

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 7-27-28	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7-26-28	REPORT MADE BY: J. C. White
TITLE: HENRY BRETT HOMER BEE CARI ROVE		CHARACTER OF CASE: Probable Conspiracy to commit perjury in connection with trial of W.K. Hale and John Ramsey for murder Henry Hoan, Osage Indian.	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

(O. C. #74-15-17).

No further investigation necessary this case, therefore,

CLOSED.

REFERENCE: Report of Agent H. E. James, 5-12-28, Oklahoma City.

DETAILS:

At Oklahoma City, Okla.

Consulted with Roy St. Lewis, United States Attorney, Oklahoma City, who stated that no further investigation was required and that the Bureau might close this case.

DETAILS:

CLOSED.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>F. J. Blake</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-5033-1417	RECORDED AND INDEXED
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LUHRING,
Assistant Attorney General.

There is transmitted herewith, for your information, a copy of the report rendered by Special Agent J. S. White, at Oklahoma City, Okla., on July 27, 1928, in the case entitled: - HENRY CORLETT, NORMAN NEWS, CARL HOWE, Probable Conspiracy to commit perjury in connection with the trial of W. K. Hale and John Ramsey for murder of Henry Hoan, Osage Indian.

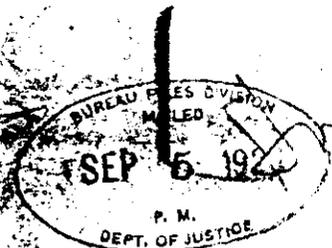
Recently the Bureau was advised by its Agent in Charge at Oklahoma City, that the U. S. Attorney had not reached a decision in this case.

The Bureau will appreciate being advised as to the action contemplated to be taken in this matter by the U. S. Attorney.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director.

Enc. #100642



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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

REPORT MADE AT: <u>Oklahoma City, Okla.</u>	DATE WHEN MADE: <u>7-27-28</u>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <u>7-25-28</u>	REPORT MADE BY: <u>J. C. White</u>
TITLE: <u>J. M. SWINGER</u>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <u>Subornation of Perjury & Prob. Consp. to commit Perjury in connection with trial of W.K. Hale & John Ramsey, murder of Henry Ross.</u>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

(O. C. #74-20-17).

No further investigation necessary this case, therefore,

CLOSED.

REFERENCE: Report of Agent H. E. James, 5-11-28, Oklahoma City.

DETAILS:

At Oklahoma City, Okla.

Consulted with Roy St. Lewis, United States Attorney, Oklahoma City, who stated that no further investigation was required and that the Bureau might close this case.

CLOSED.

DETAILS:

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September 6, 1928.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LUBBING,
Assistant Attorney General.

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The Bureau will appreciate being advised as to the action contemplated to be taken in this matter by the U. S. Attorney.

Very truly yours,

Enc. 100841

Acting Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 7-27-28	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7-26-28	REPORT MADE BY: J. C. White
TITLE: JOE BOBERTH		CHARACTER OF CASE: PERJURY, committed in trial of W. K. Hale and John Ramsey, Murder of Harry Roan, Osage Indian.	
(O. C. #74-17-17)			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">No further investigation necessary this case, therefore,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLOSED.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Agent H. E. James, Oklahoma City, 5-11-28.</p> <p>DETAILS: At Oklahoma City, Okla.</p> <p>Consulted with Roy St. Lewis, United States Attorney, Oklahoma City, who stated that no further investigation was required and that the Bureau might close this case.</p> <p>DETAILS: CLOSED.</p>			
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.**

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FILE NO: 62-5033-37	CHARACTER OF CASE: Perjury committed at trial of Hale and John Ramsey, Murder of Henry Hoan, Osage Indian.
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(O. C. #74-21-20)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No further investigation necessary this case, therefore,

CLOSED.

REFERENCE: Report of Agent J. C. White, Oklahoma City, 5-19-28.

DETAILS:

At Oklahoma City, Okla.

Consulted with Roy St. Lewis, United States Attorney, Oklahoma City, who stated that no further investigation was required and that the Bureau might close this case.

CLOSED.

DETAILS:

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>A. G. Blake</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-5033-650	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUL 30 1928
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RE:

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TITLE: <u>W. C. RAMBAUGH</u>	CHARACTER OF CASE: <u>PERJURY, committed in connection with trial of J. T. Hale and John Ramsey, Murders of Henry Roan.</u>
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(O. C. #74-16-18)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No further investigation necessary this case, therefore,

CLOSED.

REFERENCE: Report of Agent H. E. James, 5-11-28, Oklahoma City.

DETAILS:

At Oklahoma City, Okla.

Consulted with Roy St. Lewis, United States Attorney, Oklahoma City, who stated that no further investigation was required and that the Bureau might close this case.

CLOSED.

DETAILS:

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>P. J. Beave</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-5633-651	RECORDED AND INDEXED
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Oklahoma City, Okla.
July 26th, 1928.

COPY.

Mr. F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a copy of the affidavit as made by William Webster, which affidavit was used by the attorneys representing Wm. K. Hale in the motion for new trial. This affidavit was made, as you will observe, in the month of December 1926 a little over a month after the conviction of Wm. K. Hale.

The affidavit does not set up any true facts in my estimation, and was made undoubtedly at the solicitation of the attorneys representing Wm. K. Hale. Mr. J. I. Howard represented this man in an automobile case pending in this court, and you are also aware of the fact that J. I. Howard represented Wm. K. Hale. Since this affidavit was made William Webster was sentenced to the penitentiary in connection with the theft of an interstate shipment, and he was used as a witness against J. C. Bingley, who was also convicted of receiving property that was stolen from an interstate shipment. William Webster is at this time confined in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and should be interviewed by an agent who knows the facts in the Hale case. An attempt should be made to find out from Webster what lawyer had him make this false affidavit. You will observe that Webster stated that Burkhardt proposed that Webster be paid for killing an Indian. This is not true and Webster knows it is not true. Similar statements of this nature are set out through the enclosed affidavit. I wish this matter would be looked into as quickly as possible to determine whether or not this man will be used as a witness in the next trial of Wm. K. Hale.

Yours very truly,

Roy St. Lewis,
United States Attorney.

62-5032-652

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P. O. Box 1535,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
July 28th, 1928.

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Mr. J. E. Bayless,
Department of Justice,
Federal Reserve Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir: Re: W. K. FOLEY - Murder.

I am transmitting herewith an affidavit signed by one William Webster, who is now an inmate of the Leavenworth Penitentiary, having been sent up from the Western District of Oklahoma for violation of the Interstate Commerce regulations.

Webster, prior to his conviction in Oklahoma, made a complete confession to Special Agent E. D. Clark, who I understand is assigned to the Kansas City office. It occurs to me that Special Agent Clark would be admirably adapted to interview Webster in an effort to obtain from him a full statement as to why and under what circumstances this affidavit was made, as we are inclined to believe that there is little, if any, truth in it.

I would suggest that Special Agent Clark, before interviewing Webster, have a conference with Warden F. B. White, who is thoroughly conversant with all the details in the Foley case and can be of great assistance to Agent Clark in making this investigation.

I am transmitting also copy of letter from the United States Attorney, Roy St. Louis, of Oklahoma City, for the information of Special Agent Clark.

Yours very truly,

J. C. White
J. C. White, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Bureau

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

REPORT MADE AT: Kansas City, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 7-31-28	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7-31-28	REPORT MADE BY: R. D. Clark
TITLE: K. HALE		CHARACTER OF CASE: MURDER	

62-5033

Reopened Case

K.C. 70-35-45

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

William Webster, convict, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, states affidavit made by him in December, 1926, is absolutely correct. States made affidavit at request of Attorney J. I. Howard who represented subject. States originally told Attorney Howard of data contained in affidavit around Thanksgiving, 1926, and voluntarily made affidavit on request of Howard. Denies receiving any money or other thing of value or any promises of such and states reason for not coming forward with his testimony was due to fact of his not wanting to get mixed up in subject's case. States if removed to Pawhuska at time of trial will testify as to allegations contained in affidavit. Warden T. B. White believes affidavit to be untrue.

R. U. C.

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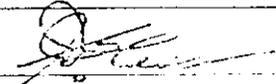
Letter of Acting Agent J. C. White, Oklahoma City, dated July 28, 1928, with enclosures.

DETAILS:

- At Leavenworth, Penitentiary -

At the Penitentiary, Agent talked with Warden T. B. White relative to the information sought from William Webster, Convict, now confined in the Penitentiary. Mr. White stated that the affidavit without question was entirely false. Together with Warden White, Agent interviewed Webster. Webster maintained that the affidavit as submitted is the truth and nothing but the truth. He states that he first told J. I. Howard, one of the attorneys representing subject, regarding the matters as outlined in the affidavit submitted by

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

REPORT MADE AT: <u>Oklahoma City, Okla.</u>	DATE WHEN MADE: <u>8-2-28</u>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <u>7-17 to 31-28</u>	REPORT MADE BY: <u>J. R. Burger</u>
TITLE: <u>J. K. (HALL) HALE</u>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <u>Murder Osage Indians.</u>	

62-5033

(O. C. #70-1)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Agent conferred with J. M. Goldesberry, U. S. Attorney, Tulsa, Okla. and his assistant re. condition of jail at Pawhuska, Okla. where Subject is now confined and friendly attitude of jailers to Subject and access to phone and other accommodations granted Subject. Harry Corbett, Fairfax, Okla. made further statement in which he stated that John Ramsey had told him in August, 1923, that he (Ramsey) had killed Henry Roan and Bill Hale knew all about it but was man that would not talk. Blackie Thompson, Oklahoma State Prison, stated Henry Cornett and Kelsie Morrison confined same prison had told Thompson that Hale's alibi would be that Curly Johnson (deceased) had killed Henry Roan at request of Roy Bunch and Ernest Burkhart; that Bunch could marry Roan's widow, which he did after Roan's death. That Curly Johnson's widow had told him (Thompson) at previous time should defense try to prove her former husband had killed Roan she would testify for the Government. Efforts being made to locate Mrs. Curly Johnson. Ernest Burkhart, Oklahoma State Prison, stated Kelsie Morrison and Henry Cornett, same prison, had continued to insist he (Burkhart) testify falsely at coming trial; that defense would prove alibi that Curly Johnson had killed Henry Roan at request and solicitation of Ernest Burkhart and Roy Bunch, now married to former wife of Henry Roan.

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DETAILS:

REFERENCE: This Agent's report dated 7-12-28.

DETAILS:

At Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Agent conferred with and furnished J. M. Goldesberry, United States Attorney and his Assistant, Harry Seaton, copies of this Agent's reports for June, 1928. Agent informed Mr. Seaton that Subject Hale had been transferred from Bartlesville to Pawhuska, Okla., where he was now confined in the Osage County



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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. C. White</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-5033-15	RECORDED AND INDEXED: AUG 2 1928
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3-Bureau 1-U. S. Attorney, O. C. 1-U. S. Attorney, Tulsa. 1-E. J. Leahy, Spec. Asst. to Attorney General 1-Edwin Brown, Spec. Asst. to Attorney General 2-Oklahoma City.	BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AUG 6 - 1928 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	CHECKED OFF: JACKSON
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Jail in front and outside exposure where he can be talked to from outside and pool in which he stays, or supposed to be confined, is left unlocked and he (Subject) has access to phone and other accommodations - such as any visitor who calls to see him which are many since his confinement at Pawhuska.

Harry Corbett, Fairfax, Okla., made further statement in which he said that since making statement to this Agent he had told his wife about making statement implicating John Ramsey in the killing of Roan and he had withheld some of the things Ramsey had told him on account of his (Ramsey's) wife being cousin to his wife and that his wife had requested him to tell all he knew and the truth, which he now desired to tell as follows: That on the Sunday in August, 1923, that he (Corbett) and his family was visiting at John Ramsey's home and they (Ramsey and himself) was on Ramsey's farm looking around, as stated in previous statement, he (Corbett) said to Ramsey, "John, you will soon be all right" and I asked him (Ramsey) "John did you kill Henry Roan?" and Ramsey replied quickly "Hell, yes, I killed him"; that John Ramsey was rolling cigarette at this time and he tore the cigarette in two and thre it on the ground and became very nervous; that Corbett then asked Ramsey if Bill Hale had anything to do with killing and Ramsey said "Hell, yes, he knows all about it but he is a man that won't talk"; that they (Ramsey and himself) then went to Ramsey's house where they had dinner and Ramsey was so nervous he could hardly feed himself and spilled water in his lap while eating. Mr. Corbett stated he and his wife had remembered that visit at Ramsey's home from the Sunday School picnic held same day in August that year.

Blackie Thompson, now confined in Oklahoma State Prison, stated he had had several talks with Kelsie Morrison and Henry Cornett, also confined in same prison, and they had told him that Hale would beat the case at coming trial; that defense counsel had obtained affidavit showing that Curly Johnson (deceased) had killed Henry Roan at the request and solicitation of Roy Bunch and Ernest Burkhart; that Roy Bunch was intimate with Roan's wife before Roan's death and after his death Bunch had married his widow and the motive was clear and would be easily proven and clear Hale, Thompson said Curly Johnson's widow had told him at previous trial that should defense try to prove that her former husband killed Roan, which was false, that she would testify for the Government but did not say what she would testify to or knew. Efforts are now being made to locate and interview Mrs. Johnson in this matter. Blackie Thompson should be subpoenaed as witness in behalf of the Government. (See evidence in previous reports.)

Ernest Burkhart now confined in Oklahoma State Prison and material Government witness, stated that Kelsie Morrison and Henry Cornett talked to him every time they met him and prevailed on him to change his evidence by forgetting some of the things he testified to at previous trial; also told him if he would consent to change his evidence they would have Hale's attorneys, Howard or Weaver, to take statement from him, all of which he refused to do and he avoided talking to them all he could. Burkhart also knows through Morrison and Cornett defense alibi and somewhat peeved and Agent arranged for Roy Bunch to visit Burkhart, which was done, and talked over between them.

Agent through above mentioned informants and otherwise has learned that defense counsel has been busy obtaining evidence that Curly Johnson (deceased) killed Henry Roan at the request and solicitation of Ernest Burkhart and Roy Lunch, who is now married to Roan's widow, and evidence that Bunch was intimate with Roan's wife during Roan's life-time.

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From
Assistant Attorney General Luhring
to

Official indicated below by check mark

Memorandum

- 0 Attorney General
- 1 Solicitor General
- 2 Assistant to Attorney General
- 3 Assistant Attorney General Galloway
- 4 Assistant Attorney General Marshall
- 5 Assistant Attorney General Willebrandt
- 6 Assistant Attorney General Farnum
- 7 Assistant Attorney General Parmenter
- 8 Director, Bureau of Investigation
- 9 Superintendent of Prisons
- 0 Mr. Pagan
- 1 Mr. Finch
- 2 Mr. Baldwin
- 3 Mr. Sornborger
- 4 Mr. Robb
- 5 Mr. Ridgely
- 6 Mr. Parrish
- 7 Mr. Wixson
- 8 Mr. Fisher
- 9 Mr. Ramsey
- 0 Mrs. Gilbert
- 1 Mr. Chase

Will you
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Bergers trip
for conference
and dinner
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LEHRING.

I have noted the attached telegram from Special Assistant Attorney General Leahy, requesting that Agent Burger be authorized to go to Colorado Springs, Colorado, for a conference, presumably with regard to the Hale case.

I do not feel that the Bureau should incur the considerable expenditure involved in a trip of this kind for the reason specified by Mr. Leahy. Every effort is being made to keep expenditures of the Bureau down to the minimum. It would certainly appear that the subject matter of a conference of this nature on the part of Agent Burger with Mr. Leahy, who, it is noted, is on a short vacation, could be amply covered either by correspondence, by telegraph or by long distance telephone, if necessary.

Agent Burger will, of course, transmit to Mr. Leahy any and all information in his possession relative to the Hale case and every effort will be made to place at Mr. Leahy's disposal all of the facts in the possession of the Bureau's Agents.

I strongly doubt my authority for incurring an expense of this kind for the purpose indicated and believe that some other method could be devised to meet the apparent exigencies of the situation.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. 100775.

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Pawhuska, Oklahoma, Tuesday, July 31, 1928.

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2 **FORMER OSAGE COUNTY RANCHER NEAR HOME NOW -**
3 **Friends Visit Him In Groups of Three to Five: Has Cell Near Door**
4 **of Building Here**
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8 **NEW TRIAL SOON**
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2 **Attorneys Working On Evidence For Trial Which Will Start On Tuesday,**
3 **Sept. 4th At Pawhuska.**
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5 William K. Hale, dubbed "king of the Osage" by newspaper correspondents
6 during his sensational trial on a charge of murdering Henry Roar, Osage
7 Indian, is nearer home today than he has been since being committed to the
8 Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, for life on the charge.
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0 Hale is today almost holding an "open house" to his friends from Fairfax
1 in the Osage County jail, as he awaits a new trial granted to him by the
2 Federal officers from Washington County Jail at Bartlesville.
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4 **New Trial in September**
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6 His new trial, will be opened here on Sept. 4. He was brought here at
7 the order of Federal Judge Franklin E. Kennemer, so that he may be near
8 J. I. Howard and William S. Hamilton, local attorneys who are represent-
9 ing him, and who are now planning evidence for the new trial.
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11 Sitting on the bed in his room in the county jail, he told stories with
12 friends of some of the things that had happened in days gone by at Fairfax.
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14 Hale said that he had no malice toward newspapers, but said that he had
15 not been given a fair trial in many ways. "If I had had as much money
16 to convict a man as those government agents had, I believe I could have
17 convicted anyone and I'm not a lawyer either."
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19 **Conscience Is Clear**
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21 "My conscience is clear. I think that my physical and mental condition
22 proves that. Up until I was arrested on this charge, I never put a full wear
23 indoors, and yet I have put in 19 months and 20 days in the penitentiary.
24 I haven't a gray hair, and my conscience is clear." He reiterated this state-
25 ment several times in his talks with friends.
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P.O. Box 1535,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

August 6th, 1928.

FJB:S

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: W. K. Hale
Osage Murder Case

I am transmitting herewith a copy of the
Pawhuska Daily Journal-Capital with information con-
cerning W. K. Hale.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge

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Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

P.O. Box 1535,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

August 6th, 1928.

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Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: W. K. Hale
Osage Murder Case

I am transmitting herewith a copy of the
Fawhuska Daily Journal-Capital with information con-
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Very truly yours,

A. J. Blake
F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LUHRING.

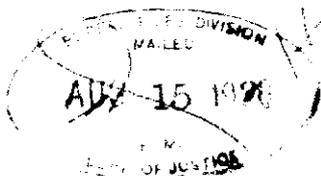
With further reference to the case entitled W. K. HALE - Murder of Osage Indians, there is transmitted herewith for your information, a copy of the report of Special Agent J. R. Burger, dated August 2, 1928, at Oklahoma City, Okla.

There is also enclosed herewith, a copy of a newspaper article which appeared in the "Daily Journal - Capital" of Pawhuska, Okla., on July 31, 1928.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. 74815.



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NEW TRIAL, SOON

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ROTARIANS ARE ENTERTAINED BY MUSICIAN TODAY

CHARGES FILED YESTERDAY FOR MAJ ROBBERY

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PAWBUKA, OKLAHOMA, TUESDAY, JULY 31, 1922

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TUNNEY RETIRES FROM RING WITH GAME CLEAR.

Heavyweight Champ Makes Announcement Which Has Been Heralded For Some Time Past

TO PRIVATE LIFE

Declares He Has Defeated Title Successfully and Leaves Ring With No Competitor in the Field

NEW YORK, July 31. (AP)—Gene Tunney, heavyweight champion boxer, announced his retirement from the ring today at a luncheon given in honor of William Muldoon, 58 year old member of the New York State Athletic commission. "I have fought my last bout as a professional boxer," his statement said.

Staging a "farewell party" to the commission, said more than 100 spectators gathered here today. Tunney declared definitely that the time has come for a change of the game to a different one.

Tunney would retire had been circulated since he defeated Tom Healey in an 11 round bout last Thursday night at the Madison Square Garden.

"Feeling still young enough to make another start in new fields," Tunney declared himself gratified for the benefits conferred by boxing to leave the game better than he found it.

"There is no contender at the present time who appears capable of attracting real public interest," he said. "If there were I might duty my retirement long enough to save him the ring, but it looks as if it might be two or three years before a contender appears."

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"My conscience is clear. I think that my physical and mental condition proves that. Up until I was arrested on this charge, I never put a full week indoors, and yet I have put in 19 months and 80 days in the penitentiary now. I haven't a gray hair, and my conscience is clear." He reiterated that statement several times in his talks with friends.

His skin is clear and dark, with almost an outdoor look, having nothing of prison pallor. His eyes are clear and almost gray as he remembers laughingly how a group of people whom he kept in a rooming house and had during several winter days—and who were going to work for him—left early one morning owing Hale about \$35 board and lodging bill for them.

"I honestly believe I put in more hours of labor, and spent more money on the poor and needy of my community, than any other man in the state, of my means," he said. "And let me tell you now I was badly over-rated in wealth. I liked to spend too much to ever have any large amount. I made lots of money and spent it the same way."

Talks of Life

Hale said that the only business relation that he ever had with John Ramsey, who is now serving a prison term of life for his part in the alleged murder, was in 1924, long after these murders were alleged to have occurred. He told of a hay deal in which he and his partner, Mr. Bezarth were afraid to trust Ramsey whom Hale described as a "whiskey head unsuccessful at anything", and finally made a deal to feed cattle for them so that they could get out of it at any time.

In telling of his life, Hale said that he farmed about 3,000 acres of land during the war and that he had ran from eight to fifteen thousand head of cattle on Osage County lands every year.

In all his activities Hale said that he was his own boss, and that he never asked anyone or had anyone else take the responsibility for them.

Hale said this morning that when government officials were giving him the alleged third degree, he counted the number of people whom he was alleged to have killed or caused to be killed and that he would not say whether it was twenty-five or twenty-six until he got down their names on a list of names of persons.

He told how he had been in the office of the warden at Lawrenceburg and listened to a federal officer he did not know until then, tell how his wife was a "half blood Osage." "If I had killed them all, I can't see how I would have benefited," he said. "There is no Indian blood in my veins by which I could inherit any-



GEORGE HANCOCK - EVELYN BRENT IN "THE DRAGNET" A PARAMOUNT PICTURE SHOWING AT THE KIEHEKAN TODAY

thing, or in my wife's wife or any of my family, although Ernest Burkhardt married an Osage and it was his family that was wiped out.

ERICK — C. E. Stone & Co., new firm, opens for business here.

PRAGUE — Fuhrman Petroleum company makes new test well south of river bridge.

SAND SPRINGS — Power and Water company \$500,000 expansions and improvements to properties.

Oklahoma will make improve-

BARNSDALL — Cedar avenue in Red Eagle addition graded.

ANNOUNCING--

BEGINNING AUGUST 1ST

THE MANHATTAN CAFE & BAKERY

We close for about 30 day in order that we may completely redecorate and repair this popular cafe.

MANHATTAN CAFE

To the Voters of the 34th District:--

I am calling your attention to an editorial in the Daily July 28th. This article has to do with Senator Fidler of the same position in which I find myself.

Like him, if I had less moral courage the state capital and its mighty power to encompass my defeat for renominating my own and refuse to take dictates from the capital knights of the word to their hirelings that I must be defeated at all hazard

It is time for the independent voter to ask himself a few

Are we selecting a senator here in the 34th district or electing your senator?

Is it to be your senator or the Capital's senator?

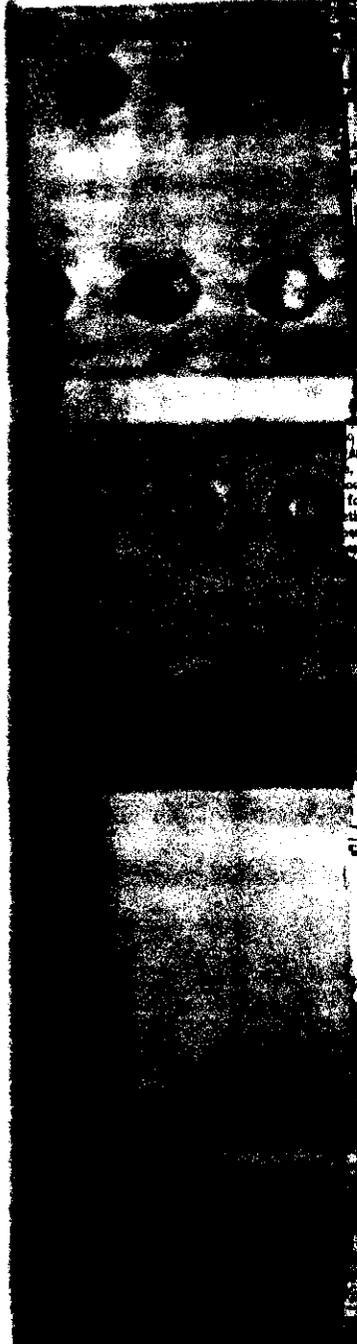
Does the senator of the 34th district look after his interest or does he look after the organized state gang and its pa-

ARE THEY AGAINST ME?

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUILDING
OKLAHOMA CITY OKLA

AT REQUEST OF SPECIAL ASSISTANT LEAHY COLORADO SPRINGS AGENT BURGER
MAY PROCEED THERE FOR CONFERENCE INSTRUCT AGENT BURGER HE SHOULD ARRANGE
IN ADVANCE IN ORDER THAT LEAHY WILL BE COLORADO SPRINGS ON ARRIVAL THAT
HE BURGER WILL NOT REMAIN THERE OVER TWENTY-FOUR HOURS THAT HE SHOULD
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ATTORNEY GENERAL
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MORE FOR CONFIDENTIALITY REASON OF RECOMMENDATION
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BUT NOT HAVE FINANCIAL CONCERN OF THE FBI REPORT FROM HIM
TO BE KNOWN BY SUSPECT STOP AHEAD OF PHONE CONVERSATION
T H BERRY.

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From
Assistant Attorney General Luhring
 to
 Official indicated below by check mark

Memorandum

- Attorney General
- Solicitor General
- Assistant to Attorney General
- Assistant Attorney General Galloway
- Assistant Attorney General Marshall
- Assistant Attorney General Willebrandt
- Assistant Attorney General Farnum
- Assistant Attorney General Parmenter
- Director, Bureau of Investigation
- Superintendent of Prisons
- Mr. Pagan
- Mr. Finch
- Mr. Baldwin
- Mr. Sornborger
- Mr. Robb
- Mr. Ridgely
- Mr. Parrish
- Mr. Wixson
- Mr. Fisher
- Mr. Ramsey
- Mrs. Gilbert
- Mr. Chase

This is a matter of double duty of some importance and arrangements should be made to comply with Mr. Leahy's request. As matter now stand case is for trial

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August 10, 1928.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LUHRING.

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Further with regard to the matter of the desire of Special Assistant Leahy to have Agent Burger proceed to Colorado Springs to confer with him, where he is on his vacation, I beg to state that I have read your subsequent expression of opinion and in accordance therewith, have instructed Agent Burger to proceed to Colorado Springs for the desired conference.

Agent Burger has been informed that the conference will, of course, not exceed twenty-four hours and he can immediately return to Oklahoma City thereafter.

In the event there is any question as to the approval of the expenditures incurred on this trip by the office of the Comptroller General, I assume it will be correct for me to refer the matter of authorization therefor to your Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

PC

Encl. 75847.

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CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT

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August 11 1928

J. E. Bayliss,
Department of Justice,
903 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.
Kansas City, Missouri.

Following wire received from Bureau Quote At request of Special Assistant Leahy Colorado Springs Agent Burger may proceed there for conference Instruct Agent Burger he should arrange in advance in order that Leahy will be Colorado Springs on arrival that he Burger will not remain there over twenty four hours that he should advise by wire arrival and leaving time at Colorado Springs and return after conference immediately to Oklahoma City Unquote Agent Burger enroute Leavenworth and Lansing Kansas Communicate foregoing information to him and advise him to conform with instructions Advise me of his movements

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J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Kansas City, Mo. August 13, 1928

FRANK J BLAKE
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 FEDERAL BUILDING
 OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

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FOLLOWING WIRE JUST RECEIVED FROM AGENT BURGER AT LEAVENWORTH
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DIRECTOR BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,

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P. O. Box 536
Los Angeles, California
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Mr. Frank J. Blake,
P. O. Box 1535,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of subpoena for Special Agent J. V. Murphy, requiring his presence at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, September 17, 1928, in the case of the United States vs. William K. Hale.

Will you kindly advise if Agent Murphy's services are necessary in this case, and whether or not you desire Agent Murphy's presence there before the date of trial.

Yours very truly,

JAMES G. FINDLAY, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Director

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Attorney General-

Washington DC-

RE UNITEDSTATES VS HALE AGENT BURGER ARRIVED HERE YESTERDAY
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T J LEAHY.

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From
Assistant Attorney General Luhring
 to
 Official indicated below by check mark

	Memorandum
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Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

P. O. Box 1535,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

August 18th, 1928.

FJB:p

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: Wm. K. Hale.

Dear Sir:-

I anticipate that it is entirely probable that I will be requested to conduct an investigation concerning the personnel of the jury panel which will be drawn for the purpose of serving in the trial of the case of Wm. K. Hale.

Please advise your wishes in regard to this matter in order that I may be guided thereby in the event the request is ultimately made.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake

F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. F. J. Blake,
P. O. Box 1535,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

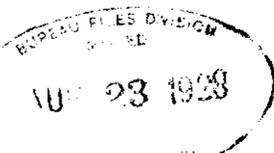
Reference is made to your letter dated August 18, 1928, requesting advice as to whether or not an investigation should be made concerning the personnel of the jury panel which will be drawn in connection with the case involving WM. K. HALE.

The Bureau believes that it is advisable to await the receipt of a request of this nature before submitting the matter to the Department for proper authorization.

It is suggested, that if such a request is made, you immediately wire the Bureau of such fact and the matter will be presented to the Department for such action as is deemed advisable.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

P. O. Box 1535,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

August 20th, 1928.

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: William K. Hale.

Dear Sir:-

Special Agent J. R. Burger has returned from a conference at Colorado Springs with Special Assistant to Attorney General Leahy.

Mr. Leahy requested that arrangements be made whereby Harry Corbett and his wife of Fairfax, Oklahoma, relatives of John Ramsey, prisoner at Leavenworth, Kansas, be allowed to talk to Ramsey and tell him they have told the truth as to what Ramsey had told them with reference to the killing of Henry Roan, etc.

I infer from information received by me from Special Agent Burger that it is the desire of Mr. Leahy that Corbett and wife be sent to Leavenworth penitentiary for this purpose. I do not know of any way in which the Bureau would defray the expenses of Corbett and wife for this trip, but I am submitting Mr. Leahy's wishes to you for instructions.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake

F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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AUG 27 1928

Mr. F. J. Blake,
P. O. Box 1535,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your communication of August 20, and notes statement therein that Mr. Leahy has requested that arrangements be made whereby Harry Corbett and his wife, of Fairfax, Oklahoma, be permitted to speak to John Ramsey at the Leavenworth Penitentiary, and your inference that it is desired that they be sent to Leavenworth for this purpose.

The Bureau desires that you inform Mr. Leahy and any other person interested that the Bureau has no funds which may be legally expended for a trip of this kind.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.**

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 8-23-28	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8-1 to 19-28	REPORT MADE BY: J. R. Burger
TITLE: W. K. (BILL) HALE			CHARACTER OF CASE: Murder Osage Indians

(O. C. #70-1)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. Myra (Curly) Johnson, Ripley, Okla., stated Henry Mays, Chas. Johnson and J. I. Howard, Attorney for defense, had told her if she would testify her husband killed Henry Roan she would not have to work any more and just name her price. Hattie Paul, Fairfax, Okla. alleged to have written two letters to Mary Roan while latter was confined in Enid, Okla. jail three years ago demanding money or she would tell what she knew; this matter being investigated. Ed Egan, Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, stated he had overheard two prisoners say that Bill Hale would beat case by fixing Earnest Burkhart through his attorney. Dewey Selph, Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, fixed dates of conversation with Hale by time he read notice in newspaper of Henry Roan being found dead in Sol Smith's pasture near Fairfax, Okla. John Mayo, Kansas State Prison, Lansing, Kansas, stated Curly Johnson was at Whiz Bang, Okla. in month of January, 1925, and gambling in oil fields. Further efforts being made to establish whereabouts of Curly Johnson during month of January, 1925. Conference had with F. J. Blake, S.A.C., J. M. Goldesberry, U. S. Attorney, Tulsa, Okla., T. J. Leahy, Special U. S. Attorney General, Colorado Springs, with reference to further investigation in this case and preparation for trial.

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DETAILS:

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REFERENCE: Report of this Agent dated August 2, 1928.

DETAILS:

MRS. MYRA (CURLY) JOHNSON, Route #1, Box 8, Ripley, Okla., stated that while she lived at Kansas City, Missouri, short time before Hale trial at Oklahoma City, Henry Mays and Charlie Johnson came to her home and told her if she would testi-

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fy that her husband, Curly Johnson, killed Henry Roan, she could just name her price and J. I. Howard, Attorney for Hale, would come and see her and she would not have to work any more. Mrs. Johnson stated she told Mays and Johnson her husband did NOT kill Henry Roan and did not know anything about killing; that few days later J. I. Howard came to her home and told her he was Hale's attorney and asked him to make statement which she refused to do and she told Mr. Howard as she had told Mays and Johnson, that her husband knew nothing of killing and for him (Howard) not to bother her any more and leave her premises.

It will be noted that CURLY JOHNSON was a tin horn gambler at Whis Bang, Oklahoma, in 1923 and 1924 and died under suspicious circumstances at Denoya, Okla., October 17, 1924 and was known as a moral coward and as stated by John Mayo, who was a close friend, that Curly Johnson would leave town if he thought there was going to be trouble of any kind and always avoided being mixed up in fights, murders, or troubles of any kind.

Mrs. Johnson stated her brother died at Ripley, Oklahoma, December 28, 1925; that she and her husband (Curly) were at Ripley from December 28, 1922 until about January 5th or 6th, 1923; that Curly then went to Whis Bang, Okla. and she went to Cushing, Okla. and worked in restaurant for a few days and then she went to Whis Bang and stayed there with her husband (Curly) until March 4, 1923, at which time she and her husband returned to Ripley, Okla. and attended birthday dinner at her father's home on that date, March 4, 1923. Mrs. Johnson stated that she could not be positive that she was with her husband at Whis Bang on January 26, 27, 28, 1923, but thought she was and would try and locate party that she worked for at Cushing, Okla. and get exact date she quit there and went to Whis Bang. She stated that her husband was gambling at Whis Bang at that time in January, 1923, and did not leave there during month of January, while she was there, and could not have been at Fairfax, Okla. or vicinity where Roan was killed. Mrs. Johnson is to be again interviewed with reference to dates obtained by her.

Hattie Pauls (Indian), Fairfax, Oklahoma, servant girl who worked for Mary Roan during life time of Henry Roan and after death of Roan and marriage of Mary Roan to Roy Bunch, is alleged to have written two letters to Mary Roan while she was confined in Enid, Okla. jail about three years ago in which Hattie Paul demanded money from Mary Roan or she (Hattie Paul) would tell all she knew and these letters are now in possession of defense attorneys. This information was furnished this Agent by Joe Carper, Ralston, Oklahoma, who had been told by John McClure, Fairfax, Okla., that his (McClure's) cousin, Hattie Paul, had written Mary Roan two letters while she was in Jail at Enid, Okla. and stated in letters that if she (Mary Roan) did not send some money, she (Hattie Paul) would tell all she knew and that Mary Roan had not sent her money as requested and she had turned letters over to defense attorneys and made stat

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ment to defense attorneys. Agent arranged with Roy Bunch and wife to see jailors at Euid, Okla. and ascertain from them if such letters were received at jail addressed to Mary Roan and if so why they were not delivered to Mary Roan or returned as Mary Roan stated she did not receive letters from Hattie Paul and knew nothing about her writing her. Hattie Paul testified at previous trial for defense but did not mention writing such letters. (See transcript of evidence given by her)

Ed Egan, Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, former attorney at Tulsa, Oklahoma, stated that he had seen two prisoners there talking to Bill Hale a short time before Hale was transferred from Federal prison and he (Egan) a few minutes later talked to these prisoners, names unknown, and they had told him that Hale was going to beat his case this time by fixing Earnest Burkhart through his (Burkhart's) attorney, by having Burkhart to forget some of the things he had said at previous trial, etc. In fact, they had Burkhart fixed and Hale would beat case this way. Egan requested this information be treated confidential.

NOTE: Earnest Burkhart told this Agent that Henry Cornett and Kelsie Morrison, now confined in Oklahoma State prison, had suggested this above mentioned procedure to him and that they could and would arrange through defense counsel all of which he (Burkhart) refused to do, as he stated to this Agent, and mentioned in previous report. Evidently in good faith to Government.

Dewey Selph, Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, stated he fix date of conversation with Bill Hale at Fairfax, Okla. with reference to kill Henry Roan by newspaper article telling of finding Roan dead in Sel Smith's par near Fairfax, Okla. about a month or so after Hale had talked to him and he s himself that Hale sure got somebody to bump Roan off.

Selph further stated, with reference to Hale talking to him whil at Federal prison, that Hale would give him papers when there appeared someth about his (Hale's) case and mentioned to him several times that he had bet W fixed and if he (Selph) did not testify against him he had case beat, no one present at time of conversations.

John Mayo, Kansas State prison, Lansing, Kansas, stated he was at Whis Bang, Okla. during month of January, 1928, gambling at oil fields near Whis Bang and while he was a tin horn gambler he was and could not have been induced under any circumstances to commit murder or a party to such a crime and while he (Mayo) could not fix exact whereabouts of other than above mentioned he knew he did not have anything to do with said murder but could not prove it.

Agent conferred with SAC Blake, J. M. Goldesberry, U. S. Attorney, Tulsa, Okla. and T. J. Leahy, Special Assistant to Attorney General, Colorado Springs, Colo. and furnished SAC Blake by letter details of conference with Mr. Leahy and such other information and further investigation desired in case by Mr. Leahy.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LUHRING.

With further reference to the case entitled W. K. (BILL) HALE - Murder of Osage Indians, there is transmitted herewith for your information, a copy of the report of Special Agent J. R. Burger, dated August 23, 1929, at Oklahoma City, Okla.

Very truly yours,

Encl. 74865.

Director.

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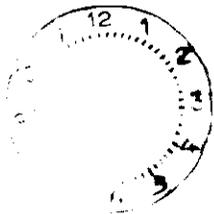
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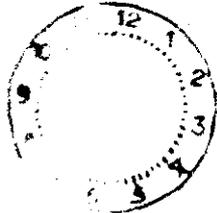
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P. O. Box #1535,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
August 30, 1928.

FJB:B.
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Mr. E. J. Geehan,
P. O. Box #536,
Los Angeles, Calif.

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Dear Sir:

Reply to your letter of August 13, 1928
relative to subpoena for Agent J. V. Murphy, requiring
his presence at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, September 17, 1928,
in the case of United States vs. William K. Hale, has
been delayed due to the absence of the United States
Attorney from Oklahoma City.

I am advised by the United States Attorney
that Agent Murphy's presence will be necessary when this
case is called for trial, but that it has been postponed
until October 1, 1928.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge

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El Paso, Texas,
September 4, 1928.

Mr. F. J. Blake,
P. O. Box 1535,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Subpoena calling for the presence of Special Agent J. A. Street at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, on September 17, 1928 in the case of William K. Hale, has been received here. A previous subpoena calling for the presence of Special Agent Frank S. Smith for the same time and place and in the same case, has been received.

I have been informed that the Hale case has been postponed until sometime in October. I wish you would advise me if this is true, so that it may not be necessary for these agents to report at Pawhuska until the exact date they are needed.

Very truly yours,

Louis DeHette
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box #1535,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
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DIVISION NO. 3

Mr. Louis DeNette,
P. O. Box #771,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 4, 1928, I am advised by the United States Attorney that the case of William K. Hale has been set for trial at Pawhuska, Oklahoma on October 1, 1928, and that it will be necessary for Special Agents J. A. Street and Frank S. Smith to be present at that time. In the event that they are wanted prior to the beginning of the trial, you will be advised to that effect.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Bureau

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El Paso, Texas,
September 10, 1928.

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SEP 16 1928
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Mr. G. E. Brennan,
P. O. Box 1535,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter advising that the case of William K. Hale will be called for trial October 1 at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, and that Special Agents Frank S. Smith and J.A. Street are stated by the United States Attorney to be necessary and material witnesses.

I wish to advise that Special Agent Smith is already under subpoena for Oklahoma City on October 2 in the case of Elmer Angel, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. I wish you would take it up with the respective United States Attorneys and endeavor to reconcile these two subpoenas. Possibly Agent Smith could testify in the Angel case in Oklahoma City on October 2 and still reach Pawhuska in time to be serviceable in the Hale case.

Very truly yours,

Louis De Nette,
Special Agent in Charge.

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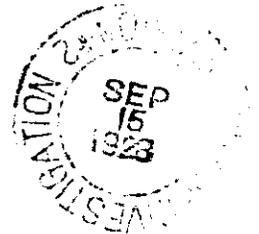
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P. O. Box #1535,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
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Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: William K. Hale.

I am in receipt of a request from the United States Attorney at Tulsa that Special Agent Frank S. Smith be assigned to assist in the preparation of the Hale case for trial, which is set on October 1, 1928.

I think that if Agent Smith reports at Oklahoma City by September 24th, it will be ample time for him to perform such duties as may be required.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge

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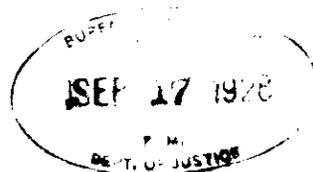
Mr. F. J. Blake,
P. O. Box 1535,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your communication of September 12th., and agrees with you that if Agent Smith reports at Oklahoma City by September 24th., it will afford him ample time to perform such duties as may be required in connection with the Hale case to be tried on October 1, 1928.

Very truly yours,

Director.



A handwritten signature or set of initials, possibly "S. J.", written in dark ink.

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P. O. Box 906,
San Antonio, Texas.
September 11, 1928.

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Mr. C. E. Breniman,
Box 1535,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

C. R. DAVIS
Special Agent

Dear Sir:

The United States Marshal's office here has subpoena for one Whitey White, witness in the W. K. Hale case, requesting his presence at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, on October 1st.

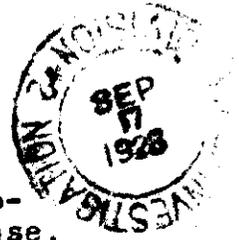
Agents C. R. Davis and John K. Wren of this office are under subpoena for appearance at Pawhuska in this case on September 17, 1928.

Please wire me whether the presence of these Agents are necessary there and if the date of trial has been changed.

Very truly yours,

J. J. Lawrence,
Acting Special Agent in Charge,

cc to Director.



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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHINGTON DC
AGENT WREN ARRIVED FAHUSKA TODAY IN ANSWER TO SUBPOENA HALE CASE
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DESIRES THAT AGENT WREN REMAIN THIS DISTRICT TO ASSIST AGENT BURGER IF
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YOUR INSTRUCTIONS DELIVERED AGENT WREN WHO IS LEAVING WEDNESDAY
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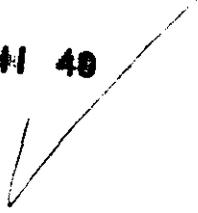
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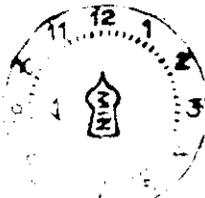
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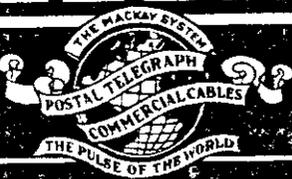
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September 20, 1928.

Mr. F. J. Blake,
P. O. Box 1535,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

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Dear Sir:

The Bureau is today advising Agent in Charge DeNette, at El Paso, to instruct Agent Smith to proceed to the Oklahoma City jurisdiction in order to assist in the preparation of the Hale case for trial.

The Bureau notes that this trial is set for October 1st. Should there be any delay in the proceedings the Bureau desires that you advise it immediately inasmuch as Agent Smith cannot remain in Oklahoma City beyond the time now set for the trial in question.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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From

Assistant Attorney General Luhring

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Official indicated below by check mark

Memorandum

- Attorney General
- Solicitor General
- Assistant to Attorney General
- Assistant Attorney General Galloway
- Assistant Attorney General Marshall
- Assistant Attorney General Willebrandt
- Assistant Attorney General Farnum
- Assistant Attorney General Parmenter
- Director, Bureau of Investigation
- Superintendent of Prisons
- Mr. Pagan
- Mr. Finch
- Mr. Baldwin
- Mr. Sornborger
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- Mr. Ridgely
- Mr. Parrish
- Mr. Wixson
- Mr. Fisher
- Mr. Ramsey
- Mrs. Gilbert
- Mr. Chase

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✓ Will you please authorize ^{by wire} the immediate assignment of Agent Frank Smith, as requested by U. S. Atty Goldsberry.
Please return envelopes and file herewith

*Alfred [unclear]
G. A. [unclear]
Mr. [unclear]*

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United States Attorney
Northern District of Oklahoma

Tulsa, Oklahoma,
September 10, 1928.

The Honorable,
The Attorney General,
Washington, D. C.

Attention Mr. O. H. Luhring,
Assistant Attorney General

Sir:

I enclose you herewith copy of letter this day written the Agent in Charge, Bureau of Investigation at Oklahoma City, with reference to the presence and attendance of Agent Frank Smith, at the trial of the case of United States vs. W. K. Hale, at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, which letter is self-explanatory. As stated in that letter, it was deemed advisable at the conference held here that Mr. Smith be transferred here as soon as possible to assist in the preparation of this case for trial.

I also enclose you copy of letter this day written to Honorable T. B. White, Warden of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, which is self-explanatory also, and which request was deemed advisable at the same conference.

It developed during this conference that there would no doubt be some very material new evidence, and that the services of Mr. Frank Smith would be very valuable in obtaining the same.

This letter is written you and copies enclosed; for the purpose of advising you and asking your assistance, if necessary, in having these men present on the dates requested in said copies of letters enclosed.

Respectfully,

(Signed) John M. Goldesherry
United States Attorney

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Tulsa, Oklahoma,
September 10, 1928.

Mr. F. J. Blake,
Agent in Charge,
Bureau of Investigation,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

As you, of course are aware, the case of United States vs. W. K. Hale, charged with murder of an Osage Indian, has been transferred to this district for trial and is set for trial October 1, 1928, at Pawhuska, Oklahoma. On last Saturday, myself, United States Attorney Roy St. Lewis, Mr. John Leahy and Agent Berger had a conference in this office concerning this case.

It developed during the conference that Mr. Frank Smith, an Agent of your Department, assisted very materially in the official investigation of these charges and in fact it is my understanding that he was constantly working on this case during all the time that it was being investigated and during the time of the former trial thereof. It was deemed advisable at this conference to request of your Department that Mr. Frank Smith be transferred to this district for such further investigation as may be necessary with reference to the witnesses and new evidence and assist in the preparation of the same for trial, and it was deemed important that this be done at the earliest possible time.

In conformity with that understanding at said conference, this letter is to request that Mr. Smith be transferred to this district for such purpose at the earliest possible time.

Yours very truly,

John M. Goldesberry,
United States Attorney.

JMG/n

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Tulsa, Oklahoma,
September 10, 1928.

Honorable T. B. White,
Warden, U. S. Penitentiary,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Mr. White:

I am writing you in regard to the case of United States vs. W. K. Hale, which is set for trial in this district at Pawhuska on October 1, 1928. You are, of course, a very material witness for the government in the trial of this case, as I understand.

Myself, United States Attorney Roy St. Lewis and Honorable John Leahy and Agent Berger had a conference in my office last Saturday morning with reference to this case, at which conference it was deemed advisable to request, if at all possible, that you be present with us at least a week prior to October 1st, to advise with us and assist in the preparation of this case for trial, and this letter is to request such presence, if at all possible.

Yours very truly,

John M. Goldesberry,
United States Attorney.

JMG:H

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
ATTENTION MR. LUHRING WASHINGTON DC

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LUHRING
ATTENTION: MR. RIDGELY.

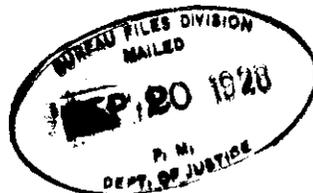
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Referring to the attached correspondence, the Bureau has notified its El Paso office to instruct Agent Smith to proceed to the Oklahoma City jurisdiction to assist in the preparation of the Hale case for trial.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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September 20, 1928.

Mr. Louis DeNette,
P. O. Box 771,
El Paso, Texas.

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Dear Sir:

Please inform Agent Smith that he may proceed to Oklahoma City in order to assist in the preparation of the case of UNITED STATES vs W. K. HALE for trial.

The trial, the Bureau notes, is set for October 1st. Should there be any delay in the proceedings Agent Smith is to request further advice before remaining in the Oklahoma City jurisdiction.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Oklahoma City, Okla.

Sept. 22, 1928.



Director

Reference W. K. Hale U.S. District Attorney requests Agent Burger be authorized proceed Leavenworth penitentiary accompanied by Ernest Burkhardt and guard purpose Burkhardt interviewing John Ramsey theory Burkhardt can prevail Ramsey give truthful statement. Burkhardt paroled temporarily from McAlester penitentiary custody U.S. Marshal for purpose assisting government Hale case. Trip to be made without expense Bureau and is distinctly understood Bureau assumes no responsibility for Burkhardt, this trip or any other time.

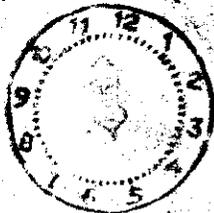
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Mr. Nathan says he supposes the Bureau will have to approve this, but there are dangerous potentialities.

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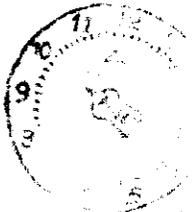


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U.S. Attorney requests Bureau investigate jury panel Hale case.

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INVESTIGATION JURY PANEL HALE CASE AUTHORIZED

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.**

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 9-24-28	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8/23-9/21/28	REPORT MADE BY: J. R. Burger
TITLE: W. K. (BILL) HALE			CHARACTER OF CASE: Murder Osage Indians.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

(O. C. #70-1)

W. J. Walter (jailor), Enid, Okla., states all letters delivered at jail for Roy Bunch and wife were delivered to them. Roy Bunch and wife state they never at any time or place received letter from Hattie Paul. John Gregg states defense attorneys had paid him \$100 for talking to different people with view of defense witnesses. Ray Smith stated he had been paid \$25 for same purpose. Mrs. Curley Johnson, Ripley, Okla. to be interviewed again with reference to dates she was at Denoya, Okla. in 1923. Considerable time has been spent in locating people for purpose of establishing whereabouts of Curley Johnson, also witnesses for trial of case, which Agent has advised SAC Blake by letters made part of Oklahoma City file.

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REFERENCE:- Report of this Agent dated August 23, 1928.

DETAILS:-

At Enid, Oklahoma. W. J. Walter, jailor at jail where Roy Bunch and wife were confined from January 17, 1925 to June 16, 1925, stated all mail received there for Bunch and wife was delivered to them.

Roy Bunch and wife, Gray Horse, Oklahoma, stated they never at any time or place received letter from Hattie Paul as alleged to have been written by her to Mary Roan.

John Gregg, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, stated defense attorneys, Howard and Weaver, had asked him to assist them in seeing different people for purpose of

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using them for defense witnesses and paid him \$100.00 for this service. Mr. Gregg stated he would furnish names and what was said later.

Ray Smith, Burbank, Oklahoma, stated Mr. Howard (attorney) had paid him \$25.00 for same purpose and promised to make further statement later. It will be noted that this is one and the same Ray Smith that Mr. Howard, defense attorney, had talked to and arranged with to testify falsely at previous trial and Smith made statement that what Howard wanted him to testify to was false.

Mrs. Curley Johnson, Ripley, Oklahoma, should be interviewed again with reference to time she returned from Ripley, Oklahoma, to Denoya, Oklahoma, in January, 1923.

Agent has spent considerable time in locating Government witnesses and trying to establish whereabouts of Curley Johnson in January, 1923; also watching movements of defense attorneys and friends, all of which Agent has kept SAC F. J. Blake fully advised by letters which are made part of the Oklahoma City file.

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T J LEAHY SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN CHARGE OF PROSECUT. CASE W K HALE THROUGH SPECIAL AGENT JOHN BURGER NOW PAWHUSKA OKLAHOMA HAS REQUESTED THAT I FORWARD ENTIRE HALE FILE TO LEAHY AT PAWHUSKA FOR USE OF HIMSELF AND OTHER GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS IN TRIAL OF CASE AM I AUTHORIZED TO COMPLY WITH HIS REQUEST FILE TO BE SENT HIM BY REGISTERED MAIL

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