the Buffalo, Detroit, Chicago, and Kansas City Offices.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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

Dear Sir:

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

Investigation has recently developed that the car used in the massacre was evidently a 1933 model Chevrolet Sedan, bearing motor number 3505199, serial number 17074, model IAC02, originally purchased by Vivian Mathias, under the alias Vivian Page, on March 21, 1933, when she gave her address as 609 South Seventh Avenue, Maywood, Illinois. The car was purchased from the Bergl Motor Sales, 5346-48 West Cermak Road, Cicero, Illinois. It was registered in Missouri on June 15, 1933, by Vivian Mathias under the same alias, at which time she received Missouri 1933 license number 482-329. This is the license number apparently on the car used in the massacre. It is desired that the automobile now be located, in order to determine who has had the car since June 17, 1933. The various Field Offices will note that this may give rise to additional prosecutions on charges of harboring Verne Miller and others, and it is also probable that facts in connection with the subsequent possession of the car after the massacre may develop additional details of the activities of the participants.

The Chicago Office has placed a listing of this car with the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau at Chicago, Illinois, for any inquiries which may later be made of that organization.

The Missouri title for this car, received when it was registered in June, 1933, was number 3756907. No transfer of title appears of record in the state of Missouri. It is probable that the motor number of the car may have been changed before disposition of it was made after it was used in the massacre.

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All offices are requested to immediately make a thorough check through the auto registration agencies of the respective states covered by the field offices. It is requested that the Division, the Kansas City

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Office, and Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Chicago, be notified immediately when this car is located. The respective Field Offices are requested to please expedite the above investigation.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - All offices

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **62-22**

REPORT MADE AT: Indianapolis, Indiana	DATE WHEN MADE: 12/13/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/11/34	REPORT MADE BY: E. J. Ryan, GJC
TITLE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases (Deceased), et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

L. W. Boswell, Brazil, Ind., claims to have seen Floyd about 10/15/34 at a bus station at Springfield, Ohio in company with a woman who formerly frequented the Seaba Dance Hall at Avery, Okla.

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Reference:

Letter from Chicago Office dated 10/25/34.

Details:

AT BRAZIL, INDIANA

L. W. Boswell, 107 South Franklin Street, Brazil, Ind., ~~claims to have seen Floyd about October 15, 1934 at the bus station near the Crowe Publishing Company, said bus station being near the Old Heidelberg, or at least Old Heidelberg Beer was produced and bottled there; that he noticed a Pontiac sedan bearing Michigan license plates and a Chevrolet sedan bearing Michigan license plates park near the bus station; that there was a young woman, about twenty-four years of age, about 5'3" in height, slender build, waiting in the bus station, and that this young woman, whose name he does not recall, accosted Mr. Boswell and engaged him in conversation, it appearing that Boswell had met her some three or four months ago at Clarence Seaba's Dance Hall at Avery, Oklahoma; that he never did learn her name and on the occasion of the meeting at the bus station at Springfield, Ohio she merely talked of her past acquaintance and did not reveal her name; that seeing the two aforementioned automobiles drive up she left the bus station.~~

DETAILS:

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. H. Rensick</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28915-333	RECORDED AND INDEXED: DEC 17 1934
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and got in one of them; that he is positive the man driving the automobile which she entered was "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Mr. Boswell was unable to furnish any information other than that related above.

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1616 Federal Reserve
Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

December 15, 1934

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N. W.
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Dear Sir:

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

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All offices are requested to immediately make a thorough check through the auto registration agencies of the respective states covered by the field offices. It is requested that the Division, the Kansas City

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Office, and Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Chicago, be notified immediately when this car is located. The respective Field Offices are requested to please expedite the above investigation.

Very truly yours,

R. E. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - All offices

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Special Agent in Charge
Buffalo, New York

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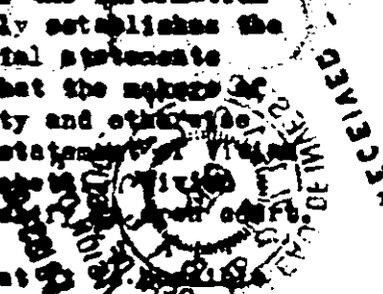
Re: **VERNON C. MILLER**, with aliases,
(Deceased), ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to recent investigation requested at Buffalo, New York, in connection with the residence there of Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti, with Rose and Bernice Baird, especially as referred to in letter from this office dated November 22, 1934.

Adam Richetti is now in Federal custody at Kansas City and is being held in default of bonds totaling \$40,000.00, on the Federal charges. The Sheriff at Kansas City has filed murder charges, but to date the prosecutor has not pressed these charges. Arrangements have been made through authorization of the Division whereby the United States Attorney at Kansas City will, as soon as the prosecution of the other defendants in the conspiracy case is had in Federal court, turn over to the County Prosecutor all evidence which the United States Attorney believes proper, tending to prove the charge of murder.

As you are probably aware, a great portion of the information adduced through investigation thus far, which definitely establishes the guilt of Adam Richetti, was received through confidential statements which the Division is bound to withhold in the event that the makers of these statements abide by their promises to plead guilty and otherwise aid the Government. This is particularly true of the statement of Violet Mathias, one of the few competent witnesses against Richetti. Violet Mathias has signified in the past that she will not testify in Federal court.

It is desired that all available evidence that may be obtained to secure to prove the guilt of Richetti on charges of murder, be obtained at the earliest possible date. Reference is made to the report of Special Agent F. D. Cunningham, dated at Buffalo, New York, December 11, 1934, which indicates that investigation at Buffalo has failed to disclose the identities of Floyd's and Richetti's contacts while there, although that report indicates that these Subjects made nocturnal trips from the apartment where they lived, in company with some other men who called for them on different occasions. The information shown in Agent Cunningham's report furnishes a basis for belief that considerable additional informa-



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tion might be forthcoming through other sources. It is realized that information of this nature can not usually be secured without the use of confidential informants in the underworld, and to this end it is suggested that further efforts be made.

It is suggested also that efforts be made to secure these facts through police contacts at Buffalo.

It is noted that O. L. Henderson, who is a customs officer, and resided in the same building with Richetti and Floyd, noticed their suspicious character and alleges that he reported the matter to one of his brother customs officers, whose name he refused to divulge, and who he alleges failed to pass on the information to the police department, as it was intended that he do. You are requested to contact the superior of this customs officer, in order to thoroughly explore all of the facts in this connection, if such action is deemed by you to be an advisable means for determining this information.

Although it appears in the report of Agent Cunningham that mail of considerable quantity was received by Floyd and Richetti at their Buffalo residence, there is no indication that these facts have been fully developed through the mail carrier or other postal officials.

The photographs of Floyd and Richetti should in all instances be displayed at the banks and other financial institutions where inquiries are made. There is no indication that same has been done.

It is noted that Beulah Baird, while in Kansas City several years ago, received a head wound during 1931 in a gun battle, which resulted in an ailment necessitating visits to physicians.

These records should be consulted, and in any event an effort should be made to locate any doctors who treated Floyd and Richetti or their companions. Such a doctor would no doubt be able to, if willing, furnish considerable information of a personal nature, regarding these individuals.

It has been learned that at least two of the sisters of Rose and Beulah Baird, who practiced prostitution at Kansas City, Missouri, are users of morphine. Rose and Beulah Baird were reared in the same environment and, while it is not definitely known that they are users of narcotics, reports have been received in the last year to the effect that they are addicts, and it has also been said that Floyd was an addict, although the

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truth of this is not definitely known. Alvin Richetti has advised that he and Floyd were both using Marijuana on June 16, 1933, and it is probable that they would have purchased this drug in Buffalo. In the above connections, it is suggested that you consult the officials of the Narcotics Division of the Treasury Department at Buffalo, and through their informants endeavor to secure further leads.

It is understood that the customs officers, both on the American and Canadian sides of the international border, check automobiles and names and descriptions of the occupants of cars which pass between the United States and Canada. This lead should be immediately covered, and the photographs of Richetti, Floyd, and their two companions, Rose and Beulah Baird, should be there displayed. There are being furnished to the Division recent and excellent photographs, in various poses, of Richetti and Rose and Beulah Baird, and you will be furnished with copies of these within a few days. These should be displayed in connection with your investigation.

Any other leads which may, through the course of diligent inquiry, occur to the investigator, and which may tend to show contacts and other personal history of Floyd and Richetti in the vicinity of Buffalo, should be thoroughly followed. These facts, when secured, while they might not be of essential evidentiary value, will serve as useful in interviews with Richetti.

In view of the importance of this case and the fact that a successful prosecution for first degree murder is the desired result, every possible effort should be extended in the investigation.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Division

Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago
Chicago

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Form No. 1

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

File No. 62-1043

REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 12-14-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12-13-34	REPORT MADE BY: H. A. King
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TITLE:

CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases (deceased) et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE:

Conspiracy to Beliver Federal Prisoner.

SYNOPSIS of FACTS: In view of Division's letter dated December 1, 1934 this case is considered referred upon completion.

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REFERENCE: Division letter dated December 1, 1934.

DETAILS:

In view of letter from the Division dated December 1, 1934 advising that all investigation now pending looking to the individuals sought for questioning be discontinued this case is referred upon completion to office of origin.

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[Signature]

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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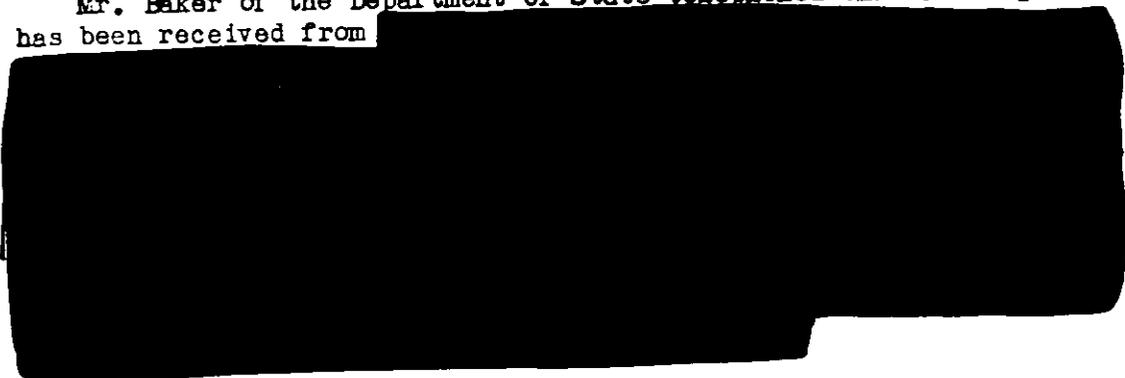
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- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Baughman..
- Chief Clerk.....
- Mr. Coffey.....
- Mr. Edwards.....
- Mr. Egan.....
- Mr. Harbo.....
- Mr. Keith.....
- Mr. Lester.....
- Mr. Quinn.....
- Mr. Schilder.....
- Mr. Tamm.....
-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

December 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

Mr. Baker of the Department of State telephoned that a telegram has been received from



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The State Department also proposes to notify the Governor of Missouri regarding this information and Mr. Baker has requested that he be advised not later than tomorrow morning whether there would be any objection to furnishing the Governor with this information.

Will you please advise whether you see any objection to the giving out of this information and also whether Callatas is under any Federal charge that might be considered from an extradition standpoint.

Joseph B. Keenan
JOSEPH B. KEENAN,
Assistant Attorney General.

*Ans. 12/14/34
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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEELMAN

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Reference is made to your memorandum dated December 12, 1934, advising of a call received from Mr. Baker of the State Department,



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This is to confirm information furnished Mr. Hugh Fisher of your Division by Mr. R. E. Newby of this Division, on December 13, 1934, to the effect that Richard Tallman Galatas was apprehended at New Orleans, Louisiana on September 22, 1934 by Special Agents of the Division of Investigation and, under the circumstances, the individual referred to in your memorandum cannot be identical with Galatas.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In connection with the ⁰Kansas City
Massacre Case, there have been no developments
during the week.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
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Little Rock, Arkansas
December 15th, 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 PRISONERS.

Dear Sir:

On December 10th, 1934, Special Agent W. F. Trainer of your office called this office over long distance telephone, at the request of Assistant U. S. Attorney Randall Wilson and advised as follows:

Subpoenas were being received at this office for the various persons who were to appear at the trial of the entitled case in Kansas City, Missouri, on December 29th, 1934. It was desired that this office follow the service of the subpoenas and advise your office in the event that process was not served promptly or any difficulties ensued in connection therewith. It was particularly desired that discretion be followed in the service of John Stever, the airplane pilot who flew Galatas from Hot Springs, Arkansas to Joplin, Missouri. It was also desired that the initials of G. M. Martin, police officer at Little Rock, Arkansas, be checked. It was requested that these matters be handled with discretion.

Immediately after the receipt of the above mentioned information, I got in touch with the Marshal's Office at Little Rock, Ark., who advised that they would inform me promptly regarding the service of the subpoenas in question.

Yesterday I was informed that subpoenas had been served on the following persons: Herbert Akers, Chief of Detectives, Hot Springs, Arkansas; Mrs. Betty Dinger, Telephone Operator, Hot Springs, Arkansas; Maunie Belle Kennedy, Telephone Operator, Hot Springs, Arkansas; Edith Rainwater, Telephone Operator, Hot Springs, Arkansas; W. H. Sheppard, Manager, Bell Telephone Company, Hot Springs, Arkansas; William Brandenburg, Former Chief of Police, Hot Springs, Arkansas, now Private Detective, Little Rock, Arkansas; G. M. Martin, Police Department, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Information was received from the U. S. Marshal's Office, Little Rock, to the effect that E. M. McCall, District Manager of the Bell

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Telephone Company at Little Rock, Arkansas, will answer the subpoena in place of Mr. G. H. Burger, local Manager of the Bell Telephone Company at Little Rock. He will bring with him all the necessary documents.

Subpoena was not served on Mrs. Freda Hanson, Telephone Operator, Hot Springs, Arkansas. She is reported to have moved to Cleveland, Mississippi, where she will probably be employed temporarily during the holiday season for the Bell Telephone Company.

At the time Chief Deputy U. S. Marshal Julian was at Hot Springs, Arkansas, John Stover, the airplane pilot was in England, Arkansas, where he had flown some high school students. He will be served with a subpoena at Hot Springs, Arkansas on December 17th, 1934. The Marshal's Office has informed me they will notify me promptly whether this subpoena is served. I have made arrangements to personally accompany a Deputy U. S. Marshal in the event that difficulty is caused in connection with the service of that subpoena on December 17th.

Yesterday, while at the Police Department, Little Rock, Arkansas, Lieutenant C. H. Martin, whose initials are correct, approached me regarding his appearance at Kansas City, Missouri as a witness in this case. He inquired as to whether he should take any records with him. I advised him that he should take every record available of his activities in connection with this case. He informed me that he would take the original records or best available copies.

Very truly yours,

E. E. GERRY,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Division ✓
Chicago

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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

December 17, 1934.

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Hon. Michael A. Connor,
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,
Hartford, Connecticut.

Dear Sir:

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

This Division is very anxious to locate 1933 model Chevrolet sedan, bearing motor number 3508199, serial number 17074, model 14008, purchased at Cicero, Illinois, March 21, 1933, the purchaser being Vivian Page of Maywood, Illinois. This car was registered in Missouri on June 15, 1933 under the name of Vivian Page and she secured Missouri title certificate #3756907 for this car, and was issued 1933 Missouri license plates #463-879.

If the above described car has been registered in Connecticut during 1933 or 1934, I would appreciate it very much if you would give me full particulars as to the registration of the party who is shown to be the owner of this car at the present time. In your reply, it would be appreciated if you would refer to our File #62-4949. I am enclosing a self-addressed envelope for your convenience which requires no postage.

It is also requested that a flash card be placed in your files so that if this car is registered in Connecticut in 1935, you will notify this Division of such registration.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Division
cc: Kansas City
cc: Mr. E. J. Connelley
Box 629, Chic., Ill.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Kansas City, Mo.

FILE NO. 62-785

REPORT MADE AT Cincinnati, Ohio.	DATE WHEN MADE 12-17-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-15-34	REPORT MADE BY Donald McGovern	G.E.
TITLE CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, (Deceased), et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.	

SYNOPSIS of FACTS:

Subscription to American Magazine, Woman's Home Companion, and Photoplay, taken out by Mrs. Geo. Sanders, No. 8, 18th St., Buffalo, N.Y. on April 20, 1934, through Buffalo Agency for three year period.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from the Division to the Buffalo Office dated 12-4-34.

DETAILS:

AT SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

Mr. J. W. Messler, Crowell Publishing Company, Springfield, Ohio, informed agent that on April 20, 1934, a subscription was received from Mrs. Geo. Sanders, No. 8, 18th St., Buffalo, N.Y., to the American Magazine, Woman's Home Companion and Photoplay for a three year period; that this subscription was obtained through the local agency of the Crowell Publishing Company at Buffalo, Ohio address is:

Woman's Home Companion,
Reading Room of Crowell Publishing Co.
887 Ellicott Square Bldg.,
295 Main St.,
Mr. W. R. Cramer, Mgr.

There had been no change of address for the above subscriber.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENE

In connection with the case entitled RICHARD TALMAN GALATAS with aliases, ET AL, CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER, there are a number of defendants awaiting prosecution in the United States District Court at Kansas City, Missouri.

It is possible that these defendants will enter pleas of guilty but there has been raised the question of what effect a plea of guilty entered in a United States District Court to an indictment charging conspiracy to deliver a Federal Prisoner will have in a subsequent proceeding brought in a State Court arising out of an indictment charging murder. Will the plea entered in the United States District Court be admissible in evidence against the defendants in the State Court under the circumstances indicated above?

Your early response in this matter will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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E. A. TAMM - Room 5107

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

REN:CJ
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November 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

With regard to the prosecution pending against Richard Tallman Galatas, et al, in Federal Court at Kansas City, Missouri, Mr. Cowley requested that the Criminal Division of the Department be consulted with a view to ascertaining whether a plea of guilty in a Federal prosecution is admissible in evidence in a prosecution for murder in a State Court.

Mr. Cowley stated that this will be the only question which will prevent Galatas and the other defendants from entering a plea of guilty. It is observed that the indictments returned against Galatas and the others do not cite any overt acts which could directly implicate them in the murders, the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri having intentionally phrased these indictments in this manner in order that it would be possible to secure pleas of guilty from the defendants without fear on their part of being implicated in the murders.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
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Lieutenant E. E. Eriksen,
Deputy Superintendent,
Michigan State Bureau of
Criminal Identification,
East Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 11, 1934 in which you request a copy of Apprehension Order No. 1196-323 issued on Bernard Phillips alias B. A. Courtney, with the information as to where this man is being held, together with the disposition of his case.

Transmitted herewith is a copy of the Apprehension Order requested.

Please be advised that as far as this Division is aware, Bernard Phillips alias B. A. Courtney is not in custody. The reason for issuing the Apprehension Order is that the Division no longer desires the apprehension of this person.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION
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ASST. SUPT. BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION

Dec. 11, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

12/11/34
Re: Bernard Phillips alias
E. A. Courtney
I.O.No. 1196
App. O. #1196-323

We are in receipt of a copy of the
above apprehension order and kindly request that
you inform this bureau as to the disposition of
his case, also where this man is held.

Thanking you in advance for your
cooperation in this matter, we remain,

Very truly yours,

Mich. State Bureau of
Criminal Identification
Capt. I. H. Marmon, Supt.

Lieut. H. E. Ericson
H. E. Ericson, Deputy Supt.

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REB:CSH

December 19, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

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

Under date of November 28, 1934 you were requested to furnish the Division with an estimate of the total cost involved in having a transcript of testimony prepared in connection with the Federal Grand Jury hearings at Kansas City, Missouri.

The Division has not yet received the desired information. Kindly give this matter your immediate attention.

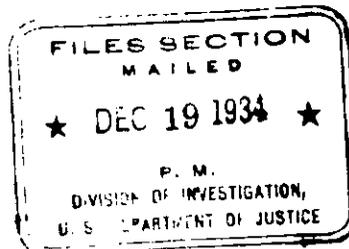
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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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December 19, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Under date of November 27, 1934 the Division addressed a second letter to Mr. J. L. Gordon, Metropolis, Illinois, advising him that an Agent from your office would interview him in the near future.

The Division desires that this matter receive your immediate attention and that a report be submitted covering the interview with Mr. Gordon.

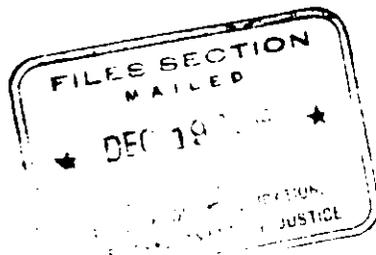
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Washington Field Office ~~Room~~ 8745
Washington, D. C.

December 18, 1934



Special Agent in Charge,
St. Louis City, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir :

Referring to your letter dated December 15, 1934, telegraphic inquiry was made of the Division of Motor Vehicles at Richmond, Virginia, and of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles at Baltimore, Maryland, whose replies have been received that no record could be found of the registration of 1933 model Chevrolet Sedan, motor 3505199, serial 17074, which was more specifically referred to in reference letter.

Special Agent Burruss has today reported this matter to the office of the Director of Motor Vehicles and Traffic, District of Columbia, and has received information that no registration has been located here. The three offices above referred to have been requested to place a flash of record to notify the Washington Field Office in the event the above described motor vehicle is subsequently registered.

Very truly yours,

J. W. KEITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division
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December 29, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Relative to the 7.65 MM Mauser Pistol previously received in the Laboratory for examination in connection with the case entitled Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases (Deceased), et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, a piece similar to the missing part about which you were informed has been borrowed and test shot fired from this gun.

Comparisons have been made with specimens contained in the Laboratory File, but none similar were found.

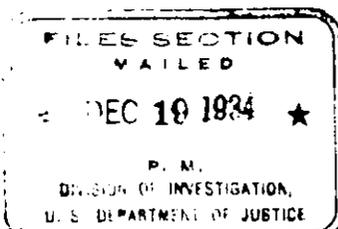
It is believed advisable to retain this gun for another ten days in order to complete further tests, after which it will be returned and a completed report submitted.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago
cc-Kansas City

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Special Agent in Charge,
Omaha, Nebraska.

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division December 17, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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cc-Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago
cc-Kansas City

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Laboratory Report

December 18, 1934

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

Number: 62-28915

Specimens: One original letter written in ink on two sheets of blue line paper and beginning, "Dear Pal I will write a few lines***", signed "A.C.E.". One envelope in which the above letter was mailed, address being torn from envelope, postmarked Mounds, Okla. ---8, 1934, 9 PM. One plain white envelope without postmark addressed, "Mr. Geo. Bender, Minot, N. Dak., Gen Del.", in which the above letter and envelope were enclosed.

Examination requested by:

Omaha Division Office

Date received:

December 17, 1934

Examination requested:

Handwriting and Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: *J. C. Conrad*

The handwriting appearing on this letter is identical with that appearing on a letter previously received in the instant case, the examination of which was covered in Laboratory Report #1223, a copy of which was forwarded to the Omaha Office under date of June 19, 1934. The previous letter was addressed to the "Police Headquarters, Grand Island, Nebraska" and was signed "Harry Doad"; it purported to be a confession by "Harry Doad" that he was a member of Pretty Boy Floyd's gang participating in the bank robbery at Grand Island, Nebraska. In this connection, it is noted that the instant letter makes the statement that "Harry Doad" is in Chicago, and the question arises as to whether "Harry Doad" may not be the same individual referred to as "Harry Doad". If so, then at least one of the letters is a hoax, inasmuch as the two handwritings are identical. The handwriting appearing on the envelope addressed to "Mr. Geo. Bender, Minot, N. Dak." is also believed to be identical with that appearing on the letter; no handwriting appears on the stamped envelope postmarked Mounds, Okla.

The unstamped envelope and the paper on which the letter is written are identical with the stationery used for the previous letter; the paper measures 5.01 wide at the bottom, 4.96 wide at the top, 7.94 long, and .0044 inches thick. In addition, each page bears the watermark "Irish Linen" and is ruled with 18 blue-green lines, beginning 1.75 inches from the top and spaced .349 inches apart. The unstamped envelope measures 7.5 (torn) by 3.93 by .0038 inches, has a linen finish, and bears no watermark.

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Photographic copies of the evidence submitted will be forwarded to the Omaha Office within the next several days.

A report on the fingerprints will be submitted separately.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

3-Director
2-Omaha
1-Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago
1-Kansas City
2-Laboratory

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U. S. Department of Justice

P. ST OFFICE BOX 829
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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AIR MAIL -
SPECIAL DELIVERY

December 19, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with
aliases (Deceased) et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

Dear Sir:

On the night of December 18, 1934, as per telegraphic request previously that Special Agent S. K. McKee be available, VIVIAN MATTHIAS, former paramour of Vernon C. Miller, telephoned him from St. Cloud, Minnesota, to the Division office, Randolph 6226, Chicago, Illinois, and advised that she is very desirous of discussing certain matters with Agent McKee as to the case which is to go to trial at Kansas City, Missouri on December 29, 1934; that she understood the gang in Kansas City had retained an attorney for her which would possibly interfere with her previous indicated arrangements to plead guilty at this time, and that she desired to discuss the matter in detail with Agent McKee. For this purpose she desired to meet him in the lobby of the Curtis Hotel in St. Paul, Minnesota at noon on December 25, 1934. She was advised that Agent McKee would see her at St. Paul at that time.

Suitable arrangements will be made with the St. Paul office prior to this date so that some Agents from that office will be available to cover the contact Agent McKee makes with her.

Agent McKee will proceed from Chicago to St. Paul in order to be available at noon on December 25, 1934 at St. Paul to make this contact with Vivian Matthias.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY

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Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Drawer #1457,
St. Louis, Missouri,
December 19, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: VENNON S. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased)
ET AL.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Reference is made to your letter addressed to the Division,
dated December 15, 1934 and to that addressed to Mr. E. J. Connelley,
dated December 15, 1934 in the above entitled case.

Inquiries were made at the office of the Secretary for the
State of Illinois and it was ascertained that no Chevrolet Sedan bear-
ing motor number 2003189, serial number 17074, model 14008, year model
1933, has been registered in the State of Illinois during the year 1934,
nor was any registration issued in that year to Vivian Mathias or Vivian
Page.

In the year 1933 it was not necessary for one to produce a
title to procure plates in Illinois. In view of this fact no informa-
tion as to title, nor transfer of ownership, was on file at the Secre-
tary's Office.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VERTIELI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 13, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Charles Arthur Floyd, with aliases, (Deceased), et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, to which was attached a subpoena for the presence of Mr. Jerry M. Murphy, fingerprint expert of the Division, for the Federal District Court sitting at Kansas City, Missouri, on the 29th of December, 1934, at 9 A.M.

Mr. Murphy has been notified to be present at that time.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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

December 13, 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

This office has received subpoenas calling for the presence of the following Special Agents at Kansas City on December 29, 1934, at 9 a.m., in connection with the trial of conspiracy case in this matter:

- Harold E. Andersen
- Dwight Brantley
- J. E. Brennan
- E. E. Conroy
- F. J. Lackey
- S. K. McKee
- Frank Smith
- R. C. Suran
- W. F. Trainor
- L. G. Turrou
- R. E. Vetterli

It will be determined by conference with the United States Attorney whether the services of any of these Agents can be dispensed with, and the offices to which they are assigned will be further advised following such conference.

This office is also in receipt of a subpoena duces tecum for Jerry R. Murphy to produce the fingerprint evidence from the Division. This subpoena is being attached hereto.

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Very truly yours,

R. E. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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

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REPORT MADE AT: BUFFALO, N. Y.	DATE WHEN MADE: 12/19/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17/34	REPORT MADE BY: F. S. V. DONNETT
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, No. 1201; ADAM RICHETTI, with aliases, et al			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

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Further investigation in Buffalo, N. Y. in effort to ascertain identity of associates of Floyd and Richetti without result to date. No registered or insured parcels received by them, according to P. D. Dept. Railway Express Agency's records being examined at present time. Investigation indicates Chuck Connors, a racketeer in Buffalo, might have had contact with said persons; further investigation being made in this regard. No telephone listed for said persons during their stay in Buffalo. List of long distance telephone calls made by Chuck Connors procured and set forth.

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REFERENCE:

Division letter, dated 12/15/34.
 Report of Special Agent J. D. Cunningham, Buffalo, N. Y., dated 12/11/34.

DETAILS:

As requested in reference letter, and in an effort to procure additional information relative to the activities of Floyd and Richetti in Buffalo, New York, the writer interviewed Mr. Joseph J. Vick, Jr., Post Office Inspector, Buffalo, New York, who stated that it is practically impossible to check any registered or insured packages without having a definite date or the name of the consignor. However, at the writer's suggestion, he

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FORWARDED BY: <i>J. MacFarland</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28915-335	RECORDED AND INDEXED: DEC 21 1934
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caused innumerable records to be searched, subsequently advising that it was impossible to check any records of insured parcels delivered, but that the records of registered mail failed to disclose any information. Mr. Vick also stated that he had interrogated the carrier, who was positive in his statements that no insured or registered packages had ever been delivered to Floyd or Richetti under their assumed names at 8 Eighteenth Street, Buffalo, New York.

The writer examined the area in the vicinity of Eighteenth Street, and while there were several paystations in stores, in the estimation of the writer, there were only two places where Floyd or Richetti or the Baird girls would have made telephone calls, said telephones being located in the Utica Pharmacy, 426 Rhode Island Street, telephone Lincoln 9742 and 9745; and at the Jones Periodical Store, 460 Massachusetts Avenue, telephone Garfield 9576 and 9589.

b7D [redacted] of the New York Telephone Company, Buffalo, New York, was interviewed by the writer, and he agreed to search all the toll tickets available. He stated, however that toll tickets were retained for only a period of three months, after which they were destroyed. Upon being subsequently interviewed, [redacted] advised that at the writer's request he had caused a thorough search to be made of all telephones issued at 8 Eighteenth Street, but could not find that there had ever been a telephone in Apartment 821, 8 Eighteenth Street during the past one year and a half; nor had there been any telephone at that address for subjects under the names of Saunders, Brennan, or any of the other aliases used by the said individuals. [redacted] b7D [redacted] stated that his records disclosed that no long distance telephone calls had been made either from the Utica Pharmacy or Jones Periodical Store during the past three months--no other toll tickets being available for the said pay stations.

It will be noted in the Alvin Karpis case, particularly in the report of Special Agent G. V. Doherty, Buffalo, New York, dated December 7, 1934, referring to a Mrs. L. S. Davis, who was introduced to the proprietress of Mildred's Camps of Niagara Falls, New York by one Chuck Connors, said individual being known to the writer as one who has associated himself with racketeers in the city of Buffalo and for the past two or three years has been furnishing bail for the various individuals arrested in the City Court of Buffalo, New York. Investigation disclosed that said individual has on innumerable occasions furnished bail for the members of the DiCaro gang of Buffalo. Chief of Detectives

J. Whalen, Buffalo Police Department, informed the writer that Chuck Connors is a well-known criminal, having traveled considerably throughout the United States and is believed to have connections in Chicago and New York City; that while his only record in Buffalo is that of a pick-pocket, nevertheless, several years ago he was connected with the Carson Jewel Robbery case. (It should be here noted that according to Chief of Detectives Whalen, Chuck Connors is the brother-in-law of Desk Sergeant Jack Fitzgerald, attached to the Detective Headquarters, Buffalo, New York.)

In view of the fact that Chuck Connors had connections with various racketeers [redacted] was requested to examine the available toll tickets concerning said individual.

b7D [redacted] advised the writer that the telephone is listed for Mrs. William J. O'Connor, 196 Butler Avenue--Garfield 0788. In view of the fact that there ^{were} several calls outside of the State of New York, all the telephone numbers are being set forth herein and each office is being requested to make appropriate inquiry in an effort to ascertain the identity and activity of the individuals with whom Connors has communicated. This matter should be handled very discreetly, due to the fact that [redacted] has been very cooperative with the Buffalo Division office and furnished this information voluntarily, whereas he makes other departments furnish a subpoena before he supplies any information. b7D

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13	Tonawanda 1913
14	Ft. Erie 385
18 (telegram)	Philadelphia, Pa.
19	Ridgeway 416R14
19	Niagara Falls 1931
20	Tonawanda 2492
22	Niagara Falls 1931
22	Titusville 9459 (Fieldmon Hotel)
27	" " (Wm. O'Connor)
28	Tonawanda 2492
28	Erie 25231 - Jno Durkin (Lawrence Hotel)
30	Tonawanda 2492
30	" "
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1	" "
1	Niagara Falls 1931

Sept.	3	Ridgeway 416R14
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	11	Niagara Falls 2510-J
	17	Ridgeway 416R14
	21	Cleveland, Ohio - Lakewood 2433
	22	Cleveland, Ohio - Prospect 6800
		Statler Hotel - Wm. O'Connor
		"Don't page him, find out if he checked out and what time he was there - checked out 9/19/34."
	22	Titusville 9459
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	28	Cleveland, Ohio - Prospect 6800 - Hotel Statler
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	16	" 1987
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	23	Lockport 2439 - New Tavern, 22 Main St.
	24	Tonawanda 1987
	24	Lockport 2439
	25 (collect)	Niagara Falls 4704 (Miss Costello)
	26	Tonawanda 1913
	27	" 1987
	27	" 2492
Nov.	1 (telegram)	Niagara Falls
	2	Tonawanda 1913
	5	"
	9	Susquehanna 76705 - New York City
	10	Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 28113 - Lenox Hotel

Relative to Chuck Connors, the writer recalled that said person always drove a large car, and in view of the report of reference indicating that a large car called for Floyd and Richetti, the writer contacted the Auto Theft Bureau of the Buffalo Police Department, and ascertained that William J. O'Connor received 1934 New York license tags #7B43 for a 1933 LaSalle Coupe, motor #2001341. It is a recognized fact with the Police Departments of Buffalo and Niagara Falls, New York, that Chuck Connors has connections in both cities with the racketeering element; however, those contacted at both Police Departments advised that he would not voluntarily furnish any information, in view of which he is not being interviewed at this time.

It was ascertained from innumerable sources that Western racketeers see him whenever they come to Buffalo; however it is understood that they do not call at his home, and efforts are being made at the present time to ascertain where he regularly confers with these individuals, due to the fact that the office which he maintained at the corner of Delaware Avenue and Eagle Streets in Buffalo was recently converted into a tavern. Chief of Detectives Whalen advised the writer that he has two men specifically assigned to the investigation in an effort to make a definite connection of Floyd and Richetti with some of the local racketeers; however, said men have reported negative results to date; that innumerable informers have been contacted, but no definite information obtained, although there were several rumors that Floyd and Richetti were seen about the city of Buffalo. Chief of Detectives Whalen stated that he, personally, did not place much credence in these statements, and has his officers specifically assigned to this work and as soon as they procure anything definite, the Buffalo Division office and the writer will be immediately notified.

Mr. C. V. Daigler, Assistant Chief of Special Agents, Railway Express Agency, Terminal Building, Buffalo, New York, was contacted by telephone due to the fact that he was absent when the writer called, at which time Mr. Daigler informed that the records of the company are filed according to the city from which the package is consigned, and that unless it is known exactly where a particular package is shipped from, it is impossible to make a search; that this is also true of their Money-Order section. Mr. Daigler stated, however, that he would make a thorough search of all records of the larger western cities in an effort to ascertain whether or not there were any packages delivered to

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anyone at 8 Eighteenth Street, and in the event he discovered that any shipment was delivered thereto, the writer would be immediately notified. Mr. Daigler stated further that this examination would also be made of their Money-Order Department; that he would personally communicate with the driver who delivers in the vicinity of 8 Eighteenth Street and ascertain whether or not this individual recalled delivering any packages there within the past year. The writer suggested that he personally would contact with the driver, however, Mr. Daigler stated that it would be preferable for him first to interview the driver and subsequently communicate with the writer, which he agreed to do. Mr. Daigler stated that he believed there were two drivers in that section within the past year, due to the fact that he had a recent investigation in that area, and stated that he would make every effort to expedite the location of both drivers. However, no information has been furnished by him to date,

Mr. William H. Marshall, Assistant District Director, United States Immigration Service, was contacted by the writer, and he advised that it is impossible definitely to trace the passage back and forth into Canada of individuals unless there is something unusual about them; that if they satisfy the inspectors making the investigation at the time of their entrance into the United States, no notation is made concerning them, in view of which no additional request was made of Mr. Marshall in connection with instant case. However, he indicated that appropriate inquiry would be made relative to Mrs. L. S. Davis, which will be covered more in detail in the Alvin Karpis report relative to said person.

Efforts to locate and interview Mr. B. J. Eitelman, Commercial Department, Western Union Telegraph Company, Rand Building, Buffalo, New York, were without result, he being absent from the office when the writer called, and as he is the contact man, no efforts were made to contact any other individual. Efforts to procure information from him will be made immediately. To date no inquiry has been made of the Postal Telegraph Company, but this will be covered in the very near future.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

Offices receiving copies of this report are respectfully requested to make discreet inquiry relative to the identity and activities of the persons with whom Chuck Conors communicated, as indicated in the body of this report, having in mind that this information was furnished confidentially and should be disclosed under no circumstances.

The BUFFALO OFFICE will keep in contact with Mr. C. V. Daigler, Railway Express Agency, Terminal Building, interview the drivers, and expedite the interview of the contact men at the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies. Will carry out the suggestions set forth in letter of Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan, Kansas City, Missouri, dated December 13, 1934, bringing this investigation to a conclusion at the earliest possible date.

- P E N D I N G -

December 20, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover there are being transmitted photographic copies of enlarged charts showing fingerprint identifications of Adam Richetti, Vernon C. Miller, and Vivian Mathias for use in connection with the trial of the several defendants in the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased); et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner. These copies have been prepared for the use of the court and jury if deemed advisable.

Your attention is directed to the fact that the original fingerprint card from which these enlargements were made was transmitted in the case of Adam Richetti by the Hammond, Indiana, Police Department on August 7, 1928, in the case of Vernon C. Miller by the State Penitentiary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, taken by Arthur H. Machev on August 4, 1923, and in the case of Vivian Mathias by the U. S. Marshal, Kansas City, Missouri, on or about October 5, 1934. In connection with the fingerprints and photograph of Charles Arthur Floyd, these were submitted by the Kansas City Police Department on March 9, 1929.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Hardy, Barry Co., Missouri.
Dec 8 - 1934 Route 1 Box 7

Mr. Marvin H. Purvis
Chicago division of Bureau of
Investigation,
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir:-

We have reason to believe that information that I gave on or about Aug. 22, 1934, to two (2) federal agents at my home here, led to the capture of Addam Richetti, and the killing of "Prethy Boy" Charles, A. Floyd; and of "Baby Face" Nelson in Illinois recently; we contacted these agents through Mr. Owen Brown of Springfield Missouri, detective dept. Springfield Missouri:—
The two federal agents who called at my home gave me their names but I was ill at that time and their names have been misplaced. If federal agents are not allowed reward for capture of outlaws; I have reason to believe that I am entitled to part of reward offered for Charles A. Floyd, who was killed just 60 days after agents were at my home. They never seemed at any time to lose trail as I followed them closely, thru papers, and Radio.

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Mr. Marvin H. Vaught.

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Mrs. Mamie L. K. Vaughn,
Route 1, Box 7,
Purdy, Barry County, Missouri.

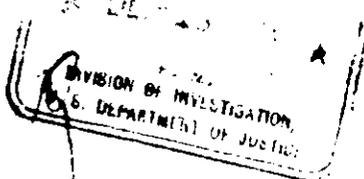
Dear Madam:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter addressed to Mr. William H. Purvis under date of December 8, 1934, wherein you advise that you are of the opinion that information furnished by you led to the apprehension of Adam Richetti and the killing of Charles A. "Pretty Boy" Floyd and "Baby Face" Nelson and, therefore, claim a portion of the rewards offered.

A review of the official reports on file with the Division of Investigation reflects that no information furnished by you was responsible for the apprehension of Richetti or the location of Floyd and Nelson.

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 11, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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

At the request of Mr. Tamm, the following memorandum is submitted relative to my recollection of the shotguns in the possession of the writer and Chief of Police Otto Reed of McAlester, Oklahoma, at the time of the so-called Union Station Massacre at Kansas City, Missouri.

Before leaving Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, SAC R.E. Colvin procured from the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Police Department a 12 gauge pump gun with sawed off barrel. To the best of the writer's recollection, this gun was made by Remington. At the time the writer and Special Agent Frank Smith of the Oklahoma City Office picked up Chief of Police Otto Reed at McAlester, Oklahoma for the purpose of taking him to Hot Springs, Arkansas with us, he took from his gun rack in the Police Department Headquarters at McAlester, Oklahoma a 12 gauge sawed off pump shotgun which to the best of Agent's recollection was of Winchester make. While the writer is not positive at this time as to the make of these respective shotguns, he is positive that both guns were 12 gauge and that neither were 16 gauge and he is also positive that there were no double barrel shotguns on the party. Attention is called to the fact that Merle Gill, forensic ballisticsian at Kansas City, Missouri, has stated on several occasions that the breach markings on the two 16 gauge shotgun shells found at the scene of the Union Station Massacre were different and had evidently been fired from a double barrel shotgun. None of the officers involved in the Union Station Massacre were armed with a double barrel shotgun and there were only two shotguns in the party at all, both of which were 12 gauge pump guns as heretofore described. When the writer first heard of these two 16 gauge shotgun shell cases being found, it was reported that they had been found to the left of the automobile in which the writer was sitting when the Massacre occurred. The writer heard this not only from one but from several sources, and it was not until Gill's restatement that the writer ever heard that the shotgun shell cases were found in the car.

The writer has discussed the matter of these shotguns with Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones of the San Antonio Office and to the best of the recollection of Mr. Jones, these guns were returned to McAlester, Oklahoma and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma respectively a day or two after the Massacre or about the time of the funeral of Chief of Police Otto Reed. It is Mr. Jones' recollection that these guns were possibly returned by Special Agent J. R. Calhoun, now of the Omaha Office, when Mr. Calhoun went to McAlester, Oklahoma to attend the funeral of Chief of Police Reed. The Agent has not seen either of these guns since that time, but to the best

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of his knowledge, the gun of Chief of Police Reed is at McAlester, Oklahoma and the gun carried by this Agent is in the possession of the Oklahoma City Police Department. The Agent does not remember any distinguishing marks on this gun of the Oklahoma City Police Department by which it could be subsequently identified. The writer is thoroughly familiar with shotguns and is positive that the gun carried by Chief of Police Reed was 12 gauge. The writer was sitting within two feet of Chief of Police Reed at the time that this shooting took place and has always been firmly of the opinion that no shots whatever were fired by Chief of Police Reed and certainly that no shots were fired from a shotgun by Chief of Police Reed.

Respectfully,



F. J. Lackey.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

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

In connection with the shotguns carried by Special Agent F. J. Lackey and the late Otto Reed, former Chief of Police at McAlester, Oklahoma, the Division is endeavoring to obtain all information possible concerning these guns.

It has been reported that Special Agent J. R. Galbourn, now attached to your office, possibly returned the guns to the Oklahoma City Office at the time of the funeral of Chief of Police Reed. It is desired that Special Agent Galbourn submit a memorandum relative to this matter, setting out his recollection as to the type, style and gauge of the guns returned by him to the Oklahoma City Office.

A copy of this letter is being furnished to Special Agent in Charge R. E. Galvin of the El Paso Office, with the request that he also furnish the Division with any information he has concerning the shotguns in question.

This matter should be given immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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December 18, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby,
I am transmitting herewith two copies each of abstract
of criminal record, description and photograph as
appearing in the files of the Identification Unit of
R. B. Blair, our file #20138.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

an associate of C. J. Fitzgerald

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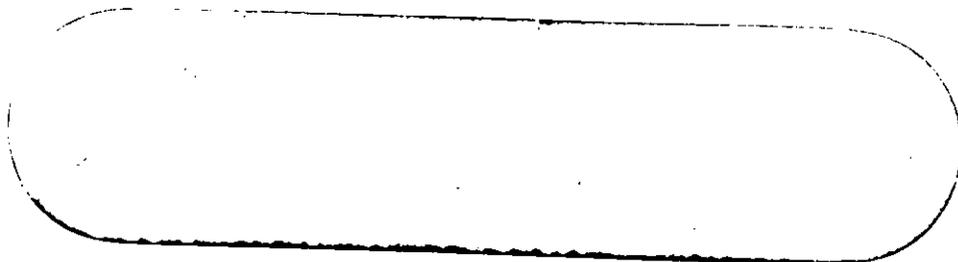
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Little Rock, Arkansas
December 18th, 1934

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

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
(Deceased), ET AL.

CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 15th, 1934, to the Division, relative to 1933 Model Chevrolet Sedan, bearing motor #3806199, serial #17074, which car is thought to have been used in the massacre.

This office on December 17th, 1934, caused a thorough check to be made at the office of the Registration Clerk, Automobile License Division, Department of Revenues, Little Rock, Arkansas and was advised by the Clerk on duty that no record of this automobile could be found there, nor did any of the names referred to in your letter appear in the registration files.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Division
Mr. E. J. Connelley,
P. O. Box 829, Chicago, Ill.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1114 Federal Reserve Bank,
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: WILSON C. MILLER, with aliases,
(Deceased), ET AL
CORA IRVING T. BULLIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 15, 1934, requesting that an immediate and thorough check be made on order registrations for the State of Tennessee for the purpose of determining whether Chevrolet Sedan, Motor No. 3 505 199 has been registered in the State of Tennessee.

Please be advised that the motor vehicle division of the State of Tennessee does not have an alphabetical list of automobile owners nor do they have a list according to motor numbers, and it is therefore impossible to make the check requested, but I have placed a stop notice at the motor vehicle department, requesting that this office be advised immediately should any information be obtained as to the above mentioned automobile.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Rorer,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Division _____
E. J. Connelly, Chicago.

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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased) ET AL.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

According to War Department, a colt .45 caliber automatic pistol, bearing #18001 is in possession of Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois; and a colt .45 caliber automatic pistol, bearing #C-84197 was sold to U. S. Marine Corps May, 1914. Marine Corps has no record of disposal of latter gun.

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REFERENCE:

Division letter dated 11/5/34.

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. E. L. Kahlert, Ordnance Department, War Department, at the request of the writer, circularized the various Army Corps Areas. Mr. Kahlert later advised that no record of the theft or disposal of colt .45 caliber automatic pistol #18001 could be located. Mr. Kahlert received information, however, that a .45 colt automatic pistol, bearing #18001, was turned in for overhauling to the Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois on May 2, 1934 by the Iowa National Guard, and that this pistol is supposedly in the possession of the Rock Island Arsenal at the present time.

DETAILS:

According to Mr. Kahlert, at one time the Colt and Remington Companies both made Colt Automatics for the Government and there might have been two .45 Caliber Colt Automatics having the same number. However, it is believed that a check should be made at the Rock Island Arsenal to verify the information received by Mr. Kahlert, and to determine whether

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this pistol actually is at the Rock Island Arsenal.

With respect to .45 caliber Colt automatic pistol, bearing Serial No. C-84197, Mr. Kahlert received information from the Springfield Armory, Springfield, Massachusetts, that pistol bearing this number was delivered by the Manufacturer direct to the United States Marine Corps in May, 1914.

Agent contacted Mr. H. E. America, Supply Division, Quartermaster Department, United States Marine Corps, who advised after checking Marine Corps records, that no data could be located which would reflect that this gun was ever reported as stolen, missing, or disposed of. Mr. America did locate a record pertaining to a .45 caliber Colt automatic pistol #84179, which reflected that pistol bearing the latter number was one of six pistols missing from a shipment made from the Depot Quartermaster, Corento, Nicaragua, to the Depot Quartermaster, Hampton Roads, Virginia, on October 12, 1929. Survey as to this pistol indicated the box had been broken into during the shipment and that responsibility for the theft could not be fixed.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE ST. LOUIS OFFICE: At Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois, will obtain information relative to colt .45 caliber automatic pistol #18001, which was supposedly turned in for overhauling by the Iowa National Guard on May 2, 1934.

Copies of this report are being furnished to the OMAHA OFFICE as investigation may develop at the Rock Island Arsenal, and inquiry should be made at the Iowa National Guard.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
December 18, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO ALL EMPLOYEES OF OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O.
1219; RUSSEL GIBSON with aliases, I. O.
1215; 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; Con-
spiracy to Harbor Fugitives; Probation
Violators.

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

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, Postoffice 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 telephone numbers of Mr. Connelley in Chicago are Franklin 4606
and Franklin 4607.

This information is confidential and said instructions should be
followed until further notice.

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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TITLE CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD with aliases (Deceased); Et Al.			CHARACTER OF CASE Conspiracy to deliver Federal Prisoner.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No record in state of Oklahoma of registration of 1933 Chevrolet Sedan, Motor No. 8505199, Serial No. 19074. Flag card placed.

REFERENCE: Letter from Kansas City office to Director, December 15, 1934.

DETAILS: - At Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mr. E. A. Hopper of the Stolen Car Division, State Highway Department, Oklahoma City, was contacted in this matter and after a search of his records he advised there is nothing to indicate that 1933 Chevrolet Sedan, Motor No. 8505199, Serial No. 19074, Model IAC-08, has ever been registered in the state of Oklahoma or that any information has been received concerning this car. Mr. Hopper placed a flash card and this office is to be notified in the event any information is received concerning this car.

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Kansas City, Missouri, December 21, 1934.

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 500 Rector Building
 Little Rock, Arkansas

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

Dear Sir:

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD⁰
with aliases (Deceased), ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to Division letter of December 19, 1934 referring to letter dated November 28, 1934 concerning the estimated cost for preparing a transcript of testimony at the recent Federal Grand Jury hearing in Kansas City, Missouri.

Your attention is invited to letter from this office dated December 5, 1934 with which copies of certain testimony given before the Grand Jury were transmitted. In the last paragraph of that communication the Division is advised that the approximate cost of having transcripts made of the additional testimony before the Grand Jury would be \$200.00.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

RE: os
cc - E. J. Connelly
P. O. Box 829
Chicago, Illinois

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P. O. Box 536
Los Angeles, California
December 18, 1934

Division of Motor Vehicles
Sacramento, California

In Reply, please refer to
our file 62-964

Gentlemen:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is very necessary to determine whether 1933 Model Chevrolet Sedan, Motor No. 3505199, Serial No. 19074, Model 1AC02, is registered in the State of California at the present time; if so, will you kindly furnish all details relative to the name and address of the person listed as the registered owner, and other essential details?

In the event this car is not registered in your state, will you kindly cause a "flash" to be placed in your files so that, in the event this vehicle is registered at any time in the future, this office will be notified by telegram, government rate collect?

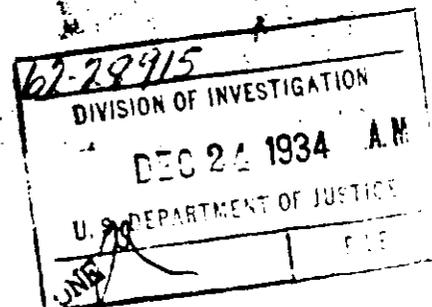
Very truly yours,

J. E. P. BURN
Special Agent in Charge

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KANSAS CITY
S.A.C. CONNELLEY, Chicago

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases
(Deceased), ET AL
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P. O. Box 536
Los Angeles, California
December 18, 1934

Division of Motor Vehicles
Phoenix, Arizona

In Reply, please refer to
our file 62-964

Gentlemen:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is very necessary to determine whether 1933 Model Chevrolet Sedan, Motor No. 8506199, Serial No. 17074, Model 1A002, is registered in the State of Arizona at the present time; if so, will you kindly furnish all details relative to the name and address of the person listed as the registered owner, and other essential details?

In the event this car is not registered in your state, will you kindly cause a "flash" to be placed in your files so that, in the event this vehicle is registered at any time in the future, this office will be notified by telegram, government rate collect?

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DORN
Special Agent in Charge

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RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

St Paul Minnesota
December 22, 1934

R B NATHAN
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BLDG
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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1216 SMITH-YOUNG TOWER BUILDING
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

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U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Fed. Res. Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

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Kansas City, Missouri, December 22, 1934.

D. M. Ladd
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
232 Post Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

December 21, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases, deceased, et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.
St. Paul file No. 62-288.

Attached hereto you will find a copy of a letter from E. E. Clark, Deputy State Sheriff, Saring, Nebraska, dated July 17, 1934, addressed to the Sheriff at Nashville, Nebraska. This letter was given to Alvin E. Cook, an investigator of the Internal Revenue Service; and through Mr. W. E. Burke, Acting Assistant Supervisor, Alcohol Tax Unit, St. Paul, Minnesota, it was transmitted to this office by letter dated December 17, 1934.

A copy of this letter is being transmitted to you for your information.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cc Division (Enc.)
Cc E.J. Connelley, Chicago. (Enc.)

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Spring, Nebraska
July 17, 1934

Sheriff,
Rushville, Nebraska

Dear Sheriff:

A letter, a copy of which follows, was recently found in room 406 Lincoln Hotel, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, the same being addressed to Mr. L. C. Ellerman, Ontario, Canada.

"Dear Pop,

We have already crossed the border and are down here this far. Will leave tomorrow morning for K. C. Don't think we will make a job down here, not enough in it. Banks have most of money loaned out. Am supposed to meet Floyd in K. C. the 20th. If were lucky in gathering the dough without a row I'll send you part of my share. Saw Floyd's wife and child in Rushville a little berg northeast of here. Didn't know me, sure was glad as she might have spilled the beans. Will write again in K. C. am O.K.

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Room 406 was not occupied on July 1 but the records show that it was occupied by the following persons on the following dates:

July 2. B. F. Bozeman, Moline, Ill.
July 6. Morris Schrader, Denver, Colo.
July 7. J. B. Collier, Omaha, Nebraska.
July 9. Mr. & Mrs. C. B. Bitzer, Topeka, Kansas.
July 10. E. T. Blair, Galveston, Texas.
July 12. Mrs. W. O. Wareson, Kansas City, Mo.

Thought you might find out who the woman and child might be.

With personal regards, I am

Sincerely

E. E. Clark

Deputy State Sheriff

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December 21, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 18, 1934, submitting an original letter beginning, "Dear Pal I will write a few lines", and envelope which had not been mailed addressed to Mr. George Bender, Minot, North Dakota, and another envelope postmarked Mounds, Oklahoma, 5th day, month unknown, 1934, 9 P.M., for examination in the Division Laboratory in connection with the case entitled Vernon G. Miller with aliases (Deceased); et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

On the letter transmitted five fragmentary latent fingerprints have been developed, none of which presents sufficient characteristic detail to permit classification and search through the Division's single fingerprint file. No impressions of value were developed on either of the envelopes. These fragmentary impressions, however, will be of value for direct comparison with the fingerprints of any suspects who may be named subsequently.

The latent impressions developed on this letter have been compared with all the latent fingerprints previously developed in connection with the above mentioned case and also with those developed in connection with the case entitled Unknown Subjects; Albert Lantky - Victim; Extortion, but in no instance was any identification effected.

On the basis of the information furnished in your letter it has not been possible to identify George Bender in the Division's Identification Unit.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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FILE NO. 62-977

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REPORT MADE AT: PHILADELPHIA, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE: 12-20-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11-27-34	REPORT MADE BY: ALBERT FRANZ
TITLE: CHARLES LUTHER "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases (Deceased), et al			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mr. Kubil, photographer, has had no success in securing Heggie's photograph but will make an effort to secure the same upon the pretext of enlarging some of Heggie's snapshots.

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REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agents J.E. King and J.F. McDevitt, Philadelphia, Pa., dated 10-13-34 and 10-16-34.

DETAILS: AT ALBERTVILLE, PA.
Agent called upon Mr. John A. Kubil, photographer, 1022 Hamilton Street, and was informed that he had been requested to do some enlarging of snapshots by Mr. T.M. Heggie but due to the fact that he does not do that type of work he turned Mr. Heggie's order down; that he did receive an order from Mr. Heggie's firm, to wit: Phoenix Steel Company, to do some photography, but does not think that he will be able to secure the photograph of Mr. Heggie. Mr. Kubil stated that he would endeavor to obtain snapshots of Heggie upon the pretext of enlarging some snapshots for some of his friends for experimental purposes. Mr. Kubil consented to do this inasmuch as it was not in his line of work and he believed that would be the only way he will ever be able to secure the photograph of Mr. Heggie. Mr. Kubil informed agent that if he was successful along the lines of suggestion he would immediately advise the Philadelphia Office.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS
PHILADELPHIA OFFICE at Allentown, Pa., will again endeavor to contact Mr. Kuzil in the near future in order to ascertain whether he has been able to secure Mr. Heggie's photo.

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Division of Investigation

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

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

December 21, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Division letter dated December 7, 1934,
concerning furnishing evidence to the County Prosecutor of Jackson County,
Mr. W. W. Graves, for a possible murder charge against Adam Richetti.

You are advised that upon receipt of the Division's instructions,
I communicated with Mr. Graves and suggested the desirability of a con-
ference between him and the United States Attorney, Mr. Milligan, for the
purpose of discussing those phases of the evidence which Mr. Milligan
desired to discuss. Mr. Graves made an appointment with Mr. Milligan, but
I am informed that he has never called at Mr. Milligan's office, as agreed.

I have subsequently discussed this phase of the matter with both
Mr. Milligan and his assistant, Mr. Randall Wilson. They are of the opinion
that it would probably be more desirable if the state authorities were not
furnished with the Government's evidence until after the conclusion of the
conspiracy trials, and consequently they are not making any further effort
to communicate with Mr. Graves. In this situation, no further action will
be taken by this office to confer with Mr. Graves, unless the Division
otherwise directs.

For the information of the Division, it is noted that there is
apparently some feeling of unfriendliness existing between Mr. Milligan
and Mr. Graves. It is believed that this is because of their political
affiliations.

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Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #419,
Nashville, Tennessee,
December 21, 1934.

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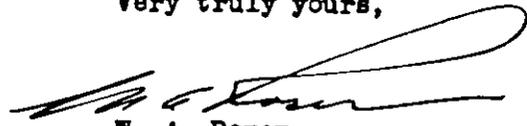
Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave. at Ninth St., N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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

Please furnish this office with fifteen additional copies of
the photographic strip containing the pictures of Volney Davis, Fred
Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, and Harry Campbell.

Very truly yours,



W. A. Rorer,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Kansas City
Chicago.

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VOLNEY DAVIS
 Age: 30
 Weight: 5' 8"
 Height: 155
 Build: Slender
 Hair: Light Chestnut
 Eyes: Blue
 Complexion: Fair



ALFRED RANKIN
 Age: 32
 Weight: 5' 4"
 Height: 150
 Build: Slender
 Hair: Sandy
 Eyes: Blue
 Complexion: Medium



ARCHIE RANKIN
 Age: 35
 Weight: 5' 6"
 Height: 150
 Build: Slender
 Hair: Brown
 Eyes: Blue
 Complexion: Fair



ARTHUR P. RANKIN
 Age: 34
 Weight: 5' 10"
 Height: 155
 Build: Slender
 Hair: Dark
 Eyes: Brown
 Complexion: Medium



HENRY CAMPBELL
 Age: 30
 Weight: 5' 8"
 Height: 140
 Build: Medium
 Hair: Brown
 Eyes: Blue
 Complexion: Ruddy

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December 28, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Nashville, Tennessee.

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.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated December 21, 1934 wherein you inadvertently make reference to the case entitled VERNON G. MILLER, with aliases, and containing a request for fifteen additional copies of the photographic strip containing the photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker and Harry Campbell.

In compliance with your request fifteen copies of the above photographs are transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure 811993

cc-Mr. E. J. Connelley, (no photos forwarded herewith)
Post Office Box 629,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Division of Investigation

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

December 21, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

you
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You are advised that United States Attorney Maurice M. Milligan informed me a few days ago that he had received a letter from Henry L. Balaban, the Chicago attorney representing Mr. and Mrs. Galatas and Stacci, to the effect that Balaban expected to move for a continuance in the conspiracy case. In his letter Mr. Balaban stated that one of his grounds for asking for the continuance would be that he has failed to obtain any cooperation from the Department of Justice, and that he recently received from this office an "arrogant and insulting letter". Mr. Milligan advised me that he would inform Mr. Balaban that any motion for a continuance would be resisted. In this connection, it is noted that subpoenas have already been issued for the witnesses in the case, and Mr. Milligan is not under any apprehension that a continuance will be granted. I was advised on December 20, 1934, that Mr. Balaban is in Kansas City and has filed demurrers to the conspiracy indictments, in behalf of his three clients. These demurrers recite the usual formal grounds, and Assistant United States Attorney Pandall Wilson is of the opinion that they will be overruled. Mr. Wilson states that as yet he has not been served with any official notice that Balaban has moved for a continuance of the case.

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Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the case entitled Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases (Deceased) et al - Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, there is transmitted herewith a supplement to Laboratory Report #2236 (Number changed from 2232 to 2236).

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #806238

cc-Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago

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Supplementary to
#2236 (Number
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Laboratory Report

December 20, 1934

Case: Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd with
aliases (Deceased) et al - Conspiracy to
Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Number: 62-28915

Specimens: See Previous Report.

Examination requested by: See Previous Report.

Date received: See Previous Report.

Examination requested: See Previous Report.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Parsons

Supplementary to Laboratory Report #2236, the test bullets and shells from these two guns have been compared with all specimens contained in the Laboratory File and none similar found. As stated in the previous report, these test specimens are being retained in the Laboratory File for future comparisons.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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December 21, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Holtzoff called and advised that the Criminal Division has referred to him a memorandum in which this Division made inquiry concerning the admissibility in evidence in prosecutions taking place in State Courts of pleas entered by the defendants, to charges preferred in the Federal Courts. I explained to Mr. Holtzoff the situation with reference to Richard Gallatas, et al, hesitating to enter a plea of guilty in the Federal Courts to charges of conspiring to deliver a Federal prisoner, because of their fear that such pleas might be admissible in evidence in the State Courts if murder charges were brought against them. Mr. Holtzoff stated that as a general rule a plea of guilty is equivalent to a conviction, and consequently can be introduced in subsequent Court proceedings. He stated that the laws of the various States vary, however, and that he would have the decisions in Missouri checked and advise us in due course by memorandum.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

KANSAS CITY, MO.

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REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE: 12/24/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/22/34	REPORT MADE BY: S. W. HARDY
TITLE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD with aliases (deceased); et al		CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

At New York City, December 20, 1934, U.S. Attorney dismissed Federal complaint charging Abraham Chait and Herman Borenstein with conspiracy to harbor a Federal fugitive from Justice (Title 18, Section 88 and Section 246, U.S.C.). 1935 Chevrolet Sedan, motor #3505199, has not been registered in 1933 or 1934 in Connecticut or metropolitan New York City. Stop notices placed for this car. Disposition sheet being furnished with regard to Chait and Borenstein.

- RUC -

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent S.W. Hardy, New York City, dated New York City, December 11, 1934, and letter from the Kansas City Office to the Division dated December 15, 1934.

DETAILS:

Assistant U.S. Attorney George Pfann, New York City, advises that on December 20, 1934 he dismissed the Federal complaint charging Chait and Borenstein with conspiracy to harbor a Federal fugitive from justice (Vernon C. Miller) in the Southern District of New York (Title 18, Section 88 and Section 246, U.S.C.). Disposition sheet is furnished herewith.

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<p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:</p> <p>③ Division (Encl. Disp. sheet) 2 Chicago 1 Mr. E.J. Connelley, P.O. Box 829, Chicago. 1 Oklahoma C. 2 Kansas City 1 St. Paul 1 Buffalo 1 Philadelphia 1 Los Angeles</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DISPOSITION SHEET</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12-26-34 / dent mt [initials]</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">62-28915-3323</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DEC 26 1934 A.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</p> <p>ROUTED TO: [initials] FILE</p>
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NY File 62-4949

Under date of December 13, 1934, the Kansas City Office requested investigation with regard to 1933 Chevrolet Sedan, motor #3505199, serial #17974, model 14602; originally purchased by Vivian Mathias under the alias Vivian Page, March 21, 1933, for which she received 1933 Missouri Plates 482-329, and 1933 Missouri title certificate 3756907.

Communication was directed to the Motor Vehicle Department at Hartford, Conn. with respect to this matter, and Special Agent James E. Amos made appropriate inquiry through the Motor Vehicle Bureau for metropolitan New York City, it being ascertained that this car had not been registered in either of these districts during 1933 or thus far in 1934. Appropriate stop order was placed in each instance so that the New York City Office will be advised if this car is registered subsequently in 1934 or in 1935.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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DECEMBER 24, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

This is to advise that the following witnesses have appeared at the Kansas City Office upon request and have been taken to the County Jail at Kansas City for a regular show-up of Adam Oichetti, in order that they might, if possible, identify him from a group of other prisoners, as one of the participants whom they may have seen in the massacre.

Paul Martensen, c/o Fred Harvey's Restaurant,
Union Station, Kansas City, Missouri.

Frank White, Janitor, Union Railroad Station,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Max Straley, c/o Fred Harvey's Book Store,
Union Railroad Station, Kansas City, Missouri.

H. C. Blanchard, Usher, Union Railroad Station,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Theodore Scott, Usher, Union Railroad Station,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Lon Chalfont, c/o Railroad Station Ticket Office,
Union Railroad Station, Kansas City, Missouri.

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Robert D. Woods, Kansas City Public Service
Company, street car operator, Kansas City, Missouri

H. Pouse, Usher, Union Railroad Station, Kansas
City, Missouri.

Mrs. Lottie West, c/o Travelers Aid, Union Rail-

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Road Station, Kansas City, Missouri.

H. W. Prather, c/o Railway Express Agency,
Kansas City, Missouri.

W. F. Rouser, Manager, Fred Harvey's Restaurant,
Union Railway Station, Kansas City, Missouri.

The above parties were taken in two groups on December 18th and December 19th, 1934.

No identifications were made by any of the parties except by Mrs. Lottie West, who positively identified Richetti in person, having viewed him in a group with three other prisoners. She stated that she saw Richetti, Floyd and Miller and from the detailed statement which she furnished regarding his position in the group of assassins she gives the impression of being very positive and does not appear to be uncertain in any respect. 11

Robert C. Woods has also stated that Richetti, whom he identified from a group of other prisoners, bears a likeness very similar to the man who drove the Chevrolet car accompanied by one or two other men, which car nearly collided with the street car operated by Mr. Woods immediately after the massacre at Kansas City. However, he could not be positive in this identification.

Mr. Chalfont, who was the Ticket Agent on duty on the night of June 16, 1933 at the Union Railroad Station, also picked Richetti from four prisoners, stating that his description is similar to one of three men whom he saw suspiciously walking through the lobby of the Union Station on the night of June 16, 1933. However, he could not positively identify Richetti as he stated he did not get a good look at the faces of the three parties on the occasion in question.

There are still additional witnesses whom it is desired should view Richetti at Kansas City, Missouri, important of these being Mrs. Nellie Stites; Charles C. Moore; Mrs. Juanita Smith; C. L. Ellis; Elmer Waldron; H. L. Orr; Alva Parman and Robert E. Fritts. These parties were requested by letter from this office to appear in order that they might be taken to the County Jail for the purpose in question. They have failed to reply to the letter or to appear and within a few days appropriate steps will be taken to cause them to view the prisoner.

In no instance was any action taken which could result in publicity in the above, and the witnesses were cautioned both before

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and after viewing the prisoner to say nothing to anyone else regarding their identifications or failures in that respect.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - E. J. Connelly
Chicago, Illinois

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

FILE NO. **89-32**

REPORT MADE AT: Indianapolis, Indiana	DATE WHEN MADE: 12/24/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/17/34	REPORT MADE BY: Miss Norton, etc.
TITLE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases (Deceased), et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER. 89933

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Indiana Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau has no record of Chrysler sedan motor number 3505199.

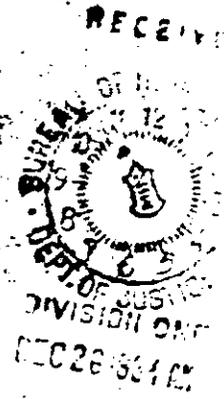
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Reference: Copy of letter from Kansas City Office to Division dated 12/15/34.

Details: AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Agent called at the Bureau of Motor Vehicle Registration at the State House, Indianapolis, Indiana, and had a search made and was informed that no record existed in said Bureau of Chevrolet sedan motor number 3505199.

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