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Mr. C. E. Brennan,
P. O. Box 1535,
Oklahoma City, Okla. Re: W. K. (BILL) HALE, et al,
Murder of Osage Indians.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. R. Burger, dated November 2, 1928, relating to the above entitled matter.

Your attention is invited to the last paragraph of the above mentioned report wherein it is stated that Agent Burger had been reliably informed by Government witnesses and informants that defendant's counsel and others have been quite active in talking with Government witnesses and that during such conversations they would reflect upon the character and reputation of the attorneys and agents representing the Government.

The Bureau believes that it is advisable for Agent Burger to submit a report setting forth the details of the information which he has received, together with the source of such information. It is believed that these matters should be on record in the Bureau's files.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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20 MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LUMBERG.
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25 Your attention is invited to the Bureau's
26 memorandum dated October 26, 1928, requesting ad-
27 vice as to whether or not an investigation of the
28 jury panel, which will be drawn for the case en-
29 titled W. K. HALE, et al, Murder of Osage Indians,
30 should be conducted by the Bureau.

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32 In view of the fact that it appears that
33 this case is set for trial on November 12, 1928,
34 the Bureau would appreciate your advice as to proper
35 action in connection with the request.

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37 Very truly yours,

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39 J. E. Hoover
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Assistant Attorney General Luhring

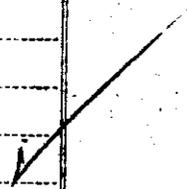
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Mr. G. E. Broniman,
P. O. Box 1555,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Re: W. K. HUBB, et al,
Murder of Osage Indians.

Dear Sir:

In connection with your letter dated October 23, 1928, relating to the above entitled matter, you are advised that information has been received from the office of Assistant Attorney General Lohring to the effect that this case has been continued until January, and that at that time the matter of investigating the jury panel would be given further consideration.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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P. O. Box 1538,
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Mr. Gus T. Jones,
San Antonio, Texas.
Mr. E. J. Cochran,
Los Angeles, Calif.
Mr. Louis DeFette,
El Paso, Texas.

Re: V. K. HALL;
Osage Indian Murder.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a letter dated November 3, 1928, from the United States Attorney at Tulsa, Oklahoma, with reference to Agents J. W. Murphy, Alex Street, Frank Smith, John Brennan and Charles Davis appearing at Pawhuska as witnesses in the case of United States vs. V. K. Hall. The letter is quoted herewith and is self-explanatory.

"As you perhaps know, the case of United States vs. V. K. Hall, No. 2900, set for trial at Pawhuska on November 12, 1928, has been continued until January 2, 1929.

The following Agents of your Department are witnesses in this case and under the process of the court, and as we are not definitely advised as to where they are now located, we ask that you advise them, by wire if necessary, that their attendance will not be necessary on November 12th, however they are under the order of the court to appear on January 2, 1929, without further process being served or further notice.

J. W. Murphy, Los Angeles, Calif.
Alex Street,
Frank Smith,
John Brennan,
Chas. Davis.

We shall appreciate this very much.

Yours very truly,

C. S. Brennan,
Special Agent in Charge.

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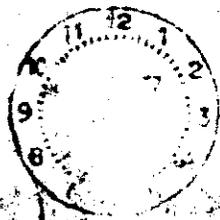
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P. O. Box 1535,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
December 3, 1928

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

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Dear Sir: Re: W. K. (BILL) HALE
Osage Indian Murder

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I am forwarding to the Bureau today
report of Agent J. R. Burger in the above entitled
matter.

Agent Burger prepared this report
in the rough at Pawhuska and forwarded it to this
office to be rewritten. It will be noted that the
synopsis in this report includes about three and
one-half pages, which is much longer than probably
was necessary, but it was thought advisable to sub-
mit it as Agent Burger had prepared the report and
is thoroughly familiar with all the facts. However,
Agent Burger will be requested to make a less exten-
sive synopsis in his future reports on this case.

Yours very truly,

C. E. Brennan
C. E. Brennan,
Special Agent in Charge.

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| REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla. | DATE WHEN MADE: 11-30-28 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: *10-25-28 to 11-24-28 | REPORT MADE BY: J. R. Burger |
| TITLE: W. K. (BILL) HALE | | | CHARACTER OF CASE: Murder Osage Indians |

(O. C. File #70-1)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Case continued from Nov. 12th to Jan. 2nd, 1929. W. J. Emery, inmate Okla. State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla., made signed statement to effect that he, Emery, lived in Kansas City, Mo., in 1921-23; that he knew Henry Grammer during that time, owing to Grammer being in the whiskey business and stopping at Emery's place; that in 1922 Grammer mentioned to him that he, Grammer, had a friend in Oklahoma who wanted a high powered job done there, and requested Emery to suggest some gunmen to do this job; that Grammer mentioned this to Emery on two occasions and on the third occasion brought W. K. (Bill) Hale with him, Grammer, to Emery's place at Kansas City and introduced him, Hale, to Emery and stated, "This is my friend from Oklahoma who wants the men to do the job"; that he, Emery, did put Hale and Grammer in touch on that occasion and on a subsequent occasion, when Hale and Grammer came again to see Emery in Kansas City, with a number of reputed gunmen. Emery stated that he personally introduced to Hale and Grammer at these times the following named notorious gunmen: Pat Bird (since deceased); Lee Currey, alias "Crewsey" (since deceased); Walter Mosely; Frank Warner; Hog Jaw Thompson; and Jim Bradley, alias Tom Alexander, alias Tom Clark (now serving 50 years in Mo. State Prison at Jefferson City, Mo., for bank job with guns at Buckner, Mo. Investigation discloses that Walter Mosely has left the country, whereabouts unknown; that the same is true of Hog Jaw Thompson and Frank Warner; that Jim Bradley is in penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo., and refuses to make truthful statement. Emery further stated that finally Hale and Grammer approached him by asking if he ever did any high powered jobs and when he inquired of them what kind of a job, they informed him that it was "bumping a man off getting him out of the way". (Above mentioned signed statement with and of Oklahoma City files).

Ernest Burkhart made signed statement in his own hand to effect that J. I. Howard, attorney for Hale, had been to see Duke Burkhart at Greenville, Texas, about October 15, 1928, and had Duke Burkhart go to McAlester, Okla., see Ernest Burkhart in prison there and tell Ernest Burkhart that if he, Ernest, would refuse to testify at all for the Government in this case, he, Howard would beat this case and would get Ernest out of the pen by February or March;

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. P. Brennan</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | RECORDED AND INDEXED: DEC 3 1928 |
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10 that J. I. Howard, had a cinch on getting Ernest Burkhart out, if Ernest would
11 refuse to testify for the Government. (Above mentioned signed statement with
12 and part of Oklahoma City files).

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14 Frank Pock, inmate of Okla. State Penitentiary, McAlester, made signed
15 statement to effect that he and J. I. Howard, attorney for defense, had secured
16 a number of affidavits for the defense in this case; that since he, Pock, was
17 sent to prison at McAlester this year, Howard had visited him there and had
18 him, Pock, talk to Ernest Burkhart in July this year and threaten Burkhart that
19 he did not do as the defense wanted in the way of testifying in this case,
20 he, Burkhart, would be prosecuted for a murder and rape case, but that if he,
21 Burkhart, did as Howard asked, that is, make certain changes in his, Burkhart's,
22 testimony, that would clear Hale in the Roan case and refuse to testify at all
23 in the Bill Smith murder, he, Howard, would see that these charges of murder and
24 rape were not prosecuted against him, Ernest Burkhart; further, that he, Howard,
25 would get Ernest Burkhart a pardon. (Above mentioned signed statement with and
26 part of Okla. City file).

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28 Ruster Jarrett, inmate of Okla. State Penitentiary, McAlester, stated
29 verbally that he was brought to Pawhuska as witness for defense; that Henry Corn-
30 nett and J. I. Howard, attorney for defense, talked to him there and asked him
31 to testify for Hale to the effect that he, Jarrett, saw Henry Roan drunk at
32 Henry Cornett's place shortly before Roan's death, and he, Jarrett, saw Curley
33 Johnson and Roy Bunch get Roan in his car between them in their cars after they
34 left Cornetts that evening; further that he, Jarrett, saw Roy Bunch pay Curley
35 Johnson some money at Fairfax that night; that he, Jarrett, told Cornett and
36 Howard that none of this was true, but Howard and Henry Cornett stayed with him
37 in his cell at Pawhuska for about two hours and finally he agreed to testify as
38 they asked, provided Cornett would testify to same effect first at trial; that
39 this proposed testimony by him, Jarrett, is all false; that Howard has been to
40 see him at the Penitentiary several times since then and on each occasion reminds
41 him, Jarrett, what he is to testify to.

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43 James Bradley, alias Tom Clark, alias Tom Alexander, inmate of Missouri
44 State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo., was interviewed but proved to be a
45 very bitter and hard boiled specimen and refused to make any statement implicat-
46 ing Bill Hale or throwing any light on this case.

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48 Ervin (Blackie) Thompson, Government witness, stated that he was taken
49 to Tulsa, Okla. by the defense to testify for defendant Hale in his hearing
50 for bond, November 2nd, 1928; that while there J. I. Howard, attorney for de-
51 fense, asked him, Thompson, privately if the statement by Hugh Washburn to
52 effect that Hale had written notes to Thompson, while both were in jail at
53 Pawhuska pending this trial, proposing that he, Hale, have Thompson furnish
54 ed with gun, with which Thompson was to effect his escape from said jail,
55 and thereafter kidnap Ernest Burkhart, chief Government witness, and take
56 Burkhart to Mexico and leave him there, was true; that he, Thompson, told
57 Howard that said statement was the truth; that Hale did write such notes;

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that Howard then asked him, Blackie, to swear to the contrary, and he, Blackie, declined; that Howard asked him, Blackie, if he would swear in "main trial" that Washburn's statement was false, and he, Blackie Thompson, evaded by telling Howard he would think it over.

W. J. (Bill) Revard, Fairfax, Okla., defense witness, made affidavit to effect that he at no time had stated to anyone that Roy Bunch had stated to him, Revard, that he, Bunch, would kill Henry Roan if Revard would go with him. Revard further stated that J. I. Howard and Bill Hale had prepared a statement in which Roy Bunch was implicated in the killing of Henry Roan, and had submitted this statement to him, Bill Revard, and sought to induce him to sign same, but that he, Revard, had refused to sign same for the reason that it was false. (Above mentioned affidavit with and part of Oklahoma City file).

Rose R. Brown, formerly Rose Park, Tulsa, Okla., made affidavit to effect that she knows nothing at all, personally, in the Hale case and while she was confined in the County Jail at Pawhuska, Okla., at same time with Subject Hale, he visited her on three occasions in the woman's ward there. Above mentioned affidavit with and part of Oklahoma City file.

Ray Roy Smith, Burbank, Okla., made signed statement to effect that while attending Walton Inauguration at Oklahoma City early in January, 1923, he was in company with Subject Hale and Henry Grammer and heard Hale tell Grammer he, Hale, was ready for a man to do that Indian job and heard Grammer reply that he, Grammer, would send "John" to do it; that he, Ray Roy Smith, has never learned to his own knowledge, by anyone implicated (other than above remark between Grammer and Hale) who really killed Henry Roan, or had it done. (Above mentioned statement with and part of Oklahoma City file).

The following for Bureau record: Ernest Burkhardt states that he was last turned to the U.S. Marshal by the Governor of Oklahoma, to be used as a Government witness in this case, Dick Gregg, another important Government witness, informed him, Ernest Burkhardt, that J. I. Howard, attorney for defense, had offered him, Dick Gregg, \$10,000.00 if he, Gregg, would get Ernest Burkhardt and take him to Old Mexico, and neither Dick Gregg nor Ernest Burkhardt be present to testify for the Government when Subject Hale's case was on trial; that Howard had stated further to Gregg that the Government Agents and attorneys would not keep their promises, and that Government witnesses were being bribed to testify against Hale by whiskey and expense money, and that most of them were convicts or ex-convicts.

Latt Williams, another Government witness, states that Carl Weaver, associate attorney in this case with J. I. Howard, for the defense, urged Latt Williams to make a false affidavit to the effect that Government Agents, while with Latt Williams, had spent as high as \$35.00 per day for whiskey, most of which they drank themselves, and further to the effect that one of the Govern-

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...attorneys had also furnished said Matt Williams money and whiskey, part of which whiskey the said Government attorney drank, and to the further effect that said Government agents associated with lewd and immoral women, all of which Matt Williams states was false, and known at the time to be false by said Carl Weaver.

Frank Pock states that he knows of his own personal knowledge that said J. I. Howard and Carl Weaver have within the past few months furnished money at different times to Dick Gregg, Government witness, and for no consideration other than to influence said Dick Gregg in his testimony in this case against W. K. Hale.

Bill McKee, Pawhuska, Okla., states that about October 1st, 1928, Dick Gregg, Harvey O. Brown and a number of others whom he did not know at that time, putting on a drunken party at the Willison Ranch near Pawhuska, Okla.

W. H. Brackett states that Dock Jennings informed him that Goldie Jennings, wife of Dock Jennings, took Dick Gregg and Harvey O. Brown, an ex-U.S. Deputy Marshal, from Pawhuska to said Willison Ranch, and that there they met J. I. Howard, attorney for W. K. Hale; that on this occasion said Harvey O. Brown had five \$1000.00 bills, which said Brown offered to Dick Gregg if he, Gregg, would get Ernest Burkhart and take him to old Mexico. Gregg, however, did not take Brown's offer.

John Gregg and A. W. Comstock state that they have evidence to prove a conspiracy on the part of the defense, including W. K. Hale personally, to kill Dick Gregg, and John Gregg, father of Dick Gregg, states he has evidence that the defense plans to kill at least one other Government witness.

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REFERENCE: Report of this Agent dated October 23, 1928.

DETAILS:

At McAlester, Oklahoma, on November 14, 1928, W. J. Emery made signed statement which reads as follows:

"I, W. J. Emery, hereby state the following to be the truth, and to which I will testify, if necessary.

I know Henry Grammer first in the fall of 1921. At that time I lived in Kansas City, Mo., and was running the Parkers I.X.I. Garage at 3028 Prospect

Grammer used to run his car into this garage, leave it, and it would be loaded with whiskey or alcohol, which Grammer hauled back to Osage County, Oklahoma.

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In the year 1922 I saw Grammer frequently. He was coming to Kansas City getting whiskey for his business in Oklahoma.

Grammer and I got well acquainted, and in 1922 Grammer approached me and asked me if I knew any high powered men he could get to pull a job in Oklahoma. I told him I did, but joked him about what had become of the Oklahoma outlaws, and he said he did not want to deal with them on this job. Grammer told me to look some high powered men up and he would see me when he came back to Kansas City next time.

I did speak to John McGowen, who was then on the Police force at Kansas City, and he wanted to know if it was a bank, payroll, or what, and I told him I did not know. He said he would see some men, but nothing further was done in this case by us, McGowen and I.

I also saw Ross Richardson and mentioned this to him. He told me to talk to Lee Curry and Frank Warner at Bill Calloway's place at 12th and Troost, I know Lee Curry as Crewey.

Grammer mentioned twice to me about wanting to get some highpowered men for a job in Oklahoma. The third time he mentioned it he introduced me to Bill Hale in my paint store, 42nd and Paseo, Kansas City, Mo. This was about September, 1922. Grammer and Hale came in a Cadillac Sedan. Grammer asked me what success I had had in getting any men and I told him we could go to 12th and Troost and meet the two men I had in view. Grammer then told me, in Hale's presence, "This is the man who wants to talk to them", indicating Hale. Hale asked me when we could see these men. I told him we could drive down there and get in touch with them, and Hale asked me if I knew these men and could guarantee them to stand hitched. I told Hale they were high powered gun men with bad reputations and that was what I understood he wanted, but I would not guarantee anything.

Hale and Grammer stayed at my place about an hour, and then about 5:30 P.M. we drove to 12th and Troost, Bill Calloway's place. At this place I asked Bill about these men, Crewey and Warner, and he said they were not there just then, but he would have them there after supper that night at 8:00 P.M. At 8:00 P.M. that night we met as agreed and went together into Bill Calloway's place, and he said the men were there and pointed them out to us. Calloway said we could talk to them in his back room. Hale, Grammer, Curry, Warner and I went into the back room and I told Curry and Warner that Hale and Grammer were the two men from Oklahoma who wanted to talk to them about a job down there. I then left the room and the other four men stayed in there for about thirty or forty minutes, and then came out together. I went to the car with Hale and Grammer and asked them what they thought of the two men, and Grammer said they had arranged for them to come down to Oklahoma and look the job over. Hale asked me if I thought they could be trusted to do what they agreed to do. I told Hale, Yes, I did think they would do as they agreed.

About two weeks later I saw Crewey and he told me that he had been to

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11 Oklahoma and looked the job over, but it did not look good to him, that
12 there was not enough money in it. Grammer told me later these men were
13 west and would not step. Grammer and I then went to Sollie Wiseman's
14 trying to find some men to do the job, but found no one that looked good.

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16 Later, about November 1st, 1922, Grammer and Hale again came to me, still
17 looking for men to do the job. We all went to Sollie Wiseman's and I
18 brought Hog Jaw Thompson out and introduced him to them. Thompson got in
19 the back seat of their Cadillac and I went back into Sollie's place. This
20 was at 13th and Wyandotte. In about an hour Thompson came in and told me
21 Hale and Grammer were ready to go. I went out and Hale and Grammer and I
22 left, Grammer telling me Thompson was coming down to Oklahoma to see about
23 the job, and Hale joking about Thompson being big enough. Thompson was a
24 big man. Later Thompson told me he had gone to Oklahoma, but had not made
25 a deal; that he was not in that line, they wanted to knock somebody off,
26 but that he had touched them up for \$100.00 "expense money".

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28 The day after we talked to Thompson at Wiseman's, we, Hale, Grammer and I,
29 also talked to Pat Bird at 48th and Troost, in the Pool Hall. I got Bird
30 out and told him there were two men who had a job they wanted pulled in
31 Oklahoma. Bird and I went to the car where I introduced him to Hale and
32 Grammer, and then I again went away, so they could talk privately. In
33 about thirty minutes Bird came and told me my men were ready to go and I
34 went out. Grammer said Thompson and Bird were acquainted and he believed
35 they could all get together. Hale remarked he liked Thompson's looks
36 better than he did the little fellow, meaning Bird.

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38 Later Bird told me he had been down to Oklahoma alone to see Hale and
39 Grammer, but they would not pay money enough; that "they wanted a whole
40 regiment bumped off, and \$1000.00 a head was not enough". I afterward saw
41 Grammer and he said Bird and Thompson had been down but he did not believe
42 they would work. I told Grammer Bird said they would not pay enough for
43 what they wanted done.

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45 This was about early in December, 1922, and Grammer asked me if I ever did
46 any high powered work and wanted me to bring a load of whiskey to his place
47 in Osage County, Oklahoma, as soon after Christmas as possible.

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49 I did go from Kansas City to Grammer's place about January 5, 1923, and
50 found BILL HALE there. Hale and Grammer asked me if I had ever done that
51 kind of a job, and I asked them what kind of a job, and they said, "Putting
52 a fellow out of the way", and I told him No, and they said for me to think
53 it over and I told them I would. Grammer wanted me to make another trip
54 to Kansas City and back right away to get some alcohol. I went back to
55 Kansas City and returned to Grammer's place about January 12th, 1923, and
56 he told me to not bother any more about that job, as they had arranged with
57 another fellow to do it.

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59 The first time Grammer and Hale were to see me in Kansas City I also suggest-
60 ed Jim Bradley, whom I had known for about a year, might be a good man for

my job. I drove out to 12th and Central and got Bradley and he and me back to 12th and Troost, where we met Hale and Grammer by appointment. I told Bradley these two Oklahoma men wanted to talk to him about pulling the job. When we got back to Hale and Grammer I went away and let them talk. Bradley told me that night that he would not have anything to do with the job. Grammer told me Bradley did not look good to him.

My former wife, now Mrs. Emily Smith, living with her sister, Mrs. Robert A. Nylander, about 812 Schafer St., Kansas City, Mo., should have my garage register for 3023 Prospect, which shows Grammer being there in 1921, as I have stated. She should also have my ledger and cash book from that place, showing where Grammer gave me a check for \$10.00 for car storage and service.

The cash book and ledger of my paint shop at 42nd and Paseo should show receipt by me of a check for \$50.00 from Grammer in 1922. Mr. Sheskin owns that property and these books were left in his care in my desk at that place in his basement, also my duplicate deposit slips.

I have read the above and foregoing statement, of six pages, and the same is true and correct.

(Signed) W. J. Emery.

Witnessed:
J. R. Burger,
T. F. Weiss.

Investigation at Kansas City, Mo., develops that Mrs. Emily Smith, now living at 1905 Kensington, Kansas City, Mo., states she recalls the books Emery mentions, but that she has no idea what has become of them after these seven years; that she had no idea they would be of any use, but if she can locate them she will so inform Agent.

H. Sheskin, 4135 Paseo, Kansas City, Mo., states that he remembers clearly Emery leaving books mentioned, but that they were left in an old desk, apparently of no value, and thrown away years ago, as he, Sheskin, had no information that they were of any use any more.

Jim Bradley, alias Tom Clark, alias Tom Alexander's record at County jail, Kansas City, Mo., shows that he was committed there January 18, 1922, and released to Sheriff, Johnson County, Mo., for murder charge, September 3, 1922. Investigation at Kansas City also develops that Pat Bird is now dead; that Lee Currey, alias Greer, is also deceased; that Walter Mosely and Frank Warner have not been heard of for several years and that the same is true of Hog Jaw Thompson, though all of them were found to have been in Kansas City at the time Emery mentioned.

Note: W. J. Emery, himself, has been confined in the Oklahoma State Prison for the past four years, for pay roll robbery, sentence of thirty years, which may account for his lack of knowledge of the whereabouts of some of the mentioned.

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12 need of some real assistance for getting evidence to corroborate the con-
 13 fession made by John Ramsey immediately after the conviction of John Ramsey
 14 and W. K. Hale at Oklahoma City some few days previously, in the case where
 15 they were tried for the murder of Henry Roan. Howard, at that time attorney
 16 for W. K. Hale, gave me a copy of the said confession John Ramsey made, which
 17 confession had been made by John Ramsey and was the second confession Ramsey
 18 had made in this case, Ramsey having made a confession to the Federal author-
 19 ities previous to said trial, and this second confession being after said
 20 trial, and differing materially from the first confession mentioned above.

22 To make this clear will state that John Ramsey made four confessions in this
 23 case; the first being to the Government before the trial at Oklahoma City
 24 in November, 1926; the second being immediately after the said trial, which
 25 resulted in the conviction of Ramsey and Hale; the third being made at
 26 Leavenworth Prison by Ramsey, after he was taken there to serve his sentence;
 27 and the fourth being made some time early in 1928, in January, I believe.

29 The second confession is the one Howard gave me a copy of in the latter part
 30 of November, 1926. This confession stating Curley Johnson was the man who
 31 actually murdered Henry Roan. Howard informed me he was in desperate need
 32 of someone to get affidavits supporting and corroborating this second con-
 33 fession. Howard gave me a list of names of persons whom he wanted me to see
 34 and secure these affidavits from. At this time I can recall some of the
 35 names Howard thus gave me as follows: Ben Hopkins, Bartlesville; Charley
 36 Wilson, Seminole; John Million, now at Blackwell; Ray Roy Smith, Burbank,
 37 Okla.; Carl Rowe and his brother, south of Henry Cornett's place in Osage
 38 County, Okla.; _____ Bozarth, Fairfax, Okla.; Bill Lucas, Fairfax,
 39 Okla.; and a number of others whose names I do not at this time recall.

41 Howard at that time instructed me that he did not want anything but the
 42 truth, but gave me to understand that my business was to get these affidavits
 43 to fit said confession, and if they were not truthful I was not to inform
 44 him of that fact, and if the persons' statements did not support this con-
 45 fession, I was to not take any affidavit from that person. Some of the per-
 46 sons I interviewed did not make statements fitting the confession, and I took
 47 no affidavits from them. Others I had to see several times until they finally
 48 made statements that fitted the confession. Then I would make notes, see
 49 Howard, who would have the affidavits typewritten and prepared for the person
 50 to sign, then I would either send the person in to Howard's office at Pawhuska
 51 (Hamilton's office) to sign, or take the affidavit with me and have it signed
 52 before a Notary Public and return it to Howard. I also questioned other per-
 53 sons whom Howard had not named, and, whenever possible, got affidavits from
 54 them to fit the confession. In all I think I got about 25 affidavits in this
 55 manner. The plain truth of it is that while I never asked anyone to state an
 56 untruth, I did give them to understand what I wanted them to state, and if
 57 they stated it that way, took an affidavit from them.

59 Howard also took a number of affidavits personally. He got a statement from
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Dick Gregg a few days before Dick Gregg broke jail at Pawhuska, and also con-
ferred with Dick Gregg several times after Dick Gregg broke jail at Pawhuska,
I being present at one conference of this kind between Howard and Dick Gregg
at Willison's Ranch, northeast of Pawhuska, where Dick was staying at the
time. I did not hear the conversation between Dick Gregg and Howard, but
Howard later told me Dick was to stay hid and not appear for the prosecution,
and after the trial Howard was to help Dick by preventing him being taken
back to Kansas to serve his time in Lansing Prison in Kansas. I made a
confession and gave Dick Gregg \$50.00 that Howard gave me for that purpose. Carl
Weaver also told me of him giving Dick Gregg money in this way on two oc-
casions.

After getting these affidavits Howard and I conferred and talked the matter over
a number of times and decided this second confession by Ramsey would not do;
would not hold water and that Ramsey should be induced to make a better one.
Howard said he would see Hale about this as I could not get to Ramsey, my-
self, and have him do it. Howard and I agreed upon what lines the Third Con-
fession by Ramsey would have to run, and later Howard showed me a copy of a
Third Confession by Ramsey, made by Ramsey while in Leavenworth Prison. This
Third Confession was along the lines Howard and I had agreed upon, and was the
most favorable to Hale's interest of any Ramsey had thus far made.

After receiving this Third Confession, Carl Weaver took Matt Williams, a
Government witness, on a long tour, including Denver, Colorado Springs, etc.,
and when he returned Weaver told me he had secured from Matt Williams an af-
fidavit, which I have read, wherein Matt Williams stated that all the evidence
he had given against Hale and Ramsey was false, and that he, Williams, had
been persuaded by Government Agents to give this false evidence against Hale
and Ramsey by said Agents getting him, Williams, drunk, showing him a good
time, etc.

I was lodged in Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Okla., April 1st,
1928, and Howard saw me quite often after that. Ernest Burkhart was in
prison when I arrived. Howard brought me three typewritten pages of Burk-
hart's testimony in the Roan case and had me make pencil notations of the
changes Burkhart was to make in case he testified for the prosecution this
time against Hale. These changes were calculated to clear Hale, and I was
instructed to talk to Burkhart and tell him of the evidence against him in
the John Thomas Murder and the Mamie Fletcher Rape cases, and tell him these
cases would be pushed against him if he testified against Hale, but not sup-
posed he did as requested. Howard gave me this Transcript Record in July
(1928) and I saw and talked to Burkhart, and he agreed to do as Howard had
outlined. Ernest Burkhart was given these three pages of his testimony, and
so far as I know, should have it now with the proposed changes thereon. I
has agreed with me, at Howard's request, to follow his attorney's directions,
whether he is to testify or skip out of the country, and further has agreed
that after the Roan trial is over, if Hale is tried on the Bill Smith case,
Ernest Burkhart already having taken care of himself in that case, will re-
fuse to testify at all for the prosecution. Howard has assured that

Burkhart, through me, that he, Howard, will get Ernest a pardon. I firmly believe Ernest Burkhart is intending at this time to follow this program, as he agreed with me he would a few days before he was taken out of here the last time.

Of all the affidavits I secured at Howard's direction I am convinced that not one states the truth in the material facts of this case.

John Ramsey made a fourth confession early this year. Howard gave me a copy of this. I do not know who procured it from Ramsey but surmise it was J. I. Williamson, an attorney at Kansas City, employed by Hale, as Carl Weaver told me Williamson had done the fixing to have this case reversed by the U.S. Circuit Court. I have read the above and foregoing statement, consisting of two pages, and the same is true and correct.

(Signed) Frank Pook.

- Witnessed:
- W. H. Brackett
- T. F. Weiss
- J. R. Burger "

Buster Jarrett, serving sentence for bank robbery in Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Okla., and who was subpoenaed by defense for Hale trial in Roan murder case, voluntarily stated that while being held in jail at Pawhuska, Okla. as witness for Hale, Henry Cornett, also defense witness, being held in jail at same time on bank robbery charge, asked Buster Jarrett to testify for Hale falsely to effect that he, Buster Jarrett, was present at Henry Cornett's house in Osage County, Oklahoma, late in January, 1928, and saw Henry Roan come there drunk; that he, Buster, saw at Cornett's at that time the Rowe brothers, who live south of Cornett's place, and also Ray Roy Smith, Curley Johnson, and Roy Bunch there at that time; also that he, Buster, was to further falsely swear for Hale that he, Buster, saw Henry Roan leave and go out the north way from Cornett's; that he also saw Roy Bunch get in front of Henry Roan by leaving Cornett's by the south way, and that he saw Curley Johnson get in behind Henry Roan by following Roan, so that Bunch and Curley Johnson had Roan and his car between them in their cars. Buster Jarrett stated further that he told Cornett this was not true and that later Henry Cornett and J. I. Howard, Hale's attorney, came together into Buster's cell and stayed an hour and a half or two hours, persuading him to testify to above in Hale's trial, and to testify further that he, Buster, was in Fairfax, Okla., that same night and saw Roy Bunch pay Curley Johnson some money for killing Henry Roan.

Buster Jarrett stated that he finally promised to testify as Cornett and Howard had asked, though he told them both that this proposed testimony was untrue, as he knew nothing at all of what they asked him to testify to, and that Cornett would have to testify first in the trial, as he, Buster, was afraid Cornett might not testify the same as he asked Buster to testify, and he, Buster, might get in trouble for perjuring himself in U.S. Court. Buster Jarrett states that J. I. Howard has been to see him since he, Buster, has been returned to prison because case was continued.

and is still asking him to testify falsely as stated; that Howard told Buster he, Howard, will snatch him out of prison if he, Buster, will testify as they ask.

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16 Ervin (Blackie) Thompson, Government witness, was subpoenaed by Hale to Tulsa, Okla., Nov. 2nd, 1928, at Hale's hearing on application to be allowed bail, but was not put on stand. Upon interview afterwards Thompson stated that when he arrived at said date, J. I. Howard, Hale's attorney, asked him, Thompson, if the statement by Hugh Washburn to effect that Hale had written notes to Thompson in the County Jail, while Hale and Thompson and Washburn were being held there pending the Hale trial, and to further effect that in said notes Hale had proposed to Thompson that he, Hale, would have Thompson furnished with a gun and Thompson was to then stick up the jailer and lock the jailer and others up, effect his escape, kidnap Ernest Burkhart, principal Government witness, and take him to Old Mexico, and keep Burkhart from being present to testify for Government against Hale in the Roan Murder case, was true. Thompson states that he asked Howard, "Do you want the truth?" and Howard answered "Yes" and Thompson then told Howard, "What Washburn stated was true"; that Howard then asked Thompson if he would not take the stand and contradict Washburn's testimony, to which Thompson states he evaded, answering Howard that he, Thompson, would think it over.

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32 W. J. (Bill) Revard, defense witness, made voluntary affidavit, which reads as follows:

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35 "AFFIDAVIT OF BILL REVARD."

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37 State of Oklahoma) 38
39 Osage County)

40 Bill Revard, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, deposes and says
41 as follows:

42 That the following in quotation is a story concerning me and state-
43 ments made by me regarding Roy Bunch and Henry Roan, which story is:

44 "That he run around with Roy Bunch and Mary Roan for 2 years
45 before Roan was killed; that they were frequently on drunken par-
46 ties together; that he has seen Bunch at Roan's house on an average
47 of 2 or 3 times a week for 1 year before Roan's death, and would
48 occupy same room with Mary and Roan was jealous of Bunch; that one
49 time, him, Revard, and Roy Cook went to Roan's when Roan was away
50 and Bunch found out about it and cussed Revard and threatened to
51 shoot Revard; this was about one year before Roan was killed. Another
52 time Revard and Roan started to Burbank and Roy Bunch said to Revard
53 that if he, Revard, would go with him, Bunch, he would go and kill Roan."

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55 That I hereby deny above story or statements; that I never made such
56 statements or told any such story at any time; that none of it or any part of
57 it is true.

58 Signed: W. J. Revard.

59 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of October, 1928,
60 D. E. Foley - Notary Public.

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W. J. Revard further stated that J. I. Howard and W. K. Hale had prepared a statement embodying, in substance, the statements contained in quotation marks above, and had asked him, Revard, to sign and swear to same as being true; that he, Revard, informed Hale and Howard that said statement was false and he, Revard, refused to sign it.

Mrs. Rose R. Brown, formerly Rose Park, Tulsa, Oklahoma, made sworn statement as follows:

"S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T"

Mrs. Rose Brown, formerly Rose Park, says that she knows absolutely nothing of the W. K. Hale murder case except what she has read in the papers. That she never had met Mr. Hale until some time in August of this year. He was then a prisoner and being held in the Osage County jail. On one occasion in the above mentioned jail the jailer called downstairs and had Mr. Hale bring up the key to the woman's department of the jail. On the next occasion she said he brought a pound of coffee up to the woman's department of the jail. On the third and last time she saw him, he came to the woman's department of the jail with William Revard, at which time he stayed ten or fifteen minutes. That he never at any time mentioned his case to her in any particular.

Signed: Rose R. Brown"

Note: This corroborates Hugh Washburn's statement that Hale visited this woman in the woman's ward, Hale telling Washburn at the time that he, Hale, expected this woman to be a witness for him, Hale.

Ray Roy Smith, Burbank, Oklahoma, made signed statement which reads as follows:

"Pawhuska, Okla., Nov. 11, 1928.

I, Ray Roy Smith, of Burbank, Okla., hereby make the following voluntary statement regarding the death of Henry Roan, Osage Indian, in 1923.

A few days, I should say three to six days, before Henry Roan's body was found in the Sol Smith pasture, I met Henry Roan driving south toward Fairfax in the old Bill Carroll pasture, southwest of Burbank, Okla. About the same time I saw Roy Bunch going east toward the road Roan was going south on. I judged they would meet about where these two roads crossed. This was about an hour or two before sundown. The weather was chilly and the roads slippery from freezing. This was in January or early in February, 1923.

The next day, or the second next day, I went to Henry Cornett's to get a disc harrow and found Curley Johnson, Henry Cornett, Bill Lucas, and another man or two at Cornett's. Curley Johnson pulled a big roll of bills, currency, out of his pocket and gave it to me, and asked me why I did not make my money

easy and not dig it out of the ground. He said he made that easy and would make more easy, but did not say how he made it. He never did tell me how he made it. I never heard Curley Johnson tell Henry Cornett he had killed Henry Roan, or words to that effect.

I made Frank Smith, of the Federal Department, a statement, which he wrote down, but I do not remember whether I signed it or not.

I was subpoenaed in the W. K. Hale trial at Guthrie by both the Government and W. K. Hale, but neither used me. I was also subpoenaed in the trial at Oklahoma City, but not used, and am now subpoenaed by the defense here at Pawhuska.

I have made no written statement to anyone, except possibly Frank Smith, and have never testified in this case at any time.

In January, 1923, while at Oklahoma City, attending the Jack Walton Inauguration, I saw W. K. Hale and Henry Grammer walking together just north of the Huckins Hotel and as I walked behind them I heard Hale say to Grammer, 'I am ready for a good man', and Grammer said 'What?', and Hale said, 'For that Indian deal', and Grammer said 'All right, I'll send John'. There was more talk between them but I did not get it all.

I have never learned of my own knowledge by anyone implicated who really killed Henry Roan, or had it done.

(Signed) R. R. Smith.

Witnessed:

T. F. Weiss,

W. H. Brackett.

John Gregg.

R. R. Smith was extremely reluctant about making this statement. He objected to putting in this statement some things he told, namely, that he had told Harvey Freas and others that he, Smith, had been in a room with Henry Grammer and Bill Hale in the Huckins Hotel, Oklahoma City, during the Walton Inauguration in 1923 and that he and Hale and Grammer were drinking; that he, Smith, lay on the bed and heard Hale tell Grammer he had Roan insured for \$25,000.00 and did not know how he was going to get his money out of the Indian and Grammer replied that he, Grammer, would send a man who would bump Roan off. R. R. Smith admitted telling Freas this, but claimed it was really stronger than the facts, and that Henry Cornett had persuaded him to make this statement to Freas. R. R. Smith stated, however, that he knew of no reason why Cornett wanted him to make this statement so strong.

R. R. Smith stated also that he got drunk at a roadhouse north of Oklahoma City and made a statement to the effect that he saw Henry Roan, Curley Johnson and Henry Cornett together near where Roan's body was found and almost saw Curley Johnson and Henry Cornett kill him. Ray Smith stated this was untrue statement by him about seeing Cornett, Johnson and Roan together, etc.

Ray Smith also stated that Roy St. Lewis took a book from him in which

had written some things about the Roan murder, but Ray Smith refused to tell what he had written in this book.

John Gregg informed agent that the book referred to was a notebook that Ray Smith at one time claimed to have made notes in while hiding under Gregg's bed in Cullerie and listening to John Gregg and another man talk. John Gregg states he took Ray Smith and the book to the Federal men and Ray Smith admitted the notes in the book were untrue and that he did not hear John Gregg or anyone make the statements as shown in the book. John Gregg states Frank Smith took the book from Ray Smith and kept it.

Agent knew in 1924 that Ray Smith had stated he had heard the conversation in the hotel room at Huckins Hotel between Grammer and Hale to the effect that Grammer was to furnish Hale a man to bump Roan off so Hale could get the \$25,000.00, and expect that R. R. Smith had heard this while attending the inauguration in 1923 at Oklahoma City. R. R. Smith admitted today that he had made that statement in 1924 and could only explain it by - "Henry Cornett got me to make it stronger than it was. I don't know why he did this. The talk I heard between Hale and Grammer was when I was walking behind them on the street, just north of the Huckins Hotel, toward the Rock Island Depot. I have never told that before today, but that is when I heard Hale tell Grammer he, Hale, was ready for a good man for that Indian deal, and Grammer said, 'All right, I'll send John'. They talked some more about it, but I did not hear it all."

When asked if he, R. R. Smith, believes they were talking about John Roan killing Henry Roan for Hale, R. R. Smith stated he does believe that was what they were talking about.

R. R. Smith is known also as Ray Smith and as Roy Smith. He seems to have no regard for the truth one way or the other and would make a very poor witness for either side upon cross-examination.

Ernest Burkhart states that the day he was last turned over to the U. S. Marshal by the Governor of Oklahoma, to be used as a Government witness in this case, in September, 1928, Dick Gregg, another Government witness, informed him, Burkhart, that J. I. Howard, Hale's attorney, had offered him, Dick Gregg, \$10,000.00 if he, Gregg, would get Ernest Burkhart and take him to Old Mexico, and neither Dick Gregg nor Burkhart be present to testify for the Government when Subject Hale's case was on trial; that Howard had stated further to Gregg that the Government agents and attorneys would not keep their promises and that Government witnesses were being bribed by the Government to testify against Hale by whiskey and expense money, and that most of them were convicts or ex-convicts.

Ernest Burkhart also states that while in the Oklahoma Penitentiary last summer Frank Pock, closely associated with J. I. Howard, attorney, had a number of talks with Burkhart, in which Pock informed Burkhart that he, Pock, was working for Howard and that Howard wanted Burkhart to change his testimony in the Hale case of the Roan murder, and that Howard had furnished Pock, for Burkhart's guidance, notes showing what changes they wanted Burkhart to make in his testimony, these changes

...ed as to clear Hale in the case; that Pock had Burkhart read these
 tations of the changes they wanted Burkhart to make in his testimony and furnished
 Burkhart a transcript of his, Burkhart's, testimony in the former trial of this case,
 and explained to Burkhart that this was so Burkhart could prepare himself so as to
 testify in accordance with the changes they proposed. Ernest Burkhart has turned this
 transcript furnished to him by Pock to F. J. Leahy, Special Assistant Attorney Gen-
 eral in this case. This corroborates Pock's statement. Burkhart states further that
 Pock also proposed, for Howard and Hale, that Ernest escape while out as Government
 witness and flee to Old Mexico, promising Burkhart that as soon as the case was over,
 Howard would procure a pardon for Burkhart and arrange so he, Burkhart, could return
 to his country.

Matt Williams, Government witness, states that Carl Weaver, associate at-
 torney with J. I. Howard for defense, some six weeks ago urged Matt Williams to write a
 false affidavit to the effect that Government agents, while with Matt Williams, spent
 as high as \$35.00 per day for whiskey and drank most of it themselves; to the
 effect that one of the Government attorneys had furnished Matt Williams whiskey,
 a part of which whiskey the said Government attorney drank himself, and to the
 further effect that said Government agents associated with lewd and immoral women, all
 of which said Carl Weaver knew at the time to be false.

Frank Pock states that he knows of his personal knowledge that said J. I.
 Howard and Carl Weaver have, within the past six months, furnished money at different
 times to Dick Gregg, important Government witness, in order to influence said Gregg
 to testify favorably for the defense. (For full details, see Frank Pock's signed
 statement.)

Bill McKee, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, states that about October 1st, 1928, he saw
 Dick Gregg, Harvey O. Brown, an ex-deputy U.S. Marshal, and a number of others from
 at that time did not know, putting on a drunken party at the Willison Ranch near
 Pawhuska, Oklahoma. This ranch is reputed to be a notorious whiskey joint.

W. H. Brackett states that one Dock Jennings informed him that Goldie
 Jennings, wife of said Dock Jennings, took Dick Gregg and Harvey O. Brown from
 hucka to said Willison's ranch and that there they met J. I. Howard, attorney for W. K.
 Hale; that on this occasion H. O. Brown had five \$1000.00 bills, which said money
 said Brown offered to Dick Gregg if he, Gregg, would get Ernest Burkhart and take him
 to Old Mexico; that Gregg, however, did not take the money; that Brown became frighten-
 ed that Dick Gregg might hi-jack him and take this \$5000.00, and he, Brown, hid the
 money.

John Gregg, father of Dick Gregg, and A. W. Comstock state they have evi-
 dence to prove a conspiracy on the part of the defense, including W. K. Hale, person-
 ally, to kill Dick Gregg. John Gregg states further that he has evidence that the
 defense plan to kill at least one other Government witness. John Gregg and A. W.
 Comstock state they fear a frameup to get Dick Gregg out of the way and Dick Gregg
 has been inaccessible for interviewing for the past several weeks. However, we are as-
 sured by Comstock and John Gregg that they are in touch with Dick Gregg and that he
 has not abandoned the prosecution in this case.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LURBING,
Assistant Attorney General.

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With further reference to the case entitled: - W. E. (BILL) HALE, Murder of Osage Indians, there is transmitted herewith, for your information, a copy of the report of Special Agent J. E. Burger, dated November 30, 1928, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

Enc. #110266

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Mr. C. E. Brennan,
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Dear Sir:-

As the result of the investigation and previous trial of the case entitled: - W. K. (BILL) HALE - Murder of Osage Indian, it appears that your office conducted an investigation of certain charges of perjury brought against J. L. Casparis, Walter Ramsey, Henry Cornett et al, J. W. Springer, Joe Bosarth, Amos Tucker, and C. C. Raddabaugh, (your files 74-15 to 74-21 inclusive). It appears that on July 27, 1928, reports were submitted by your office closing each of the above cases following a conference with the U. S. Attorney at Oklahoma City, who stated that no further investigation was required, and that the Bureau might close these cases.

It is believed to be advisable that these matters be carried as pending in your files until a decision has been reached as to whether or not prosecution will be undertaken. In accordance with Bureau regulations, as set forth in the Manual, it would appear appropriate that these cases be carried in your Monthly Administrative Report, properly designated as cases in which all investigative activity has been completed. As a matter of convenience, if you should so desire, you might consolidate your files relating to the above matters and submit a report setting forth the names of all the subjects in the title and showing that the consolidation has been made.

You are requested to reopen these cases and at the proper time again call them to the attention of the U. S. Attorney for a decision as to whether or not the subjects will be prosecuted. These cases should remain pending until they may be properly closed in accordance with Bureau regulations.

Very truly yours,

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