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KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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 VETTERLI..



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F. G. Buckley

*I have ordered Jones
to proceed to Kansas city.*

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June 17, 1933

Mr. E. E. Vetterli,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Vetterli:

Confirming my several telephonic conversations with you today, it is my desire that every effort and resource of this Bureau be utilized to bring about the apprehension of the parties responsible for the killing of Special Agent R. J. Coffey and the injuring of Special Agent Lachry and yourself, as well as the killing of the police officers who were assisting us in this assignment. I cannot too strongly emphasize the imperative necessity of concentrating upon this matter, without any let-up in the same until the parties are taken, ~~into our custody~~.

I have instructed Special Agent in Charge Jones of the San Antonio district to proceed at once to Kansas City to be of possible assistance to you in this matter. I have in mind that Mr. Jones' contacts at the Leavenworth Penitentiary may enable him to procure some information which might possibly be of assistance to us in this investigation. I have directed Special Agent in Charge Harvey of the Philadelphia office, who happened to be in Chicago upon leave of absence, to proceed to Kansas and be of such assistance as he can, in view of his previous assignments in Kansas City and, therefore, his familiarity with the territory and conditions there. Should you deem it desirable for any additional men to be assigned to that district, do not hesitate to promptly advise me.

We must concentrate to the fullest extent in the apprehension of the parties responsible for this tragic shooting.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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~~ALICE M. HAMIL~~ 338a

... Bureau of Prisons
regarding... at Leavenworth
... to receive Frank Nash, and
... Mr. McCorrick this would not now
... as Frank Nash, as well as one of
... the Chief of Police at Hollister,
... and two police officers, had been
... by this morning.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Chicago, Ill.,
June 17, 1935.

MEMORANDUM TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS ATTACHED TO THE CHICAGO OFFICE

Re: FRANK MASH - FUGITIVE; ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER
FILE #76-118 I. O. #1166

This office is in receipt of information from the Oklahoma City and Kansas City Bureau offices to the effect that Frank Mash was apprehended yesterday in Oklahoma. Agents Frank Smith, Joe Lackey and Chief of Police Otto Reed of Muskogee, Oklahoma, were delivering Mash to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. On arrival at the Union Station in Kansas City, Missouri, this morning, the train was met by Special Agent in Charge Vetterli, Agent E. J. Gaffrey and several members of the Kansas City Police Department. A gang of at least three men endeavored to effect the release of Mash and a gun battle followed, in which approximately one hundred shots were exchanged. Agent Gaffrey and three police and Frank Mash were killed. Special Agent in Charge Vetterli and Agent Lackey were wounded, however, it is not believed at this time that their condition is serious.

The best available description of the gangsters is as follows:

Two of the men were white, wore blue shirts, no coats. One man was approximately 33 years of age, had a tan complexion, made a favorable appearance, about 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighs from 165 to 170 pounds. The gangsters made their escape in a black Chevrolet Sedan, bearing MISSOURI LICENSE 4 2 2 2 9, or 4 2 2 2 9 or 4 2 2 2 9.

The above descriptions of the gangsters and their automobile have been broadcast and each Agent attached to this office is instructed to contact any informants who may furnish information regarding the identity of the gangsters and maintain a close watch for the car in question, with a view of apprehending the murderers.

D. O. SMITH, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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Washington, D. C.

June 17, 1933.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Agent Smith of Chicago was calling this office for Mr. Purvis, and advised that Special Agent in Charge Harvey is now at Chicago on leave, and that Mr. Harvey had informed Smith that he was available for any service he might render in connection with the present emergency at Kansas City. Due to the fact that Mr. Harvey was formerly Agent in Charge at Kansas City, after discussing this matter with the Director I instructed Mr. Smith to ask Mr. Harvey to quietly proceed to Kansas City for the purpose of being of any possible aid and assistance to Mr. Vetterli as Harvey is acquainted with the territory and conditions. Smith advised that everything possible was being done at Chicago - broadcasting description of the car, and they were covering the case in every possible way.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

With reference to the killing of an Agent of this Bureau at Kansas City and the wounding of several other Agents, incident to the capture of Frank Nash, I wish to be advised of the steps that have been taken by you towards investigation of this matter and in an effort to bring about the apprehension of the guilty parties.

I have directed Mr. Harold Nathan, Assistant Director of the Bureau, to visit the Kansas City office to assume charge of the investigation in progress in that city incident to the shooting. Mr. Enoch M. Vetterli, Special Agent in Charge at Kansas City office, who, incidentally, was wounded in the shooting at the Kansas City office, will assist in the investigation. Mr. Gus T. Jones, Special Agent in Charge of the San Antonio District, who has been with the Bureau since 1917, has also proceeded to Kansas City to be of such assistance as he can. Mr. Jones has had extensive experience in the southwest and in the handling of many similar cases. Prior to his appointment to this Bureau he was a member of the Rangers. Mr. Robert S. Harvey, Special Agent in Charge at Philadelphia, who previously has been in charge of the Kansas City Bureau office, and is familiar with the territory, is also at Kansas City rendering such assistance as he can. All offices in the middle-west and southwest are working on a twenty-four-hour basis in connection with this matter, and the offices at Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Dallas and Tulsa are giving particular attention to the case in view of the fact that associates have for some years been reported to frequent these sections.

I wish to call your particular attention in connection with this matter to the fact that at prior to Nash's conviction growing out of the hold-up of the El Paso and Texas train in August, 1923, he had been convicted in 1913 in the State of Texas for murder and had been given a life sentence. He was paroled, however, in 1915. After his incarceration in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in 1913, he was sentenced to twenty-five years, following a conviction for possession of explosives in Oklahoma. He served but a short portion of this sentence and was released by commutation in December, 1922. I mention these facts to bring light upon the practice of paroling and commencing sentences of dangerous

In connection with this whole matter, I would like to mention the fact that there is no Federal law which makes it a crime to kill a government officer in the execution of his duty.

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the performance of his official duties unless such killing occurs on a government reservation. I have many times in the past years recommended that legislation be procured making it a crime to kill a government officer in the performance of his duties.

In this connection, I would also like to point out that Special Agent E. J. Caffrey is the second Agent killed in the performance of his duties since the Bureau was created in 1908. The first Agent who was killed was Special Agent Edward E. Shanahan, who was shot to death at Chicago on October 11, 1925 by Martin Durkin. An intensive man-hunt was at that time ordered by me and Agents of this Bureau apprehended Durkin at Webster Groves, Missouri on January 20, 1926. Durkin had to be tried, however, by the State courts of Illinois, as I have already stated. It was not a Federal crime for killing an Agent of the Bureau. He was tried and convicted and sentenced to thirty-five years in the Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois.

In this particular case of the killing of Special Agent E. J. Caffrey, I have issued specific orders to the entire Bureau service, that no time, labor or money is to be spared until the apprehension of the parties responsible for this atrocious act is effected and they are brought to justice.

Respectfully,

Director.

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

U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
 Kansas City, Missouri
 June 19, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your request, please be advised that the relatives of William J. Grooms, Kansas City, Missouri, police officer, who was killed here Saturday morning, are:

- ✓ Mrs. Myrtle Grooms, wife, 3927 Roanoke Road, Kansas City, Mo.
- Mr. and Mrs. Warren S. Grooms, parents, 504 West 34th Street, Kansas City, Mo.
- ✓ Mrs. Jack Ratchford, sister, address unknown, but believed can be reached through parents' address.

The relatives of Frank E. Hermanson, the other Kansas City, Missouri, police officer killed at that time, are:

- ✓ Mrs. Monte B. Hermanson, wife, 6123 Olive Street, Kansas City, Mo.
- Robert E. Hermanson, son (adult), same address as his mother.
- P. E. Ostertag, stepfather, 2571 Hiawatha, Kansas City, Kansas.
- Lois Hermanson, niece, 5100 Highland, Kansas City, Mo.

Both of these police officers were buried here, today.

I have communicated with the Oklahoma City office, by telephone, today, requesting them to obtain the names and addresses of the relatives of Otto Reed, Chief of Police, McAlester, Oklahoma, furnishing the information to you immediately.

*for Mrs. Hermanson
 " Reed
 " brother
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 Very truly yours,
 R. E. Vetterli JUN 20 1933 A
 Special Agent in Charge
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MEMORANDUM of telephone call from SAC Colvin

Mr. Colvin advised that Agents Smith and Lackey went to Arkansas last night about midnight, upon 'phone call from informant, and that he had just received telephonic advice from them at Conway, Arkansas that they were coming in with FRANK NASH, whom they had taken into custody. Mr. Colvin further advised that the Agents were having some difficulty getting out of Arkansas with Nash, as efforts were being made to kidnap them; that they will again telephone him from Fort Smith. Mr. Colvin suggested that it might be well, in view of the circumstances, to have these individuals take a plane from Fort Smith directly to New York. I advised him that this should be done.

Mr. Colvin stated that Frank Nash was picked up by our men on the streets of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Mr. Colvin will send a telegram to the Bureau, after he has returned from the Agents at Fort Smith, giving full details.

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JUN 23 1933
Mrs. Myrtle Greens,
3927 Renoche Road,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mrs. Greens:-

I wanted to write to you to express my deepest sympathy in the loss of your husband in the fearless and courageous performance of his official duty at Kansas City on Saturday, June 17, 1933. His loss will be keenly felt by his associates in Kansas City and by representatives of the United States Bureau of Investigation throughout the entire country with whom he has often cooperated in the interest of effective law-enforcement. You may find some consolation in the thought that your husband gave his life in the act of carrying on against a public enemy - the gangster element, and that his death will be a continuing inspiration to brother officers in their work of bringing to justice those individuals who violate the laws of society.

I want you to know that every facility of this Bureau will be utilized toward bringing about the apprehension and punishment of the persons responsible for this cowardly deed.

I trust that you will feel entirely free to call upon me or upon any representative of this Bureau in the event it is possible to be of any assistance to you in any way in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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June 22, 1933.

Mrs. Monte B. Hermanson,
6123 Olive Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mrs. Hermanson:-

I know how futile mere words are at such a time to try to express to you the heartfelt sympathy which I have for you and yours in your hour of sorrow. Your husband gave his life in the courageous performance of his official duties and in the carrying out of a service which is just as patriotic as that rendered by a member of the armed forces of our country. It should be some consolation to you to know this and that your husband gave his life in public service. His loss will be keenly felt by his immediate associates and by members of this Bureau with whom he has often cooperated to the fullest extent in the interest of effective law-enforcement. I trust that his death will not have been in vain and that it will result in the awakening of the public conscience to its responsibility to demand more effective laws and more effective enforcement of the laws in dealing with the criminal element in this country.

You may be assured that the resources of this organization will be devoted to the fullest extent toward bringing about the apprehension of the parties responsible for the tragic event in Kansas City last Saturday morning.

If I or any representative of this Bureau can be of any assistance to you in any way, I want you to feel entirely free to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

RAY V. ...
CF.

June 17, 1933.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Vetterli advised there was a shooting this morning in connection with the Frank Nash apprehension. Agent Ray Caffrey was shot in the head, and he is not expected to live; Agent Lackey was shot in the right side; killed two police officers and the Chief of Police at McAlistier, Okla.; that Agent Smith was unharmed; that FRANK NASH was killed; that Vetterli was shot in the arm.

The Agents were fired upon by machine guns concealed behind automobiles; that the license numbers of the machines were secured and a look-out was broadcast.

I instructed Vetterli to keep me informed by telephone, and to wire in a detailed report.

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NATHAN TOLSON

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June 17, 1933.

MEMORANDUM re Telephone Calls regarding FRANK NASH

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Mr. Vetterli advised that the two police officers killed were Frank Hermison and Grooms; that there were seven men in all guarding Frank Nash; that men with the machine guns were hidden behind automobiles in front of Union Station; that the men put Frank Nash in the front of Caffrey's car and Agent Smith and the Chief of Police were in the back (the plans being for Vetterli to follow in his own car), and just as Smith was getting in the back of Caffrey's car, and Caffrey was getting in the front, the gangsters opened fire from behind another car; that Frank Nash was killed first, and that a woman in a car parked nearby took down the license numbers of the cars of the gangsters, which numbers were broadcast over the air immediately. Vetterli advised that Agent Caffrey had died, and that it had developed that Agent Lackey had been shot three times in the back.

I instructed Vetterli to get word to the adjoining offices to be on the lookout for the cars bearing those license numbers.

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June 17, 1933.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CATHER.

Mr. Theodore G. Alford, of the Kansas City Star, stated he had received a telegram from his Kansas City office stating that it is desired by the residents of the state of Kansas that the efforts of Agents be concentrated in an effort to clean-up in that section, especially the Wagon Hills of Oklahoma, and that it is also desired that he confer with the Attorney General in this regard. Mr. Alford stated he had attempted to arrange for a conference with the Attorney General but had been informed that the Attorney General had left the office for the day and that he desired to take this matter up with the Attorney General.

I advised Mr. Alford that every facility of this Bureau was being utilized to bring about the apprehension of the parties responsible for the recent shooting in Kansas City, in which an Agent of this Bureau was killed. I advised Mr. Alford that this was the second agent of the Bureau ever killed while in active service.

Mr. Alford requested to be advised whether the Bureau could do anything about the number of criminals who remain in Kansas City after being released from the penitentiary. I advised that we could only handle those matters which fall within the Federal jurisdiction.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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 OF MINE TO HOLD A BOX FOR HIM FEW MINUTES IN PRESCOTT
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 POSSESSION OF MY FRIEND MAY HAVE SOME CONNECTION WITH
 KANSAS CITY KILLING SEND AGENT FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION

FRED P KOHUT MILBY HOTEL.

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MR F JONES
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
1216 SMITH BORGES TOWER BUILDING
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RE: AGENT INTERVIEW FRED P NIGHT ELLEN HOTEL HOUSTON TEXAS

REFERENCE HIS WIRE THIS OFFICE SIXTYEIGHT RE MACHINE GUN

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

U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
 Kansas City, Missouri
 June 20, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
 MURDER OF SPECIAL AGENT R. J. CAFFEY

In accordance with telephonic conversation of even date between yourself and the writer, I am transmitting herewith two copies of the statement taken from Samuel E. Link, an eye witness to the shooting in front of the Union Station, who has apparently furnished a very authentic account of exact happenings and who has positively identified Harvey Bailey, whom he is acquainted with, as one of the participants.

In addition, I am transmitting two copies of a memorandum of information furnished by Special Agents H. D. Bray and W. F. Trainor from Joplin, Missouri, relative to their investigation at that point, which is still in progress.

I am also transmitting three copies of the memorandum prepared by the writer relative to interviews with Deputy Warden Graham at the Kansas State Penitentiary and the two guards, who were kidnapped by six of the escaped convicts.

There are being forwarded, air mail, this date, a number of clippings from Kansas City newspapers.

I have ascertained that your flowers arrived and were delivered to Special Agent Lackey's room at the Research Hospital.

I am transmitting herewith one copy of the escape and reward notice for the convicts in the Lansing break who are still at large which contain photographs, fingerprints and descriptive data.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Harvey
 R. G. HARVEY,
 Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL TAKEN FROM SPECIAL AGENT TRAINOR

Special Agents H. D. Gray and S. P. Trainor at the Keystone Hotel, Joplin, Missouri, on the evening of June 18th, contacted Chief of Detectives Ed Portley, Joplin.

Portley stated prior to conference with S. C. Vetterli by telephone, his department suspected **HERB FARMER**, telephone No. 1541W2, Joplin, Missouri, 8 miles south, one mile east of city, who operates a rendezvous of gangsters.

FARMER being described:

- Weight 200 pounds
- Age 45 years
- Height 6 feet 1 inch.
- Practically totally deaf

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Investigation thru [redacted] reliable citizen, indicates telephone conversations numerous, both local and long distance, on June 18th - morning with [redacted] conversation indicating party from [redacted] near City advised Farmer or one of his assistants: "We have kept watch from [redacted] from different angles, but they got thru with the papers."

Farmer made numerous hurried trips in his black Cadillac Sedan to and from a farm on night 18th and on the morning 19th. Speedily departed in his car during 19th - has not since returned.

Joplin police searched Farmer's residence at noon June 19 - found suitcases partially packed.

Telephone call either local or long distance unknown afternoon 18th to the Farmer phone, party unknown. Individual at Farmer's residence stated three people expected here tonight. Individuals calling Farmer's residence asked "How is he, and is he able to move?" and the answer given as "Yes." Latter telephone conversation forenoon June 19th.

Mrs. Esther Farmer usually answers

Farmer now gone from Joplin.

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Whereabouts Farmer unknown.

Mrs. Farmer returned to her home afternoon 18th.

Farmer close friend of Fred Barker, well known gangster, other notorious criminals.

FRANK VAUGHN, Joplin, Missouri, Telephone Number 4871, very closely associated with Farmer, makes many locals to him.

In checking telephone calls emanating from other points should consider JOPLIN, TELEPHONE NO. 4871.

Agents Bray and Trainor continuing with investigation.

Excellent opportunity for casual observation Farmer's residence from a camp cottage available at farm near [REDACTED]

Will advise further.

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Please check St. Louis Accounting Office of TELEPHONE COMPANY for Friday, June 17th, long distance call placed from JOPLIN either 4871 or 154182.

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Kansas City, Missouri.
June 19, 1933.

of the United States Bureau of Investigation:

Full name is Samuel T. Hink, I live at 2301 Harrison Street, Kansas City, Missouri, having my business headquarters at 2826 East 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

I turned left from the one traffic way on Pershing Road, proceeding west to Main Street, then I turned to my left, which would again be west, and drove toward the street which is nearest to the front entrance of the Union Station. At the intersection where this street begins to run directly in front of the Union Station, there are two traffic buttons, -used for keeping people to the right and to the left. I was driving my Hupmobile Sedan, which is dark blue in color, and, by accident, had gotten on the left hand side of the buttons, at the east end of the Union Station Plaza Drive.

At this point, a Reo Sedan, which I believe to be a 1932 Model, appearing to be very new, medium green in color, having fender This car was bearing a foreign license plate, which I did not recognize. This Reo was proceeding west directly beside me at the point where these traffic buttons are located. As the car drew along side of me, I heard a voice say: "Duck, You !!!!!!! blankety, blankety, duck!" - So I looked up and saw a man coming out of the left rear door of the Reo Sedan. I recognized him as Harvey Bailey, the notorious criminal. - I will state later in this memorandum how I chanced to know he was Harvey Bailey.

Then Bailey emerged from the rear seat of the car to step on the left running board, he knocked his head against the top of the car, knocking his hat off, and I recognized the curly hair of Bailey.

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This Reo was proceeding at perhaps five miles an hour when it

was directly in front of the Union Station at the east end, very close to the traffic buttons I have mentioned above. At this point, Harvey Bailey said: "That's more like it!"

After Bailey had made these remarks to me, I would state that the

number from the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas.

I also observed a man seated in the rear seat of this Reo. I will state that this man was about:

33 years or 34 years of age, having curly dark hair, almost black. He appeared to have been badly sunburned, and would weigh from 135 to 140 pounds. He was wearing a summer sport cap and a blue shirt.

After I drove up to the curb and after the Reo had come to a stop a minute elapsed, when I observed two officers and a group of men, who appeared to be huddled together, walking from one of the entrances of the Union Station toward the parking zone; at this time I also observed a large man standing approximately half way between the two main entrances to the Union Station lift his hand high in the air, as tho to give a signal; at this moment, the Reo car commenced going west; at this moment, I observed a black Chevrolet Sedan coming from the west, toward the east in my direction on the roadway which is directly south of the small parking lot.

It is to be noted here that there is a driveway directly in front of the Union Station building which is paved with asphalt on the

As the officers and the men approached the building together and passed the end of the road immediately in front of the Union Station, when I observed a man lift his hand above his head near the station. As the officers and the men approached the parked car, I observed the Chevrolet Sedan mentioned above come to a stop approximately in front of the officers and the man. At this moment the man emerged from the rear door of the Chevrolet

I would describe the man who emerged from the Chevrolet Sedan as follows:

- About 35 years of age
- Height about 5 ft. 8 in.
- Weight about 165 to 170 pounds
- Dark swarthy color - looking like a man who has had yellow jaundice - kinda of a yellow murky color
- Hair - black
- Bare headed
- This man had a bad scar on the right cheek.

I observed the man who emerged from the Chevrolet Sedan lift his gun. At this moment, I ducked down in my car and did not see any more of the firing, tho I heard the several shots; then I heard the roaring of the car, and I straightened up for a moment and then I seen this Chevrolet coming up the drive in my direction going in an easterly direction; also observed the Reo Sedan moving forward in a westerly direction and observed a man who had stood between the two main entrances of the Union Station and had given the signal run over and got into the Reo Sedan. I imagine he lay down in the bottom of the car, because I did not see him there after. I would describe him as follows:

In the neighborhood of 6 feet tall
weight approximately 300 pounds - a well built man.
Summer shoes - two tone.

Mr. Mc Intire has just shown me a series of criminal pictures, and I would say that this man very much resembles Edward Phillips.

I was of the opinion that the Chevrolet Sedan had gone north on Main Street, and for that reason I took Pershing Road in a westerly direction. When I drew close to the point where Pershing Road intercepts Proudway, I observed the Neo Sedan and the Chevrolet Sedan almost collide. I then turned to me right and followed the subway near the station over to Grand Avenue and then proceeded down town.

I don't know in what direction, the two cars then proceeded. About 11:30 of this same morning, in conducting business down town, I passed the Aladdin Hotel on 12th and Wyandotte, and there I recognized Harvey Bailey and five other men standing together about ten feet south of the main entrance; they appeared to have been arguing over something. I did not recognize any of the men in company with Harvey Bailey as being those of the scene of the crime, because I did not tarry long enough to look at them.

I wish to advise that during 1926 and early part of '27, I was a deputy constable in Kansas City, at which time it was my duty to serve attachment papers on a woman, whose name I do not recall, living in the south part of Kansas City on Brooklyn Street, the exact address not recalled, in about the 4400 block. At the time of the attachment proceedings, I was confronted with Harvey Bailey, who was then using the name of "Morris." Bailey, alias Morris, and I had an encounter at this time by virtue of which fact I have a very vivid recollection of him.

...to go to further that approximately a week or ten days ago,

...has succeeded in being located in Kansas City or at Leavenworth, Kansas, or in the immediately vicinity.

In the series of photographs of criminals which Mr. Mc Intire has shown me, I am certain I recognize the photograph of Edward Wilhite. I recall now that about three or four weeks ago, ~~was installed in a~~ ~~confinement~~

Witnesses:

Kansas City, Missouri

June 19, 1933

Mr. J. C. ...
... J. C. ...

The writer, accompanied by Jack Jenkins, Assistant Chief of Police, Kansas City, Kansas, interviewed Deputy Warden A. J. Graham at the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, on this date, in order to obtain all data pertaining to the recent escape of the eleven convicts from that institution.

... individuals responsible for bringing in the guns and ammunition used in the break and that he is uncertain as to the number of guns actually smuggled into the prison.

He recited that Alfred Geonia, Register #825, Kansas State Penitentiary, had several spells a few days after the break and threatened to cut his throat. At the time the Deputy Warden talked with Geonia, Geonia said that Harvey Bailey had his implicit confidence and that Geonia had learned, allegedly through Bailey, that Rags Gennish, 7379 Manetta Street, Maplewood, Missouri, is the party who brought the gun used in the Lansing break to the Majestic Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, from which place they were transported to the prison. Further, that Ben Turley and Red Evans furnished funds and guns for the break. Ben Turley is supposed to be hanging out around Tulsa, Oklahoma. Red Evans is said to be attending bar in the Orpheum Bar Room in Tulsa, he ... Mr. Graham that Nash was residing in Arkansas.

The writer also interviewed L. A. Laws and J. H. Sherman, guards, who were kidnapped by the convicts with Warden Kirk Frutcher. Laws said that the Warden and Guard Sherman and himself were taken by six of the prisoners, who were the hardest boiled convicts in the break, namely,

Harvey Bailey, Register #3045
Jim Clark, Register #2983
Ed Davis, Register #2967
Bob Brady, Register #3037
Silber Underhill, Register #2337
Frank Sawyer, Register #2986

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The latter, Sawyer, is the only one of the above named individuals who has been apprehended.

Guard Laws advised that he and Guard Sherman were required to stand on either side of the door which was opened by the convicts.

Bailey made the remark to the Guards and the Warden that this was his break and no one was responsible but himself. He said that none of the other convicts knew anything about the break until a short time before it occurred. He said that Bailey was shot through the calf of his right leg in a fleshy part and was not wounded seriously. He was allegedly shot by one of the Guards at the prison by a .38 shell and was not a deep flesh wound and his leg was not broken. The shell did not bother him and he walked around without assistance to do so.

According to Laws and Sherman, Bob Brady drove the Chevrolet Coach all of the way to a point twelve or fourteen miles south and west of Welch, Oklahoma. Brady had an insane grin on his face during the whole trip and was not the least excited. The Chevrolet Coach was taken from the possession of the owner by the convicts a short distance south of Lansing.

According to Laws, Ed Davis was very cool and collected and was apparently Bailey's first hand man. Underhill was scared to death and shaking severely during the trip. Laws and Sherman believe that Underhill is yellow and would not be allowed to accompany the other convicts on their escapades. Davis is alleged to have done most of the talking, although it was very apparent that all of the convicts were taking orders from Harvey Bailey, who was without a doubt the ring leader.

Both of the Guards are of the opinion that Bailey, Davis, Clark and Brady would stick together. They informed that Brady is an excellent automobile driver. At the time of the second fracture Bailey said to Laws, "We are not going to get anyone killed, but I am going back up there (meaning Lansing) to kill Tracy Hand." Hand was a former Deputy Warden and is now an officer at the Soldiers Home a few miles between Lansing and Leavenworth.

Neither the Guards nor the Warden had guns at the time of the kidnapping. The convicts had a 30-30 Winchester, a pump shotgun and a .45 Colt automatic which they took from prison officials. Each convict had one 300 Navy Colt automatic which latter guns were apparently smuggled into the institution.

Bailey told Laws that he owned a farm near Chicago and a farm in Tennessee.

The Guards requested that the convicts let them and the Warden out at a filling station about twelve miles south of Welch, Oklahoma. Bailey told Laws that before he got out of the car he had better take his hat off. He said that he did not want to get Laws killed and that they would kill him at the filling station if he was not careful. The filling station is located at Timber Hill and is called the Turnard Filling Station. The convicts refused to let the guards out of the car and they appeared near the filling station and were to be bumped off. The convicts took the Warden and the Guards one mile north of the filling station on the highway and one and one-half miles west on a secluded dirt road near a stream called Cabin Creek and released them at about 7:45 P.M. the night of 5-30-33 which was the same day the break took place.

The total of eleven convicts escaped and the five other convicts, according to the Guards, proceeded in another direction than the six mentioned herein. Bailey told the Warden and the Guards, "I don't care how much Hell you raise ~~hell~~ ^{hell} that making and his mob would proceed to the filling station and would be safe when they reached there because of protection from other members of their mob.

Brady, Davis and Sawyer sat in the front seat. Sawyer was apprehended close to Siloam Springs, Arkansas. He is now incarcerated in the Oklahoma Penitentiary at McAlester. The officers believe that Sawyer is the only one of the mob that will talk, although they seriously doubt that he has any information about the activities of Bailey and those of the escapes who will stick with him. They seem to be definitely positive that Bailey, Davis, Clark and Brady would stick together. They doubted that Underhill would be allowed to remain with Bailey and his mob. In this connection Deputy Warden Graham said that had Underhill known of the break a few days in advance he would have given it away to prison officials because he is ^{not} the type of person who can keep that kind of a secret and he would have been so nervous that it would be obviously noticeable to some of the guards.

The writer obtained photographs and fingerprints of all of the escaped convicts, who are now at large, and in addition obtained photographs of -

Jesse Doyle, Kansas State Penitentiary, Register #9815
Fred Barker, Kansas State Penitentiary, Register #9336
Alvin Karpis, Kansas State Penitentiary, Register #1549

and in addition obtained at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, photograph of -

Joe Phillips, Register #26600

possibly a member of the Nash mob.

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The Guards stated that Jesse Doyle and Fred Barker were both seen around Lansing one week or ten days before the prison break.

Deputy Warden Graham advised that inasmuch as he had the confidence of Alfred Goetz he would interview him again on the evening of 6-13-33 and would convey the information to the proper authorities. He also stated that he would telephone Graham on the afternoon of 6-13-33.

The Deputy Warden also promised whole-hearted cooperation and assistance in this investigation. He stated that he would be glad to furnish any number of Guards or officers from the Kansas Prison on request.

Deputy Warden Graham was interviewed in the absence of Warden Lacey M. Simpson, who was out of the city. According to Jack Jenkins, Deputy Warden Graham has considerable more information concerning the break than the Warden himself.

Four of the eleven escaped convicts have been apprehended, namely,

Lewis Bechtel, Register #1952
Clifford Dopsos, Register #2294
Billie Woods, Register #1720
Frank Sawyer, Register #2986

Of those apprehended the latter, Frank Sawyer, is the only convict who accompanied those who kidnaped the Warden and the two Guards. The other above named individuals, who were apprehended, went in a different direction with the other five.

The Guards indicated that in addition to Bailey, Clark and Brady are the most desperate of the convicts in on the break.

On the evening of this date, about 10:35 A.M., the writer noticed three suspicious looking men and one woman in a black, four door sedan drive past the Kansas Prison. They made three trips past the prison, two in the morning and one in the afternoon and did not get out of the car. The car contained Missouri 1933 license plates #470675. The men were Italians, very dark, one man had a noticeably long head and sunken cheeks. This information will be checked further.

Inasmuch as Kansas City newspapers indicated that F. J. Taylor, Educational Director at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, had noticed several suspicious characters lounging in an automobile a short distance from Leavenworth and two machine guns laying on the side of the road with two men, the writer interviewed Mr. Taylor at the Leavenworth institution, who indicated that about 11:45 A.M. on 6-13-33 he was driving on a trail three and one-half

miles west and some north of Kickapoo, Kansas; that he noticed a small automobile parked in a ravine, two men were sprawled on the ground, two in the front seat and one in the back seat. He did not know the make of the car, but indicated that it was a small sedan, badly faded, of a tan or maroon color. He said that two of the men wore coveralls. One of the men in the front seat was reading the Leavenworth Times and seemed to be in a happy mood. He stated positively that he saw no machine guns or revolvers. He saw none of their faces, although he believed one of the men in the front seat weighed about 200 pounds and was of dark complexion.

Warden Fred G. Zorbst, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, said that Mr. Taylor had reported this incident to him and the Warden and some of the Guards and police officers had proceeded to the scene and the car had disappeared.

The writer obtained from Warden Zorbst a list of the correspondents of Thomas Holden and Francis L. Keating which are quoted hereunder:

Thomas Holden

Mrs. Thomas Holden, wife, 1240 West 65th Street, Chicago, Ill.

Mr. T. Holden, Jr., son, 1515 East 64th Street, Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. M. Ryan, friend, 1450 East 65th Place, Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. M. Fallow, sister, 3913 South Parnell Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Ester Dagenais, friend, no address, Chicago, Ill.

Harry G. Fields, nephew, 707 Oliver Ave., No., Minneapolis, Minn.

Jack Sumner, friend, 100 No., Tampa, Fla.

Gertrude McCullough, cousin, no address, Minneapolis, Minn.

Francis L. Keating

Mrs. Marge Keating, wife, 3334 South Oakby Ave.
7446 Eggleston Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. C. Keating, mother, 1040 West 87th Street, Chicago, Ill.

R. R. Keating, son, 7831 South Winchester Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Alice Brush, friend, 7831 South Winchester Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Warden Zorbat informed that Mrs. Alice Long, 218 West Garland, Paragould, Arkansas, a sister of Frank Nash, called at the prison about 3:00 P.M., 6-19-33 and talked with the Warden. She said that she believes Nash was not killed by the desperadoes, but by the officers. She said that if his gang or the thugs who participated in the murder attempted to kill the Warden, they would have done so long ago. She said that she believes Nash was killed with a bullet in the back of his head.

Warden Zorbat offered whole-hearted cooperation in this investigation.

R. G. H. [unclear]
Special Agent in Charge




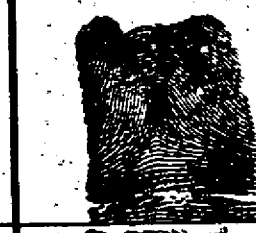






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F. P. C.

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"ESCAPE"

\$350.00 will be paid for the Arrest and delivery of this man, in any part of the United States to any authorized Officer of this Institution.
ARREST. HOLD AND WIRE.

ALVIE PAYTON No. 1755

Received October 16, from Labette County to a term of 20 to 100 yrs for the crime of Bank Robbery (Hab. Crim) Escaped May 30, 1933.

Description:—White-man; age 21; drk complexion; brn hair; blue eyes; height 6 feet 1 1/2 ins. build med large; weight 174 lbs. born Oklahoma; occupation machinist.

Marks & Scars: I—Clear. II—Clear. III—cic below left eye. Ct cic 4—head over right eye.

ARREST, HOLD AND WIRE:

LACEY M. SIMPSON, Warden.



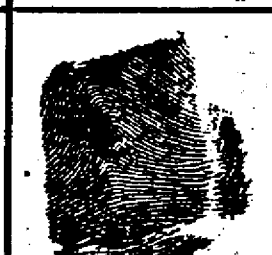







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\$2500 will be paid for the Arrest and delivery of this man, in any jail in the United States to an authorized officer of this institution.
ARREST, WIRE AND HOLD.

ED DAVIS No. 3 No. 2987

Alias, Geo. Allen; Keith Stone

Received July 9, 1932, from Bourbon County to a term of Life for the crime of Bank Robbery—Hab. Escaped May 30, 1933.

Description; White man; age 30; complexion drk; hair dk brn; eyes brn; height 5 ft 11 in; weight 156 lbs; build med tal; Occupation C. L.

Marks and Scars: I—tat R&B upr otr Lion's head below that Dove love initials TEX lwr otr American flag; II—TEX below, clasp hands below that head of woman; III—tat R&B upr otr head of woman in a horse shoe; IV—tat horse's head lwr otr girl in tight; V—tat that lwr otr woman lwr inr LOMA cowgirl dagger; VI—clear.

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LACEY SIMPSON, Warden.










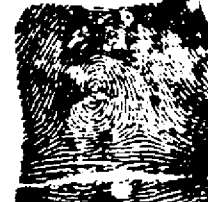


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ARREST, HOLD AND WIRE.

No. 2193 KENETH CONN

Received May 20, 1931, from Pratt County to a term of Life for the crime of Murder 1st Degree. Escaped May 30, 1933.

Description: White man; age 21; complexion dk; hair drk-blk; eyes brn; height 5 ft 7 in; weight 140 lb; build Med; Occupation Mechanic.

Marks and Scars: I—Vacc cic upr otr II—Clear III—Clear.

ARREST, HOLD AND WIRE:

LACEY M. STIMPSON, Warden

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ARREST HOLD AND WIRE.

WILBUR UNDERHILL No. 2337

Received September 6, 1931 from Sedgwick County to a term of Life, for Murder 1st Degree. Escaped May 30, 1933.

Description:—White man; dk complexion; ag 30; It brn hair; grey eyes; height 5 feet 11½ ins. build avg; weight 170 lbs. born Missouri; occupation electrician.

Marks & Scars:—I—Vac cic upr otr. II—Clear. III—2 teeth gone upr front left side, gun shot cic back of neck lwr center, moles on face and neck.

ARREST, HOLD AND WIRE:

LACEY M. HAMPSON, Warden.

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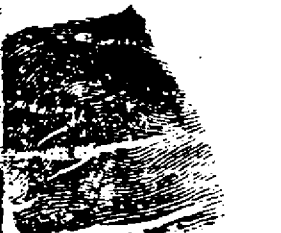

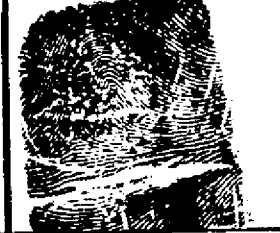


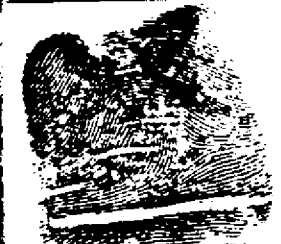




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ARREST. HOLD AND WIRE.

JIM CLARK No. 2988
alias Jack Martin

Received July 9, 1932 from Bourbon County, to a term of Life, for the crime of Bank Robbery, (H.W. Crim. Escaped May 30, 1933.

Description: White-man; age 30; drk co. brn hair; blue eyes; height 5 feet 8 1/2 ins. build medium; weight 141 lbs. born Oklahoma; occupation C. I.
Marks & Scars: I—vac cic upr otr. II—Clear. III—high 4—head.








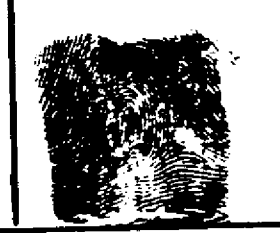


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LACEY M. SIMPSON, Warden.

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ARREST HOLD AND WIRE.

No. 3337 BOB BRADY

Alias Bob Ross; Pat Brady; Robert G. Brady; J.H. Taylor
Received January 14, 1933 from Seward County to term of Life for the crime of Grand Larceny Auto. (Habitual Criminal). Escaped May 30, 1933.

Description:—White man; age 28; complexion dark; hair blk 2 gray; eyes brn; height 6 ft 1 1-2 in; build heavy; weight 187 lbs. Occupation salesman.

Marks and Scars:—1—Vac cic upr otr ball 1 st finger. III—Long ct cic back of ne

ARREST, HOLD AND WIRE:

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\$350.00 will be paid for the Arrest and delivery of this man in or out of the United States to any authorized Officer of this Institution
ARREST HOLD AND WIRE.

No. 3045 HARVEY BAILEY

Alias J. J. Brennan; John Brown

Received August 17, 1932 from Bourbon County, Mo. for a term of 10 to 50 yrs for the crime of Bank Robbery. Escapes May 30, 1933.

Description:—White man; drk complexion; age 45; bld grey hair; brn eyes; height 5 ft 11 3/4 in; weight 180 lbs; born W. Va. occupation farmer

Marks and Scars:—I—Clear. II—two small scars above left eye. III—2 ct cicc on 4 head above left eye. gold crn upr front left side.

ARREST, HOLD AND WIRE.

LACEY A. SIMPSON, Warden.



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MEMORANDUM FOR DIVISION TEN

There are transmitted herewith descriptive data, fingerprints, photograph and specimen of handwriting for the preparation of Identification Order #1189, entitled Harvey J. ~~✓~~ Bailey with aliases, Murder, Bureau file #62-28915.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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HARVEY J. BAILEY aliases
J. J. BRENNAN, JOHN BROWN ✓

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DESCRIPTION:

Age, 45 years
Height, 5 feet, 11 1/2 inches
Weight, 180 pounds
Build, large
Hair, black to gray
Eyes, brown
Complexion, dark
Scars and marks:
1 clear 11-burn cic upr
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above left eye male above
left eye, gold crown upr
frt left side, recent bullet
scar in leg.

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CRIMINAL RECORD:

As Harvey J. Bailey, #6990,
arrested Police Department,
Omaha, Nebraska, March 23, 1920;
charge investigation - h'-jacking
and burglary.

As J. J. Brennan, #751,
arrested Sheriff's Office, Fort
Scott, Kansas, July 12, 1932;
charge bank robbery.

As Harvey Bailey, #3045,
received State Prison, Lansing,
Kansas, August 17, 1932; crime
bank robbery; sentence, 10 to
50 years. Escaped May 30, 1933.

Harvey J. Bailey, who was received at the Kansas State Prison at Lansing, Kansas on August 17, 1932, under a sentence of ten to fifty years for bank robbery, and escaped therefrom May 30, 1933, is wanted in connection with the murder of Otto Reed, Chief of Police of McAlester, Oklahoma, William J. Grooms and Frank E. Harman, police officers of Kansas City, Missouri, Raymond J. Caffrey, Special Agent of the United States Bureau of Investigation, and their prisoner, Frank Nash, at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office, United States Bureau of Investigation.

If apprehended, please notify Special Agent in Charge, United States Bureau of Investigation, 905 Federal Reserve Bank Building, Kansas City, Missouri, and the Director, United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

For purposes of record, please be advised that arrangements for the delivery of two Thompson sub-machine guns to the Kansas City Bureau Office were made through the Division of Supplies of the Department with Mr. Pitcher, local representative of the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Dearike Building, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

Glyde Tolson.

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June 19, 1933

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Special Agent in Charge,
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Dear Sir:-

Re: FRANK MASH, with aliases,
I. O. #1166, Escaped Federal Prisoner

Chief of Detectives Shoemaker, Chicago, Illinois informed Special Agent W. Carter Baum, of this office, that Mr. Elliott Wisbrod had called him on the telephone and had stated that three bullet-proof vests had recently been shipped to Kansas City, Kansas. Special Agent Baum interviewed Mr. Wisbrod at his office, 718 W. Madison Street, Room 804. Mr. Wisbrod operates a company known as the Bullet-Proof Vest Company at that address.

Mr. Wisbrod displayed a Railway Express Agency, Inc. receipt, showing that he had shipped a package on May 17, 1933 to Belle Novalty Company, 1011 N. Fifth Street, Kansas City, Kansas. Mr. Wisbrod received a cashier's check for \$100.00 when this order was made by Mr. Bell. Since the bill amounted to \$120.00, he had sent the goods C. O. D. \$20.00. The express receipt was #6333, and the package was picked up by one Petersen, in Chicago. The invoice of Wisbrod showed that three bullet-proof vests were sent, one size 40, chest, 38 waist, one size 38 chest, waist 36, and one size 37 chest and 34 waist.

Mr. Wisbrod had read the accounts in the local newspapers of the murders in connection with the attempted delivery of Subject Mash, and in addition, he had read the article in the CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE, June 19, 1933, on page 8, a copy of which is attached to this letter. It will be noted that in this article George McGee, who is in custody in connection with the kidnaping of Miss Mary McKroy from Kansas City, stated that he and his companions wore bullet-proof vests. A circular describing these bullet-proof vests is enclosed.

Since Mr. Wisbrod was not acquainted with Mr. Bell, it is suggested that a thorough investigation be made in an endeavor to ascertain the present owners of these bullet-proof vests. In addition, an examination of the file mentioned above will show that pictures were recently obtained by the Kansas City Office of Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, and Bernard Phillips. It is suggested that the eye witnesses of this crime, examine these pictures, together with the picture of Varne Miller, a St. Paul bank robber in an

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endeavor to learn whether any of these parties were connected with the murders.

The Chicago Bureau Office is conducting investigations in the vicinity of the known haunts of the man mentioned above, and at the places where Frank Nash was known to have stayed. Since the papers intimate that the slayers may have had Chicago connections, this office will appreciate any information that may be available in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC Bureau.

D. C. SMITH, Acting,
Special Agent in Charge

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801 Title Guaranty Bldg.
Saint Louis, Missouri
June 19, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled ⁹FRANK
NASH, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1166, Escaped Federal
Prisoner.

The Oklahoma City Office has advised this office
that Nash was driving a black Plymouth coupe, bearing Illi-
nois license No. 624-097, at the time of his apprehension.
The records of the Secretary of State as issued at Spring-
field, Illinois reflect that this license plate was issued
to Earl L. Mehre, 1345 East 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois,
for a DeSoto, bearing motor No. 19418, serial No. 8051428.

It is suggested that you trace this license
plate, inasmuch as it is believed that this may furnish
some information of value in connection with the recent
shooting at Kansas City.

Very truly yours,

B. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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RE: FRANK NASH
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER
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MEMORANDUM FOR REVISION

There are transmitted herewith descriptive data, fingerprints, photograph and specimen of handwriting for the preparation of Identification Order #1191, entitled Wilber Underhill, with aliases, Murder, Bureau file #62-28915.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #661100.

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WILBUR UNDERHILL, aliases
WILBUR UNDERHILL, HENRY WILBUR

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DESCRIPTION

Age, 32 years
Height, 5 feet, 11 1/4 inches
Weight, 170 pounds
Build, medium large
Hair, light brown
Eyes, gray
Complexion, dark
Nationality, German
Scars and marks:
l- vac cic upr ctr
ll- clear lll- two
teeth gone upr prt left
side, gun shot cic bk of nk
lwr ctr moles on face and
neck.

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CRIMINAL RECORD

As Wilbur Underhill, #1369,
arrested police department, Joplin,
Missouri, February 10, 1919; charge
burglary.

As Wilbur Underhill, #23197,
received S.P., Jefferson City, Miss
November 5, 1920, from Newton County
crime, attempt to rob; sentence, 2

As Wilbur Underhill, #25436,
received S.P., Jefferson City, Miss
February 14, 1923, from Jasper County
crime, robbery, first degree; sentenced
5 years.

As Henry Wilbur, #5059, arrested
police department, Tulsa, Oklahoma,
January 7, 1927; charge, robbery, &
theft.

As Wilbur Underhill, arrested po
department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, Jan
7, 1927; charge, murder, hi-jacking

As Wilbur Underhill, #17604,
received S.P., McAlester, Oklahoma,
June 7, 1927, from Okmulgee County;
crime, murder; sentence, life impris-
onment. Escaped July 14, 1931.

As Wilbur Underhill, #216, arres
Sheriff's Office, Wichita, Kansas,
August 14, 1931; charge, murder.

As Wilbur Underhill, #4618, arres
police department, Wichita, Kansas,
August 14, 1931; charge, murder;
sentence, life imprisonment.

As Wilbur Underhill, #2937, rec
S.P., Lansing, Kansas, September 4,
1931; crime, murder, first degree.
Escaped May 30, 1933.

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Wilber Underhill, who was received at the Kansas State Prison at Lansing, Kansas on September 4, 1931, under a life sentence for murder, and who escaped therefrom May 30, 1933, is wanted in connection with the murder of Otto Reed, Chief of Police of McAlester, Oklahoma, William J. D. Grooms and Frank E. Harmanson, police officers of Kansas City, Missouri, Raymond E. Coffey, Special Agent of the United States Bureau of Investigation, and their prisoner, Frank Nash, at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to nearest office, United States Bureau of Investigation.

If apprehended, please notify Special Agent in Charge, United States Bureau of Investigation, 905 Federal Reserve Bank Building, Kansas City, Missouri, and the Director, United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Issued by:

Director.

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June 21, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR DIVISION TEN:

There are transmitted herewith descriptive data, fingerprints, photograph and specimen of handwriting for the preparation of Identification Order #1192, entitled JAMES CLARK, with aliases, MURDER, Bureau File #62-28915.

Very truly yours,

Director.

✓ Enclosure #54601B.

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JAMES CLARK, aliases
JIM CLARK, JACK MARTIN

MURDER

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DESCRIPTION

Age, 31 years
Height, 5 feet 8 1/2 inches
Weight, 141 pounds
Build, medium
Hair, brown
Eyes, blue
Nationality, Irish
Scars and marks:
L-vee cic upr ctr
ll-clear llh-high 4-head

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As James Clark, arrested
Sheriff's Office, Midland, Texas,
November 17, 1927, charge, robbery
with firearms.

As Jim Clark, No. 18793, received
S.P., McAlester, Oklahoma, March 31,
1928, crime, conjoint robbery; sen-
tence, five years.

As Jim Clark, No. 25639, received
S.P., McAlester, Oklahoma, March 14,
1932, from Sequoyah, crime, larceny
(of live stock); sentence, three
years; escaped May 25, 1932.

As Jack Martin, arrested Sheriff's
Office, Nevada, Missouri, June 17,
1932, charge, bank robbery, turned
over to Fort Scott, Kansas officers.

As Jack Martin, No. 745, arrested
S.O., Fort Scott, Kansas, June 18,
1932, charge, bank robbery.

As Jim Clark, No. 2968, received
S.P., Lansing, Kansas, July 8, 1932;
crime, bank robbery, (habitual), sen-
tence, life imprisonment; escaped
May 30, 1933.

James Clark, who was recruited at the Kansas State Prison at Lansing, Kansas, on July 8, 1932, under a life sentence has an habitual criminal and who escaped therefrom May 30, 1933, is wanted in connection with the murder of Otto Reed, Chief of Police of McAlester, Oklahoma, William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson, police officers of Kansas City, Missouri, Raymond J. Caffrey, Special Agent of the United States Bureau of Investigation, and their prisoner, Frank Nash, at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933.

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Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or original record to nearest office, United States Bureau of Investigation.

If apprehended, please notify Special Agent in Charge, United States Bureau of Investigation, 905 Federal Reserve Bank Building, Kansas City, Missouri, and the Director, United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

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June 19, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I am submitting the following criminal history relative to JAMES CLARK, one of the prisoners who escaped recently from the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, a copy of whose photograph and fingerprint card also is attached:

Subject as James Clark, #---, arrested SO, Midland, Texas, November 17, 1927, charge - robbery with firearms; disposition not given.

As Jim Clark, #18793, received SP, McAlester, Okla., March 31, 1932, crime conjoint robbery; sentence - 5 years.

As Jim Clark, #23639, received SP, McAlester, Okla., March 14, 1932, from Sequeyah, crime - larceny (of live stock); sentence - 3 years, escaped May 23, 1932, notified 6-22-32.

As Jack Martin, #---, arrested SO, Nevada, Mo., June 17, 1932, charge - bank robbery, turned over to Ft. Scott, Kans. officers.

As Jack Martin, #745, arrested SO, Fort Scott, Kans., June 18, 1932, charge bank robbery; to KANSAS Penitentiary.

As Jim Clark, #2988, received SP, Lansing, Kans., July 8, 1932, crime - bank robbery (habitual); sentence - life.

Escaped May 30, 1933

Notations: #4257, Granite, Okla., reformatory.
WANTED: As Jim Clark, for escape. Notify: SP, Lansing, Kans."

Respectfully,

L. G. Schilder.

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MEMORANDUM FOR DIVISION TEN

There are transmitted herewith descriptive data, fingerprints, photograph and specimen of handwriting for preparation of Identification Order #1193, entitled ED DAVIS, with aliases, MURDER, Bureau file #62-28915.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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W. E. DAVIS, KEITH STONE, SEBRON EDWARD
DAVIS, GEORGE ALLEN, GEORGE KEITH ALLEN

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DESCRIPTION

Age, 31 years
Height, 5 feet, 11 inches
Weight, 156 pounds
Hair, dark brown
Eyes, brown
Complexion, dark
Nationality, American
Scars and marks:

1- tat R & B upr otr Lion's
head below that Dove "LOVE"
initials YEX lur otr Amer.
flag YEX below clasped hands
below that head of woman 11-
tat R & B upr otr head of
woman in Rose horse shoe &
horse's head lur otr girl in
tights below that bust form of
woman lur iar "LOMA" Cowgirl &
a dagger 111-clear

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CRIMINAL RECORD

As Ed Davis, No. 2188, received Stat
Reformatory, Granite, Oklahoma, March 5,
1919, from Jefferson; crime, burglary;
sentence, 2 years.

As S. E. Davis, arrested Sheriff's
Office, Hutchinson, Kansas, August 28, 1
charge, train riding - concealed weapons
dismissed.

As Ed Davis, No. 12780, received S.P.
McAlester, Oklahoma, January 23, 1923, &
Grady County; crime, conjoint robbery;
sentence, 10 years.

As W. E. Davis, No. SK-506, received
S.P., Little Rock, Arkansas, from Clark
County, April 12, 1930; crime, burglary;
released to Sheriff, Clark County, on bond.

As Keith Stone, arrested by State
Sheriff, Lincoln, Nebraska, August 8, 1931;

As Sebron Edward Davis, No. 9239,
arrested police department, Dallas, Texas,
April 27, 1931; charge, murder and bank
robbery.

As E. S. Davis, No. 2233, received
State Reformatory, Granite, Oklahoma,
1931, from Stephens County, Oklahoma.

As Ed Davis, No. 2188, received
Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, August
3, 1931, from Stephens County, Oklahoma,
murder; sentence, life imprisonment.
Escaped May 26, 1931.

As George Allen, arrested Sheriff's
Office, Nevada, Missouri, August 1932;
charge, bank robbery. Turned over to
Fort Scott officers.

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As George Keith Allen, No. 744, arrested Sheriff's Office, Fort Scott, Kansas, June 18, 1932; charge, bank robbery.

As Ed Davis, #3, #2987, received S.P., Lansing, Kansas, July 8, 1932; crime, bank robbery (habitual); sentence, life imprisonment. Escaped May 30, 1933.

Ed Davis, who was received at the Kansas State Prison at Lansing, Kansas, on July 8, 1932 under a sentence of life imprisonment as an habitual criminal and who escaped therefrom May 30, 1933, is wanted in connection with the murder of Otto Beed, Chief of Police of McAlester, Oklahoma, William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermannson, police officers of Kansas City, Missouri, Raymond J. Caffrey, Special Agent of the United States Bureau of Investigation, and their prisoner, Frank Nash, at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to nearest office, United States Bureau of Investigation.

If apprehended, please notify Special Agent in Charge, United States Bureau of Investigation, 905 Federal Reserve Bank Building, Kansas City, Missouri, and the Director, United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

DIRECTOR

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 20, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR DIVISION TEN.

There are transmitted herewith descriptive data, fingerprints, photograph and specimen of handwriting for the preparation of Identification Order #1194, entitled Charles Arthur Floyd with aliases, Murder.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
Director.

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CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, aliases
FRANK MITCHELL, "PRETTY BOY"
SMITH

MURDER

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DESCRIPTION

Age, 26 years
Height, 5 feet, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches
Weight, 155 pounds
Hair, dark
Eyes, gray
Complexion, medium
Nationality, American
Scars and marks, 1 Vac. cis.
1 tattoo (Nurse in Rose)

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CRIMINAL RECORD

As Charles Arthur Floyd, No. 22318
arrested Police Department, St.
Louis, Missouri, September 16,
1925; charge, highway robbery.

As Charles Floyd, No. 29078,
received S. P. Jefferson City,
Missouri, December 18, 1925,
from St. Louis; crime, robbery,
first degree; sentence, 5 years

As Charles A. Floyd, No. 16950,
arrested Police Department,
Kansas City, Missouri, March 9,
1929; charge, investigation.

As Charles Floyd, No. 3999,
arrested Police Department,
Kansas City, Kansas, May 6, 1929;
charge, vagrancy and suspicion -
highway robbery; released May 7,
1929.

As Charles Floyd, No. 887, arrested
Police Department, Pueblo,
Colorado, May 9, 1929; charge,
vagrancy; fined \$50 and sentence
to serve 60 days in jail.

As Frank Mitchell, No. 19983,
arrested Police Department,
Akron, Ohio, March 8, 1930;
charge, investigation.

As Charles Arthur Floyd, No. 21458,
arrested Police Department
Toledo, Ohio, May 20, 1930;
charge, suspicion.

Notations:

As Charles Arthur Floyd, sentenced
November 24, 1930, to serve 12
years in Ohio State Penitentiary
(bank robbery, Sylvania, Ohio);
escaped en route to penitentiary.

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Charles Arthur Fleyd is wanted in connection with the murder of Otto Reed, Chief of Police of McAlester, Oklahoma, William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson, police officers of Kansas City, Missouri, Raymond J. Caffrey, Special Agent of the United States Bureau of Investigation, and their prisoner, Frank Nash, at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933.

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Director.

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June 20, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The following is the record disclosed in our files in the case of CHARLES FLOYD alias "Pretty Boy" Smith, whose photograph and fingerprints are attached:

Subject as Charles Arthur Floyd, #22218, arrested PD, St. Louis, Mo., September 16, 1925, charge - highway robbery; as Charles Floyd, #29076, received SP, Jefferson City, Mo., December 18, 1925, from St. Louis City. Crime - robbery, 1st degree; sentence - 3 years.

As Charles A. Floyd, #16950, arrested PD, Kansas City, Mo., March 9, 1929, charge - investigation; disposition not given.

As Charles Floyd, #3099, arrested PD, Kansas City, Mo., May 6, 1929, charge - vagrancy and suspicion - highway robbery; released 8/7/29.

As Charles Floyd, #887, arrested PD, Pueblo, Colorado, May 9, 1929, charge - vagrancy; fined \$50.00 and sentenced to 60 days in jail.

As Frank Mitchell, #19983, arrested PD, Akron, Ohio, March 8, 1930, charge - investigation; pending.

As Charles Arthur Floyd, #21458, arrested PD, Toledo, Ohio, May 20, 1930, charge - suspicion; disposition not given.

Notations: "Arrested Kansas City, Mo., four other times, all cases of investigation of holdups and was released each time.
WANTED: As Charles Arthur Floyd alias Frank Mitchell, alias "Pretty Boy" Smith, 11/24/30 sentenced 12 years Ohio SP., (bank robbery, Sylvania, Ohio), 12/18/30, escaped enroute to Pen. Notify: Ohio SP. or Penn. Bowling Green, Ohio.
STILL WANTED: As Charles Floyd, murders and bank robbery. Notify: PD, Kansas City, Mo. and SO, Bowling Green, Ohio.
STILL WANTED: As Charles Arthur Floyd, for murder, according to information received 5/18/32 in PD Ballietta. Notify: SO, Bowling Green, Ohio."

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

HPL:GJR

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 21, 1933

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Clegg.....
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan called me from Kansas City shortly after 10 o'clock this morning. Mr. Nathan said that Agent Caffrey had not endorsed his last salary check and an expense check, and requested to be advised of the procedure to be followed in handling them. I advised that these checks should be returned to the Bureau with the papers re the administrator of the estate of former Special Agent Caffrey in order that they might be drawn payable to the administrator of his estate.

Mr. Nathan stated that Agent Lackey is getting along very well and that they spent several hours with him last night, when he appeared to be very cheerful.

Respectfully,

Howard Locke
Howard P. Locke.

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June 19, 1933.

MEMORANDUM - re FRANK NASH case

Special Agent in Charge Vetterli advised by telephone that two Agents had been sent to Joplin, Missouri to check the story regarding Mrs. Nash's presence there; that the automobile licenses had been checked and that they were found to be okay; that Special Agent in Charge Gus Jones was leaving for Oklahoma City as information had been received that Nash engineered the ~~Vansing~~ prison break, and that the informant was arriving today from Hot Springs.

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Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. MURDER OF SP. AGT.
R. J. CAVERTY. MISCELLANEOUS MATTER.
St. Paul File No. 62-888

Reference is made to the report that a long distance telephone call from Kansas City, Missouri, on May 3, 1938, to Atlantic 3177, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was made to room 664 or room 764 of the Nicollet Hotel, which has telephone No. Atlantic 3177. Please be advised that Special Agent C. G. Hall of this office today made inquiry and determined that on May 3, 1938, rooms 664, 666, and 668, a suite of rooms, were rented to the following individuals:

- B. Notzon, Sophian Plaza, Kansas City Missouri, room 668, Nicollet Hotel file No. B-54506.
- Howard E. Conley, 24 Edgehill Road, Little Rock, Arkansas, room 668, Nicollet Hotel file No. B-54505.
- O. R. Carter, New York Life Insurance Company, Des Moines, Iowa, room 664, Nicollet Hotel file No. B-54516.
- Dick Oliver, New York Life Insurance Company, St. Louis, Missouri, room 666, Nicollet Hotel file No. B-54515.

The above rooms were rented to the occupants named as a result of reservation made by a Mr. Peters of the New York Life Insurance Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, said reservation having been made with Joseph V. Carmichael, Assistant Manager. Mr. Carmichael stated that he is positive that the individuals above named were engaged in the insurance business as he recalls they had a meeting at which time they conversed concerning insurance matters. L. S. Lindsay was also in the party but the records of the hotel do not show what room he occupied.

Concerning the possibility that call had been made to room 764:

Stedman Hanks, Washoe, Nevada, registered in room 764 on May 4th, Nicollist Hotel file No. E-61501. Mrs. Prince Wolcott and maid of San Francisco, California, and Mrs. Stedman Shusway Hanks of Washoe, Nevada, registered on May 2, 1933, in room 760-62, Nicollist Hotel file No. E-61175. It appears that the account of Mrs. Wolcott and maid was transferred to the account of Mrs. Hanks and the above two accounts and Stedman Hanks' account, all totaling \$65.98, were paid by Stedman Hanks, on May 5, 1933, when the party checked out, leaving no forwarding addresses.

The auditor of the hotel, E. P. Omoth, furnished the following information regarding the occupants of the suite of rooms on the sixth floor. Two local telephone calls were made on May 5th from room 668, one being to Regent 5418, which phone is listed in the name of Mrs. Anna Rebersdorf, 3020 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, and one to Walnut 0460, the Interlachen Country Club, an exclusive country club immediately beyond the outskirts of Minneapolis. There is no record that any of the occupants in the suite of rooms on the sixth floor sent any telegrams or received any long distance telephone calls. Unless the long distance call was paid for at the receiving end, the receiving office has no record of same.

With reference to the occupants of the room on the seventh floor, the hotel auditor furnished the following information: On May 5th, two telegrams of the total cost of \$3.43 were sent to Aberdeen, South Dakota. On the same date a telegram was sent to Faribault, Minnesota, cost \$1.82. A telegram was sent on the same date to Boston, cost \$2.70; and later on the same date another telegram was sent to Boston, cost 76¢. On the same date, telegram was sent to New York City, cost 72¢; another telegram to Boston, cost 87¢. Telegrams were also sent to New York City, Manchester, and Southboro, total cost of the three wires \$5.

A long distance telephone call was made to Faribault, Minnesota, at 10:41 a.m., on May 5th to number 1985, cost 35¢. At 11:03 a.m. on the same date, long distance telephone call was made to number 363, Faribault, Minnesota, cost 85¢. At 10:46 a.m. a telephone call was made to the same number, cost 85¢. Mrs. Wolcott, on May 5th, made a long distance telephone call to number 4544, Reno, Nevada, cost \$4.80.

The photographs of Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker were displayed to Mr. J. W. Nordquist, clerk who registered the above parties, but he could not identify the photographs. Photographs of Bernard Phillips, Verne Miller, Larry C'Keefe, Frank Nash, and Mary Phillips were also shown to the clerk.

Very truly yours,

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WERNER HANDEL, Special Agent in Charge

305 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
June 26, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
Post Office Building
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash)

In connection with the above matter it is requested that you immediately make investigation to determine the identity and connections of the party located at Pampa, Texas, telephone #323W. It is ascertained from telephone records that a long distance call was placed at Joplin, Missouri, from telephone #1159, which is the Cottage Inn, at 8:27 P.M., June 17, 1933. The call was made station to station and names of the parties were not given.

In the same connection, it has been found that A. W. Babione, formerly of 1917 East Browning Street, Pampa, Texas, now resides at Webb City, Missouri. His wife is the sister of Herbert Farmer of Joplin, Missouri, who has now disappeared and is known to have a direct connection with this matter. Babione is said to be the owner of a green Buick Sedan, bearing 1933 Texas license #445708, Motor #2512354.

It is requested that an investigation be conducted to determine the connections, activities and reputation of A. W. Babione at Pampa, Texas.

Very truly yours,

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

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DEPT. OF JUSTICE
Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
1900 Bankers' Building
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Effort to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash)

Investigation developed a probable connection by Harvey Bailey, Kansas State Penitentiary, #3045, as a participant in the massacre of the officers in this case. Bailey escaped from the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, on May 30, 1935, and is at large.

In connection with this matter kindly refer to your file 98-118, entitled Frank Nash, with aliases, fugitive, I.O. #1106, et al. In the same case you will note that Keating and Holden are involved. It was indicated through investigation in that case that the alleged wives of Keating and Holden had been furnishing money for the support of Mattie Bailey, wife of Harvey Bailey, during the time that Bailey was incarcerated.

Recent investigation at the Kansas State Penitentiary disclosed the following correspondents of Harvey Bailey:

Mr. E. B. Bailey, brother, Richmond, Illinois, and Twin Lakes, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Mattie Bailey, wife, Twin Lakes and Silver Lake, Wisconsin.

Mr. Fred Martin, cousin, Richmond, Illinois, and Twin Lakes, Wisconsin.

Hollie _____ Richmond, Illinois.

Mrs. Harry J. Bailey (relationship unknown), Geneva, Wisconsin.

A letter, apparently written at Richmond, Illinois, but postmarked Silver Lake, Wisconsin, from Mrs. Mattie Bailey, addressed to Harvey Bailey, dated May 30, 1935, was found at the Kansas State Penitentiary. The letter is written in very endearing terms and it is indicated through this and other sources of information that Harvey Bailey and his wife are deeply in love. In the letter Mrs. Bailey refers to a money order which had been sent by a friend

whose name is not mentioned, but referred to as "our cousin". In the letter she stated that the sender of the money order had apparently been negligent and that she would straighten him out "the next time", but stating that there probably would not be a next time as Bailey might be coming home any day. It is indicated in the letter that the writer, Mrs. Bailey, lives on a farm.

Also reference is made at this time to a telephonic request by the St. Louis office to the Chicago office several days ago in regard to surveillance of Winnie Williams, 2334 Oakley Street, Chicago, Illinois. It is found that this woman is the wife of Bernard Phillips, Chicago Police Department #26408, who is now at large and badly wanted in many places for bank robberies. Mrs. Mary Phillips uses aliases Winnie Williams and Mary Courtney. She is shown as Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department #20590. You are advised that a photograph of Mary Phillips, with aliases, has been identified by parties at St. Paul as an individual who rented a residence there which was used in connection with the recent Hamm kidnaping at St. Paul, Minnesota. It is requested that constant advice be given the Kansas City office in respect to the surveillance of Mary Phillips. It is quite possible that Bernard Phillips may have figured in the instant matter. Any possible contacts or means of coverage of her activities should be employed.

It is requested also that a complete check be made at Richmond, Illinois, Twin Lakes and Silver Lake, Wisconsin, and that all possible covers be placed on the parties who have been in communication, as above mentioned, with Harvey Bailey. Any sources of confidential information that can be secured at these places can be utilized to fullest advantage.

Very truly yours,

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

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
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MEMORANDUM TO S. A. C. WERNER HANNI: *Mrs. V. A. n*

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
MURDER OF SP. AGT. R. J. CAPPREY.
MISCELLANEOUS MATTER.
St. Paul File No. 62-888

Acting on telephonic instructions of Special Agent in Charge WERNER HANNI to secure all available information regarding FRANCES MICKULICH LUCE at Aurora, Minnesota, inquiry was made there during the night of June 24, 1933.

HUGO KNUTI, Postmaster, on interview stated FRANCES was the daughter of VINCENT MICKULICH who was employed as janitor at the City Hall; that she was apparently born there and lived at that place until sometime after the War when she departed and so far as he knows, she has resided in and about Chicago, Illinois, since that time; that at one time she was married to a man by the name of LUCE from whom she was divorced some two or three years past at Chicago, Illinois, and that his brother GEORGE A. KNUTI, attorney, Bernham or Burnham Building, located on North LaSalle Street, Chicago, secured the divorce for MRS. LUCE; that his understanding was that LUCE was a liquor dealer at some time and that a day or two thereafter he married a younger sister of FRANCES who was also in Chicago and still is so far as he knows. He stated that he believed his brother would know FRANCES' address and would willingly furnish any information he has with regard to her. He stated that FRANCES' little girl, DON ELLA LUCE, resides with the VINCENT MICKULICH family at Aurora and is in Aurora at the present time and he has no information to the effect that she has recently been away. He stated that FRANCES seldom comes to Aurora and the last time he had any recollection of her coming there was approximately one year ago when she spent several days with her parents.

MR. KNUTI further advised that from time to time, money orders were transmitted to VINCENT MICKULICH for the support of DON ELLA LUCE by FRANCES; that these money orders ranged from \$10 to \$50 and did not come in large amounts so that it would create suspicion that she had an excess of money. He stated that one thing he noted was that the letters always came Special Delivery and on one occasion he asked MICKULICH about this and MICKULICH indicated that his daughter sent the letters Special Delivery in order that they might not be tampered with.

MR. KNUTI examined his records of incoming money orders and the only record he could locate was the transmittal of \$50 by money order No. 150254.

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issued at the Maywood, Illinois, office to VINCENT MICKULICH under date of March 25, 1932, office No. 12468. The name of the purchaser was stated as FRANK HARRISON, 2919 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

MR. KNUTI stated that he had not noticed any mail from FRANCES lately and he did not know her present address. He specifically stated that he had not noticed mail coming to MICKULICH from Hot Springs, Arkansas. He further advised that he was absolutely sure that no one in town knew FRANCES' address except her parents and he demurred at the suggestion that he secure her address from them. He further advised that from time to time parcel post packages were sent to VINCENT MICKULICH containing clothing for DON KILA LUCE which apparently were sent from Chicago, Illinois, by FRANCES.

MR. KNUTI was interviewed as discreetly as possible and bound to secrecy. However, during the interview he advised that he had no better friends in Aurora than the MICKULICHS and that although he was Postmaster, he would do nothing adverse to their interests. During the interview he stated on one occasion, "Because I am Postmaster, that is not saying that I will tell everything I know." During the interview, he apparently did furnish all information in his possession.

He stated that FRANCES is of Austrian extraction; that she is approximately 30 years old, slender, nice looking, dark complexioned, and dark brown hair.

Owing to the apparent close friendship between the MICKULICHS and KNUTI, no reference was made regarding any mail cover and he incidently mentioned that he expected to leave office soon as he would be replaced by a Democratic appointee. In view of this situation, it is felt that in the event it becomes necessary to cover the MICKULICHS' mail, this should be held in abeyance pending the removal of KNUTI as Postmaster.

As a point of information, Aurora is a town of approximately 1,000 population and is not termed a resort town, few people visiting the place who do not belong there or in the immediate vicinity.

MR. KNUTI stated that he did not know FRANK NASH and was sure that he had not visited Aurora and further that no strange men had been around the MICKULICH place in the last three years during which time he has been Postmaster.

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R. C. COULTER,
Special Agent.

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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AIR MAIL

June 26, 1933.

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

RE: FRANK NASH, I.O. 1166
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

In connection with the Plymouth coupe which was found to have been in the possession of subject Nash at the time of his apprehension in Hot Springs, Arkansas, the attention of your office is directed to the report of Special Agent V. W. Peterson, Chicago, Ill. May 6, 1933. This report of Special Agent Peterson shows that an investigation of license plates for the State of Illinois for 1933, numbered 684097, showed a registration in the name of EARL L. MEHRE, 1345 E. 63rd St. This also showed that license (city) number 88845, was issued in the name of Mehre at the same address, but an investigation at this address failed to disclose Mehre's whereabouts. Agent Peterson however, made inquiry through the DeSoto distributor in Chicago, Illinois in an effort to determine through what dealer DeSoto Sedan bearing motor number 19618 had been sold, since this information appeared on the registration of the license plate mentioned.

The Chicago Bureau office received a communication from the DeSoto Motor Corporation, Chicago district office, through Miss D. McCabe, which showed that this automobile had been used by a representative of the DeSoto Motor Corporation, and that it had been sold on February 2, 1933, as a used car to the Lake Side Auto Sales Co. 6130 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The telegram from the Oklahoma City office dated June 23, 1933, indicated that the Plymouth Sedan in the possession of subject Nash bore the motor number PC 45468, and the serial number PC 8301 BC.

The Chicago Bureau office immediately called the Auto Protective and Information Bureau at Chicago, Illinois and was informed by Mr. Rigoll of that office that while the motor number disclosed that this car was probably a late 1932 or an early 1933 Plymouth, the serial number was incorrect, and that the serial number had undoubtedly been incorrectly copied. Mr. Rigoll promised to trace this car through from

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The factory. The Stolen Auto Division of the Chicago Police Department was contacted by telephone, and it was reported from that source that there was no information in regard to a Plymouth coupe bearing this motor number. It was noted however, from this telegram that the city license on the Plymouth coupe was 22B46, and not 22B45, as was the city license issued to Earl L. Mahre at 1345 E. 63rd Street. In consequence inquiry was made at the license division, City Hall, Chicago, Illinois which disclosed that city license number 22B46 was issued to GEORGE W. MILLER of 5506 Lake Park Avenue, for a Plymouth car. The data obtained for city license plates only contains the information listed and does not contain motor or serial numbers.

This investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. Carter Baum of this office, who then called at 5506 Lake Park Avenue, which turned out to be the Lake Park Garage. This garage is now operated by a Mr. Ben Nelson and a Mr. Sel Ets Hokin. One J. Hawkins, the day manager, was interviewed on June 25, 1935, and stated that he did not know a George W. Miller who had stored a Plymouth coupe in that garage. Hawkins said that this garage had direct lines to the Shoreland Hotel, the Chicago Beach Hotel, the Flamingo Hotel, the Piccadilly Hotel, and also did some business with the Park Shore Hotel, and the Cornell Towers Apartments. These various places are all residential hotels located on the south side of Chicago near the Lake in the vicinity of this garage. Hawkins said that of course the Lake Park Garage was not the only garage that catered to the residents of these hotels, but that he believed that this garage obtained most of the transient trade from the Shoreland Hotel, and a fair portion from the Chicago Beach Hotel. Hawkins examined the pictures of Bush and numerous other persons connected with this case, but was unable to identify them as any person whom he had ever seen. Hawkins said he did not remember any party storing a Plymouth coupe other than one person whom he knew as being a relative of prominent persons in Chicago. Hawkins suggested that the night man might also have some information and stated that the name of this night man was Harold Letinsinger, who came on duty at 8 PM and who had worked at the garage for a considerable time. Mr. Hawkins said that the Lake Park Garage was in the control of its present management for about two months.

Mr. Ben Boring, Secretary and Treasurer, Lake Side Auto Sales Company, 6180 Cottage Grove Avenue was next interviewed. Mr. Boring produced his records which showed that on February 7, 1935, he had sold a Buick Sedan bearing motor number 5 8 19618, serial 5051442 to EARL L. MAHRE, 1345 E. 63rd St. Telephone Dorchester 4505, and that

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he had taken in trade a 1929 Essex automobile bearing engine number 1024304, and serial number 957349. Aside from the trade in on this car the DeSoto had been purchased for cash, the total purchase price being \$625.00. Mr. Boring stated that it is his understanding that Mr. Mahre was employed by the Wayne Pump Company of Fort Wayne, Indiana, to travel and repair broken Wayne gasoline pumps. He said that Mahre had purchased he believed two Essex cars from a nearby dealer, and had been living in the community for four or five years at least. He said that Mahre came to the garage frequently for service, and that he felt sure that Mahre was legitimate. Mr. Boring was then asked to examine his records under the name of George W. Miller and discovered that on February 7, 1933, he had sold to George W. Miller, 2604 Lake Park Avenue, Plymouth coupe, black in color, of a standard business model, which bore motor number FC 45408, and serial number 1801524. The key number was 4835. This transaction was made by Mr. Don Boring, the records show, and a 1929 Buick, engine number 2342241, serial number 2257761 was traded in. \$260.00 was allowed on this Buick and \$344.00 was paid in cash. Mr. Boring said that the transaction occurred as follows:

He said that on about February 8, 1933, a man about five feet six inches tall, weighing about 190 pounds, being of stocky build and appearing more or less pudgy, called at the Lake Side Auto Sales Company. Boring believed that this man was not dark, although he could not say just how fair he might be. This individual describing himself as Miller was accompanied by another man about the same age, that is 30 years, who appeared to be Jewish. This companion of Miller was of slight build. Mr. Boring said he (Miller) stated he would like to trade in his Buick and purchase a Plymouth coupe, and asked how long it would take to consummate the deal. Boring told him just as long as it would take to take a car off the floor and put oil and gas in it and adjust the engine. This man then left the 1929 Buick at the garage and said he would be back in several hours, stating that in the meantime he would go to the city hall and procure his license plates. Although Mr. Boring did not remember the incident at first, he later recalled that about that time Mr. Barry, the salesman who sold the car to Mr. Mahre was present, and stated that he was going to the city hall to procure license plates for another purchaser, and that he would obtain his license plates. Mahre it seems, had already filled out his application for both State and city licenses, and Miller therefore filled out his application for license plates for this Plymouth automobile, and turned the funds over to Barry, who proceeded to the city hall and purchased the city license plates and the Illinois State license plates. 1933 is the first year that State license plates have been distributed

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from the city of Chicago, previously all plates coming from Springfield, Illinois, and all identification cards are still mailed from Springfield, Illinois, but if not delivered, are sent to the office of the Secretary of State in Chicago, Illinois, if the person who registered the car is a resident of Chicago. These tags were then brought back to the garage by Mr. Barry, and on the envelope in which the license plates were contained someone had marked in pencil a designation as to which car the licenses were to be placed on. Mr. Boring said that the only way he could explain that the license of Mehre was on the car in Hot Springs, Arkansas, was that through some mistake the license plates had been switched at the garage, or that the envelopes had been incorrectly marked. Boring said that on the date that he delivered the Plymouth to George Miller, Miller had come to the garage in the morning accompanied by a man about 22 or 23 years old, who also seemed to be Jewish, and had paid the \$344.00 in cash. Boring in the meantime had checked on the Buick and had discovered that there was no theft record or lien record against it. Boring stated that following this he had not seen this George Miller and that Miller had never returned for service on the car.

The janitor's wife at 1845 E. 62nd St. stated that she had known Mr. Earl L. Mehre for about seven or eight years, as being a resident in that neighborhood, and that he worked for the same pump company, and was on the road most of the time. Mr. Mehre has a Mrs. Philbrick, a cousin living with him, and his wife's name also appears in the mail box as F. Thomas. Mrs. Mehre works, and the firm for which she works hesitates to employ married women and consequently Mrs. Mehre has her name on the mail box as Miss Thomas in order to receive mail from her firm. In addition, Mehre's apartment is occupied by a Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wahinoff, who are friends of Mr. and Mrs. Mehre. Wahinoff is a disabled war veteran and is now in Hines Veterans Hospital. The janitor's wife said that she felt sure that Mr. Mehre was perfectly reliable and had no criminal or underworld connections.

Mr. Earl L. Mehre was interviewed, at which time he carried Agent Baum to a nearby garage where his car was parked. This car bore Illinois license plates 625236, and Chicago city license plates 22945. It was a DeSoto Sedan. Mr. Mehre searched through his effects in his car and was astonished to learn that he had never received his identification card. It will be noted through Agent Petersen's report that this identification card was never delivered because Mehre was no longer at the address 1845 E. 63rd St. Chicago.

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Mehre said that the registration of his car had been taken care of by Mr. Barry, who had sold him the car, and that he had no idea that the plates on his car were not registered in his name. Mr. Mehre immediately drove to the Lake Side Auto Sales Company, and said that since he was on the road continually he wanted this matter adjusted promptly. Mr. Boring promised to have the Secretary of State's office make some adjustment in order to correct the tags now on Mehre's car. A telephone call to the Vehicle Bureau, Chicago Police Department, disclosed that tags 628258 were issued to a George W. Miller, 8606 Lake Park Avenue on a Plymouth, motor number PC 45488. It will be noted that Mehre had the correct city license sticker on his car, and that the Plymouth which subject Nash had bore the correct city sticker. However it would seem that the State license plates had been switched through mistake by the Lake Side Auto Sales Company.

Agent Baum returned to the Lake Park garage and there interviewed Mr. Sol Ets Hokin, one of the owners. He stated that he knew no George W. Miller who had stored a car at that garage. He said he had been manager of this garage for Mr. H. G. Lindheimer who was a ward committeeman in that neighborhood, and who was well known in Democratic politics in Chicago. He left the employ of Mr. Lindheimer however, on February 4, 1933, and did not return to that man's employ until March 21, 1933. He could not say whether Miller might have stored his car at that point during that time. He said that later he and Nelson had purchased this garage from Mr. Lindheimer, who had found it unprofitable. Mr. Hokin examined numerous pictures shown him but was unable to identify any of them as that of persons who stored cars in that garage. He questioned a number of the help and one of these persons remembered that last spring an identification card was addressed to that place, which was opened upon its arrival, and a number of garages in the neighborhood were called upon to see if it was delivered to the Lake Park Garage by mistake, but the owner of this identification card could not be found. This employee could not remember whether the name had been Miller or not. Mr. Hokin admitted that in addition to being manager of that garage he had for the last six or seven years operated a book in the city of Chicago. He said he was well acquainted with one Joe Haves, whose telephone it will be noted at 64 West Randolph St. Chicago was called from the Southern Club at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Hokin said he is no longer in the book making business, having closed his shop recently, because it cost him too much to operate and he does not intend to open again until the fall. Mr. Hokin said he would make inquiry among the employees in an endeavor to ascertain whether a George W. Miller was ever known as a person who stored a car at that garage, and as a person who had received an identification card there.

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In a letter addressed to the Chicago office dated June 25, 1935, from the Kansas City office, it is mentioned that a registration card was being forwarded, which had been issued to 6506 Lake Park Ave. Chicago, Illinois under the name George W. Miller. An examination of this identification card, which was enclosed with this letter, shows the address 8506 Lake Park Avenue, and the former address was undoubtedly a typographical error. There is no 6506 Lake Park Avenue, since there is no Lake Park Ave. in the entire numbers between 6000 and 7000.

The Chicago Bureau office will make further investigation in order to check the Buick automobile traded in on the Plymouth coupe and will also make investigation in order to trace the various papers in Frank Nash's possession at the time of his apprehension, in order to find out about his former haunts and companions.

Very truly yours,

D. O. SMITH,

Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Bureau
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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
ROOM 1900, Bankers Bldg.
CHICAGO, ILL.

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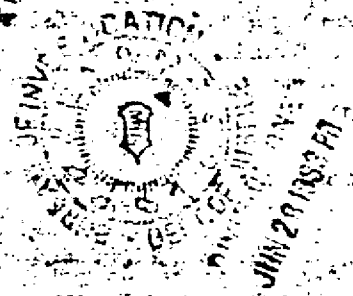
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H.H. COLVIN
1204 FEDERAL BUILDING
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FRANK MASH RFP REFER REPORT WM PETERSON CHICAGO MAY SIXTH LAKESIDE AUTO SALES
COMPANY SOLD DESOTO SEDAN MOTOR FIVE C NINETEEN SIX EIGHTEEN EARL L. MESSER AND
PLYMOUTH COUPE MOTOR FC EIGHTEEN NAUGHT THIRTEEN TWO FOUR GEORGE W MILLER
FEBRUARY SEVENTH COMPANY SECURED LICENSES BOTH CARS BUT MISTAKENLY SWITCHED
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LETTER FOLLOWS

SMITH ACTING



Re- Frank Mash - I.O. #1166
Escaped Federal Prisoner
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TO:
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Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
1420 Equitable Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In re: FRANK NASH with aliases,
I. O. #1106
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER
CHICAGO FILE NO. 78-118

With reference to your letter dated June 20, 1933, in which you state that you will keep this matter pending awaiting further advice from the Chicago office, this is to inform you that it is not believed necessary at this time, on the information now at hand, to hold this matter open in the Cincinnati office.

For your information and for the information of the Kansas City office, to which a copy of this letter is being sent, it will be noted that on the night of June 17, 1933, Special Agent John L. Madala of the Chicago Bureau office and a police officer working out of the Chicago Detective Bureau were assigned to watch the address 3334 South Oakley Avenue. This address is the address of the McGuirl family and apparently the present home of Mrs. Francis Keating, the wife of subject Keating. One Winnie Williams alias Mary Philips alias Mary Karpis alias Mary Courtney, the alleged wife of Bernard Philips, lived at this address for a short time and later, about May 15, 1933, moved to the Crest Hotel, 6720 Stony Island Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. However, mail continued to come to Winnie Williams at this address following her departure, which was forwarded to the Crest Hotel.

During the course of the evening Agent Madala saw a new Lincoln car bearing Kentucky license plates No. 286020. Your man and two women were observed in this automobile. One man got out and went into the address 3334 South Oakley Avenue. Agent Madala managed to get close to this individual and heard him speak. This individual bore a remarkable resemblance to Bernard Philips. Due to the number of men in this car no attempt was made to detain the occupants, but the police officer with Agent Madala immediately called for a squad car to come to that location. Agent Madala returned to this address following this call at the corner in short

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distance away, but the occupants of the car had apparently obtained whatever information they desired and had departed.

Special Agent W. Carter Bass of the Chicago Bureau office conferred with Lieutenant Arthur Katt, in charge of the Hoodlum Squad, Detective Bureau, Chicago Police Department, and Lieutenant Katt said that he personally knew Adams, who is listed as the person who registered this car. Katt, who is industriously searching for Bernard Philips, said that he would endeavor to locate Adams in some of his known haunts and would try to learn if Adams were in contact with Philips or other members of that gang.

This letter is being forwarded to you at this time before a report is prepared by the Chicago Bureau office for your prompt information.

Very truly yours,

D. O. SMITH, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
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Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

The attached card, belonging to the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Illinois, bearing the signature of George E. Miller, was taken from the possession of Frank Nash, apparently Miller is his alias in the masonic order.

Please cause a complete and thorough check in this matter to be made at Chicago.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P.S. Also among Nash's personal effects were found Illinois certificate of registration #7505, and also license certificate showing Nash, under an alias of George W. Miller, residing at #506 Lake Park Avenue, Chicago. Also a membership book in the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local #649, Peoria, Illinois. Please check all of these with a view of procuring all of Nash's connections.

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208 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

June 22, 1933. 95119

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
MURDER OF SPECIAL AGENT R. J. GAFFNEY.
MISCELLANEOUS.
St. Paul File No. 62-368.

JUN 26 1933 PM

At the telephonic request of the Director, I am submitting the following descriptions, which are descriptions of three men, who resided in St. Paul, Minnesota, at 204 Vernon Avenue, for approximately three weeks, leaving there at approximately 3:55 A.M. June 20, 1933:

NO. 1.
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 170 or 180 pounds
Build: Heavy
Complexion: Florid
Peculiarities: Laughs loudly and talks loudly.

NO. 2.
Height: 5'7" or 8"
Weight: 140 to 150 pounds
Hair: Sandy
Peculiarities: Reserved

NO. 3.
Height: 5'5" or 6"
Weight: 130 pounds
Build: Stocky
Peculiarities: Square shoulders; walked with a swagger and was uncommunicative.

Ages of the above are unknown.

Very truly yours,

R. C. COULTER, ACTING,
Special Agent in Charge.

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205 P.O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

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Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

JUN 25 1933

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
(Murder of Sp. Agt. R.J. Coffey)
MISCELLANEOUS MATTER.
St. Paul file 62-688.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your telegram of
June 21, 1933, attached hereto, please find fifteen
photographs of VERNON C. MILLER #4240.

Very truly yours,

R.C. COULTER, Acting,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Re: FRANK BASH, with aliases -
 I. O. #1164.
 Escaped Federal Prisoner.

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Dear Sir:-

With reference to your telegram dated June 18, 1933 inquiring as to the ownership of Jefferson County, Ky. license plates 4396-020 and to my telegrams furnishing the desired information, please be advised that discreet inquiries were made by Special Agent F. E. Hurley, through a trusted police cooperator of the Detective Bureau, Louisville, Ky., which developed that Mr. Joseph E. Adams, address Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, is a professional dog-fancier, manager of Dog Race Tracks in several cities of the United States, including Jeffersonville, Indiana and Chicago, Illinois and a well known professional gambler of Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville, Ky.

However, Adams bears a fairly good reputation in the vicinity of Louisville, that is, he has never been arrested in Louisville, and so far as could be learned, his rackets are confined largely to the Dog Race Track. Adams is reported to have been a trusted friend of Al Capone, but a still more intimate friend of one Danny McFarlane, alias McFarland, a noted gambler of Chicago. Adams is said to have been arrested sometime about 1921 by a Special Agent of the United States Bureau of Investigation, named Pat Roache. The charge could not be ascertained by Agent. It is believed that Adams was photographed by the Chicago Police at that time. Roache is, or was, a special investigator for the Commonwealth Attorney, Cooks County, Illinois. In connection with the arrest of Adams, Agent's cooperator, Detective Chester Richards, Police Headquarters, Louisville, stated Adams was arrested in "Tommy" Dillon's Smoke Shop, Chicago. A notorious person named "Nicky Slim" real name not known, was also arrested with Adams. It is not known whether Adams was arrested under an alias.

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Detective Richards, Louisville Police Department, also stated that in his opinion, ex-Chief of Detectives Charles Zigfris or some such name, also ex-Chief of Police Edwards and a Sergeant Boyle, former members of the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department knew, or can ascertain who the KILLERS are. In this connection, Richards admitted that the three former police officers named herein are not honest men; that they are, or were, actively engaged in several rackets in Kansas City, Missouri. This information is being furnished for what it is worth.

Further inquiries of Detective Richards developed that Joseph Adams formerly lived at an apartment house located at Fourth and Gaulbert Ave., Louisville. Of late, however, he has been living at the Kentucky Hotel, 5th and Walnut Sts., Louisville. He was rooming at the said hotel on May 27, 1935, the date he purchased a new Lincoln Sedan from the Consolidated Motors, Inc. The motor number of same is K. S. 2142. Ky. 1935 license plates #806-020 were issued to Adams at Louisville, the day of purchase. According to Detective Richards, Adams is also connected with the Eddie Miller gang of racketeers, recently arrested at Indianapolis. The Miller gang, composed of ten members, was arrested in Louisville and Covington, Ky., by the police. The Louisville Police were chiefly instrumental in locating the gang and breaking them up. All of the ten members are now in custody at Indianapolis. Adams is not a killer. He is an associate of the gang. He is also refined, well behaved and quite well liked in sporting circles at Louisville. He left Louisville for Chicago, Ill., June 1, 1935. While in the latter city he usually stops at the Southwark Hotel and is close to Danny McFarland, with aliases. Adams also operates a Dog Race Track at the old White Sox Professional Ball Park, Chicago.

Discreet inquiries were made at the office of Manager Roache, Consolidated Motors, Inc., 740 Fourth Street, Louisville, relative to the purchase of the above described Lincoln Sedan by Adams. The said company is the authorized agency for the Lincoln car. Inquiries at Police Headquarters, Louisville, developed that all members of the sales force and the officers of the said company are absolutely reliable. Through Miss E. M. Roth, Office Manager, Consolidated Motors Company, Agent ascertained that Adams purchased the above Sedan on May 27, 1935. The following day he drove very rapidly to Chicago. On his return, Adams complained about the operation of the motor. The trouble was quickly repaired.

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On June 1, 1933 Adams left Louisville and made his residence at the Southmore Hotel, Chicago. The Sedan gave him further trouble. He tore the block to pieces. Adams then got in touch with a Mr. Van Etter, a prominent member of the Lincoln Club, Chicago. The given name of Mr. Van Etter was not ascertained, nor was his business address. However, Miss Roth stated that the said gentleman is well known in automobile circles at Chicago, especially with the Ford-Lincoln agencies.

According to Detective Richards, Adams is not "in right" with certain gangsters in Chicago, because of his Dog Racing activities.

Adams is described by Detective Richards, Louisville, Ky. Police Department, as follows:

About 35 to 40 years of age, 165 to 170 lbs., 5' 8" brown hair, well groomed, refined on occasion, astute and affluent, a good spender and mixer. He has no police record in Louisville.

This matter will be held pending in the Cincinnati Office, awaiting further instructions from the Chicago Office.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
W. B. ELKIN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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