

CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD

KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

62-28915

SECTION 19

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

SUBJECT _____

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

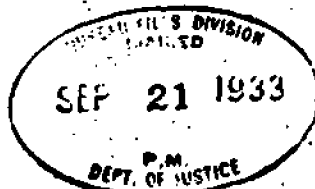
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled **VERNE C. MILLER** with aliases, Fugitive, Identification Order #1195, Obstruction of Justice. There is enclosed herewith a photographic copy of an anonymous letter addressed to Mr. Joseph B. Keenan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, from Temple, Texas, submitting information regarding the alleged location of Charles Arthur Floyd.

It is requested that inquiries be made to determine whether Floyd is in Dallas and that efforts be made to cause his apprehension. It is suggested that the photographic copy of this letter be exhibited to the Postmaster and clerks in the Post Office at Temple, Texas, to determine, if possible, the identity of the writer. It is also requested that handwriting specimens of Kathryn Thorne Kelly be submitted to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.



Enclosure #360846
CC - Kansas City.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

Laboratory Report.

Case: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.

Specimen: Anonymous script letter to Mr. Joseph B. Keenan, giving information regarding the alledged location of Pretty Boy Floyd at Dallas, Texas. This was mailed from Temple, Texas, September 5th, 12:30 P.M.

General examination requested.

Report by E. A. Appel.

There being no particular specimens with which it was desired to compare the handwriting of the anonymous note and since it appeared to be that of a woman, it was compared with the signature of Kathryn Thorne Kelly wanted for the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel at Oklahoma City. It was found that there is a possibility she wrote this note, the general style of handwriting being the same and some of the characteristics of the few letters included in the signature being similar.

It appears that the Shannons having been in Texas for some time may have another hide out or location near Temple which is more than a hundred miles below Dallas past Waco.

It appears that the information in this letter may not be untrue simply because it is anonymous as many motives might compel the furnishing of such information.

Temple, Texas is not a very large town and in addition to an attempt to verify the information regarding the presence of Pretty Boy Floyd in Dallas, Texas, it is suggested that photographs of the handwriting be shown to the postmaster and clerks at Temple to see if it may be identified. Photographs are being made for that purpose.

If it is possible to obtain further specimens of the handwriting of Mrs. Kelly, further examination may be made.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

No. _____

Date 9-14-53

To Division Ten:

Identification Unit

Please prepare the following for Division _____, Room No. 802

Phone _____ :

- ☐ Mimeographing ☒ Photographing
- ☐ Multigraphing
- ☐ Photostating
- ☐ Addressographing

No. of Originals	No. of Copies Req. of each	Kind of Paper		Size	Negative or Positive
		Letterhead	Plain		
		3 photographs of each side of the letter and the side of envelope.			

Remarks or description: _____

Approved: _____

Signed C. A. Appel

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

September 11, 1933.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Hendon	.....
Mr. Jones	.....
Mr. Mumford	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Gandy

Mr. Keenan left the attached letter
for comparison of the handwriting.

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with machine guns and
searched. This man
was friendly with him
and was told that the
police in Dallas knew he
was there and had
agreed to let him alone.

He carries a golf bag with
a machine gun in it when
on the street, and was seen
seated in the lobby of one
of the hotels last week
with his bag by his side.
If this information is

Mr. Joseph B. Keenan:-

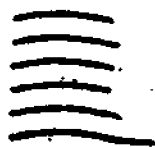
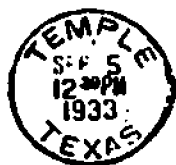
This information was
given in my presence last
week. I have not known to
whom to write until your
name appeared in the paper
this morning. —

That Pretty Boy Floyd is in
Dallas, has rented a lovely
home, drives a Packard
sedan with three machine
gun men on the back seat.

A visitor in his home
was met by four men
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If any value, I shall be glad
to have helped a little.

I shall not sign my name.



Mr Joseph B. Keenan.
Federal Investigator.
Washington.

D. C.

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August 29, 1933

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

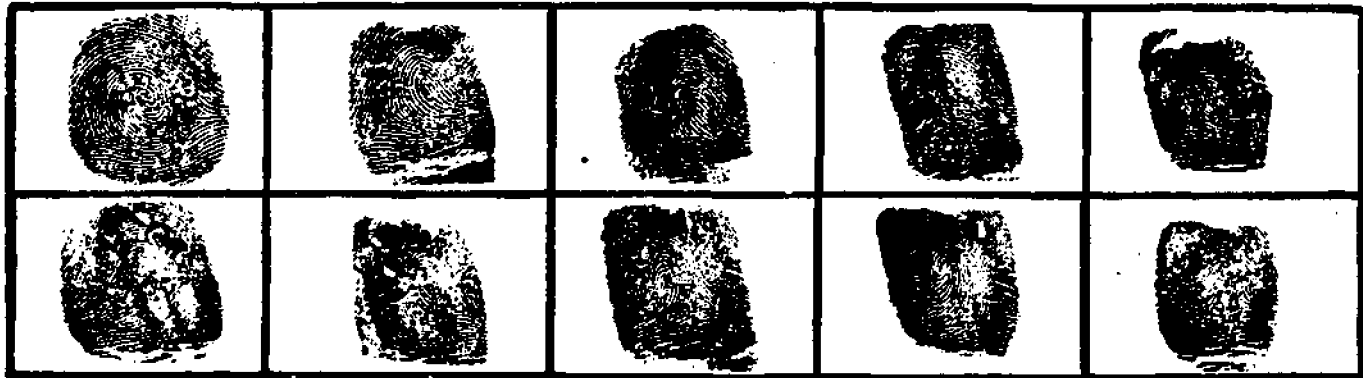
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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WANTED

KATHRYN THORNE KELLY, aliases CATHERINE THORNE KELLY, CATHERINE THORNE, DOLORES CANNON, DOLORES WHITNEY, MRS. ORA L. SHANNON.

KIDNAPING



DESCRIPTION

Age, 28 years (looks older)
Height, 5 feet, 9 inches
Weight, 161 pounds
(probably heavier now)
Build, medium
Hair, black
Eyes, brown
Complexion, ruddy
Remarks: Wears expensive jewelry.

CRIMINAL RECORD

As Dolores Whitney, No. 5025,
arrested Police Department, Ft. Worth,
Texas, November 30, 1929; charge,
shoplifting; dismissed.



RELATIVES:

George R. Kelly, aliases George Kelly,
E. G. Shannon, husband, Fugitive,
Identification Order No. 1203,
Former resident address,
857 East Mulkey, Street, Ft. Worth, Texas
Mrs. Ora L. Shannon, mother,
Robert G. Shannon, stepfather,
Armon Crawford Shannon, stepbrother,
All residents on a farm, Rural Route, Paradise, Texas.

Dolores Whitney.

Kathryn Thorne Kelly was indicted in the Federal Court at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on August 23, 1933, together with her husband George R. Kelly, and others, and charged with kidnaping Charles F. Braschel at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on July 22, 1933, and transporting him to Paradise, Texas, where he was held for ransom in violation of the Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to nearest office, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Division of Investigation listed on the back hereof, which is nearest your city.

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(over) Issued by: J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR.

203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

September 16, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1195, et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. (En-
deavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash.) St. Paul File #62-888.

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a commun-
ication addressed to the Kansas City office regarding a
Thompson submachine gun found in a stream near Cannon Falls,
Minnesota, after the Kansas City massacre.

You will note that it is desirable that Mr. Al
Dunlap of the Detective Publishing Company, Chicago, Illinois,
be interviewed regarding the manner in which he came into
possession of this weapon and the disposition he made of same.
The St. Paul and Kansas City offices should be advised of the
result of this inquiry.

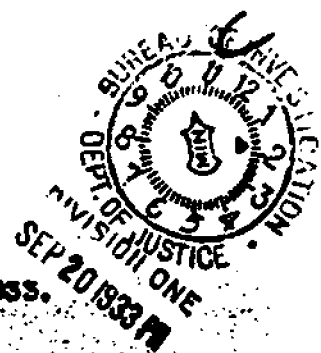
Very truly yours,

WERNER HANKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cc Division ✓
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203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

September 18, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1193, et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. (Endeavor
to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank
Nash.) St. Paul File No. 62-888.

Upon receipt of your letter of September 18, 1933, requesting that efforts be made to locate the machine gun found in this vicinity as reported to you by Mr. H. E. Staseon, County Attorney, Dakota County, Minnesota, please be advised that this gun was located in the possession of Mr. Passolt, Chief of the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, State Office Building, St. Paul.

This gun, a 1921 model, No. 811, Thompson submachine gun, was found in a stream near Cannon Falls, Minnesota, on or about July 9, 1933, by Clemens and Karl Weid, 875 Yankee Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. At that time they also found a No. 1657 Riverside Arms Company, double-barreled, 12 gauge shot gun which had been remodeled for a sawed-off shot gun, both barrels being sawed off and the stock changed to a pistol grip. There was also found a zipper leather vest. The vest had so deteriorated that when removed from the water, it fell apart. Of course, it is not known whether the vest and the two weapons above described were placed in the stream at the same time, but if they were, it would indicate that the guns had been in the water for some time prior to July 9th.

Mr. Passolt through the manufacturer attempted to trace the ownership of the submachine gun and was eventually advised that the gun had been sold to Al Dunlap, owner of the Detective Publishing Company, Chicago, Illinois, which is a publisher of detective story magazines. The gun was sold to him on August 10, 1933. Mr. Passolt addressed a communication to Mr. Dunlap and received a rather evasive reply to the effect that he had purchased a couple of second-hand guns at about that time but he had no record of their sale.

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The Thompson submachine gun is in the possession of Mr. Passolt. Shortly after obtaining possession of same, the Sheriff at Cannon Falls, Minnesota, attempted to obtain the weapon and some dispute arose over it necessitating securing an opinion from the Attorney General of Minnesota which was to the effect that the gun should remain in the possession of Mr. Passolt as a matter of good public policy, and that Mr. Passolt should surrender the gun to no one. In view of this decision, Mr. Passolt is not inclined to part with the gun even for the purposes desired by Mr. Gill. Mr. Passolt stated, however, he would cooperate in every respect with Mr. Gill and would not permit the weapon to be taken from his office or used pending the arrival of Mr. Gill. In that connection he requests that some advice be given him as to when Mr. Gill will arrive to examine the weapon.

The shot gun above described is in the possession of the Sheriff at Cannon Falls, Minnesota, according to the last information of Mr. Passolt.

A copy of this communication is being sent to the Chicago office along with a cover letter requesting that that office cause Mr. Al Dunlap of the Detective Publishing Company to be interviewed regarding the machine gun described herein.

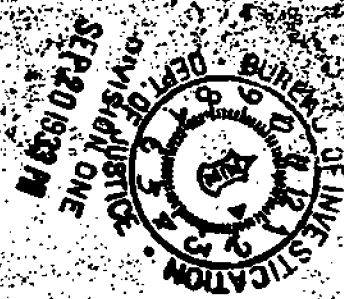
Very truly yours,

WERNER BAUGH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cc Division ✓
Cc Chicago

905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
September 18, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
201 Liberty National Life Building
Birmingham, Alabama



Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O. 1196, et al
DESTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
K.C. File 32-760

There are transmitted herewith two copies of a letter received through the Director from W. T. Griffin, Chief Inspector of Police, Memphis, Tennessee, indicating Geraldine Conner, sister-in-law of Louise Conner, is now in Memphis.

It is suggested that immediate investigation be made at that place to develop full particulars in an endeavor to locate Louise Conner. Your office is in possession of complete data regarding this matter through reports rendered.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division ✓

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

601 Title Guaranty Bldg.
Saint Louis, Missouri
Sept. 19, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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DIRECTOR	
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Reference is made to your letter of September 15, 1933, in connection with the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Fugitive - I. O. 1195, et al, Obstruction of Justice, Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash, with particular regard to previous contacts had with one Charles S. Shank of Danville, Illinois.

Charles Shank has been interviewed by Special Agents F. W. Allen, H. G. Maynor and F. F. Yearsley, and each of these agents has endeavored to impress upon Mr. Shank the fact that he should communicate any and all information to the St. Louis office of this Division. He has been furnished with the address of this office, and has promised each of the agents who contacted him that he will immediately report any additional information concerning Charles Floyd direct to this office by telephone or telegram.

In the light of a letter which Mr. Shank directed to the Division under date of September 11, 1933, it is very obvious that his main purpose is to attempt to obtain employment, it being noted particularly that he has advised each of the agents who have contacted him that he has been out of employment for the past two years, and his letter of September 11th to the Division indicates that he is therein applying for either temporary or permanent employment.

With respect to the penultimate paragraph of your letter, I desire to advise, as above stated, that although it is apparent that he is attempting to secure employment, this office has taken all possible steps to enlist his cooperation, and to insure his reporting any information concerning Floyd direct to the St. Louis office of the Division.

I have this date directed a letter to Mr. Shank at Danville, as instructed in your letter, and have furnished him again with the proper telephone and telegraph address of this office, requesting his assistance.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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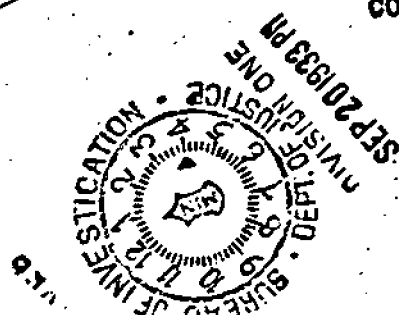
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CINCINNATI OHIO
SEPTEMBER 18 1933

R A ALT, Acting,
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK BUILDING ANNEX
JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA

KANMO ROBERT M UNDERHILL BOOTLEGER LIVING 84 JAMES ROAD CLIFTONHILLS DISTRICT LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY WITH FAMILY REPUTED BROTHER OF WILBUR UNDERHILL IO ELEVEN NINETY ONE ALTHOUGH DEFINITE RELATIONSHIP NOT PROVEN RECEIVED LETTER TODAY FROM W M CATE BOX TWENTY THREE HIALEAH FLORIDA IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT DISCREET CAREFUL INQUIRY HIALEAH DETERMINE IF PARTY WRITING IS WILBUR UNDERHILL

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CC: Division
9:45 A.M.



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NY NY 1-372 COLLECT

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THIS IS NEW YORK 1-372 WASH DC DIV INVEST CALLING

YOU COLLECT WILL YOU PAY FOR A CALL

YES GO AHEAD PLS

MR MAGEE CALLING

REFERRING TO KANMO GIVE US ALL INFORMATION YOU HAVE CONCERNING

INVESTGXX INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY YOUR OFFICE CONCERNING

MADOLINE VULOTTA AND A PARTY NAMED BROWN WHO WAS RPXX REPORTED TO

HAVE BEEN ARRESTED BY THE PROVINCIAL POLICE AT MONTREAL CANADA P

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625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
September 19
1933

SEP 22 1933 PM

Mr. H. H. Smith
Post Office Inspector
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Mr. Smith:

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of September 15, 1933, calling our attention to the advertisement in the Personal Column of the Toledo Times which referred to the Massacre in the Union Station, Kansas City, on June 17, 1933.

For your confidential information please be advised that an anonymous letter was received by this Division from an individual stating that he was desirous of submitting some information concerning this matter, and requested that we contact him by placing an ad in the Personal Column indicating our telephone number.

Your excellent spirit of cooperation in regard to this matter is greatly appreciated and I want you to know that we are very desirous of being of service to you whenever we can. Again thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

W.L.v
cc Division

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
SEP 21 1933
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625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
September 19
1933



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

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with request contained in your communication dated September 9, 1933, the following advertisement was placed in the Personal Column of the Toledo, Ohio, "Blade" and also the Toledo "Times";

"Union Station, Kansas City. June 17, 1933. Call
Cadillac 2835, Detroit. Allen"

It will be noted that the author of the letter sent from Bowling Green, Ohio, directed to the Chief of Detectives at Kansas City, Missouri, postmarked September 7, 1933, desired to communicate regarding the above entitled case through this medium.

To date no reply has been received concerning this advertisement.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Division

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

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
326 1/2 Post Office Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O. 1195, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
K.C. File 82-760

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. P. Kitchin, dated
at Birmingham, Alabama, September 14, 1933, in the instant matter.

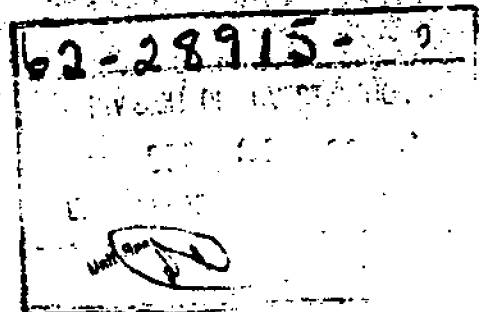
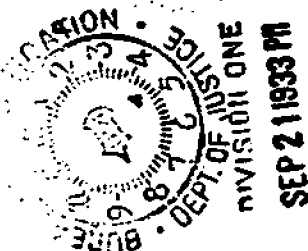
It is requested that your office make appropriate investigation at
Greenville, Mississippi, following out in detail any possible lead which may
be secured pursuant to the letter from the St. Paul office as noted on page
four of Agent Kitchin's report.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Birmingham
St. Paul



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

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JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA SEPTEMBER

E J CORNELLEY
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1420 ENQUIRER BUILDING
CINCINNATI OHIO

KARLO WILLIAM M GATE RESPECTED CITIZEN HAS RESIDED HIALEAH FLORIDA
PAST SEVEN YEARS LETTER REFERS PROPERTY OWNED BY GATE LOUISVILLE
WHICH ROBERT M UNDERHILL OCCUPIES FUGITIVE UNKNOWN TO GATE

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PREPAID GOVERNMENT RATE TELEGRAM
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
SEP 21 1933 A.M.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

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

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O. 1195, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
K.C. File 52-760

Within the next few days Mark A. Gill, Forensic Ballistician of
Kansas City, Missouri, will arrive in Chicago where he will make contact with
you.

Mr. Gill will have in his possession the evidence bullets and shell
cases which were found at the Union Railroad Station after the murders in the
instant case. These exhibits have been in his custody since their discovery
and it is deemed advisable that they remain in his possession in order not to
detract from the value of this evidence at a later date. He has agreed to
assist in the examination of ballistic exhibits at the Chicago Police
Department. Mr. Gill is considered an important expert and enjoys a wide
practice in this section of the country.

You are kindly requested to render him assistance in making the
proper contacts at the Chicago Police Department in order that this examina-
tion of ballistic exhibits may be made since same appears of great value in
the instant matter.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge of Investigation

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CHICAGO

U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 13, 1933. There is submitted, herewith, #1034 voucher for payment to Merle A. Gill of Kansas City, Missouri, for expert services as a ballastician, in the sum of \$100.00.

Mr. Gill has been performing these services constantly almost daily since June 17, 1933, to the present date. However, the specific items are mentioned, as shown, as some of the actual examinations which he has made.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice
DIVISION
Bureau of Investigation

905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri.
September 21, 1933.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Egan
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Starnes
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Jones
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
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Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUG.
I.O. 1195, et al - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash) K.C. File No. 62-760.

There are transmitted herewith microphotographs of ballistic exhibits of shell cases marked 1 to 8 inclusive, with appropriate legend to indicate the identities of the various photographs. Exhibits marked 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were fired from Thompson submachine guns, and Exhibit 3 was fired from a Colt's .45 caliber automatic pistol.

There is also transmitted a card bearing an additional microphotograph of Exhibit 4, as mentioned above, and also an enlarged photograph of a portion of one of the fatal lead slugs involved in this case. This card also bears appropriate notations identifying the exhibits.

The above photographs were secured from Merle A. Gill, Forensic Ballistician of Kansas City, Missouri, whose name appears on the photographs as the expert who prepared them. On the card mentioned in the second paragraph of this letter are the expert notations of Mr. Gill for the attention of the various ballisticians who will later have occasion to view them. This group of photographs are forwarded to you for your records.

Within the next few days there will be forwarded direct to the various offices of this Division in the United States, from the Kansas City office, an appropriate supply of the microphotographs mentioned in paragraph 2 of this letter. A request will be made that personal contacts be had with the ballisticians enjoying the widest practices in the various territories, and that those individuals be presented each with one of these cards bearing the notations of Mr. Gill. At that time the offices will request that examiners who received these card exhibits carefully make comparisons of test bullets and shell cases fired from Thompson submachine guns which may come to their attention, and if similar markings are noted they

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should advise the Division office, which in turn will communicate with the Kansas City office, so that a personal examination of the suspected weapon may be made by Mr. Gill, who is in possession of the evidence slugs and shell cases which were used in the massacre in this case.

This action is being taken as a means of possibly discovering the fatal weapon used in this homicide. Mr. Gill has chosen for these exhibits, which are to be presented to other ballisticians, the shell case and slug bearing the more distinctive and individual markings which he considers quite unusual, and which therefore would have a tendency to impress themselves on the minds of the ballisticians who might later have occasion to discover the homicide weapon.

Although Mr. Gill has furnished to this office a list of cities wherein he is aware ballisticians of note are located, it is suggested that the Division through available records furnish to each office of this Division in the United States a list of the more important experts in that line, furnishing a copy to the Kansas City office in order that an appropriate supply of this exhibit card may be forwarded to the offices in whose territories these ballisticians are situated.

Any suggestions which you may have in this connection will be appreciated by me.

Very truly yours,



E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Sgt. Arch Ball
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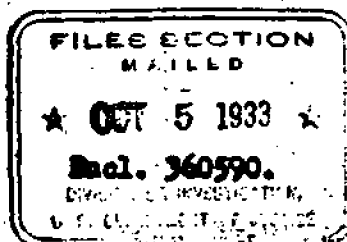
Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of September 21, relative to the plan of the Kansas City office to forward microphotographs of the bullets from the machine gun used in the Kansas City murders on June 17 to the various offices of the Division with instructions to consult ballisticians in their respective districts, there is enclosed herewith, for your information, a list of the names of ballisticians on file in this Division. You will understand, of course, that these names have been submitted to the Division by the several field offices and the Division cannot indicate the qualifications of the persons listed.

The list is forwarded to you rather than to the separate field offices in order that you may properly distribute your requests.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 28, 1933.

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Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Hughes.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Locke.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Fay talked to the writer on the telephone stating that in the case of Vernon C. Miller, et al, (Frank Nash Case), the ballistics expert attached to the New York Police Department has asked that one of the several bullets and cartridges that were undoubtedly found at the station be forwarded to New York in order that they may be compared with the machine guns which have been or may be found among criminals in the greater New York area. It is stated that this man receives bullets or guns from a large section of the country around New York. I suggested to Mr. Fay that photographs might be used for this purpose but he states that an original bullet is requested.

Since the above the letter of the Kansas City Office, dated September 21, 1933, enclosing photographs of bullets and shells prepared by Merle A. Gill, ballistics expert at Kansas City, has been received. It is proposed in this letter to circulate to each office a sufficient supply of a photographic exhibit to enable ballistics experts in each community to compare with machine gun slugs, thus attempting to discover the whereabouts of the machine gun used in the killings.

I have examined the photographs prepared at Kansas City and believe it is extremely desirable to make some arrangement so that the Division may ascertain when a machine gun is found or is used whether it can be identified, even conditionally as the one used at Kansas City. I am not sure that the photographs prepared by Mr. Gill are the best that could be made for this purpose, but they do show certain prominent characteristics which are probably individual to this gun. At any rate they might serve to cause a police department to suspect a certain weapon, then further tests could be made and the slugs themselves examined.

Of course the question arises whether ballistics experts furnished indiscriminately with this information will not release some of the detailed characteristics or in other ways cause the possessor of this gun to destroy it or damage it. At the present time there is a good chance of its being found sooner or later and identified. This will depend, of course, on the man but the Kansas City Office requests a list be furnished by the Division. The Division's list of experts appears to have been prepared by the field offices in an effort to be exhaustive. There is no means of ascertaining the relative integrity or ability of these names. I am enclosing a list of all those included on the ballistics cards.

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I don't know what will be charged for the preparation of these photographs by Mr. Gill, but if it is to be expensive, then the Division can prepare copies at Washington. Of course, another way of accomplishing this result would be to request police departments and ballistics experts to notify the nearest local office of the Division when they come into possession of bullets fired from a machine gun, perhaps furnishing the Division with a photograph which could then be compared at Kansas City. There cannot be so many machine gun shootings. An additional advantage of this method would be to furnish the Division with some slight information as to the extent of possession of machine guns by criminals, the kind employed, and the use to which they are put.

I am also transmitting herewith the letter of the Kansas City Office in order that an answer may be prepared according to whatever decision is made. The photographs, with the exception of the card designed to be circulated, will be retained in the laboratory pending further instructions. It will be appreciated if it may be returned to the laboratory.

Respectfully,



C. A. Appel.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Hargis.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Locke.....

September 22, 1933.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL.

I called Mr. Conroy at Kansas City and advised that I had just received his letter regarding conditions at that place, and requested that he give that situation his very close personal attention. I suggested that he cultivate that particular police officer very diligently. He stated that in talking with Mr. Nathan this morning he had suggested that if he has time he might stop off in Kansas City and discuss the situation with him.

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Mr. Hughes.....
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Mr. Locke.....

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September 20, 1933.

Director,
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Dear Sir:

SEP 25 1933

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
IO #1195 - ET AL
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
Kansas City File #62-760-

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Although I have been in charge of the Kansas City office only one week, I deem it advisable to transmit to you my impressions, however immature they may appear, regarding the developments in this case. Personally, with some concern, I am of the impression that the State of Missouri, with the evidence now available, would have considerable difficulty in convicting on murder charges any of the Subjects herein. There is probably sufficient evidence to convict some of the parties involved on charges of conspiracy to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash; however, this can hardly be considered a satisfactory condition, in as much as we all feel that the participants in the Union Station Plaza Massacre should all be subjected to a death penalty.

My principal subject of concern has to do with the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department. To date, they apparently have not furnished this Division with a single particle of evidence, or even information of a tangible value. It is inconceivable to me that a large metropolitan police department during the period which has elapsed since the massacre has not received some valuable information from its vast number of underworld informants. This leads me to believe that the Kansas City Police Department has suppressed information or evidence which has been brought to its attention.

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Recent developments regarding the Kansas City Police Department are as follows:

Day before yesterday Chief of Police Robert E. Phelan resigned his position. He is reputed to be an honest capable police officer. During the present administration, he has been merely a figure-head. His name was even eliminated from Police Department letter-heads. Practically nothing pertaining to the Police Department was ever referred to him for attention. He was given an ex-convict as a secretary, in order that his activities might be reported to the Director of Police.

On Saturday, September 16, 1933, John L. Lazia, a North Side political leader, and a reputed First Lieutenant to Thomas J. Pendergast, Democratic boss of Kansas City, Missouri, was indicted for Income Tax frauds, after the Federal Grand Jury personally had insisted upon investigating reputed income tax frauds. Lazia is reputed to control the Italian vote in Kansas City. It is my understanding that Lazia is also an ex-convict, having served a term in the Missouri State Penitentiary for robbery.

During the past week, Circuit Court Judge James R. Page, while sentencing three Italian youths on highway robbery charges, took occasion from the bench to publicly, caustically, criticize City Manager Henry F. Mc Elroy and E. C. Reppert, Director of Police. Judge Page publicly announced from the bench that Mr. Mc Elroy and Mr. Reppert were directly responsible for the existing criminal conditions in Kansas City, Missouri, at the present time.

In addition to the above, it may be noted that recently, a State Grand Jury investigated crime conditions in Kansas City, and another Grand Jury is expected to make a similar investigation in the near future. Public speakers also at the present time are directing caustic criticism toward police administration. It appears that these attacks on the present administration might possibly result in changes in the not too far distant future.

The investigation of the instant case may possibly take on important developments through Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins. The reputation of Higgins is that of a capable police officer. Persons who know him and his present position at the present time significantly remark, "Of course, he has to follow orders."

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67D It appears that during the early part of September, about a week or more before my arrival in Kansas City, [REDACTED] was engaged in conversation with Chief Higgins. They were discussing the Union Station Massacre. Higgins made a remark substantially as follows: "When all of this stuff is cleared away, I have something in my safe that will open everyone's eyes." The conversation appears to have been interrupted. Two or three days later, [REDACTED] while again in conversation with Chief Higgins, recalled his remarks two or three days previous and asked him whether the conversation pertained to the Union Station Massacre, at the same time mentioning something which might have been in Chief Higgins' safe. Chief Higgins replied substantially: "Yes, and it is mighty good."

67D [REDACTED] has given us this information in the strictest confidence, in order that this office might be fully advised regarding this case. It would, under any circumstances, be inappropriate to quote his information outside this office, or to approach Chief Higgins regarding same. It has further been disclosed that [REDACTED] almost daily calls at the Kansas City Police Department in connection with his professional activities [REDACTED]. He has informed this office that during the past three or four days, Chief Higgins is apparently taking an active interest in the development of information and evidence regarding the Union Station Massacre. In regard thereto, Chief Higgins advised [REDACTED] "to rest easy, and I will work it out."

It may be noted that Chief Higgins himself has apparently been personally friendly towards the members of this Division. It is quite possible, that he is awaiting some change in the administration before turning over or making public information and evidence regarding this case. You may be assured that I will follow this matter as closely as possible, and that in the event there is any possible opening, I will endeavor to secure any information or evidence which may be in the hands of the Kansas City Police Department.

I realize that the above information may not have a very great significance, however, I do believe that you should be fully informed regarding the information which I have received, and the impressions which I have reached, and, am accordingly transmitting to you this letter in order that you may be fully informed.

Very truly yours

E. E. CONROY

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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U. S. Department of Justice
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

September 22, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller - FUGITIVE, et al
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

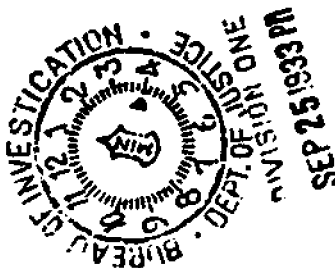
The receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated September 18, 1933 inquiring why this office has not taken any action in connection with the Division's previous letters, dated August 9th and 30th, 1933, concerning information which Mr. C. F. Willis, 509 East Young Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma claimed to have concerning "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

In reply I wish to direct your attention to reports of Special Agent C. G. Schenken, dated at Oklahoma City September 2, 1933 and Special Agent H. E. Hollis, dated at Oklahoma City September 11, 1933, which reports cover the result of two interviews with Mr. Willis.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.



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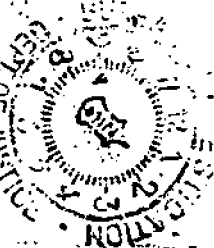
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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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Dear Sir:

Re: Verne G. Miller, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I.O. #1195, et al, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE,
[Endeavor to Falsify Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash] Chicago File #82-1640.

This is to advise you that on August 28, 1933, Winnie Williams, former paramour of Bernard Phillips, personally appeared at this office in a somewhat disturbed condition, stating that recently agents of this Division had called on her prospective mother-in-law at St. Louis, Missouri, at which time they exhibited photographs of Winnie and left the general impression that she, Winnie, was a dangerous character, associating with murderers, gangsters and hoodlums. The information regarding the St. Louis interview was forwarded to Gus Hackenyea, Winnie Williams' boy friend, 4157 Ellis Avenue, in Chicago, by the mother of Gus, with a letter of inquiry regarding the character of the girl with whom he was then associating.

In an interview with Winnie Williams, she advised that she is residing temporarily at 6153 University Avenue, Chicago; that she was born July 7, 1899, at St. Louis, Missouri; that her father, Daniel Williams, died several years ago and her mother, who is now Mrs. J. Bertz, lives at Wilton, Connecticut, where she has custody of Winnie's child Geraldine, twelve years of age.

Winnie stated she finished grade school and two years at McKinley High School at Granite City, a suburb of St. Louis, Missouri. She took a two year business course at Brown's, or some similar named institution in St. Louis, and worked for the Morris Packing Company in East St. Louis, in 1918, as a comptometer operator. On September 16, 1918, she married Arthur Schwendeman in St. Louis, Missouri, and on February 20, 1921, her baby, Geraldine, was born. Her husband deserted her in 1925 and she alleges that she has neither seen nor heard of him since. Several years ago she became an entertainer in night clubs and proceeded to Chicago.

In August, 1931, while endeavoring to obtain a position at the Vesta Club, near 95th Street and Western Avenue (this club has since changed its name and is now closed) she met Bernard Phillips. She alleges that she was more or less destitute and lonesome and took up with Phillips, living with him at the Southmoor Hotel, Chicago, under the name of Carter, for about two weeks, after which Phillips departed for St. Paul and Winnie Williams remained in Chicago six weeks longer.

In September, 1931, Winnie Williams joined Bernard Phillips at St. Paul and they resided in an apartment house on Summit Avenue (house number forgotten, however it was near the downtown section), remaining there until March or the first part of April, 1932. While in St. Paul Winnie met Marge Keating, Lillian Holden and their husbands (Keating and Holden). Keating, at that time, was living in St. Paul, however Holden was out of the town most of the time, appearing in St. Paul on periodical visits. In April, 1932, Marge Keating, Keating and Holden proceeded to Dallas, Texas. Later, Bernard Phillips and Winnie Williams took Lillian Holden to Dallas, where they stopped at the Baker Hotel for a few days and then obtained an apartment in Dallas. Winnie recalls that she crossed a bridge to reach the apartment. In June, 1932, the six left Dallas and proceeded to Kansas City, Missouri, where Winnie and Bernard resided at the Rivera Apartments. Holden and his wife obtained an apartment in the building next door, while Keating and his wife lived three or four blocks away. They remained there until July, 1932, when Keating, Holden and Harvey Bailey were arrested on the golf links. On the day of the arrest, Winnie Williams states she proceeded to the golf links and was in an automobile with Marge and Lillian, when they were arrested. She alleges that she did not know Harvey Bailey, having never met him, however she identified his picture as being the same as the man who appeared in the Kansas City papers soon after the arrest. Winnie was held by the Kansas City police about ten days and she admits that she did not give the police or agents of this Division very much information. After her release at Kansas City, she proceeded to Maplewood, which is a suburb of St. Louis, and there met Bernard Phillips at the Brownsville, or Brownstone, or some similar name, hotel. This meeting with Phillips was arranged through his attorney (who she believes was John Joint of St. Louis). Apparently Attorney Joint had endeavored to obtain Winnie's release at Kansas City and no doubt he could assist in locating Bernard Phillips, if his cooperation could be solicited or if the information could be forced out of him. After leaving Kansas City in Phillips' Imperial 8 Chrysler Coupe, she and Bernard proceeded to St. Paul, where they remained a very few days and

kept moving, arriving in New York City, where they stopped at the Belvidere Hotel about August 15, 1932, and where they registered as Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Patton. Apparently Phillips had only a few hundred dollars with him while in New York and he played golf, contacting individuals who Winnie alleges she does not know. At this point she alleged that Phillips told her he was in the "Alky" racket and stated that she did not ask him any questions about the source of his income.

Winnie alleged that on August 29, 1932, Bernard left her, stating he was going to play golf, and never returned. She later received rumors that he was killed and thrown into the river, however she did not furnish the source of these rumors and it is believed by this agent the rumors are entirely false.

Winnie visited her mother in Wilton, Connecticut, and was in the St. Vincent's Hospital for a minor operation, where she registered as Mrs. Phillip or Mrs. Winnie Courtney, in October, 1932. She alleges that she could not obtain permanent employment in the East and in 1932 she returned to Chicago, Illinois, stopping at the Evans Hotel located on 51st Street and Cottage Grove. She distinctly recalls that she was at the Evans Hotel Thanksgiving, 1932. She alleged that she was unable to obtain a job and remained around Chicago until the Christmas holidays, 1932, when she proceeded to Granite City, Missouri, where she visited her sister, Mrs. E. Brown, on Route #2. About one week after Christmas, 1932, she moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where she resided with a girl friend, Louise Fuller, 4916 Laeile Avenue, and worked in the Studio and Dions Club as a singer for approximately two months. Louise Fuller apparently has been located in St. Louis for ten years, where she operates the check room in the American Annex Hotel. In March, 1933, Winnie returned to Chicago and resided with Marge Keating at 3334 South Oakley Street for some three or four weeks, being unable to obtain a position. About April, 1933, she was employed as an entertainer at the Granada Club, 68th Street and Cottage Grove, under one Al Quadbach. On April 9th, 1933, she met Gus Hackenyon and has been going with him constantly since. She alleges that she is much infatuated with Gus and contemplates marrying him. Gus' wife is deceased and he has two children, who are residing with his mother in St. Louis. About May, 1933, she was employed at the Jeffrey Tavern, 63rd and South Chicago, under Al Strook, for about three weeks. In June, 1933, she was employed at the Avalonin Club, 6616 Cottage Grove. Winnie alleged she was employed here all the month of June, her employment being under Bill Tracy; that she became ill while employed at the Jeffrey Tavern and

proceeded to the home of Mrs. F. E. Rose, 8400 Paxton, where she remained for two or three weeks; that about July the 10th she proceeded to St. Louis, Missouri, where she visited Mrs. Nettie Gaus, 4916 Davison Avenue, remaining there for one month; that Gus accompanied her on this trip and she returned to Chicago about August 10, 1933, and Gus returned here two weeks later, August 24, 1933, and Gus is now residing at 6157 Ellis Avenue. Winnie obtained a job at the Mira Mar Club as a singer, under Nick Lask, and she is so employed at present.

Winnie Williams was questioned closely regarding her location in June, it being noted that she was suspected of implication in the Harbo Kidnaping at St. Paul, Minnesota, June 15, 1933. Winnie alleges that she was registered at the Pershing Hotel in Chicago during the month of June and remained there until she proceeded to the home of Mrs. Rose on Paxton, during the early part of July.

The photographs of various of the Miller mob were shown to Winnie and she denied having ever seen Frank Nash and wife, Vern Miller and his woman, Vi, Karpis and Barker. She identified the photograph of Harvey Bailey as being the man who was arrested with Keating and Holden in Kansas City in July, 1932.

In agreement with a letter from the St. Paul Office, suggesting that Winnie Williams might offer assistance regarding the location of Bernard Phillips in event she were advised that he has associated with other women, when this agent questioned her she stated she is not interested in Bernard Phillips, however she admitted that Phillips probably would contact her were he to return to Chicago. She volunteered that no doubt her boy friend, Gus, would be in danger in event Phillips were to return to Chicago and in this connection promised to think over the situation and furnish this office with her conclusion regarding assisting in locating Phillips, were he to contact her. She also promised to assist in endeavoring to locate Lillian Holden, however she alleged that she doubted if the relatives of Lillian would furnish her with her address. She likewise promised to advise this office later regarding her efforts to locate Lillian Holden and suggested that she first be contacted at the Mira Mar Club, 163rd Street and Indianapolis Boulevard, telephone Maginaw 5067, in order that an interview might be arranged, inasmuch as she has no telephone at her residence, which is now 6153 University Avenue. On August 31, 1933, the writer conversed with Winnie Williams on the telephone at the Mira Mar Club, at which time she stated she had been unable to obtain any information. It was apparent that she had not made any extended efforts to obtain the desired information and in this connection she promised to telephone this office on the following day regarding an interview.

On September 1st, 1933, Winnie Williams and her friend, Gus Hackenyo, appeared at the Chicago Division Office, at which time Winnie was interviewed by Agent J. J. Keating.

An interview with Gus Hackenyo disclosed that he is residing at 8157 Ellis Avenue, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and his mother, Mrs. Nettie Gaus, now resides in St. Louis at 4918 Davison Avenue; that his wife died two or three years ago and he has two children, who are now in the custody of his mother; that his mother forwarded him a special delivery letter last Saturday, making inquiries regarding the identity and character of the woman with whom he is now associating. In this connection he was advised that this office is not looking for Winnie Williams respecting a criminal violation, however she no doubt is in a position to furnish information of value and every effort will be exerted to obtain the desired information. He indicated his infatuation for Winnie, stating they are together constantly, and suggested that this office forward a letter to his mother, advising of any facts we may have regarding Winnie's implication in any criminal matter. Gus was advised that this office could not furnish such a letter and was informed that his intentions of marriage to Winnie Williams were his own personal affair and no doubt he should discuss the situation with her fully and arrive at his own conclusions regarding his future plans. The interview with Gus developed that he was fined \$300.00 in State Court in Chicago about three years ago for conspiracy and highway robbery. He furnished this information confidentially, stating that a boy friend of his younger sister was the cause of the arrest and further advised that he paid his fine and was released thereafter. Apparently Gus was straightforward throughout the interview.

A few days ago Winnie Williams again called at the Chicago Division Office and stated that although she does not know the present whereabouts of Bernard Phillips, she feels that he will get in touch with her shortly. She finally stated that even if she knew where Phillips was located she would not notify the Chicago Division Office. Her attitude in this decision indicates that she is living in deadly fear of Phillips and the possibility of being "bumped off". Winnie Williams further advised that personally she does not want to associate with Phillips but if he locates her at any time in the near future she will naturally be compelled to live with him again.

Very truly yours,

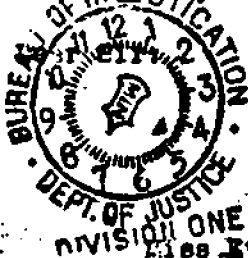
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D. O. SMITH, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
SEP 22 1933 A.M.
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FILE

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
619 Federal Building
Los Angeles, California



RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O. 1195, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
K.C. File 68-760

Miss Ethel Miller, sister of fugitive Miller in this case, departed on September 21, 1933, from Kansas City, presumably for Los Angeles, California, where, she stated to Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli some time ago, she intends to make her home. The mother of Subject Miller is said to have gone to St. Paul, Minnesota, where she will reside with her daughter there. The St. Paul office has the address of Miller's relatives at that point.

It is requested that you endeavor through contacts with the telephone company to determine the residence address of Ethel Miller at Los Angeles. She will very probably have a telephone and a frequent check of long distance calls to that number should be made. It seems advisable to determine her status and mode of living in Los Angeles. For your information it has been developed at Kansas City that Ethel Miller and her mother paid all bills at the Valentine on Broadway Apartment hotel in cash, usually having currency in denominations of tens and twenties. Since Ethel Miller has no occupation it appears probable that she receives her revenue from her fugitive brother. Express and telegraphic records are being checked here and it is suggested that if the occasion should arise same be done at Los Angeles, since it is apparent that the money of Ethel Miller is received by either of those means.

Very truly yours,

E. T. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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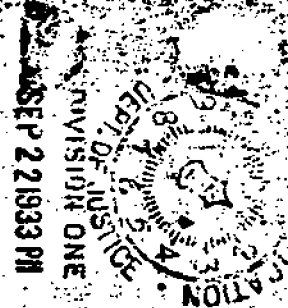
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St. Paul

Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

THT:EM
62-4949

September 30, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Mo.



Dear Sir:

Please refer to your letter of September 18th to the Chicago office in the matter of Verne G. Miller, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1195, et al, wherein was set forth the fact that on June 16th and June 28th Riverside 9-7086, New York City, was telephoned to from the telephone of Mamie Goss, proprietor of a bawdy house at Kansas City, Mo.

The number called at New York City is listed in the name of Jeff Goss, 57 West 93 Street. Investigation concerning this individual disclosed that he has resided at the above address for the past four years and that he is supposed to come from a respectable family. It is said that he operates a billiard and pool room somewhere in New York City and that he leaves his apartment in the morning and does not return thereto until rather late at night. He does not own an automobile, so far as could be ascertained. It was said that he is not married but is apparently living with a woman at the above address and has been living with her for the past year. The apartment he occupies is a two room affair and he pays his rent regularly by means of checks drawn on the Central Hanover Bank. He is about 45 years of age, 5'10", 170 pounds, Jewish. No visitors have been observed in his apartment during the past two months or so.

On the basis of the above information, it is believed likely that this individual is a brother or other relative of Mamie Goss. If any further investigation is desired along this line, please advise.

cc: Division
Chicago

Very truly yours,
62-28915-13
T. F. Quinn
Special Agent in Charge
SEP 21 1933

Room 1405
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

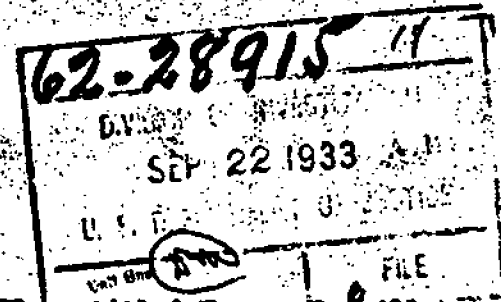


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62-4949

September 21, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
935 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:



Please refer to your file 62-977, entitled Vernon U. Miller, with aliases, Fugitive; I. O. 1198, Et Al. The New York City office was advised by a confidential informant that Fugitive Miller was registered at the Hotel Lexington, New York City, and occupied Room 1409, from July 7th to 11th, 1931. The informant furnished a list of telephone calls made by Miller during his stay at the hotel, and this list is as follows:

Beekman 7900
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Trafalger 7434
Eldorado 6883
Morningside 9215

Herbert Glenth, 90 John Street
New York Cocco Exchange, 82 Beaver Street
Dr. M. J. Reibeck, 310 West 85th Street
R. W. Lewis, Sutton Place
Dr. T. Dewire, 551 Fifth Avenue

It was found impossible to locate any Dr. M. J. Reibeck. The listing furnished above on Eldorado 6883 is incorrect. There never was an R. W. Lewis at Sutton Place, and in July, 1931, the telephone was listed in the name of the Foundation Desk Company, Inc., 250 Park Avenue. This telephone number is now listed in the name of the Home Swing & Gym Co., Inc., at the same address. One Robert Harrison, who is the proprietor of the latter corporation, was also interested in the former corporation, which is now out of existence, but Harrison is out of the city and will not return until around October 1st.

It was learned that in 1931 there was no exchange known as Morningside. Murray Hill 3-9215 is listed in the name of Dr. Thomas E. Buyer, 551 Fifth Avenue. Dr. Buyer, upon interview, said that he never had a patient by the name of V. C. Miller, and was unable to identify the photograph of Miller as being one of his patients. He said that for the past few years he has had a client by the name of C. H. Miller, who is a prominent business man from Huntingdon, Pa., and his records indicate that he treated this C. H. Miller on July 14, 1931, and has

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been treating him periodically ever since. He said that he recalls receiving a telephone call from C. H. Miller a few days prior to July 14, 1931, and that he did not have any time for Miller. Miller told him he was stopping at the Hotel Lexington, and a few days later, when he did have some time, he called Miller at the Hotel Lexington but he was not there. Miller later called him, and advised that he was at the St. Moritz and, as stated above, was treated on July 14, 1931.

At the Hotel St. Moritz, it was learned that C. H. Miller has been stopping at that hotel for a number of years, and the records indicate that he registered therein on July 12, 1931. It would appear to this office that the C. H. Miller mentioned herein, rather than the Fugitive Miller, is the one who was at the Hotel Lexington in July, 1931. However, the records at that hotel are missing, and the information cannot be checked.

It is requested that C. H. Miller, who is connected with the U. S. Rubber Company at Huntingdon, Pa., and who is a prominent citizen there, be interviewed to determine whether he was the one who was at the Hotel Lexington from July 7th to 11th, 1931, occupied Room 1409, and made the telephone calls in question.

Very truly yours,

T. F. CULLEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc- Kansas City
Division ✓

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Room 1408
870 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
900 Kara Thompson Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:

Please refer to your file 62-474, in the matter of Vernon
O. Miller, with aliases, Fugitive; I. O. 1196, Et Al.

Investigation in this district has disclosed that Miller is rather friendly with one Louis Buchalter, who is a well known racketeer in New York City. When Miller and Nash were in New York City in January of this year they called on the Buchalters. For a period of approximately a month during July and August of this year, Vivian Mathis was traveling around the East with Betty Buchalter, wife of Louis. Vivian Mathis left New York City for parts unknown on August 9th, 1933.

For the past two months this office has had a tap on the telephone of the Buchalters. It was learned that Louis Buchalter has a brother who is a dentist, by the name of Emanuel Buchalter, of 425 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y. The mother of Betty Buchalter is Mrs. Sam Finkel, of Valliant, Oklahoma. It was stated some time ago that Louis Buchalter has a brother who formerly operated a cabaret in Bridgeport, Connecticut. This office was unable to learn anything concerning this second brother of Louis' around Bridgeport, Connecticut or New York City.

Under date of Sept. 7, 1933, the office of origin wrote this office to the effect that a confidential informant advised that there is a woman by the name of Essie Grunewald, or some such name, believed to be a sister-in-law of Mrs. Betty Buchalter, who operates a night club or cabaret in New York City, and that Miller and other parties of this investigation are close friends of this woman, and that it is contemplated a meeting will take place in New York City in the establishment of this woman, and a division is to be made of the money in the Wrothel case. Our investigation failed to disclose any woman by the name of Essie Grunewald or similar sounding name associated in any way with the Buchalter mob or known to the police as operating a cabaret or night club.

At 3:45 P. M., Sept. 20, 1933, Betty Buchalter telephoned Postal Telegraph and sent a Jewish New Year greeting to Mrs. Sam Buchalter, 1220 Elizabeth Street, Denver, Colorado. It is believed that

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this woman is the wife of the second brother of Louis Buchalter.

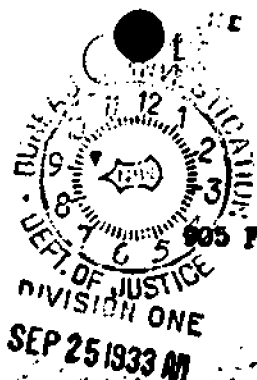
It is requested that investigation be conducted in your district concerning Mrs. Rose Buchalter, her husband, their occupations, their reputation, etc., and particularly, whether Vivian Mathis has visited them since August 7th. It is also requested that a cover be placed on the mail of these Buchalters, and this office also advised as to the results.

With reference to your letter of Sept. 11th with respect to John Torrio, this is to inform that the investigation here in connection with the Lindbergh kidnaping case disclosed that Torrio was residing in Brooklyn, N. Y. The matter referred to in your letter of Sept. 11th is being given preferred attention here.

Very truly yours,

T. F. CULLEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc- Kansas City
Division ✓



905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
September 21, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1216 Smith-Young Tower Building
San Antonio, Texas

62-28915-16	
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O. 1195, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
K.C. File 62-750

Reference is made to a letter, dated August 23, 1933, addressed from the San Antonio, Texas, office to the Dallas, Texas, office concerning the matter of George R. Kelly, with aliases, et al, Kidnapping of Charles F. Urschel. It is noted that reference is made to one Louise Hagness, also referred to as Louise Clark, who is said to have a connection with George R. Kelly and Kathryn Thorne Kelly of the Urschel kidnapping matter. It is noted that of recent date from two sources of confidential information comes a statement which sounds rather fantastic, but may have a basis in fact, relating to Louise Clark, an alleged associate of the Kellys. This reference has been made through investigation of the case of Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, et al.

The report of Special Agent T. E. Tracy, dated at New York City, New York, September 14, 1933, indicates that one Red Tompkins, a former inmate of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, has referred to Louise Clark in connection with the Kellys and others in this matter.

A confidential informant, who furnishes an assumed name Rex Oliver, at Kansas City, Missouri, and whose true identity is not known, has stated that Louise Clark is in possession of about \$170,000.00 in currency belonging to Thomas F. Urschel which is part of the proceeds of the Urschel kidnapping ransom. The Oklahoma City office has been furnished with correspondence regarding Rex Oliver emanating from the Kansas City office.

It is requested that full particulars regarding the alleged connection of Louise Hagness, alias Louise Clark, be furnished to the Kansas City, New York and Salt Lake City offices immediately. If possible, kindly secure her

family background and ascertain whether or not she has been a friend of Subject Harvey J. Bailey. She has been alleged by the confidential informants to be Bailey's paramour.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

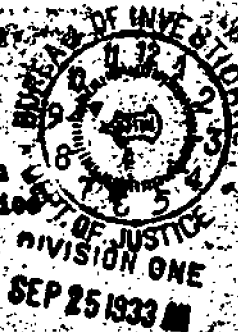
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New York City
Salt Lake City
Oklahoma City

Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York
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62-4540

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Hurley-Wright Building
Washington, D. C.



September 25, 1933

62-28915	
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled
VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #195, et al,
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Aggravated to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash). Attached hereto you will find copy of a letter
from the Salt Lake City office to this office, dated September 21,
1933, which has reference to the location of some property in
Colorado belonging to John Torrie, gangster.

For the past three years or so Torrie
has maintained residences in New York City and vicinity. It was
learned that about 1930 the Intelligence Unit of the Internal
Revenue Bureau conducted an investigation with respect to the tax
returns submitted by Torrie. This investigation was commenced by
Agent Clark of the Jacksonville, Florida office of that Unit.
Torrie finally compromised the Government's claim for \$100,000.

Torrie probably can be located and inter-
viewed in this district. However, inasmuch as it would appear that
the files of the Intelligence Unit may disclose the location of
the various real estate holdings of Torrie, it is believed desirable
that the file on this individual at the offices of the Intelligence
Unit be gone over for the purpose of ascertaining whether the same
shows any holdings in Colorado. Upon receipt of this information,
this office will undertake to locate and interview Torrie.

Very truly yours,

Encl
cc-Division
cc-Kansas City
cc-Salt Lake City
cc-Chicago

T. P. CULLEN,
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY, MO.**

St. Louis

FILE NO. **62-872**

REPORT MADE AT: St. Louis, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 9-23-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9/12,13,21/33	REPORT MADE BY: M. B. RHODES
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, FUGITIVE. I. O. #1195, etal.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation at Elmer, Mo. among acquaintances of Mr. John Sampson discloses that Sampson is a man of excellent reputation and is not an associate of criminals. Sheriff Barney Williams, Macon, Mo., advises that approximately 2 hours after the Union Station massacre at Kansas City, Mo. on 6-17-33 he examined the license plates on Sampson's Ford Touring car and determined that same had not been removed from said car; that later on the above date he and two detectives from Kansas City again examined Sampson's license plates and came to the same conclusion. Investigation at Springfield, Ill. discloses that Illinois 1933 license #861-828 was issued to Helen Ferguson, 8140 Lincoln Ave., Niles Center, Ill. for a Buick coupe.

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REFERENCE:


Letter from Kansas City Division Office to St. Louis Division Office dated 9-2-33 and letter from Chicago Division Office to St. Louis Division Office, dated 9-14-33.

DETAILS:

With reference to letter of the Kansas City Division Office to the St. Louis Division Office, dated September 2, 1933, the following facts are submitted:

The undersigned on September 12, 1933 interviewed Sheriff Barney Williams, Macon, Mo., who advised that about 9:00 A. M., June 17, 1933 or just a few hours after the Union Station massacre at Kansas City, Mo., he received a telephone call from the Kansas City police advising that the number of the license plates that appeared on one of the cars containing the killers had been issued to a party named John Sampson of Elmer, Mo.; that the police requested him to conduct

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an investigation at Elmer, Mo. to ascertain whether or not Sampson had any connection with the shooting.

Williams stated that immediately upon receipt of the above information he, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Talbot, proceeded to the farm of John Sampson, which is located approximately three miles west of Elmer; that upon their arrival at Sampson's farm they found him working in the field adjacent to his house. Williams stated that he and Talbot questioned Sampson and ascertained that neither Sampson nor his car had been off the place either on that morning or for several days previous; further, that he, Sampson, had not noted the loss of his license plates from his automobile. Williams further stated that after questioning Sampson he requested permission to inspect Sampson's automobile whereupon the latter conducted them to a shed near the barn where the car was parked; that Sampson backed the car out of the shed into the lot where he, Williams, could get a good look at same; that he noted Missouri license plates No. 428-329 (1933) were on the car.

Sheriff Williams further stated that a close examination of the above license plates revealed that they were wired on to the car; further, that the wire which held the plates on the car was so rusty and covered with dust that he was convinced that the plates had not been recently removed from the car. Sheriff Williams further stated that Sampson advised him that he had not had the car out of the shed for over a week; that the above referred to license plates were obtained by him from the Secretary of State's office at Jefferson City, Mo. during the first part of May, 1933 and that they were wired on the car by his son. Williams further stated that Sampson informed him that at no time had the above license plates been off his car and that if anyone had been around his car acting in a suspicious manner he was unaware of the fact. Sheriff Williams further stated that he was convinced that the above license plates were not on the car which contained the killers in the Kansas City shooting for the reason he made his investigation at Elmer, Mo. approximately two hours after the shooting and that it would have been a physical impossibility to get the above plates back on Sampson's car within so short a period of time.

Agent exhibited to Sheriff Williams identification orders on all subjects connected with this case. After examining these photographs Sheriff Williams stated that Mr. Sampson resembles neither of the above subjects.

Sheriff Williams described John Sampson as being a man of about 35 years of age, 5' 11" in height, weight 180 lbs., light chestnut hair, medium light complexion and smooth shaven. He further stated that Sampson is a man of excellent reputation in his community and has been a life long

resident of Elmer, Mo.; that he is a hard worker and is a man who attends strictly to his business; that he, Williams, doubts if Sampson has spent as much as one day out of Macon County.

Sheriff Williams further stated that after he and Talbot completed their questioning of Sampson on the above referred to occasion they got in their car and drove back to Macon; that upon their arrival at Macon they received a telephone call to immediately return to Elmer inasmuch as two Kansas City detectives had arrived upon the scene in an airplane for the purpose of questioning Sampson. Sheriff Williams stated that upon receipt of the above information he and Talbot returned to Sampson's farm at Elmer where they found two detectives examining Sampson's machine and interrogating him along the lines which Williams and Talbot had previously interviewed him. Sheriff Williams was unable to furnish Agent with the names of the Kansas City detectives, however, he stated that these men were convinced, after questioning Sampson, that the latter had nothing whatever to do with the shooting and that a mistake had been made in taking down the numbers on the license plates of the killers' car. The Sheriff further stated that the car which Sampson has the above referred to plates attached to is an old Ford touring car about 1928 or 1929 model.

Agent interviewed Deputy Sheriff Ralph Talbot of Macon County, who corroborated the above statement of Sheriff Williams. Agent also exhibited to Mr. Talbot the identification orders of all the subjects involved in this case. After carefully examining these documents Mr. Talbot advised that John Sampson is not one of these men.

Agent interviewed Mr. F. I. Murray, proprietor of T. I. Murray and Sons Pharmacy, Elmer, Mo. Mr. Murray is a man approximately seventy years of age and has resided at Elmer virtually all of his life. He stated he had a wide acquaintance among people in that community and that he is intimately acquainted with Mr. John Sampson who resides on a farm approximately three miles west of Elmer. Mr. Murray stated that he has known Sampson for approximately thirty-five years; that Sampson is a man of excellent reputation and is not the type of a person who would be involved in the Kansas City massacre. He further stated that Sampson is a man who seldom leaves his community; that he does not think that Sampson has been away from Elmer for over two or three days at a time in his life; that he is a hard working farmer, attends strictly to business, and that he is positive Sampson has no underworld connections. Murray further stated that Sampson has a brother who is approximately 34 years of age and is at the present time employed as a physician in the Panama Canal Zone.

Agent exhibited to Mr. Murray photographs of all subjects in-

volved in the instant case and after closely examining same emphatically stated that John Sampson is not one of these men.

Agent interviewed Mr. Ralph Johnson, Postmaster, Elmer, Mo., who stated he has resided in the above community for the past thirty years; that he has known John Sampson during the above period of time and knows Sampson to be a man of honesty and integrity with an excellent reputation for peace and good order; that Sampson is a man who very seldom leaves the above neighborhood; that he doubts very much if Sampson has ever been any further away from Elmer than Chillicothe, Mo.

Mr. Johnson further stated that Sampson was born on the farm adjoining the place where he now resides; that he has a brother, David Sampson, who is a doctor in the U. S. Army attached to the Canal Zone; that his mother, Sarah P. Sampson, a widow, resides at Elmer. The following description of John Sampson was furnished Agent by Postmaster Johnson:

Name	JOHN SAMPSON
Age	34
Height	5' 11"
Weight	180
Build	Heavy
Hair	Light Chestnut
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium light - smooth shaven
Residence	Elmer, Mo.
Occupation	Farmer
Marital Status	Married
Race	White
Nationality	American

Agent exhibited to Mr. Johnson identification orders of all subjects in this case. After examining these documents Mr. Johnson positively stated that John Sampson is not one of the above men.

At Springfield, Ill.

Special Agent G. B. Morris of the St. Louis Office ascertained from Mr. Al Larson, an employee at the Office of the Secretary of State for the State of Illinois, that the records of his office show that Illinois, 1933 license #861-828 was issued to Helen Ferguson, 2140 Lincoln Ave., Niles Center, Ill. on June 12, 1933 for a Buick coupe, motor #2,845,199, factory #2,691,033. The application for this license shows that the car was purchased on June 10, 1933 and the application is notarized by Harry W. Heinz, Niles Center, Ill. The fee for the license was \$20.00.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

CHICAGO

FILE NO. **62-1649**

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE: 9/23/33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8/1-9/16/33	REPORT MADE BY: J. J. KEATING - AS
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. 1185, et al			CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

William Sheridan, Niles Center, Illinois, is not Subject Galatas. *Cadillac Sedan, motor No. 1001172, purchased by Miller at Little Rock, Arkansas in 1931, located at Chicago, Illinois. On July 28, 1932, Miller sold same to Bergl Chevrolet Agency, Cicero, Illinois. Apartment of Kate Barker located at Oak Park, Ill. The Barkers moved from their apartment about June 20, 1933, present whereabouts unknown. Lillian Holden and Winnie Williams located at Chicago, Ill. Louis Stacey taken into Federal custody at Chicago, Ill. on 8/7/33, remanded to the Cook County Jail, Chicago, in default of \$50,000.00 bond, removed to Kansas City, Mo. on 9/6/33. Informant No. 1, who was a former associate of Miller, advised that as far as he can learn, Miller has not made his appearance at Chicago, Ill. as yet.

REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent J. J. Keating, Chicago, Illinois, 7/31/33, and Special Agent W. Carter Baum, Chicago, Illinois, 9/13/33.

DETAILS:

Pat O'Flaherty, night club hostess and friend of long standing of Vernon Miller, is now living in apartment 810, La Salle Towers Apartments, 1211 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, telephone Diversey 5400.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. H. Quinn</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28915-571	RECORDED AND INDEXED: SEP 26 1933
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Informant No. 1, who is also a friend of Pat O'Flaherty, recently contacted this woman, who informed him that she had not seen Miller in over a year, and that Verne is now married. The O'Flaherty woman further stated that her parents were here from Detroit, Michigan to attend the Fair, and that while they were here, she could be located at Sheldrake 9177. A check disclosed that this is not a working line. Pat was employed until recently as a schiller in a dice game at the 225 Club. She was laid off there for being too familiar with the customers. She expects to be again employed at the 225 Club sometime during the month of September, 1933.

A check at the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, Illinois, disclosed that there was no long distance telephone call made from the residence of Louis (Doc) Stacey, 609 South 7th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois, telephone Maywood 1693, on June 16, 1933. On June 17, 1933 at 4:56 P. M. Stacey called from his home, Village 9655, which is an unpublished number listed in the name of Rocco DeGrazio, 1040 North Elmwood Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois. Rocco DeGrazio is a cousin of Stacey's and a well known hoodlum in Chicago, Illinois. A photostatic copy of the long distance telephone call which was made from the O. P. Inn to Fritz Mulloy, Kansas City, Missouri on June 16, 1933, was obtained from the telephone company at Chicago, Illinois and same has already been forwarded to the Kansas City office. The name and address of operator 20, who handled this call and also the telephone official who will produce the original ticket in question has already been forwarded to the Kansas City office by letter.

The following is a list of all long distance telephone calls made from the O. P. Inn, Melrose Park, Illinois, telephone Melrose Park 645, on June 16 and 17, 1933.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Exchange</u>	<u>Number</u>
6-16-33	4:46 P. M.	Kansas City - Horshoe Tavern, called Jackson 9515 but changed same to Jackson 9702, located in Tavern.	
6-16-33	11:45 A. M.	Lake View	10582
6-16-33	5:39 P. M.	Kedzie	8900
6-16-33	8:47 P. M.	Merrimac	6548
6-16-33	8:44 P. M.	State	8224
6-16-33	8:56 P. M.	Lawndale	7896
6-16-33	8:01 P. M.	Kedzie	8900
6-16-33	8:03 P. M.	Kedzie	4017
6-17-33	12:01 P. M.	Austin	5638
6-17-33	12:10 A. M.	Ravenswood	6046
6-17-33	6:56 P. M.	Call to Village 9655 - nonpublished number	

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Reference is made to letter from Special Agent in Charge C. D. McKean, Pittsburgh office, dated July 21, 1933, relative to [REDACTED]

who had supplied some bogus information pertaining to the location of Miller and others at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and who is now wanted by the Pittsburgh Police Department for defrauding the McCreary Co. of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania out of the sum of \$14.00 by giving that company false information on employees who [REDACTED] alleged were stealing merchandise.

In compliance with the request of Special Agent in Charge McKean, the Narcotic Bureau at Chicago, Illinois, was contacted, and they had no record of [REDACTED] listed as a paid informant in this district. Neither did the Narcotic Bureau have on file any record of [REDACTED]

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A check at the Bureau of Identification, Chicago Police Department, determined that this impostor had no record here under the name of [REDACTED]

George Taylor (colored), Narcotic Agent, who personally knows [REDACTED] was contacted and he advised that he did not know the present whereabouts of [REDACTED]. However, he stated that he might be located at New Orleans, Louisiana, which is his home. When this informant originally talked to Assistant Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith, he stated that his only living relative was Luella Dargire, 925 Governor Nicholas Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. The facts relative to [REDACTED] will be forwarded to the New Orleans office by letter with the information that this man is now wanted by the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Police Department.

On August 9, 1933, a telegram was received from the New York office, advising that William A. Sheridan, who resides at 8041 Kilpatrick Avenue, Niles Center, Illinois, and who at that time was visiting Lake Placid, New York, had been tentatively identified as Subject Galatas.

On August 10, 1933, Bob Bowman, Captain of Police at Niles Center, Illinois, was contacted by agent John L. Madala and the writer, and he advised that William A. Sheridan owns the apartment house at 8041 Kilpatrick Avenue; that Sheridan and his family have been residents of Niles Center for years and Sheridan is an employee of the city of Chicago, working in the Fire Inspection Division.

Discreet inquiry at Niles Center further established the fact that William A. Sheridan and his family had returned on or about August 7, 1933, from a three weeks' vacation in New York state.

Under suitable pretext Sheridan was contacted by agents and Captain Bowman, and although his facial expression is somewhat like Galatas, his description in general does not tally with the description of Galatas, Sheridan being a much taller and heavier man.

Martha Williams, who lives at the Scherone Apartments in Chicago, and who is friendly with the entire Miller gang, is now using the alias of Bobby Moore here. Bobby Moore was formerly the wife of Jack Harris, who was killed in New York about one and one-half years ago. Miller is supposed to have done the killing at the request of this woman, as she expected to collect a lot of insurance on the life of Harris. Jack Harris was an associate of Miller's. Both Miller and he, in the year 1931, resided at the Dommor Apartment Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Harris was also a member of the Uptown Masonic Lodge, Chicago, as well as Mac Leavitt, Miller and a few other members of the gang.

A check of the records of the air lines at the Municipal Airport, Chicago, Illinois, from June 1 to 20, 1933, tends to show that neither Miller nor his associates booked passage from Chicago to Kansas City or elsewhere under their true names or aliases during this period. Police officer Robert McCormick, who has been at the airport since it opened several years ago, stated that Miller's face was familiar to him, and that he believed this man had been a passenger on several occasions on some of the commercial planes which have regular schedules at the airport.

Due to the fact that Harvey Bailey has been apprehended, all mail covers and investigations have been discontinued at Richmond, Illinois, Wilmot, Wisconsin and vicinity.

Special Agent John L. Madala made investigation at Marshall Field & Co., Oak Park, Illinois, and established the fact that Miller, under the alias of V. Moore, 419 South Boulevard, Oak Park, Illinois, has no charge account there. While Miller lived at Oak Park, Illinois, he made several purchases from the Oak Park store of Marshall Field & Co. under the alias of V. Moore, 419 South Boulevard, Oak Park.

A check at the Oak Park, Illinois Post Office disclosed that V. Moore, 419 South Boulevard, Oak Park, Illinois, left no forwarding address.

Miller was last seen at the Oak Park address by the proprietor on or about June 5, 1933.

Leo Froehlich, salesman for the Finchley Establishment, Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed by Special Agent John L. Madala. Mr. Froehlich identified the photograph of Miller whom he knew under the alias of V. Moore. Froehlich stated that Miller, in the spring of 1933, bought two suits and an overcoat, military style, from the Finchley house. The salesman further stated that he did not know the whereabouts of Miller; that if Miller should call at the store at any time in the near future for further purchases, he would immediately communicate with the Chicago Division office.

Lillian Holden, as mentioned in a previous report, lived at the Oak Park apartment of Miller. She posed as the sister of Varne Miller, and a young man named Johnny, last name unknown, about 25 years of age and whose identity has never been established, lived there with her. He posed as the husband of Lillian Holden and the brother of Miller's wife (Vivian Matthews alias Mathis).

A subsequent search of Miller's apartment at Oak Park, Illinois, by agent Madala and the writer was made. Under the mattress in the bedroom was found a library slip which indicated that someone in the apartment had rented books from the Fair Store library at Oak Park, Illinois during the early part of 1933.

Miss E. Deininger, in charge of the library for the Fair Store, telephone Oak Park 9600, was interviewed, and she checked her records as per the receipt found in the apartment. The records disclosed that Vivian Moore, 419 South Boulevard, Oak Park, Illinois, had rented books at the library from December 14, 1932 to May 12, 1933. The librarian in charge positively identified the photograph of Vivian Matthews as the renter of the books in question. Vivian Matthews has two books out at this time, namely, "Vain Pantomime" and "Virtue Takes a Holiday". Miss Deininger stated she does not expect these books returned at this late date. However, in the event Vivian Matthews should at any time in the near future reappear at the library, she will immediately communicate with the Chicago Division office.

Lillian Holden is now receiving mail at #957 South Hermitage Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Lillian Holden's maiden name was Griffin. Her mother remarried and is now Mrs. William Green. The Green family formerly resided at 1240 West 63d Street, Chicago, Illinois, telephone Englewood 7078. They are now residing at the South Hermitage Avenue address, telephone Hemlock 3978.

The South Hermitage Avenue address is located in a very poor neighborhood and the house is exceptionally hard to cover. Special Agent Madala had a connection with the Board of Education, Chicago, Illinois, and through that connection it was possible to cover the house in which Lillian Holden's parents reside from the public school, which is located in the same block and directly across the street. The Green residence was covered continuously for twenty-four hours on several occasions, and although it has been definitely established that Lillian Holden is receiving mail there under the name of Lillian Holden, still it appears that she is not residing there.

In the report of this agent, dated 7/31/33, it will be noted that Lillian Holden was seen riding in a Chevrolet automobile bearing Illinois license plates No. 816254, and that the aforementioned license plates were issued to Miss J. Burn, 53 West Calendar Street, La Grange, Illinois. In agent's previous report the Chevrolet car was reported to be brown in color. Since that time additional information has been obtained indicating that the automobile in question is actually a dark blue or black.

Special Agents E. Sandberg and J. L. Madala interviewed G. W. Farley at La Grange, Illinois, who advised that Joe Rose operates a garage at 53 West Calendar Street.

Joe Rose was interviewed, and he advised that Miss J. Burn stored her black Chevrolet car in his garage for twenty days in May, 1933; that she received mail there for a time, and since then letters for her have been returned to the Post Office. Mr. Rose was shown a picture of Mrs. Thomas Holden, and he stated that it was a picture of the party whom he knew as Miss J. Burn. He stated, however, that he had no information relative to her present whereabouts, and that he did not know that she ever lived in La Grange.

It was ascertained that Miss J. P. Burn, 33 West Burlington Street, was given city license No. T-2260 for 1933 Chevrolet car on May 31, 1933. It was also ascertained that there is no such street as 33 West Burlington, La Grange, Illinois. It is believed that this must refer to 33 West Calendar Street, La Grange, Illinois.

In the Keating and Holden case it will be noted that Joe Rose, who is a Plymouth dealer at La Grange, Illinois, purchased for Bernard Phillips a Chrysler Deluxe 8 in the summer of 1932. The writer knows Rose personally and Rose is believed not to be reliable as it is understood that he is connected with Joe Bergl, the Chevrolet dealer at Cicero, Illinois, who is a friend and contact for all major hoodlums, including the Miller gang at Chicago, Illinois and vicinity. When Phillips bought the Chrysler car from Rose in the summer of 1932, Bergl, who is a personal friend of Miller, and who did business with Phillips previously by buying and selling automobiles for him, sent him to Rose so that Rose could purchase for Phillips the Chrysler automobile.

Investigation is being made at this time to determine where Lillian Holden is actually at the present time.

Winnie Williams has been receiving mail for the past several months at 8400 Paxton Street, Chicago, Illinois. She resides, however, at 6153 University Avenue in a sleeping room, and is employed as a singer at the Miramar Cafe and Restaurant, 10289 Indianapolis Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, telephone Saginaw 5067. She works at this night club from 9:00 P. M. until 5:00 A. M. She has been separated from Bernard Phillips since August 15, 1932, at which time she alleges he deserted her at the Hotel Belvidere, New York City, New York. She states she has not seen him since that time and does not know his present whereabouts. Her interview in detail was previously set out in a letter to the Kansas City office and all interested offices. As a matter of brevity, therefore, this interview will not be set out in this report.

On August 11, 1933 Captain Daniel Gilbert of the State's Attorney's office advised Assistant Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith that Winnie Williams was then residing with Margaret Courtney and Peggy Gunn in apartment 310 - 3616 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He further advised that Winnie Williams a few days previously had departed over the week-end for Kansas City or St. Louis, Missouri, and was expected back on the following Monday; that immediately thereafter Winnie Williams was to proceed to Los Angeles, where she was to meet a man named Arnold.

Winnie Williams denied ever living at 3616 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago. She admitted making the trip to St. Louis, Missouri, but stated that she did not intend to proceed to Los Angeles, nor did she know any man by the name of Arnold there. George Arnold, who has a long criminal record and who is now out on bond at Chicago, Illinois, for counterfeiting, evidently was located by the Los Angeles office at Los Angeles, California, as that office requested by wire that all data be forwarded to them expedite. The history of Arnold was telegraphed to the Los Angeles office and immediately thereafter a letter setting out the general history of Arnold was forwarded to the Los Angeles office with copies for the office of origin and all interested offices. This information, therefore, is not being incorporated in this report.

During the year 1932 Vernon C. Miller purchased from the Cadillac Agency at Little Rock, Arkansas a Cadillac 12 town sedan, motor No. 1001172. Recently while Vivian Matthews was sojourning at Montreal, Canada with some moving picture man whom she met at Atlantis City, New Jersey, and which was reported by the New York office, she informed one of these men that she had a Cadillac automobile somewhere in storage at Chicago, Illinois. It was believed that if this Cadillac car could be located, it would lead to Miller's apprehension. Special Agent J. L. Madala and this agent for several days canvassed the various automobile agencies at Chicago, Illinois and vicinity in an endeavor to locate the automobile in question. This car was eventually found in the possession of Winter and Hirsch, Inc., 1842 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, telephone Calumet 4586. A check-up disclosed that on August 5, 1932, one James Costello, who gave his address as 6930 South Shore Drive (this man is actually Al Strook, who operated the Jeffrey Tavern on the Chicago South side, and who was recently killed in this automobile by gangsters about three months ago), purchased Cadillac 12 town sedan, motor No. 1001172, from the Southern Motor Sales, then located at 6449 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, telephone Midway 2750. The purchase price of this automobile was \$1700.00. \$700.00 was paid in cash, and Winter and Hirsch financed the balance of \$1,000.00 for the purchaser. When Strook was killed, his wife or paramour was unable to finish the payments, therefore the car was repossessed.

Mr. Eisenberg of the Southern Motor Sales, now located at 2533 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he purchased this car from Joseph Bergl of the Bergl Chevrolet Agency, Cicero, Illinois, on July 28, 1932, for the sum of \$1450.00, thus showing that Joseph Bergl still deals with gangsters, having dealt some time or other with all of the members of the Keating and Holden mob. On November 5, 1932, agent missed Frank Nash at Cicero, Illinois. He was reported to have been seen

that day riding in a Chevrolet sedan, which later proved to be owned and driven by Anton J. Bergl, the brother of Joe Bergl. During the investigation at Cicero, the cooperation of the Chief of Police Sullivan was poor, Sullivan making the excuse that he could not help us as he had not enough men. A few hours later Lieutenant Johnson and Sergeant Joe Realy of the Chicago Police Department and this agent picked up the two Bergl brothers and Gus Winkler, notorious bank robber, who is their brother-in-law, and brought them in for questioning. At that time the Bergl brothers were shown the photographs of Miller, Bailey, Nash and all other members of this gang, and they positively stated that they had never seen any of the men before. The only member of the mob which Joe Bergl admitted knowing was Bernard Phillips.

Marge McGuirl, the wife of Francis L. Keating, who is now incarcerated in the Leavenworth Penitentiary, and a former associate of Miller, et al., is still receiving mail at the home of her parents, 3334 South Oakley Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The tracings indicate that she is frequenting the Phillips Hotel at Kansas City, Missouri.

Kate Barker, commonly called "Mother", and mother of Doc Barker and Fred Barker, had a furnished apartment up until June 20, 1933, with two men, apparently her sons, at 110 Home Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois. Associating with Mrs. Barker, who used the alias of Gordon at the aforementioned address, was one Helen Ferguson, true identity not known, who lived in the rear apartment in the same house. Helen Ferguson checked out of her furnished apartment on or about July 23, 1933, and subsequently departed for St. Louis, Missouri. Prior to the dictation of this report, the facts relative to Kate Barker and Helen Ferguson were set out in a letter for investigation at St. Louis, Missouri, copies of said letter being forwarded to the office of origin and all interested offices. It is therefore deemed not necessary to elaborate on this phase of the investigation in this report.

On August 7, 1933, Louis Stacey alias Doc Stacey was brought to the Chicago Division office for questioning by Special Agent John L. Madala and the writer, assisted by Illinois State Police. He was subsequently taken into custody by the United States Marshal and remanded to the Cook County Jail in default of \$50,000.00, charged with obstruction of justice and conspiracy to obstruct justice.

Stacey was questioned by Special Agents Brantley, Turron, Madala, Baum and the writer, and he steadfastly denied that he knew Miller, Nash, Bailey, Keating, Holden or Phillips, or any of the Keating, Holden and Nash gang. He assumed an air of innocence and felt indignant when he was placed in jail.

He was given a hearing on August 22, 1933, before United States Commissioner Walker. The hearing was continued on motion of Assistant United States Attorney Joseph A. Struett in order to give the authorities at Kansas City an opportunity to present the facts to the U. S. Grand Jury on August 30, 1933. Stacey was subsequently indicted, given a removal hearing at Chicago, Illinois on September 7, 1933, waived and consented to be removed to Kansas City, Missouri. His bond was reduced to \$25,000.00, by instructions of United States Attorney Vandeventer, Kansas City, Missouri, and on the evening of September 8, 1933, he was taken to Kansas City, Missouri, by the United States Marshal, Chicago, Illinois, assisted by agents Hehagan and Madala of the Chicago Division office.

Description of Louis Stacey, as obtained at the Bureau of Identification, Chicago Police Department:

Name - - - - Louis Stacey alias Doc Stacey
name originally Louis Stacci
Age - - - - 41
Height - - - 5'7-5/8"
Weight - - - 147 lb.
Eyes - - - - Dark hazel
Hair - - - - Black and curly
Complexion - - Dark
Clean shaven
Marital status - Married
Occupation - - Racketeer and speakeasy operator
Nationality - American, Italian extraction (Cicilian)
Chicago Police No. 6-50942
Scars - - - - Small horizontal scar on left eyebrow;
Has broken nose
Fingerprint classification - ES W I 14
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Criminal record - As Louis Stacey arrested Wheaton, Ill.
June 23, 1931, charge conspiracy.
As Louis Stacey arrested Wheaton, Ill.
July 27, 1931, for carrying concealed
weapons - convicted and fined in the
local courts \$150.00 and costs.

Stacey made his first appearance around the old Chicago red light district when he was about 17 or 18 years of age. He started in as a pimp and has been known as one ever since. He worked for and was identified with three very notorious houses in the old district, namely, Dage Frank Lewis, Charlie Maybaum and Maurice Van Buren.

The old district was closed between 1913 and 1914 and Stacey went back to his home town, Melrose Park, Illinois, where he made his headquarters. However, he lived in Aurora, Illinois most of the time. In Aurora, Illinois, he acted as a pimp for the landlady of a house of prostitution, known as Edna. Her son, Elmer, who also is now known as Elmer Stacey, is a boy about 21 years of age and practically has been raised by Doc Stacey. Elmer Stacey was a bartender at the O. P. Inn, Melrose Park, Illinois. Elmer Stacey, like his foster father, is a notorious pimp, and has been in a great many crooked deals with Doc. Doc Stacey also has a brother by the name of "Slug" Stacey, quite a notorious character who formerly worked at the O. P. Inn. Stacey has four brothers, namely, Mike, Rocco, Andrew and Johnny Stacey.

When prohibition went into effect the first of July, 1919, Stacey took \$500.00 that he had saved, bought liquor and started bootlegging in Aurora, Illinois. He remained in this business until 1921, increasing same and making considerable money. During 1921 he returned to Melrose Park and formed a liquor syndicate with Roy Delano and George Corozo. Their territory was part of Cook County and Kane County, Illinois, and they soon controlled the "alky", liquor and beer business in the above mentioned territory. Stacey, who controlled this syndicate, continued the same until late in 1925 or early in 1926, at which time Al Capone had taken over the syndicate in Chicago. Capone soon found that this was a lucrative territory, sent his men out and told Stacey he was going to take over the territory but was willing to put Stacey in as manager on a 10% cut. Stacey was wise enough to give up the territory. This was the start of his downfall. His money soon disappeared as he was a big spender. He did not take an interest in the business thereafter, and the territory soon dwindled down to nothing. Early in 1926 Al Capone let Stacey out and Frank Rio was sent down to organize the territory. Stacey was still receiving favors from the syndicate as he had stepped out gracefully and was always willing to do anything he could for them. Shortly after this Stacey shot a man in Melrose Park, and the same was squared under the Bob Crowe regime. The syndicate then used Stacey on and off for small jobs.

It is alleged that he was the man who engineered the first kidnaping case of Passarello, Chief of Police of Melrose Park. Passarello disappeared for two weeks and then came back, stating he had been on a fishing trip. The second time he was kidnaped, he never came back, and his body is now reported to be located in some stone quarry. Jimmie Huggi, a pal of Stacey, is the man reported to have taken Passarello on his final "ride". The orders for the assassination came direct from Frank Rio. Passarello's body is reported to be weighed down by railroad fish plates wired to his body. Our informant states that to locate this body would necessitate sending a diver down in three or four quarries. Passarello has a twin brother who now lives on 21st Street, Melrose Park. The brother is reported to know a lot about the killing but is in deadly fear. It is believed that this man would not talk.

During 1929 Doc Stacey threatened a Melrose Park banker by the name of Goss. Goss was connected with the Citizens Savings Bank of Melrose Park. He has a brother who at the present time is a banker at Elgin, Illinois.

In 1930 Stacey opened a house of prostitution known as the White House, located in Cook County but near Elgin, Illinois. He rented this place for about six months, having a very tough crowd of Italians there. A number of fights took place and a number of Elgin boys were badly beaten up. One Elgin boy in particular, of a prominent family, was so badly beaten up that his father went to see Carburry, then State's Attorney, and made a complaint. As the White House was located in Cook County, Illinois, Carburry could do nothing, but sent the complainant to see State's Attorney Swanson at Chicago, Illinois. This complaint was forwarded direct to Al Capone and Capone had the highway police close this "joint". After this Stacey tried to open up another house, but Capone had it closed.

Stacey has been interested in the O. P. Inn since the year 1928. He originally started with a partner but subsequently operated it himself. The O. P. Inn was closed on or about July 15, 1933, due to bad business, which was caused by the legalization of beer. The O. P. Inn was frequented and the general hang-out for some of the most notorious gangsters in the middle west. They made a practice of having messages left there, receiving telephone calls there, and the general information is that a great many jobs were "hatched" at the O. P. Inn. Charlie Cleaver, notorious mail robber, hid out at the O. P. Inn for some time prior to his capture.

It is also rumored in the underworld that Stacey was also used by the syndicate to burn several competitive houses of prostitution in this district. He is also alleged to have burned several speakeasies that were competitors of the syndicate.

He is also alleged to be the man who put the stick of dynamite in Pat Roche's car. Roche was formerly chief investigator for the State's Attorney's office at Chicago, Illinois. Luckily, Roche left the car in the garage that day to have some work done on it, and the mechanic discovered the dynamite before any damage was done.

The next thing that Stacey was mixed up in was an automobile accident, which happened about 2:00 A. M., July 4, 1932. That night, after a telephone call, Doc Stacey, Tony Bagno and Mickey DeGrazio, who is Stacey's cousin, left the C. P. Sun about 1:45 A. M. in a big Cadillac with a machine gun. Stacey was driving. They were on the way to Elgin, Illinois. Near a place known as Owensville, Illinois they struck a small mound and overturned. Stacey's nose was broken. Bagno's leg was broken and DeGrazio was badly hurt. A machine gun was planted in the field about twenty feet from the road but one of the loaded drums was left in the car. Stacey is reported to have left DeGrazio and Bagno and started back towards Melrose Park. It is alleged he later stuck up a man in a car whom he forced to take him to Melrose Park. The highway police later found DeGrazio and Bagno; also the drum for the machine gun, and a farmer boy who was there at the time of the accident was reported to have found the machine gun.

Informant No. 2, who was given the above information, stated that Sergeant Herman Knoeffs and Don Barnes of the Illinois State Police are alleged to have returned the machine gun to the Capone syndicate upon payment of \$200.00. Frank Rio is alleged to have made the deal and the machine gun went back to its original owner. Stacey did not own the machine gun.

The other two in the car after the accident were taken to the St. Joseph Hospital at Elgin, Illinois, for a few days, and then spirited away when things were getting "hot". Considerable influence was used with the people in charge of the hospital.

Shauncey Reid, State's Attorney of DuPage County, knows quite a lot about Stacey's past. He is dependable. Stacey was called the "jinx" back in 1928.

There were four persons, including a girl, murdered in Melrose Park, Illinois during the month of December, 1932. Our informant states that all of the four killings were instigated by the same people, and that Stacey has knowledge of the participants in these crimes.

Willie Heeney is at the head of the third faction of the syndicate, and the third faction is the brains of the outfit. Gus Winkler controls the North side of Chicago for the syndicate, which includes liquor and gambling. Denny Cooney at the Carlton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, collects tribute from hundreds of houses of prostitution in Chicago for the syndicate. All of these people are friends of Stacey. Stacey's associate and golf companion is "Machine Gun" Jack McGurn.

Informant No. 2 states that at about 3:45 P. M. on the afternoon preceding the Kansas City massacre, Tony DeGrazio, who is a fugitive from justice on a charge of murder in Melrose Park, Illinois, where he is wanted for shooting a man down one Sunday morning about a year ago, and two other men, one of them known as Curly Clouse, who is a gangster from St. Paul, Minnesota, and a known mail robber, having been indicted for the stick-up of the Post Office at Superior, Wisconsin in the year 1925, for which offense he is still a fugitive, left Chicago, Illinois in a big Cadillac sedan. The name of the third man is not known. They had in their possession one machine gun, two shotguns and supposedly revolvers. No kidnappings or shootings took place in or around Chicago during that twenty-four hours, and there is nothing so far to connect this incident with the Kansas City massacre.

Informant No. 2 advises that on the afternoon of February 20, 1933, Willie Heeney made this statement to this man, Curly Clouse: "For God's sake, don't get in a jam here, as you know we have a new man on the West side who is out to make a reputation" (meaning State's Attorney Courtney, Cook County, Illinois). He also said, "You are O. K. as long as you stay out of Chicago, and after what I said, you had better get down with Fur Sammons". To this remark Curly replied, "I don't want to get down until I get a little sugar". Curly also said, "They don't know me, they have been after me for six years, I was going to St. Paul to see who was hanging around Buckhorn's, but if I get snatched there everyone knows me, and no one knows me here." A circular of Curly Clouse was obtained from the Post Office Department, Chicago, Illinois, which verified the information of the informant that Curly is wanted.

Curly Clouse is described as follows:

Age - - - - - 41
Weight - - - - - 175-180 lb.
Height - - - - - 5'10"
Hair - - - - - Brown, curly
Well built
Complexion - - - - Ruddy
Mustache - - - - - Clipped short
Marks and scars - Has a mark of some kind on
one side of cheek
Nationality - - - - American
Very good dresser; makes a very neat appearance

The aforementioned description was obtained from the informant, who stated also that Clouse is classed in the underworld as an expert machine gunner.

Post Office circulars of Curly Clouse will be obtained for interested offices, as if Clouse associated with DeGrazio, he would naturally know Miller and his associates, although it is not believed from the information at hand so far that he had anything to do with the Kansas City massacre.

Informant No. 2 further advised that while Jimmie Burns, former head waiter at the O. P. Inn, may know quite a lot in general, he is positive that Jimmie Burns was never let in on confidential business by Stacey or others frequenting the O. P. Inn. Gangsters did not go to the O. P. Inn and just get acquainted with Stacey. Each man connected with Stacey had to be well recommended through underworld channels. The above information indicates what a difficult task an under cover agent would have in gaining the confidence of Stacey and others who frequented the O. P. Inn.

Helen Stacey, the wife of Doc Stacey, 609 South 7th Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois, was interviewed, and she denied that she ever made a trip with Mrs. Nash from Maywood, Illinois to Winona, Illinois on or about June 30, 1933.

Mike Stacey, 1210 - 15th Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois, was interviewed on two different occasions, namely August 7 and August 31, 1933, and he denied knowing Miller, Nash, Bailey or any of their associates.

He stated that he is in the "alky" business in Melrose Park, Illinois. He further advised that Lieutenant of Police Maggio, Melrose Park, Illinois, is the first cousin of Nick Maggio, who was murdered there in December, 1932. Tony Maggio, who was one of the Maggio brothers, is Doc Stacey's brother-in-law.

Rocco Stacey, 1514 - 20th Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois, was interviewed by Special Agents Brantley, Turrou, Madala and the writer on August 7, 1933, and he denied strenuously that Mr. and Mrs. Nash and Miller and Vivian Matthews had stayed at his home for several days during the autumn of 1932. He became very indignant and abusive, stating that he did not know any of these people, and that he was a working man employed by the Sanitary District of Melrose Park, Illinois. Within the past ten days Rocco Stacey was arrested by police at Chicago, Illinois, and identified as a stick-up man.

Johnny Stacey, who lives with his parents on what is known as the West Lake Street Farm, which is just above Mannheim Road, and who was a general all around man at the O. P. Inn, to date has not been located for interview. Johnny Stacey, accompanied by Helen Stacey, drove Mrs. Nash from Maywood, Illinois to Winona, Illinois on or about June 20, 1933.

Elmer Stacey, 3310 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed, and he denied knowing any of the persons who frequented the O. P. Inn.

Jimmie Burns, former head waiter at the O. P. Inn, was likewise interviewed and also professed ignorance. In fact, all of the Staceys interviewed so far have lived to the code of the underworld by not talking.

Elmer Stacey was arrested by the police at Maywood, Illinois in December, 1932, in connection with the murder of Gertrude Modrow, who frequented the O. P. Inn. Informant No. 2 advised that this girl recognized the two men who later killed Rinella at Rinella's Clubhouse in Melrose Park. This girl was reported to have a strong sense of justice, and after reading the newspapers she was disturbed and thought she should tell what she knew about this affair to the State's Attorney, Chicago, Illinois. Not being able to get in touch with him, she telephoned to Lieutenant Maggio of the Melrose Park Police Department, made an appointment to meet him and told him what took place. Maggio is reported to have told her not to talk and he would take her to the proper authorities. Lieutenant Maggio is then reported to have gone to one of the representatives of the syndicate in

the Melrose Park district and told him everything. Our informant states that in other words Lieutenant Maggio virtually put the Modrow girl "on the spot". Lieutenant Maggio, according to our informant, was supposed to take this girl to the authorities on the night of December 24, 1932. Her body was found the next day just over the line in Du Page County. She was shot in the back of the head. Elmer Stacey was released as a suspect in the aforementioned murder for lack of evidence. The aforementioned is merely set out to show the connections of Doc Stacey with the Chicago underworld.

On August 28, 1933 Vincent Gebardi alias "Machine Gun" Jack McGurn alias James Vincent alias James Gebardi was interviewed at the Chicago Division office by Special Agents W. C. Ryan, Jay C. Newman and W. Carter Baum in the presence of Detective Sergeant Frank Freemuth and Detective John Stalbus of the Chicago Police Department. He stated he was acquainted with Frances (the widow of Nash) at the time she was employed at the O. P. Inn, and that he recalled her mainly because of the fact that she was such a good cook; that he used to tip her rather generously whenever he had meals at the O. P. Inn, and that he had heard she had married, but he did not know whom she had married. He denied that his wife was particularly friendly with Frances, and that if Frances ever had gone riding with his wife, he did not know of it. He was very positive that his wife had never had Frances in her car inasmuch as he felt sure she would have mentioned it to him.

With reference to his acquaintanceship with Louis (Doc) Stacey, Gebardi admitted that he was quite friendly with Doc, having played golf with him on numerous occasions; that Stacey had never mentioned to him anything concerning his acquaintanceship with Frank Nash, Verne Miller, Harvey Bailey or any of the suspects in connection with this case. He advised that he had heard the name "Jelly", an alias of Frank Nash, mentioned in the underworld, but he could not recall exactly where he had heard it. He also stated he had heard of "Big Tom", an alias of Harvey Bailey, but that he is not acquainted with Bailey and could not identify his picture. He also advised, upon being shown the photograph of Verne Miller, that the face seemed familiar to him but he could not recall where he had seen him, and he was sure he had not seen him recently. He denied that Verne Miller or any of the Kansas City massacre suspects had ever played golf with him and Doc Stacey. He stated he knew nothing whatsoever in connection with the Kansas City massacre and had no idea as to who was responsible for the killings there.

Debari stated he had never been in St. Paul, Minnesota, but that he was acquainted with Frisco Dutch, having known him several years ago when Frisco Dutch was in Chicago. He advised that Frisco Dutch is a friend of all gangsters and to his knowledge he is not connected with any particular gang organization.

On August 30, 1933, Mrs. Nash was interviewed by this agent at Kansas City, Missouri, in the presence of her attorney and Special Agent W. F. Trainor of the Kansas City Division office. She advised that she worked as a cook at the O. P. Inn, Helrose Park, Illinois, from June 1, 1928, to November, 1931; that in the fall of 1931 she met Frank Nash, who was known to her as George W. Miller, at the O. P. Inn; that a short time thereafter she commenced going with Nash and subsequently lived with him as his paramour. She stated that she lived with Nash under the name of George W. Miller in a furnished apartment on 60th or 61st Court, Berwyn, Illinois, from the middle of December, 1931, to early February, 1932; that she went with him from there to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where they lived for a week at the Moody Hotel, and for another week at the Oaklawn tourist camp; that sometime during the latter part of February, 1932, they returned to Berwyn, Illinois, and rented an apartment for a month at the old address; that while they had the apartment at Berwyn, Illinois, during the month of March, 1932, Vivian Mathis and she proceeded to St. Paul, Minnesota; that she, Mrs. Nash, went to Aurora, Minnesota, to visit her relatives, and that Vivian Mathis went to Brainard, Minnesota, to visit her parents there; that while in St. Paul, Minnesota, they stayed at Harry Sawyer's residence, address unknown.

Mrs. Nash further stated that they stayed at the apartment at Berwyn, Illinois, until May, 1932, and then moved to the Holme Apartments on 51st Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, which is owned and operated by Joe Bergl of the Bergl Chevrolet Company, Cicero, Illinois, who is a brother-in-law of Gus Winkler. She stated that she stayed at this apartment with Frank Nash from May until July, 1932, and that they went under the name of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Miller; that Vernon C. Miller and his paramour, Vi, also stayed at this apartment house across the hall from them, and that Miller used the name of V. C. Mills; that during the summer of 1932 Miller rented a bungalow under the name of V. C. Mason near Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; that this bungalow was about three miles off highway No. 12; that it was near a lake and that Miller rented it from a doctor.

She further advised that Louie Spronck, who operates a dance hall, restaurant and drinking place at Cary, Illinois, is a friend of Miller and his associates; that during the summer of 1932 Frank Nash stayed at Louie's place and was drunk there for about three weeks; that Vernon C. Miller and he also stayed there and that she could generally tell when they were at Louie's place, as Miller's brindle dog would lay in front of the bar. Mrs. Nash stated that she met Kate Barker, better known as "Mother", and Helen Ferguson at Louie's place during the fall of 1932. She identified the photographs of Doc Barker and Fred Barker as the two sons of "Mother" and further stated that she recently had seen them in an apartment on Summers Avenue in St. Paul, Minnesota; that the collegiate looking fellow who was also at the apartment is none other than Alvin Karpis.

Mrs. Nash said that Gus Winkler and Joe Bergl are well acquainted with Frank Nash, Vernon C. Miller and all of their associates; that Bergl and Winkler often visited them while they lived at Bergl's apartments at Cicero, Illinois. Miller, Nash, Bailey, Phillips, Keating, Holden and others frequented the O. P. Inn, Mrs. Nash stated. She advised that she knew Holden as Bill and Keating as Jimmie. She is also acquainted with Lillian Holden and Marge McGuirl. She stated that Doc Stacey and Miller know each other and played golf together at times. On one occasion while she was at the O. P. Inn Frank Nash, Harvey Bailey and Vernon C. Miller left the O. P. Inn and proceeded to Chicago, Illinois, to go habarating. Mrs. Nash stated that she arrived at Chicago, Illinois from Joplin, Missouri via bus on Sunday afternoon at 1:00 P. M., June 19, 1933; that she immediately took a taxi to Madison and Austin Boulevard, entered a candy store from where she telephoned Helen Stacey at Maywood, Illinois; that Helen Stacey told her to come right out in a taxicab, but to be careful that she was not shadowed; that when she arrived at the Stacey home, Helen Stacey left immediately in her automobile and advised her to keep all the doors locked and not answer for anybody; that a short time thereafter Helen Stacey, accompanied by Johnny Stacey and Helen's daughter, Danella, drove her and her six year old girl to her relative's place at Winona, Illinois; that she paid Johnny Stacey \$5.00 to reimburse him for this trip; that the Staceys had a few beers with her relative, Jake Orson and his wife Alice, at their saloon at Winona, Illinois, from whence they returned to Maywood, Illinois; that a short time thereafter she proceeded to Chicago, Illinois; that she telephoned Doc Stacey at the O. P. Inn, and he told her to come out immediately; that he wanted to talk to her; that upon arriving, she was greeted by Stacey, who took her out to the side yard and seated her on the running board of an automobile

which was owned by Mrs. Meghan, the wife of a golf professional; that in conversation with Stacey he informed her that when she called, he was playing golf on the links; that the message was relayed to him, and that he tried to call from somewhere else, but did not have enough money; that he subsequently called the home of Fritz Mulloy, working for Miller, from the telephone booth which is located at the O. P. Inn; that he first spoke to the colored boy at the Horseshoe Tavern, Kansas City, Missouri; that he personally knows this colored boy as he had been in Kansas City on several occasions, and that when he asked the colored boy if he knew him, the colored boy said, "Yes, sir"; that he subsequently was connected with the home of Fritz Mulloy, where he had some conversation. However, she stated that he did not say he talked to Miller; that Doc Stacey owes Frank Nash \$1,500.00, and when she asked him about this money, he said "You are mistaken. I only owe him \$50.00". Mrs. Nash does not feel friendly toward Stacey.

She stated that some time ago Vernon C. Miller lived in the vicinity of Austin and Madison Streets, Chicago, Illinois, she believes he lived somewhere on North Avenue. She stated that Miller used to like to dine in a Hungarian restaurant known as Klases Restaurant on 22d Street, which is near the Bergl Chevrolet agency at Cicero, Illinois; that when Miller was in New York City, his friends called him Clarence and that he frequented the Horseshoe Cafe, which is somewhere in the Uptown district; that the front of this cafe was painted green and other colors, and that there is a watchman at the entrance who opens a slot in the door and after the patrons are properly identified, they are allowed to enter.

Bob McDonald, a professional golfer who runs a golf school somewhere on Dearborn Street in the loop, is an intimate friend of Vernon C. Miller, according to Mrs. Nash. The gang generally practiced golf on a small green, which is adjacent to the O. P. Inn at Melrose Park, Illinois. They also practiced shooting, according to Mrs. Nash, on clay pigeons which were shipped to the O. P. Inn by the barrel.

She stated that while living at Berwyn the apartment number was 151, which was on the ground floor; that the manager of the apartment house was a Mr. Dickey, and that the place was located about two blocks from the Garfield "L"; that during the Spring of 1933, she from time to time with Frank Nash visited the apartment of Vernon C. Miller at 419 South Boulevard, Oak Park, Illinois; that Lillian Holden was a frequent visitor there and paid the rent for the Millers when they were out of town;

that at this time there is a man's brown Gladstone at the home of Dick Galatas at Hot Springs, and that in this Gladstone is some of her wearing apparel, as well as some of the personal property of Frank Nash.

She further advised that Doc Stacey is a member of the Antlers Golf Club at Wheaton, Illinois, and of the Maywood Golf Club, Maywood, Illinois.

When asked as to how she would locate Vernon C. Miller at this time, she stated she would telephone Mr. Gibson, the father of Vivian Mathis, at Brainard, Minnesota, and in this manner would locate Vivian and possibly Miller.

Mrs. Nash stated that she never realized that her husband was an escaped convict or a bank robber. She believed that he and Miller were solely engaged in handling alcohol and slot machines. Charlie Ludebecker, restaurant owner of Cicero, Illinois, is also acquainted with Miller and his associates. Ludebecker operates the Rivermor Restaurant, 8405 - 82d Street, Riverside, Illinois. In the year 1932, during the Keating and Holden investigation, it was known that Miller, Keating, Holden, Nash and others frequented the Rivermor Restaurant. This restaurant was raided on two occasions by Division agents in conjunction with Illinois State Police in an endeavor to locate and cause the apprehension of Keating, Holden and Nash.

Wayne Luce, ex-husband of Mrs. Frances Nash, was recently interviewed by the writer at the Chicago Division office. He stated that the reason he divorced Frances was that during their married life, she associated and was intimate with other men. Luce further stated that in the year 1929, while Frances was employed at the O. P. Inn, she put him "on the spot", at which time he was shot twice by Louis (Doc) Stacey; that later he covered up this shooting and perjured himself to save Stacey and Frances from going to the penitentiary. Luce stated also that Mrs. Nash is shrewd and very clever; that he is satisfied she has not given all details concerning the Kansas City case and will only give information that circumstances force her to make known. He advised that Frances is not as innocent as she generally leads people to believe, and that she knows the workings of the gang in general.

Luce voluntarily offered his full cooperation relative to the Kansas City case, stating that he knew all the West side hoodlums at Chicago, Illinois, having been formerly an investigator for the State's Attorney's office at Chicago, Illinois.

San O. Lederer, who operates a furniture and fixture store at 700 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, telephone Haymarket 8800, informed Assistant Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith that he had an informant named [redacted] who is now incarcerated in the County Jail [redacted] who had some information relative to the Nash case. Lederer was formerly an investigator under Pat Roche for the State's Attorney's office at Chicago, Illinois.

b7D [redacted] was interviewed at the Cook County Jail by agent in the presence of San Lederer. He stated that he is now incarcerated with Doc Stacey, who is one of the Subjects in this case, and that in general conversation with Stacey, he obtained the following information:

Three men participated in the Kansas City massacre; that Miller was the man who used the machine gun, and that he does not know the names of the other two men, although he will endeavor to establish same; that on the evening of June 16, 1933, Miller telephoned Doc Stacey at his home, Maywood, Illinois, placing the call at Kansas City, Missouri; that "Three-fingered" Jack White is the contact man at Chicago, and that word was sent by White to Stacey through his attorney that when he appears for removal before the United States Commissioner at Chicago, Illinois on September 7, 1933, not to be represented by a lawyer but to waive examination and submit to removal to Kansas City; that when Stacey arrived in Kansas City, his case would be fixed up with the State authorities through Johnny Lazzio, who is the syndicate man at Kansas City and a political power there. Johnny Lazzio is known in Kansas City as "Brother John".

b7D [redacted] further stated that the Jew bootlegger from the East, whose picture was in the paper about a month ago as one of the Subjects in the killing, was an innocent party and did not participate in the massacre; that "Three-fingered" Jack White and his associates have already sent \$5,000.00 as a defense fund to Kansas City, Missouri; that the mob is anxious to get Mrs. Nash out on bond; that they believe she is talking too much, and that they are anxious to put her "on the spot"; that when she arrived at Maywood, Illinois, subsequent to the Kansas City massacre, and when she made a trip down to Winona, Illinois with Johnny

Stacey on or about June 19, 1933, the mob at that time intended to "bump her off" en route and bury her body; that they are also afraid of Jimmie, the waiter, who was formerly employed at the O. P. Inn, as it is believed that Jimmie received the call from Kansas City, and that his evidence might be detrimental to Stacey.

67D [redacted] stated that he expects to get out on bond shortly, and that Stacey is anxious to give him a message to take to Fritz Mulloy at Kansas City, relative to having somebody "bumped off" at Chicago, Illinois; that this party at Chicago is supposed to know too much.

[redacted] further advised that any information Chief of Police Higgins of Kansas City, Missouri, received in this case is immediately transmitted by him to Johnny Lazzio, who in turn transfers it to "Three-fingered" Jack White at Chicago, Illinois; that none of the mob has visited Stacey at the Cook County Jail, and that Stacey's attorney is the mouthpiece for receiving and transmitting messages. Stacey is anxious to get in communication with Miller, but does not know how to reach him.

67D Gus Winkler, he states, is the owner of a restaurant at 67 West Lake Street, Chicago, Illinois; that this restaurant is under the name of Ballard and Frazier; that there is a gambling establishment and a bar downstairs, and that during the daytime and up until about 8:00 or 9:00 o'clock at night Winkler receives all of his calls there over the wall telephone; that Winkler also has a penthouse on the top of the Lake Park Arms Hotel on Pine Grove Avenue; that he goes there at night and meets some of the underworld there; that "Three-fingered" Jack White and others have a meeting place in some roadhouse which is located in the vicinity of the O. P. Inn at Melrose Park. He further advised that this gang has a million dollars worth of bonds buried on a farm, address unknown, about 100 miles from Chicago, Illinois; that recently someone built a cottage about 100 feet from where these bonds are buried; that the mob was afraid to retrieve the bonds as they believed that Government men built this cottage and are living there, waiting to catch whoever tries to dig up the bonds. A man named Doc, who runs an auto radio sales business somewhere on Michigan Avenue, is connected with this gang. Doc is an old bank robber and is now reported to be a Federal fugitive. He is a short, heavy set man with gray hair. [redacted] states that when he is released on bond, he will get the exact address of Doc's business, and also his connections with the gang.

He also states that he will carry the message for Stacey to Fritz Mulloy at Kansas City, Missouri, and at the same time cooperate with the Government in this matter. Word has come to Stacey at the Cook County Jail that everything is all set, that Fritz Mulloy has not talked and that he will stick by the gang at the trial.

[redacted] states that Herb Farmer of Joplin, Missouri, is also supposed to have participated in the Kansas City massacre.

On September 5, 1933, there appeared in the Chicago Evening American an article entitled "White Seeks Fund to Free, Slay Mrs. Nash as 'Squealer'". This article contained some of the information which was obtained from [redacted] on September 1, 1933. Agent endeavored to ascertain how the newspapers obtained the aforementioned information, and was informed by a representative of the Chicago Evening American that a prisoner named Harris, who was incarcerated in the County Jail, had in some way obtained this information, had transmitted same to one of the jailers, who in turn notified the Chicago American representative at the County Jail, who interviewed Harris.

Sam O. Lederer, who received the information originally from [redacted] stated that a young fellow named Harris, who is a pal of [redacted] had been incarcerated in the County Jail [redacted]

[redacted] Lederer stated later that he had no confidence in [redacted] as an informant, and that [redacted] was safer in the County Jail, as if he were released on bond, the Adduci mob would "put him on the spot". He further stated that the newspaper article would not do much harm as the party who gave the story to the newspapermen did not outline the true facts. The story in the Chicago American varied in detail to the information obtained from [redacted]

Post Office Inspector McWhorter, Chicago, Illinois. [redacted]

[redacted] informed agent that the man named Harris, who also used the alias of Dage, is none other than one of the DeGrazio brothers. It is therefore believed that DeGrazio did not put out this information, as he is a first cousin of Stacey.

It is the general belief of Special Agent in Charge Purvis, and this agent that Sam O. Lederer, who originally received the data from [redacted] subsequently allowed the information to leak out to someone connected with the newspapers. This naturally terminates

67D [redacted] services as a confidential informant. His motive in giving the information in the first place was based on his belief that in so doing he might get out on a low bond by offering his cooperation. [redacted] Post Office Inspector McWhorter informed agent that [redacted] made this bond a few days ago. [redacted] since the interview on September 14, 1933, has not been contacted by any representative of the Chicago Division office.

On August 26, 1933, confidential informant No. 1 advised Acting Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith that he, with Vernon Miller, drove from Minneapolis, Minnesota to Chicago, Illinois on Thanksgiving Day, 1930, at which time they had Thanksgiving dinner with an elder sister of Vernon Miller, who was approximately forty years of age at this time; that this elder sister resided off Milwaukee Avenue at some point in Chicago; that she had two children, a girl and a boy, ages approximately 13 and 11, at present. The informant further advised that the husband of this woman is a good citizen and is the boss in a big packing company, name unknown, but located in Chicago. Where Miller's relatives lived in Chicago there was a vacant lot on the corner near the apartment house; that Miller's brother-in-law was afraid of him and was very much opposed to Miller visiting the family at any time. The informant further advised that Miller advised him about three and one-half years ago that they had a shooting scrape with the police at Minneapolis, and immediately thereafter proceeded to the home of his sister in Chicago, where he was concealed by her for approximately three weeks; that he believes the elder sister of Miller may have married her husband in Chicago. However, he believes the husband may have been transferred from a packing plant located at Des Moines or Sioux City, Iowa.

Relative to Miller being in a shooting scrape at Minneapolis, Minnesota, about three and one-half years ago, the records of the Chicago Police Department show a wanted notice for Miller, in that he shot two policemen at Minneapolis, Minnesota on February 6, 1928.

Informant No. 1 further advised that Bobby Moore returned from Tulsa, Oklahoma on August 25, 1933, where she visited her sick father, and that the informant's wife had a conversation with Bobby, at which time it was ascertained that Vivian Matthews, Vernon Miller's woman, has not contacted Bobby as yet. The informant stated that Vivian will no doubt contact Bobby in the event she comes to Chicago, and arrangements have been made for the informant to be advised immediately when this contact is made.

Informant No. 1, who was formerly an associate of Miller, states that he has received no information from Miller's underworld connections at Chicago, Illinois, as to Miller's present whereabouts. He is quite positive that Miller is not residing in Chicago, Illinois at this time.

William Weisman alias W. F. Wiger, according to our informant, has a brother, first name unknown, who is married and resides at Colorado Springs, Colorado. Weisman's brother owned a haberdashery shop there about five years ago. The Weisman of Colorado Springs knows Vernon Miller personally, according to our informant.

Earl Doyle, former bank robber and friend of Miller, formerly lived near St. Cloud, Minnesota. He is a machine gun operator and reported to be tough. Since this information was obtained from our informant, and Doyle has since been apprehended at Grand Haven, Michigan, as per the request of the Kansas City office, he will be interviewed there in the very near future.

Informant No. 1 further advised that Miller bought a Cadillac car from the La Salle-Cadillac Agency in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he was well known and well liked for his patronage.

The informant further advised that Miller is a friend of John Ryan alias McCormick, who is an escape from Sing Sing, New York. Miller is reported to have engineered Ryan's escape.

Miller is also reported to be a friend of Sol Gillis alias Gills of New York City, whose present wife, Ethel, was formerly the wife of Abe Atell, a prize fighter. Gillis is reported to be a dope peddler on a large scale throughout the East.

Investigation was made by Special Agent John L. Madala of the Chicago Division office at Louis's place at Cary, Illinois. This place is a restaurant, speakeasy and dance hall operated by a Bohemian named Louis Cernocky. Mrs. Nash stated that her deceased husband, Miller, Vivian Matthews, the Barkers and others frequented this place during the year of 1932. Agent Madala has known Louis personally for approximately ten years. However, Louis does not know that Madala is a Government agent. During the past several months agent Madala has visited Louis's Place casually and is satisfied that neither Miller nor any of his associates is frequenting there at this time. The surveillance at Cary, Illinois, will be continued.

In checking up some of Miller's telephone calls which he made during the latter part of 1931 from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Chicago, Illinois, which is set out in the Keating and Holden file, it was noted he called the following numbers at Chicago: Independence 0550; Cohasset 4730; Delaware 3885. The Independence number is listed under the name of Andrew Zangara, 5403 North Bernard Street, Chicago, Illinois. This telephone was installed in Zangara's name on March 26, 1929. The Cohasset number, which was originally installed on April 15, 1931, is in the name of Robert McLaughlin, 632 Argyle Street, Apartment 10-A, Chicago, Illinois. Robert McLaughlin, whose name appears on several occasions in the Keating and Holden case, was formerly President of the Checker Cab Company at Chicago, Illinois, and a known racketeer. He was an associate of the Keating and Holden mob as well as Miller. McLaughlin is now operating the "Movie of You" concession on 224 Street at A Century of Progress. There is a telephone at this concession. The Delaware number is listed in the name of Mrs. R. H. Mackin, 23 East Goethe Street, Chicago, installed on August 8, 1930. Mrs. Mackin operates a rooming house.

Confidential informant No. 1 recently advised that Dr. Bran of Woodstock, Illinois, is a good friend of Vernon Miller and his associates. Dr. Bran is reported to be a hoodlum doctor who takes care of gangsters when they are shot.

J. H. Downs, former Special Agent, Bureau of Prohibition, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, sent word to the Chicago Division office that he had under suspicion a place at Milwaukee, Wisconsin operated by one Alex H. Lawler, where some of the participants of the Kansas City massacre might be frequenting. Special Agent John L. Madala and this agent subsequently contacted Special Agent Downs at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and made an intensive investigation with Downs and United States Deputy Marshal Robert J. Goggins on 75th Street, Milwaukee, but Downs at that time failed to locate Lawler's home.

A letter dated August 2, 1933, was received by the Chicago Division office from Special Agent Downs, which reads as follows:

"... The man in question is Mr. Alex H. Lawler, whom we tried to locate on 75th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, lives on 75th Street, the first house north from Congress Street and lives with his wife and her brother. About four months ago Lawler was in financial difficulties and the information now is that he has been looking at the home adjoining his property on 75th Street, and informed the agent of the premises that he could pay cash for the property if he decided to take it. The brother of Mrs. Lawler is known as Bradford, but is usually called Brad.

At this address the home is a brick house with a two car garage, the garage faces Congress Street. A neighbor living north one house from Lawler until a recent date informed me that a number of cars bearing licenses from the states of Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois and other states would visit the Lawler premises and that they would drive there mostly at nights. This neighbor a Mr. Fred Roddenhagen, operated a speakeasy in the first house north of the Lawler premises and this is the house that Lawler is expecting to buy, for what purposes no one knows.

Lawler at the present time is operating a house at 7703 West Burleigh Street, the first frame house West of 76th Street, in Milwaukee. This house is situated in a clump of trees and is the only house in the block and the nearest neighbor is about one block from these premises. The telephone at this place is under the name of A. H. Lawler and the number is Blusmound 2003, he is listed as a carpenter contractor.

The telephone wire from this house enters a cable at the corner of 76th Street and Burleigh, which is about one-half block from the house, but there are appearances at a number of places in the radius of one and one-half miles that a wire tap could be placed on where the occupants of this house could not be able to see.

On August 1, 1933, Deputy Marshal Goggins, Deputy Sheriff Edward Siepman of Milwaukee County and I went to this address as the Deputy Sheriff has known this man Lawler for some time and believes him to be a salesman and when we entered the yard of the premises A. H. Lawler met us in the yard and as he knew Siepman he called him by name and said that he was just leaving to go west to a lake. Siepman told him that he came to get a drink and Lawler replied that he had nothing in the place as he had quit the liquor business and was just keeping the place until his rent was up.

Lawler seemed to be very nervous and did not want any one to enter the house [REDACTED]

b7E [REDACTED] Lawler, again stated that he had nothing in the house and kept us from getting to close to the windows or the doors and he had in his hand a bunch of keys which he handled in a nervous way.

In the yard of these premises there is a two car garage and both doors were padlocked and a car was parked at the rear of this garage which is an Essex Coupe 1929, with Wisconsin State auto license number 222,801, issued to A. H. Lawler, R 18, Station F, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After a few minutes conversation with Lawler he got into this car and drove west of West Burleigh Street, and information has been secured that he owns and operated a cottage on either Kewahlin Lake, or Okwaukee Lake.

b7D Lawler's reputation is not good and a number of neighbors have seen cars from various states stop at this place on Burleigh Street, and discharge people and then return in a few days to pick them up. [REDACTED] stated that in the past few weeks he has seen a number of out of state cars go to this place and is of the opinion that Lawler is not in the whiskey racket but in some other kind of racket.

Deputy Sheriff Edward Siepmann and H. Kennedy, of Milwaukee County, identified Veron (should be Vernon) C. Miller, as a man that they have seen some place and Siepmann, stated that a Lawyer by name of Thomas Leahy, of Milwaukee had at one time a client by this name and that he believes that this man is the Miller wanted. The stenographer working for Leahy, remarked at one time that a man was in his office by name of Miller that carried a gun and that she was afraid of him.

Deputy Sheriff Siepmann, should be interviewed as he has some information regarding a Miller that is supposed to know of a murder at Milwaukee that was committed by a gang from Chicago.

b7D Deputy Sheriff's Slepman and Kennedy, and [redacted] identified the picture of William Bailey, as a man that they have seen and [redacted] stated that he believes that he has seen this man around the Grand Hotel on West Wells Street, Milwaukee in the past three weeks.

I am passing this information to you for whatever it may be worth and am looking farther into it and will let you know what I learn. I believe that if you are in Milwaukee, in the near future it would be well to interview the two Deputy Sheriff's as they have given me a lot of valuable help in the past and I can vouch for them in every way as they are honest and sincere.

b7D [redacted] is an informer that has given me some valuable information in the past and is reliable in every way.

A subpoena duces tecum could be issued for the toll tickets of the telephone numbers of Lawler, and some information may be secured that way before you decide whether a "wire tap" should be installed. It is my belief that some one is near while the Touhy gang is in Milwaukee, so that a contact can be made in case they need some one.

Hoping that this may be of some help to you in your investigation and if there is anything that I can do to give you any help do not hesitate to call on me.

From the aforementioned information it is apparent that Lawler is an underworld character of some kind. His record and connections have not been checked up as yet, as there is no definite information at hand that any of the actual participants of the Kansas City massacre were hiding at his residence and speakeasy. A subsequent check, however, will be made after more urgent leads which are now pending in the Chicago Division office relative to this case are run out to a logical conclusion.

Guy W. Shirley, Automobile Protective and Information Bureau, Denver, Colorado, recently informed the writer that Tiff Denton, billiard expert, who lives at the Kansas City Athletic Club, Kansas City, Missouri, and who now is manager of Johnny Kling's Poolroom at Kansas City, Missouri, is a friend of Jack Welch, who vouched for Miller in the Milburn Golf Club at Kansas City. Mr. Shirley stated that both Denton and Welch are reputable citizens, and that an interview with them might be productive.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE: Will continue the surveillance at 6957 South Hermitage Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, in an endeavor to shadow Lillian Holden from there to her present residence. Lillian Holden is receiving mail at the aforementioned address, c/o William J. Green, who is her step-father. If Vivian Matthews is hiding out in Chicago, or if she visits Chicago, it is believed she will contact Lillian Holden.

Cover Klases Hungarian Restaurant at Cicero, Illinois, and the restaurant of Charles Ludebecker, at 8405 - 82d Street, Riverside, Illinois, to determine if Vernon C. Miller or his paramour is frequenting there.

Locate Bob McDonald, golf professional, who is believed to be connected with the sporting goods section of a department store in the Chicago loop, possibly at Sears Roebuck & Co. McDonald is very well acquainted with Miller, having instructed Miller in golf. An interview with McDonald might be productive.

NEW YORK OFFICE: Will endeavor to locate the Horseshoe Cafe, which is reported to be in the vicinity of 72d Street West, New York City. This cafe was reported to be a speakeasy and frequented by Miller and his associates.

SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE: Endeavor to locate one Weisman, who may be operating a haberdashery shop at Colorado Springs, Colorado. Weisman, whose first name is unknown, is a brother of William Weisman alias W. F. Wisser, who is an associate of Miller and who is wanted for the murder of a prohibition agent at Elizabeth, New Jersey in the summer of 1930. Miller is acquainted with this haberdasher, as he visited him in Colorado Springs several years ago, accompanied by William Weisman. If William Weisman's brother is located at Colorado Springs, discreet inquiry should be made to determine if Miller or William Weisman is contacting or communicating with him at this time.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE: Interview Tiff Denton at the Kansas City Athletic Club or at Johnny Kling's Poolroom, relative to the possible whereabouts of Miller. Also locate and interview Jack Welch, who is reported to have vouched for Miller at the Milburn Golf Club, Kansas City, Missouri. Do not disclose the name of the informant who gave this information to the Chicago Division office.

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September 22, 1933

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
Fugitive - I. O. 1195, ET AL;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.
(Endeavor to deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash)

Dear Sir:

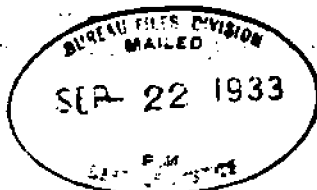
Reference is made to the above entitled case and to
Division letter of August 22, 1933 requesting summaries to be
prepared relative to other subjects in this case who have not
been apprehended at the present date.

You are requested to prepare a summary on the
instant case and, if deemed desirable and advisable by you,
similar summaries may be prepared on each subject as were
prepared by your office relative to Harvey J. Bailey.

Kindly advise the Division whether a non est return
has been made on the warrants of the subjects who are under
indictment and have not been apprehended.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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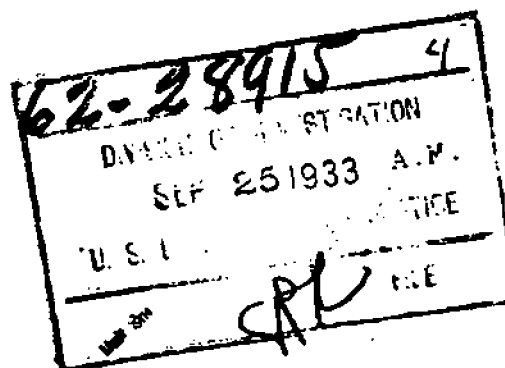
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Atlantic Nat'l. Bank Bldg. Annex,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Re: Verne C. Miller, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I.O. 11195, et al, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE,
(Undeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash). Chicago File #63-1649.

In the case entitled Francis L. Keating, FUGITIVE, I.O. 11129, Thomas Holoe, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 11127, Frank Nash, Fugitive, Escaped Federal Prisoner, Chicago File #76-115, now closed, in report of Special Agent W. W. Trainor of the Birmingham, Alabama, Office dated 4/27/33, it was noted that a wire was received from the St. Paul Office in regard to the above captioned request that immediate advice be given as to the name and address of the party holding Georgia 1932 auto license tag #301478, the description of the car for which issued, and the date of issuance. Investigation at that time developed by the Birmingham Office disclosed that the aforementioned Georgia license tags for the year 1932 were issued to W. F. Giser, 2411 Price Street, Savannah, Georgia, on January 13rd, 1932, for a Cadillac Sedan, Motor No. 801478.

The telegram from the St. Paul Office to the Birmingham Office was predicated on confidential information received at that time by Special Agent J. J. Keating, at Chicago, Illinois, in that possibly Thomas Holoe, who was then a Fugitive, was hiding out in the apartment house which is owned by Morris Holiser, who is the partner of Leon Gleckman, who at that time was a "power" man in the St. Paul, Minnesota, underworld. While agents of the St. Paul Office were covering Holiser's apartment at 487 Holland Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, they noticed the aforementioned automobile with the Georgia license plates frequently parked in front of the building and leaving regularly with a man who was described as about 30 years of age, 5'8", weight about 200 pounds, hair, black and curly, dark complexion, and who appeared to be Jewish. In the instant matter a letter from your office was forwarded to the St. Paul Office on April 11, 1932, reporting your investigation at Savannah, Georgia.

The address which W. F. Kiser gave when he obtained his Georgia 1932 license plates was none other than the Alberta Apartments, 2511 Price Street, Savannah, which was then owned by Fred H. Haer, one of the Big Four in the liquor business at Savannah, Ga. The report of Special Agent V. E. Criss, Jacksonville, Florida, dated May 20, 1932, in the Keating and Holden case furnishes the information that W. F. Kiser, alias William F. Weiss, does not live at 2511 Price Street, Savannah, Georgia, and that Kiser evidently used this address to obtain Georgia 1932 license plates to join the American Automobile Association there. Special Agent Criss further established that a man known as Kiser was reported to be traveling in Florida and the Northern States, stopping in Savannah a day or two every two or three months. At that time the true identity of W. F. Kiser was not established by the Jacksonville or St. Paul Offices. It is now evident that W. F. Kiser, alias William F. Weiss, is none other than William Weisman, alias Bill Weiss, who is wanted for the killing of John C. Finiello, U.S. Prohibition Agent, while conducting a brewery raid at Elizabeth, New Jersey, September 19, 1930.

When Keating and Holden were apprehended on July 7, 1932, both admitted that a few months before their apprehension they had sojourned at Savannah, Georgia, living at the Deloto Hotel there. It is evident that the Haer Brothers, known as the Big Four at Savannah, Georgia, are in close contact with Leon Cleckman and Morris Moisaner, notorious St. Paul bootleggers. Keating and Holden, including Verne C. Miller, were closely associated with Cleckman and his crowd at St. Paul, Minnesota, and it is also apparent that the Keating and Holden gang, including Weisman, were also on good terms with the Haer Brothers at Savannah, Georgia. It has been reported that William Weisman, alias W. F. Kiser, prior to the Kansas City massacre, associated with Verne C. Miller at Kansas City, Missouri. Miller's contacts in the East, especially New York and New Jersey, appear to be identical with Weisman, as Weisman was formerly a bootlegger and brewery operator at Elizabeth, New Jersey.

A couple of years ago, according to Agent Keating, the Haer Brothers had a lot of political power at Savannah, Georgia. Willie Haer, whom Agent Keating knows personally, and who looks something like Verne C. Miller, only about four inches taller, was then associating with Doc Brown, alias Alabam, alias the "Dixie Kid", now deceased, a nationally known con man who made his headquarters with his associates at the Whitney Hotel, Savannah, Georgia. Due to the fact Weisman, Keating and Holden, and other associates of the Cleckman

mob at St. Paul were friendly with the Haer mob at Savannah, Georgia, it is quite possible that Miller, Galatas, Weisman and others may be laying low at Savannah, or in the vicinity at this time. It is therefore suggested that discreet investigation be made at Savannah, Ga. and at Tybee Beach, which is a resort close to Savannah, and is frequented by the Haers, in an endeavor to ascertain if Miller, or any of his associates are sojourning there at this time. If Miller is in Savannah he will probably stay at the DeSoto or Savannah Hotels. He is a golf enthusiast and generally plays golf on some course or other practically every day. If Miller or any of his associates are associating with the Haers at this time, care should be taken in his apprehension as he is a killer who always carries firearms, and especially a machine gun. William Weisman, alias W. F. Wiser, also is a killer and also carries firearms at all times.

Attached hereto you will find a photostatic copy of the photograph of William Weisman, Richard Tallman Galatas, and Sammy Schraeger, alias Sammy Loas, who is an associate of Millers and a parole violator from Sing Sing, New York, at this time. Also attached hereto is an original photograph of Verne C. Miller and his paramour, Vivian Matthews, alias Mrs. Verne C. Miller. Vivian Matthews also plays golf, is generally a fast stepper, and can drive an automobile more efficiently than the average man.

Under date of August 30, 1933, the Director forwarded you a group photograph of Bernard Phillips, who was also an associate of Subject Verne C. Miller, Subject of Identification Order #1196.

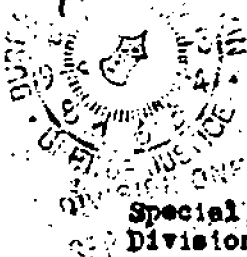
Very truly yours,

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

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cc: Division
Kansas City
St. Louis
St. Paul
New York
Okla. City
Birmingham
Los Angeles

1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.



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

62-28915-6	
September 16, 1933	
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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Dear Sir:

Re: Verne C. Miller, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I.O. #1195, et al, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE,
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash) CHICAGO FILE #62-1649.

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Reference is made to your letter dated August 18, 1933, in which you requested that every effort be made to secure the telephone number of Sammy Ross, alias Sammy Schraeger, at Montreal, Canada. Since the receipt of your letter endeavor has been made, from time to time [redacted] to obtain this telephone number, however he has been unsuccessful to date. [redacted] learned that Sammy Ross, alias Sammy Schraeger, was seen in Montreal, Canada, recently, and that while in Montreal Ross will frequent the Prince of Wales Hotel, where he will contact a Jew named Harry Levine. [redacted]

Reference is also made to letter dated August 19, 1933, in connection with this case, in which your office made investigation at 224 N. Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey, relative to a Mr. and Mrs. Harry DuClasse, who are corresponding with parties at 8400 Paxton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, at which address Winnie Williams, the former paramour of Bernard Phillips is receiving mail. Recently this office received information that one Charles F. Clouse, alias "Curly" Clouse, alias Charles Law, alias C. C. Rice, alias Paul O. Hanford, alias Charles Adams, alias "St. Paul Curly", who is wanted for holdup and assault of the Assistant Postmaster and Foreman-Laborer, with deadly weapons, and robbery of the Post Office at Superior, Wisconsin, on November 20, 1925, and reported to be an expert machine gunner, had left Cicero, Illinois, by automobile to Kansas City, Missouri, on the afternoon preceding the Kansas City massacre. On this trip Clouse was

670 reported to have departed with Tony DeGrazio, who is a first cousin of Louis "Doc" Stacey. [REDACTED] advised that Clouse had instructions to contact Fur Sammons at Kansas City, Missouri.

Your investigation at Newark, New Jersey, from description, indicates that Harry DuClause is not identical with Charles P. Clouse, alias "Curly" Clouse. It is apparent that Harry DuClause of Newark, New Jersey, has no connection with this case and it is therefore suggested that you discontinue this phase of the investigation in your district.

Very truly yours,

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

JJK:GVT

cc: Division
Kansas City
St. Paul

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Kansas City, Mo.**

FILE NO. **62-1111**

REPORT MADE AT: San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE: Sept. 19, 1933.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: Sept. 15, 1933.	REPORT MADE BY: Mr. E. Ranney, Jr. - AP.
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE. I.O. 1195, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: James A. Lawson, arrested by San Francisco Police Department, #50069, Sept. 14, 1933, reported member of Harvey Bailey gang. Preliminary investigation develops he knew Frank Nash and Harvey Bailey, but was probably in San Francisco during June, 1933. Fingerprints forwarded Division air mail.

DETAILS:

In connection with the arrest of James A. Lawson, and wife, Mildred Lawson, by the San Francisco Police Department, Sept. 14, 1933, San Francisco newspapers carried reports to the effect that Lawson was a former member of the Harvey Bailey gang.

Investigation conducted at the San Francisco Police Department, through Sergeant Dowell, and Lieutenant Richards, of the Robbery Detail, developed that Lawson had been arrested, when his wife, Mildred Lawson, had made complaint to the Police regarding mistreatment, and threats at the hands of her husband; that officers had remembered receiving a wanted circular on Lawson, and that when fingerprinted, he had realized there was no way out, and had admitted that on November 10, 1932, he was connected with one Glen Wright and Harry Campbell in the holdup of the Hutchinson, Kansas Gas Co.; that he and his wife held up the Chevrolet Motor Company in Hutchinson, obtaining \$170,000 in bonds and \$2,600 cash; that he held up the Union Gas Company at Coffeyville, Kansas; the Chevrolet Motor Co. of Joplin, Missouri, and a jewelry store at Sedan, Kansas.

Lt. Richards stated that he had interviewed both Lawson and his wife; that he believed they were both telling the truth now; that from their stories they

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had come to San Francisco last January, and had been here ever since, residing at three different places, and last at 534 Clayton St.; that Lawson had been working at time of arrest with a leather worker on Sutter Street, a trade he had learned while in Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary on sentence for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. Lt. Richards made the statement that he was convinced that, far from the investigations of his men, that Lawson had actually been in San Francisco since January.

In company with Lt. Richards, Agent interviewed Lawson at the San Francisco City Prison. Lawson reiterated previous statements to officers that he had come to and been in San Francisco since January of this year; that his wife had been with him; that he had served 42 months in Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, beginning his sentence in 1927 and being released in 1930, that while a prisoner there he had known Frank Nash, who was a trusty, but had not been particularly friendly with him; that he had been released just a month prior to Nash's escape in 1930; that he knew Harvey Bailey but slightly, and had not seen him for several years, as either one or the other of them was usually serving time; that he had been married to his present wife at Joplin, Missouri, last Fall, after a two weeks' courtship; that he knew Herbert Farmer of Joplin several years ago, when Farmer was engaged in thieving activities, but that he had lately heard during the last year or two, that Farmer was a retired "business man"; that he had not seen Farmer in Joplin at the time of his marriage, as he had been out of the city; that he did not know Farmer's wife; that the last time he had seen Farmer to talk to him had been in 1919; that he had never heard of and did not know Vernon C. Miller or Moore, or Richard "Dick" Galatas.

Lt. Richards accompanied Agent to the Bureau of Identification of the San Francisco Police Department, where Officer Dan O'Neill advised that the fingerprints of Lawson had been forwarded air mail on this date, Sept. 15, 1933, to the Division of Investigation, Identification Section, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

From personal observation, and the records of the San Francisco Police Department, the following description of Lawson was noted:

Name:	James A. Lawson
Address:	S.F. Police Dept. No. 30069. 534 Clayton St., San Francisco, California.
Age:	31
Height:	6' 3/4"
Weight:	137 lbs.
Complexion:	Fair
Hair:	Light brown.
Eyes:	Hazel green
Teeth:	Fair
Nativity:	Missouri

Build:	Very slender								
Race:	White								
Nationality:	American								
Peculiarities:	Face pock-marked and pimply								
Mustache:	Small light brown mustache on upper lip.								
Marital status:	Married.								
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The following description of Mrs. Mildred Lawson obtained from the records of the San Francisco Police Department:

Name:	Mildred Lawson,
Address:	S. F. Police Dept. No. 50070.
Age:	31
Height:	5' 8-3/4"
Weight:	116 lbs.
Hair:	Red
Eyes:	Blue-gray
Race:	White
Nationality:	American
Nativity:	Missouri
Marital status:	Married
Build:	Slender

Agent also ascertained that Glen Wright is known as Jack Hudson, and his fingerprint classification is:

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that Harry Campbell is also known as Davis, and that his fingerprint classification is:

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This preliminary report is being made pending further complete investigation here in connection with Lawson's identity and statements.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Kansas City,

FILE NO.

62-785

REPORT MADE AT: Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE: 9-22-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9-18-33	REPORT MADE BY: F. E. Hurley MJ
TITLE: VERNE C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE; I. O. #1195; RICHARD TALAMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE; I. O. #1201, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Post Office employees, Louisville, Ky., report the receipt of a typewritten letter to Robert M. Underhill, Louisville, from a W. M. Cate, Hialeah, Florida. Jacksonville Office advised. Recent investigative efforts failed to obtain any information at the Robert Underhill home as to the whereabouts of Subject Underhill or the other Subjects.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent F. E. Hurley, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 8-30-33.

DETAILS:

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Mr. John Reinhard, Rural Carrier, Crescent Hills Post Office Station, 2028 Frankfort Ave., Louisville, called agent over the telephone and stated that he had a letter addressed to Robert M. Underhill, reported brother of Wilbur Underhill, one of the fugitives wanted in this case. Subsequent examination of the said letter developed that same was addressed to Underhill on 9-14-33 by a Mr. W. M. Cate, P. O. Box 23, Hialeah, Date County, Florida. Agent noted that the address was typed, therefore, a specimen of Cate's handwriting could not be obtained. It was also noticed that at some time the letter had apparently been tampered with. Part of the flap had been torn. This may have been accidental. Mr. Reinhard will continue to watch all mail addressed to the Underhills. Also, all mail left in the Underhill rural box, when such is deposited. In this connection, Mr. Reinhard stated that the above mentioned letter from Florida is the first one addressed to the Underhills from out of the state within the past month; furthermore, it is the only one addressed with a typewriter. Reinhard did not know Cate. The man is also unknown to Supt. Turner.

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The facts with reference to the receipt of the letter from Mr. Cate were communicated to the Cincinnati Office. They were, in turn, wired to the Jacksonville Office for immediate attention.

In addition to the above mentioned facts, Mr. Reinhard advised agent that a Kriel family recently moved to 2205 Mellwood Ave., Louisville. They have been located at the above address for about three months. Reinhard could not inform agent as to their previous place of residence. However, he noticed that they are more or less friendly with the Underhills. There is no evidence of intimacy, however. More particularly, about four weeks ago, the Kriel family received three letters in three successive days from Enid, Okla. At that time, Reinhard did not connect the Kriel family up with any of Underhill's interests. However, no additional letters were delivered to the William Kriel family until today. Same was addressed in longhand to Mrs. William Kriel, 2205 Mellwood Ave., Louisville, from a Mrs. H. E. Anderson, Dayton, Wyoming. Same was dated at Sheridan, Wyo., 9-14-33. Reinhard could furnish but little information as to the Kriel family other than William Kriel is a very reticent person, about 35 years of age; 5' 10" in height; weight, 165 lbs.; and dark complexion. Mrs. Kriel is about 30 years of age, 155 lbs., 5' 8" in height, rather heavy build. Reinhard promised to watch all mail addressed to the Kriel family and also their activities. He is keeping agent advised as to anything considered of value that happens in the vicinity of the Underhill home.

Mr. J. H. Schweitzer, 1887 Brownsboro Road, Louisville, informed agent that he has noticed nothing unusual with reference to the attitude or the recent activities of Robert M. Underhill, the reported brother of Subject Wilbur Underhill. Schweitzer promised to continue his activities in this connection.

Detectives Forry and Richards, Police Department, Louisville, could furnish no additional information to that as previously submitted in Agent's report of reference. They will continue to cooperate with Mr. Schweitzer in an endeavor to obtain some lead of value.

Detective Cecil Ezell, Police Department, advised that he has secured no additional information from Mrs. Pearl Shipman, the cooperator who first recognized the photograph of Wilbur Underhill, as being almost the perfect likeness of Robert M. Underhill of Louisville.

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Captain Ambrose Hagerman, Jefferson County Police, Louisville, stated that County Officer Carter C. Smith and Officer Otis Mills, are continuing their efforts to obtain information of value through their confidential informant, [REDACTED]. It was definitely learned that Robert Underhill has been running a "still" in the lower part of his home. Capt. Hagerman added that he is certain of that fact but no action will be taken in this connection for obvious reasons. The facts with reference to the "still" were furnished by [REDACTED]. The Captain assured Agent of his full cooperation.

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Officer Carter C. Smith, County Police Department, Louisville, stated that he and Officer Mills are keeping in close touch with [REDACTED] their confidential assistant. [REDACTED] recently reported to them the

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existence of the whiskey still. Furthermore, [REDACTED] has been calling on the Underhills more frequently and the latter's presence at the home is welcome. Mr. Smith stated in addition that [REDACTED] reports that there is no evidence of any stranger living, or occasionally rooming, at the Underhill home in Louisville. He is apparently confident of that fact. However, [REDACTED] can be depended upon, according to Smith and Mills, to continue his visits to the Underhill home with the view to securing information as to Subject Wilbur Underhill's whereabouts, if possible, as well as that of the other Subjects of this case.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

JACKSONVILLE OFFICE at Hialeah, Dade County, Florida. Cover the lead at Hialeah and ascertain the identity of W. M. Cate, P. O. Box #23. Establish if he is in any way identified with Subjects. Ascertain his activities and, if possible, his business with Robert Underhill, reported brother of Subject Underhill.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Leavenworth, Kansas. Ascertain from the file on Subject Underhill at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, or elsewhere, the family history of Subject Underhill. Establish, if known, the relationship of Robert Underhill of Louisville to Subject Underhill. It is believed that they are brothers. However, efforts to fix the exact relationship at Louisville have failed. It is inadvisable, under the present investigative circumstances, to question any of Bob Underhill's family or close friends.

CINCINNATI OFFICE at Edwardsville and Laconia, Indiana. The leads as set out in the report of reference will be developed at an early date.

At Louisville, Ky. Contacts will be maintained with Supt. Turner and Carrier Reinhard, Crescent Hills Post Office Station, Louisville, for additional information as to Kriel family. The mail of the Underhill and the Kriel families will be covered at all times. Any report or lead as furnished by the said post office employees will be developed.

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Contacts will be maintained with Capt. Hagerman and Officers Mills and Carter Smith of the Jefferson County Police Department. They will be frequently interviewed. The reports as furnished by the informant, [REDACTED] will be obtained. Detectives Forry and Richards will also be contacted again. John H. Schweitzer will be interviewed in the near future for any further information. Mrs. Pearl Shipman will again be interviewed.

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ADDENDUM:

Jacksonville Office on 9-19-33 wired in answer to our wire: "William M. Cate respected citizen has resided Hialeah Florida past seven years Letter refers property owned by Cate Louisville which Robert M Underhill occupies Fugitive unknown at Cate".

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. K.C. 62-760

REPORT MADE AT: KANSAS CITY, MO.	DATE WHEN MADE: 9-22-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9-7-15-33	REPORT MADE BY: R. C. SURAN B
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1195, et al			CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Alvin Karpis known to the Police Department at Topeka, Kansas, who are endeavoring to cause his apprehension. Subject's sister resides at Topeka, Kansas. Informant at Topeka, Kansas, endeavoring to obtain information concerning Karpis.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. J. Keating, Chicago, 7-31-33.

DETAILS:

F. L. Thompson and Vic Plants, Detectives, Topeka, Kansas, Police Department, advised that they had obtained information that Karpis occasionally made visits to Topeka, Kansas, to visit his sister, Miblin Grooms; that they had an informant, a part Indian by the name of Johnnie Dean, who had on two occasions furnished them information that Karpis was in Topeka, Kansas, but was unable to get it soon enough to enable them to cause the apprehension of Karpis. They advised that Johnnie Dean was confined in the Kansas State Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas, with Alvin Karpis at the time the latter was there; that Karpis is well known to Dean and it was believed that Dean was reliable in furnishing information. They advised that Dean at the present time was serving a sentence in the County Jail, Topeka, Kansas, for contributing to the delinquency of a minor; that in view of the fact that Dean had furnished them valuable information on other matters, they had been successful in having the charge reduced from statutory rape to contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

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inasmuch as the character of the girl in their opinion did not warrant more serious charges and they stated that they had further secured from the Sheriff the information that the latter had made a trusty out of Johnnie Dean.

Sheriff Dean Rogers advised that he considered Johnnie Dean a valuable source of information and what information was furnished by him could be relied upon.

From Officers Thompson and Plants it was ascertained that Albert and Mihin Grooms, 1234 Monroe Street, were the brother-in-law and sister of Alvin Karpis; that Fay Grooms, sister-in-law to Albert Grooms, 1272 Lincoln Street, was a reliable source of information and it was believed that they personally could secure information concerning the whereabouts of Alvin Karpis, should he appear in Topeka, from this woman. They advised that in August, 1932, Dean furnished them the information that Karpis was in Topeka driving a Pierce Arrow car and that he had a gun repaired in the vicinity of 926 North Kansas Avenue, which information they verified. In connection with the Pierce Arrow automobile, it was known that one of the Nash-Bailey gang had such an automobile in Kansas City, Missouri, in July, 1932. This tends to indicate that Dean was furnishing correct information. Thompson and Plants stated they had advised Dean that if he could assist them in the apprehension of Karpis any rewards paid would be turned over to him as the police officers at Topeka were not personally entitled to accept rewards.

Johnnie Dean was interviewed by this Agent. He stated that his home is 1022 North Tyler Street and that his present sentence will expire at the Shawnee County Jail in February, 1934. Dean stated that Alvin Karpis was well known to him; that at the time they were both confined in the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas, he, Johnnie Dean, was in the hospital at that place acting as a nurse and in that capacity he did many favors for Karpis and Karpis liked him very much; that every time Karpis comes to Topeka, Kansas, he contacts him directly or indirectly. He advised that when Karpis comes to Topeka he usually parks his car in the rear of a feed store at 926 North Kansas Avenue which feed store is operated by Frank Willett whose home is at 1803 North Van Buren Street, Topeka, Kansas. Dean advised that Willett is very friendly with Karpis and would protect him to the utmost; that he knows of at least two automatic pistols which Willett has sold to Karpis. He stated that when Karpis comes to Topeka he is there only for a few hours at a time and visits his sister, Mrs. Grooms. Dean stated that Mrs. Grooms was known to him only by sight. Dean advised that in August, 1932, Karpis, who is known to him as "Shy" Karpis, came to Topeka, Kansas, at which time he was driving a Buick Sedan with an Oklahoma license; that he appeared again in August, 1932, driving a Pierce Arrow car; that on both of these occasions Karpis contacted him

and wanted him, Dean, to accompany him to Kansas City. Dean stated that while Karpis expressed his friendship, he personally was afraid of Karpis and knew that if he kept company with him he would only get into very serious difficulties. Dean stated that he left Topeka in May, 1933, to avoid arrest on the charge which he is now serving, but previous to his departure in April, 1933, Karpis appeared at Topeka, Kansas, at which time he was driving a V-8 Ford Roadster and had two girls with him. The roadster was equipped with Oklahoma license; that on this occasion Karpis contacted him through Frank Willett. He stated that on these occasions when Karpis appeared in Topeka he immediately advised Detectives Plants and Thompson, but Karpis always evaded arrest. Dean stated that he was formerly engaged in the hauling of liquor from Kansas City, Missouri, to Topeka, Kansas, and that he secured his liquor through one Toots Jackson, who frequently changed his address; that he contacted Jackson through an associate by the name of Frank. Dean did not feel inclined to furnish the address of Jackson and claimed he did not know the full name of Frank. He stated that he would locate Alvin Karpis, he believed, through Frank and that at the first opportunity he would communicate with the latter and advise him that he needed some money and desired to obtain it from Karpis, in an effort to locate the whereabouts of Karpis. He requested Agent to contact him at a later date when Agent returned to Topeka.

Agent returned to Topeka, Kansas, on 9-15-33 and reinterviewed Dean, who stated that he had sent his brother to Kansas City, Missouri, with a letter for Frank requesting that Frank contact him at the earliest possible date. Dean stated that he did not want any remuneration for his services other than if any rewards were paid that they be paid to him if Karpis is apprehended on information furnished by him; that if it was necessary for him to make any long distance telephone calls, of course, he would want to be reimbursed for that. Dean promised to continue his efforts to locate Karpis.

Detective Plants stated that he had been advised by the Sheriff's office at Westplains, Missouri, that Karpis travels with one Dorothea Slaymore, who is alleged to be his wife; that Karpis also associated with one Dunlop, alias Dunn, who hid Karpis and the rest of the gang after they murdered the Sheriff at Westplains, Missouri, in December, 1931. He furnished Agent with a copy of a photograph of Dorothea Slaymore, who is described as age 26, height 5 feet 5 inches, weight 140 pounds and red hair. Copies of the photographs of Dorothea Slaymore and Dunlop are being furnished to the Chicago, St. Paul and Oklahoma City offices with copies of this report for their information.

A search of the postal guide failed to reflect Kiefer, Kansas, but it was noted from the postal directory that there is a Kiefer, Oklahoma, and according to informant Dean, Karpis has relatives in that vicinity, the

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names of which he did not know. Dean in this connection stated that he believed the mother and father of Karpis reside somewhere in Chicago.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Kiefer, Oklahoma, will conduct investigation to locate the mother-in-law of Alvin Karpis, whose name is reported to be a Mrs. Richards. In this connection the Oklahoma City office is referred to the reference report.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Topeka, Kansas, will maintain discreet contact with informant Dean for information of value concerning the whereabouts of Karpis.

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September 23, 1933.

Mr. E. A. Alt,
C/o Mr. L. E. Kingman,
1231 East 93rd Street,
Savannah, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

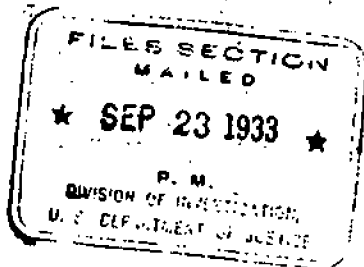
Re: Verne C. Miller with aliases, Fugitive,
Identification Order #1195, et al,
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner, Frank Nash).

I am transmitting herewith a copy of the report of
Special Agent T. E. Tracy, New York City, dated August 5,
1933, for your information relative to your investigation at
Savannah and Tybee Beach, Georgia.

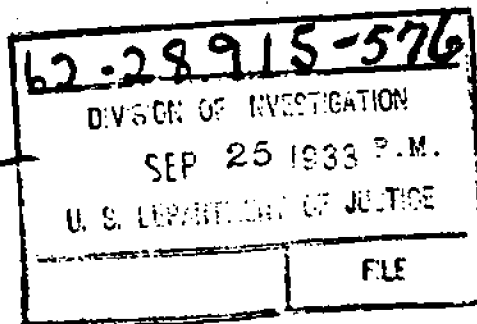
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Chicago, Illinois, September 22, 1933.

T. F. CULLEN,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,
New York City, N. Y.

KARLO KALLMAN OR PALLMAN NOT REGISTERED NEW BISMARCK HOTEL APRIL TWENTY THIRD
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY, Mo.**

FILE NO. **62-474**

REPORT MADE AT: Salt Lake City, Ut.	DATE WHEN MADE: 9-23-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9-19-33	REPORT MADE BY: LOUIS D. WINE
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Charles Sadler of Riverside Hotel, leading hotel in Reno, Nevada, states he is positive that photograph of Richard Tallman Galatas is that of a man known to him as Edward F. Glynn, who registered at this hotel August 7, 1933, and posed as a nephew of Al Smith, New York City, and changed a \$1,000. bill; that this man was accompanied by Graham Rice, notorious New York confidence man. All details obtained from Mr. Sadler, together with original registration card of Edward F. Glynn.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent Louis D. Wine, Salt Lake City Division Office dated 7-24-33.

DETAILS:

AT RENO, NEVADA

While at Reno, Nevada on other official matters on September 19, 1933, Agent had occasion to contact officers in the police department and sheriff's office. Undersheriff William Richardson, Washoe County, related that he has been on the lookout for the appearance of subject Galatas in Reno and had endeavored to identify him from photograph of Galatas which Agent had previously supplied Mr. Richardson. Richardson stated that the owner of the Riverside Hotel, Reno's leading hostelry, had identified the photograph of Galatas as a man who had recently registered there under the name of Edward F. Glynn.

Charles Sadler, owner of the Riverside Hotel, Reno, Nevada, was interviewed by Agent and was shown police photograph of Richard Tallman Galatas. He states that he is positive that this police photograph is identical with a man who registered there on August 7, 1933, under the name of Edward F. Glynn, gave as

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his address 15 Clark Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Agent obtained the original registration card of Edward F. Glynn, No. 19882, which is being forwarded to the office of origin for its information. However, Agent compared the handwriting on this card with the handwriting of subject Galatas on I.O. 1201, and it appears to be dis-similar.

Charles Sadler relates that he distinctly recalls this man who introduced himself as Edward F. Glynn, stated he was a mining engineer from New York City and a nephew of Al Smith; that he was accompanied by Graham Rice, notorious New York confidence man, and that the latter was driving a large Cadillac sedan and occupied an expensive suite in this hotel; that Glynn and Rice left the hotel the following day, leaving no forwarding address.

Mr. Sadler states that he had a rather lengthy conversation with the man who represented himself to be Mr. Edward F. Glynn and he stated that he was interested in a mining project with Graham Rice; that Mr. Glynn seemed to be well supplied with money and he recalls cashing a \$1,000. bill for him.

The photograph of subject Galatas was shown to the hotel clerks and other hotel employees, none of whom could positively identify it.

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THE NEW YORK CITY OFFICE: Discreet inquiry should be made for the purpose of ascertaining whether Former Governor Al Smith has a nephew by the name of Edward F. Glynn, whether Glynn resides at 15 Clark Street, Brooklyn and whether he is associated with Graham Rice.

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE: Original registration card of Edward F. Glynn is being forwarded to this office for comparison with the exemplars of subject Galatas' handwriting. This registration card may be returned direct to the owner of the Riverside Hotel at Reno, Nevada, after it has served its purpose.

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Kansas City, Missouri
September 22, 1933

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

SEP 26 1933 AM
DIVISION ONE
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1195; et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
K.O. File 62-760

Recently a letter was received from William Brandenburg of Hot Springs, Arkansas, former Chief of Police, who stated that he has connection with a party who repaired the automobile of Herbert Allen Farmer while he was there shortly before June 17, 1933. In the same connection Mr. Brandenburg stated that he has the address of an individual who a short time ago saw Subject Galatas at some point or other and talked with him where he was registered at a hotel, address unknown.

In connection with your other inquiries at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in this matter, it is suggested that the points in question be discussed with Mr. Brandenburg and complete investigation followed.

Very truly yours,

E. F. CONROY,

Special Agent in Charge

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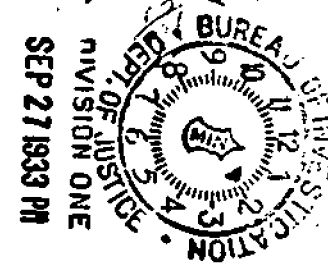
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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
801 Title Guaranty Building
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1195, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
K.C. File 62-760

Reference is made to your letter of August 16, 1933, relative to one Robert Burns, who was interviewed at the City Jail at Springfield, Illinois, where he was held in connection with a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

It is noted that Burns furnished information to the effect that he was at Kansas City on the day of the instant offense and witnessed the shooting at the Union Station. It is probable that he is either speaking extravagantly or if he is telling the truth he might have additional information to offer.

In this connection it is noted that one J. K. Burns, together with Ed Davis, the latter who escaped with Harvey J. Bailey from the Kansas State Penitentiary, where he was Register #2987, was arrested at Superior, Nebraska, for bank robbery in 1930 and escaped. Bailey and Ed Davis are known to be very close friends. There is no fingerprint record of J. K. Burns available to this office. However, a photograph of J. K. Burns is herewith enclosed.

If perchance J. K. Burns is identical with Robert Burns mentioned in your letter, it is very probable that he might have had a connection with the instant offense and it is suggested that further interview be had with that individual as you may see fit.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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SEP 27 1933 AM

September 22, 1933.

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

RE: VERNON D. MILLER with
aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1198
et al - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 14, 1933, in which you advise that BETTY MATTHEWS, daughter of Vivian Matthews, Vernon Miller's paramour, received a large doll and a doll wardrobe trunk on or about August 25th, from Marshall-Field in Chicago as a birthday gift from her mother.

In compliance with your inquiry shipping records were checked at the main office of Marshall Field and Company in Chicago. These records cover the Marshall Field Stores at Chicago, Oak Park and Evanston, Illinois. The check was made from August 18 to August 30, 1933 inclusive, which check definitely established that this department store did not ship a doll and a wardrobe trunk by parcel post or express to Betty Matthews of Brainerd, Minnesota, or to the Gibson family in Brainerd, Minnesota. During the days which were checked only two shipments were made by Marshall Field and Company to Brainerd, one shipment being a mail order to Mrs. Arnett J. Leslie, Ojibwa Park, Route 5, Brainerd, Minnesota, dated August 28, 1933, Mrs. Leslie giving her permanent address as 2424 Lake Place, Minneapolis, Minn. This shipment was to the value of \$4.77, and consisted of ladies cosmetics and toilet articles. The other shipment consisted of two ladies slips, which were purchased at the store and forwarded to two young girls named Kokko at Brainerd, Minnesota.

From the aforementioned investigation it is apparent that the purchase of the doll and wardrobe trunk was a cash proposition, the purchaser shipping same personally. Fifteen sales ladies in the toy department of Marshall Field and Company who sell dolls, etc. were interviewed but none of them could recognize the photograph of Vivian Matthews or Vernon Miller as customers in their department. The management informed Special Agent J. J. Keating that about the Century of Progress exposition in Chicago seventy percent of the purchases at

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Marshall Fields are made by out of town people, and that the sales of the store have increased 400 percent. It would be useless to check the cash sales tickets of the toy department at the store, as dozens of combination sets of dolls and wardrobe trunks are sold each day as cash sales over the counter.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge,

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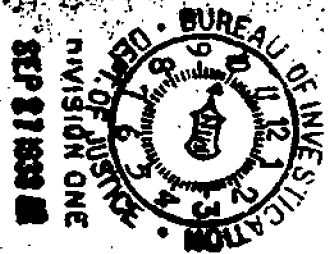
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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
September 22, 1933.

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



Dear Sir:

VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O. 1195, et al - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
Kansas City File 62-760-

Reference is made to the report by Special Agent Wm. R. Ramsey, Jr., dated at your office September 19th, showing the arrest of James A. Lawson and wife, friends of Subject Harvey J. Bailey.

It is requested that through Police you secure all ballistic evidence found pursuant to his arrest. Within a few days you will be furnished with a ballistic exhibit card pertaining to this case for purposes of comparison.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1195, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
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In order that Lillian Holden, wife of Thomas Holden, and personal friend of Vernon C. Miller and Vivian Mathis, might be located, recent inquiry was made of the Warden of the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, where it was determined that a letter addressed to prisoner Holden, dated July 20, 1933, bore the return address Thomas Holden, Jr., 1515 East 54th Street, Chicago, Illinois. Also it was found that the prisoner sent a letter to Mrs. M. Fallon (sister), July 12, 1933, addressed 3815 South Barnell, Chicago, Illinois. The Warden believes that mail sent by this prisoner to Chicago is relayed to Lillian Holden at some other point. There was a letter, dated August 28, 1933, from Mrs. Thomas Holden, bearing return address 1840 West 56th Street, Chicago, Illinois. This is probably not her address, but the above information is furnished you as a means of possible location of Lillian Holden. It will be noted that she has lived with Vernon C. Miller and Vivian Mathis and is probably in direct communication with them.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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September 22, 1933.

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



Dear Sir:

In re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases
FUGITIVE - I.O. #1195; et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO FILE NO. 82-1649

This letter is to correct a statement contained in the report of Special Agent W. Carter Baum, Chicago, Illinois, dated 9/15/33. On page six of that report, second paragraph, Agent Baum indicated that there appeared to be no such address as 1234 West Madison Street. This statement was made after Agent had passed by that address on a number of occasions but had not stopped to make a close examination. However, on September 21, 1933, Agent Baum, while walking in that neighborhood, discovered that the description of this property as contained in the aforementioned report was not accurate.

It appears that there is a 1234 West Madison Street, which is a cigar store. Because of the manner in which the window of this cigar store was decorated, Agent Baum was under the impression that it was a small drug store. The number 1232 is a restaurant which is to the East of the building housing this cigar store. At 1236 West Madison Street, there is a small cheap hotel. There is also an unnumbered doorway between the cigar store and the hotel, which does not appear to be used.

No further investigation was made by Agent Baum in this connection, but this information is being forwarded in order to correct the impression given in the previous report.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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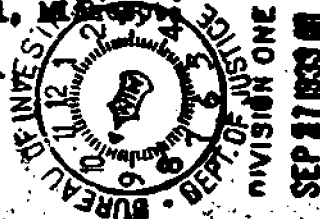
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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
803 Post Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:



RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1198, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
K.C. File 82-960

Reference is made to your letter of September 18, 1933, relative to the recovery of 1921 Model 311 Thompson submachine gun which was found at Cannon Falls, Minnesota, with a sawed off shotgun, submerged in the water, July 9, 1933.

Through conference with Merle A. Gill, Forensic Ballistician of Kansas City, Missouri, it was decided that four test bullets should be fired from the Thompson submachine gun and forwarded to this office. Mr. Gill will analyze these test bullets in connection with the evidence bullets in the instant matter. He can determine immediately whether or not there is a possibility that they were fired from the same weapon. If it appears that there is a likelihood of such, Mr. Gill will then be sent to St. Paul for a personal examination of the weapons in question.

It was suggested by Mr. Gill that a ballisticians be employed to make the test bullets. Mr. Stasson, County Attorney of Dakota County, Minnesota, mentioned some ballisticians to Mr. Gill when he was here recently and it is believed that the services of the individual in question can be secured in making these exhibits.

Mr. Gill has requested that four specimens be furnished him as fired from the Thompson submachine gun and that the slugs and exploded shell cases be forwarded. He requested that in making these exhibits Remington Nickle coated .45 caliber ammunition be used and that the test bullets be secured from slow firing of the gun.

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Mr. Gill is proceeding to Chicago within the next few days and the Chicago office has been advised that he will there endeavor to examine ballistic exhibits at the Chicago Police Department. It has been suggested to Mr. Gill that he pay particular attention to other exhibits possibly to be secured as coming from guns in the former possession of Al Dunlap of the Detective Publishing Company of Chicago.

Very truly yours,

H. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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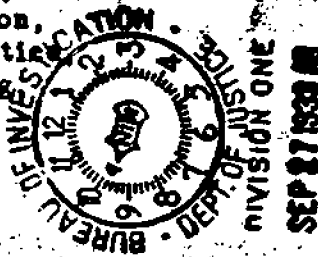
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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,

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September 22, 1933.

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



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Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, FUGITIVE
I. O. #1195, ET AL
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash) K.C. File #62-760-

Please refer to letter dated July 8, 1933, addressed to you from this office regarding one Gus Nichols, a prisoner in the Minnesota State Penitentiary at Stillwater, which prisoner was a former associate of Fugitive Vernon C. Miller and may be able to furnish information which will result in Miller's apprehension.

For your further information, there is quoted a copy of a letter received from Mr. Will S. Wood, District Supervisor, Narcotic Division, U. S. Treasury Department, Kansas City, Missouri, as written by Mr. A. P. Sanderson, Narcotic Agent:

"I have to report to you that on this day I have received information from a very reliable source concerning one Vern C. Miller, known as a killer and suspected in the wholesale killing of four officers and one bandit on June 17, 1933 at Union Station in Kansas City, Missouri, and who said Miller is sought in nation-wide search by every law enforcement agency in the country.

The information relates and refers to one Gus Nichols who is now confined in the Minnesota State prison sentenced some three years ago from 10 to 40 years and further checks back one time where said Gus Nichols engaged in a shooting scrape here in Kansas City with the Police Officers and two officers were wounded at that time namely the present Chief of Detectives Thos. Higgins and Bert Haycock.

Vern C. Miller was then together with Gus Nichols, and later in another shooting in Saint Paul Gus Nichols was shot and later was secretly taken by Vern C. Miller to the hospital at Rochester, Minn. which later Miller did double crossed Gus Nichols and caused his arrest as he came out from the Hospital and later was convicted and sentenced by the State of Minnesota

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to from 10 to 40 years in the State prison there where he is now confined.

The information further relates that since Gus Nichols was convicted that Gus Nichols have been bitterly against Vern C. Miller, and that now wants to get his revenge and he would talk to some reliable officer and tell him the whereabouts and all the hangouts of Vern C. Miller which no doubt said Gus Nichols is in position to know from his previous dealings with Vern C. Miller.

The above information has been verbally dispensed to an Agent of the Bureau of Investigation, and I am submitting this information to you in form of report for any value that you might deem it advisable."

Mr. Sanderson has again appeared at this office today and stated that he has been personally approached today by the brother of Gus Nichols, who had informed him that he received a letter written in Greek from the prisoner in question stating that if Mr. Sanderson could personally interview him, he would give information that would definitely lead to the apprehension of Miller at an early date and would result in the capture in a manner whereby no one would be injured.

Sometime ago, Special Agent Coulter of your office was at Kansas City for a temporary period in the Division office, and in discussion of this matter, he stated that when an interview is had with a prisoner at the State Penitentiary at Stillwater, Minnesota, the regulations of the institution require that a guard be present, and that the interview be limited to a very few moments. Under such circumstances, of course, it is obvious that information of value could not be secured from prisoner Nichols. I am wondering whether or not you could secure a waiver of such regulations on the part of the penitentiary. If this can be done, it appears that it might be advantageous to this Division to seek authorization for the travel of A. P. Sanderson to Stillwater, Minnesota, from Kansas City, in order that an interview might be had by him with Nichols. He has stated to me that through previous experiences with Gus Nichols, he knows him to be a desperate criminal, but also knows that he had his confidence and can secure information of value from him.

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Mr. Sanderson speaks Greek, and his natural accent indicates that he is probably of Grecian extraction. For this reason, it is apparent that a close bond of confidence might be established by him with Nichols.

You are requested to seek the proper arrangements relative to the foregoing through conference with the Warden of the State Penitentiary at Stillwater and advise me at the earliest possible date, after which such action as appears advisable will be taken.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

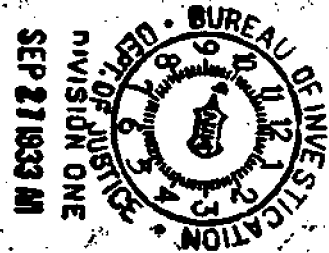
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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,

Kansas City, Missouri.

September 23, 1933.

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



Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE
I O 1195 - ET AL
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
K.C. File #62-760-

Mr. Merle A. Gill, Forensic Ballistician of Kansas City, Missouri, made an examination of and fired test bullets from the Thompson sub-machine gun No. 4907, which was found in the possession of Subject Bailey at the time of his arrest near Paradise, Texas. The Ballistician determined that the weapon in question was not used in the slayings at Kansas City on June 17th, according to any of the evidence bullets in possession of Mr. Gill, which were found after the occurrence at Kansas City.

It is believed that you have been previously notified to this effect, telephonically, but this letter is written for the purpose of record in the various interested offices.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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September 23, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
619 Federal Building,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE
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Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver
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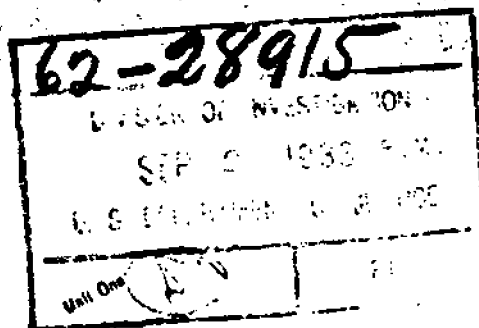
Reference is made to a letter from the
Chicago office to the Kansas City office dated September 2, 1933,
copy of which was furnished you, relative to the connection of
Vernon C. Miller with friends of "Texas" Guinan, night club enter-
tainer.

It is noted from the press that Texas Guinan
is in Los Angeles, and while she may have been there for sometime,
this office believes that action pursuant to the letter of the Chicago
office should be followed through the most discreet means possible.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge.

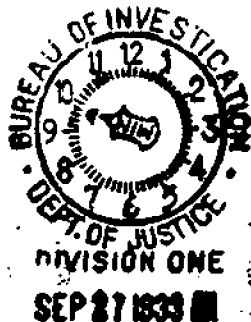
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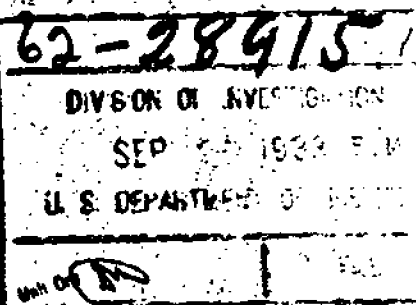
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September 22, 1935



Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Mo.



Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your file in the matter of VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1195, et al.

You will note from the report of Agent Tracy dated September 14th that the New York City Police Department recently uncovered an informant who advised that fugitive Miller was dead. The informant stated he would make every effort to learn the location of the body, date of burial, so forth. Recently this office learned through an indirect source the information that Miller is dead was in circulation in the underworld at St. Paul, Minnesota.

This is to inform that weekly conferences are being held with the eight New York City detectives working on this investigation. Up to September 22nd the informant has been unable to learn any further particulars with respect to the alleged death of Miller. The most the informant has been able to report is that Miller and the others are not in the vicinity of New York City; that they are in hiding at some unknown point as the "heat" is far too great.

Very truly yours,

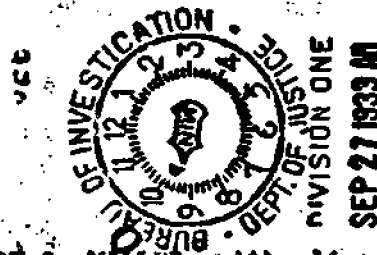
T. F. CULLEN
Special Agent in Charge

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

September 23, 1933.

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



Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE
I O 1195 - ET AL
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
K.C. File #62-760-

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent George J. Gross, dated at St. Louis, Missouri, September 7, 1933, where it is noted that one Charles J. Whitaker of Knoblo, Arkansas, is familiar with E. B. (Eddie) Conner and Louise Conner.

It seems that there is some doubt now existing as to the identity of Eddie Conner. The New Orleans office has been conducting investigation leading to the location of Eddie and A. J. Conner, but it is not definitely determined that the parties noted as having been reared in Mississippi are the same individuals connected with Mrs. Louise Conner in this matter. There is scarcely any doubt that the parties to whom Charles J. Whitaker has reference are the correct individuals.

It is requested that you, at your earliest convenience, cause further investigation to be made at Knoblo, Arkansas, to secure a complete family history of Eddie Conner, and, if possible, there secure similar information relative to Mrs. Louise Conner. Also kindly ascertain, if available, the address of Mr. Dick Gillechrist, mentioned in the report of Agent Gross.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

September 21, 1933.



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

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1195, et al. OBSTRUCTION OF
JUSTICE, (Endeavor to Deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash) Chicago File
Number 62-1649.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram dated September 17, 1933, in which you requested that a complete check be made at the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau, Chicago, Illinois, relative to Cadillac Sedan Motor # 327232.

The records of the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau disclosed that the aforementioned Cadillac automobile was shipped by the General Motors Company to their Cadillac distributor at Grand Rapids, Michigan on October 24, 1928, and that they in turn sold the car on October 29, 1928, to the Hume Close Cadillac Company of Muskegon, Michigan. The Hume Close Cadillac Company at Muskegon sold this car to George Olson of Muskegon, and Olson subsequently traded back this car to the Hume Close Cadillac Company, who sold it to Ethel McGee, care of the Park Hotel, Muskegon, Michigan on Oct. 31, 1929. Ethel McGee traded this car back to the Hume Close Cadillac Company on September 2, 1931.

On September 18, 1931, the Cadillac car in question was sold to L. O'Rourke, 2701 W. Madison St., Chicago, Illinois. On Nov. 18, 1931, O'Rourke sold this car to Al Brown care of the Lexington Hotel, 18th and Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for the sum of \$1000 cash. O'Rourke delivered this car to Yeager-Bennett Co., 2633 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, who actually represented Brown in this transaction. Mr. Yeager of the Yeager-Bennett Company advised the Auto Detail, Chicago Police Department, on November 18, 1931, that one C.D. Dodson, 318 N. Long Avenue, Chicago, telephone Austin 1537, ordered them to put one inch shatter-proof glass throughout the car, and to cover the gas tank with a piece of boiler plate. Mr. Yeager

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advised the Chicago Police that this car was not armored when it left their possession, and that the car had not been plated with steel as is customary in making up armored cars. Yeager-Bennett Company was paid \$950.00 for their work. Captain Mathew Zimmer, Division of Stolen Automobiles, Chicago Police Department, interviewed Mrs. Dodson on December 19, 1932, and was advised that her husband was in South Bend, Indiana, and on December 21, 1931, she again informed Captain Zimmer that her husband had called from Louisville, Kentucky on December 20, 1931, and that he was showing the Cadillac car in Louisville, Ky. and she was unable to say when he would be home. Dodson is a show man during the summer months, traveling with carnivals, etc. and has made his home at 215 North Long Avenue for the past four years. Al Brown referred to is none other than Al Capone.

The Automobile Protective and Information Bureau, Chicago, Illinois instituted an investigation relative to Cadillac automobile motor 327232, and body number 1531, job number 8620, front axle number 878267 on December 16, 1931, on information requested by Detective Leo Berner of the South Bend, Indiana Police Department, on the possible violation of Indiana State laws, in that one Clark Felgar of Chicago, Illinois, had this car on display at 302 North Michigan St. South Bend, Indiana. Felgar was collecting ten cents from patrons who come to see this automobile as it was advertised as the armored car of Al Capone. When Felgar was questioned as to how he obtained this car he said he purchased it from a lieutenant of Al Capone and that the job originally cost \$22,000.00. When the car in question was exhibited at South Bend it bore Illinois 1931 license 104223. A check up of these tags at that time disclosed that they were issued to Dr. Ward Potter of Oak Park, Illinois; that Doctor Potter's car had been stolen and recovered, at which time the plates were missing. The car subsequently was released to Felgar by the South Bend, Indiana authorities.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge.

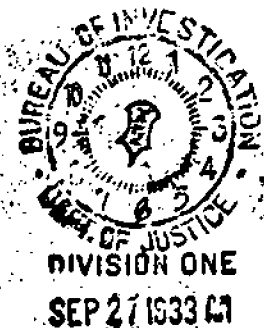
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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
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Dear Sir:

RE: **VERNON C. MILLER** with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1195, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
K.C. File 62-760

Reference is made to letter from the Director, dated August 9,
1933, addressed to your office, relative to an interview intended to
be had with Herbert A. Akers of the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police
Department.

This angle is considered quite important and it is believed
that very careful attention should be given to same.

Will you please advise this office, at your earliest convenience,
as to what action has been commenced relative to this interview.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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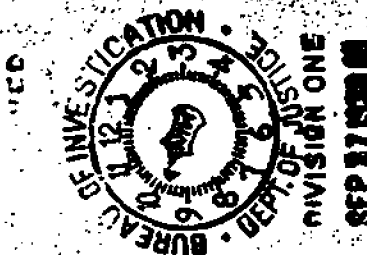
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September 25, 1933

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



Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases - Fugitive,
I.O.#1196, et al
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from this office under date of September 7, 1933, written in response to a letter from the Kansas City office dated September 5, 1933, both of which related to an item which appeared in the August 26, 1933 issue of Street and Smith's Western Story Magazine in connection with Verne Miller, no doubt one of the subjects of this file.

Miss E. M. Dockstader, editor of the Missing Persons section of Western Stories, communicated with this office today and advised that an anonymous answer to the inquiry in question, postmarked September 21, 1933 at Lewistown, Montana, was received and same is being quoted herein:

"I believe you will find your friend by addressing him at,
Verne Miller, 207 South Second Street, Wahpeton, North
Dakota."

This information is transmitted for whatever investigation would seem desirable in this connection.

Very truly yours,

T. F. GULLEN
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Division
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
826 Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:-

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. 1196; et al. Obstruction of
Justice (Endeavor to deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash).
Chicago File No. 62-1440.

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Sometime during the latter part of June, 1933, [redacted]

called at the Chicago Division Office and advised that while en route to New Orleans, La. from Chicago, Illinois, he had ridden with Vernon C. Miller, Harvey J. Bailey and Charles A. Floyd, in a bus on the morning of June 21, 1933, between Cairo and Centralia, Illinois. [redacted] further stated he was later to meet these fugitives at Pittsburgh, Pa.

On July 14, 1933, [redacted] accordingly called at the Division Office in Pittsburgh, Pa. and advised he was delayed in his arrival there due to the fact he was thrown off a number of freight trains and compelled to make the journey from Chicago, Illinois to Pittsburgh, Pa. in part on foot. [redacted] repeated in substance the statement made by him to Agent D. O. Smith, of this office, and stated he felt sure if any of the individuals in question were at that time in Pittsburgh, he could find them. He was shown the eight identification orders issued by the Division on persons suspected in the Kansas City Massacre, and after some hesitation, [redacted] identified the photographs of Floyd, Moore and Bailey.

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On [redacted] second call at the Division Office in Pittsburgh, Pa., he was accompanied by a one-armed negro, whom [redacted] stated he met en route to Pittsburgh, and that this negro was illiterate, could not read or write and did not know what office he was in, although the negro is acquainted in Pittsburgh.

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[redacted] further stated that after his arrival at Pittsburgh, he contacted the Barstow Office and later, through the one-armed negro, had located one Wylie Harris, although he had not, at that time, met him. [redacted] further explained that through the acquaintanceship struck up with the one-armed negro, he believed he could find the way around Pittsburgh and locate the Subjects in this case, without any difficulty and without the assistance of the local police.

Special Agent in Charge McKean, of the Pittsburgh Office, gave [redacted] address for lodging and stated he would meet him on Monday morning, July 17, 1933, at the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Station.

67D At about 9:45 A.M., July 17, 1933, [redacted] telephoned and stated that he would be unable to keep the appointment to see Agent in Charge McKean at the designated place at 4:00 P.M. [redacted] subsequently met Mr. McKean about 4:30 P.M., on July 17th, at the B. & O. Railroad Station, and stated that the men he had identified in the circulars, were in the city; that he had contacted Wogie Harris, who had referred him to Ed Lynch, a negro, who had taken him in a Lincoln car out Liberty Avenue to the corner of Centre Avenue, where they parked the car, Lynch alighting therefrom and disappearing around the corner. Shortly thereafter, Lynch returned, accompanied by MOORE. [redacted] state MOORE greeted him cordially and stated they were expecting him; that the boys were here.

67D [redacted] further advised he had been told it would be necessary for him to get a room at the Belmont Hotel, located on Wylie Avenue; that [redacted] must secure a room at this place in order that the narcotics might be delivered to him there, [redacted] having agreed to work with them in dispensing drugs in Pittsburgh.

At the request of [redacted] Mr. McKean gave him \$2.50 for a week's room rent at the aforementioned hotel. On July 18, 1933, about 12:30 P.M., Special Agent in Charge McKean received a telephone call from William F. Duffy, Narcotic Inspector in Charge, Pittsburgh, who advised there was in his office at the time, Mr. G. L. McCullough, Superintendent of Delivery, McGreary & Company Department Store, Pittsburgh, and one Earl F. McWhinney, a City Detective. These men stated they had called at the Narcotic Division Office to make a complaint against [redacted] who a short time before had defrauded the McGreary Company of \$14.00, alleging he was working for the Narcotic Bureau and the Division of Investigation in Pittsburgh; that he had arrived from Chicago to perform undercover investigative work for these bureaus.

67D The Superintendent of Delivery, McGreary & Company, advised the Pittsburgh Division Office that a negro, giving the name of [redacted] had called at the store shortly after 10:00 A.M. the same morning, at which time he was referred to Mr. McCullough and [redacted] informed him that Harry Ogden, a driver of one of their delivery trucks, No. 107, was stealing merchandise from the truck and selling same in the vicinity of Wylie Avenue and Fernando Street. [redacted] gave as references, Mr. Duffy, in the Federal Building, and Special Agent in Charge McKean, in the Law & Finance Building, and in order to impress Mr. McCullough,

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he telephoned both these offices in the presence of Mr. McCullough. After these calls, [redacted] and Mr. McCullough went to the first floor of the store and met a Negro with one arm, who, [redacted] said, worked with him and who followed them to Wylie Avenue and Fernando Street, where they turned South to an alley off of Fernando Street and stopped. [redacted] informed Mr. McCullough, that this was the spot where Ogden made sales of merchandise from the truck and he, [redacted] could arrange with a woman to buy a dress for delivery. Mr. McCullough then gave [redacted] \$2.00 to use for this purpose. [redacted] unaccompanied, went to 24 Fernando Street, but did not enter the house, remained a few minutes and returned, stating that he could not arrange with the woman to buy a dress at a price of \$2.00. [redacted] thereupon returned the money to Mr. McCullough and stated that for about \$12.50 or \$14.00, he could interest the ostensible purchaser. McCullough agreed to let [redacted] have \$14.00 for this purpose and they returned to the store, where [redacted] was given \$14.00. After [redacted] received the \$14.00, he disappeared and has not been located since that time.

Relative to the Subjects of this case, he gave false information to the Chicago and Pittsburgh Division Offices, subsequent investigation disclosing that he never knew any of the Subjects, nor had he ever met them.

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When [redacted] was questioned by Assistant Special Agent in Charge D. G. Smith, of this office, he advised his only relative was a [redacted]

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George Taylor, colored, Narcotic Agent, Chicago, Illinois, informed the writer that [redacted] is a native of New Orleans. There is no record of [redacted] having a criminal record at Chicago, Illinois. The Narcotic Office here have no fingerprints or past history of [redacted] Inasmuch as the officials of the McCrory Store in Pittsburgh have indicated their intention of prosecuting [redacted] the New Orleans Office is requested to determine if [redacted] has a criminal record at New Orleans.

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In the event the fingerprints and criminal record of [redacted] are located at New Orleans, it is requested they be forwarded to the Identification Division at Washington, for appropriate filing, with a notation that this man is wanted by the Pittsburgh Police Department. If [redacted] can be located through [redacted] cause his apprehension, notifying the Pittsburgh Division Office and the Pittsburgh Police Department.

JJK:TMI, (62-1445)
CC: Division, Pittsburgh,
Kas. City; Okla. City;
St. Paul; St. Louis;
New York.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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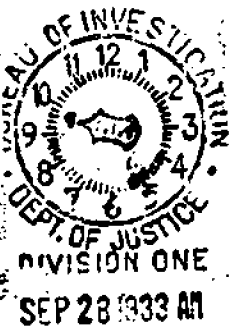
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:-

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



In compliance with request contained in your letter of September 23, 1933, addressed to the New York City office, transmitting one copy of micro-photographic exhibits in connection with the above entitled case, you are advised that I have today personally furnished the exhibits to Mr. Maurice O'Neil, in charge of the Identification Bureau of the New Orleans Police Department. Mr. O'Neil is considered an authority on ballistics and is extremely cooperative. He has indicated that he will be glad to assist in any way in connection with this matter, and will treat the fact that extended efforts are being made to identify the gun from which the bullets were fired, in strictest confidence. Mr. O'Neil stated that he will use that any bullets fired from a similar gun, which are brought to his attention, are compared with the exhibits, and that he will also be glad to examine any test bullets which might be fired from any guns in any way subject to suspicion, which might be submitted to him.

I will maintain contact with Mr. O'Neil relative to this matter, and efforts will be made to obtain test bullets from any submachine guns which might be located in this district.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

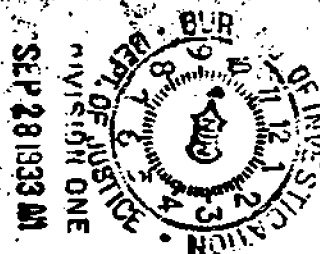
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201 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama

September 23, 1933.

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Mr. Cooper Green,
Postmaster,
Birmingham, Alabama.



Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this Division, it would be greatly appreciated if you would place a cover on all mail going to the firm of Harris, Coahrd and Brown, 629-32 First National Bank Building, Birmingham, Alabama, for a period of thirty days, forwarding all tracings to this office.

Your cooperation in this as well as in past instances is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Division

Re: **VERNE C. MILLER**, with aliases-
FUGITIVE - I.O. 1195, et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
Birmingham File: 62-826.

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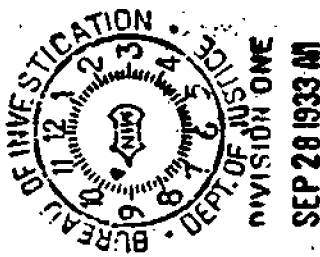
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1420 Requirer Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I am attaching hereto for your information a self explanatory letter addressed to Special Agent Peter J. Nolan, dated September 19, 1933 at Hamilton, Ohio, unsigned but containing a business card of C. S. Stultz, in which Stultz offers to furnish information concerning Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd.

I am also attaching a memorandum from Agent Nolan, stating that he has no knowledge concerning the identity of C. S. Stultz.

The matter is referred to you for appropriate attention.



Very truly yours,

Encl.

W. A. RORER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Atlanta, Ga.

September 23, 1933.

Dear Mr. Rorer:

The attached letter was received by me in the mail this morning. I am offering this for your information, as I can not recall ever meeting or knowing C. S. Stultz or ZO-RO-LO, whatever that may be.

NOLAN.

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413 2nd Nat'l Bank Bldg.,
Hamilton, Ohio.
September 19, 1933.

Mr. Pete J. Nolan,
1420 Enquirer Bldg.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Nolan:

If convenient for you, I would appreciate you calling on me at the above address some time within the very near future, this week yet if convenient. And if you will please bring with you a photograph of Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, notorious bandit. I may have some interesting information for you on this man.

My office hours here are A.M. 9 to 12, P.M. 1 to 5, After 5 P.M. I drive to Dayton Ohio and return each morning between 8 and 9 A.M. If more convenient you can contact me in Dayton after 6 P.M. evenings and Sunday at Randolph 2433.

In making the contact with me if it is necessary to state your business, just say that you want to talk to me about some medicine, as I am selling a product of that nature at present. And please treat this as strictly confidential. The enclosed card will serve as the signature.

Thank you.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1806 First National Bank Building
Charlotte, N. C.

Mr. Nathan
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September 26, 1933

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

Dear Sir: RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, et al
Obstruction of Justice

During the evening of September 22, 1933, I received a long distance telephone call from Mr. Vincent Hughes of the Division to the effect that investigation by the Jacksonville office at Savannah, Georgia, indicated that possibly some of the suspects in this case might be around Savannah and Tybee Beach, Georgia, and instructing that I proceed immediately to Savannah and contact Mr. Alt and other Agents of the Jacksonville office.

On the same evening Agent L. B. Reed of this office and I left Charlotte by automobile, and arrived in Savannah the following morning, where we contacted Special Agent L. E. Kingman immediately. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Alt and other Agents of the Jacksonville office arrived in Savannah. Investigation was conducted by several Agents in Savannah, but it was found that the persons there are not any of the suspects in the case. The particulars of the investigation at Savannah will be furnished the Division by Mr. Alt.

On the morning of September 24th, Agent Reed and I left Savannah, for Charlotte, arriving here during the afternoon of the 24th.

Very truly yours,

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DWIGHT BRANTLEY, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Nathan
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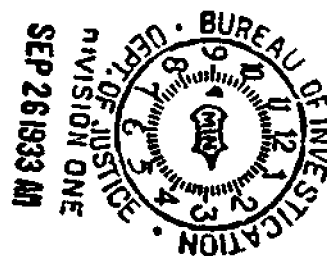
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

With reference to the attached anonymous communication, enclosing a news clipping containing an ad under the personal column apparently dealing with the Kansas City massacre, I called the Detroit office and was advised that this ad had been placed in the papers by that office on a request from the Kansas City office. Mr. Larson stated that the Chief of Police at Kansas City had received an anonymous communication from a person at Toledo indicating that he had some information on the Kansas City shooting and could be communicated with in this way. However, the Detroit office has had no response to the ad.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes
V. W. Hughes.

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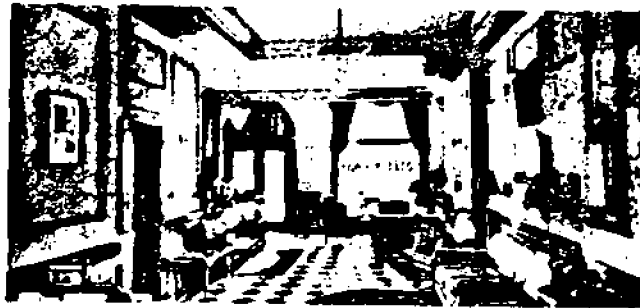


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CIRCULATING ICE WATER IN EVERY ROOM



GEORGE W TYLER
MANAGER

NEW
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LIMA, OHIO

Sept. 26 1933

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing want ad page from the Toledo Times and would call your attention to ad under Personals. Recalling from the daily news that several police and federal officers were brutally murdered in the Kansas City Union Station on June 17th, I am wondering if ad in this paper can have some bearing on this case.

My only interest in this case is that these men should get their just deserts and trusting that you will be successful in finding them I am

A Law Abiding Citizen.



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—6:15 P. M.—
 WSPD, CKLW, Rapp's orchestra.
 Detroit, Steamboat Bill.
 C. C. C. C. Perkins.
 —6:30 P. M.—
 Cleveland, Pie Plant Pete.
 Cincinnati, Three Moods in Blue.
 Detroit, talk.
 Toledo, studio program.
 Detroit, Rufus and Nandy.
 Windsor, Jack Armstrong.
 —6:45 P. M.—
 Cleveland, Tahan.
 WJR, Lowell Thomas.
 Detroit, ensemble.
 WSPD, Warner's orchestra.
 —8:00 P. M.—
 Windsor, studio program.
 Detroit, scores, Hawaiian.
 Detroit, scores, music.
 WSPD, WABC, Morton Downey.
 WLW, Amos 'n' Andy.
 Cleveland, music.
 WABC, CKLW, WSPD, orchestra.

NOW!

Now you can see him in the role that waited all these years for his genius to portray it!



BARRYMORE

With MAY ROBSON
 BORDYTH JORDAN
 JOEL MCCREA
 FRANCES GEE

in a heart touching drama of flesh and blood...

ONE MAN'S JOURNEY

BARGAIN MATINEES
 15c Until 1:30

PANTHEON

PARAMOUNT 25c

Bernard L. Day
 741 W CENTRAL JEFFERSON 7007

WALTER FUNERAL PARLOR
 1221 Broadway ADAMS 4105

LOST and FOUND

LOST — Boston bull brindle with white markings. Answers to name of Nipper. Generous reward. ADAMS 4070. Niebler. 245 Crittenden.

LITEN—Angora, tiger and red fur, child's playmate; reward for return. Forest 1207. LAWDALE 4622.

PERSONALS

UNION STATION, Kansas City, June 17, 1933. Call Cadillac 2836. Detroit, Allen.

SPECIAL NOTICE

BEAUTIFUL Convalenscent Home on River Rd. private duty graduate nurse. Dr's. references. 2950 Broadway. MAIN 3103.

BUSINESS CARDS

Transportation

Chicago Round Trip \$5
 New York, 1 way, \$10; 7 hours to Chicago
 New Modern Equipment
BUS TERMINAL
 602 Superior St. ADAMS 0278.

Laundries—Dry Cleaning

LAUNDRY, curtains, shirts, a specialty. Call deliver. JEFFERSON 2395-J.

Contracting—Repairing

REMODELING AND REPAIRING
 Mehrling Company, Spitzer Bldg. MAIN 6171

Musical Instructions

POPULAR piano playing in 3 mos.; lessons in your home. \$1.50. JEFFERSON 1065-W.

Painting—Paperhanging

Fine Paperhanging. Quality Painting.
 L. B. SNUGGS LAWDALE 6611

ROOMS FOR RENT

COLLINGWOOD, 1800—Attractively furn. kitchenette apt., also sleeping rm., \$2.50 up.

DETROIT, 3377—Rm. for 1 or 2, private. pr. flower hospital; garage. JEFFERSON 1974-M.

DEVON, 519, off Parkwood—Will rent rm. with use of kitchen. \$3. JEFFERSON 0913-W.

FULTON, 2221—Near Bancroft, pleasant front rm., residential dist., reasonable.

MAPLEWOOD, 2406—Rm. with rooming water. Private entrance. \$2.50. Garage.

MADISON, 1117—Nicely furnished rooms. free parking. \$2 and up; telephone.

PARKWOOD, 2134—Large sleeping rms., private family, Yarrow heat. \$2.50 up.

REGINA 2046 Franklin—2 rm. apt. \$4 Well furn. sleeping rms., \$3 to \$5. Maid service.

21ST at Monroe, Victoria Apts., No. 19, 2 front rms., private living adjoining bedroom.

HOMEV
 6 rms., redecorated, shower, red yard, 2-car. \$40. ADAMS 1171

Furnished Houses

CASTLEWOOD DRIVE, W. Toledo—6 rms., nicely furn., newly decorated; garage; near Deuss school. Forest 1207.

DURANG 701—Cor. house; furniture, new 3 cars ago. Adults. Pontiac 0221.

OLD W. RD.—Beautiful furn. 6 rooms, very attractive. \$70. Weeks 728 Ph. LAWDALE 3111.

Real Estate Property

Factory bldg. for rent, 6000 Barrain Call Pontiac 2644.

MOVING—TRUCKING STORAGE

HERN 4 and Elm st. Closed vans, 4 to 6-8 rooms \$4-35 ADAMS 7040

MOVING—Covered vans, 4 men, 1 room in city. JEFFERSON 8774

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

VACAN LOT, 12th St. near Monroe. Good for used cars. Reasonable rent. Inquire 110 12th St.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

Houses

THE REEBEN REALTY COMPANY
 618 Madison Avenue. ADAMS 5121.

Farms and Acreage

100 ACRES—Good river farm. Good bldgs. Might consider Toledo residence property as part payment; balance terms. E. W. Lory, Deerfield, Mich.

Pet Stock and Poultry

COMMUNITY SALE, Sept. 16th at 1 Horse, cows, pigs and farm implements. Corner Telegraph and Alexis St.

BEAUTIFUL PEDIGREE COLLIE PUPS. \$5 AND \$10. LAWDALE 418.

WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

CASH FOR FURNITURE, RADIOS, HEATING STOVES, WASHERS. MAIN 310.

4T ONCE FURNITURE, RUGS, DISCS, HEATOLAS, WASHERS. MAIN 3301.

TOP prices for paper, metals. Same Paper Co., 632 E. Woodruff. MAIN 3318.

AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE

322 the Basement Bargains of Frank Cooley, Inc., 14th and Adams

BUICK 1930, 5 passenger sedan 6 wire wheels, trunk rack, excellent condition. Cost new over \$2,000. Sacrifice at \$895. Terms 1915 Joffe.

BEFORE YOU BUY SEE ME
 412 SUTHER—1222 MADISON AVE.

WANTED AUTOMOBILES

AUTOS WANTED — HIGHEST CASH PRICES — O'D WEARLEY ST. 16TH AND MADISON

ABSOLUTELY HIGHEST CASH PAID FOR YOUR CAR TOLED AUTO SALES CO. CREDIT FOR RIDE

COMMERCIAL TRUCKS

CHEVROLET tractor and trailer, 1-ton capacity, 2 1/2-ton tractor, 3-ton 20 baloon drive. 2224 Jefferson Ave. ADAMS 6438

Daily Crossword Puzzle

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 24, 1933.

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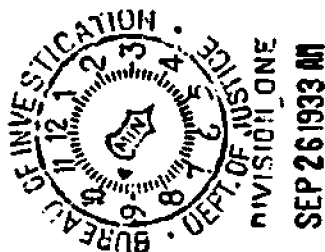
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re. Kanmo O
Richard Galatas With Aliases.
I.O. Number 1201.

Mr. Hughes called this morning regarding his long distance telephone conversation with Special Agent Alt last midnight. Special Agent Alt talked to the suspected party under cover and they are all satisfied that they had the wrong party. Special Agents Brantley and Reed are returning to Charlotte this morning and Special Agent Alt to Jacksonville.

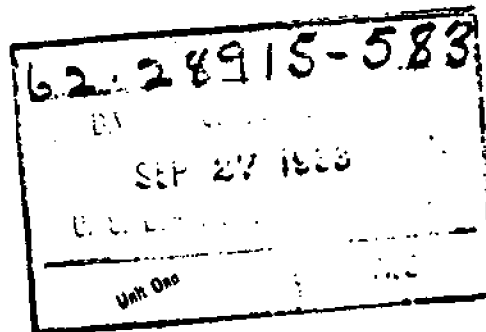
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R. L. Moore
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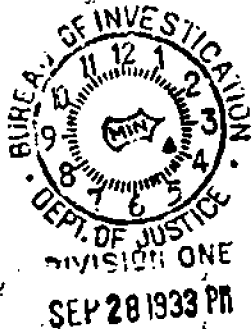


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625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

September 23, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.



Re - VERNON C. MILLER with aliases
- FUGITIVE, I. O. #1195; et al
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor
to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank
Nash). Detroit File #62-690

Dear Sir:-

In accordance with request contained in your communication dated September 23, 1933, the exhibit prepared by Mr. Marle Gill, ballistician, of Kansas City, has been furnished to Mr. James Payne, a ballistic expert in the city of Detroit, connected with the Detroit Police Department. In this connection, I am transmitting herewith copy of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent R. B. Donaldson of this office concerning the above.

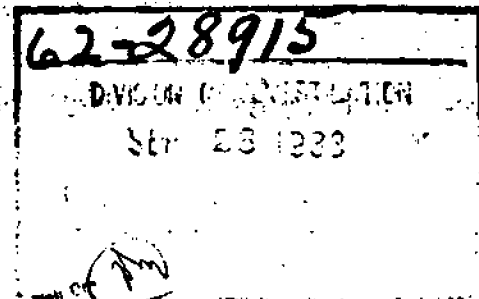
Very truly yours,

WM. LARSON,
Special Agent in Charge

WL-ICM
Encl.

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625 Lafayette Bldg.,
Detroit, Michigan.
September 25, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE W. LARSON:

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases - Fugitive,
I. O. #1195 - et al.
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
Detroit file 62-690

Pursuant to the letter addressed to the New York City office by the Kansas City office, dated 9/23/35, enclosed with which were micro-photographic exhibits of one of the exploded shells obtained in connection with this case, I have made inquiry relative to a proper person to contact locally regarding same.

From inquiry I find that Mr. James Payne is the only ballistic expert of any reputation in Detroit or vicinity. Mr. Payne is employed by the Detroit Police Department and is attached to the scientific laboratory of said police department located on the 6th floor at police headquarters.

I also find that Mr. Payne has testified in court in a good many cases in matters involving expert testimony pertaining to arms and ammunition, such experience being confined not only to criminal cases in the City of Detroit but adjoining cities. He recently testified in a murder case in Toledo, Ohio.

The exhibit supplied was presented to Mr. Payne who evidenced a great deal of interest in same and stated that he would be very glad to co-operate with the government as desired in the matter.

It was indicated to Mr. Payne that there must be absolutely no publicity of any sort in connection with this exhibit or the scheme of procedure being adopted in this matter.

END:ELP

R. B. Donaldson
SPECIAL AGENT

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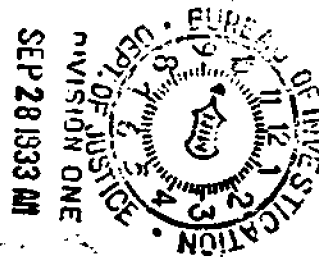
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,
New York, N. Y.



September 26, 1933.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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Let One <i>AD</i>	FILE

Dear Sir:-

Re: VERNE C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1195;
RICHARD TALMAN GALATAS, with aliases -
FUGITIVE; I. O. #1201, et al.,
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash).

In the September 30, 1933 issue of Street and Smith's Western Story Magazine, page 143 under the "Missing Department" in which they indicate communications be addressed to the Missing Department, Street and Smith's Western Story Magazine, 79 Seventh Avenue, New York, N.Y., the following notice appears:

"NOTICE - Verne Miller, Smokey Reid and Smokey Green. They were last heard from in Huron, South Dakota. Verne Miller was deputy sheriff at Huron. Where are you all? Would like to hear from any and all of you. Write to R. M., care of this magazine."

This is furnished to you for such action as you deem advisable, we not being familiar with the purpose thereof, it being my idea that possibly this might be a decoy notice.

A copy of this is also being sent air mail to the Kansas City Office, in order that, if necessary, they may communicate with you.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Division ✓
Kansas City

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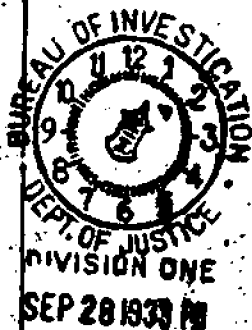
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62-877

REPORT MADE AT: Jacksonville, Florida	DATE WHEN MADE: Sept. 26, 1933	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: Sept. 15, 16, 1933	REPORT MADE BY: R. L. Shivers
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - I.O. 1195- FUGITIVE RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE			CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (ENDAVOR TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK WASH)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



Charles Vogel who on April 13, 1933, at Daytona Beach, Florida, wired Dick Galatas \$40 through the Postal Telegraph Company, to Hot Springs, Arkansas, could not be definitely identified. A Charles Vogel who was in Daytona Beach at that time is reported to be presently residing at the Fort Wayne Hotel, Detroit, Michigan, but identification as the person who made the instant money transfer could not be established. Other telegrams sent by the Charles Vogel who did make the transfer obtained, and leads are being submitted for interview with recipients.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, July 28, 1933.

DETAILS:

AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA:

DETAILS:

An effort was made to locate Charles Vogel through the Daytona Beach Post Office. Mr. J. N. Gunn, Assistant Postmaster, after making a careful check of the postal records and the files at the general delivery window, advised Agent that Vogel is not a patron of that office.

An examination of the city directories of Daytona Beach revealed that one C. Vogel in 1931 was listed as residing at 806 South Atlantic Avenue, Apartment Number 7, and in 1932, this name

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	Acting Special Agent in Charge	62-28915-584	RECORDED AND INDEXED: SEP 28 1933
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3-Division 2-Kansas City 2-Detroit 2-New York 2-Jacksonville HAM.		UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO:	CHECKED OFF: SEP 29 1933 JACKETED:

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man was shown to be residing in apartment number nine at the same address. Inquiry at the apartment house located at the address just stated disclosed that the present management has only been operating the house for a few weeks, and no information was obtainable concerning C. Vogel, as he was not living there at this time.

Agent contacted Mr. O. E. Sandstrom, Manager of the Postal Telegraph Company, Daytona Beach, and through an inspection of his records verified the fact that on April 13, 1933, Charles Vogel had wired \$40 to Dick Galatas in Hot Springs, Arkansas, but no address for Vogel was shown on the transfer blank. Mr. Sandstrom stated that he had no recollection of ever having waited on Vogel, and advised that the money transfer was accepted by Miss F. Dunlop, an employee of the office.

Miss Dunlop, on being interviewed, stated that she remembered Charles Vogel very well; that he was a frequent customer of the Postal Telegraph Company during the period from around the first of February, 1933, to about the middle of April. According to Miss Dunlop, Vogel appeared in Daytona Beach some time around the first of February. He acted very mysteriously, and in sending telegrams or in receiving them he would never furnish a local address where he could be reached, but invariably gave his address as in care of general delivery; that on one or more occasions telegrams were received for him which were mailed to him in care of the general delivery window of the local post office, which he would not receive for two days or more.

Miss Dunlop further stated that during the time Vogel was in Daytona Beach she saw him at times in the company of three or four men, and they were all strangers, apparently living at the Maryland Hotel across the street from the telegraph office. Miss Dunlop advised that she had never seen Vogel until he appeared in Daytona Beach around the first of February; that he left that city about the middle of April and she has seen nothing of him since that time. She described Vogel as being:

Age:	about 45 years
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Black, heavy
Height:	5 feet 11 inches
Build:	Medium
Weight:	about 160 pounds
Mustache:	Black mustache
Features:	Large Roman nose
Dress:	Well groomed, and always wore a grey suit and grey hat, and never removed the latter.

It is noted that this description partially fits the prisoner Frank Nash. Miss Dunlop further advised that Vogel, in sending some messages, also used the name of Victor Stearns; that her attention was forcibly attracted to him because of his peculiar actions, as he always gave the appearance as feeling that some one was following him.

At the request of the writer, Miss Dunlop and Mr. Sandstrom went through their records and found copies of telegrams that had been sent and received by Vogel. On March 4, 1933, Charles Vogel sent a telegram to C. M. McDonald, care Fenner, Beane and Ungerliedter (brokers) Miami Beach, Florida, reading:

"Did you receive letter I mailed you last week."

March 20, 1933, he sent a telegram under the name of VICTOR C. STEARNS, to A. C. Piper, Scarsdale, New York, reading:

"Received wire from Mack he will leave Tuesday answer immediately."

This probably refers to McDonald, recipient of his telegram of March fourth. A telegram was received by Vogel at Daytona Beach, April 8, 1933, directed to Victor S. Stearns from S. F. Clough, Buffalo, New York, reading:

"Call me Delaware 7076 Buffalo between six and seven tonight".

These were all the messages that could be found at the time of this inquiry.

In an effort to locate Vogel through the Florida Public Service Company, Daytona Beach, Agent contacted Mr. Clyde A. Byrd, Manager, who after checking his records stated that on February 20, 1933, one Charles Vogel took out a contract for gas and light for his apartment at 319 North Grandview Street, and that the service was discontinued on April 21, 1933, and on that date he requested that his final bill be mailed to him in care of the Fort Wayne Hotel, Detroit, Michigan. An effort was made to compare the signature of Vogel appearing on the money transfer blank with the signature on the light contract, but it was found that the latter was signed for Vogel by Mr. Charles Bernitz, the owner of the apartment where the service was extended, and the former's signature was not on file.

Mr. Charles Barnitz, owner of the apartment house located at 319 North Grandview Street, advised Agent that Charles Vogel and wife occupied an apartment at that address from February 20th to April 21, 1933, and on leaving the city on the latter date they furnished him with the address of the Fort Wayne Hotel, Detroit, Michigan, as their future residence. Mr. Barnitz was unable to supply a personal history of Vogel or give any information as to his connections in Daytona Beach. His description of Vogel was similar to that furnished by Miss Dunlop with the exception that he stated the Vogel occupying his apartment appeared to be about thirty-five years old. He also stated that he understood that this man before coming to his place had lived at 309 South Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach.

A further inquiry was made at the local post office after the interview with Miss Dunlop, without results, as it was stated that neither Vogel or Victor S. Stearns could be recalled as a patron of the general delivery window, and no forwarding address was maintained for either.

Agent made a careful search of the register at the Maryland Hotel for the period from January 1, 1933, to May 1, 1933, but did not find a registration for either Vogel or Stearns or the names of other persons who could be supposed to be associates.

For the information of the Detroit Office, which did not receive a copy of the report of reference, it is stated that in checking the records of the Postal Telegraph Company in Hot Springs, Arkansas, for information that would lead to the apprehension of Galatas, it was found that on April 13, 1933, Galatas received a money transfer of \$40 from one Charles Vogel, Daytona Beach, Florida. The Jacksonville Office was requested to contact Vogel in an effort to obtain information through which Galatas might be apprehended.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

JACKSONVILLE OFFICE: At Miami Beach, Florida, will contact officials of Fenner, Beane and Ungerliedner, for such information as may be available as to the identity of Charles Vogel, the identity of C. M. McDonald (probably a customer) and their connection, in an effort to locate Vogel.

NEW YORK OFFICE: At Buffalo, New York, will ascertain identity of S. P. Clough through the information incorporated herein, and determine connection with Vogel, looking to the location of the latter.

DETROIT OFFICE: At Detroit, Michigan, will ascertain if the Charles Vogel reported as residing at the Fort Wayne Hotel is identical with the Charles Vogel who sent the instant money transfer to Galatas and if found to be the same person, use appropriate judgment in contacting him.

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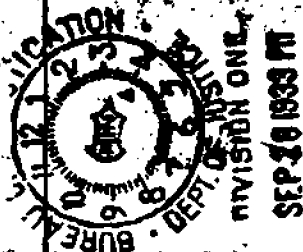
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REPORT MADE AT: Jacksonville, Florida	DATE WHEN MADE: Sept. 25, 1933	REPORT MADE BY: R. A. Alt - ASAC
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE IDENTIFICATION ORDER 1195; et al		CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (ATTEMPT TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation made by Agents of the Charlotte and Jacksonville Division Offices in Savannah, Tybee Beach, Georgia, and vicinity failed to disclose the presence of any Subjects of this case on September 23, 1933. However, Tybee Beach practically owned, operated and controlled by Savannah's underworld and affords a splendid hide-out for wanted persons.



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REFERENCE:

Letter from the Chicago Office to the Jacksonville Office, dated September 16, 1933.

DETAILS:

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA:

On September 18, 1933, the Jacksonville Office received the letter of reference and the matter was immediately referred to Special Agent L. E. Kingman for attention at Savannah, Georgia.

On September 22, 1933, at six P.M., Agent Kingman telephonically furnished the Jacksonville Office the following information:

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28915-585	RECORDED AND INDEXED: SEP 24 1933
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That on the afternoon of the twenty-second Agent Kingman visited the Wilmington Island Golf Course, near Savannah, where he observed a man that looked very much like Galatas. He was accompanied by a woman. He observed the woman at close range and described her as being:

Age:	About forty years
Build:	Plump - large stomach
Height:	5 feet 4 inches
Weight:	About 150-155 pounds
Hair:	Black - wavy
Eyes:	Dark brown
Nationality:	Had a distinct Greek appearance.

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Agent Kingman informed that these persons are using the name BRANTLEY and are living with the Haars, notorious Savannah bootleggers and underworld characters at Tybee Beach, which is twenty miles from Savannah. It might be here stated that the Haars are reputed to be wealthy, they own considerable property at Tybee Beach, including most of the concessions; they also operate the Brass Nail Barroom, which is a hangout for bootleggers, hoodlums, gangsters and underworld characters. Agent Kingman informed that the Brantleys have a Lincoln 1929 sedan, bearing Arkansas license tags 119 017, with Hot Springs, Arkansas, city tag 2299. These persons have been in and around Savannah for the past three or four weeks and have played golf at Wilmington Island Golf Course four or five times. Agent Kingman stated that he heard rumors to the effect that there were a bunch of high-powered gangsters in the hotels in Savannah and that he had been careful not to excite any suspicion and that he is pretty firmly of the opinion that at a distance at Tybee Beach he saw a man that he thought very much resembled Richard Galatas.

Upon receipt of above information, the Oklahoma City Office was requested to immediately ascertain and wire to whom Arkansas license 119 017 was issued and to whom Hot Springs city tag 2299 was issued and for what type of car.

Before a reply was received from the Oklahoma City Office, a review of the file in this case disclosed in the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated July 28, 1933, page twenty-six, that mentioned tag was issued to Madeline Vulotta, 310 Central, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for a 1929 Lincoln sedan, motor 56176.

Later, the Oklahoma City Office, by telegram, advised that Hot Springs tag mentioned was issued to Madeline Puletter, 123 Cedar, Hot Springs, for a Lincoln car, description not shown; Arkansas tag mentioned was issued to Madeline Puletta, 310 Central, Hot Springs, for 1929 Lincoln sedan, motor 56176, [REDACTED]

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Upon receipt of the information from Agent Kingman and the Oklahoma City Office, the writer immediately contacted Mr. Hughes of the Division in Washington, by long distance telephone. Later, Mr. Hughes called the Jacksonville Office and informed that the Division had decided that this matter should be given immediate attention in Savannah and that Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley and Agent L. B. Reed of the Charlotte Office would be instructed to proceed to Savannah, Georgia, immediately, and that all the agents available from the Jacksonville Office should be instructed to proceed to Savannah. Arrangements were made to meet at the home of Special Agent L. E. Kingman, Resident Agent at Savannah, immediately upon arrival in that city.

During the morning of September twenty-third, Agents Brantley, Reed, Kingman, Hance and the writer had a conference at the home of Agent Kingman, at which time it was decided that Agent Brantley and the writer would proceed to Tybee Beach in one car and Agents Kingman, Reed and Hance in another car, to make a survey of the Tybee resort and to, if possible, locate the Lincoln sedan bearing aforementioned tags. After driving around the resort for a time, Agent Brantley and this Agent noticed the 1929 Lincoln sedan with trunk in rear bearing Arkansas tag, parked near the large balcony off of which is the main entrance to the Brass Rail Bar, previously mentioned. It was then decided to return to Fort Screven, which is near Tybee Beach, for further conference, at which time it was determined advisable that Agent Hance and this Agent return to Tybee Beach and endeavor to mingle with the persons in the Brass Rail Bar and those on the balcony, endeavoring to learn whether Galatas, or other Subjects, were there. In the bar room beer was ordered and a casual conversation engaged in with the bar-tender, who appeared to be a tough character long in the employ of the Haars. An hour or more was spent here then the writer decided that it was better for him to operate alone and Agent Hance was returned to Fort Screven, where he joined the other agents mentioned. They drove the roads in and around Tybee Beach, making general observations. It

was arranged then that Agents Brantley and Reed would return sometime during the night and meet this Agent at the dance hall at Tybee Beach. This Agent then returned to the bar room. This was about three o'clock in the afternoon. Considerable time was spent here upon the balcony and on the beach. On the balcony there is a concession operated by a garrulous Irishman by the name of Smith. He is employed in the car accounting department of the Central of Georgia Railroad and on Saturdays and Sundays at the beach he operates this concession. He sells boiled shrimp, sandwiches, coffee, etc. With all eatables sold by him, drinks are furnished by the Brass Rail. He appears to be an intimate friend of the Haars. He himself is not of the underworld type, but is influenced by this gang by the money he obtains from them. Personally, I think that he does considerable bootlegging at the beach. Business was very dull on the beach and there were few visitors, therefore, I had ample opportunity to converse with Smith. He was not at all reluctant or hesitant in answering general or specific questions. In fact, we became quite friendly. He took me around the various other beer joints where we treated and were treated.

During the conversation with Smith on the balcony, I observed a man and woman on the beach in bathing suits playing beach tennis. I inquired of Smith whether these persons were not from Savannah, that their faces seemed to be familiar to me. He stated that these people were not from Savannah, that they had been at the beach about four weeks; that the man was a millionaire operator of chain stores in New York and that he had a cottage on the beach resting up. Later, I brought the Lincoln sedan into the conversation. Smith told me that this sedan was owned by the man on the beach in the bathing suit and that his name was BRADLEY (not Brantley).

There were two men at various times on the balcony who did not appear to associate with anyone in the Brass Rail or with other persons on the balcony. In a general way, their descriptions tallied with that of Calatas; however, I am thoroughly convinced neither of these men was Calatas. I engaged them both in conversation with reference to fishing and had ample opportunity to closely observe them.

About five o'clock in the afternoon while sitting on the balcony with Irishman Smith, Bradley, who had changed from his bathing suit, came up, sat down and joined in the conversation, during which business conditions in various parts of the country were discussed. Bradley told me that for three years, until some months ago, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, he operated a clothing store. I informed him

that I was very familiar with Hot Springs and Little Rock. We talked about both of these cities and I inquired as to where he resided in Hot Springs. He stated that his last address was 123 Palm Avenue. He spoke considerably of Arizona and New Mexico, especially of Albuquerque, stating that this city had a greater future than any town he had been in in a long time and that Western Texas, Arizona and New Mexico would be the first locations to come out of the depression and progress. Bradley seemed to be an intelligent man, a good conversationalist and did not appear at all dissipated, neither did he join the other imbibers at the tables on the balcony or in the Brass Rail. He in no wise resembles the photographs or descriptions of any of the Subjects of this case. During the conversation I informed him that I had returned recently from a trip in Canada, visited various cities and spent a great deal of time in Quebec. After this he made no comment other than saying the weather in Canada was far too inclement nine months of the year.

From personal observation, Bradley is described as follows:

Name:	Tom or Thomas Bradley
Age:	from 35 to 40 years
Height:	5 feet 9 inches
Weight:	155 pounds
Build:	Medium - rather athletic
Hair:	Brown - medium length
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Ruddy
Mustache:	Small cropped mustache, parted under nose
Teeth:	Good
Scars:	None noticeable
Glasses:	Does not wear
Ears:	Regular - medium
Face:	Regular.

The woman with Bradley is pretty accurately described by Agent Kingman, previously set out in this report. However, I am of the opinion she is of Italian descent. She is not at all attractive. I saw her only in a bathing suit.

During the evening of September twenty-third at about eight o'clock while sitting at a table on the balcony with a number of men, all drinking beer, Bradley again came up and joined the crowd and conversation.

At this time by the man about the table he was referred to as Tom and Thomas. Up to this time, the name of his wife had never been mentioned. It appears that he had arranged with one of the men at the table to play golf the following morning. This man said to him, "Tom, now when I come to your house in the morning I want you to be ready for I don't want to have to make so much disturbance about the house arousing you that it will waken Madeline". From this it appears that the woman with Bradley is Madeline Fulotta.

Later in the evening, about ten o'clock, this Agent was met on the balcony by Agents Brantley and Reed. While the three of us were going into the dance hall, Bradley was observed standing near the door. He waved to this Agent when we entered. Agents Brantley and Reed had a splendid opportunity to observe Bradley. All being of the opinion and satisfied that none of the Subjects are presently at Tybee Beach, it was decided to return to Savannah and discontinue the investigation.

It might here be stated that due to the geographic location of Tybee Beach and the type of people who frequent this place, due to its administration being in the hands of the Haars, it would be a splendid hide-out for fugitives, gangsters and underworld characters.

Bradley has all the earmarks of a slick con-man. Of course, these victims at this time would not be located at Tybee Beach, neither are they present at other southern resort places at this time of year. It would not be at all surprising if some of the Subjects of this case are known to Bradley, nor would it be surprising if some of these Subjects at some time would come to and hide out at Tybee.

It might be well here to state that it would never be safe to contact police officers at Tybee Beach for information in connection with this or other cases, for late in the evening of September twenty-third, while the writer was walking from the Brass Rail to the dancehall, a distance of about three hundred yards, he was accosted by the chief of police who stated that since very few strangers came to the beach at this season of the year and since no undesirable characters were wanted, he desired to know the identity of Agent. He introduced himself as Chief Hildreth. Agent

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b7E [REDACTED] after talking with him for about twenty minutes, he suggested that I get my bags from the hotel in Savannah, bring them out to the hotel he named on the beach and spend a week or two bathing and fishing. He seemed to be fully satisfied that I was a proper person to remain at Tybee. After Chief Hildreth left me, I watched him very carefully and observed that he immediately went to his telephone booth near the dance hall. I immediately walked rapidly in the direction of the Brass Rail where I heard a man talking on the telephone and I am sure his conversation was with Chief of Police Hildreth for later this same man joined me on the balcony in front of the Brass Rail and from his conversation I am positive the Chief told him that I was okay, for jokingly I told him that I had been picked up by the Chief of Police and he said, "Oh, that isn't unusual, they pick up all strangers here and ask them who they are".

In the city of Savannah, Special Agent T. E. Hance during the afternoon and night of September twenty-third observed all persons coming and going at the Whitney Hotel.

Agents R. L. Main and R. L. Shivers covered the DeSoto Hotel and the Japanese Beer Garden operated in connection therewith also the Rathskellar at the Hotel Savannah and the John Harris Roadhouse, located on Victory Drive, all of these places which are likely to be visited by Subjects in Savannah, Georgia. These Agents did not observe anyone answering the descriptions of persons involved in this case.

At about midnight, Mr. Hughes of the Division, was called by long distance telephone, and informed that we were of the opinion Galatas at the present time was not in Savannah and that no observation had been made which would indicate the presence in Savannah or Tybee Beach of other Subjects.

Agent Kingman has made inquiry in and about Savannah, Georgia, and has determined that Weiss with aliases, has not been seen in Savannah since the Spring of 1932. Prior to that he spent parts of the winters of 1930, 31 and 32 in that city and at Tybee Beach. He is known to McGoldrick, manager of the Wilmington Island Golf Course as Bill Weiss, but he did not see him during the past winter in that vicinity. Weiss used to play golf there, and no doubt spent time with the Haars at Tybee Beach. Agent will continue to make periodical check-ups in Savannah and will continue to be informed by Manager McGoldrick. He will also attempt to develop other informants to learn if other Subjects appear in Savannah.

No undeveloped lead is being set out for the Oklahoma City Office to further check up on Tom Bradley at Hot Springs, Arkansas. This is being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

Reference is here made to the report of Special Agent T. H. Tracy, New York City, dated August 6, 1933, a copy of which was forwarded to the Jacksonville Office by the Division on September 23, 1933. On page thirty-six of this report, Agent Tracy describes the Lincoln sedan with Arkansas tags, mentioned in this report. He also sets out a description of the man BROWN, who had this car in Quebec during July, 1933. This description does not tally with the description of Bradley, who now has this car in Tybee Beach, Georgia.

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September 26, 1939.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL - MR. PURVIS.

Mr. Purvis advised that the Police had picked up Gus Winkler, and this afternoon went to his apartment, with his permission, accompanied by an Agent, and there found 25 credential cards in connection with pilots' licenses. They indicate they are issued by the United States Department of Commerce, Aeronautics Division (or Branch), blank entirely on the inside, but showing on the outside they were Government property. Mr. Purvis stated they are worth nothing from a monetary standpoint; that Winkler said some fellow left them at some airport and he just picked them up and took them home. Mr. Purvis stated that the serious part of the matter is what he could do with these credential blanks, and what he has probably already done with them. He stated that he is going to interview Winkler very diplomatically today, and believes they can prosecute him on the charge of theft and illegal possession of Government property.

Mr. Purvis stated he would send in a detailed report on this matter.

Later, Mr. Purvis again telephoned and stated he had questioned Winkler about Kelly and Verne Miller; that he denies knowing Kelly at all; that he had Winkler include in the statement the fact that the search of his apartment was made entirely with his consent, and that there were found in his apartment 25 or 30 covers for pilots' licenses, which folders were black, and had on the outside "United States Department of Commerce, Aeronautical Branch", stating where he secured the same and that he had them in his possession for about two years. Mr. Purvis stated that Winkler stated Verne Miller probably would go to the World Series in New York, and indicated he would like to "get" him; that he says he has had no dealings with Miller, but Miller has "done things" he would like to settle with him, himself.

I instructed Mr. Purvis to confer with Mr. Green, the United States Attorney, and get his ideas as to prosecution.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
September 26, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. No. 1195, et al -
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor
to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank
o Nash).

Reference is made to Division letter dated August
22, 1933 enclosing a letter received from John G. Moore, a
prisoner at Alexander, Arkansas, relative to Charles A. Floyd.

For the Division's information there are transmitted
herewith two copies of a memorandum prepared by Special Agent
Chipman covering his interview with John L. Moore. The informa-
tion contained in this memorandum will receive further attention
at this office.

Very truly yours,

K. D. Deaderick
K. D. Deaderick, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl.
cc-Kansas City

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Vernon C. Miller with aliases, Fug.
Obstruction of Justice, O.C. File #62-456

Mr. Colvin:

The following is the result of my interview with John L. Moore pursuant to Director's letter of August 22, 1933, which is attached hereto. The informant's middle initial is L. rather than G., as is set forth in attached letter.

Moore at the present time is a trusty at the Arkansas Training School for Girls located at Rt. 1, Box 16, Alexander, Ark. He stated that he first met Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City in 1926, and that he was a cell mate of Floyd. Moore stated his penitentiary No. was 28609 and that he and Floyd were serving time for a robbery out of St. Louis, he serving a seven year sentence and Floyd serving a five year sentence. Moore stated he was released in 1929; that in June of 1932 while hitch-hiking out of Tulsa, Floyd and George Birdwell passed him on the highway in a packard touring car. Floyd recognized him and stopped; that he, Moore, was sick at the time and Floyd insisted that he go with them to their hideout until he felt better. Moore stated they drove to Sallisaw, Okla. where Floyd obtained a cooked ham from a woman who he later stated was his mother and then proceeded to the cave which is one of Floyd's hangouts. Moore stated that it was dark when they reached Sallisaw, but after leaving there they drove through Akin, Okla., and proceeded in what he believed was a Northeasterly direction; that after leaving Akin about five miles they crossed an iron bridge, which covered what formerly had been a creek but has filled up and has no water in it. After crossing the bridge they turned sharply to the right and went through some woods for about a mile; that there was no road, after crossing the bridge, only rocks and big boulders. He believes they traveled West of Northwest after crossing the bridge. He stated after leaving the woods they then walked about three hundred yards after which they came to the point of a mountain which, he thinks was pointing Southeast; that they took the left hand side of the mountain and walked along its side about two hundred and fifty yards and came to a cave; that they walked along the cave for another two hundred yards after which it opened up into a large sized room and which furnished the living quarters for Floyd and his gang. Moore stated he does not know whether there is a rear outlet to the cave; that in front of the entrance there is a cedar tree about five or six feet tall which has been painted brown to help conceal the entrance. This tree is planted in a keg. He also stated that people live within about a mile of the cave but that all of the people in the vicinity are Floyd's friends and cooperate in tipping his gang as to strangers, etc. seen in the neighborhood.

Moore stated that he stopped with Floyd for two days, after which

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Floyd drove him to Van Buren, Arkansas and gave him \$40.00 for him to reach his home at Dyersburg, Tenn. He stated that while at Dyersburg he made the remark that he had been to Floyd's cave and it got to the Sheriff there; that the Sheriff took him to Inspector Griffin of the Memphis Police Department who in turn got in touch with the Burns Detective Agency. He stated before he left Floyd the latter told him that if he wanted to join up with him to get in touch with him through his brother E. W. Floyd who lives at Sallisaw. E. W. is about twenty-two years of age.

Moore further stated that he agreed with the Burns Detective Agency to help capture Floyd and in November of 1932 he met A. B. Cooper, Burns Detective Agent, from Oklahoma City and R. E. Delaney of Perry, Okla., who is supposed to be working for the Government, at Ft. Smith. They arranged to raid Floyd's cave and obtained the aid of two officers by the names of Kerr and Catrow, Deputy Sheriffs from Oklahoma City, Sheriff Stormant and four of his men from Okmulgee, Okla. and he was to take them to the cave; that he took them to the iron bridge above mentioned where Stormant backed out and the raid fell through. He stated Cooper and Delaney then suggested he make contact with Floyd and to become one of his gang, keeping in touch with them. Pursuant to this arrangement he went to Memphis, Tenn., and wrote a letter to E. W. Floyd, addressing it to Sallisaw, stating that he was "hot" and wanted to get in touch with Charley; that he received a letter from E. W. Floyd requesting him to meet him at the Marion Rooms, Ft. Smith; that he met E.W. at Ft. Smith as arranged and E.W. took him to the home of Lee Hanty, which is located about six or seven miles North and East of Sallisaw; that E.W. introduced Hanty as his uncle. Moore stated that Floyd was at Hanty's place sick with the flu and in bed; that Edgar Dunbar was there guarding Floyd. This was around the first of January of 1933.

Moore stated that Floyd sent him and E.W. Floyd to his brother Walt Floyd at Little, Oklahoma, to the best of his recollection, where E.W. delivered a package, contents not known; that before they left, Floyd told E.W. to "tell that Constable to hurry up and get here, if he knows whats good for him". Moore does not know the identity or location of this constable.

After they returned to Hanty's home, Moore stated, he met George Cheek, former sheriff of Sallisaw, at Hanty's home; that Cheek went away and returned with a Mr. McDonald, cashier of the bank at Sallisaw, apparently for the purpose of identifying Moore who they thought was a man they saw at Sallisaw sometime before. Moore stated he had talked with McDonald about the time he was negotiating to conduct the officers to Floyd's cave above mentioned, but he had painted his face and made some changes to conceal his identity. He stated when McDonald came to the house Cheek asked him where he had seen Moore and McDonald stated he had never seen him before; that Floyd, thereupon, told Cheek that he was sure he was mistaken as Moore had called with him and was O.K.

Moore stated he was with Floyd when the Ashgrove, Mo., bank was robbed about the middle of January of this year. He stated that he went with an Italian whom they called "Rich", Dunbar and Ossie Elliot, another one of the gang to pull the job altho he, Moore, did not actually participate, he being in one of the getaway cars; that after the job was pulled they went to the home of "Rich's" brother at Bolivar, Mo., and stopped that night. This man at Bolivar is an auto mechanic but Moore does not know his name. (By referring to my recent report on Eva Richetti, I think this brother's name can be obtained as undoubtedly the party referred to as "Rich" is Adam Richetti, and as I remember Eva told me she had a brother living at Bolivar.) The next day they returned to Hanty's place and "Rich" turned over \$3700.00 to Floyd stating that he had given his brother \$300.00. Moore stated that a day or so later Floyd sent him, Ed Evans, Rich, and Dunbar to Kansas City to get a machine gun which was to be delivered there by a man named Touhy, or some similar name, who was a big gangster kidnapper, working out of Chicago and New York. Moore stated he understands from what Floyd said that Touhy was getting this gun from the Government Army Post, at Long Island, New York. A man named Cecil Cooley, who "timed" with Floyd at Jefferson City and who resides at 810 Freemont Street, Kansas City, Mo., was the contact man between Touhy and "Rich" who handled the matter. Cooley is supposed to have obtained the gun from Touhy on Cherry Street, Kansas City. Moore did not meet Touhy. Cooley has a brother on the Kansas City Police Force who is in touch with the underworld and tips them off to what is happening.

Moore further stated that Floyd had the following banks lined up to be robbed: A bank at Greenwood, Ark., the Mac Elroy Bank at Fayetteville, Ark., one at Vian, Okla., the Tahlequah, Okla. bank, and banks at Vinita, Okla., Clinton, Missouri and Neosha, Mo. He stated that about January 20, 1933 he with Ossie Elliott, Rich and Dunbar went to Westville, Okla., where he and Elliott left them and proceeded to Fayetteville, Ark. to steal a car to be used in the Fayetteville bank robbery; that they wanted a chevrolet coupe with a rumble seat; that he, Moore, hi-jacked a woman out of her Chevrolet coupe but it did not have a rumble seat and upon returning to Westville, Rich wanted to kill him for not stealing the right kind of a car; that they then went to Tulsa, Oklahoma and stole a Cadillac Roadster with a rumble seat. He stated the Fayetteville bank was to be robbed that Monday and he was able to call the officers, tipping them off on the robbery and it fell through.

Moore stated that upon returning to Hanty's home, Ed Evans received a message from his father at Hot Springs, Ark. to the effect that the father was seriously ill. Floyd sent Moore, Dunbar and Rich to Hot Springs with Evans while the latter visited his father, who was in some sanitarium, name and location not remembered. Evans visited the father about an hour while the others stayed outside in the car and they all then drove to a farm owned by Evans' father located about forty miles Northwest of Hot Springs where they stopped that night, and

then proceeded back to Hanty's place. Moore stated he does not know whether this farm is a hangout of Floyd; that he does not know the first name of Evans' father but he is supposed to be fairly well to do and lives in Hot Springs. He could furnish no better description of the location of the farm but stated that it was in the mountains. Agent assumed, from the description, that the farm is in the vicinity of Mt. Ida, Ark.

Moore added that while stopping with Floyd, he kept in contact with a Mr. Robinson, the Burns Agency man at Memphis; that after being with Floyd for a little better than two weeks he decided to leave him as Rich was getting meaner all of the time and on several occasions, over trivial matters, had threatened to kill him. He stated he told Floyd of his troubles with Richard that he thought it best to leave. Floyd agreed and made arrangements with E.W. Floyd to take Moore to Sallisaw. Upon arriving at Ft. Smith he got in touch with Robinson at Memphis, telling him of his decision to leave Floyd, but offered to take men to Floyd's hangout to capture him. He stated Robinson would not take him up on the offer, apparently being afraid, and wanted him to go back and maintain the contact. Moore refused and went to his home at Dyersburg, Tenn., and later was arrested on the charge of stealing the car at Fayetteville above mentioned. He stated he did not want to fight extradition on this charge as it would create publicity and to beat the case he would have to expose the fact that he was in contact with Floyd while in the employ of the Burns Detective Agency; that he returned to Fayetteville voluntarily and when Sheriff Harley Gover of Fayetteville put him in the County Jail, the Sheriff told the other prisoners that he was one of the Burns men and to beat him up; that he pleaded guilty on the car case because he could not divulge his arrangements with the Burns Detective Agency and in April of this year was railroaded to the State Penitentiary under a one year sentence, for stealing the car at Fayetteville above mentioned.

Moore stated that before he made contact with Floyd, Robinson of the Burns Detective Agency and he went to Mr. McDougal, who was then in charge of the Arkansas State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, the latter promising him protection while he was with Floyd on any cases they pulled in Arkansas; that, however, because he refused to keep his contact with Floyd, the Burns Agency and all state officers he had dealt with threw him over. Moore stated that while he was with Floyd the latter was ill all of the time and some of the time he was under the influence of drugs which he took to kill the pain; that he would have long talks with Floyd during these periods and Floyd would tell him of his operations. He stated Floyd's main contact is George Cheek of Sallisaw; that the former prosecuting attorney there by the name, he thinks, of Fred Green is also one of Floyd's men; that the present Sheriff and his men are also protecting Floyd. Moore stated that he knows Floyd is receiving protection from the following officers besides the ones above mentioned: The Sheriff at Tahlequah, Okla., the Night Marshal at Tahlequah and an Indian there

by the name of Coon, who is a cattle buyer; the Sheriff at Stilwell, Okla., and the Day and Night Marshal there; the Sheriff and Night Marshal at Grove, Okla. The above are the officers Floyd spoke about while Moore was with him in January of this year and are probably in office now. Moore stated, however, that he believes Floyd is in contact with many other officers in eastern Oklahoma and the only officer he seems to have any fear of is the Sheriff at Muskogee, Okla. He stated Floyd has two machine guns besides the one purchased from Touhy; that he with four of his men wear bullet proof vests and Floyd wears a special vest which protects his back. He stated Rich is supposed to be Floyd's best man with a machine gun; that Floyd also has some ladies wearing apparel which he sometimes wears while riding in the daytime to conceal his identity. Moore stated he does not know whether Floyd is receiving protection from any of the Arkansas officers or at Hot Springs.

Moore further stated that Hanty lives in an old one story frame house with a log barn in the rear; that the house, while Floyd or his men are there is continually under guard. It is located close to what is called Brush Mountain; that Lee Hanty is about sixty-five years of age and is the brother of Floyd's mother; that there is a lookout continually at Hanty's place and at night when one of the gang approaches the house, the signal is to turn a flashlight on and off three times. He stated Hanty's place is the best location to capture Floyd; that, however, he doubts if even the post office employees can be trusted. Hanty gets his mail either at Akin or Sallisaw. He added that he does not believe Floyd intends to be taken alive. Moore stated that R. E. Delaney knows the direction to the cave as far as the iron bridge; that Delaney is a competent officer. He stated he is willing to direct a posse to the two hideouts above mentioned but he thinks the best place to get Floyd is at Hanty's home; that he would not help if any Burns men were present and unless all of the officers are known to be absolutely trustworthy. He would also require protection and stated that undoubtedly men will be killed when the raid is made.

During one of Moore's conversations with Floyd, the latter told him that he intended to get into the kidnapping racket; that Touhy was sending a man named Ray Belcher to him to teach him the tricks; that they had an oil man at Ponca City and one at Oklahoma City spotted to be kidnapped. Moore did not know the names of these men. He stated Floyd also told him about their robbing a bank in Minneapolis, Minn. in December of 1932; that Floyd, Elliott, Ed Evans, Rich and Fred Barker were some of the men who pulled the job; that Fred Barker was captured and is now serving time in the Minnesota State Penitentiary for the robbery; that Touhy and a man by the name of Vernon Miller were in St. Paul, Minn., then (that is in January of this year) planning to effect Barker's escape and had thought of using an aeroplane somehow to accomplish it. Floyd told Moore that Wilbur Underhill formerly was connected with him, but they had had a falling out; that, however, he gave Underhill's sister \$1,000.00 which was used in effecting Underhill's escape from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, a captain of the guard apparently

being instrumental in arranging it. Moore stated he never heard Bob Brady's name being mentioned while with Floyd nor any of the other men who escaped from the Kansas Penitentiary with Brady. He believes Underhill may establish connection with Floyd again, if he is not already with him. Of course Moore has had no contact with Floyd since he left him in January and does not know of any of Floyd's activities since then.

Floyd has a brother-in-law by the name of Wofford who operates a filling station at Sallisaw on the Akin road. His mother and brother E. W. Floyd live at Sallisaw. His wife stays with her father, name not known at Bixby, Okla., and contact with her is made through E.W. Floyd.

Floyd also told Moore that he has a friend by the name of Farmer, who is a gambler and has a farm just out of Joplin, Mo. Moore states Farmer was in the Missouri State Penitentiary on a two or three year sentence, offense not known, in about 1927 or 1928. He stated Floyd showed him a letter from Farmer and asked him if he remembered him at Jefferson City. Moore does not know what connections Floyd has with Farmer.

With reference to Ray Belcher, Moore states he is in contact with a friend, who knows Belcher; that this friend told him he had had a fight with Belcher about July 19th of this year at Milwaukee, Wisconsin and put him in a hospital there with a fractured jaw. Moore would not divulge the name of the friend stating he was "hot" but is not wanted by the Federal Government.

The following men were with Floyd in January of this year, according to Moore.

Ed Evans

Age - 45

Height - 5' 9"

Weight - 150

Build - Medium

Hair - Dark, slightly gray

Complexion - Medium dark

Race - White

Nationality - American

Scars - 1 in. scar on throat

States he is a safe man and is an ex-convict from the State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado and is supposed to be "hot" in Colorado.

Edgar Dunbar

Age - 27

Height - 5' 11"

Weight - 170

Build - Medium
Hair - Dark brown
Complexion - Dark
Race - White
Nationality - American
Is an escape out of the Missouri State Penitentiary, under a 25 year sentence for robbery.

Ossie Elliott
Age - 23
Height - 5' 7"
Weight - 160
Build - Rather heavy
Hair - Black, curly
Complexion - Dark
Nationality - American
Race - White
Is an escape either from Granite or the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Okla.

Fred Stone
Age - 34
Height - 5' 8"
Build - Slender
Hair - Brown
Complexion - Light
From Minnesota and served time either in the State Penitentiary of Iowa or Minnesota.
This man is Floyd's bodyguard.

(Rich) - undoubtedly Adam Richetti
Age - 35
Height - 5 ft. 7 in.
Weight - 150
Build - Medium
Complexion - Dark
Nationality - Italian

Moore stated that the above are the only hideouts of Floyd he knows about. He stated Floyd stays close to Sallisaw and when a job is pulled runs for the Stilwell-Sallisaw road where he receives protection from the local officers. Agent questioned Moore as to the parties involved in the Urschel kidnapping case and the Kansas City massacre but he does not know of any of them except as set forth in this statement. Moore has a lot of confidence in R.E. Delaney and stated he wanted him present if he conducted a raiding party to capture Floyd.

Moore is in his right mind and undoubtedly the facts as herein related are true. He stated he made daily reports while working for the Burns Agency, which reports are on file in their Kansas City office and his statements can also be checked through Delaney, the Sheriff at Ft. Smith, Ark., and Mr. Gum, the head of the Bankers Association at Oklahoma City.

Moore stated that when he is released from the Arkansas State Penitentiary he can be reached through his brother Jim Moore at Dyersburg, Tenn.; that he also has a sister by the name of Mrs. Ruth Walker living there.

L. M. Chipman,
Special Agent.

P.S.

Informant A at Hot Springs stated that Floyd was supposed to be there about two weeks ago; that the Sheriff of McAlester, Okla., is taking the baths at Hot Springs with his chief deputy, names not known, and he believes that Floyd is in contact with them.

420 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.

September 26, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1216 Smith-Young Tower,
San Antonio, Texas.

RE: Verne C. Miller,
W.A.-FUGITIVE; et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

Dear Sir:-

I am transmitting herewith photostatic copy of
a letter addressed to J.B. Keenan, Special Assistant to
The Attorney General, mailed at Temple, Texas on 9/5/33.

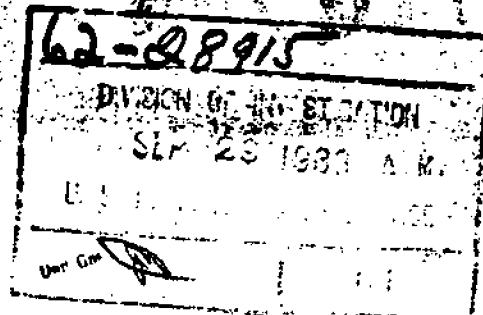
The Division has suggested that the photostatic
copy of this letter be exhibited to the Postmaster and
clerks in the Post Office at Temple to determine, if
possible, the identity of the writer.

Very truly yours,

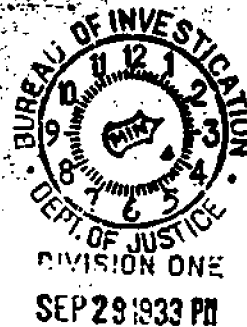
F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.



FJB: LPT
cc Division
62-410



625 Lafayette Bldg.
Detroit Michigan
September 26, 1933



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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1195, et al
Obstruction of Justice; Endeavor
to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained
in your communication dated September 9, 1933 regarding
certain statements made by one Charles Shank of Danville,
Illinois with regard to the above entitled matter, I am
transmitting herewith copies of a memorandum prepared by
Special Agent M. W. Mockins of this office showing the
result of his investigation at Toledo, Ohio.

There are also being transmitted herewith
two photographs of Charles Shank alias Schenk, Toledo, O.
Police #21471.

Very truly yours,

EL:MEB
cc - Division
Kansas City

Mr. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
Unit One

Mansfield, O.

Sept. 27, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

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

REFERENCE: Letter from St. Louis to Detroit dated 9/9/33.

In agreement with reference letter, inquiries at the Bureau of Identification, Police Department, Toledo, Ohio, resulted in information that CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD alias Frank Mitchell, Toledo P.D. #21458 was arrested by the Akron, Ohio Police Department on March 8, 1930 with John King alias Nathan King, Akron P.D. #19972 and Burt Walker, Akron P.D. #19984, all on a charge of suspicion. Walker was tried at the City of Akron for murder, convicted and sentenced to the Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio, for electrocution. Floyd alias Mitchell and King were released to Toledo Police on May 20, 1930 to face State charges of robbery of the Sylvania, Ohio State Bank, and were released to the Sheriff of Lucas County, Toledo, Ohio and removed within a few days to the County Jail. On November 24, 1930, both Floyd alias Mitchell and King were sentenced to the Ohio State Penitentiary to a minimum term of 18 years. On December 10, 1930, while both were being removed in agreement with their sentences, Floyd alias Mitchell escaped from a Deputy Sheriff at Kenton, Ohio and has not been apprehended to date, while King was committed to the Ohio State Penitentiary where he is now reported in confinement.

Charles Schenk alias Charles S. Shank, Toledo, Ohio Police No. 21471, OSP No. 26293 was arrested by Toledo Police on May 22, 1930 on a charge of Arson and released within a few days to the Sheriff of Lucas County to face State Arson charges. He was convicted November 11, 1930 and sentenced to 1 to 20 years in the Ohio State Reformatory, Mansfield, Ohio, being granted his first parole on September 10, 1932. He is described as age 30 (11/6/30), eyes blue, hair medium chestnut, height 5' 10 1/2", build medium slender, weight 161 lbs., born Danville, Illinois, fingerprint classification (7) 1 Aa 4 ref. (7) 1 Aa 4 Toledo P.D. 21471, photo attached. 1 Aa 4 1 Aa 4

Jay Gilday, Chief Jailer, Lucas County Jail, Toledo, Ohio was interviewed and he advised that he has been connected with the Sheriff's Office since 1929 and personally recalls that Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd alias Frank Mitchell, Nathan King and Charles Schenk alias

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Charles S. Shank were confined in that jail together and within the same cell block, and had continuous opportunities to see and to talk with each other. From the Jail records, Deputy Sheriff Gilday advised that Floyd was received at the jail from the Toledo Police on May 29, 1930 and released by removal to Ohio State Penitentiary on December 11, 1930 escaping en route to that institution. That King was received from the Toledo Police on May 29, 1930 and released for removal to the Ohio State Penitentiary on December 11, 1930 where now confined. That Schenk alias Shank was received from the Toledo Police on May 23, 1930 and released for removal to the Ohio State Reformatory, Mansfield, Ohio on December 17, 1930.

J. J. Feeney, Superintendent of Records, Ohio State Penitentiary, Mansfield, Ohio was interviewed and he stated that he recalls Charles Schenk alias Shank very well, and that Schenk had been a trusty for a time while confined in that institution but had been reduced to the ranks from trusty for immoral relations with another prisoner. That he recalls Schenk as a prisoner who liked to talk a lot and was known as a "hot air bag" given to exaggerations and was unreliable in that sense of the word. Mr. Feeney advised of the following records in that institution: Received December 17, 1930 from Lucas County, Toledo, Ohio, crime of Arson, minimum sentence 1 year, maximum sentence 30 years, place of birth Bismark, Illinois, born 11/8/01, race white, military record claimed served in U. S. Army in 1920, honorable discharge 1922, completed 8th grade schooling, occupation auto mechanic, height 5'10 1/2", weight 158 pounds, paroled 9/10/32, and present address 405 Commercial Street, Danville, Illinois. The following comments appear on the offense for which convicted: May 23, 1930, crime of Arson, 1-20 years. States he was working for R.R. Express Company at Toledo, Ohio and went into the garage to a cupboard for a scratch pad and struck a match and dropped it between the partitions and went on his way to work. In a few minutes the cupboard burst out in flames and ran up to the roof. Total damage \$30,000. Plead guilty. Mr. Feeney further stated that Schenk was tried by the Reformatory Board for Immoral Relations with another prisoner on 2/17/31 and given 180 days additional time and 24 hours in the correctional cell. Two photographs were obtained of Schenk from Mr. Feeney, which are forwarded to the St. Louis office. A third copy was obtained from the Toledo Police Department and is being retained in the Detroit file.

Very truly yours,

M. W. Meekins
Special Agent

Room 1408
570 Lexington Avenue
New York City

SKM:SH
62-4949

September 28, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases, Fugitive
I.O. 1198, et al
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

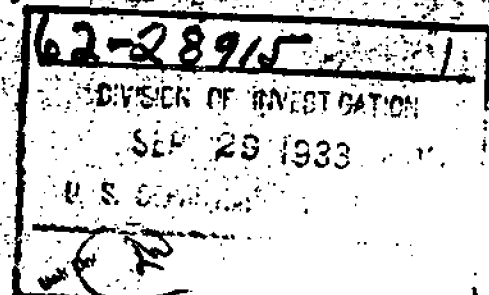
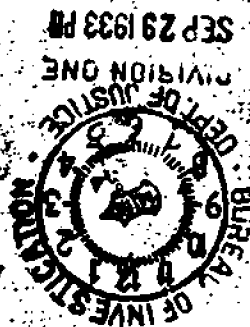
In response to your letter of September 26, 1933 regarding an item which appeared in the September 30, 1933 issue of Street and Smith's Western Story Magazine, in which the name Verne Miller was mentioned, please be advised that this matter was brought to the attention of this office by the Kansas City office on September 5, 1933, and it was learned that the person who inserted the item in question in this magazine was one R. Maxson, 823 Walnut Street, Mankato, Minnesota.

You are further advised that under date of September 25, 1933, it was learned through the publishers of the Western Story magazine that an anonymous answer to the inquiry regarding Verne Miller had been received indicating that he could be found at 207 South Second Street, Wahpeton, North Dakota. This date was transmitted to the St. Paul office of the Division for proper attention.

Very truly yours,

E. F. COLLIER
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Division
Kansas City
St. Paul



Atlantic National Bank Annex
Jacksonville, Florida

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September 27, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri



Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE; et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (ATTEMPT TO DELIVER
FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH)

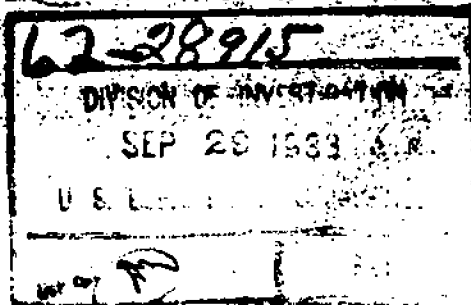
With reference to your communication of the twenty-third instant
enclosing micro-photographic exhibits of one of the exploded shells
and a portion of one of the fired lead slugs used by the assassins
in this case, I am reliably informed that within the district of
the Jacksonville Office there is not a single ballistician.

In view of this, I am wondering, since these exhibits were secured
outside of the Division, whether you would not desire the exhibit
hard returned for submission to another Division Office. Please
advise.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.**

FILE NO. **62-977 AM**

REPORT MADE AT: PHILADELPHIA, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE: 9-29-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9-29-33	REPORT MADE BY: J. L. FALLON.
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1195, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: C. H. Miller is at present living at Hotel St. Moritz, New York City; is expected to return to Huntingdon, Pa., 10-2-33.

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REFERENCE: Letter from New York City dated 9-21-33.

DETAILS: It was ascertained through Miss Catherine Middle, 178 Fern Street, Huntingdon, Pa., secretary to C. H. Miller, that Mr. Miller is at the present time at the Hotel St. Moritz, in New York City, and is expected to remain there until October 1, or 2, 1933.

Accordingly, agent interviewed Mrs. C. H. Miller at Briarcliffe Home and made inquiry as to Mr. Miller's visit to New York City in 1931, as mentioned in reference report. Mrs. Miller stated that her husband has always made his home at the St. Moritz and further, that he does not have any relatives west of the Mississippi River; that she does not know anyone named Vernon C. Miller, nor have they had any visitors in the past three months at Briarcliffe Home.

Chief of Police D. L. Ruppert informed that Mr. Miller is probably the wealthiest individual in the vicinity of Huntingdon, Pa; that he bears an excellent reputation, is law abiding, and he, Ruppert, would be much surprised to learn that Mr. Miller would harbor or contact any criminal of the type of Vernon C. Miller.

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NEW YORK OFFICE at NEW YORK CITY - Will interview Mr. C. H. Miller as to the information set out in reference report.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28715-588	RECORDED AND INDEXED: SEP 30 1933
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September 28, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I saw Mr. Parrish with reference to the telegram received from Salt Lake City concerning the attachment placed on the containers of Bates, which include the machine gun which we desire to use in connection with the Kansas City massacre investigation. Mr. Parrish immediately called Mr. Richards, Assistant to the President of the American Express Company at New York. He talked to him at some length rather heatedly, stating that the American Express Company was interfering with our investigation in murder cases and apparently for no good reason, in view of the fact that the material of Bates at Denver was of no monetary value to them. It was finally promised by Mr. Richards that he would immediately telegraph to the representative of the American Express Company at Denver and to their attorneys there to release all material in these containers desired by Agents of this Division to said Agents, with the understanding that if the correspondence contained any evidence of value to their case they would be permitted to have photostatic copies of the same. Mr. Parrish agreed to this suggestion and I will call Dowd on the telephone and suggest that he immediately contact the representative of the American Railway Express Company at Denver.

Respectfully,

V H H
V. E. Hughes.

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September 29, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1216 Smith-Young Tower Building,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Re: Verne C. Miller with aliases,
Fugitive, Identification Order #1195,
et al; Obstruction of Justice,
Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner,
Frank Nash.

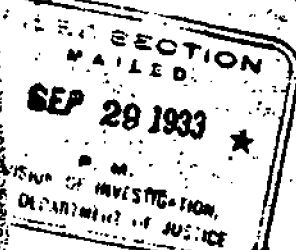
There are transmitted herewith copies of a letter
from Mr. Ellis F. King, Fort Stockton, Texas, wherein he
advises that he can be of general aid in the apprehension
of Subjects Wilbur Underhill and Charles Floyd.

It is desired that you interview Mr. King for such
information as he may possess with reference to this matter.

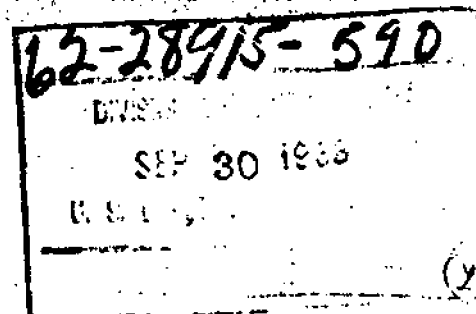
Very truly yours,

Director.

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September 29, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled **VERNON C. MILLER**, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1195, et al, Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to deliver Federal prisoner Frank Nash).

For your information in connection with the investigation now being conducted in this case, the following article appeared in the "Washington Daily News", September 23, 1933:

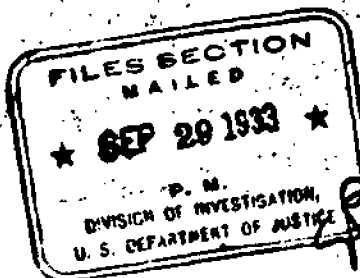
**"WIFE OF NOTORIOUS BANDIT
LIVES QUIETLY**

(By United Press)

Kanosh, Wis. - Mrs. Harvey Bailey, wife of the desperado now on trial at Oklahoma City, is maintaining herself on her farm near here "not at home" to visitors or questioners. She is known here as Mrs. Tom Brennan.

All telephone calls for her are taken by Chester Davis, who lives on the adjoining farm. He tells all inquirers that Mrs. Bailey is not at home. She receives several newspapers daily."

Very truly yours,



cc - Chicago

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Mr. Nathan.....
 Mr. Tolson.....
 Mr. Clegg.....
 Mr. Edwards.....
 Mr. Egan.....
 Mr. Hughes.....
 Mr. Quinn.....
 Mr. Looke.....

Daily News
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*We certain Chicago
 knows of this.*

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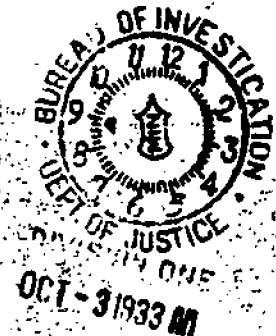
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.



Dear Sir:

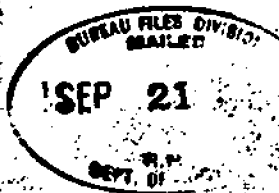
Reference is made to the case entitled **VERNE C. MILLER** with aliases, Fugitive, Identification Order #1195, Obstruction of Justice.

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter from Mr. Harry Thompson of Iowa City, Iowa, in which he states that he could cause the apprehension of the man responsible for the murders at Kansas City within a period of thirty days if given employment. It is suggested that Mr. Thompson be interviewed concerning any information he may have in this case.

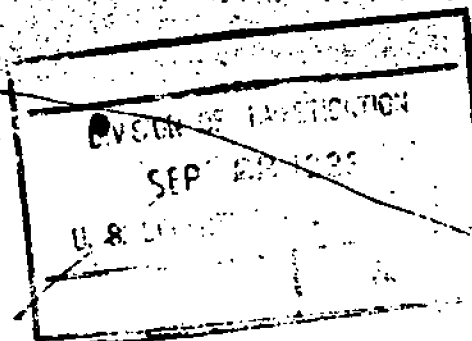
Very truly yours,

Director.

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John Edgar Hoover
Bureau of Investigation
Washington
D. C.

I am writing you a letter
in regards to a very important
matter. Now I am not asking
very much of you. As all I
want is the promise of a
small amount of money to pay
a few of my expenses and
the authority to make an arrest
and I will guarantee you the
money of \$1000.00 within
thirty days. So let me hear from
you.

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J. Edgar Hoover
Bureau of Investigation
Washington
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September 21, 1933.

Mr. Harry Thompson,
General Delivery,
Iowa City, Iowa.

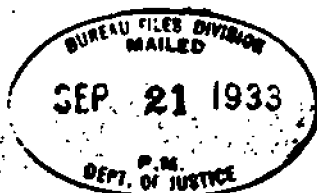
Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter concerning the individuals responsible for the slaying at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933.

With reference to your request for employment, kindly be advised that there are no vacancies in the Division of Investigation at the present time. It is suggested, however, that if you have the basic qualifications - that is, if you are an attorney or a qualified accountant between the ages of twenty-five and thirty-five years - you make request for an application, which will be given due consideration.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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VIA AIR MAIL-SPECIAL DELIVERY.

September 20, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1196, et al,
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor
to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
Chicago File #82-1649.

In previous reports on the above entitled case from the
Chicago Division Office it will be noted that Lillian Holden, the
wife of Thomas Holden, and who is in apparent contact with Vivian
Matthews, alias Mathis, the paramour of Miller, was located resid-
ing with her parents at 6957 South Hermitage Avenue, Chicago, Ill.,
telephone number, Hemlock 3978.

Through confidential telephonic contacts it was established
that at 4:25 p.m. on September 21, 1933, Lillian Holden telephoned
Joseph Bergl of the Bergl Chevrolet Agency at Cicero, Illinois, tele-
phone number, Cicero 2702. She failed to contact Bergl at his place
of business. A short time thereafter, a woman telephoned Hemlock 3978,
apparently Marge McGuirl, who is the wife of Francis L. Keating, now
serving time in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas,
and talked to Lillian Holden, and stated "I just got back from Kansas
City and St. Louis, Missouri." She then said to Lillian Holden, "Have
you seen the papers during the last couple of days? The boys are as
hot as firecrackers." The aforementioned conversations were overheard
by Special Agent L. D. Nichols of the Kansas City Office, now on special
assignment at Chicago, Illinois.

At 11:12 a.m. on September 25, 1933, a woman called and
asked for Mac. Mac is apparently Mac Archer, the aunt of Lillian Holden.

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and the woman calling was apparently Marge McGuirl. She asked Marge "What time did you call ST" The woman made no reply. She then said "Did you call him at Grand 9080?" The woman replied, "Yes, he said he will do that for me, I will send it to your home in your name. I told him I would come next Saturday."

On September 27, 1935, at 5:55 p.m. Marge called Lillian and advised her that she was out with Danny last night and that Danny had some friends from St. Louis in town and that they went to the Vanity Fair Night Club. Marge asked Lillian if she got a letter today and Lillian replied "no". Marge then said, "I did. I was just talking to his mother and she asked me for more money." Marge then said, "I told Danny you had to have a job." Marge then said, "We are due for a visit anyway." The woman in referring to the letters are evidently referring to letters from their husbands, Keating and Holden, who are now incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. When Marge stated she was talking to his mother, who had asked for money, she apparently was designating Keating's mother, and when she stated "We are due for a visit anyway", it was apparent that they intended to visit the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, in the very near future.

Marge McGuirl, when in Chicago resides with her parents at 5334 S. Oakley Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number, Lafayette 8466.

On September 28, 1935, at 12:35 p.m. Lillian Holden from her home on South Hermitage Avenue called Marge McGuirl at her home on South Oakley Avenue. Lillian informed Marge that she was trying to raise money to go to Kansas City, advising that she was practically broke. Marge stated that she had money in her mother's safe deposit box and gave Lillian the impression she would give her some. Marge told Lillian that she told "O" she was going North and followed up by saying "Do you blame me?" and Lillian replied "no". Marge and Lillian then went to the race track.

At 12:50 p.m. on September 28, 1935, Lillian called Republic 7010, Chicago, in an endeavor to get passes from Connie for the race track. Lillian advised Connie that she was going to Kansas City Monday for six days; that she would like to have a game

for the boys to raise some money. Connie suggested that she might get as a hostess on Friday, and that they had a game the other night. Lillian then suggested that they might get some players from Gus's.

At 1:05 p.m. on September 29, 1933, Marge called Lillian at Hamlock 2978 and stated that "C" had called last night and said that he had sent that to you. Lillian replied, "He has not sent it here." Marge then said, "He must have gotten mixed up." Lillian answered "He knows where to send it." Marge said that she told "C" that they were leaving tomorrow, and then she said, "Are we?" Lillian then said, "If nothing turns up", and Marge replied, "C" wants to take us out tomorrow night if we get in in time." Lillian replied, "Our clothes will be wrinkled and we will be tired after the trip." Marge then said, "C" wants us to leave early Saturday morning so that we will arrive on Saturday night." Marge stated, "I will stay there overnight so we will get an early start", meaning that she would stay at the home of Lillian Holden. Marge then said, "Send Ray over with a car." The Ray referred to is Ray Griffin, the brother of Lillian Holden. Marge then said, "I should hear from Danny today and should know where he will be. We might pick him up on our way. He will stay a few days in Kansas City and stop over in St. Louis on our way back as Vi and the rest of the boys will be there."

Marge McGuire later called Lillian Holden and told her that she had talked to Danny today; that he gave her a number to call; that she did not know whether he was going with them or not. She then stated, "We are going to leave anyway. If he does not go with us we will meet him in St. Louis on the way back. I will get my bag ready and drop up to your place soon."

From the trend of the conversations relative to Danny it appears that Danny is connected in some manner with night clubs at St. Louis, Missouri. He might be Danny Courtney, which is one of the aliases of Bernard Phillips.

The above conversations were overheard by Special Agent G. A. Herring of the Chicago Division Office.

Surveillance of the Lillian Holden residence by Special Agents John L. Madala and J. J. Keating disclosed that Lillian Holden is now driving a 1933 V-8 Ford Tudor Sedan, dark blue in color. This automobile bears 1933 Illinois license plates #124612B, Chicago Motor Vehicle Tag A-405137, which is a tax tag for the City of Chicago and is pasted on the right hand lower corner of the windshield. This Ford Sedan bears motor #317707 and was purchased in Kansas City, Missouri, by Lillian Holden about two months ago under the name of M. West, Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. The home of Lillian Holden was placed under surveillance at 8 a.m.

on the morning of September 30, 1938, by Special Agents E. C. Ryan, L. D. Nichols and J. J. Keating to determine when Marge McGuire and Lillian Holden would proceed to Kansas City, the means of transportation used, and the time of departure, also the route being travelled by them. At exactly eight a.m. agents observed a man make two or three trips to Lillian Holden's car, which apparently had been in front of the house all night. He placed baggage therein and about 8:20 a.m. Lillian Holden and Marge McGuire appeared, Lillian occupying the driver's seat. They were immediately followed by Special Agent E. C. Ryan in one car and Special Agents L. D. Nichols and J. J. Keating in another car. They took State Route No. 7 to Joliet, Illinois, where they branched to U.S. Highway No. 66, which is the main route from Chicago, Illinois, to Springfield, Illinois. They passed through Joliet, Illinois, at exactly nine a.m. and their rate of speed was approximately forty miles per hour. Lillian Holden appears to be a cautious driver. The girls were unconcerned and did not know that they were being followed. Agents followed them to approximately 10 or 15 miles south of Joliet when the cover was discontinued, as from previous conversations overheard it was evident that they were enroute to Kansas City, Missouri, as set out heretofore. The front license plate on Lillian Holden's automobile is located close to the bumper by the right fender and the rear license plate is located on the left side near the tail light. The automobile has wire wheels. The extra spare in the rear is covered with a black tire cover with two silver circles about a quarter of an inch in width painted around same. One circle is close to the outer edge of the tire cover and the other circle is where the tire cover terminates.

From agents' observations Lillian Holden was dressed in what appeared to be a woolen suit of a rust color. She wore a turban hat of the same shade. She appeared to wear a knitted blouse, the

solar of which was green and white stripes, such color being about a half an inch in width.

Marge McGuirl, whose blond hair was prevalent and rather long, wore what appeared to be a sky blue dress with a black, close fitting turban. This turban appeared to be on the style of a beret.

On September 30, 1933, Assistant Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith of the Chicago Office was in communication with the Kansas City Office, and that office requested that the St. Louis Office establish the identities of the parties at Jefferson 7218, St. Louis, Missouri.

Reference is made to letters from the Chicago Division Office to the St. Louis Office, dated August 19, 1933, and September 14, 1933, respectively. These letters refer to Helen Ferguson and the Barker Brothers. It is quite possible that when Lillian Holden and Marge McGuirl visit St. Louis, Missouri, they may frequent the vicinity of 3634 or 3644 Belmont Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri, as referred to in these letters.

Vivian Williams, the former paramour of Bernard Phillips was recently interviewed at the Chicago Division Office and she advised that she is a native of St. Louis, Missouri, and that a short time after the capture of Keating and Holden and Bailey at Kansas City, Missouri, she contacted Bernard Phillips through one John Joint, a St. Louis attorney, in the vicinity of St. Louis, Missouri. She stated that after her release at Kansas City, upon information received from Attorney Joint she proceeded to Maplewood, which is a suburb of St. Louis, and there met Bernard Phillips at the Brownville or Brownstone, or some similar named hotel there. This information is merely set out as this hotel may be a hangout for Miller and his associates. Vivian Williams further advised that when she lived at St. Louis, Missouri, she stayed with a girl friend named Louise Fuller, 4918 Locust Avenue and worked in a studio and Dione Club as a singer for approximately two months. Louise Fuller apparently has been located in St. Louis for ten years where she operates the check room in the American Annex Hotel.

Joseph Bargl, who is an associate of Miller and his associates, is now incarcerated in the City Jail at Chicago, Illinois, in that he placed bullet proof glass, armor plate, and a

make tank is the Hudson automobile, which was recently used in the Federal Reserve robbery at Chicago, Illinois, on which Police Officer Cunningham was killed by machine gunners. In looking over Bargi's books it is apparent that seventy-five percent of his clientele are hoodlums who buy automobiles under aliases, and as a matter of information for the St. Louis Office the following record may be of interest to them and may have some connection with this case. It was noted that on June 27, 1933, one Catherine Moore, address 5122 Raymond, St. Louis, Missouri, purchased from the Bargi Motor Sales, Cicero, Illinois, Chevrolet Sedan, motor #3076037, serial #40406. It was also noted that one Mary Haginans, address, 2466 Kimbark Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, purchased from the Bargi Motor Sales on October 28, 1932, one Buick four door sedan, model 2247, motor #2210173, serial #2207771.

When Marge McGuire and Lillian Holden discussed the party named "C", who is now at Kansas City, Missouri, they discussed this party guardedly. Vernon C. Miller for several years at times has used the alias of Clarence and recently his pseudonym and he used the alias of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Allen. The apartment of Miller at Oak Park, Illinois, was kept by Lillian Holden and the fact that "C" is sending money to Lillian Holden for a trip to Kansas City, Missouri, it is believed that it may be Miller. The unusual thing about the telephone calls from Kansas City, Missouri, is that the party known as "C", whose only known telephone number is Band 9000 at Kansas City, although apparently doing business with Lillian Holden, carried on all of his conversations with Marge McGuire at her home, telephone number, Lafayette 2466, Chicago, Illinois.

It is evident that Vivian Matthews, possibly Miller and some of the Miller gang are at this time at St. Louis, Missouri, as Marge stated to Lillian on September 29, 1933, that on their return trip they would stop off at St. Louis, as Vi and the rest of the boys would be there. It is suggested that if Miller is not located at Kansas City, Missouri, that if possible these women be followed from Kansas City, Missouri, to St. Louis, Missouri, by sufficient automobiles which will allay any suspicion that these women are being covered and in this manner it is believed they will lead the agents or any others assisting in this case to the lair of Miller and his associates at or in the vicinity of St. Louis, Missouri.

The Chicago phase of this case is being covered by Special Agent J. J. Keating, assisted by other agents of the Chicago Office.

The information relative to the departure of Lillian Holton and Marge McGuire for Kansas City, Missouri, and the contemplated trip to St. Louis, Missouri, was transmitted by telephone to the Division at Washington, D. C., and to the Kansas City and St. Louis Division Offices for necessary investigative attention.

Very truly yours,

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

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Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

I can be of general ade in the apprehension of Kelly Floyd &
Underhill. Please apply in person.

Ullis F. King
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Spring Court
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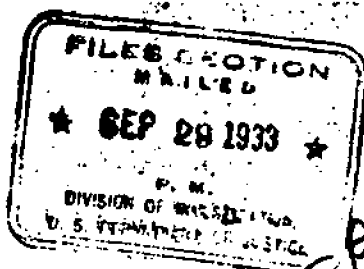
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter postmarked September 20, 1933, wherein you advise that you can be of general aid in the apprehension of Wilbur Underhill and Charles Floyd. I have instructed the San Antonio Office of this Division to have an Agent interview you in connection with this matter.

Should you desire, you may communicate directly with Mr. Gus T. Jones, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1216 Smith-Young Tower Building, San Antonio, Texas.

Very truly yours,

Director.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Washington, D. C.

September 25, 1933.

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

I called the Chicago office and talked to Agent in Charge Purvis relative to newspaper reports concerning the alleged identification of the machine gun used at the bank robbery at Chicago with that used in the Kansas City massacre. Mr. Purvis stated that there is no truth in this statement; that Mr. Gill, the Ballistics Expert at Kansas City, had arrived at Chicago yesterday and had been in touch with the Police Department to obtain the bullets found at the bank robbery and to compare them with the bullets found at Kansas City; that shortly after this contact the newspapers appeared with headlines to the effect that an identification had been made; that Mr. Gill was disgusted and as a result of this publicity arranged to conduct his work in the Division office at Chicago; that he is now working there and he has reached no conclusion yet.

With reference to the fingerprints, Purvis stated that no fingerprints were found on the automobile but they have some latent prints taken from a map which was in the car and from a bucket or tank that was in the car; that these prints have been compared with all known criminals at Chicago but no identification has been made, and they are sending the fingerprints on to Washington. They have been compared with Kelly's and they are not identical.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes

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September 30, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,
New York, New York.

RE: VERNE C. MILLER with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. No. 1195, et al
Obstruction of Justice, Endeavor
to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank
Rush.

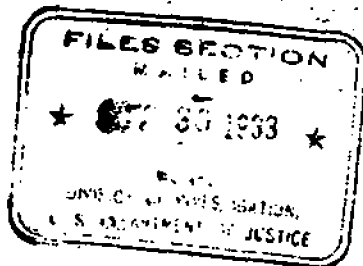
Dear Sir:

With reference to the above entitled subject, you are requested to advise police officials on duty at the Giant Stadium Baseball Park in New York City, during the coming World Series, to watch for this subject who has always been interested in baseball and in frequent attendance at baseball games.

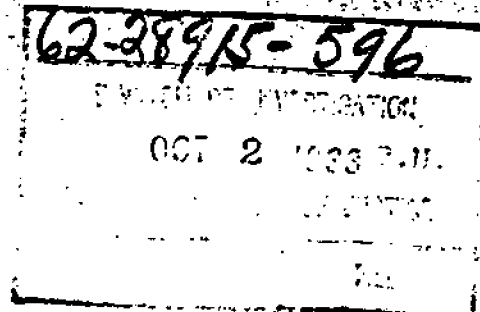
It may be well to arrange for the distribution of a sufficient number of Identification Orders on this subject.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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

RE: BENJAMIN HARRISON COVELL,
The Kansas City-Union Station
Massacre.
Washington Field Office
File #62-2630.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a memorandum of Special Agent Dwight Brantley dated September 1, 1933 concerning an interview of Special Agents Brantley and L. P. Oliver with Benjamin Harrison Covell, and also to a memorandum of Special Agents Louis Loebel and Earle M. Black dated September 11, 1933 concerning their interviews with David D. Mayne and John Mitchell Henshaw relative to the above entitled subject matter.

Agents Loebel and Black interviewed Benjamin Harrison Covell on September 27, 1933 in the latter's apartment, 505 Southern Apartments, Washington, D. C. Covell's statement, made to Special Agents Brantley and Oliver, was gone over with him and he reiterated the same to be absolutely true. He added that during his incarceration in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth from February 1, 1924 until August 21, 1927, he served within the prison walls but 18 months, during which time he came in contact with Frank Nash on a number of occasions but had not spoken to him probably more than 2 dozen words; that they were not interested in each other, had nothing in common which they could have discussed and he did not mingle with those fellow prisoners who happened to cater around Nash; that after having been made a trusty and clerk in the prison office, he, Covell, did not even come in contact with the prisoners whom he formerly met within the walls of the prison. Covell stated that he never met Harvey Bailey and did not know anything of him until he read about Bailey's escape from a Texas jail several weeks ago; that he does not know a man called "Big Polack" of New Orleans or from any other place; that he spent about 19 months in New Orleans in 1919 and 1920 and about 4 months in 1931, met several people there, was engaged in some bootlegging and hi-jacking in that vicinity but has never met an individual called "Big Polack".

Covell emphatically denied mentioning the names of Bailey or the "Big Polack" to anybody at any time. He stated that the first and only time he learned of Bailey was when he read about his, Bailey's jail break and that the only time he heard the name of the "Big Polack" mentioned was when the two Department of Justice men who interviewed him

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mentioned it to him; that to the best of his recollection the only time he talked about his acquaintance with Frank Nash was on the day the newspapers carried the news of the capture and killing of Nash; that he, Covell, with Norman Boles and Frank Sullivan and probably one or two others were seated in his car in front of the Liberty Bank on 15th Street when one of them bought a paper and in reading the headline he, Covell, casually mentioned the fact that both he and Nash served time in Leavenworth at the same time.

Relative to his acquaintance with David D. Mayne, Covell stated that he never met Mayne and would not know him if he saw him; that he heard Mayne was a former Prohibition Agent and "stool pigeon" who used to shake people down and was a "tough guy". As to Henshaw, Covell stated that he became acquainted with Henshaw somewhere about May of this year through a mutual acquaintance by the name of Joe Driscoll, a drunkard, who claimed to represent some out of town newspaper in the City; that through Henshaw he became acquainted with a Cuban insurgent by the name of Cabrera (Rafael Cabrera Sanchez, 315 Bank of Nova Scotia, Havana, Cuba) who several months ago had an office in the Evans Building under the name of the Cuban Friendly Society; that Henshaw took him up to Cabrera's office where the latter asked him if he, Covell, could not put him in touch with some rum runners along the Eastern coast of Florida who would undertake to carry ammunition in their rum ships into Cuba for the revolutionists; that Covell advised Cabrera that he knew some rum runners on the Florida coast but that neither he nor they would be interested in such a proposition. Covell stated that subsequently Henshaw got in some trouble with one Jim Neil about some "hot securities" and that around that time Henshaw approached him and told him that he had good connections in St. Louis to dispose of some "hot bonds" and wanted to know if he, Covell, had some which he desired to get rid of; that Henshaw had been bothering him with this proposition several times after that and used to call at his home until finally he, Covell, told his wife to advise Henshaw that he was out of the city and could not be reached.

Covell stated that Henshaw had a fixed idea of being a clever detective and a shrewd information getter but that in fact Henshaw, in his opinion, is mentally defective. Covell stated that he was satisfied that Henshaw was the one who furnished information to Drew Pierson for the latter's article in the "Washington Herald" for which Covell filed suit against Pierson in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia; that Pierson referred to Covell as an ex-mail robber who served a long term in Leavenworth and was a friend of Frank Nash; that the article mentioned an interview of Covell with a prominent Cuban in which they discussed the possibility for new gambling establishments in Havana for

American tourists. Covell stated that Henshaw was present when he and Cabrera were discussing such proposition and for that reason he, Covell feels certain that Pierson's information originated with Henshaw.

Covell stated positively he never talked to Henshaw about his acquaintance with Nash but admitted that it might have been possible that Henshaw was present when Covell, Sullivan and Boles mentioned the Nash affair as they were seated in the car in front of the Liberty National Bank.

During the interview Agents imparted to Covell the information furnished Mr. Shreve by "an informer" with respect to Covell's affiliation with Nash and Bailey and the "Big Polack". Covell stated that those allegations were unfounded and were malicious lies. Agents then advised Covell that the above information came from Mayne and Henshaw and Agents also informed Covell of the allegations made by Mayne and Henshaw on the occasion of Agents' interviews with them. Covell stated that both Mayne and Henshaw were preposterous liars and that he knows how to deal with men like Mayne and Henshaw but felt that if he did he would be the first one to be picked up and questioned by the police or that if anything happened to them in which he had no part, he would be the first one to be questioned by the police.

Additional data as to Mayne and Henshaw will be submitted by Agents Loeb and Black in a subsequent communication.

Very truly yours,

M. W. Meekins
M. W. Meekins,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Conroy called from Kansas City and stated that this morning the court had reduced the bond of Stacey, who is being held on the obstruction of justice charges, to \$5000. Attorney Henry R. Balaban, former Assistant United States Attorney at Chicago, who represents Stacey, was in to see Conroy this morning and requested permission to confer with Stacey, which Conroy granted. Subsequently Balaban called Conroy and advised him that he had found Stacey in practically solitary confinement and requested that he be removed from this sort of a cell and placed in the ordinary cell for the two or three days which it will require to make the \$5000 bond. Conroy said he felt that this was a reasonable request inasmuch as Stacey undoubtedly will make the bond; that we might as well make a gesture of good will by agreeing to the removal from solitary confinement.

Conroy stated that he had talked to Stacey several days ago at which time Stacey had told him that if he could be promised immunity he would be glad to assist the Division with all of the information he had and he felt that he could hook one man definitely into the Kansas City massacre. He would not intimate who this man was but Conroy says he feels it is Miller. Conroy, of course, told him that he could not possibly give him any such promise but Conroy stated that he would continue, of course, to keep in touch with Stacey. I asked him whether Balaban had shown any disposition to have Stacey talk and Conroy stated that Balaban's attitude was very good. He did not promise anything but stated that he felt that Stacey would be inclined to help the Government, particularly if he is given just a little consideration at the jail at this time. Conroy stated that Balaban is to call him back at three o'clock and Conroy would like to have word from the Director prior to that time.

I rather agree with Conroy that inasmuch as the bond has now been made \$5000 we might just as well permit Stacey's removal from solitary confinement. We have nothing to lose by this and there is a bare possibility that we might gain something.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes.

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V. W. Hughes
Room 419.

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TO IDENTIFICATION UNIT

There are attached hereto the following fugitive index cards:

Name	Number	Record?
<u>Wilbur Underhill</u>	<u>5410</u>	<u>yes</u>

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HURLEY WRIGHT BLDG.

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THE BUILDER ROOM 5 PALACE HOTEL

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 25, 1933.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called the Oklahoma City office with reference to the attached clipping from the Washington Times of September 23, relative to the identification of Wilbur Underhill, one of the bandits holding up the Peoples National Bank at Stuttgart, Arkansas. Mr. Colvin stated that they have had any number of such reports each day concerning Underhill, Brady, Kelly and others and it was a physical impossibility to check each one. I told him, nevertheless, I felt he should check them where it appeared that there was any reason to believe that these fugitives are active in holdups or bank robberies or identified in any other offense. He stated he would check this matter up at Stuttgart, Arkansas.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes

V. W. Hughes.

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'I'M KELLY,' SAYS BANK LOOTER

STUTTGART, Ark., Sept. 23 (I.N.S.)—A machine-gun robber who bragged that he was "Machine-Gun" Kelly, but who was identified from photographs as Wilbur Underhill, policeman killer, was sought today after robbing the People's National Bank of \$1,000.

The thug stepped into the bank with two companions and, waving a machine gun, shouted:

"I'm Machine-Gun Kelly; you've read about me."

He ordered Mrs. Joan Morgan, employe, to open the safe, but she protested she did not know the combination.

Then he scooped up about \$1,000 from the teller's cage and forced Mrs. Morgan and other employes and a customer to his car. The three men used the women as shields, making them stand on the runningboard until they got out of town.

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October 19, 1933.

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

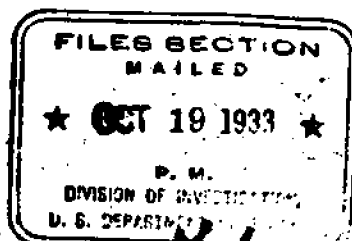
Dear Sirs

Reference is made to Division letter dated October 2, 1933, in the case entitled **VERNON C. MILLER**, with aliases - Fugitive, Identification Order #1195, et al, Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash), in which you were requested to obtain and submit to the Division at an early date, the history of **Harvey J. Bailey**.

It is requested that this matter be given prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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October 2, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

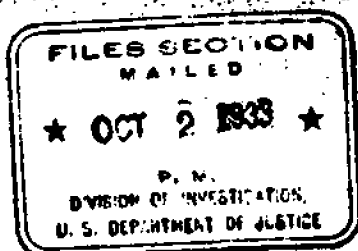
Reference is made to the case entitled **VERNON C. MILLER**, with aliases - Fugitive, Identification Order #1195, et al, Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash). The files of the Division fail to disclose the early history of Harvey J. Bailey, except as is noted in the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated August 14, 1933, in which it is reported that Bailey is the son of Amanda Bailey and was reared on a farm in the clay hills of Sullivan County, Missouri, near Green City.

It is requested that the early history of Bailey be determined, particularly before the year 1920. It is possible that a birth certificate may be located in Sullivan County.

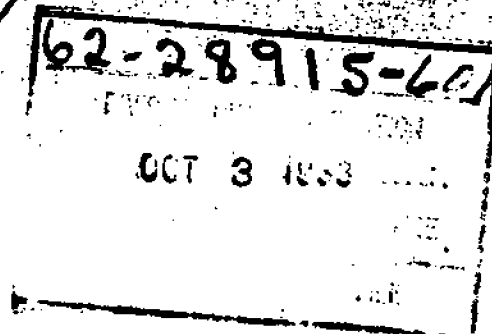
This matter should be given preferred attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

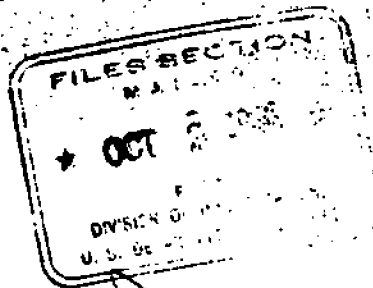
Mr. Gridley of the United Press telephoned to state he had received information that Police Director Reppert of Kansas City charged a few minutes previously that the Division of Investigation was guilty of criminal negligence in the handling of the Frank Nash recapture.

Mr. Gridley later called and stated that Reppert made this charge in an address before a luncheon club today; that Reppert said - "Had we known the prisoner was of the character of Nash we would have met him with machine guns"; that he further charged that the automobile could have been parked at the basement away from the public, instead of across the street; that he criticized the fact that the Federal men bunched themselves around the prisoner in such a way that they could not defend themselves, and that they could have stood near, but in the crowd, thus avoiding that happened. Mr. Gridley stated that Reppert apparently used the statement "criminal negligence", although they have no direct quote on the same.

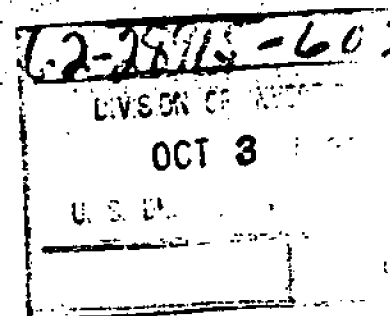
Mr. Gridley stated he would like to have me make some sort of a defense, and I advised that anything said on the matter would have to come from the Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
619 Federal Building,
Los Angeles, California.

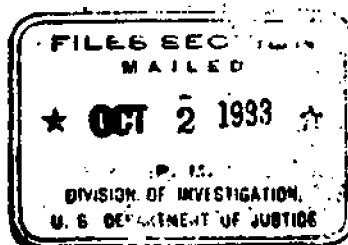
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Dear Sir:

With reference to your telephonic conversation with Mr. Hughes of the Division on the 26th ultimo, concerning the request of the head of the Gangsters' Squad of the Los Angeles Police Department for the cooperation of the Division in supervising certain telephone lines, it is believed that in view of the situation in connection with this matter, the Division should not enter into it. Apparently it is a local police matter and one in which we should not actively engage.

Very truly yours,

Director.



Division of Investigation

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 28, 1933.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Hughes.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Locke.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

While talking to Agent in Charge Dunn at Los Angeles on another matter he stated that he had been considering sending a telegram to the Division with reference to the request of the head of the gangsters' squad of the Los Angeles Police Department for the cooperation of the Division in connection with the tapping of telephone wires leading into the night club and restaurant frequented by gangsters. He stated that yesterday the chief of this squad came to him and advised that the day before they had been informed that a call had been received for one Brock at this club from a man by the name of Miller at Kansas City; that in view of the possibility that this Miller might be the Verne Miller we are looking for he thought we would cooperate with the police in supervising these telephone wires. He stated that the police were equipped with the necessary apparatus and men but hesitated to use the same through reason of the rather stringent state law against wire tapping, whereas if they had the cooperation of this Division they would probably be safe in making the tap. I told Agent in Charge Dunn that he should withhold any acquiescence in this plan until he heard from the Division. I have in mind, of course, that while we have been authorized to cut in on wires in the Kansas City massacre case, it might be well to obtain special permission from the Department in this particular case because of the California State Law. I told Dunn we would advise him later and if you desire I will take the matter up with the Criminal Division.

Respectfully,
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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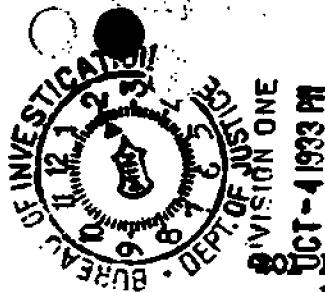
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

V. W. Hughes.

Unit One

This looks suspicious to me.
I suspect the police are trying to
use us for a "front". I think we
had better leave this alone un-
less something more substantial
is presented. 9/28/33 J.C.H.



JMH:JMH
62-826.

Liberty National Life Bldg.,
Birmingham, Alabama,
October 2, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases,
I. O. #1193 - Fugitive; Richard Tallman
Galatas, with aliases, I. O. #1201 -
Fugitive - Et Al; Obstruction of Justice
(Undeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash), Birmingham File 62-826.

Mr. Dixon Robertson, who is in charge of the Burns Detective Agency office in Memphis, Tennessee, recently advised Special Agent R. E. Peterson that he had just returned from Stuttgart, Arkansas, at which place he had made an investigation of a recent bank robbery. That during that investigation he positively identified Wilbur Underhill as being one of the bank robbers. Further, that he learned that Underhill had been brought to Stuttgart by one Charley Cotner, a bank robber and former convict at the Arkansas State Penitentiary, Cotner having been convicted in Washington County, Arkansas in 1924. Mr. Robertson also stated that Cotner's brother, along with a brother of Underhill, are in the bootlegging business near Sallisaw and Vian, Oklahoma. Further, that Cotner comes from the vicinity of these two towns and is supposed to be known to the police there.

According to Mr. Robertson, Cotner and Underhill are supposed to have come to Arkansas in a gray Ford Eight Two-Door Sedan, which it is reported fits the description of the car high-jacked at Sallisaw, Oklahoma on September 19, 1933. Mr. Robertson also advised that the "hangout" of Underhill and Cotner is supposed to be at the farm of one Tom Beauchamp in the vicinity of Humphrey, Arkansas, to which farm they are supposed to have gone after having robbed the bank at Stuttgart. He also claims that Cotner and Underhill are now together and are probably in the vicinity of Sallisaw or Vian, Oklahoma. He further reported that these men were supposed to have had Arkansas plates No. 481197 on the Ford car when they arrived in Arkansas and to have had Texas plates on the car when they left that section.

A photograph of Charley Cotner, mentioned above, was given to Special Agent Peterson by Mr. Robertson and is enclosed herewith. The above is being conveyed to the Kansas City Office with copies to the Oklahoma City Office for whatever disposition is believed advisable.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSEN, Acting,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Division (1)
cc - Oklahoma City (2)

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VH:DSS

September 29, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Parrish showed me a telegram received from the United States Attorney at Denver, Colorado, with further reference to the machine gun and other articles placed under attachment at Denver which the Division desires to secure for further investigation in the Urechel kidnaping and the Kansas City massacre. The United States Attorney states that the attorneys for the express company had permitted the Division office to have the guns for 24 hours in order that they might fire bullets therefrom for a ballistics test; that the express company, however, insisted on going through with its attachment and having a public sale and stated that after they had purchased the same at the public sale they would be glad to donate the guns to the Government. Mr. Parrish requested that I communicate with Salt Lake and ascertain if the Agents had any different information. I talked to Agent in Charge Dowd who stated that Zimmer had just wired him advising that he, Zimmer, had been permitted to have the guns for 24 hours and had fired bullets therefrom. Dowd stated he had received a telegraphic request from the Oklahoma City office that the machine gun be shipped to Kansas City; that, of course, this was impossible under the circumstances. I thereupon so advised Mr. Parrish, who stated that he was going to present the matter to the Attorney General.

Respectfully,

V. E. Hughes.

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COOPERATION SHERIFF GURLEY VENTURA COUNTY PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION
INDICATES FRED PETERSON RELIGIOUS FANATIC AND VOLUNTEER
DETECTIVE WHOSE MENTAL STATUS IS QUESTIONABLE STOP HE HAS NO DEFINITE
OR RELIABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING GALATAS

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