

CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD
KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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SECTION 30

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

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| REPORT MADE AT Cincinnati, Ohio | DATE WHEN MADE 12-31-33 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-15-33 | REPORT MADE BY H. D. Harris |
| TITLE RICHARD TALMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201; WILBUR UNDERHILL, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1191, et al | | | CHARACTER OF CASE OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash) |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. Henry Sustek and Dave Richetti at Dillonvale, Ohio, receive occasional visits from relatives from Oklahoma but reported not to have had visitors recently. Subject Floyd not identified as having been at Dillonvale. Various relatives of Adam Richetti are located at Lehigh, Oklahoma.

REFERENCE:

Letter from Kansas City Office dated 12-11-33.

DETAILS:

AT DILLONVALE, OHIO

Agent was accompanied to Dillonvale, Ohio, by Sheriff Ray Long of St. Lawrence, Ohio, who advised that Dillonvale is comprised almost entirely of inhabitants of foreign birth and that inquiries should be very discreet if such inquiries were to be kept confidential. Sheriff Long advised that he has known Postmaster John J. Azellion for many years and knows that he can be trusted.

Postmaster Azellion advised that Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sustek and family, who were formerly at Box #134, RR #1, Dillonvale, Ohio, have moved and are now at box #122, and that one Nick Balazy and family are now receiving mail at Box #134. He further advised that one Dave Richetti and wife receive their mail at box #134.

Carrier Vince Delzell who covers the above addresses, advised that the Susteks have been in this locality for many years and that they have a number of relatives in Oklahoma; that the Susteks visit these relatives in Oklahoma and have had occasional visits from the Oklahoma relatives. He further advised that the Balazy family is related to the Sustek family and that Dave

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E. J. Connelley
SPECIAL AGENT
IN CHARGE

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is also related to them; that Dave Richetti and his wife live in Dillonvale directly back of his own home and that he is, therefore, in a position to note if and when they have visitors. He advised further that the Sustek family lives approximately one mile from the main highway on a mountain side and that their home is not accessible by automobile so that when they have visitors who come by automobile the cars have to be left at the residence of Dave Richetti.

Messrs. Azallion and Dalzell, upon viewing Identification Order on Subject Floyd, advised that they have no recollection of ever seeing this man in the vicinity of Dillonvale. A copy of this Identification Order was left with Mr. Azallion and these gentlemen advised that if relatives of the family involved should visit there at any time in the future they will immediately notify Sheriff Long.

Mr. Dalzell further advised that one Clarence Richetti and his wife, Elizabeth, received mail at box #134 for several years but left there approximately two years ago and to the best of his recollection returned to Lehigh, Oklahoma.

Postmaster Azallion also located a record of a registered shipment going to Mr. and Mrs. B. Richetti, Lehigh, Okla., in December, 1932, and although no record was made of the sender of this shipment, these gentlemen stated they were sure it was some member of the family at Dillonvale.

Mr. Azallion strongly advised against making inquiry in the vicinity of the residences of these relatives at Dillonvale as he could not recommend any neighbors who might be trusted. He further advised that he will take a personal interest in this matter and if he is able to secure any information of value he will notify Sheriff Long immediately.

For the information of the Oklahoma City Office the letter of reference advised that Captain Lewis M. Meane of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Jefferson City, Mo., had informed that Adam Richetti, a running mate of Charles Arthur Floyd, has a sister named Mrs. Henry Sustek at Dillonvale, Ohio, and that it was believed Richetti and Floyd make occasional visits to that place.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Lehigh, Oklahoma. Is requested to make such investigation as may be possible to ascertain whether Subject Floyd may be visiting members of the Richetti family in that vicinity.

PENDING

625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan

December 21, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON O. MILLER, with aliases
(Deceased) - Obstruction of Justice

I have been informed by members of the Homicide Squad of the Detroit Police Department that Frank J. Lake, who resides in Chicago or Oak Park, Illinois, and who served 18 months at Leavenworth for income tax evasion, while at Detroit recently, remarked that a Mr. Allen, who is alleged to be a post office inspector at Chicago, is in possession of information regarding the killing of Verne Miller.

It is suggested that if there is a Mr. Allen attached to the post office department at Chicago, that he be interviewed and that this office be advised of the results, so that the information can be transmitted to the local police.

Very truly yours,

WM. LARSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Division

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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

December 19, 1933.



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: Richard Talman Galatas,
with aliases - FUGITIVE;
et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to report of Special Agent W.F.
Trainer dated 12/8/33, page 13, in which it is shown that
Galatas made a telephone call to LD 922, Dallas, on
3/18/33:

You are advised that this telephone at that time
was listed in the name of the American Airways Service,
Love Field, Texas.

This telephone has since been disconnected.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Suite L Federal Building
Kansas City.

December 12, 1933.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased) Et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Kindly refer to letter from this office dated December 11, 1933, to the effect that Harvey J. Bailey and Albert L. Bates informed Special Agent A. E. Farland to the effect that Bernard Phillips had been murdered by some members of the underworld sometime during the latter part of July, 1933, at a point in the vicinity of Minneapolis or St. Paul, Minnesota.

For your information, Bailey and Bates had indicated to Special Agents A. E. Farland and H. E. Anderson at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, during the trial of the Urshel Case that Bernard Phillips had been put on the spot in the underworld.

Sometime past, while talking to a confidential informant with strong underworld connections, I was advised that Bernard Phillips had been killed by members of the underworld with ice picks. The informant stated that Phillips struggled viciously and that the gangsters had difficulty in killing him; there was an indication that he was tortured while being killed. This informant indicated that the underworld is generally in possession of information to the effect that Bernard Phillips was the fourth man on a golf game at the time Holden, Keating and Harvey Bailey were captured on the Mission Hills Golf Club course, Kansas City, Missouri. The underworld, it seems, apparently believes, altho same is not correct, that Phillips

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tipped off the officers and had made his get-a-way, having been allowed to do so by the officers. According to information received, this is apparently the reason for Phillips' death, if such is the case. The informant stated that the killing of Phillips took place after an Indiana Bank Robbery last summer, in which Phillips was a participant.

In addition to the above, George (Machine-Gun) Kelly, informed me sometime past at the Leavenworth Penitentiary that Bernard Phillips was dead. He related incidents similar to the above, with the exception of the ice pick portion.

For your further information, it may be noted that Mr. Fred Judge of the automobile Protective and Information Bureau of St. Louis, Missouri, recently advised me that the woman of Lee Turner, notorious automobile thief and bank robber, had conveyed information to him to the effect that Bernard Phillips was dead having been killed by gangsters.

In view of the several divergent sources of information regarding the purported death of Bernard Phillips, it is believed advisable to give your investigation in that regard close attention. It may be possible for you to verify the information through underworld sources, especially the location of the body. I understand that you have some informants who are more or less aware of the activities of Clyde Eridges, a fugitive, who is a close friend of Bernard Phillips. Your informants in that case may be able to render your office some service in this matter.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge.

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DECEMBER 16, 1933

MR CHARLES MILLER
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES DISTRICT ATTORNEY
MUSKOGEE OKLAHOMA

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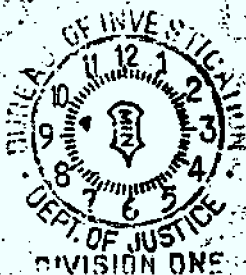


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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri

VERNE C. MILLER et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; ENDORSE TO
DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER, FRANK NASH

Dear Sir:

With reference to the letter of Acting Special Agent in Charge E. A. King of the Portland Office dated December 14, 1933, pertaining to a complaint received from Walter B. Heisel, of Juneau, Alaska, regarding Heisel's son, Walter Heisel, Jr., it is suggested that you ascertain whether Walter Heisel, Jr. was a prisoner in the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas upon the occasion of the jail break in that institution, which preceded the Kansas City massacre.

Since the Pittsburgh Office file on this matter is not complete, I do not know whether information has developed which would justify investigative attention for the purpose of endeavoring to locate Walter Heisel, Jr.

If, however, any information is in your possession indicating that this person might have information of some benefit to the Division's investigation, appropriate inquiry will be conducted for the purpose of locating Heisel, Jr.

Very truly yours,

E. A. TAMM, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

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December 14, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 12th in connection with the Kansas City massacre investigation entitled RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201, et al. It is observed that your office has not been receiving copies of reports from this office. Therefore, there is being outlined herein the result of the investigation as conducted by this office as bearing upon the murder of Miller and Al Silvers.

After Miller shot his way out of the trap at Chicago on the night of November 1st, certain effects were found in his car which gave rise to an intensive investigation here. The investigation disclosed that on August 11 and 12, 1933, through the medium of his brother, Dr. Irwin R. Silvers, an optometrist of Orange, New Jersey, Al Silvers arranged for Miller to pose as a travelling salesman for a Newark, New Jersey optical concern, under the name Stephen J. Cross, Jr., from which concern Dr. Silvers had been buying his frames and lenses. Miller secured many sample cases, frames, mountings, lenses, cards and letter-heads, so forth. The investigation has established that Miller left New York or Newark immediately after securing this set up and went to White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, where he remained until August 29th. He then went to Roaring Gap, North Carolina and remained there until September 13th, where he was between September 14th and October 22nd has not been established. However, on the latter date Al Silvers purchased for Miller at Brooklyn, New York, the Ford car which Miller had in his possession in Chicago on November 1st. It would appear that Miller was in Lima, Ohio on October 29th at which place - enroute Chicago - he had the car repaired.

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In July and August, Vivian Mathis was travelling through out the district covered by this office with Mrs. Betty Buchalter, wife of Louis Buchalter. It was definitely established that through out her travels in this district she did not personally contact Miller, although it was established that Miller was in this district off and on in July and August. When the effects were received from Chicago the investigation disclosed that Al Silvers was a notorious racketeer and gangster. He was the travelling representative of the Longie mob, headed by Abe Zwillman called Longie, which mob practically controls New Jersey and is affiliated with mobs in Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Boston, so forth. Silvers, as above stated, was the travelling representative of this mob and frequently was in Chicago where apparently he contacted Gus Winkler and others. Abe Chait operates a trucking firm in New York City and became acquainted with Al Silvers about fifteen years ago in Sing Sing. When Silvers bought the car for Miller he also had to have a New York registration. There was working for Chait a young man by the name of Herman Borenstein, whose description, except as to age, tallied with that of Miller. Silvers and Chait prevailed upon Borenstein to secure a certificate of registration under the name Frederick K. Glaubach for the car which Miller drove from New York into Chicago. Chait, Borenstein and Dr. Silvers were immediately arrested and a campaign was instituted by this office which had for its object the driving of Miller to cover. Information began reaching this office after the above named three were arrested to the effect that Miller was persona non grata among the mobs. Of course, an active search was being made for Al Silvers. On November 20th Silvers' body was found near Somers, Connecticut. Informants were requested to secure for this office whatever information they could respecting his murder. It was reported to this office that Silvers in fraternizing with Miller as he did and doing the things for him which he did, did so without the knowledge of the mob and that he was the reason for all the heat being turned on the mob; that there was some argument and Silvers got in touch with Miller; that Silvers and Miller had an argument and that Miller murdered Silvers or caused it to be done and that the Longie mob was then sent there out to get Miller. Nine days later Miller's body was found in Detroit. It would appear, of course, from the similarity of the methods used that the murders were committed by the same person or persons. Following the murder of Silvers, the Connecticut State Police communicated with this office and all the information with respect to Silvers and Miller mentioned in their letter to the Detroit Police Department of December 1st was furnished them by this office, including details with respect to Silvers' car. It was

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suggested to the Connecticut State Police that a stop card be placed with all the Motor Vehicle Bureaus with respect to Silvers' car. They informed this office that this was being done. New York State does not file by motor number. In view of the above, I do not feel that this office need undertake any investigation with respect to Silvers' car, which has not as yet been located.

You have mentioned the fact that one Louis Buchalter was interviewed by this office on the afternoon of November 28th. Buchalter, called Lepke, is probably the most important and powerful racketeer and gangster in New York City. It was his wife who gave protection to Vivian Mathis in July and August of this year. This office was on his wire for some two months but no information was secured through this means. It has been reasonably established that Buchalter was under obligation to Miller and that Miller did many jobs for the Buchalter mob in the early part of this year by way of exterminating many members of the Waxy Gordon mob. From the many implications Buchalter made on the afternoon of November 28th, it was inferred that he knew Miller had been murdered or was about to be murdered.

In my letter of November 29th you will note the name Sammy Schrage. I am returning herewith his photograph, which is New York City PD No. 51868. Schrage is a killer and has been associated with Miller for the past three years. He came from the lower East Side, as did Buchalter and all the other important members of the mob. Information frequently came to this office to the effect that Schrage is the one who was instrumental in introducing Miller to Buchalter and the New York mob. It is the opinion of this office that Schrage is the only one who could successfully take Miller out for a ride. You will note that on November 28th Buchalter said that Schrage was out of town and he expected him back in a few days. This office feels that this is the most significant thing that Buchalter said that afternoon. Schrage is now wanted for violation of parole at Sing Sing. However, this fact is not known to the New York City Police Department but is known by the detectives who worked on the case. There is no wanted notice on file at the New York City Police Department but on our records at Washington there is a notice to the effect that this office should be immediately telephoned if Schrage is apprehended.

Should any of the details concerning the investigation as conducted by this office be desired, please advise and your office will be furnished with copies of reports.

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Buchalter, as you have noted, has admitted that he was in Connecticut the week-end of November 19th, attending a pinocle party at the home of "some respectable people." This office has been attempting to secure the name of the host so that the Connecticut State Police could work further on the matter, but so far Buchalter has failed to furnish this information. It is generally believed that Buchalter knows considerable concerning the killer of Silvers and Miller and many other killings which have taken place in New York during the past year. However, nothing specific or tangible could be secured.

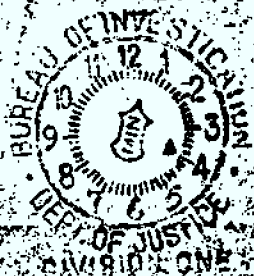
The request of the Detroit Police Department to secure information respecting Silvers' Pontiac sedan is apparently based on the theory that whoever murdered Silvers took the sedan and drove to Detroit, where it was used in the killing of Miller. It is not definitely known, of course, whether Silvers had the Pontiac sedan with him at the time he was murdered. However, it is known that for ten days prior to his murder he and the Pontiac sedan were missing.

Very truly yours,

F.L.FAY
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Division
Kansas City



Suite L Federal Bldg.,
Kansas City

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December 11, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Avenue - Room 140
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent T. H. Tracy dated at New York City, December 5, 1933, in the matter of VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner. It is shown there, and in other reports from your office that there is now pending prosecution in your District against Dr. Irwin R. Silvers, Abe Chait and Herman Borenstein under charges of obstructing justice in connection with harboring Vernon C. Miller, who was a fugitive under indictment in the instant matter. It is suggested that these individuals who are defendants in your District be carried as subjects in the caption of a case showing New York City as the office of origin, since in that District the offenses occurred.

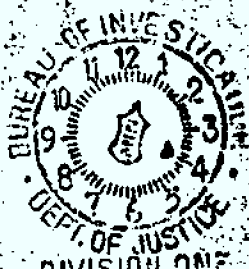
It is also requested that in each case, a summary report be rendered by the New York office and a copy furnished to the Kansas City office.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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December 11, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1420 Enquirer Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

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

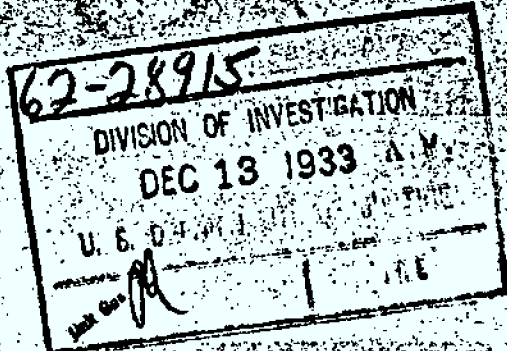
This office is in receipt of a letter from Captain Lewis M. Means, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Jefferson City, Missouri, stating that Adam Richetti, a running mate of Charles Arthur Floyd, has a sister named Mrs. Henry Sustek, Box 134, Dillonvale, Jefferson County, Ohio, and that it is believed Richetti and Floyd make occasional visits to that place.

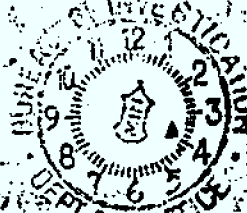
You are requested to conduct such investigation as may be possible at Dillonvale, Ohio, looking toward the apprehension of Floyd.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge.

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Suite 1
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri.

December 11, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent L. D. So-
cey, Detroit, Michigan, dated 7-12-33, wherein it is shown that
Mrs. Helen Early, daughter of Subject Bailey, and her alleged mother,
Mrs. Laura E. Bailey, reside at 2547 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit,
Michigan.

In this connection, it has been shown heretofore of re-
cord that Mattie J. Bailey is the wife of Subject Bailey and resided
at Twin Lakes, Wisconsin, during July, 1933. It has not been known
that Bailey had a daughter. Sometime ago the Division was furnished
with all known personal history of Bailey.

It is requested that necessary inquiries be made of
Mrs. Helen Early and her mother to determine fully their possible
connections with Subject Bailey.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
December 11, 1933

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

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

Having reference to your inquiry of November 28, 1933,
relative to Bruce M. Brady:

The files of the Identification Bureau of the Oklahoma City Police Department, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, reflect that Bruce M. Brady was arrested by their department on January 4, 1933, charged with vagrancy and investigation. The files reflect no other criminal record other than this. It was noticed on the officers' arrest sheet that Bruce Brady was arrested at this time with one Ace Edmondson, a notorious bank robber and ex-convict who has a long criminal record. It was further learned that Bruce Brady and Ace Edmondson are closely associated with each other and travel together.

For your information, the descriptions and photographs of Bruce M. Brady and Ace Edmondson as obtained from the Oklahoma City Police Department are as follows:

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| Name | Bruce Merrill Brady |
| Age | 34 |
| Height | 6 feet 1 inch |
| Weight | 148 pounds |
| Eyes | Blue |
| Hair | Brown |
| Complexion | Medium |
| Occupation | Insurance Salesman |
| Fingerprint | |
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Arrested Oklahoma City Police Department 1/4/33 charged
with Vagrancy and Investigation.

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| Name | Age Edmondson |
| Age | 41 |
| Height | 5 feet 11 inches |
| Weight | 148 pounds |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Hair | Brown |
| Complexion | Ruddy |
| Occupation | Painter |
| Scars | Large irregular scar 2 inches below left ear. Scar left upper lip. Right ring finger broken and stiff at first joint. |

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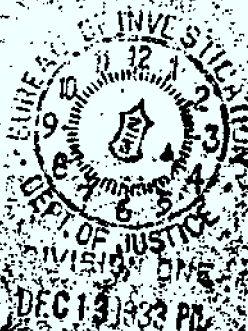
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Photographs attached.

Yours very truly,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Suite 1 Federal Building,
Kansas City.

December 11, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

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

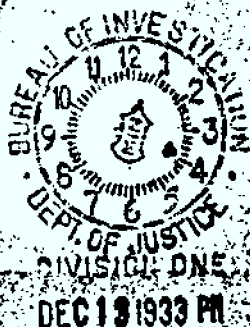
It has been reported through the United Press that Wilber Underhill married a woman named Beatrice Hudson at Colgate, Oklahoma, November 18, 1933, and that the home of Beatrice Hudson is near Capitol Hill, Oklahoma. Official verification of this report has not been had by this office, and it is requested that you take proper investigative steps with reference thereto.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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Suite 1 Federal Bldg.,
Kansas City.

December 11, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
601 Title Guaranty Bldg.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the report by Special Agent F. F. Yearsley dated at St. Louis, Missouri, 10-5-33, wherein reference is made to a Buick Coupe bearing 1933 Missouri license Tags No. 402-000, which is shown as the same car formerly used by Helen Ferguson in Chicago, Illinois. It is known that Helen Ferguson was a close friend of Fred Barker, Lloyd Barker and their mother, Mrs. Kate Barker, who travels with them. In this connection, reference is made to letter from the St. Louis office to the Kansas City office dated September 6, 1933, and letter from the Chicago office to the St. Louis office dated September 14, 1933.

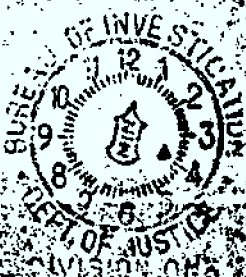
Inasmuch as Fred Barker is wanted at West Plains, Missouri, for murder and since the Barkers are likely suspects in the instant matter, it is requested that further investigation be made pursuant to the information shown in the report of Agent Yearsley in an endeavor to locate the Barkers through the available sources of information there shown.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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December 11, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

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

During a recent conversation had by Special Agent A. E. Farland of this office with Subject Harvey J. Bailey and with Albert L. Bates in the United States Penitentiary Annex, Leavenworth, Kansas, they advised that Bernard Phillips, who is the subject of Identification Order No 1196, had been murdered by some of the members of the Underworld sometime during the latter part of July, 1933, at a point in the vicinity of Minneapolis or St. Paul, Minnesota. Bates stated that Phillips had been "put on the spot" between Minneapolis and St. Paul during July, 1933, but he was unable to furnish the exact date. However, he did state that he had talked to Bernard Phillips in St. Paul prior to his arrest in Denver, Colorado, which occurred during August, 1933, when Bates was arrested in connection with the Urechel Kidnaping matter. Bates stated that he did not believe it would be difficult to verify the death of Phillips.

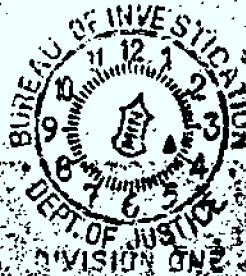
In view of the fact that this individual, Phillips, is being sought under Identification Order No. 1196, it is requested that thorough investigation be made at St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota, to verify his alleged death.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONRO
Special Agent in Charge.

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Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

On December 4, 1933, a report reached this office through the Associated Press that a party believed to be Charles Arthur, alias Pretty Boy, Floyd was wounded and in a hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Pursuant to your telephone call to Herbert A. Akers, of the Police Department at Hot Springs from Kansas City, where you were at that time, it was developed that the individual possibly identical with Floyd was in a hospital at Fort Smith, Arkansas, instead of Hot Springs.

A long distance call was then placed to the Police Department at Fort Smith and it was determined that the individual thought to be Floyd was in reality believed by the Police Department there to be one Carney of Paris, Texas. The Police Department at Fort Smith advised that the individual was in an automobile accident with two women and another man; that the other man was killed and that one of the women was the wife of Charles Arthur Floyd. However, the Police Department at Fort Smith stated that while there was some similarity in the appearance of Carney to that of Floyd they did not believe the parties were identical and stated that fingerprints could not be taken because of objections on the part of the hospital authorities.

Special Agent W. F. Trainor, of this office, under my instructions on December 4th, immediately after your telephone contact with the Fort Smith Police, communicated by long distance telephone with Captain Eslick, of the Missouri State Highway Patrol at Joplin, Missouri, and after discussion of this matter with Captain Eslick the latter departed with some of his men immediately for Fort Smith, Arkansas, which is not a great distance from Joplin.

Captain Eslick later telephoned this office to the effect that he had assisted in taking fingerprints of the party known as Carney, at Fort Smith, and that he had viewed the individual there who has a broken leg and is confined in the hospital. He stated that while there is a similarity in appearance on the part of Carney with Floyd he would be willing to positively state that they are not identical. He stated that the fingerprints of Carney were compared with those of Floyd by Special Agents of the Kansas City Southern Railroad, at Fort Smith, who were qualified to make fingerprint comparisons, and while the fingerprint classification is similar to that of Floyd they are not identical fingerprints as shown on the Identification Order #1194, issued by this Division.

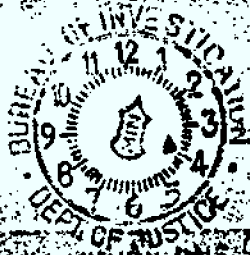
Captain Eslick advised that it was quite well established that Carney comes from Paris, Texas, and that the brother of Carney "Put up a holler" and insisted that the fingerprints of Carney be destroyed. Captain Eslick stated that those fingerprints were for that reason destroyed and same were not available for transmittal to the Division.

It is suggested that you have an Agent from your office make a final check of the situation at Fort Smith, and if Carney is still in the hospital there his fingerprints should be again taken and proper action pursued to enable the Division, or the Special Agents thereof, to examine same in comparison with the fingerprints of Floyd.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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December 11, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to your letter of November 13, 1933, addressed to the St. Louis office, referring to Confidential Informant No. 1, with whom contact was had by Special Agent J. J. Keating at Chicago.

It appears that the informant referred to one W. F. Weiss, alias W. F. Weiser, alias Big Bill Westerman, a former associate of Subject Miller, and it is shown in your letter that it is probable that W. F. Weiss may be in St. Louis.

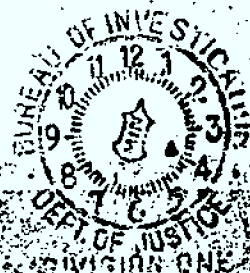
It is requested that you advise whether or not the individual known as Weiss is identical with William Weisman, frequently mentioned in this case as a suspect. If so, you are requested to pursue this information through the confidential informant further, with a view to apprehending Weisman, who is wanted at Elizabeth, New Jersey, for murder, and may be implicated in this case.

Very truly yours,

R. E. CONRY
Special Agent in Charge

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Suite L. Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

December 11, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

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

With further reference to the conference held in this case at Kansas City by the various Special Agents in Charge on December 4th, which you attended, the matter has been fully considered relative to securing an indictment against Charles Arthur Floyd at this time in connection with the instant matter, and I have discussed same telephonically with Mr. Hughes of the Division.

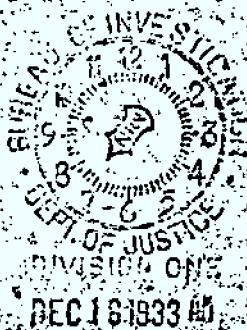
It is not deemed advisable to have such indictment returned, or to secure any process for Floyd in connection with this case at the present time, due to the probability that the fact would be immediately published, and such publicity might have an unfavorable reaction on the entire investigation. Therefore, the process will not be secured, but immediately upon the apprehension of Floyd, a complaint and warrant will be issued at Kansas City, Missouri, against him in connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

E. E. COTNEY, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
Special Agent in Charge.

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801 Title Guaranty Bldg.
Saint Louis, Missouri
December 13, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled
VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased) et al,
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash).

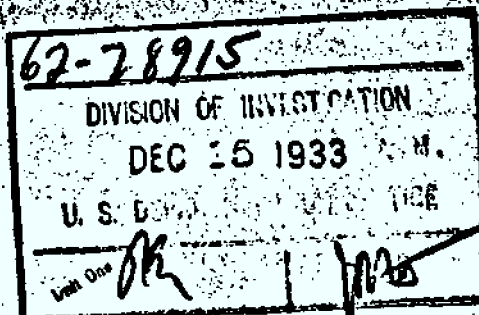
On December 13, 1933 Mr. Brooks, Chief
Clerk of the Frisco Railway at St. Louis, Missouri,
telephoned this office and advised that a brother
of Frank Nash, one Hebie Engle Nash, age 51 years,
was at this time in custody of the County authori-
ties at Benton, Missouri, charged with murder. Mr.
Brooks stated that he was transmitting copies of
the fingerprints of this individual to the Division
in Washington, and that he desired to advise this
Division relative to the arrest of Hebie Nash.

Special Agent George J. Cross of this
office, who is presently in Sikeston, Missouri, has
been instructed to interview Nash in an effort to
obtain possible information relative to the partici-
pants in the Kansas City massacre, as well as in an
effort to obtain information concerning the present
whereabouts of Richard Galatas.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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511 Hurley-Wright Bldg.,
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December 15, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Ill.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases,
ET AL, Obstruction of Justice
(Endeavor to deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash).

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated November 14, 1933, addressed to the New York office in the above entitled case. The second paragraph on page 3 of said letter refers to a pair of brown wool swimming trunks, a white wool swimming upper, and a pair of expensive riding breeches, which were forwarded to this office under separate cover for identification purposes.

The investigation in question has been completed and accordingly the above described articles are being returned to your office under separate cover.

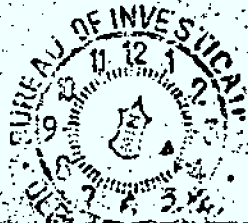
Very truly yours,

G. G. Schenken,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
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Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 7th in connection with the Kansas City massacre case, your file number 62-760.

From the investigation conducted by this office, it would appear that in July, 1932 Escar B. (Eddie) Conner, husband of Louise Conner, was living at 1402 Grand Avenue, Asbury Park, New Jersey, with his wife. At that time John Rumer and his supposed wife, Susie Rumer, were living at 370 Sterling Place, Long Branch, New Jersey. On July 29, 1932 Susie shot and killed Conner at the place where the Rumers were living. Susie Rumer was held and made a confession in which she admitted killing Conner and said she did it for the reason that he was trying to take her away from her husband and her family. John Rumer was held as a material witness, as was also Louise Conner. The latter two were subsequently released. Following her confession Susie Rumer was sent to the insane asylum at Freehold, New Jersey for the purpose of observation. She remained there for some few months and in the Spring of 1933 she was adjudged permanently insane and sent to the State Insane Asylum, Trenton, N.J., where she is now confined. The body of Eddie Conner was cremated by his wife. There was no information or evidence tending in any way to implicate Galatas; indeed, his name did not figure in the investigation which followed the murder.

For your information, Monmouth County, New Jersey has for the past few years been a summer resort for the New York and New Jersey gangsters, and particularly, the large liquor operators. The County contains such coastal cities as Atlantic Highlands where Al Lillienthal had his radio station, Red Bank, Long Branch, Asbury Park, Deal, and Belmar. The cities are practically wide open, especially with respect to gambling. The Longie mob uses Belmar as its base during the summer.

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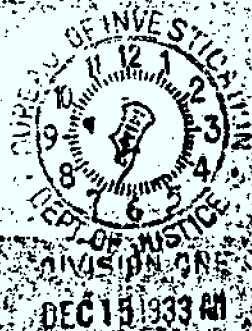
During the course of the investigation here, it was never intimated or shown that Galetas had such connections with the Manhattan and New Jersey mobs as would lead one to infer that he has been in this district for the past few months.

It is suggested that further investigation be conducted with respect to John Rumer at Indianapolis, who, according to Louise Conner, is friendly with Galetas.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY
Special Agent in Charge

cc. Division



Suite 1
Federal Building
Kansas City.

December 12, 1933.

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

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased)
ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER
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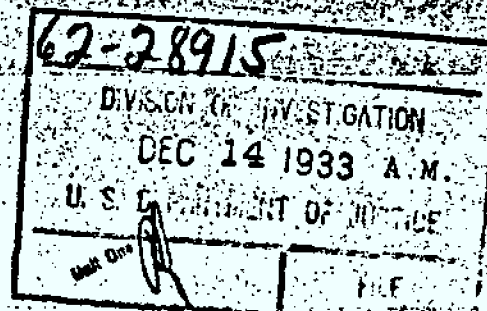
Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith eight photostat copies of the photograph of Hilber Underhill, which were received from the San Antonio office attached to a copy of letter addressed by that office to you dated November 29th. There is also transmitted one additional photographic copy, in an enlarged size, of the same likeness of Underhill, which is considered the best known photograph found to date.

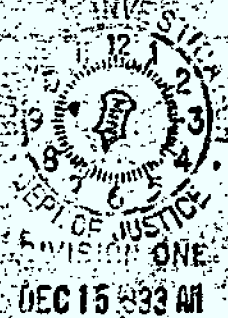
Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge.

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DECEMBER 12, 1933.



Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Please refer to the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated at Kansas City, Missouri 12-8-1933, in the case of Vernon C. Miller (Deceased) Et Al - Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, especially to pages 5, 6, 7 and 15.

The report in question deals specifically with Subject Galatas, showing on the pages mentioned herein information which indicates a possibility that the wife of Galatas has relatives in Detroit, Michigan, and that Galatas is a property owner there.

During this particular season it appears desirable that concentrated effort be made to locate this Fugitive through communications that may probably pass between his wife or himself and their various relatives.

It is requested that you perform the desired investigation at Detroit, Michigan, in an endeavor to locate the relatives of Mrs. Galatas, and the property of that Subject as a means to the end desired.

You will also note on page 12 of the report in question the names of several individuals in Detroit, Michigan, who are no doubt close friends of Galatas, especially does this appear true in the case of Edward A. Attix, Attorney, Penobscot Building, there.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
E. L. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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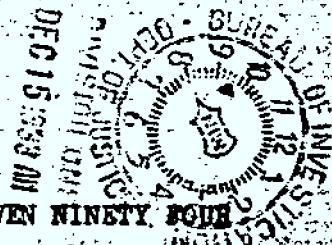
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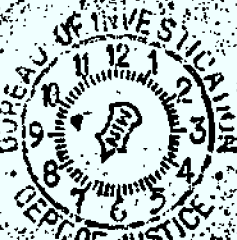
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December 12, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
318 Hewes Building,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

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

Please refer to the report by Special Agent
Mr. R. Ramsey, Jr., dated at San Francisco California, September
19th. Due to recent developments indicating that James A. Lawson
may have been in the vicinity of Hot Springs, Arkansas, on June 18,
1933, and might have been in personal contact with some of the in-
dividuals who participated in the instant massacre, it is deemed ad-
visable to request that a thorough investigation be made to ascertain
the location of Lawson, if possible, during the month of June, 1933.
It is noted in the report of Agent Ramsey that Lawson claimed to have
been in San Francisco for a year prior to his arrest on September 14,
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Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
Special Agent in Charge.

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November 28, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases,
Identification Order No. 1195,
Fugitive, et al - Obstruction of
Justice (Endeavor to Deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 17, 1933, at which time you forwarded to the Pittsburgh Division Office a card bearing micro-photographs of a portion of a lead slug and of a fired shell case, which were prepared by Merle A. Gill, ballisticians of Kansas City, Mo., said photographs having reference to the above entitled matter.

For your information please be advised that these micro-photographs were exhibited to C. R. Cobb, ballisticians of the West Virginia State Police at Charleston, West Virginia, who has made a careful study of the photographs and made notations relative to the identification marks, and stated that in the future, should he obtain shells or lead slugs from machine gun shootings anywhere in the State of West Virginia, same will be carefully examined and compared with the notations which he has made from the photographs in question.

Inquiry develops that there are no ballisticians in the larger cities covered by the Pittsburgh Division Office in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, aside from a ballisticians located at Pittsburgh. The photographs in question have been left with Mr. James L. Davidson, Chief Clerk, Allegheny County Morgue, Pittsburgh, Pa., who will compare them with shells and slugs coming into his possession from time to time as a result of machine gun shootings, and if he finds said markings to be identical, will immediately advise the Pittsburgh Division Office.

Very truly yours,

H. A. BANCHELT, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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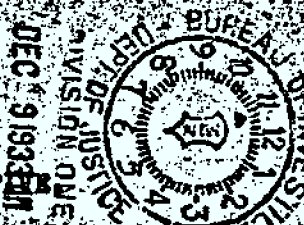
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801 Liberty National Life Bldg.,
Birmingham, Alabama,
December 8, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite L,
Kansas City, Mo.

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



Dear Sir:

Mr. Herbert H. Harper, attorney at Memphis, Tennessee, and former assistant United States Attorney at Memphis, contacted Special Agent R. E. Peterson on December 6, 1933, advising that Luther Graves, attorney for Mrs. Birdie Mahoney, owner of the Lonely Acres Supper Club, at which place Mrs. E. B. Conner was apprehended, had contacted him at the time that Mrs. Conner was in custody at Memphis, and had requested that he associate himself with Mr. Graves in the event that Mrs. Conner retained Mr. Graves as her attorney, as she had contemplated at that time.

Mr. Harper now advises Agent Peterson that Mrs. Mahoney is interested in having Mrs. Conner released on bond and will make her bond in the event that the amount is reasonable. Mr. Harper also advised that in the event that a reasonable bond is set, he has been advised by a confidential informant that this informant will contact a certain party in St. Louis, Mo., through whom the informant is quite certain to obtain the whereabouts of Richard Galatas, and that this information will then be communicated to Agent Peterson.

Mr. Harper stated that he wished it to be understood that he and Mr. Graves wish to cooperate with the Government, insofar as legal ethics permit them, and that their only interest in the matter is that of attorneys. He stated that his informant has advised him that it would not be advisable to permit Mrs. Conner to obtain any information as to this matter.

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It seems that Mrs. Mahoney has some money due her from Mrs. Conner, and is of the belief that Mrs. Conner has a sum of money at her disposal, and hopes to obtain payment in the event that she makes Mrs. Conner's bond. In addition to this reason, it is probable that Mrs. Mahoney

has other reasons for wanting Mrs. Conner released.

Mr. Harper asked that this office communicate with you to ascertain what could be done with reference to the above mentioned matter. He stated that he feels quite certain that the informant would be able to obtain information as to the whereabouts of Galatas.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Division ✓

1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

December 4, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Captain Harmon, who is in charge of the State Police Identification Bureau, Lansing, Michigan, came in to see me this morning and informed me that he has an informant in Chicago who told him yesterday that the persons who killed Verne Miller were Pete Licavoli and Freddie Fredericks, killers for the Purple Gang in Detroit. He stated that this informant advised him that some weeks ago he saw Verne Miller in Chicago, at which time Miller told him that he was endeavoring to get in with the Purple Gang in Detroit and that the only persons who objected to it were Abe Axel and one other member of the gang, who was also killed recently with Axel.

Verne Miller is alleged to have stated to the Purple Gang that he desired to become connected with them and that they informed him that he should leave this section of the country for at least six months, until things died down a bit. He refused to do this and when he found opposition in Abe Axel and the other member of the gang, he is thought by this informant to have killed them. This informant's theory, according to Captain Harmon, is that Licavoli and Fredericks killed Verne Miller as a matter of revenge for the deaths of Axel and the other Purple gangster who was killed recently.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Suite 1 Federal Building
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December 6, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
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Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I O #1195, ET AL
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (ENDEAVOR TO DELIVER
FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH)

Confirming my telephone conversation had with you on December 5th, reference is made to report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, November 28, 1933. Particular attention is invited to pages 7, 8 and 9 of that report. It appears that there were telephone calls from Chicago, Illinois, to Vernon C. Miller, or others, at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 16th, which have not been to date discovered. Suggestions are made in the report that certain telephones in Chicago be checked to secure a record of these calls. In view of the fact that it is evidently the custom in most places of the telephone companies to destroy long distance telephone records at the end of one year from the date calls are made, immediate attention should be given to this phase of the investigation, and photostatic copies of the toll tickets should be made and the originals preserved.

It has occurred through discussion of this case, that friends of Nash might have put Richard Tallman Galatas and Vernon C. Miller in contact with each other on the night of June 16th, by calling from Chicago, Illinois, to Kansas City, Missouri, where Miller was reached and then by calling Hot Springs, Arkansas, in order to relay the information to Galatas as to where he could reach Miller. It is noted that Galatas' telephone in Hot Springs, Arkansas, was 3842, and the telephone of Mrs. E. E. Conner, a close friend of Galatas in Hot Springs, was 2970. While Galatas