

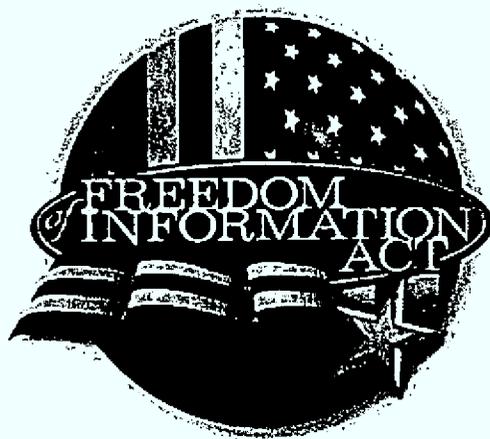
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SUBJECT: CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD

KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

FILE: 62-28915

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KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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DIVISION ONE



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

Dear Sir:

IN RE: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, I.O.
#1194, ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

I am transmitting, under separate cover by registered mail, for appropriate analysis in the Division's laboratory, a cartridge and bullet obtained by Sheriff Thomas B. Bash, of Kansas City, at Wellsville, Ohio and which were apparently from the machine gun abandoned by Floyd following the gun battle with the Chief of Police at Wellsville. These articles were both turned over to Mr. Bash by A. H. Israel, Wellsville, Ohio, who resides in the vicinity of the place where Richetti was arrested, and who reported to Mr. Bash that he picked both the articles up. The bullet went into Israel's house and the cartridge case was found in the vicinity.

I am not advised as to whether the Division has other specimens from this occurrence, but am forwarding these for appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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November 7, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Nashville, Tennessee.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD
with aliases, (Deceased) et al,
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated October 22, 1934 in the above entitled case, wherein you advised of the receipt of a letter from Mr. W. H. Backett, Chief of Detectives, Chattanooga, Tennessee, relative to information obtained by an informant and furnished your office, respecting the whereabouts of subject Richard Tallman Galatas. It appears from a review of the Division file that the letter of your office, dated September 13, 1934, was received by the New Orleans Office on September 15, 1934 and promptly assigned to an agent for investigation, but because of an emergency existent at that office, it did not receive immediate attention. In the meantime, George T. Burt, Jr., Huber Hotel, 423 St. Charles Street, New Orleans, Louisiana had also observed the photograph of Galatas appearing in the Liberty Magazine and noted that it closely resembled an individual known to him as Edwin W. Lee or William Lee who occupied an office in Room 503, Stern Building, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Burt first reported his observation to the Honorable Rene A. Viosca, United States Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana on September 22, 1934. Mr. Viosca, thereupon, furnished the information to the New Orleans Office of the Division and it was immediately acted upon resulting in the apprehension of subject Galatas.

It is noted that the information furnished by Mr. Burt was accurate as to the room number and the name of the building whereas the information furnished by the informant of the Chattanooga, Tennessee Police Department was at variance although, had it been given immediate investigative attention would, undoubtedly, have resulted in the location and apprehension of Galatas. Of course there is an

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element of probability respecting the information furnished by the informant of the Chattanooga, Tennessee Police Department. The Division is, however, making no recommendation with respect to the reward but is simply furnishing a memorandum of the facts reflected by the file.

You are instructed to contact Mr. Mackett, Chief of Detectives, Chattanooga, Tennessee Police Department and advise him fully with respect to the situation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - New Orleans
Kansas City.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Postoffice Box 419,
Nashville, Tennessee,
October 25, 1934.

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WAR:T

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

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

Dear Sir:

In confirmation of my telegram to the Division dated October 25, 1934, in the above case, attention is directed to my letter to the New Orleans office under date of September 13, 1934, wherein certain information is furnished concerning the possible location of Richard T. Galatas at New Orleans. This information was received from the Chattanooga police, through one of their informants, on September 13th, and on the same date it was transmitted to the New Orleans office.

I discussed this matter over the telephone with Special Agent D. W. Magee, who stated that it is probable that had this lead been developed previous to receipt of information furnished to the New Orleans office through an informant of the U. S. Attorney at New Orleans, that it undoubtedly would have resulted in the location and apprehension of Mr. and Mrs. Galatas.

I am now in receipt of a letter from Mr. W. H. Hackett, Chief of Detectives, Chattanooga, Tennessee, advising that [redacted] Signal Mountain, Tennessee, was the informant who furnished the Chattanooga police with the information which I transmitted to the Nashville office, and that both [redacted] and the Chattanooga police are interested in determining whether the information furnished by him was instrumental in the location of Galatas, particularly since [redacted] is interested in the reward, and that apparently he is entitled to share in same. b7D

In view of the fact that Special Agent D. W. Magee informed me that the Division is transmitting information to the Liberty magazine, I am calling the above information to the Division's attention, in order

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that proper action may be taken in connection with the information furnished the Nashville office by the Chattanooga police.

I am advising the Chattanooga Police Department that this matter is being referred to the Division for appropriate attention, and I am attaching hereto copies of the letters received by the Nashville office from the Chattanooga police, which letters are dated September 11, 1934, September 14, 1934 and October 11, 1934.

Very truly yours,



W. A. RORER,
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl.

cc-Kansas City.

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James*

CITY OF CHATTANOOGA,
Chattanooga, Tennessee,
September 11, 1934.

Agent in Charge,
Department of Justice,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Young man named [REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] New Orleans, La. was reading a Liberty
Magazine and feels that he has seen one Richard Tallman Galatas
alias Dick Sherdian who is wanted in connection with the Kansas
City murder as advertised in the Liberty.

Young [REDACTED] says a man using name of E. W. Lee who has
stopped at the Carroll Apartment Hotel, the Ponchatrain Hotel and
at 406 Stearns Building, New Orleans resembles the photo of Galatas
as given in the Liberty. Says Lee is representing some paint concern
out of Los Angeles.

The photo of Galatas in the Liberty does in no way com-
pare with the photo of subject sent out by your department dated
August 1, 1933.

This information passed on to your department as one
can never tell until proper investigation has been made.

Respectfully

(Signed) W. R. Hyatt

Acting Chief of Detectives.

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CITY OF CHATTANOOGA
Chattanooga, Tennessee,
September 14, 1934.

W. A. Rorer,
Special Agent in Charge,
Department of Justice,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 13th inst. relative to name and address of young [REDACTED] who gave information as to Galatas alias Sheridan as suspect being in New Orleans, La., beg to advise young [REDACTED] who made report did not want his name used and therefore did not get his name and address, only that of his father. [REDACTED] boy making report was not the brother that actually saw the suspect, but another brother had told him and he said this brother was now in Florida but would not give his address. b7D

It seems that this boy's father who is in New Orleans, La. and the suspect in question visit with each other and they are afraid the father might be lured into a trap if this should be the prisoner in question.

Respectfully

(Signed) W. H. Hackett
Chief of Detectives.

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CITY OF CHATTANOOGA,
Chattanooga, Tennessee,
~~September 11, 1934~~
October 11, 1934.

W. A. Rorer,
Special Agent in Charge,
Post Office Box 419
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

With reference to my letter to you on September 13th, 1934 in regards to Richard Tallman Galatas wanted by your Department being in New Orleans, La. beg to advise a newspaper account was in Chattanooga News on the 10th inst. stating subject was captured in New Orleans, La. on September 22nd, and am wondering if subject captured on information given by this office.

Since writing you I have obtained young [redacted] name and address:

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[redacted]

Young [redacted] was in the office this morning and of course is interested in the reward and is, no doubt, entitled to share in same if subject arrested as per information furnished.

Thanking you for a reply, I am,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) W. H. Hackett

Chief of Detectives.

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Postoffice Box 412,
Nashville, Tennessee,
October 25, 1934.

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WANT

Mr. W. E. Haskett,
Chief of Detectives,
Police Department,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) with als;
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, W.A.-FUG.
I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR (PRETTY BOY)
FLOYD, with aliases-FUG., I.O. 1194,
et al - Conspiracy to Deliver Fed. Prisoners

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated
October 11, 1934, in connection with information previously furnish-
ed this office by your letters dated September 11 and September 14,
1934, concerning the possible location of Richard Tallman Galatas
in New Orleans, La.

Copies of your letters have been furnished to this
Division in Washington, D. C. for appropriate attention.

With assurances of appreciation for your cooperation in
this matter, and my very sincere personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. A. BOKER,
Special Agent in Charge.

Bcc-Division

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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October 22, 1934

10:10 AM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

W. K. R. ✓
J. S. ✓

A telephone call was received from Mr. R. B. Nathan, who inquired how the Division would feel about advising Mr. Milligan, the United States Attorney there, of Ackers connection with the apprehension of Nash, that the United States Attorney has Acker's subpoena there and is considering indicting him if he can get a little evidence, and that it would be desirable for him to have his background before questioning him before the Grand Jury. I told him that I thought we should tell them about it.

He stated that he was supposed to go to Topeka today to talk before a Peace Officers Convention and that it looked like he would have to remain where he is. He inquired if it would be all right if Spear went over to make the speech, which has already been approved. I told him, after consulting Mr. Tolson, that it would be all right.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division October 15, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

Enclosure: #798541

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Laboratory Report

October 24, 1934

Case: Vernon C. Miller with aliases (deceased); Number: 62-28915-2750
Richard Tallman Galatas with aliases, I.O.
#1201; Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd with
aliases, I.O. #1194, et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Specimens:
One exploded shell case fired from a .45 calibre automatic pistol.
One bullet and exploded shell case fired from a .380 calibre Colt
automatic pistol.

Examination requested by: Kansas City Division Office

Date received: October 15, 1934

Examination requested: Ballistic

Result of examination:

Examination by: Wiard *SW*

The above mentioned exhibits have been received in the Laboratory.
They have been checked against exhibits in the Laboratory File and no
identification has been made. They are being retained in the Laboratory
File for future reference.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 15, 1934.

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. R. B. Nathan telephoned and advised that two or three days ago, on Mr. Cowley's instructions, they brought up to the office the supposed leaders of the Lazia outfit in Kansas City and told them definitely how we stood and asked them to tell us if they got any information; that today they received a call from Tony Gizzo; that Andersen and Trainor talked to him at his home and Charlie Corolla was there at the time; that Corolla told the agents that yesterday somebody approached him and told him that Floyd wanted to make an appointment to see him down in Wichita and talked about coming into Kansas City; that this person's name is Chapman and is supposed to represent an attorney named Brady in Kansas City, Kansas or Oklahoma City; that Corolla stated he was willing to meet Floyd and show us where he was; that he made another appointment with Chapman and met him at the Democratic Club; that later Corolla called the agents and stated that he had arranged with this fellow to go to Wichita tomorrow to a hotel there; that he will then tell us about it and we will place Floyd on the spot at that time. I told Mr. Nathan that this sounds good and asked if he has enough men. Mr. Nathan stated that he was figuring on taking about four men. I told Mr. Nathan that I did not think we should have anybody in it outside of our own men. Mr. Nathan stated that Wichita has a pretty good police force and it might be a good idea to get in touch with the Chief of Detectives and tell them that they have something hot on so that they will lay off. I told Mr. Nathan that this was O.K. Mr. Nathan stated that he will ask the Chief of Detectives to stand by. I told Mr. Nathan that he should take an extra man or two. Mr. Nathan stated that he will take Andersen, Trainor, Reed, ~~Ormsby~~ and himself. I told Mr. Nathan to take plenty of men and plenty of artillery. Mr. Nathan stated that they will have somebody in the office but nobody much.

Respectfully,

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E. A. Tamm.

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DIRECTOR

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM E R STURGIS, EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO
QUOTE AFTER A COMPLETE HEARING OF THE KNOWN FACTS REGARDING THE
ACTIONS OF CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD FROM SATURDAY OCTOBER 20 TO
MONDAY OCTOBER 22 I FIND THAT HE WAS JUSTLY SHOT TO DEATH BY A COM-
BINED FORCE OF AGENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND OFFICERS OF
THE EAST LIVERPOOL POLICE DEPARTMENT WHILE MAKING AN ARMED ATTEMPT
TO ESCAPE ARREST REGARDS UNQUOTE.

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Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois



October 27, 1934 OCT 29 1934 AM

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

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases
(deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN
GALATAS with aliases, I.O. 1201;
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY"
FLOYD (deceased); I.O. 1194,
et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL
PRISONER

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of October 13, 1934, there are transmitted herewith two photographs of Lee Phillips, Chicago P.D. No. C-18185, which individual is presently confined in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois.

There are attached to the copies of this letter for the Kansas City and St. Paul offices, two copies of the above referred to photograph for the completion of their files.

Very truly yours,
S. P. Cowley
S.P. COWLEY
Inspector

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Chicago Illinois

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DIVISION ONE
OCT 29 1934 AM

Mr. John J. Ryan,
Superintendent,
United States Detention Farm,
Milan, Michigan.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
(deceased); RICHARD TALIMAN
GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I.O.1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD,
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.1194; et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith railroad ticket bearing numbers 3000 and 5645, issued to Vivian Mathias for transportation from Milan, Michigan to Brainerd, Minnesota, via Wabash Railroad, at the time of her release from your institution on September 18, 1934.

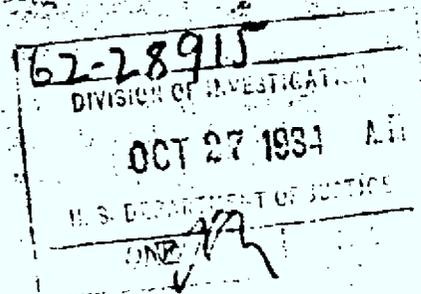
Inasmuch as Vivian Mathias was taken into custody by Agents of the Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice on additional Federal charge filed against her, the Division at Washington has instructed that the above referred to ticket be returned to you for proper disposition.

Very truly yours,

S.P. COWLEY
Inspector

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cc Division ✓
Kansas City
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P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana, October 24, 1934.

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

VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased)
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201;
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD with
aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1194, et al
Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner
Butte File 62-7

Dear Sir:

Referring to my report in the above-captioned matter, dated
6-8-34, in which it was requested to ascertain if any further informa-
tion could be obtained from the records at Kansas State Penitentiary
at Lansing, Kansas, in regard to Buster Blair, in order to try to
secure his correct name and any thing else that would help in locating
him, I would respectfully request that this be done if possible.

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Very truly yours,

D. H. DICKSON
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division. ✓

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

October 25, 1934.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
DIVISION ONE
OCT 29 1934 AM

Special Agent in Charge,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

RE: ⁰VERNON C. MILLER, with
aliases (Deceased); RICHARD
TALLMAN DALATAS, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O.#1801; CHARLES
ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with
aliases (Deceased); ET AL;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL
PRISONER.
St. Paul File No. 62-888.

The Sheriff at Austin, Minnesota, has
requested that a photograph of LEE BOSTETTER be forwarded
to him. Special Agent J. H. Rice of this office, who
conducted an investigation at McIntyre, Iowa, advises me
that this photograph was turned over to Special Agent
Flood of your office. It is accordingly requested that
this photograph be forwarded to this office in order that
it may be transmitted to the Sheriff at Austin, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LEO,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Kansas City, Mo.
October 25, 1934

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
500 RECTOR BUILDING
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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cc-Oklahoma City

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November 12, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated October 27, 1934, in the case entitled CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD with aliases, (Deceased), ET AL - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER, wherein you request the advice of the Division relative to notifying the State authorities regarding the present whereabouts of one David C. McBride, who is believed to be presently residing at Kansas City, Missouri.

According to the records of the Identification Unit of this Division this individual is wanted by the State Division of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Sacramento, California, as Elmore Garnett, with aliases, for "bunko game".

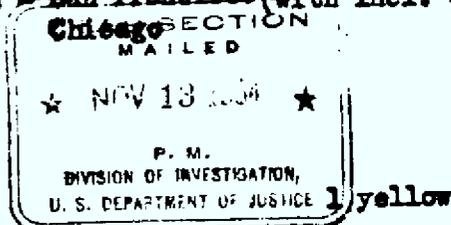
In the event Special Agent Trainor can identify the McBride who is now residing in Kansas City, Missouri as being identical with the David C. McBride mentioned in Division letter dated September 21, 1934, the San Francisco Office should be notified so that that office in turn can furnish the information to the authorities at Sacramento, California.

Copies of the abstract of criminal record and photograph of this individual are being forwarded with a copy of this letter to the San Francisco Office. No copies of the inclosures are being furnished to the Chicago Office or to your office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - San Francisco (with incl. as indicated above)



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
OCTOBER 27, 1934.



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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the Division's letter of October 24,
1934, with reference to the identity of "Slivers" McBride, which
was also mentioned in letter from the Division dated September 21,
1934.

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Please be advised that the McBride whose criminal record
was furnished with your letter of September 21st is evidently
identical with the party now residing at Kansas City, Missouri.
This individual was interviewed by Special Agent Trainor, who
will identify the photograph.

This office is leaving to the discretion of the Division
any action which seems desirable with reference to notifying State
authorities regarding the location of McBride.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE: 10/28/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10/21-22/1934	REPORT MADE BY: S. K. MCKEE MWC
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases, I.O.#1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases, I.O.#1194, FUGITIVE; ADAM RICHETTI with aliases; ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Adam Richetti arrested October 20, 1934, by Chief of Police J. H. Fultz near Wellsville, Ohio; man identified by Chief of Police as Subject Floyd said to have escaped at time. Data as to Richetti's arrest and possible location of Floyd furnished Cincinnati Office by Sheriff Ray B. Long, Steubenville, Ohio, October 21, 1934. Patrolling of territory north of East Liverpool, Ohio, on October 22, 1934, by squads of Division Agents and East Liverpool, Ohio, Police resulted in location of Floyd at farm of Mrs. Ellen Conkle on Spruceville road at 4:10 P.M. Floyd was fatally wounded while endeavoring to escape and died at 4:25 P.M. October 22, 1934. Chief J. H. Fultz, Wellsville, Ohio, refused to surrender Richetti to Government for removal to Kansas City, Missouri, in instant case.

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DETAILS:

This report covers the activities of the following Agents in connection with the investigation of this matter in the vicinity of Wellsville and East Liverpool, Ohio:

Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, Agents T. J. Connor, H. E. Hollis and S. K. McKee, of the Chicago Office.

Special Agent in Charge William Larson, Agents L. D. Soocy, McCallum, C. F. Risler, J.K. Collins, W. E. Hopton, and D. E. Hall

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of the Detroit Office.

Agents F. M. Ames, D. DiLillo, E. J. Rose of the Pittsburgh Office.

Agents N. B. Klein, J. R. O'Hair, J. E. Thornton and J. S. Johnson of the Cincinnati Office.

Agent J. D. Reynolds of the Birmingham Office.

Agent R. L. Shivers of the St. Louis Office.

This investigation is based upon long distance telephone call received by Acting Special Agent in Charge H. D. Harris at the Cincinnati Office on October 21, 1934, from Sheriff Ray B. Long of Jefferson County, Steubenville, Ohio, in which Sheriff Long advised that Adam Richetti was in custody of the Chief of Police at Wellsville, Ohio and had admitted his identity; that Richetti had been arrested following a gun fight between the Chief of Police, Richetti and another man near Wellsville; that the second man, who was believed to have been wounded in the stomach, had escaped and was being sought at that time by a posse which had been organized shortly after the shooting.

Immediately upon receipt of this call, Acting Special Agent in Charge H. D. Harris notified Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, who was then in Cincinnati at the Alms Hotel, together with Special Agents T. J. Connor, H. E. Hollis and S. K. McKee. Mr. Purvis then communicated by telephone with the Director at Washington and was instructed to proceed to Wellsville, Ohio, immediately via chartered airplane, with the above mentioned Special Agents.

Sheriff Ray B. Long of Steubenville, Ohio, was at the East Liverpool airport at the time Agents arrived and drove Agents to Wellsville, Ohio. Enroute he informed that Adam Richetti had been arrested by Chief of Police J. H. Fultz near Wellsville, Ohio, about noon on Saturday, October 20, 1934. He related in detail the manner in which the arrest took place, but these circumstances will be set out under an interview with Chief Fultz. Sheriff Long advised that around noon on October 21, 1934, he happened to be in Police Headquarters at Wellsville, Ohio, when Chief Fultz was interviewing Adam Richetti, at which time he, Sheriff Long, recognized Richetti from a photograph which had been furnished him by Agent Chapman Fletcher of the Cincinnati Division Office, and called Richetti by his correct name. Richetti thereupon admitted his identity. Prior to that time Richetti had been using a fictitious name and Chief Fultz was not aware of his identity.

Sheriff Long informed that he told Chief Fultz of Richetti's criminal activities, particularly his connections with Subject Charles Arthur Floyd, and at this time Fultz referred to a small booklet issued by the William J. Burns International Detective Agency, which contained a photograph of Floyd, and identified this picture as the likeness of the individual who had escaped on the previous day during the gun fight in which Richetti had been captured. It is deemed appropriate to state here that Sheriff Long advised Special Agent in Charge Purvis that Chief Fultz had tried to persuade him not to call the Cincinnati Office in connection with Richetti's arrest. Further, that when he had furnished this information to the Cincinnati Office, Fultz had become angry. Long also stated that Fultz was a peculiar individual and he felt that Agents were going to experience difficulty in securing custody of Richetti.

Chief of Police J. H. Fultz was contacted by Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis and Agent S. K. McKee, and he related the circumstances incident to the arrest of Richetti as follows:

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At about noon on Saturday, October 21, 1934, he received a telephone call advising that two tramps were camping along hilly ground on Highway No. 7 a short distance north of Wellsville, Ohio, and were acting in a suspicious manner. He, along with a Police Officer and a civilian, both of whom were unarmed, proceeded to the point in question. Fultz sighted one man and approached him. The two men who had accompanied Fultz were in the background at this time. This individual, whom Fultz identified from a photograph as Charles Arthur Floyd, told him to stick his hands up, but Fultz stated he paid no attention to this command, continuing toward Floyd and making remarks to the effect that he was going to work at the brickyard and that he, Floyd, would not interfere with a laboring man going to work. According to Fultz, his conversation with Floyd continued until he had gotten past him a distance of a few feet, at which time he, Fultz, saw a second man lying on a blanket and apparently asleep. Fultz stated that as soon as he, Fultz, spied the second man, Floyd shouted to this man, "Don't let him fool you, he is a 'copper', let him have it--shoot him--kill him", and at this point the second man, who was later identified as Richetti, raised up on his elbow and commenced firing. Fultz stated he did not pay any attention to Richetti but immediately secured his gun, which was a .32 caliber, and began firing at Floyd. He stated he was positive that he hit Floyd in the stomach, at which time Floyd took to flight. Fultz stated he then directed his attention to Richetti, who was still firing while running down a slight hill from the point where he had been lying on the blanket. According to Fultz, Richetti soon emptied his gun without having wounded him, Fultz, and at this time he stuck up his hands in way of surrender.

Fultz stated he took Richetti to Police Headquarters, at which time he furnished a fictitious name, which Agents recall to be Zamboni. He was questioned as to the identity of the man who had fled, and informed that his name was Joe Warren and that he had met him sometime previous in Toledo, Ohio.

Fultz related that subsequent investigation disclosed that the man who had fled and who was identified from pictures about 24 hours later as Charles Arthur Floyd, had reached Highway No. 7 through a roundabout course; had stopped a young boy named George McMillan, who was driving along the highway in a Model "T" Ford; had paid this boy \$10.00 for the purpose of taking him to Youngstown, Ohio, and had been enroute to Youngstown when the Ford ran out of gasoline. At this point the automobile of one James H. Baum, a florist located in Wellsville, Ohio, was commandeered and Floyd and McMillan entered the rear seat of this car, Baum being forced to drive them. They drove along unfrequented roads for a short time until they were accosted by Deputy Sheriff Hayes of Columbiana County, Lisbon, Ohio, who approached the car. At this point Baum stopped the car and got out, at which time he was shot by the Deputy Sheriff. Floyd in the meantime had left the car and entered a wooded area immediately adjacent to the road, which was described as being about 75 yards wide. This spot was said to be located on Highway No. 45 which begins a short distance north of Wellsville, Ohio, on Highway No. 7 and runs for some 5 or 7 miles to the town of Power Point, Ohio, on Highway No. 30. Floyd is said to have run through these woods, reached an open area possibly 200 yards in width, crossed this area and disappeared, going into a woods located on the opposite side. Chief Fultz advised that a posse composed of at least 100 men was formed; that the area where Floyd had disappeared was surrounded and searched but without success so far as the locating of Floyd was concerned. He said that due to the fact that a heavy rain occurred on Saturday night, a portion of the posse withdrew, but that the area was again searched on Sunday.

In response to questions, he advised that he did not believe the posse was still covering the area in question at the time Special Agent in Charge Purvis was talking to him. Fultz further stated that if he had known originally that the two men who were reported to be in the woods were actually Richetti and Floyd, he would not have gone there.

Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis requested permission to interview Adam Richetti, who was then confined in the City Jail at Wellsville, Ohio. Mr. Purvis requested that this interview be private and Fultz agreed.

Mr. Purvis designated Special Agents S. K. McKee and H. E. Hollis to interview Richetti, chiefly for the purpose of determining whether or not Richetti would accompany Agents of the Division to any other Federal judicial district which might be selected.

Adam Richetti was interviewed in his cell at the City Jail, Wellsville, Ohio, on October 21, 1934 by Special Agents S. K. McKee and H. E. Hollis, and Richetti was requested to state whether or not he would voluntarily accompany representatives of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to some other point to be selected. Richetti at first was reluctant to make such an agreement. However, he finally stated that he would voluntarily accompany Agents to any point designated by them providing the Chief of Police at Wellsville, Ohio, would agree to release him to the Government.

During the interview with Richetti, he requested several times to be advised as to what information the Government expected him to furnish. He stated that he knew of no crime he had committed in which the Government would be interested unless it was the kidnaping of the Sheriff at Bolivar, Missouri. In this connection Richetti stated that he and Charles Arthur Floyd were in a garage at Bolivar, Missouri, when Sheriff Killingsworth of Bolivar appeared and that he and Floyd covered Sheriff Killingsworth with guns and forced him to accompany them to Lees Summit, Missouri. He further stated that shortly after this kidnaping he separated from Floyd and had not seen him since that time. He denied that the individual who was with him when he was accosted by Chief Fultz on October 21, 1934, was Charles Arthur Floyd.

Agent McKee transmitted the results of this interview with Richetti to Special Agent in Charge Purvis and a conference was arranged between Chief of Police J. H. Fultz, Mayor W. H. Daugherty, County Prosecutor Lafferty, Assistant County Prosecutor Springer, Special Agent in Charge Purvis, and Agent McKee for the purpose of making arrangements to have Richetti turned over to Agents for removal to Cincinnati, Ohio, for questioning in accordance with prior instructions which had been received by Mr. Purvis from the Director.

After Mr. Purvis had informed the City officials of Richetti's connection with the Union Station massacre at Kansas City, Missouri, and of the Division's desire to take him in custody for removal to Kansas City, Missouri, all of the officials assumed very unreasonable attitudes, stating in substance that they thought the Government was asking too much when they asked for custody of Richetti in view of the fact that the local authorities had an "open and shut" case against him on charges of assault with a deadly

weapon with intent to kill, and carrying a concealed weapon. The authorities advised that these offenses carried an indeterminate penalty of from one to ten years under the Ohio law and in response to an inquiry admitted that the above penalty was tantamount to imprisonment for a period of thirteen months.

Every effort was made to induce the local authorities to give the Government custody of Richetti but without success. Among other things, Chief of Police Fultz and County Prosecutor Lafferty stated they felt that the Government should show proof aside from Agents' word that Richetti was actually wanted in Kansas City, Missouri. They said at one time that if proper papers were sent from Kansas City that they might release Richetti to the Government.

Following the above contact with the City officials at Wellsville, Ohio, Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, on instructions from the Director, established temporary headquarters at the Travelers Hotel, East Liverpool, Ohio, for the joint purpose of conducting an investigation looking toward the apprehension of Subject Charles Arthur Floyd and in order to make further effort to secure custody of Adam Richetti, and instructions were issued at this time for all Agents arriving at Wellsville, Ohio, on special assignments on instruction of the Director, to report to Mr. Purvis at the Travelers Hotel.

Prior to leaving Police Headquarters, Special Agent in Charge Purvis requested Chief of Police Fultz to grant permission for another interview with Richetti. Fultz stated that he had not yet eaten and that he was then leaving the Police Station but would return at 10:30 P.M., and suggested that Agents return at that time for an interview with Richetti.

At 10:30 P.M. Special Agents S. K. McKee and H. E. Hollis arrived at Police Headquarters, Wellsville, Ohio, as directed by Mr. Purvis, for the purpose of interviewing Richetti in accordance with previous arrangements made with Chief Fultz.

Upon arrival at headquarters, Chief Fultz could not be found. However, he later appeared and immediately entered the private office of the Mayor and gave instructions that no one be permitted to enter this office except newspaper men. From the time of Chief Fultz' return until 2:00 A.M. he was apparently engaged in talking to newspaper reporters and in having photographs of himself and Richetti taken. During all of this time, Agents McKee and Hollis remained immediately outside of the Mayor's office and

on numerous occasions endeavored to gain entrance, but in every instance admittance was refused. Finally, at approximately 2:15 A.M., the conference between Mayor Daugherty, Chief Fultz and newspaper men was concluded and Agents McKee and Hollis were permitted to enter the office of Chief Fultz. In the meantime, Special Agent in Charge William Larson and Special Agent W. E. Hopton had arrived at Police Headquarters. These Agents again endeavored to talk with Chief Fultz in an effort to secure custody of Richetti but he was only willing to discuss what had happened on the preceding day. At this time he stated that he firmly believed Floyd was in hiding in some house along Highway No. 45 where he had disappeared, which is just a short distance from Wellsville, Ohio, saying he felt he would be able to locate him if he only had the time.

At this juncture Chief Fultz stated he was tired and was going home and he was then asked by Agent Hollis if Agents were not going to have an opportunity to talk with Richetti as he, Fultz, had promised. Fultz said Agents could talk with the man for a few minutes. Chief Fultz then ushered Agents into his private office and then brought Richetti in. There were also present several Police Officers and other individuals whose identities were unknown but who were believed to be newspaper men.

Special Agent in Charge William Larson questioned Richetti briefly, particularly with reference to the identity of the individual who was with Richetti at the time the shooting took place between Richetti and Chief Fultz on October 21 1934. Richetti repeated his previous statement that he only knew this individual as Joe Warren and that he had met him previously in Toledo, Ohio; that he had come to the vicinity of Wellsville, Ohio the day prior to his arrest, having arrived there from Medina, Ohio in a truck through hitchhiking. He maintained that he had not seen Charlie Floyd in over a year.

Special Agent in Charge Larson and Chief Fultz then left the room and the questioning of Richetti was continued by Agents Hollis and McKee. Richetti was requested by Agents to state what guns he and his partner had at the time they were accosted by Chief Fultz and Richetti stated that each had a .45 caliber automatic and one machine gun. Richetti further stated that he had seen the machine gun recovered by Chief Fultz and which was then in possession of Chief Fultz, and that he believed this was the same gun which he and his partner had had.

Richetti was also questioned concerning his movement between the time he and Floyd kidnaped Sheriff Killingsworth at Bolivar, Missouri, on

the day preceding the Union Station massacre and the time the Sheriff was released. In this connection he was asked if an insurance man had not been kidnaped along with Sheriff Killingsworth. Richetti admitted that he and Floyd kidnaped Sheriff Killingsworth and another man. He stated that he had been "cock-eyed drunk" at the time and did not remember much of what had taken place. He said that the Sheriff and the second man had been released at Lees Summit, Missouri, and he did not believe that he and Floyd had been in Kansas City, Missouri. When asked if the second kidnaped person was not an insurance man, he stated he did not think so; that he believed this man was a paint salesman as he remembered that there was a can of paint in the bottom of the car. Richetti could not explain why he remembered the detail of the can of paint being in the car when he could not recall things of greater importance. This interview was terminated at this time inasmuch as it was apparent that Agents were not going to have an opportunity to interview Richetti privately.

The various Agents who arrived in Wellsville, Ohio, during the night reported to Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis at the Travelers Hotel in East Liverpool, Ohio. These Agents were divided into squads of three and four men each. Two squads under the direction of Special Agent in Charge William Larson proceeded to the vicinity of Dillonvale, Ohio, for the purpose of raiding the homes of Minnie Shustek, sister of Richetti, R. R. #1, Box 122, Dillonvale, Ohio, David Richetti, half-brother, R. R. #1, Box 134, Dillonvale, Ohio, and William Dematte, who was being visited by his son, Ralph Dematte, who is a half-brother of Richetti, this individual residing in house #59 of the Hanna Coal Company, Mine #1, Dillonvale, Ohio.

Three squads were assigned to patrolling Highway No. 45 and adjoining highways, this being the general vicinity in which Floyd had disappeared. Investigation was also instituted for the purpose of interviewing of doctors, hospitals, bridge attendants, transportation lines, and motor car companies in small towns located in the vicinity where Floyd had disappeared. This action was taken in view of the information received from Chief Fultz to the effect that he had shot Floyd.

Inspector S. P. Cowley, accompanied by Sheriff Thomas Bash of Kansas City, Missouri, arrived at East Liverpool, Ohio, on the morning of October 22, 1934, with warrants for Richetti's arrest, charging conspiracy to deliver a Federal prisoner, violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and murder, respectively.

Agent Hollis accompanied Mr. Cowley and Sheriff Bash to Police Headquarters at Wellsville, Ohio, where an interview was had with Mayor

W. H. Daugherty and Chief of Police J. H. Fultz. Mr. Cowley again explained to these individuals the interest of the Government in Adam Richetti and requested to be advised as to whether Richetti would be released to the Government. Mr. Cowley informed the Mayor and Chief of Police that he was then in possession of the above mentioned Federal warrants and that Sheriff Bash had in his possession a warrant charging the murder of five men. The Federal warrants were handed Mayor Daugherty for an examination and after reading them carefully he stated, "I understand now when these warrants were made out, the purpose of them, and their full force". The Mayor and Chief of Police then left the room and shortly thereafter the Mayor returned and stated that he was seeking legal advice on the subject and would not at that time give a definite answer as to whether Richetti would be released to the Government; that he was starting an investigation, the nature of which he did not disclose, and that the investigation would take approximately two hours, and requested that Mr. Cowley and Sheriff Bash return at the end of two hours and receive the decision of the Mayor. The Chief of Police did not return and no further opportunity was had to talk to him concerning this matter.

During the morning and early afternoon of October 22, 1934, several telephone calls were received by Special Agent in Charge Purvis at the Travelers Hotel, East Liverpool, Ohio, with respect to Floyd having been seen at various places in the vicinity of East Liverpool, and Wellsville, Ohio. All of these reports were investigated but with negative results.

Special Agents D. DiLillo, C. F. Risler and R. G. McCallum interviewed Mr. James H. Baum at Wellsville, Ohio, and secured the following information from him:

At about 1:00 P.M. on October 20, 1934, two men came up to him at his greenhouse at Wellsville and stated that they wanted gasoline. Baum told these men that he had no gasoline and could not get any from his car. The men stated that they wanted to go to Youngstown, Ohio, and Baum told them that he would take them to get gasoline. Baum secured his car and the two men entered and he started in the direction of Glasgow, Ohio, which is a few miles from Wellsville. Baum stated that he did not know either of the men, and had no information concerning the shooting which had taken place previously. However, Baum later learned that one of the men was McMillan. The man later identified as Floyd did all the talking. After Baum, McMillan and Floyd entered Baum's car, Floyd ordered Baum to turn off on the first side road because if they stayed on the main highway there was likely to be some shooting. Baum stated that he turned off on the first road to the left, which was a dirt road, and continued to drive on back roads for approximately two hours, after which he again arrived on

the main highway, and they then proceeded in the direction of Lisbon, Ohio. Upon arriving on the outskirts of Lisbon, Baum was ordered by Floyd to turn to the left on the Copper Mill road. After proceeding on this road a short distance, their progress was stopped by a freight train and Baum was ordered to turn around and return over the main highway toward Wellsville. Baum further stated that Sheriff Hayes and Deputy Sheriff Patterson of Lisbon, Ohio, who had been guarding a bridge at Lisbon, followed them from the time they left the outskirts of Lisbon. Floyd observed that the car was following and ordered Baum to permit the car to pass. Baum stopped his car and the Sheriff's car stopped immediately at the rear of Baum's car. Baum stated that he got out on the left side of his car, raised his hands and started to walk toward the Officers, when he was shot in the left thigh by Officer Patterson. Baum further stated that Floyd got out on the right side of the car, walked in front of it, keeping the car, Baum and McMillan between himself and the Officers. There was some shooting, although Baum does not know how many shots were fired or who fired them. Baum stated that two empty shells were found in his car, one of which was taken by Sheriff Patterson. According to Baum, one bullet was fired from the inside of his car through the rear window. Baum states that he did not see Floyd after the shooting started. He further stated that Floyd did not appear to be seriously wounded when he walked up to him at his greenhouse in Wellsville, and did not appear to be in pain, and he saw no blood on his clothing. Baum also stated that in riding over the rough dirt roads Floyd was in the back seat and if he had been seriously wounded he would have shown some effect of the rough roads. Baum stated that there is a small spot of blood on the rear seat of his car, which appears to have been made from a slight wound in the arm. Baum further stated that while they were riding through the rough back roads, McMillan asked Floyd for a gun but was not given one. According to Baum, Floyd did not know the territory or the location of the main roads. The above mentioned shooting took place about 3:30 P.M. Baum stated that Chief of Police Fultz of Wellsville told him that he did not know whether or not he had hit Floyd when he shot at him.

It should be stated here that Special Agents Hollis and McKee, while at Police Headquarters at Wellsville, Ohio, on Sunday night, October 21, 1934, learned through conversation with William Irwin, the civilian who accompanied Chief Fultz at the time of the shooting affair with Floyd and Richetti, that George McMillan, whose automobile was commandeered by Floyd, resided on Kountz Avenue between Wellsville and East Liverpool, Ohio.

Investigation looking toward the location of McMillan for interview was conducted by the squad in charge of Agent R. G. McCallum, and it

was learned that he formerly resided with a family by the name of Peterson, but was no longer living with these people. He had also previously resided in the vicinity of Cannon Mills, Ohio, which is near Power Point, Ohio, and the squad in charge of Agent McCallum was dispatched to that point for the purpose of locating him. The investigation looking toward the location of McMillan was made with negative results.

The squad of Agents composed of R. G. McCallum, C. F. Risler, and D. DiLillo, while patrolling the territory north of East Liverpool, Ohio, at about 1:00 P.M. October 22, 1934, interviewed Robert Robison, a farmer, R. F. D. #1, East Liverpool, Ohio, whose farm is located a few miles west of Calcutta, Ohio. Robison, when shown the photograph of Subject Charles Arthur Floyd, immediately identified same as the likeness of a man who had been furnished food at his farmhouse at about 12:30 P.M. on the same day. He stated the picture was a perfect likeness of the man who had eaten at his house. He said this man was dressed in a navy blue suit and was not wearing a hat; that after having been furnished food he asked to be driven to Youngstown, Ohio, stating he was willing to pay for the transportation. Robison stated he told this man he could not drive him to Youngstown and that the man left on foot.

Special Agent C. F. Risler immediately communicated this information to Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis at the Travelers Hotel in East Liverpool, Ohio, advising at the same time that Robison's farm was near the Bell schoolhouse; about four miles north of East Liverpool, Ohio, and located on a country road a short distance east of Highway No. 7.

The squad of Agents composed of Special Agents Reynolds, O'Hair and Rose was reached by telephone and instructed to proceed to the vicinity of the Bell schoolhouse. An additional squad composed of Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis and Agents D. E. Hall and S. K. McKee, which had been remaining at the temporary headquarters in the Travelers Hotel, East Liverpool, for emergency purposes, left for the Bell schoolhouse in order to assist in the investigation at that point.

Shortly after reaching the Bell schoolhouse, Special Agent in Charge Purvis communicated telephonically with the Chief of Police at Youngstown, Ohio, furnished the description of Subject Floyd as it had been secured from Robert Robison, and requested that squad cars be dispatched in the direction of East Liverpool, Ohio, in order to capture Floyd if he was encountered on the roads. Communication was also had with Special Agent H. E. Hollis, who had returned to the Travelers Hotel, East Liverpool, Ohio, from Police Headquarters at Wellsville, Ohio, and he was requested to get in touch with the Chief of Police at

East Liverpool, requesting that he lend any assistance possible in the search for Subject Floyd in the vicinity of the Bell schoolhouse.

After securing the information relative to the identification of Floyd by Robert Robison near the Bell schoolhouse, a squad of Agents composed of Special Agent M. H. Purvis and Agents D. E. Hall, W. E. Hopton and S. K. McKee began patrolling Highway No. 7 and adjoining roads in an effort to locate the fugitive. At about 3:00 P.M. this squad met an East Liverpool, Ohio, Police car, which was occupied by Chief of Police Hugh J. McDermott, Herman H. Roth, Chester C. Smith, and Glen G. Montgomery. These two cars joined forces following a conference between Special Agent in Charge Purvis and Chief McDermott, the reason for operating together being that the territory to be covered was well known to the men in the Police car. The various men occupying these two cars were armed with revolvers, two shot guns, and two machine guns.

At 4:10 P.M. these two cars were proceeding in a southerly direction on Spruceville road, approximately two miles south of Clarkson, Ohio, when a farm home, which was later learned to be the residence of Mrs. Ellen Conkle, was approached. Situated approximately 30 yards from the road, which was a narrow country road, was a corn crib. This corn crib was about 25 yards north of the dwelling. An automobile containing two women, a man in farm clothes and a second man wearing a navy blue suit and no hat, was seen to back away from a position behind the corn crib. As the Agents and Police Officers had been questioning everyone with whom they came in contact for possible information as to Subject Floyd, the two cars stopped for the purpose of interrogating these people.

The cars had no sooner stopped than the automobile which had backed away from the corn crib was driven to its former position behind the corn crib. A man was seen to leave this car and one glance at him was sufficient to indicate that he was Subject Floyd. He wore a navy blue suit, did not have on a hat, and had an automatic pistol in his right hand.

As soon as he left the car, he ran in back of an out building and across an open field, which was approximately 200 yards in width, and opposite which was a heavy wooded section. By the time he had reached a point opposite the out building, all of the Agents and Police Officers had left their cars and started in pursuit. He was called upon to halt

but paid no attention to these commands. The various Officers and Agents ran after him and as soon as the out building, which appeared to be a small barn, had been passed, all of the Agents and Officers opened fire upon Floyd. As Floyd ran, he maintained a zig-zag course, turning half-way to the right at times and looking back over his right shoulder to see how closely he was being pursued. The field over which Floyd was running was rolling ground and as he ran over a rise in the ground he was seen to fall. He had been hit at a distance of about sixty yards.

The several members of the group approached cautiously until the form of Floyd could be seen on the ground. The group then went up to him and a .45 caliber Colt automatic pistol in a cocked position was taken from his right hand by one of the group. Handcuffs were immediately placed on his wrists and his person was searched for other weapons, and a second .45 caliber Colt automatic pistol was found stuck under his belt on his left side. As soon as Agents reached him, he said, "I'm done for, you've hit me twice". He was asked his name and he gave same as "Murphy".

His appearance indicated without doubt that he was identical with Subject Floyd and Special Agent in Charge Purvis asked him if it was not a fact that his name was Charles Arthur Floyd, to which he replied, "Yes, I'm Floyd".

Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis accompanied by Agent D. E. Hall immediately left the scene for the purpose of summoning an ambulance. They were accompanied by S. L. Dyke, who was the man dressed in farm clothes who had been seen in the automobile with Floyd at the time Agents drove up. Dyke's address is R. F. D. #1, Rogers, Ohio.

Special Agent S. K. McKee made efforts to question Floyd for admissions as to his implication in the Union Station massacre at Kansas City, Missouri. He was asked if he had not been involved in the massacre at the Union Station and he replied, "To hell with the Union Station". He was then told that he was dying and he replied, "I know I'm through". He was then asked to do the decent thing and tell what he knew about the massacre at the Union Station. He did not reply to this. He was asked if it were not true that he, Adam Richetti, and Verne Miller had done the shooting at the Union Station, to which he replied, "I ain't telling you nothing -- you -- ". No further effort was made to question Floyd as he appeared to lapse into a condition of semi-consciousness.

Floyd tried several times to rise to his feet but he was kept in a flat position on the ground. A few minutes later he was heard to say, "- you", and shortly afterwards, "I'm going". He died at 4:25 P.M. in the presence of the Police Officers named above and Special Agents Hopton and McKee.

His body was carried to a spot near the Spruceville road by three of the Police Officers. His person was searched and there was found \$122.00 made up of twelve \$10.00 bills and two \$1.00 bills. There were several cents in loose change also in his pockets, and a loaded clip for a .45 caliber automatic pistol was found. He also wore a Gruen pocket watch and chain with a silver half dollar attached to the second end of the chain. He had a cameo ring on the fourth finger of his right hand.

Shortly after Floyd's body had been carried to the spot near the Spruceville road, Special Agent in Charge Purvis and Agent Hall returned. Mr. Purvis had communicated the information as to the wounding of Floyd to the Director by long distance telephone. He had also made arrangements to have an ambulance come to the Conkle home to remove Floyd to a hospital, he not knowing at this time that Floyd had died. Floyd's body was placed in the rear end of a Division car and taken to the Sturgis Funeral Home in East Liverpool, Ohio.

Fingerprint impressions were taken from the hands of Floyd at the Sturgis funeral Home by Special Agent S. K. McKee and same were transmitted to the Division via air mail, special delivery, on the night of October 22, 1934. It should be stated here that fingers No. 7 to 10 inclusive had a frayed appearance as if they had been sand-papered and when efforts were made to take fingerprint impressions from them, the results were merely blotches. The remaining six prints were clear, however, and upon comparison with the fingerprint impressions of Subject Floyd as contained on Identification Order No. 1194, they were found to be identical.

The two automatic pistols recovered from Floyd were Model 11, U.S. Army .45 caliber Colt automatic pistols. Both contained fully loaded clips. There was also an extra clip found on Floyd's person. Attention is invited to the fact that the serial number was filed off one of these guns and later examination of this weapon at the Chicago Division Office indicated that the secret number had also been filed away. The second pistol bore serial number 18001. Both of these pistols have been forwarded to the Division for purpose of examination in the Scientific Laboratory.

The watch found on Floyd's person was a Verithin Gruen model, octagonal shape, green gold, bearing works No. 496,692. Attention is

invited to what appear to be ten marks, which were evidently filed on the crystal of this watch, and to ten scratches on the inside edge, rear portion, of the case. This watch, chain and attached half dollar are being transmitted to the Division under separate cover. The cameo ring found on Floyd's hand is likewise being transmitted to the Division.

The currency in the amount of \$122.00 found on the person of Floyd at the time he was killed was delivered to Inspector S. P. Cowley by Agent S. K. McKee to be left at the Sturgis Funeral Home for Floyd's relatives at the time they came to East Liverpool to return his body to Oklahoma.

At 10:00 P.M. on the night of October 22, 1934, Coroner E. R. Sturgis of East Liverpool and County Prosecutor Lafferty called on Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis at the Travelers Hotel, East Liverpool, and discussed the matter of holding an inquest into the death of Floyd. It was decided that the holding of such an inquest was advisable. A stenographer was procured and Special Agent S. K. McKee made a sworn statement of the facts and circumstances incident to the killing of Floyd. Coroner Sturgis informed that the laws of the State of Ohio do not make a public inquest mandatory. He informed that it was his intention to take sworn testimony from the various persons who had knowledge of the killing and attendant circumstances, and to base his verdict upon that testimony.

Under date of October 26, 1934, Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis received a telegram from Coroner E. R. Sturgis of East Liverpool, Ohio, in which it was stated that inquiry into the circumstances attendant to the death of Charles Arthur Floyd had resulted in the decision that he had been "justly shot to death by a combined force of Agents of the Department of Justice and Officers of the East Liverpool police department while making an armed effort to escape arrest."

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P. O. Box 1278
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 25, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases
(deceased); RICHARD TILLMAN
OGALATAS, with aliases, I.O. 1201;
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1194
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISON

I am in receipt of a letter from Mrs. W. L.
Floyd, Sallisaw, Oklahoma, the mother of subject Floyd,
copies of which are attached hereto.

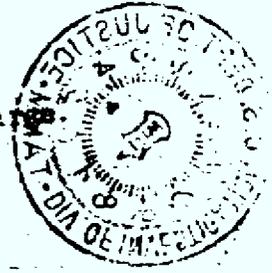
I have merely acknowledged the receipt of Mrs.
Floyd's letter, and have informed her that I am referring
her letter to you.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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OFFICE OF
COUNTY ATTORNEY
SEQUOYAH COUNTY
Ballisaw, Oklahoma

October 24, 1934

J. Fred Green
County Attorney

Dwight Brantley
Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

I have received a telegram from E. G. Sturgis, undertaker at Liverpool, Ohio, who has charge of the body of my son, Charles Floyd, and he states that none of the properties of my son were turned over to him. I know that he had a gold watch, a Groon, a very expensive watch, and a gold ring with a Cameo set in it. I would very much appreciate it if you would assist me in getting possession of them. You were referred to me as being able to help me. I understand that a Mr. Purvis, who occupies the same position there that you do in this State was the first man to him and also had charge of the officers. I wish that you would please assist any way that you can as I would very much like to keep these things.

Thanking you for whatever favor you can show me, I am

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) Mrs. W. L. Floyd

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

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REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 10-25-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-7 to 22-34	REPORT MADE BY: Dwight Brantley
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194, Et Al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Contact which has been maintained with informants this district failed to show Richetti and Floyd frequenting Oklahoma. W. W. "Shine" Rush, alleged associate Floyd and Richetti, apprehended 10-12-34, admits knowing Floyd but denies association with him. Rush identified in three state bank robberies; released to state officers. Capture of Richetti and killing of Floyd by Division Agents in Ohio abates search for them.

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REFERENCE: Report of SAC Dwight Brantley, Oklahoma City, Okla., October 10, 1934.

DETAILS:

Included in this report are the results of investigations conducted by Special Agents F. S. Smith and J. M. O'Leary, especially assigned to this matter, and others of the Oklahoma City office.

Agent Smith, who has been working in Muskogee, Oklahoma, near which is Sallisaw, has maintained contact with informants in that area but has obtained no information to indicate that Floyd and Richetti have been frequenting that area, nor was any information obtained as to their whereabouts.

Agent O'Leary, who has been working in the vicinity of Ada, Oklahoma, near which is Lehigh, the home of the relatives of Richetti, has maintained contact with informants there but has failed to obtain any information to the

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effect that Richetti is frequenting his old hideouts or seeing his relatives.

In the report of reference on page five it is mentioned that a confidential informant stated that possibly Floyd and Richetti and some other outlaws may have a hideout on a ranch belonging to one Truitt, some twenty-five miles from the town of Valliant in McCurtain County, Oklahoma. This informant was furnished an automobile and made two trips into this hideout but failed to find that it was frequented by Floyd and Richetti or any other outlaws.

The press reports indicated that near the town of McIntire, Iowa during the afternoon of October 11th officers engaged three men in a gun battle, one of whom was supposed to be Floyd, and that these men were driving a Ford V-8 Coach or Sedan, thought to be bearing Iowa license plates No. 41-875. This information was broadcast by all Police and commercial radio broadcasting stations in the state of Oklahoma on the 12th of October.

On October 13th information was received at this office from the Sheriff at Pawhuska, Oklahoma to the effect that Floyd had been identified near Bartlesville, Oklahoma in a 1934 Chevrolet Sedan, bearing Kentucky tags No. 471-518. A truck driver is alleged to have seen this man and reported it to the officers. Agents Hall and Hansen of this office were immediately assigned thereto and within a short time found this car at a tourist camp in Bartlesville. It was being used by some people by the name of McMillan. The Cincinnati office was queried in respect to this license and advice were received that it had been issued to a man by the name of McMillan in Covington, Kentucky. David A. McMillan was photographed and fingerprinted. He is about the size of Floyd and bears a slight resemblance to him. His fingerprints and photographs were forwarded to the Division on October 19th. It was definitely established that he is not Floyd. Immediately upon this party being taken into custody, information was broadcast to the effect that the person in this machine was not Floyd and that it was no longer necessary to pick up the occupants. McMillan denied any knowledge of Floyd. He and other members of his family are traveling in Oklahoma selling laces, etc.

Rumors have been current in Oklahoma for some time that W. W. "Shine" Rush, an Oklahoma outlaw, has been associated with Floyd and Richetti. Rush has been operating in Oklahoma for some time, but has no previous criminal record. It was learned that during the week beginning September 30th Rush engaged some state officers in a gun battle at Stroud. It was rumored that Richetti might have been with him. Agent J. T. Hartin was immediately assigned to the case. He conducted investigation at Stroud and determined that Richetti was not with Rush.

Agent Hartin through his investigation determined that Rush was supposed to be frequenting a farm near the town of Lexington, Oklahoma. With some state officers Agent Hartin covered this farm and arrested Clifford

Boone and his wife. Both admitted knowing Rush and that he had frequented their house. Mrs. Boone agreed to assist in the apprehension of Rush. One of Rush's alleged associates, Hughey Matthew Gilley, was in the Oklahoma County Jail at Oklahoma City charged with hi-jacking. He informed Agent Hartin that he participated with Rush and Clifford Boone in the robbery of the Garber State Bank, Garber, Oklahoma, in August, 1934. Interrogation of Boone resulted in an admission that he did participate with Rush and Gilley in this bank robbery. Boone was put in jail.

Mrs. Boone was taken back to her home and the house was covered on the night of October 12th. Rush appeared and was apprehended by Agent Hartin and state officers. He did not put up a fight. He was brought to the Oklahoma City office and interrogated for several hours but made no admissions relative to his participation in any bank robbery.

Rush stated that he knew Floyd at Earlsboro, Oklahoma about two years ago around the oil fields, but that he has never associated with him and is not friendly with him. Questioning of Rush's wife, his brother, Floyd Rush, and his sister, Mrs. Brown, and the wife of Floyd Rush developed that they knew Floyd at Earlsboro a few years ago, as did Rush,

Rush is a suspect in the robbery of the Security State Bank at Comanche, Oklahoma on April 26, 1933. Simpson Hurst, Cashier of the Security State Bank at Comanche, came to the Oklahoma City office and identified Rush as participating in this bank robbery. His two companions in this robbery have been accounted for, one has been killed and the other is serving life in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma.

Rush is also a suspect in the robbery of the State Bank at Wayne, Oklahoma in August, 1934. The President of this bank, Mr. Hainey, came to the Oklahoma City office and identified Rush as one of the robbers. With him in this robbery were a boy by the name of Parrott and Hughey Matthew Gilley. As is stated, Gilley is in jail at Oklahoma City and Parrott is now in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, from which he had escaped when this robbery took place.

Rush, as is stated, was named by Gilley and Boone as having participated in the robbery of the State Bank of Garber, Oklahoma in August, 1934. Witnesses to this robbery appeared at the Oklahoma City office on October 14th and identified Boone, Rush and Gilley. Boone and Rush were turned over to the Sheriff of Garfield County for prosecution on this robbery. There was no evidence developed that Rush had violated any Federal statutes.

Fingerprints and photographs of Rush have been forwarded to the Division by the Oklahoma City Police Department, as well as of Boone and Gilley. Photographs of these individuals are in the Oklahoma City office.

Reference is made to a letter from the Dallas office, October 12, 1934, transmitting a photograph from F. T. Wilson of the Police Department at Gladewater, Texas, with a request that it be determined if this is a

photograph of Floyd. This photograph was presented by Agent Smith to several people in the vicinity of Muskogee who know Floyd, among others being the confidential informant and his wife who have been working with the Oklahoma City office, Sam Owen and son, Joe Morgan, Theodore Fallin and others, all of whom said that it bears some resemblance to Floyd but is not a photograph of him.

D. A. Bryce, Detective, Oklahoma City Police Department, examined the photograph and stated that it is a picture of Matthew Kimes, notorious Oklahoma outlaw, now in the Penitentiary at McAlester. The photograph is being returned to the Dallas office with a copy of this report.

On October 22nd through a confidential informant at Tulsa, Agent Paul Hansen got in touch with Dr. Thomas E. Shepard of Tulsa, with offices in the Ritz Building, Telephone No. 2-8814, who stated he had treated numerous outlaws in the past and knew Floyd and had treated him and his son. He stated that he had treated Floyd shortly after the massacre at Kansas City, that word was received by him from Floyd and he flew by plane to Kansas City and went to a house either in the Argentine or Armourdale section where Floyd was staying with some red-headed woman about thirty years of age and a man about forty-five years of age; that he treated Floyd and he contracted pneumonia. Dr. Shepard told Agent Hansen that he felt certain that if Floyd were wounded in Ohio, as press reports indicated, he would be called upon to treat him if he came into this part of the country. Dr. Shepard promised to cooperate with this Division. His reputation in Tulsa is not so good and it was thought advisable to tap his telephone. Authority for this was requested from the Division and was granted, but during the afternoon advices were received to the effect that Floyd had met his death in Ohio at the hands of Division Agents and the tap therefore was discontinued.

Reference is made to a statement above to the effect that Floyd was supposed to have been jumped up in Iowa on October 11th. Of possible interest in connection therewith and to show the reaction of the members of Floyd's family when they read this in the newspapers, there is quoted herein a report of the confidential informant who has been living with the Floyd family.

"Well there has just been a uproar ever since the newspapers started telling about them jumping Chas. Mrs F. walked the floor day & night and wanted the girl or me to keep the radio turned on to see if she could hear any thing. They said from start to finish that they couldn't imagine what he was doing away up there where he was supposed to be jumped up. After the second paper come out ever one of the kin folks mostly the Waffords brought a paper ever time one would come in up town the second day E. W. started out going to different places leaving word for Chas to not go to certain places I only went with him once he

broke a Brake Rod on our car & I Borrowed Lester Maldons car & went with him 18 miles from Salisaw Kindly north. To a man By the name of Houser it was the Best Hangout I ever seen it is about 2 miles from the main Road & you would hafta Know or you couldnt see the Road that goes to this house and no one never travels around up there that is what E.W. told me he was trying to leave word at amuff Places so Chas. wouldnt miss getting it at one Place. he said he was leaving word for Chas. not to go to Blackie Smallies or at Wewoka or Bill Hopes or Edwards at Hichita & Morris Okla and Dick Long north of Salisaw. this is where Chas. has stayed Before he left here & I also found out that they havent heard from him since we rented the house for E.W. told Frank Howell another Hang out to tell Chas. he had moved to town & for Chas not to go up where he moved From it would Be Poison he also left the same word at Granpa Floyds, Mrs F & E.W. Both says if it was Chas. they was after he would make it Back down here Mrs F said if he seen they was going to get him he would get as clos to her as he could get & shoot it out with them they all thought that was what he was doing coming Back to Salisaw, ever night about 12 to 1 oclock they Turn the light on in The Front Room & leave it Burn all night they have just done this the last few nights I Know it is not for the Babies for they are Both getting well."

Reference is made to a lead set out in the report of Agent C. D. White, Los Angeles, California, October 15, 1934, to the effect that Floyd had been seen in California in a car bearing Oklahoma license No. 304-A-575. Investigation disclosed that this license was issued to Ben F. McCann, 503 S.W. 6th Street, Oklahoma City, for a Whippet Sedan, Motor No. 96-317453. Agent Hopp of the Oklahoma City office located McCann, checked the motor number and the license number on this car, which is in McCann's possession, and he stated that he had not been to California.

With reference to information received by telephone from the Little Rock office to the effect Floyd had been living at Walkingstick Hollow near Tahlequah, Oklahoma and had been injured in an automobile accident near Hobart, Oklahoma, and had been treated by a physician there recently, Agent Paul Hansen conducted extensive investigation at Hobart. He interviewed Deputy Sheriffs, County Attorneys, Constables and others and failed to learn of any accident. He also interviewed eight physicians there, none of whom had any recollection of treating Floyd or anyone resembling him. Undersheriff Simms and J. A. Spatz, Deputy Sheriff at Hobart, said there was an automobile accident near Hobart on September 20th in which two boys were involved who had stolen a car from Sayre. They were given some slight medical treatment and later taken to Sayre. One of these persons was Tom Frey, who has been identified as Jack Little, Texas Penitentiary No. 63236, and the other was J. F. Monroe, identified as being James McDonald, Division No. 71602.

Agent Frank Smith conducted investigation at Walkingstick Hollow and vicinity, but could obtain no information to the effect that Floyd had ever been there.

Various and sundry leads have come into the Oklahoma City office recently to the effect that Floyd had been seen, all of which were checked but none was found to contain any merit.

Illustrative of some of the tips that came in on Floyd, the writer while listening to a radio broadcast on the night of October 21st to the effect that Floyd had escaped from state officers in Ohio and Richetti had been apprehended there, received a telephone call from City Marshal Caruth at Carnegie, Oklahoma to the effect that Floyd had been reported seen just a few miles from there on that night and it has since been definitely established that he was in Ohio at the time.

Everett Crismore, a Justice of the Peace in Oklahoma City, informed Sheriff Rogers at Oklahoma City that he had seen Floyd at the San Juan Chili Parlor, South Robinson Street, Oklahoma City, eating lunch on October 11th. Crismore was requested to come to the office, which he did. He saw a photograph of Floyd and said it was a picture of the man he had seen. When asked how he had been able to make such an identification, he said he had seen Floyd's photograph in the papers immediately after press reports indicated he had been in Iowa. He said that the man he thought to be Floyd was in the chili parlor with a woman companion. Investigation disclosed that the man that Crismore thought to be Floyd is a regular customer at the chili parlor, is known to the proprietor and positively is not Floyd.

Reference is made to a letter from the Jacksonville office dated October 1, 1934 and in connection therewith Agent T. M. Birch conducted investigation, concerning which he submitted a memorandum which is as follows:

"T. C. Davis, Deputy Sheriff of Creek County at Bristow, Oklahoma, was interviewed and stated that he knew both Clarence Dickenson, now living in Bristow, and his son, Chester W. Dickenson, now living in Ft. Myers, Florida, and that both of these men had a detective complex and they had on numerous occasions given information to officers regarding Charles Floyd and that this information has always been unfounded. A. A. Randall, Chief of Police at Bristow, was interviewed and gave the same information regarding the Dickensons that Mr. Davis had given.

"Clarence Dickenson, at present employed by the Art Cooper Construction Co. as a laborer, was interviewed and stated before being told my mission that he knew I had come for information as to the location of Subject Charles Floyd. Dickenson stated that his son Chester and one Lee Beavers now residing at Henryetta, Okla. had married sisters, the daughters of a man named Millican, and that Lee Beavers had a brother named Floyd Beavers who was a bank robber and who was in reality none other than Subject Charles Floyd.

"The Oklahoma City office at McAlester, Oklahoma ascertained that one Claude Beavers was at the present time incarcerated there and that there was no record of a Floyd Beavers.

"Lee Beavers, husband of Mamie Beavers, nee Millican, was interviewed

at his home, 314 East Main Street, Henryetta, Okla. Lee Beavers is crippled in both legs as a result of war service and is drawing permanent total compensation from the Veterans Bureau; has a child about nine years of age, owns his home and in general is very well fixed. Lee Beavers stated that Claude Beavers is his younger brother and that as far as he knew Claude is at the present time incarcerated in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, having been sent there for bank robbery. Lee stated that Claude had been married to a woman and that he had much trouble with her; that about four years ago in a fit of drunken temper, Claude's wife had wounded him in the leg with a revolver; that Claude had come to his, Lee's, house and requested that he be taken in and given medical attention and care. Lee stated that he engaged the services of a Doctor M. K. McElhanon to care for him. Lee Beavers stated that his only knowledge of Subject Floyd had been obtained from the press and he had never seen him, had no intimate contacts with him and was not in sympathy with him. Lee stated that he is a law-abiding citizen and would not hesitate to give information should it come to him regarding any outlaw. He stated that he was responsible for the apprehension of his brother and for his conviction and asked the question, why should he harbor Floyd when he would turn his own brother in. It is the opinion of the writer that Lee Beavers is a good citizen and would not hesitate to give information should he possess it. His standing in the community is good and he is regarded as an excellent citizen, active in American Legion and Boy Scout activities.

"Policeman Walter Bryant of the Henryetta Police Department stated that at 8:30 on the evening of September 23rd, 1934, he saw a man alight from the bus arriving in Henryetta from Fort Smith, Arkansas, whom he absolutely identified as Subject Floyd. He stated that Floyd was walking on crutches and was hustled into a 1934 Chevrolet Sedan, License No. 415-768, Oklahoma 1934. Bryant said investigation revealed that this car was the property of one Abe Kurkendahl, who is at the present time with his three sons, Denver, age 30, Buster, age 20, and Leonard, age 18, operating a shoe store on Main Street in Henryetta. Bryant states that three years ago the Kurkendahls opened this store with a net capital of \$35.00 cash and that at the present time they had a stock valued at between three and four thousand dollars. Bryant stated that he was absolutely positive that the Kurkendahls were being financed by Subject Charles Floyd. Bryant is a man of not much intellect and it is not thought that there is anything to this information.

"Arthur Hughes, night Policeman at Henryetta, stated confidentially that he does not believe that Bryant ever saw Floyd, but that he does know the Kurkendahls are acquainted with Floyd and that Hughes also stated that the Doctor McElhanon, previously mentioned, had made the statement in his Sunday School class that he had treated Charles Floyd and other outlaws. Doctor McElhanon was interviewed at his home and stated that he had been practicing medicine in Oklahoma for thirty-six years with the exception of three years which he had served in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary upon being convicted of cattle stealing. He stated that he knew George Kimes, Matt Kimes, Subject Floyd and the whole Floyd family, but that he had not seen Floyd for about

four years, and doubted that he would know him if he were to meet him on the street. Dr. McElhanon stated that he had never treated Floyd and that the story told about him treating Floyd was incorrect, as he had made a statement in his Sunday School class that he teaches that he had treated the Kimes boys, not knowing at that time who they were. Dr. McElhanon stated that he had treated Claude Beavers for four gunshot wounds in the legs inflicted by Claude Beavers' wife and that he had done this at the insistence of Claude's brother Lee, who had paid him for this service.

Chief of Police Tom Lidell of Henryetta stated that he knows Lee Beavers and that he also knows Chester W. Dickenson; that Dickenson has come to him time and time again purporting to have information regarding Charley Floyd and that he, Lidell, has worked this information out and has found it to have been untrue; that he knows that Dickenson is an enemy of his own brother-in-law, Lee Beavers, and would not hesitate to tell an untruth if he thought it would get Lee Beavers in any trouble.

Mrs. Amie Ladd, living at 2512 North Boston Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, called the United States Attorney's office and advised that she had information relative to Subject Floyd. Agent Hall and myself called on Mrs. Ladd, who stated that she had several weeks ago returned from a visit to her parents, who live at Marshall, Arkansas, near Harrison. Mrs. Ladd stated that existing in the vicinity of Marshall, Arkansas were two families who had been in a feudal state for many years; that one of these families, the BARNETTS, and the others the HENLEYS had killed each other from ambush; that one Oscar Barnett was the Sheriff elect of the county; that one Leland Henley, an ex-convict, at present living in Marshall on a farm, according to rumor was harboring Subject Floyd on a farm in the mountain fastness of the Ozarks; that living on this farm were several ex-convicts, one Troy Love and one Ed Lockhart. Mrs. Ladd stated that she had received a good deal of this information from a Mr. Winrick, the editor of a newspaper in Marshall, known as the Mountain Way Gazette and that Mr. Winrick would be glad to give additional information. Mrs. Ladd desired that her name not be mentioned to anyone in the vicinity of Marshall as having given the information.

Chief of Police Lidell advised that nothing was to be gained by interviewing the Kurkendahl family as he was positive that Officer Bryant had been mistaken in his identification of Charles Floyd and that he, Lidell, was positive that they were getting their money by bootlegging and not from Floyd. Chief Lidell stated that he would keep the Oklahoma City office informed of any developments with regard to them.

There is a scandal sheet edited in Tulsa known as "The Beacon". An issue of this paper dated October 12, 1934, which is the day following that on which Floyd was supposed to have been jumped up at McIntire, Iowa, contains an article which goes on to say that Floyd had been through Muskogee on the night of October 11th, that he is reported to have lost his nerve and an "informant" had seen him. Agent Smith at Muskogee learned that this paper is published by one William W. Shanahan and that one of his reporters, Cleye Bartley, had brought in the story and that Bartley stated he had obtained it from "Scarface" Johnson. Bartley was interviewed and stated that he had obtained the story from a man whom he thought to be Harvey Smith; that he does not know Smith personally and could furnish no information regarding him. Neither Shanahan nor Bartley, when approached by Agent Smith, could explain this matter and it is believed that the story had its origin with these two men in an effort to increase circulation and that it is a fabrication in its entirety.

All mail covers which have been maintained on the relatives of Floyd and Richetti in this district have been canceled.

On October 17th Honorable Wesley E. Disney of Tulsa, a Congressman, received a letter from Mrs. Pearl Sharp of Pawnee, Oklahoma, written October 16th, and this letter was turned over to Special Agent T. M. Birch by the secretary of Mr. Disney. In the letter it is stated there is a little girl in school who told the daughter of Mrs. Sharp that "Pretty Boy" Floyd had been staying with her uncle in Osage County; that Floyd is alleged to have eaten dinner in Pawnee about a year ago and that the officers there would do nothing about it, etc. In concluding this letter the woman states that she has a son for whom she would like very much to have the Congressman obtain a position.

Mrs. Sharp was interviewed by Special Agents T. M. Birch and O. G. Hall of this office. She stated that the man with whom Floyd was supposed to have been living was one Herbert Robbins, who lives west of Mashum, Oklahoma, and that the information had come to her about a year ago and that she had been unable to notify the officers in time to effect his apprehension. The woman was interviewed at length by these Agents but could give no information to the effect that Floyd had been in that vicinity within the past year.

Information was received from Mr. Sam Hales, a representative of the United Press in Oklahoma, to the effect that he had received information from Mrs. Goetz, his representative in Pryor, Oklahoma, that Floyd was in the Chinese Army and that Frank Putnam, living on Dog Creek near Pryor, Oklahoma, was her informant. Agent Birch was in the vicinity of Pryor and interviewed the Goetz woman, who said that Putnam came into her grocery store sometime ago in Pryor and said that Floyd was in China, serving as a general in the Chinese Army. Putnam was interviewed and said that he obtained the information from his wife, from whom he has been divorced for a long time, who is now Mrs. Sue Scott living in Sand Springs. Mrs. Scott was interviewed and said that she knows the mother of Floyd but said she had made no statement to the

effect that Floyd was in the Chinese Army and knows nothing about it and that she hadn't seen "old lady" Floyd in four years.

The following is a memorandum prepared by the writer in this matter:

"The confidential informant in this case who has been contacting the members of the Floyd family called me by phone from Fort Smith, Arkansas and stated that he desired to contact Agent Smith. I instructed Agent Smith to meet the informant at Webbers Falls at 1:00 P. M., October 25th.

"Agent Smith called me about 2:00 o'clock this afternoon and informed that he had contacted this informant. He said that the informant told him that Beulah Baird, alias Juanita Baird, alleged woman companion of Floyd, is now at the home of Floyd in Sallisaw; that she came in by train alone on October 24th; that she told him that she and her sister, Rose, had for some time been accompanying Richetti and Floyd; that shortly prior to the time that Floyd and Richetti were jumped up in Ohio, they had been in New York State; that in Ohio, just before the officers accosted Richetti and Floyd, they had had an automobile accident, damaging the automobile and that the machine gun of Floyd's was damaged in this accident; that she and her sister had taken the car into a town to have it repaired and had left Richetti and Floyd at the point near the road where they were accosted by officers; that, of course, after the officers jumped up Richetti and Floyd, the girls left and she separated from Rose, not stating where she is now, but that Rose has the car and she expects to join her after Floyd's funeral. The informant states that this woman told him that the quartet had been in New York State and Indiana and had proposed a trip to the eastern part of Oklahoma, and probably would have come into that section of the country very shortly had they not been accosted by officers in Ohio. She said, after the visit in Oklahoma was completed, they proposed to go to Mexico and make some contacts there.

"I contacted Mr. Tamm of the Division by phone and informed him of the circumstances and asked him how far he desired that we go, whether he wanted the woman picked up or whether he wanted her to be shadowed. He informed that this, he believed, was unnecessary and to obtain all information we can from the woman through our informant concerning her association and travels with Floyd and Richetti. I then called Mr. Smith and gave him the Division's instructions in this matter."

On October 17th this office received a copy of a letter written to the Director by Charles Johnson, Chief of Police at Alva, Oklahoma, dated October 16th, to the effect that Floyd was seen in Alva on the night of October 15th, that with him were two women and one man; that a man by the name of Ray Cotton, who runs a cafe and drink parlor on Highway 64, came from Floyd's country and had been visited by Floyd and that Floyd was in Alva the past summer posing as a lumber dealer.

Agent J. T. Hartin was in Enid at the time this letter was received and he proceeded to Alva immediately, interviewed the Chief, checked all the information, none of which proved to be of value, and after interviewing the Chief, the latter stated he realized the information was erroneous and that he did not make sufficient preliminary check before submitting it to the Division. He was told, of course, that we are always glad to receive information concerning any cases in which this Division has investigative jurisdiction. It might be mentioned, however, that Alva is in the northwestern part of the state and is a section which supposedly has not been frequented by Floyd or, if so, it has never been determined.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT: **NEW YORK CITY** DATE WHEN MADE: **10-25-34** PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: **10-9-34/10-11-34** BY: **S. W. HARDY** FILE NO.: **62-494**

TITLE: **VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased)
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases 2-0-1901
CHARLES ARTHUR (PRETTY BOY) FLOYD with aliases
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1194 - et al**

CHARACTER OF CASE:
**CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER
FEDERAL PRISONER.**

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Wife of William Weisman is now said to be living in Clinton, N.J. and to be contacting Weisman for monthly allowances. Informant believes he can locate Weisman shortly.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent S. W. Hardy, New York, N.Y. 9/25/34.

DETAILS: AT NEW YORK

The Division requested that fingerprints of Louis Buckwalt, alias Louis Buckhause, New York City Police Department B46045, be furnished the Division; this was done.

With regard to Cadillac Sedan, motor 801478 which was said to be registered in the name of William Weisman in 1930, letters were directed to the Motor Vehicle Departments of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Replies were

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received that this car had not been registered in these states in 1932, 1933 or 1934. The letter from the New York Motor Vehicle Department did state that there is another Cadillac Sedan, model 1931, Motor 809017, 1933 registration number B43, 1934 New York registration, also B43, issued to William Weisman, 135 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Investigation is being conducted by the New York office to ascertain whether this William Weisman is identical with the one by that name sought in this case. It is noted in letter of the Cincinnati office to the Detroit office under date of September 28, 1934 that the Cadillac Sedan, Motor 80147B, previously supposed to be owned by the correct William Weisman is titled in Ohio to J. W. McIntyre, of Plymouth, Ohio.

Two more letters have been received by Mr. and Mrs. Leon Louquet at Freehold, N.J., previously thought by the Oklahoma City office perhaps to be a mailing station for Pretty Boy Floyd. Both prairings are being furnished the Oklahoma City office with copies of this report. One, postmarked at Missoula, Montana, October 7, 1934 bearing the return address of Star Moore or Shaw Moore, of some town in Montana, the name of which is illegible, contained only one full sized newspaper page, apparently clipped from the Sunday Supplement Magazine section of some newspaper, one side of which was captioned "Where Drouth alew the Dinosaurs", with pictures of animals. This side had ink writing, "1934", and nothing else. The reverse side of this page was entirely devoted to pictures of ladies' fashions. The date and name of the paper had been cut off but on the bottom of the page was the printing "Copyright 1934 Every Week Magazine." Special Agent William Moran, who made the investigation at Freehold, N.J., ascertained that there was no underscoring, writing or anything else on this paper to indicate a code message. It seems unusual that there should be no writing or letter of any kind in this envelope.

The second letter was postmarked at Avon, Montana, October 8, 1934, addressed to Mrs. Leon Louquet, at Freehold, N.J., contained no return address, and is from a party named "Zora", evidently a relative who has written previously. This letter, in substance, stated that Zora had sent photographs of her dad to Mrs. Leon Louquet in a previous letter; also stated that her dad's mother's name was Mary, and instructed her to write to Jim Floyd, or some member of the family at Thomasville, Mo., for information regarding other members of the family; further stated that Zora had not heard from the Rogers family in Kentucky for many years and did not recall the name of the town where they lived; that a Miss Ethel Rogers used to write occasionally to the members of the family at Avon, Montana, before she married and that none of the girls was named "Ovean." Zora further stated that her uncle Hector (Floyd) lived with his family at Thomasville, Mo. and that another uncle named "Bas" lived in New Mexico but she did not know where, and asked whether "Aunt Lou" was dead; that Edna, who evidently lives in Avon, Montana, has her mother's Bible

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but she does not think it contains a family record. Zora requested that if Mrs. Louquet heard from the Thomasville, Mo. branch of the family to let her know about them. Copies of this letter are forwarded herewith to the Oklahoma City office.

Referring to Division letter of October 2, 1934 to the Cincinnati office which suggests that in view of the similarity between Sam Schraeder (#33036, United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.) and Sam Schraiger, New York City Police Department #B51868, the photograph of the latter person having been identified as an associate of Vernon Miller during the previous investigation of this case, that appropriate investigation be made to determine whether Sam Schraeder could be, in any way, associated with the late Vernon C. Miller, photographs of both Schraeder and Schraiger are in the New York City file, and they do not appear to be identical. Fingerprint classification of Sam Schraiger alias Samuel Schraiger alias Samuel Martin alias William Cohn alias Rose, New York City Police Department #B 51868 is $\frac{1}{17} \frac{U}{U} \frac{10}{10} \frac{10}{10}$

and his prints can be compared by the Division with the prints of Sam Schraeder, #33036, Atlanta Prison, if there is any thought that the two parties might be identical.

With regard to the inquiry by the Chicago office concerning Reuben Bass, alias Ruby Bass, alias Harry Evans, Captain R. A. Snook, supervisor of the State Bureau of Identification, State House, Trenton, N.J., in a communication, has advised that this man was received in the Essex County Jail, Newark, N.J. June 21, 1934 from the Essex County Prosecutor's office, on a charge of robbery, and upon checking this case, Captain Snook has learned that Bass is still confined in the Essex County Jail, Newark, N.J. awaiting trial.

With regard to the investigation requested at Camden, N.J. with regard to Big Homer Wilson, whom it was thought might be connected with a dog track at that point, said investigation has been made by Special Agent Smith of the New York City office, and it has been ascertained that the party there who was thought perhaps to be Wilson is some other party, and has returned to the dog track near Miami Beach, Florida and this matter will be set out by Special Agent Smith in another communication.

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The following data regarding William Weisman is submitted by Special Agent J. J. Keating:

While Agent Keating was working in the middle west, from 1931 to 1933, he became acquainted with confidential informant whose name is being furnished the Division, this informant being an ex-convict who from time to time has supplied local authorities, post office authorities, and the Division of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice with valuable information on major crimes, especially Kidnaping and Bank Robbery gangs, who operated throughout the middle West. Informant was also considered an important informant in this case previously, due to the fact that he was formerly an associate of Vernon C. Miller and knew the majority of Miller's criminal connections throughout the United States and Canada.

Informant was also closely associated with Walter Dietrich who is now serving life in the Indiana State Penitentiary, Michigan City, Indiana, for the robbery of the Clinton, Indiana bank, December 16, 1930. This informant is now waiting trial in the district covered by the New York office, and communicated with Agent Keating, who interviewed him relative to the Lepke gang of New York, a number of whom he knows personally. Informant's wife is in communication with the New York city office several times a week, and informant advised regarding William Weisman who is wanted in this case and also for the murder of a Prohibition Agent at Elizabeth, N.J. in 1930; that Weisman was an associate of Vernon C. Miller at Kansas City, Mo. at the time of the massacre, and informant is personally acquainted with Weisman, having lived at his home in Newark, N.J. some ten years ago; that Weisman is indebted to informant in the amount of \$1500. Informant states that Weisman is now in league, in the gambling racket, with Louis Goldberg alias Shamberg, who operates gambling houses in various cities in New Jersey and some in New York. Weisman is reported to be living with a Nellie O'Connell who was formerly a singer in a night club at Newark, N.J. He is also reported to be connected with "Nigger" Rosen, Phila., Pa. Rosen and Weisman receiving \$1 on every barrel of beer distributed in Philadelphia. In this respect they are reported to be "muscle" men. His wife, Mamie Weisman, resides at Clinton, N.J. with a son, Stanley Weisman. He has not lived with his wife for a period of years although he supports her. Weisman frequently makes connections with C. E. Cariffe, who operates the Blue Bird Inn at New Windsor, telephone, Newburger 3574.

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Informant's wife advises that she does not believe Weisman visits his wife at Clinton, N.J.; that in all probability Mrs. Weisman or her son meets Weisman in New York City when the wife or son obtains the monthly allowance. The brother of William Weisman, named Bennie Weisman, is now employed as a black jack dealer at the Linden Racquet Club, St. George and Linden Avenues, Linden, N.J. This club is operated by Louis Goldberg alias Shamberg. Informant's wife believes that Bennie Weisman communicated with William Weisman at New York City frequently; that William Weisman is reported to be "laying low" and very careful. Informant's wife has a connection with one "Jimmie" (last name unknown) who is the "heavy man" at the club. "Jimmie" is an Italian who is a friend, of long standing, of the informant, and recently visited informant in jail, giving the following information:

"That Weisman is telling the underworld that Evans is a "rat"; that he has double crossed them for a period of years, by giving information to the authorities, and that Weisman hopes informant goes to jail for life." Informant sent a message to Weisman with the request that he pay the \$1500 which he owes, and Weisman sent back the message that he does not owe him any money.

Informant's wife states that Weisman is "yellow" and generally shoots a man in the back; that Weisman is reported to have lost some weight, and wears a mustache and glasses, at times, as a disguise. Weisman is reported to have visited Newark, N.J. some time between September 22 and September 27, 1934, to see his woman, Nellie O'Connell who is now reported to be living in some apartment there, presumably there under an alias. Weisman and the O'Connell woman are reported up until recently to have been living in New York City in some apartment, as man and wife. Informant's wife is endeavoring, at this time, to ascertain the make of automobile used at this time by Bennie Weisman. In this manner, Bennie Weisman's home address may be obtained and a check on his telephone, according to informant's wife, might be the means of locating William Weisman. It is not considered advisable, however, for an agent of the New York office to visit informant in jail as it would mark him among the other prisoners in the jail, and since he is sending information through his wife to the New York City office, it is thought that this matter can best be handled this way at the present time, it being expected that informant may be out of jail within the next two or three weeks.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK CITY OFFICE

Will maintain contact with the confidential informant mentioned in previous paragraphs for the purpose of locating William Weisman. Will also ascertain whether William Weisman who secured N. Y. registration New York B 43, for 1931 Cadillac Sedan, Motor 809017, giving the address 135 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y. is one and the same party as William Weisman, of this investigation.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

At Philadelphia, Pa. will note that William Weisman who is being sought in this case by the Division, is reported to be connected with "Nigger" Rosen, of Phila., Pa., Rose and Weisman receiving \$1 on each barrel of beer they distribute in Philadelphia, they being reported to be "muscle" men, the Philadelphia office to give this appropriate attention.

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November 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

**RE: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with
aliases, Deceased, et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.**

Dear Sir:

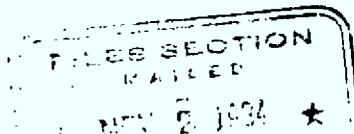
Reference is made to your letter dated October 26, 1934, wherein you advised the Division of the new indictment which was returned by the Federal Grand Jury at Kansas City, Missouri, on October 23, 1934 against Richard Tallman Galates et al. In accordance with instructions previously issued by the Division, you should immediately furnish the Division with the criminal Code citation upon which the indictment is based.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
October 26, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases,
Deceased, I.O. #1194, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Confirming my telephone conversation with Mr. Tamm of the Division on October 26, 1934, you are advised that all defendants named in the new indictment, which was returned October 23, 1934, were arraigned today at Kansas City. You will note that the defendants are as follows:

Richard Tallman Galatas
Mrs. Elizabeth Galatas
Herbert Allen Farmer
Mrs. Esther Farmer
Louis Stacci
Frank B. Mulloy
Vivian Mathis
Mrs. Frances Nash

All defendants entered pleas of not guilty. Bonds were fixed at \$5,000.00 each with the exception of Richard Tallman Galatas, whose bond was fixed at \$15,000.00. Subsequent to fixing the bond of Mrs. Nash in open court, arrangements were effected by the United States Attorney with Judge Reeves and she was released on her own recognizance and is being returned to St. Paul tonight, in company with Special Agent A. R. Miller of this office. The old indictment was dismissed as to all defendants with the exception of Lou Connor. The United States Attorney indicated that he desired to keep the indictment pending as to her for a time. I have not, as yet, been advised as to which of the defendants have made bond, but at the time I left the court room Subjects Richard Tallman Galatas, Herbert Allen Farmer and Vivian Mathis indicated that they would not attempt to make bond. I am informed that the case will be set for trial at Kansas City on or about December 7, 1934.

With reference to Subjects Mathis and Mulloy, you are advised that it is indicated that they will subsequently change their not guilty pleas to pleas of guilty. Galatas indicated that he desired to clean up the instant

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case, but feared to enter a plea of guilty because of the possibility of state prosecution on a murder charge.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

RE:B

cc - Chicago

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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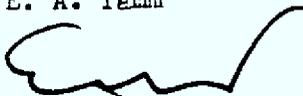
October 26, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

On October 26, 1934 at 11:55 A.M., Special Agent S. J. Tracy and myself opened two sealed packages addressed to the Director, under personal and confidential cover, which had been mailed in Chicago, Illinois. The seals upon these packages were intact. One package contained one .45 caliber automatic pistol, U. S. Army model 1911, #18,001, two fully loaded clips for this automatic and one loose bullet. The second package contained one Government model .45 caliber automatic pistol, from which the serial number had been removed, evidently by filing. This pistol, however, had distinctive markings, including welding, upon the firing pin and upon the safety guard. The gun also bore an unusual shield on the right side of the firing pin. This package also contained one fully loaded clip and one loose bullet.

These guns are the guns which were in the possession of "Pretty Boy" Floyd at the time he was shot in Ohio.

E. A. Tamm


S. J. Tracy

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October 26, 1934

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
DIVISION 3
OCT 30 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with
aliases, deceased, I.O. #1194, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

I am transmitting herewith copies of a telegram forwarded
from Hot Springs, Arkansas, October 26, 1934, and addressed to
"Investigating Committee, Kansas Massacre" by Nellie Greenman, 115
Great Victors Bulletin.

It is suggested that this woman be interviewed to determine
whether she has any information of value to this case.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division _____
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INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE
KANSAS MASSACRE

MR MILLER BOARDING HOUSE OPERATES 450 SPRING TOLD ME HIS SON-IN-LAW ALSO OPERATOR ON
BENTON ST HARBORED PRETTY BOY OVER NIGHT AND THAT HE LEFT NEXT DAY WITH HARVEY BAILEY
FOR LEAVENWORTH TO VISIT FRANK WASH IF THIS IS ANY VALUE TO YOU WILL GET THE NAME OF
SON-IN-LAW

WELLIE GREENMAN 116 CREST VISTORS BULLETIN

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 18, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

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In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith nine copies each of abstract of criminal record and photograph as appearing in the files of the Identification Unit of Odus Lee Harper, Indiana State Reformatory, #18242.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

L. C. Schilder.

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

October 27, 1934

OCT 30 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Omaha, Nebraska.

RE: VERNON G. MILLER (deceased),
with aliases; RICHARD TALLMAN
GALATAS with aliases, I.O.1201
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY"
FLOYD (deceased), I.O.1194, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL
PRISONER

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter dated October 24, 1934, there are transmitted herewith three photographs of Lee Bosteter, which individual is referred to in the report of Special Agent J.L.Flood, dated Omaha, Nebraska, October 22, 1934 in the above entitled matter.

The original photograph of Lee Bosteter is being returned herewith.

Two copies of this photograph are attached to the copies of this letter for the Division, St. Paul, St. Louis and Kansas City offices.

Very truly yours,

S.P. COWLEY
Inspector

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cc Division
St. Paul
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Kansas City

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LEE BOSTETER



Photo: Lee Bostetter.

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Oct. 25, 1934

J. Edgar Hoover:

Dear Sir,

Checking over numerals taken of Motor Vehicles records please find enclosed this License Number 141-729 N. Carolina Blue Oldsmobile Coupe old Model operated by Jones man. Description- 5'9" 200# 29 Yrs. brown Hair, fair Comp. full face. face not familiar as in my files. This man passed through Village Oct. 14, 34 9:45 AM traveling north on Route #2. whether this man may have connections with man in car bearing L# 279-138 N. Carolina Not known.

Letter dated Oct 23, 34 I did not describe make, as I was unable to tell make. Will try to give you a brief description. A Coupe large Swellin body Med Sized Turtle back, round Hood, Model about 1928 may been a Hudson Coupe, Cadillac, or Lincoln.

information furnished recently which is old, and may have been received by your Dept. some months ago. Never the less I will furnish it.

In July 1932 a petty boy Floyd and two accomplices having in their possession two machine guns, operating a Ford V8 Ford car, a bill fold belonging to Mr. Floyd containing bills of Denomination of \$100.00 \$500.00 and smaller Denominations. These men arrived on Monday

Ariz. with old man about 60 yrs old from state of Miss. who lived in tent and received permission of government to put hosts on Den. Mr. Floyd also stayed at Hotel in Phoenix, Ariz.



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 Agent McKee ✓
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HOUSE AND WAS READY TO LEAVE AFTER HAVING FORCED TWO CONKLE
WOMEN TO FURNISH HIM FOOD DYKE AND TWO CONKLE WOMEN IN CAR
WHICH BACKED OUT FROM BEHIND CORN CRIB AND UPON FLOYDS
SEEING US AND SEEING THAT HE HAD BEEN SEEN BY US MADE DYKE
DRIVE CAR TO FORMER POSITION BEHIND CORN CRIB AT WHICH TIME
HE LEFT CAR AND DASHED PAST AN OUTBUILDING ACROSS AN OPEN
FIELD OVER A RIDGE TOWARD WOODS STOP ALL AGENTS AND OFFICERS
FOLLOWED AND COMMANDED HIM TO HALT AND HE DID NOT DO SO AND
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October 27, 1934

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62-28915-2976

Mr. Charles Johnson,
Chief of Police,
Alva, Oklahoma.

My dear Chief:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 16, 1934 wherein you advise of the information received by you to the effect that Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd was seen in Alva, Oklahoma, on the night of October 15, 1934. It is noted from your letter that this information was furnished to Mr. Dwight Brantley, Special Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City Office of this Division.

As you know, Richetti is now in custody and Floyd was killed while resisting arrest by Special Agents of this Division near Clarkson, Ohio, on October 22, 1934.

Your interest and cooperation in this matter are appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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CITY OF ALVA

CHAS. JOHNSON, Chief of Police

Alva, Oklahoma

Oct. 16, 1934

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have information to the effect that Pretty Boy Floyd was seen in Alva, Oklahoma on the nite of October 15, 1934. With him at the time were two women and one man. This information was not given me until this morning.

I have been advised that a man by the name of Ray Cotton, who runs a Cafe and drink parlor, on Highway 64 running east and west through Alva and who came from Floyd's country has been visited by Pretty Boy on several occasions.

I also have information to the effect that Floyd was in Alva this summer posing as a lumber dealer, and that he had rooms at our local hotel. I have been unable to find under what name he registered at the hotel.

Very truly yours,

Chas. Johnson

Chas. Johnson

C.C. Mr. Dwight Brantley
Oklahoma City, Okla.

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cc Okla. City
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November 2, 1934.

Mr. Harry Lynch,
General Delivery,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 27, 1934, wherein you advised that the local office of this Division at Birmingham, Alabama, was furnished with the address of "Pretty Boy" Floyd and, therefore, you are now claiming a portion of the reward. So far as the Federal Government was concerned, no reward was offered for information leading to the apprehension of Floyd and, furthermore, the information which you state was furnished to an office of this Division was in no way responsible for the location and apprehension of this fugitive.

This Division however appreciates your interest and cooperation in the matter.

Very truly yours,

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Birmingham
Kansas City

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Birmingham, Alabama.

Oct. 27th 1934.

Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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Gentlemen:-

" Pretty Boy " Floyd was apprehended recently and your local office here is familiar with the fact that I was working on his case. I gave them his address at Seminole, Oklahoma, General Delivery, and in a short time he was routed from there and chased on into Ohio where he was taken. Recently he had spent about two weeks in Birmingham but I did not get this information until after he had left here. However, I did furnish the above information and he was soon taken as you well know.

I understand that there is a considerable reward out for Floyd and I worked on the case hoping to get that reward or some of it. Since I furnished this information which proved correct I feel that I am entitled to the reward, or at least a part of it, and I write this letter for the purpose of claiming it.

Thanking you for such consideration in this matter as my claim may merit, I am

Yours very truly,

Harry Lynch

Harry Lynch,

General Delivery,
Birmingham, Alabama.

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October 26, 1934. *J* *KK*

(Time - 4:25 p.m.)

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Norman H.
Colonel Schwarzkopf, of the New Jersey State Police, during telephonic conversation stated he wanted to congratulate the Division on the capture of "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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RE: CJ

October 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GAROGLI.

With reference to Adam Richetti, whose apprehension was being sought by this Division in connection with the Kansas City massacre case and who was located near Wellsville, Ohio on October 20, 1934 by Chief of Police J. M. Fults, please be advised that to date, in spite of the requests made by representatives of this Division, as well as representatives of the United States Attorney's office at Cleveland, Ohio, Richetti is still being held in the custody of the local authorities at Lisbon, Ohio.

It appears that on Saturday, October 20, 1934 Chief of Police Fults received information to the effect that two suspicious individuals were camping on the outskirts of Wellsville, Ohio. The Chief of Police deputized two citizens and proceeded to the place where he first encountered Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd. He parried a few questions with Floyd and then proceeded a little further where he approached Richetti. Floyd suspecting Fults to be an officer ordered Richetti to shoot him; whereupon the Chief of Police drew his gun and fired several shots at Floyd, who escaped apparently unharmed, and succeeded in capturing Richetti. Immediately upon receiving this information I ordered a number of Special Agents into the vicinity of Wellsville, Ohio to assist in the search for Floyd.

In the meantime Mr. M. H. Purvis, Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Division office, was engaged upon an under-cover assignment in connection with an important kidnaping case, using an assumed name to avoid publicity. Mr. Purvis was instructed to proceed to Wellsville, Ohio on October 21, 1934 for the purpose of obtaining custody of Richetti. He approached the authorities there under his assumed name and made formal request for the custody of the prisoner. Having conferred with the Chief of Police, the Mayor and the prosecuting attorney his request was refused. It appears that the local authorities later learned the true identity of Mr. Purvis and have made public a statement to the effect that a representative of this Division attempted to negotiate with them while using an assumed name.

On the morning of October 22, 1934, Inspector S. P. Cowley of this Division and Sheriff Thomas Bash of Kansas City, Missouri arrived in Wellsville, Ohio carrying warrants for the arrest of Richetti, charged with violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act and murder. No

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Memo for Mr. Carusi.

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indictments had been returned against Richetti in either case, the warrants having been issued by a United States Commissioner and a Justice of the Peace, respectively.

In order to make certain that the interest of the Government was protected as to legal technicalities, Mr. Freed, the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio, instructed two of his assistants to proceed to Wellsville, Ohio where their efforts to obtain custody of Richetti were unavailing.

It appears that the local authorities at Wellsville, Ohio are going to prosecute Richetti on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon and attempting to kill with firearms, on which charges, if convicted and sentenced, he would be eligible for release in thirteen months, and in the event he should violate the terms of his parole, the State of Ohio would not return him.

Richetti is also wanted with Floyd on charges of murder, as the result of the murdering of Sergeant Benjamin Booth of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Sheriff Roger Wilson of Columbia, Missouri on June 15, 1933. There is some indication that the authorities at Wellsville, Ohio will probably release Richetti to the State of Missouri on this latter charge.

Floyd, however, was located by Special Agents of this Division near Clarkson, Ohio on the afternoon of October 22, 1934 and while resisting arrest was fatally wounded, taken into custody and died shortly thereafter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

October 29, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Time 4:45 PM

Mr. Suydam telephoned and inquired the status of Kansas City case. I advised him that the matter was in the hands of the grand jury at the present time; that the U.S. Attorney was presenting it to the jury and no indictments have been returned as yet. Mr. Suydam stated that he had received an inquiry as to how the case would "break", whether it would come out in the form of the actual indictments in Kansas City or would come out here. I advised Mr. Suydam that would depend on the procedure followed by the U.S. Attorney in the announcement of the matter but that I thought it would probably "break" out there. Mr. Suydam inquired as to the whereabouts of Richetti and I advised him that he was still in jail in Ohio, at Lisbon, the county seat.

Mr. Suydam then inquired if any of the agents of the Division were engaged in the pursuit of violators of the Prohibition law. I advised that there were none and there never have been any; that everything in that respect was handled by the Treasury Department.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Baughman.....
- Chief Clerk.....
- Mr. Coffey.....
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- Mr. Schilder.....
- Mr. Tamm.....

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October 27, 1934

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Mr. W. T. Griffin,
Chief Inspector,
Detective Division,
Police Department,
Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Griffin:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 15, 1934 containing information regarding Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd recently obtained by you from an informant.

As you know, Richetti is not in custody and Floyd was killed while resisting arrest by Special Agents of this Division near Clarkson, Ohio, on October 22, 1934.

It is noted from reports received from the Nashville office of this Division that you have been interviewed regarding this matter, and your continued interest and cooperation in the activities of this Division are deeply appreciated by me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Nashville
Oklahoma City
Kansas City

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POLICE DEPARTMENT
DETECTIVE DIVISION
WM. T. GRIFFIN
CHIEF INSPECTOR



COMMISSION GOVERNMENT
WATKINS OVERTON, MAYOR
MEMPHIS, TENN.

October 15th, 1934.

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

OCT 31 1934

Dear Sir:-

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We are giving you the following information with respect to Charles Arthur Floyd, better known as "Pretty Boy" Floyd, which you may already have. My informant is a reliable professional man of this city, who at my request gave your Agent, W. Morgan Woods, an interview on this matter last Saturday:

Subject formerly lived in Atkins, Okla., a small town approximately 10 miles from Sallisaw. His mother resides in Sallisaw at the present time, and he has a sister attending high school there.

Informant has known Floyd from childhood and saw him in Sallisaw, Okla. sometime during the month of March, 1933, at which time he appeared to be suffering from gunshot wound. He personally directed the hold-up of the Sallisaw State Bank in Sallisaw during 1932, and during the progress of the hold-up a man named Chipman or Shipman walked into the bank when Floyd said "Don't hurt this man, he is a friend of mine". Apparently he made no effort to conceal his identity.

During the year of 1933 Floyd visited Jeff Downey, of Forrest City, Ark., on one or more occasions; Downey is said to be an ex-convict. Russell Williams, Chief of Police, Forrest City, who can be depended upon was advised by me that Floyd was visiting Downey and can possibly give additional information. Downey's mother I think operates a rooming or boarding house in Forrest City.

ack 10-27
cc - Memphis
Okla. City
Kansas City
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POLICE DEPARTMENT
DETECTIVE DIVISION
WM. T. GRIFFIN
CHIEF INSPECTOR



COMMISSION GOVERNMENT
WATKINS OVERTON, MAYOR
MEMPHIS, TENN.

Informant says extreme caution should be exercised in and around Sallisaw, as Floyd has innumerable friends who will go to any end to protect him, but gave the names of the following persons he thinks can be depended upon to contact:

Bert Cotton, former Chief of Police, Sallisaw.
Sheriff Byrd, Sequoyah County, Sallisaw.
Clayton Burns, with Wheeler-Stevenson Turn. Co.
Earl Ivey, druggist, Sallisaw.

Otis Romans, former Sheriff of Sequoyah County, would lend no assistance and would possibly try to hinder any investigation.

Yours very truly,

W. T. Griffin
CHIEF INSPECTOR

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

LAH:aws

October 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM *was for EQ 2*

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith forty copies of the photograph as appearing in the files of the Identification Unit of Frank Nash, #475943.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

L. C. Schilder.

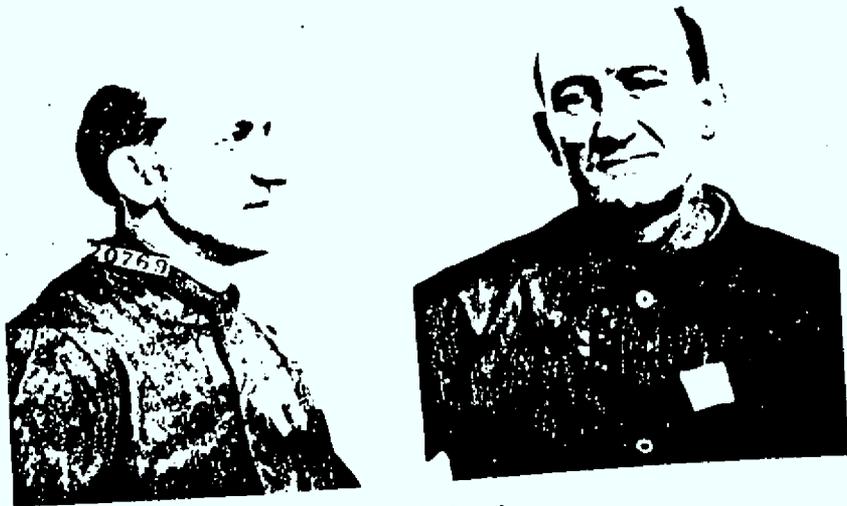
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October 29, 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR IDENTIFICATION UNIT

UNIT FIVE

Information has been received to the effect that subject CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE, Index. No. 5412, was killed near Clarkson, Ohio, on October 22, 1954.

Kindly cancel the wanted notice in your files and in the Police Bulletin.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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October 29, 1934.

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Mr. A. H. Patton,
402 Callahan Street,
Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 18, 1934 wherein you offered your services to this Division in the hunt for Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

As you no doubt have already learned through press and radio reports, Floyd was located by Special Agents of this Division near Clarkson, Ohio on the evening of October 22, 1934 and was killed while resisting arrest.

Your offer of assistance, however, is very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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402 Callahan St.
Muskogee, Okla.
Oct. 18 1934.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director-Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

As an ex-Special Officer I want to offer my services to you in the hunt for Chas. "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

I am well acquainted with the officer's in this region and believe I can assist you in the selection of dependable men in case you need them. The Police Dep't. and Sheriff's Office is made up of men who are active in politics and they are not officer's.

I do not wish to "snitch" in this case. I want to work without compensation as an Agent of your department until this case is completed.

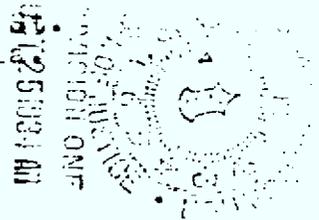
Mr. Hoover, if I can be of any assistance to you, please address me.

Congratulations to the Department of Justice for the marvelous record made in the past 10 months.

Sincerely,

A. H. Patton

A. H. Patton
402 Callahan St.
Muskogee, Okla.



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October 28, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Time 1:13 PM

Mr. Brantley telephoned and stated that in a telephone conversation with Agent Frank Smith at Muskogee, Oklahoma, he learned that Beulah Baird and "Rose" were present at the funeral of Floyd; that this information came from an informant who stated, also, in his conversation with Agent Smith, that Beulah Baird stated that she had received a letter from a place in Kansas, location unknown, in which it was stated that SAC Purvis would receive a letter and that he was marked for extermination by the gang. Mr. Brantley stated that to their knowledge Floyd did not have any gang, but that he had, nevertheless phoned Mr. Purvis and told him about it so that he could take any precautions he deemed advisable. I advised Mr. Brantley that we should be very careful about this development; that he should instruct Agent Smith to try to find out the source of the letter and any other information he could.

Mr. Brantley stated that he had talked with Mr. Tamm the other day and Mr. Tamm had not considered it advisable to take Beulah Baird into custody at the time; but that Mr. Brantley stated he thought it would be a good idea to find out where Beulah Baird goes after the funeral. I agreed with him. He stated that he was going to talk with the informant tomorrow.

Mr. Brantley further advised that they have a lead on Volney Davis down in Muskogee which they are working on, but its value is uncertain at present.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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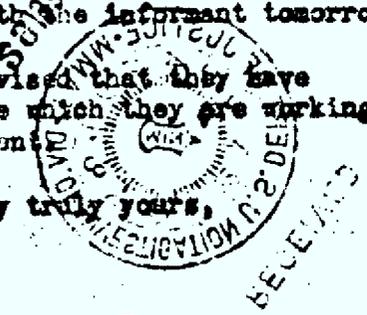
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Mr. Tamm

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
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Telephone Your Telegrams to Postal Telegraph

October 29, 1934.

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Mr. C. N. Galliber,
Chief of Police,
Bowling Green, Ohio.

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My dear Chief Galliber:

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram dated October 25, 1934, in which you congratulate the Division upon the apprehension of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Permit me to take this opportunity of thanking you for your commendation, and of expressing my appreciation, and that of the Division, for it. It is especially gratifying coming from one of your experiences in law enforcement work.

With my best wishes and kind regards, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

Chief Galliber participated in a gun battle with Floyd at Bowling Green, Ohio during 1931. Galliber killed "Killer Bill" Miller, Floyd's partner and partner. Floyd killed Galliber's partner. *NR*

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WELLSVILLE OHIO TO PRODUCE WEAPONS OF RICHETTI BEFORE GRAND

JURY HERE STOP ALL DEFENDANTS WITH EXCEPTION HERBERT

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

October 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to the letter from the Oklahoma City Office dated October 25, 1934, with which were enclosed copies of the letter received by Mr. Brantley from Mrs. W. L. Floyd, the mother of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, wherein it is noted that she requests that the gold watch and ring which were forwarded to the Division be delivered to her.

I assume that a copy of Mrs. Floyd's letter was furnished the Division but in the event it was not there is attached hereto a copy in order that the Division might take appropriate action in this regard.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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OFFICE OF
COUNTY ATTORNEY
SEQUOYAH COUNTY
Ballisaw, Oklahoma

October 24, 1934

J. Fred Green

County Attorney

Dwight Brantley
Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

I have received a telegram from E. G. Sturgis, undertaker at Liverpool, Ohio, who has charge of the body of my son, Charles Floyd, and he states that none of the properties of my son were turned over to him. I know that he had a gold watch, a Groon, a very expensive watch, and a gold ring with a Cameo set in it. I would very much appreciate it if you would assist me in getting possession of them. You were referred to me as being able to help me. I understand that a Mr. Purvis, who occupies the same position there that you do in this state was the first man to him and also had charge of the officers. I wish that you would please assist me in any way that you can as I would very much like to keep these things.

Thanking you for whatever favor you can show me, I am

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) Mrs. W. L. Floyd

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P. O. Box #766,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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October 29, 1934

Mr. James J. Zerla,
Postmaster,
Dillonvale, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

You will recall that recently Special Agent A. C. Russell, of this office, talked to you and placed a cover on the mail of the family of Adam Richetti, who reside in your community.

Please be advised that because of the apprehension of Richetti it is no longer desired that this cover be continued.

In this connection, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for your excellent cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Division

Re: Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, with aliases, et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

During telephonic conversation with Mr. Carusi, the latter wanted to know if the status of cases not closed could not be included in the weekly report; that these reports were now being used as a report to the President. I told him that they could be included just as long as it was understood that they were not to be made public.

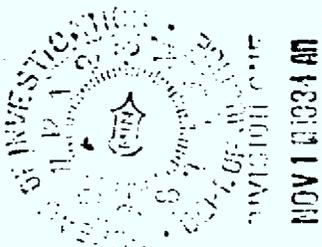
Mr. Carusi said that he was a little mixed on the actual dates of the "Kansas City Massacre Case" and particularly the Richetti angle of it, and also on the "Robinson Case". I told him that I would get the information for him.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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October 29, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the summary report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated October 19, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases (deceased); Richard Tallman Galatas with aliases, I.O. #1201; Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases, I.O. #1194, et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner. It is noted on page 8 of this report the name of the fingerprint expert who is expected to testify is not given. For your information, you are advised that Mr. J. P. Murphy, fingerprint expert of the Division, will be available to introduce the desired testimony.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

October 9, 1934.

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Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Cowley.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Nease.....
Mr. Gurnea.....
Miss Gandy.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to the attached memorandum pertaining to the Kansas City Massacre case, you are advised that no Identification Order has ever been issued for Adam Richetti because it has been felt that more successful investigation looking toward his apprehension could probably be conducted if it was not generally known that his apprehension was being actively sought.

Until the Division received information from Vivian Mathis that Floyd and Richetti had actually participated in the Kansas City Massacre case, the apprehension of these two individuals was being sought solely for questioning and consequently the reference to the Division's efforts now to secure their apprehension in connection with the Kansas City Massacre case covers the only purpose for which their apprehension is being sought.

There is no bona fide basis for a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act charge against Floyd and Richetti. A secret complaint was filed at Kansas City, Missouri on July 3, 1934 charging Floyd and Richetti with a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act in order that some process would be outstanding in the event the custody of either of these individuals was effected and it became necessary to hold or remove them. The Kansas City office requested that the filing of this complaint be kept secret and no publicity has ever been given to its existence.

Respectfully,

OCT 31 1934

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on Richetti & Floyd.
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are returned on Oct 22.
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November 7, 1934.

Mr. Robert Robinson,
Rural Delivery #1,
East Liverpool, Ohio,

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 29, 1934 wherein you requested information relative to reward offered for information leading to the capture of Charles A. "Pretty Boy" Floyd and also as to what steps should be taken to prove your claim. Please be advised that the Federal Government did not publicly offer any reward in connection with its efforts to locate and cause the apprehension of Floyd. Therefore, under the circumstances, this Division can not comply with your request.

Thanking you, however, for your assistance and cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Dear Sir -
Am writing to
know what Rewards were
offered for information given
which led to the capture of
Charles A. "Pretty Boy" Floyd, also
what steps are necessary to
be taken for me to prove
my claim in reporting him
to an officer, Oct. 22nd 1934
the day he was shot and
killed.

sent
cc -
Chicago
Oct 31 1934

Robert J. Robinson
R.D. #1 East Liverpool,
Columbiana Co., Ohio.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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October 26, 1934. *with [unclear]*

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

In connection with the Director's memorandum of October 22, 1934, directed to you, relative to the cooperation which the Division has afforded to the Chief of Police at Wellsville, Ohio, I beg to inform you that in January of 1931 the said department submitted a report to Mr. Harbo's Section regarding crime statistics activities. Nothing has been received from that department by Mr. Harbo since. The department at Wellsville is carried as an inactive contributor of fingerprints. According to the records no prints have been received from that department, although it was enrolled at one time as a contributor. They have been receiving the fugitive bulletins as well as the crime bulletins.

Mr. Lester advises that the Wellsville officials are not on his mailing list.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

L. C. Schilder.

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RE: CJ

October 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CARSON.

With reference to ⁰Aden Richetti, whose apprehension was being sought by this Division in connection with the Kansas City massacre case and who was located near Wellsville, Ohio on October 20, 1934 by Chief of Police J. H. Fultz, please be advised that to date, in spite of the requests made by representatives of this Division, as well as representatives of the United States Attorney's office at Cleveland, Ohio, Richetti is still being held in the custody of the local authorities at Lisbon, Ohio.

It appears that on Saturday, October 20, 1934 Chief of Police Fultz received information to the effect that two suspicious individuals were camping on the outskirts of Wellsville, Ohio. The Chief of Police deputized two citizens and proceeded to the place where he first encountered Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd. He parried a few questions with Floyd and then proceeded a little further where he approached Richetti. Floyd suspecting Fultz to be an officer ordered Richetti to shoot him whereupon the Chief of Police drew his gun and fired several shots at Floyd, who escaped apparently unharmed, and succeeded in capturing Richetti. Immediately upon receiving this information I ordered a number of Special Agents into the vicinity of Wellsville, Ohio to assist in the search for Floyd.

In the meantime Mr. M. H. Purvis, Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Division office, was engaged upon an under-cover assignment in connection with an important kidnaping case, using an assumed name to avoid publicity. Mr. Purvis was instructed to proceed to Wellsville, Ohio on October 21, 1934 for the purpose of obtaining custody of Richetti. He approached the authorities there under his assumed name and made formal request for the custody of the prisoner. Having conferred with the Chief of Police, the Mayor and the prosecuting attorney his request was refused. It appears that the local authorities later learned the true identity of Mr. Purvis and have made public a statement to the effect that a representative of this Division attempted to negotiate with them while using an assumed name.

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On the morning of October 22, 1934 Inspector S. P. Cowley of this Division and Sheriff Thomas Bash of Kansas City, Missouri arrived in Wellsville, Ohio carrying warrants for the arrest of Richetti, charged with violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act and murder. He

Memo for Mr. Carusi.

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Indictments had been returned against Richetti in either case, the warrants having been issued by a United States Commissioner and a Justice of the Peace, respectively.

In order to make certain that the interest of the Government was protected as to legal technicalities, Mr. Freed, the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio, instructed two of his assistants to proceed to Walle-ville, Ohio where their efforts to obtain custody of Richetti were unavail-
ing.

It appears that the local authorities at Walleville, Ohio are going to prosecute Richetti on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon and attempting to kill with firearms, on which charges, if convicted and sentenced, he would be eligible for release in thirteen months, and in the event he should violate the terms of his parole, the State of Ohio would not return him.

Richetti is also wanted with Floyd on charges of murder, as the result of the murdering of Sergeant Benjamin Booth of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Sheriff Roger Wilson of Columbia, Missouri on June 15, 1933. There is some indication that the authorities at Walleville, Ohio will probably release Richetti to the State of Missouri on this latter charge.

Floyd, however, was located by Special Agents of this Division near Clarkson, Ohio on the afternoon of October 22, 1934 and while resisting arrest was fatally wounded, taken into custody and died shortly thereafter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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RECORDED 62-28915-2995 October 30, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Omaha, Nebraska.

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division October 25, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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Laboratory Report

October 29, 1934

Case: Vernon C. Miller with aliases (deceased); Number: 62-28915-2888
Richard Tallman Galatas with aliases, I.O. #1201;
Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases, I.O.
#1194, et al. Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Specimens: Three exploded .351 calibre Western shell cases.

Examination requested by: Omaha Division Office

Date received: October 25, 1934

Examination requested: Ballistic

Result of examination: Examination by: Wiard

These three empty fired .351 S.L.R. Western shell cases have been examined by the Laboratory, and it is believed that they were fired in the same arm.

These empty fired shells were checked against other similar exhibits in the Laboratory Files, but no identification was effected.

These three empty fired shells will be retained in the Laboratory Files for such future comparisons as may arise.

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October 29, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City,
Missouri.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases,
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with aliases, I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR
FLOYD with aliases, I.O. 1194; ALVIN
RICHTER with aliases, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL TREASURY

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a photograph of one CHARLES FRANCIS McGUIRE, aliases: John Adams, Harry Hill, Frank Collins, which individual has tentatively been identified by Frances Nash as being identical with "GUS", referred to numerous times in this case as being an associate of Frank Nash and Vernon Miller.

It is requested that this photograph be exhibited to Edward Doll at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas to ascertain if he is able to identify it as being a photograph of the Gus known to him. Kindly return the photograph to the Chicago Division office after it has served its purpose.

Very truly yours,

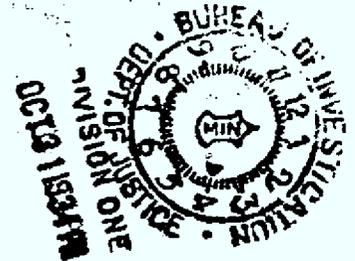
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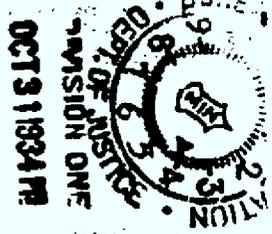
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St. Paul, Minnesota,
October 29, 1934.

R B NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
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November 2, 1934

Honorable Emerick B. Freed,
United States Attorney,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Freed:

I wish to thank you for the splendid cooperation extended by you through your Assistants, Mr. Frank Weidemann and Mr. Hugh McNamee at Kallsville, Ohio on October 23, 1934, in the matter of obtaining custody of Adam Richetti, who is wanted in connection with the murder of a Special Agent of the Division, and three Police officers at Kansas City, Missouri on June 17, 1933.

Although our efforts were unsuccessful in obtaining custody of this man I have to inform that Messrs. Weidemann and McNamee did everything possible to obtain custody of him.

I want you to know that I appreciate your full-hearted cooperation in this connection.

Very truly yours,

W. L. G. H. H. H. H.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 30, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a proposed letter address-
ed to Honorable Emerick B. Freed, United States Attorney, Cleveland,
Ohio, expressing my appreciation for the cooperation extended by
him and his Assistants at Wellsville, Ohio in connection with the
efforts to obtain custody of ADAM RICETTI.

Very truly yours,

S.P. Cowley
S. P. COWLEY
Inspector

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Hon. Emerick B. Freed
United States Attorney
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Freed:

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I want you to know that I appreciate your full hearted cooperation in this connection.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director

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Mr. Charles S. Campbell,
41 South 5th Street,
Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Campbell:

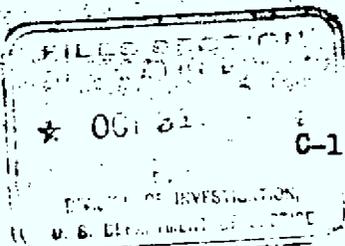
This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 24, 1934, in which you congratulate the Division upon the recent apprehension of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Permit me to take this opportunity of thanking you for your commendation, and of expressing my appreciation, and that of the Division, for it. It is especially gratifying coming from public spirited citizens such as you.

Thanking you for your interest in the Division which prompted you to write, I beg to remain, with my best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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SUNBURY, PA.

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J E Hoover.
Dept of Justice.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr Hoover! Again. I wish to ex-
press thanks for the way your men handed
it to "Mr. Floyd". He and his ilk are only
vultures, and do not deserve any consideration
from decent people. I hope you keep up the
good work and rid this country of hanged
and "birds of prey". And trust that
you will never arrest any of these
"birds". but instruct your men to kill
on sight. your course is 'apparently
practically all law abiding citizens.
My brother with a trial, and fill up
expense? My best wishes to you and
your brave men. They are protesting ag-
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RECORDED Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Vernon C. Miller with aliases (deceased)
Richard Tallman Calatas with aliases, I.O. #1201;
Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases,
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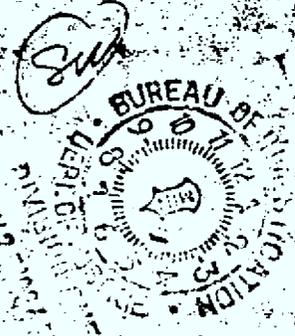
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There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division October 30, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

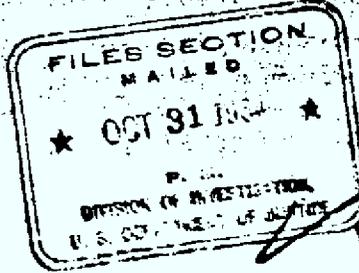
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Laboratory Report
October 30, 1934.

Vernon C. Miller with aliases (deceased)
Case: Richard Tallman Galatas with aliases, I.O. Number: 62-28915
#1201; Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd
with aliases, I.O. #1194, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Specimens: One .45 caliber Colt Automatic #18001.
One .45 caliber Colt Automatic number eradicated.

Examination requested by: Mr. Baughman.

Date received: October 30, 1934.

Examination requested: Ballistic.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Wiard

The above arms are of the Colt automatic pistol .45 caliber type, one bearing the inscription, "U. S. Property", and the serial number 18001. This arm has not been altered or changed from its original condition mechanically.

The other .45 caliber pistol with the defaced numbers is a commercial model gun and the serial number upon restoration apparently proves to be C-84197.

It should be noted in connection with this gun (C-84197) that a conversion has been effected changing its method of operation so that it will function as a machine gun, in other words, the magazine may be discharged merely by holding the trigger back, or the fire can be controlled by releasing the trigger so that a burst of only two or three shots will ensue if desired.

Test shots have been fired through both these arms and are being retained in the Laboratory files. These guns were returned to Mr. Baughman's office October 29, 1934.

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October 31, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases (deceased) et al;
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Under date of October 11, 1934 the Division addressed a letter to Mr. Clyde R. Weaver, Lost City, West Virginia, acknowledging receipt of his letter dated September 30, 1934, furnishing a copy to your office which contained a statement that an Agent would be assigned to interview him respecting the whereabouts of subject Floyd.

The Division has not received a report covering the interview with Mr. Weaver and it is desired that the interview be conducted notwithstanding the fact that Floyd has been located in the meantime. This matter should receive the immediate attention of your office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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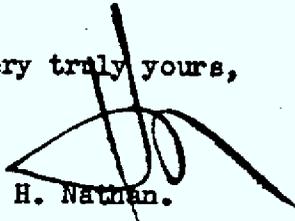
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Time: 1:35 P.M.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Cowley.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Tamm.....

Mr. R. B. Nathan called from Kansas City. He said he had checked with Vetterli and also with the files and had ascertained that I was not present at the interview with Reppert, in connection with the Kansas City Massacre case. The conference was held by Vetterli and it is now believed that Mr. Jones was present. It has been established that I was not present and I will, therefore, not go to Kansas City.

Very truly yours,



H. Nathan.

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