

CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD  
KANSAS CITY MASSACRE  
62-28915 SUB 1

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CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD  
FRANK NASH  
VERNE MILLER  
ADAM RICHIETTI  
KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,

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July 10, 1933.

Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

JUL 14 1933 AM  
DIVISION ONE  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
( Attempt to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash )  
Kansas City File #62-760-

Hereafter, when mention is made in any communications from this office pertaining to the above entitled matter, names of informants will be eliminated and reference thereto will be indicated as follows:

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

*R. E. Vetterli*  
R. E. VETTERLI  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Department of Justice  
224 Federal Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
July 12, 1933

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Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown Subjects,  
Obstruction of Justice  
(Endeavor to deliver Federal  
Prisoner Frank Nash)

With reference to report of Agent F. S. Smith dated July 12, 1933 in the above matter, withholding name of confidential informant mentioned therein, you are advised that this informant is [REDACTED]

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This informant appears to be reliable and sincere in his efforts to cooperate with this Bureau in an endeavor to obtain information in this matter. However, he expresses fear of great bodily danger in the event that his identity becomes known and has requested that his name as an informant be kept in the strictest confidence.

Very truly yours,

*R. H. Colvin*

R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan	.....
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Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....

**U. S. Bureau of Investigation**  
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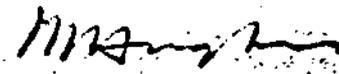
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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I called the Birmingham Office and advised that office of information received from Mr. Acuff of the Bureau of Prohibition relative to the informant in Alabama, [redacted] who possibly could give some information of value to the Kansas City shooting. I instructed that the matter be given immediate attention and that any information obtained be promptly transmitted to the Kansas City Office.

Respectfully,



V. W. Hughes.

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July 28, 1933

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER  
NATHAN  
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This is to advise you that effective August 2, 1933,  
the code word "KARAO" is to be used in all telegraphic communications  
to designate the case, "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.  
(Endeavor to deliver Federal prisoner Frank Nash).

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

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Mr. Nathan  
 Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. E.A. Tamm  
 Mr. Clegg

U. S. Department of Justice  
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 Room 1403  
 370 Lexington Avenue  
 New York, N.Y.

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July 21, 1933.

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Director,  
 United States Bureau of Investigation,  
 Washington, D.C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
 OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
 (Endeavor to deliver Federal  
 prisoner Frank Nash)

Dear Sir:

As a matter of convenience, economy and  
 secrecy, it is respectfully suggested that the Bureau  
 use one code word as a means of identifying this case  
 for use in sending telegrams, and advise the field by  
 bulletin of this code word.

It is thought that this would result in con-  
 siderable saving to the Bureau and also would result  
 in secrecy in sending telegrams in connection with  
 this case.

Very truly yours,

*E. P. Guinane*  
 E. P. GUINANE,  
 Special Agent.

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 Mr. Clegg  
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 Mr. Quinn  
 Mr. Nease  
 Mr. Gandy

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

**U. S. Bureau of Investigation**

Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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July 26, 1933.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Edwards	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to the attached suggestion from Special Agent Guinane of New York to devise a code word to be used in telegrams on the Kansas City shooting case, this suggestion was considered by the conference of Assistant Directors and Division Heads and unanimously approved. There was some discussion as to what the code word should be, and the word, "Kanmo", seemed satisfactory.

If you approve, the field offices can be promptly notified, as I believe that this will save some money.

Respectfully,

*V. W. Hughes*

V. W. Hughes.

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Mr. E. P. Guinan,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York, New York.

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Dear Mr. Guinan:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of July 21, 1933, suggesting the use of a single code word in telegrams pertaining to the Kansas City case, "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. (Endeavor to deliver Federal prisoner Frank Nash)."

The word "KANSU" will be used in the future and all offices are being notified of this change.

I wish to thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

cc-New York City Bureau Office.

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Bureau of Investigation

Room 1405  
370 Lexington Ave.  
New York City

Mr. Clegg	_____
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Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Hughes	_____
Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. Tolson	_____

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August 5, 1933

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Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

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ON 3-8-84

Dear Sir:

This is to inform that the name of the confidential informant #1 listed as such in the report of Agent T. H. Tracy, New York City, dated August 5, 1933, in the matter of Vernon C. Miller with aliases, I.O. 1195, et al, is:



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He is not to be reached at that address or telephone number, however.

through which he may be reached.

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Very truly yours,

*T. F. Cullen*  
T. F. CULLEN  
Special Agent in Charge



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U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

905 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
August 4, 1933

Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Edwards	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Hughes	✓
Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. Tolson	_____



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ON 3-7-89

Director  
United States Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1195, et al  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to  
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)  
K.C. File 62-760

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated  
at Kansas City, Missouri, July 29, 1933, especially to pages eight and nine,  
wherein mention is made of the activities of Herbert A. Akers.

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This is the same individual, [redacted]  
It appears that Akers knew the identity of Nash at the time he evidently  
assisted Galatas in learning the destination of the group (which would constitute  
the guilty knowledge on his part as charged in the instant case) and that he  
furnished information to Galatas that the Agents were taking the prisoner to  
Joplin, Missouri, out of which grew the plans of Galatas to proceed by air to  
Joplin.

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Apparently, however, Akers would be in a position to furnish quite definite  
details of helpful nature at this time. It is quite probable that he knows the  
location of Galatas and other facts which Galatas may have told him upon his return  
to Hot Springs, Arkansas, on June 17, 1933.

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A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Oklahoma City office and  
it is requested that due consideration be given by the Bureau and the Oklahoma  
City office as to what action should be exercised. A frank interview with Akers  
is suggested in whatever manner it is determined same should be had.

Very truly yours,  
R. E. Vetterli  
R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge  
United States Bureau of Investigation  
224 Federal Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Kansas City Office dated August 4, 1933, in the case entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases, Fugitive, Identification Order No. 1195, et al - Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

As suggested in this letter, the Bureau is of the opinion that you should personally, carefully and thoroughly interview Herbert A. Akers, bearing in mind his activities and connection with Galatas immediately after the apprehension of Frank Nash.

Very truly yours,

Director

cc-Kansas City

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224 Federal Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
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ON 3/7/89

Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases - FUGITIVE  
I. O. #1195, et al - Obstruction of Justice  
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank  
Nash)

Reference is had to memorandum submitted August 9,  
1933 by Special Agent M. Sorola concerning confidential informant  
at [redacted] Oklahoma - copy of which memorandum is attached.

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The name of the confidential informant in this matter  
is [redacted], or care of  
[redacted] Oklahoma. He urgently  
requests that his name as an informant be kept out of the files.

See 62-28915-454

Very truly yours,

*RHC Colvin*

R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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October 3, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
224 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1195;  
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1201; ET AL;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
(Endeavor to deliver Federal prisoner,  
Frank Nash.)

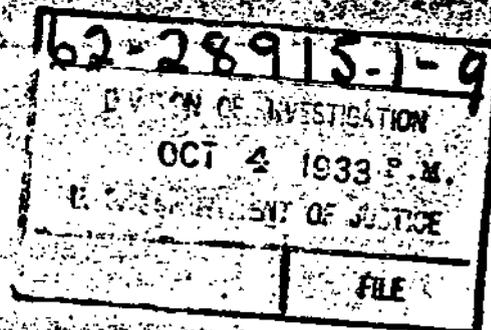
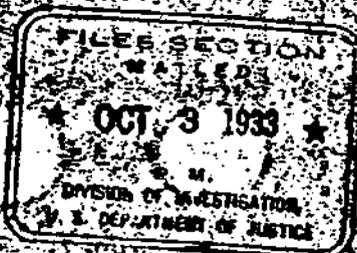
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of August 9, 1933,  
wherein the Division requested that you personally, carefully and  
thoroughly interview Herbert A. Akers, bearing in mind his  
activities and connection with subject Galatas immediately after  
the apprehension of Frank Nash.

The prior request of the Division was made in reference  
to a letter from the Kansas City Office dated August 4, 1933.

Very truly yours,

Director



U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

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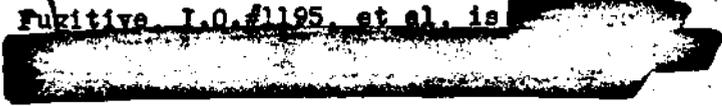
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Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

This is to inform that the name of  
the confidential informant mentioned  
on page 2 of Agent Tracy's report, dated  
October 4th, submitted in the investiga-  
tion of Vernon C. Miller with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. #1195, et al, is

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Very truly yours,

T. F. CULLEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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**U. S. Department of Justice**  
**DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION**  
**Bureau of Investigation**  
224 Federal Bldg.  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

October 6, 1933

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
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**Director**  
**Division of Investigation**  
**U. S. Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

OCT 11 1933 AM

Dear Sir:

Re: **Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, FUGITIVE,**  
**I.O. No. 1195, et al**  
**Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliv-**  
**er Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).**

Reference is had to Division letters dated August 9 and October 3, instructing me to personally, carefully and thoroughly interview Herbert A. Wakers, Hot Springs, Arkansas in connection with the activities of Richard Tallman Gelatas immediately after the apprehension of Frank Nash.

Please be advised that it has been impossible for the writer to undertake any outside work whatever, owing to the urgency of the Urschel kidnaping matter.

We hope to complete the last trial in the Urschel case some time this week and immediately thereafter as soon as possible the writer will proceed to Hot Springs for the purpose indicated in the Division letters above referred to.

Very truly yours,

*RH Colvin*

R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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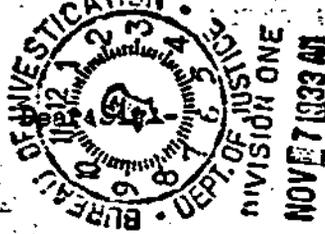
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October 31, 1933

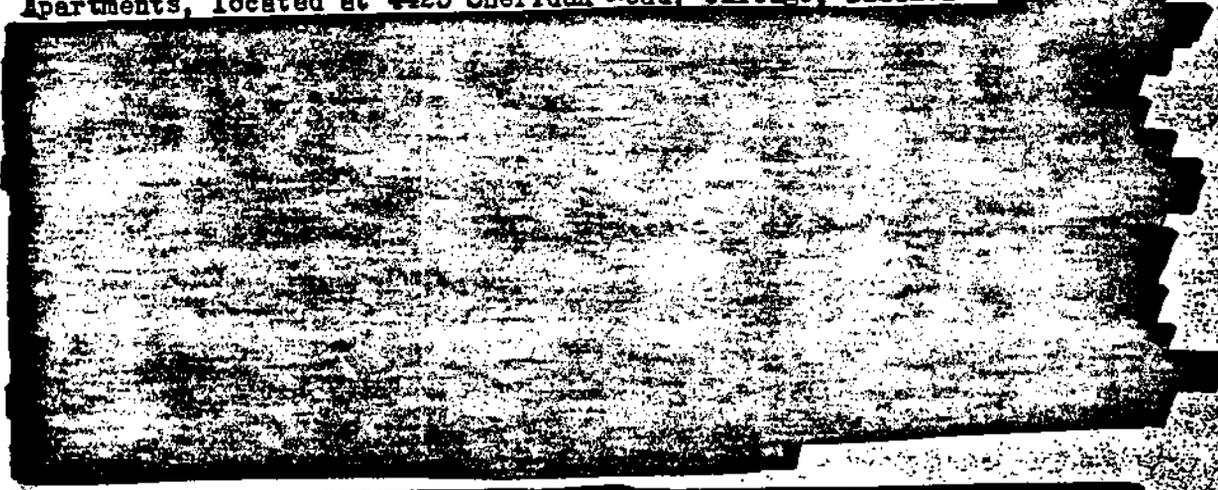
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Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
Identification Order #1195,  
Obstruction to Justice (Endeavor to deliver  
Frank Nash, Federal Prisoner.  
Chicago File 62-1649

A short time after the Kansas City massacre, [redacted] confid-  
ential informant of this office, [redacted]  
[redacted] obtained the information that one Bobbie Moore, a night-  
club hostess, who was a friend of Miller's is residing at the Sherone  
Apartments, located at 4423 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois.



The apartment house at 4423 Sheridan Road was reported  
by the informant to be owned by a family named Bidderman, whose son,  
Larry Bidderman was alleged to be living there, and keeping Bobbie Moore.  
Due to this information, it was inadvisable to contact the management  
of the Sherone Apartment Hotel.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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DIRECTOR  
NATHAN

About fifteen days ago, surveillance was placed on the Sherone Apartments by Special Agent J. J. Keating, who is on special assignment at Chicago on this case. Agent Keating determined that the apartment hotel was in the hands of receivers, and that George H. Dubin, 127 N. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, was receiver, and that Max L. Satt, attorney, who is in the same office as Mr. Dubin, was the attorney for the receiver. On Wednesday, October 25, 1933, Agent Keating, after checking up the reliability of Dubin and Satt, and finding them to be reputable, interviewed them at their offices.

George H. Dubin, and Max L. Satt advised that they took over the receivership of this hotel some two years ago; that the hotel was formerly owned and managed by Mr. and Mrs. Bidderman; that when the hotel went into the hands of the receiver, Larry Bidderman was installed as manager. On the agreement of the receivership, the Biddermans were permitted to keep an apartment in the hotel, which is 507, and the son, Larry, was allowed to keep room 506, free of charge. Mrs. Bidderman was installed as assistant manager. Larry Bidderman, who is a man about 30 or 31 years of age, is a habitual drunkard, and a short time after he became manager, he sold some of the furnishings of the hotel, without the authority of the receiver, and due to this was ousted as manager. Mrs. Hilda Polachek, who is the sister of Attorney Satt was installed as manager in April, 1933. She still holds that position, and Mrs. Bidderman is still assistant manager.

While Larry Bidderman was manager of the Sherone Apartments, he became acquainted with Mrs. J. A. Harris, alias Mrs. J. A. Williams, alias Bobbie Moore, and installed her in the hotel, as telephone operator. When he was relieved as manager, Bobbie Moore's services were dispensed with as telephone operator. She now lives in apartment 101, which is directly in the rear of the hotel office, with her two children, who are going to a parochial school. She is not employed at this time. Mr. Satt stated that it is rumored that she is married to Larry Bidderman, and that Mr. Bidderman, Sr. gives Bobbie Moore an allowance of \$65.00 and that from time to time he has seen Mrs. Bidderman turn over to Bobbie Moore, various sums of money. It was determined that the bookkeeper at the Hotel is a niece of Mrs. Bidderman and that one of the telephone operators, named Charlotte Everling, is also Mrs. Bidderman's niece. Miss Amelia Schmidt, who is also a telephone operator there, is a sister of one of the stenographers employed in the office of Mr. Satt. The night clerk is Otto Mohrann.

The manager, Mrs. Polachek resides with her four children, in apartment 207. She is a writer, and was formerly secretary to Jane Adams, at Chicago, Illinois, for approximately ten years. She is a woman of refinement and education.

Due to the set-up at the hotel, and the intimacy of Bobbie Moore with the Bidderman family, it was determined that the only person in the hotel, who could be talked to confidentially, was [REDACTED]. Accordingly, she was interviewed at the office of the receiver.

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[REDACTED]

After viewing the photograph of Vivian Mathews, she stated that it looked like the woman in 211. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and after again viewing the photograph of Vivian Mathews, stated positively that Vivian Mathews is the woman in 211. [REDACTED]

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After surveying the neighborhood in the vicinity of the Sherone Apartments, and after visiting several apartment houses in the neighborhood which might be an ideal location for covering the Miller Apartment, it was impossible to locate a vacant place of vantage. Agent Keating again [redacted] and made arrangements to rent apt. 207 in the Sherone Apartments, which would give agents of the Chicago Division Office opportunity to watch the Sheridan Road entrance, and the Galt Avenue entrance of the aforementioned hotel. This apartment, which was the only apartment available, is on the same corridor as the Miller Apartment, the Miller apartment being in the rear of the building, and agents' apartment in the front and side of the building. On October 29, 1933, Special Agent J. L. Madala, and his wife, through previous arrangement, rented this apartment [redacted] under the name of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Malleck. On instruction of the Director, Agent Nichols of the Kansas City Office proceeded to Chicago, Illinois, and through his efforts, a tap was successfully placed on the telephone of Vivian Mathews, on the morning of October 31, 1933. This tap was connected on the telephone in apartment 207, which was occupied by Agent Madala.

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[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] A check-up with the telephone company disclosed that on October 11, 1933, at 10:33 P. M. from Long Beach 0807, a station-to-station call was made, duration three minutes, to Crete, Illinois, number 114-R2; also that on October 21, 1933, at 4:28 A. M. a call station-to-station was made from Long Beach 0800 to the Royal Palm Hotel, Detroit, Michigan, Cadillac 8310, duration call 13 minutes. The aforementioned calls were charged to apartment 211 at the hotel. The information relative to the Detroit calls was communicated by Special Agent Keating to Special Agent in Charge John M. Keith at Detroit, Michigan, who supervised the investigation relative to this matter there. Investigation at Detroit was unproductive. Investigation at Crete, Illinois disclosed that telephone number Crete 114-R2 is in the name of Thomas Young. Thomas Young was superintendent of the Lincoln Field Racetrack, and this telephone is installed in his house, which is adjacent to the Field entrance. Thomas Young is now in Louisville, Kentucky, where he controls another track. There are no races at the Lincoln Field, and have

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201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama

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November 8, 1933.

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

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Re: **VERNON C. MILLER**, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE. I. O. #1195, et al  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (endeavor  
to deliver Federal Prisoner  
**Frank Nash**).

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
R. E. Peterson dated Birmingham, Alabama, November 7, 1933, in  
connection with the above entitled case.

This is to advise that the confidential informant  
mentioned in the report of Agent Peterson is one [REDACTED]

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Very truly yours,

*W. A. Morley*  
W. A. MORLEY  
Special Agent in Charge.

*B. J. O'Keefe*, acting

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been none since July, 1933.

P. C. McDonald, another caretaker of the race track, and his wife, reside at this time in the house of Thomas Young.

The Bidderman family and Bobbie Moore are reputed to be habitual gamblers, and visit the race tracks practically every day. Vivian Mathews has also accompanied them regularly to the tracks. It was therefore deemed advisable not to make further inquiry as to the Crete call, as apparently the calls were relative to a race horse tip. As to the local calls made by Vivian Mathews, the places have been established, but no direct inquiries have been made as yet. It was deemed advisable not to shadow Vivian Mathews, but merely to cover the apartment continuously, and listen in on telephone calls.

b7d [redacted] reported that Vivian Mathews at all times uses the service elevator; by so doing she does not have to enter the hotel lobby at all, and can go directly to the apartment of Bobbie Moore, by the service elevator. The rear entrance of the hotel which is the service entrance is opened until 9:30 P. M. each night, and the Galt Avenue entrance is open until 10:30 P. M. After 10:30 P. M. all guests of the hotel must come in at the Sheridan Road entrance. Through the ventilator in Agent Madala's apartment, all parties in the corridor may be seen, and also all parties entering or leaving apartment 211. Observation of the apartment occupied by Vivian Mathews may also be made through the service door of the apartment occupied by agents.

Sherbide Apartments, and the vicinity of the apartment house has been carefully surveyed, so that in the event Miller should visit there, he may be taken with a minimum danger to the men assigned to this job.

Every phase has been carefully considered, such as the possibility of Miller wearing a custom-made steel vest under his shirt, and also the possibility of confederates, or body guards. Agent Keating was informed a few days ago that Miller is now associating with "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

The Post Office and telegraph companies are also cooperating.

All details have been worked out in conferences by the writer, in conjunction with Agents Guinane and Keating, and it is believed nothing has been overlooked.

As this investigation progresses, you will be advised accordingly.

Very truly yours,  
*D. O. Smith*  
D. O. SMITH, Acting,  
Special Agent in Charge

JJK/gr  
CC: KANSAS CITY, St. Paul, New York Offices.

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Room 1408  
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Mr. Egan	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Quinn	
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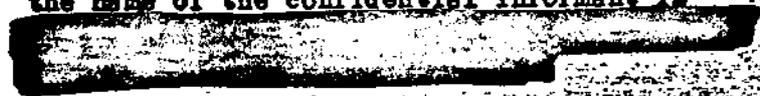
**Director  
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Washington, D.C.**

**Dear Sir:**

Reference is made to page 22 of the report of Agent Tracy, dated November 21, 1933, in the Kansas City massacre case, wherein is set forth the information furnished by a confidential informant.

This is to inform that the name of the confidential informant is

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Very truly yours,

*T. F. Cullen*

**T. F. CULLEN  
Special Agent in Charge**

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December 7, 1933.

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ON 2/8/84

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

Dear Sir: In re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases,  
I. O. 1195; et al  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (En-  
deavor to Deliver Federal  
Prisoner Frank Nash)  
CHICAGO FILE NO. 62-1649

Reference is made to letter from this office  
to the Detroit office, dated December 7, 1933, in  
connection with the above entitled case, in which  
certain information furnished by a confidential in-  
formant was transmitted to that office. Please be  
advised that the name of the informant referred to  
is [REDACTED] who has previously been mentioned  
in connection with this matter.

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Very truly yours,  
*M. H. Purvis*  
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M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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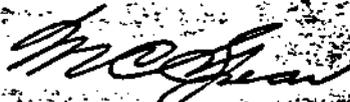
Dear Sir:

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

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The enclosed report by Special Agent W. F. Trainor,  
dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 27, 1933, in the instant  
case, mentions [redacted] and this is to advise that the in-  
dividual thereby designated is [redacted]

[redacted] His name is being omitted from  
reports because of danger of disclosure, if same is shown.

Very truly yours,



M. C. Spear  
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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January 20, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
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Post Office Box 1878,  
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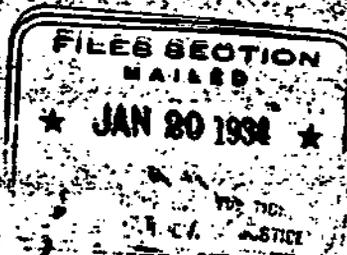
Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith check No. 43188,  
drawn to the favor of [redacted] in the amount of  
\$500.00. This check is given in payment of the reward  
offered for information directly leading to the  
apprehension of Wilbur Underhill, fugitive.

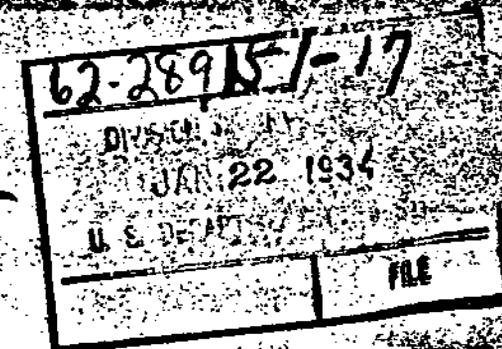
Very truly yours,

Director.

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JANUARY 12, 1934.

Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Edwards \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hoover \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn \_\_\_\_\_  
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*McConley*

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

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

DECLASSIFIED BY *SAGE/MS*  
ON *3-8-84*

On January 11th Special Agent W. F. Trainor, together with Sheriff Thomas Bash and Deputy Sheriff John Kelly of Kansas City, Missouri, had an interview with [redacted]. It may be noted that [redacted]

Incidentally, [redacted]

[redacted] through constant questioning at the office of the Sheriff at Kansas City by the Sheriff and Agents from this office, furnished information which was definitely verified as true.

[redacted] on the morning of December 21, 1933 and have been removed to Kansas City, Missouri. Since their apprehension several important local offenses have been cleared and the responsibility placed upon them.

This general information is mentioned since it has been noted that [redacted] has furnished accurate and truthful information [redacted] which has resulted beneficially to the Officers handling the case.

Mr. Bash advised Agent Trainor that he has gained the absolute confidence of [redacted] and he expressed the belief that [redacted] might be in position to furnish information regarding the whereabouts of Charles Arthur Floyd, alias Pretty Boy Floyd, Subject in this case. Therefore, the interview had on January 11th was aimed at this end that [redacted] would furnish general details regarding Floyd, especially pertaining to certain local contacts, which will be followed and reported. During the course of the interview [redacted]

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[REDACTED] and, therefore, it is safe to assume that he was being championed by the criminal element in Kansas City for purposes of use by the mob.

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When [REDACTED] had given what appeared to be truthful and conscientious information regarding Floyd, he was asked the question by the Agent as to what "rumble" or gossip he had ever chanced to hear among the Italians in Kansas City, [REDACTED] pertaining to the identities of the participants in the instant massacre. At that point the complexion of [REDACTED] became noticeably white, and he immediately sealed his lips. He stammered somewhat and after a great deal of further questioning, he stated that he would admit he was holding back something. His demeanor plainly indicated an emotional strain. Finally he stated he would be willing to tell what he had heard, but would not be willing to ever divulge the identity of the party who told him information regarding the massacre. He insisted that his name be held confidential at all times, and in view of the fact that he would not furnish information in any other manner, he was advised that his confidence would not be betrayed, since it is, of course, apparent that he, himself, was not involved in the killing, [REDACTED] as has already been verified.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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After considerable discussion of this matter with [REDACTED] he seemed to talk more freely and finally stated that he would gladly point out certain men among the Italian underworld, who were probably implicated in the massacre. However, it was deemed advisable not to press him too closely for details at this time. [REDACTED] who has his utmost confidence, and this matter will be followed very closely, both by Mr. Pash and the Agent with whom [REDACTED] conversed. The name of this

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informant should, of course, not be mentioned, except in a confidential manner. Should reference be made to him in future communications, he will be shown as [REDACTED] b7d

As to the authenticity of the information shown herein, same appears quite possibly true, and every effort to secure details susceptible to proof in this connection will be made.

Very truly yours,



M. C. SPEAR  
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation  
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January 31, 1934

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

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ON 3-7-84

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with  
aliases (deceased); RICHARD  
TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases -  
Fugitive, et al. CONSPIRACY  
TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

You are advised that the confidential informant  
referred to in my recent reports in the above captioned  
case, [redacted]

He, as the Division is perhaps aware, is the  
individual who definitely identified [redacted]

[redacted] at which place she was apprehended.

[redacted] can be contacted through Special Agent  
R. E. Peterson of the Birmingham Office, stationed at Mem-  
phis. [redacted] is also known to Elane Denley, a former  
Special Agent of this Division and now United States Pro-  
bation Officer at Memphis, Tennessee.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
Dwight Brantley

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P. O. Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
February 2, 1934

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Director,  
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*Person Hill  
Wanted Post  
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~~In re: WILSON UNDERHILL, Deceased.~~

Dear Sir :

For your confidential information, this is to advise  
that the name of the informant who furnished information under  
the name of [redacted] which led to the arrest of Underhill  
is [redacted]

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Very truly yours,

*R.H. Colvin*

R. H. COLVIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.



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March 2, 1934.

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

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Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED)  
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, IDENTIFICATION ORDER #1201,  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Reference is made to your letter of February 26th, re-  
lative to the status of negotiations with Informant [redacted] b7d  
who had been furnishing information to the Kansas City office in  
connection with this case.

Negotiations were pursued with this informant con-  
stantly up to February 12th. He was able to furnish no definite  
facts, which were possible of verification, and it finally appear-  
ed that he was not actually in possession of the facts, which he had  
alleged originally. [redacted] b7d

The informant finally stated that he thought he would be in posi-  
tion to cause the apprehension of Lonnie Effronde, Subject of  
Identification Order #1169. It was very apparent in the last analy-  
sis, that he was seeking to evade any actual accomplishments in the  
investigation.

Finally, he was questioned by Special Agent in Charge  
Conroy, assisted by Special Agent Trainer and [redacted] on  
February 12, 1934, and on that date [redacted] admitted that he had been b7d  
seeking to lead the officers to believe that he could furnish information,

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which he himself doubted that he could secure. [REDACTED]

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This office is taking no further action in connection with [REDACTED]

Since February 18th, a concerted effort has been made in this territory to locate Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis, both in connection with the instant case and with the case in re Alvin Karpis, et al, Edward George Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping, as it is believed such investigation relates primarily to both cases.

Agent Trainor performed a review of the entire file of the Nash, Holden and Keating case, and of the instant file and rendered report of February 20th, captioned in the Bremer Kidnaping case. Leads are being developed pursuant to that report. A further report from this office in the Bremer case went forward on March 1, 1934.

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It is further noted that on March 1st, Special Agents Trainor and Farland at Lansing, Kansas, performed an interview with [REDACTED] who had previously been interviewed in the early stages of this investigation during June, 1933. Originally, [REDACTED] furnished no information of any consequence, demanding that he [REDACTED] before he would furnish any data. Originally, he inferred, that Fred Barker and others of that mob had a connection with the slayings of the officers in this matter. However, it was not at that time possible to avail the Division of any information from him, due to his demands. On March 1st, however, [REDACTED] took a different attitude and furnished information that Fred Barker, an individual known as Eddie Woodruff, whose real name is Ralph Nimerick, and Tony Casaro, the latter a Detroit gangster, performed the slayings in this matter, and that Vernon C. Miller was the man who arranged the slayings and acted as "get-a-way man;" that Bernard Phillips, Subject of Identification Order #1196, and Alvin Karpis, mentioned in the Bremer case, were supposed to have been at the scene of the slayings, but not actual participants. He also stated that Arthur R. Barker, alias "Doc" Barker, might have been in the actual slayings, but that he does not have definite information as to this. He stated that Nimerick

and Fred Barker were "placed on the spot" by members of the gang at Centralia, Illinois, about sixty days ago, and that they were killed by Dannie Webster and Bert White, Detroit gangsters; that the same individuals who killed Barker and Himerick, according to his information, killed Verns Miller, and that they were caused to do so by Louis Stacci, Subject of this case, who is a Chicago gangster. He further informed that the killers were reached by Miller on June 17th at Topeka, Kansas, while they were at the home of a bootlegger known as Pat Varty, who resides about two miles east of Topeka near a cemetery.

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The name of Informant [redacted] should be held in strict confidence by all offices. He refused to divulge the source of his information, but stated that he knows it is correct, and that he

[redacted] who deliver communications of this nature for a fee.

The Agents will keep in touch with [redacted] and it may be expected that further interviews will develop additional information.

The Division is being advised of this information, which is the most recent data secured. It is being checked thoroughly in this and other territories and a complete memorandum will go forward within the next two days to the appropriate offices.

The Detroit, Chicago and St. Louis offices were advised by letter of March 1st relative to the alleged deaths of Himerick and Fred Barker, in order that this might be checked, as soon as possible, as the Division will note from copy of that letter.

Very truly yours,



M. C. SPEAR, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1276  
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March 9, 1934

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ON 3-7-89

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Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases  
(Deceased) Et Al., Conspiracy  
to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Refer to my letter dated March 8, 1934 in respect to  
an informant who might possibly be in position to be of assistance  
in furnishing information as to the whereabouts of "Pretty Boy"  
Floyd.

The informant referred to therein is

[REDACTED]

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Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Washington, D. C.

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DATE 3/7/84 BY SP/GEY/OK

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of March 26, 1934 in which it is requested that the Division be advised immediately concerning the employment of confidential informants by this office for the period since January 1, 1932.

I beg to inform you that Mr. R. H. Colvin of the El Paso Division Office, formerly Special Agent in Charge here, was in the office today, and I discussed this matter with him at some length. I also have discussed it with the members of the personnel of this office who have been assigned here since January 1, 1932, none of whom are able to furnish any information in addition to that supplied by Mr. Colvin. Mr. Colvin stated and the records of the office show the following:

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On May 24, 1933, one [redacted] was paid \$5.00 for services he rendered for one day, and confidential information that he supplied in the case of [redacted] et al.; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

On June 16, 1933, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, Frank Nash was apprehended upon the confidential information furnished by [redacted]

For this service, he was paid \$500.00.

[redacted] was used from June 25 to July 25, 1933 on the Kansas City Massacre case, and was paid \$6.00 per day, plus his traveling expenses, and was paid a total amount of \$220.65.

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[redacted] was used on the Kansas City Massacre case for a period during the summer of 1933 of about thirty days in an effort to locate Bob Brady. He was paid approximately \$75.00.

[redacted] was used during the course of the investigation to locate Wilbur Underhill (deceased). His services were utilized for several weeks, and he was paid the sum of \$500.00. Messrs. Colvin and F. B. Smith informed me that they made some advances to this man during the time his services were used, but that when he received his money, he reimbursed them. This man is supposed to have a wide acquaintance with the criminals of this part of the country [redacted].

Mr. Colvin informed me that during the investigation of the Orschel case, the services of several girls were utilized in certain telephone taps, namely from July 24th to August 1, 1933, for which they were paid \$110.22, and from September 21st to September 26, 1933, and were paid the sum of \$283.87.

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From February 9, 1934 to February 11, 1934, I used the services of [redacted] in the case of Alvin Karpis, et al., Kidnaping, and the Kansas City Massacre case at Seminole, Oklahoma, for which I paid him the sum of \$10.00 which took care of his traveling expenses and his board and room.

From February 19, 1934 to March 2, 1934, I used the services of [redacted] in an effort to locate the Barker-Karpis mob in the Massacre case and the Bremer Kidnap case. [redacted] I paid him the sum of \$5107, which included his expenses and the amount of \$18.00 per week he was receiving as salary at the [redacted]. He left his employment at the aforesaid firm to render the Division this service.

I recently paid to [redacted] the sum of \$15.00 for services of an unnamed confidential informant of his in locating Fred Doyle, Fugitive, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. Division authority was obtained for this payment.

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On March 4, 1934, I paid to [redacted] the sum of \$10.00 for his expenses from [redacted] to Seminole County and return to his home, in an effort to locate one Charles Aldridge, now confined in the Southwestern Reformatory at El Reno, Oklahoma, a prospective informant, in an effort to locate Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

On March 4, 1934, I paid to [redacted] the sum of \$15.00 for his expenses from Ft. Worth to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was suggested as a confidential informant by the Dallas Office in connection with efforts in Oklahoma to locate members of the Barker-Karpis mob. I know very little about this man and his background.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 8, 1934

TO:

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

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter from the Kansas City  
office to the San Francisco office, dated April 4, 1934, wherein  
mention is made that during the course of the investigation of the  
Kansas City massacre, in the summer of 1933, I paid certain con-  
fidential informants some money.

Please be advised that the only recollection I have of  
this kind is that I did pay the sum of \$20.00 to a man by the name  
of [redacted]

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This money was paid this individual for expenses incurred  
by him in his efforts to locate Underhill, Jim Clark, and possibly  
other suspects in the case, with whom he was alleged to be acquainted.  
This was sometime during the month of July, 1933.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Kansas City

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 16, 1934.

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MR. ROSEN	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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In connection with [redacted] the informant referred to in Mr. Brantley's letter of March 9, 1934, who Mr. Brantley advised might be in a position, [redacted] to obtain information concerning Charles Arthur Floyd, alias 'Pretty Boy' Floyd, I have determined from the Identification Unit that [redacted]

[redacted]

In talking with Mr. Brantley on the telephone this morning I requested that he determine the nature of this offense.

Mr. Newby has prepared the attached memorandum concerning this informant's connections, which would seem to indicate that he should be in a position to obtain information concerning Floyd.

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There are attached three photographs of [redacted]

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Reference is made to the letter from the Oklahoma City Office dated March 8, 1934, wherein it is noted that Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley and Special Agent Frank Smith interviewed an informant.

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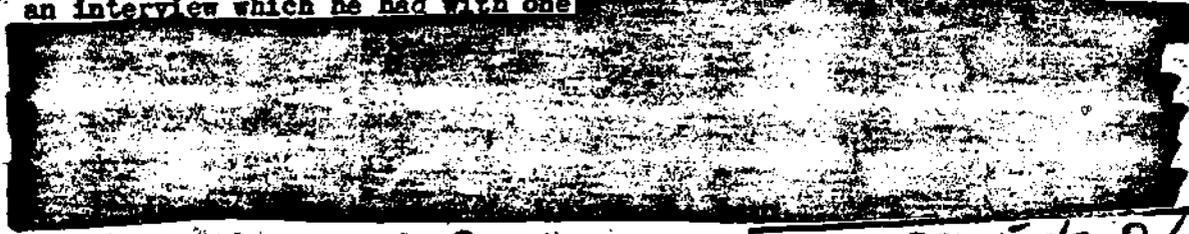
It is further noted from the letter that the informant,

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and in this connection, the Division on March 14, 1934, directed a letter to the Oklahoma City Office, instructing that immediate and exhaustive attention be given a lead in the vicinity of [redacted] which now is considered of vital importance in view of the recent identification made of a latent fingerprint found in the house occupied by Verne Miller, the latent print being that of Adam Richetti, who is positively known to have accompanied Floyd on June 18, 1933, when the Sheriff at Bolivar, Missouri was kidnaped and carried into Kansas City, the evening before the Kansas City Massacre.

The report of Special Agent F. S. Smith, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, July 22, 1933 in the Kanmo case reflects the result of an interview which he had with one [redacted]

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[REDACTED] Agent Smith sets forth in his report that [REDACTED] is considered a reliable informant by local peace officers, and further that he, Smith, personally knows that [REDACTED]

In view of the information given to Agent Smith by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Respectfully,

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

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 16, 1934.

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The following is an abstract of the fingerprint record of one, [REDACTED] on file in the Division of Investigation:

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Notation:

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March 16, 1934.

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

In connection with the Division's efforts to apprehend Charles  
Arthur Floyd, subject of Identification Order # 1194, issued by the Division  
on June 22, 1933, a copy of which is attached hereto, I have just been advised  
by the Special Agent in Charge at Oklahoma City that he has had a conference  
with one [redacted]

[redacted] in order to cause the apprehension of Floyd, but stated  
that he would be willing to do so [redacted] and if he were given a reward  
of \$500.00, if and when Floyd were apprehended by reason of his efforts.

The Special Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City office was  
impressed with the sincerity of this informant and contrary to the usual type  
of [redacted] he did not make any request [redacted] or exhibit  
any particular anxiety over the opportunity of locating Floyd, but indicated  
his willingness to cooperate with the Division in doing so. A review of the  
Division's files concerning this informant indicates that he has been in close  
contact with Floyd and that he knows a great many people who are acquainted  
with him, and it is entirely possible that he will be able to obtain the  
desired information.

Though I am generally opposed to asking that [redacted]  
for such purpose, I believe that in this case, in view of the fact that [redacted]  
[redacted] and in view of  
the additional fact that Floyd is one of the most notorious and dangerous  
criminals at large, [redacted] Accord-  
ingly, it is respectfully requested that you consider the advisability of having  
[redacted] in order that he may cooperate with the Division in causing  
the apprehension of this criminal, and authorize the payment of a reward of  
\$500.00 to [redacted] if and when Floyd is apprehended by reason of information  
submitted by him.

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Very truly yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover  
Director

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- MR. QUINN
- MR. LESTER
- MR. LOCKE
- MR. RORER

March 17, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER:

In connection with your memorandum of March 16,  
please let me have the criminal record, if any, of [REDACTED]

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*William Stanley*

WILLIAM STANLEY  
The Assistant to the Attorney General

*Please return attached memo  
with your reply*

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THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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MR. EGAN	_____
MR. QUINN	_____
MR. LESTER	_____
MR. LOCKE	_____
MR. RORER	_____

March 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

I suggest that you get up any information you have in connection with [redacted] I will then go to Mr. Howe at the White House and see if he would recommend to the President that this party [redacted] for the purposes suggested by you.

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*William Stanley*  
William Stanley

The Assistant to the Attorney General.

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

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Pursuant to the suggestion contained in your memorandum dated March 22, 1934, information concerning [redacted] is hereinafter set forth for your further consideration.

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As stated in my memorandum dated March 16, 1934, this Division has been actively engaged on an investigation looking toward the apprehension of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, a notorious bank robber and murderer of the Southwest, who is wanted for questioning in connection with the murder of Special Agent Raymond J. Caffrey of this Division and three local law enforcement officers at Kansas City, Missouri on June 17, 1933.

Floyd is a gunman of the most dangerous type, and considerable money has been expended in endeavoring to locate him and cause his apprehension, but without success. Identification Order #1194, issued by this Division on June 22, 1933, relative to this individual, is attached hereto.

The Special Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City Office of this Division has advised me that he has located one [redacted]

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[redacted] and who, in the opinion of the Agent in Charge, may possibly be in a position to assist this Division in causing the apprehension of Floyd.

Memorandum for Mr. Stanley.

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The Agent in Charge was impressed with the sincerity of this informant and, contrary to the usual type of [redacted] he did not make any request [redacted] and did not exhibit any particular anxiety over the opportunity of locating Floyd, but indicated his willingness to cooperate with this Division in doing so, if he were given a reward of \$500, if and when Floyd were apprehended by reason of his efforts.

[redacted]  
[redacted] Though I am generally opposed to making that [redacted] for such a purpose, I believe that in this case, in view of the fact that [redacted] and in view of the additional fact that Floyd is one of the most notorious and dangerous criminals, now at large, [redacted] is entirely warranted.

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[REDACTED]

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that you consider the advisability of having [REDACTED] in order that he may cooperate with the Division in causing the apprehension of this criminal, and that you authorize the payment of a reward of \$500 to [REDACTED] if and when Floyd is apprehended by reason of information submitted by him.

A photograph of [REDACTED] is attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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

Reference is made to my memorandum dated March 29, 1934, with respect to [redacted]

[redacted] and who, in the opinion of the Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City Office of this Division, [redacted] may possibly be in a position to assist this Division in causing the apprehension of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, a notorious bank robber and murderer of the Southwest.

It was requested in my memorandum that consideration be given to the advisability of having [redacted] for this purpose and to the authorization of the payment of a reward of \$500 to [redacted] if and when Floyd is apprehended by reason of information submitted by him.

In the event the above request is favorably acted upon, it is suggested that this Division be advised so that appropriate arrangements can be made whereby [redacted] will be predicated upon the condition that he cooperate with the Division in effecting the apprehension of Floyd. An early decision in this matter will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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May 17, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
MR. STANLEY

Reference is made to my memoranda dated March 20 and  
April 25, 1934 with respect to [redacted]

[redacted] and who, in the opinion of the Agent in Charge  
of the Oklahoma City Office of this Division, [redacted] may  
possibly be in a position to assist this Division in causing the  
apprehension of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, a notorious  
bank robber and murderer of the Southwest.

In view of the concentrated effort now being made by  
representatives of this Division to bring about the apprehension  
of Floyd, an early decision in the matter of [redacted]  
[redacted] for the purposes heretofore stated, will be  
appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Director

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Butte, Montana, August 24, 1934.

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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
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1001 Vermont Avenue, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

I am sending herewith copies of report  
in the above-captioned case. The confidential  
informant mentioned therein, whose name it is  
best not to divulge, is



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I feel that he is right in saying  
that it would be dangerous if it were known that  
he was giving information and he promises to furnish  
this office with anything he gets, and until his case  
is decided I believe he will do so.

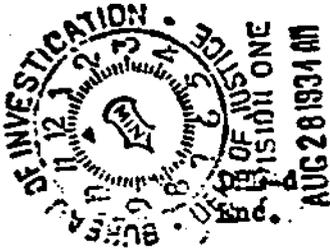
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ON 3-8-84

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

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

Dear Sir:

The confidential informants referred to in memorandum  
of Special Agent H. D. Harris, forwarded with my letter of  
this date to you are [redacted]  
and [redacted]

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Very truly yours,

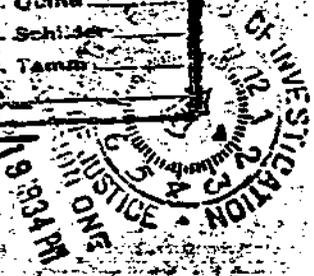
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Special Agent in Charge.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Identity of confidential informants.

Reference is made to New Orleans Division Office personal and confidential letter of September 23, 1934, to the Director, and to report of Special Agent D. W. Magee, New Orleans, Louisiana, dated September 28, 1934.

Confidential informant No. 1, mentioned therein, is [redacted] b7d

[redacted] is the individual who, on September 22, 1934, first approached United States Attorney Rene A. Viosca, at New Orleans, Louisiana, giving information that in his opinion Edwin W. Lee, alias William Lee, was in fact subject Richard Tallman Galatas. He stated that Lee was in business at Room 503 Stern Building, 348 Baronne Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, which information subsequently proved to be true.

[redacted] The purpose of [redacted] reporting the location of subject Galatas was to secure the One Thousand Dollars reward offered by the Liberty Magazine in their September 15, 1934 issue.

Confidential informant No. 2 is the [redacted] b7d

[redacted] whose name is not known to the New Orleans Division Office, advised W. R. Hyatt, Chief of Detectives, Chattanooga, Tennessee Police Department that E. W. Lee resembled the photograph of subject Galatas that was published in the Liberty Magazine issue of September 15, 1934.

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Reference is made to this letter in Nashville, Tennessee Division Office letter of September 13, 1934, addressed to the New Orleans Division Office. The assignment of the lead based on this letter was given to Special Agent D. W. Magee on September 15, 1934, but due to the pressure of emergency business in the New Orleans Division Office, during which time Agent Magee was Acting Special Agent in Charge, in the absence of Mr. R. Whitley, Agent Magee was unable to give this matter investigative attention until September 22, 1934, when confidential informant No. 1 advised the New Orleans Division Office of substantially the same facts.

Undoubtedly the information furnished by the Nashville, Tennessee Division Office, while not furnishing the exact location of subject Galatas in the Stern Building, or furnishing the address of his residence, would have eventually lead to the apprehension of subject Galatas.

Confidential informant No. 3 is [REDACTED]

Confidential informant No. 1, [REDACTED] confidential informant No. 3, [REDACTED] and subsequent interrogation of them disclosed an agreement between them to share in the Liberty Magazine reward. [REDACTED]

None of the confidential informants had the correct residence address of subject Galatas, namely 912 Harding Place, Apartment F, New Orleans, Louisiana.

There is a possibility that the young man [REDACTED] when the fact becomes known of the apprehension of subject Galatas, will seek to claim the One Thousand Dollars reward, offered by the Liberty Magazine. It is because of this fact that the aforementioned information is furnished to the Division.

Agent Magee has informed both [REDACTED] that there are no existing rewards offered by the United States Department of Justice or the Division of Investigation, for furnishing the location of subject Galatas, but that the matter would be referred to the Department and to the Division of Investigation for information relative same.

Confidential informant No. 1 [redacted] for a period of two days [redacted] but Special Agents in Charge R. G. Harvey and Dwight Brantley, and Agent Magee, satisfactorily made arrangements with [redacted] to forestall any publicity. b7d

Both [redacted] are broke and have made continuous inquiries at the New Orleans Division Office for a statement as to when they would be able to claim the reward from the Liberty Magazine. They have promised not to, and it is felt that they will not, make any inquiry concerning this matter until public notice is given of the apprehension of subject Galatas.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley

R. Whitley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

*(Signature)*

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October 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

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DATE 3/8/84 BY SPK/efk

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

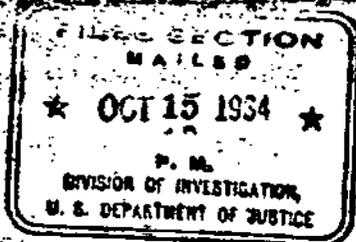
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your personal and confidential letter dated September 29, 1934, setting forth information respecting the identity of the informants who furnished information leading to the location and apprehension of Subject Richard Tallan Galatas at New Orleans, Louisiana on September 22, 1934.

Please be advised that the Division will furnish the Liberty Magazine with a memorandum of facts showing in what manner the information was received from the informants mentioned in your letter. In the event you receive further inquiry from these individuals, they should be referred to the Liberty Magazine.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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1331 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,

El Paso, Texas,

October 22, 1934.

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Mr. Schilder	_____
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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at Ninth St., N.W.,  
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Dear Sir:

DECLASSIFIED BY *SP1GSK/cls*  
ON *3-8-84*

With reference to my letter to the Kansas City office of even date concerning the Kammo case, copy of which is hereto attached, I desire to advise that the confidential informants referred to therein are

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[REDACTED] for confidence men and gamblers, having a wide underworld acquaintance, and [REDACTED]

The information reported by [REDACTED] was obtained by him in confidence from [REDACTED] and who has been more or less associated with [REDACTED] for several years.

[REDACTED] furnished this information after exacting a promise from Agent Street that neither his name nor that of [REDACTED] would be disclosed.

Very truly yours,

*R. H. Colvin*

R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Kl Pass, Topeka,  
October 23, 1934.

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

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DATE 3/8/84 BY SP7KCS/OK  
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Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased)  
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS with aliases -  
I.O.#1201.  
CHAS. A. FLOYD with aliases (Deceased), et al.  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

In connection with the captioned case and notwithstanding the  
extermination of Charles Arthur Floyd yesterday and the capture of Adam  
Richetti, I am forwarding this letter containing certain information which  
may have possible value in the further prosecution of this case and which  
information was developed here within the last three days by Agent J. A.  
Street from a confidential informant whose name is being furnished the  
Director under separate cover.

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[REDACTED]

The information is to the effect that Floyd and Richetti were  
members of the Labor (?) gang in Kansas City, Mo., and that one "Old Man  
Welch" is a right-hand man for T.J. Fendergast. It is said that Fendergast  
used Johnny Laska to whip Welch into line and that after Welch lined up  
with Fendergast he made a deal with one Tom O'Brien to bump Johnny Laska  
off and that O'Brien and three others are the ones who murdered Laska,  
for which Old Welch failed to pay.

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Informant further states that two of the gunmen who were in the Union Station Massacre were furnished by Welch and Luker, with whose gang Floyd and Richetti were alleged to be affiliated. The story is that Verne Miller went to Laxia for help on the night preceding the massacre and that Laxia turned him down for the reason that there had been no previous connection between Miller and Laxia's mob, Laxia having always refused to have anything to do with such killers as Miller, Wash, Keating, Holden and the Barker brothers, stating that he wanted nothing to do with them as they were too hard to handle; that he, Laxia, could control the local Kansas City gangsters but feared to mix up with the desperadoes above mentioned.

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[REDACTED]

I do not know personally, of course, of the alleged Welch-Luker gang but assume that this information is perhaps already in possession of your office and the information contained herein is furnished for such value as it may possibly have.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division  
cc Chicago.

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**U. S. Department of Justice**

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

October 26, 1934

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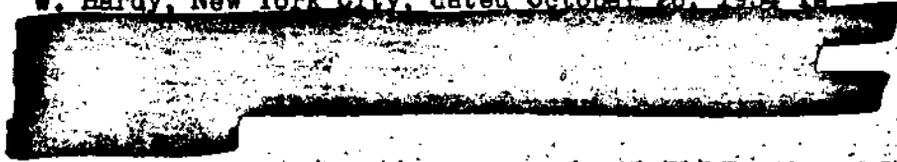
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DATE 3/8/84 BY SP15SLK/ys

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

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases - (Deceased),  
Richard Tallman Galatas with  
aliases, I.O. 1201  
Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd  
with aliases - Fug. I. O. 1194 et al  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that the confidential informant referred to in the report of Special Agent S. W. Hardy, New York City, dated October 26, 1934 is



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Very truly yours,

*F. X. Fay*

F. X. FAY  
Special Agent in Charge

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October 10, 1936.

Mr. R. Whitley,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
607 U. S. Court House, Foley Square,  
New York, New York.

DECLASSIFIED BY SPICEL JK  
ON 3-8-84

# 220843

RE: JEWELL ARMY GOULD, with aliases,  
Fugitive; I. O. #1764;  
DAVID FINAS, with aliases - Fugitive,  
et al;  
National stolen Property Act.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau notes in the report of Special Agent J. J. Keating, New York City, dated September 28, 1936, that Agent Keating recently received a letter from [redacted] whose services in the past have been utilized by the Bureau as a confidential informant. The recent services of this informant have produced no information of value, possibly because his underworld contacts have knowledge that he has at various times acted in the capacity of an informant for law enforcement agencies. [redacted] recently was employed as an informant by the Bureau, and at the suggestion of the Los Angeles office, compensation to this individual was discontinued.

While the Bureau desires to obtain all information possible concerning subject Gould, the Bureau desires to inform the offices which have from time to time come in contact with [redacted] on various occasions, to the effect that [redacted] should be advised he will be compensated by the Bureau only after he has furnished definite conclusive information of value to the Bureau. If future contacts are made with [redacted] I desire to impress upon you that Agents making such contacts be very discreet in order not to jeopardize the position of this informant.

Very truly yours,

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- CC- Los Angeles, Personal and Confidential

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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