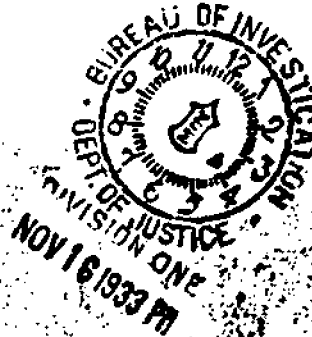


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801 Liberty National Life Bldg.,
Birmingham, Alabama,
November 14, 1933.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Detective J. T. Mozier of the Birmingham, Alabama, Police Department, recently informed Special Agent J. H. Hanson that he had secured information from Walter C. Burson, formerly a member of the Birmingham Police Department, but now a gunsmith in Birmingham, Alabama, located at 1923-4th Avenue North, to the effect that Pretty Boy Floyd had some time ago obtained from some local bootleggers in Birmingham, named Nichols, a machine gun, and that this gun is supposed to be the one which was taken from Nichols by some sheriff in Oklahoma some time ago. According to Mozier, after this gun was taken from Floyd, Floyd is reported to have sent word to the Sheriff to return the gun, under a threat of death. Mozier mentioned that the Nichols boys originally are from Georgia, and that he has heard it rumored, through his informants, that Floyd has on occasions been in Birmingham. He stated that he believed, in the event Floyd should return to this city, that he would be notified immediately. Mozier suggested that Agent Hanson interview Mr. Burson for further information in this respect.

Mr. Burson, when interviewed at the above address, stated that a few years ago he had been told by a local "crook" whom he knows only by the name of Happy, that the Nichols boys, who at that time were large liquor operators in Birmingham, had purchased two Thompson sub-machine guns, allegedly for the express purpose of killing a Deputy Sheriff named Lamb, attached to the Sheriff's Office in Birmingham. Subsequently, according to Burson, which fact has been verified through Chief McDuff of the local Police Department, the Birmingham police seized one of the machine guns from the Nichols boys and now has it in its possession. The other gun, according to Burson, who said that he was so told by "Happy", was given by the Nichols boys to Pretty Boy Floyd, and is supposed to be

the same gun that was taken from Floyd by some sheriff in Oklahoma, as has been outlined above. Burson stated that he has no other information in this respect.

The Nichols boys mentioned above, are four brothers - Clarence, Buford, Fred and Mitch, also a cousin, J. H. Nichols, all of whom have been convicted of violating the prohibition laws in Birmingham, according to information obtained from the local Identification Bureau, and it is believed that at the present time all of them, with the exception of one - possibly Mitch - are still serving sentences in the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.

In the event that the Oklahoma City office is in possession of information concerning the sheriff who is alleged to have taken a machine-gun from Floyd, and particularly information concerning the specific gun, and it should be desired, the Birmingham Office will conduct further investigation upon being so requested.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
411 United States Court House
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Assistant United States Attorney Zeno Fritz, Pittsburgh, Pa., has referred to this office a letter received by him from Walter B. Heisel, Box 1194, Juneau, Alaska, said letter dated October 9, 1933, attached to which was a letter from Heisel's son, Walter Heisel, Jr., copies of both letters being furnished herewith.

The reason Assistant United States Attorney Fritz furnished this information to this office is in view of the information furnished to him in another letter from the father, who states that his son, Walter, was confined in the Kansas City, Missouri State Penitentiary, during the outbreak in that institution on May 30, 1933, and he, the son, may have information pertaining to this outbreak and subsequent crimes committed as a result thereof, namely, the Kansas City Massacre, in which the Division is vitally interested.

This office attempted to locate Walter Heisel, Jr., at 5426 Walnut St., Pittsburgh, and ascertained that he had left this address several weeks ago without leaving a forwarding address, and the people with whom he lived had no information as to his present whereabouts.

Although this supposition that Walter Heisel may have information concerning the Kansas City matter would appear to be somewhat far-fetched, it is suggested that the Portland Division Office communicate with Mr. Walter B. Heisel, Sr., the father, at Post Office Box #1194, Juneau, Alaska for any information he may have indicating that his son, Walter, Jr., is in possession of facts pertinent to the matter.

Very truly yours,

H. A. BANGERT, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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cc:Division

Walter Heisel

Zeno Fritz

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Juneau, Alaska,
October 9, 1933.

United States Attorney,

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I enclose letter received in the mails by me this morning from my son, Walter Heisel, Jr., who gives his address as 5426 Walnut St., Pittsburgh. The letter is a clear violation of the Act of Congress approved July 8, 1932, Chapter 464, and I earnestly urge that he be vigorously prosecuted as he is a public enemy and a criminal against humanity.

The references he makes to cannery money, was money he earned about 8 years ago when he was a minor working for a canning company here. He left here in 1926, joined his mother (from whom I secured a divorce in 1912 at Little Rock, Ar.) then joined the U. S. Army (Cavalry) at Fort Riley, Kansas. When in the army he held up a filling station attendant with a revolver; was captured, sent to the reform school at Hutchinson, Kansas, was too unruly there and sent to the Kansas State Prison at Lansing, Kansas, when he became of age; finally returned to Hutchinson and then paroled. I don't know the terms of the parole but he no doubt has violated it.

He threatens to attack my reputation by advising my friends here in Juneau that he was in the penitentiary, the "kids" means my younger children by my present wife; the Lodge means the Masonic Lodge of which I am Secretary; the Government means the U. S. Customs of which I am Deputy here. The court proceedings in Cincinnati has reference to my taking him with me when 3 years old to my post of duty in Washington, D. C. The Court in Little Rock, Ark. awarded him to me in 1912 and I left him in temporary custody of my mother in Cincinnati. He was born Sept. 10, 1910.

I feel that unless he is again taken in custody he will start in the kidnapping game as a son who would turn on his father who expended thousands of dollars in raising him, has no spark of virtue in him.

If you desire any affidavits regarding the enclosed letter, please prepare the form for my signature. I believe the letter itself is sufficient to convict him and that my presence there is not in the least necessary. I totally disown him as a son and in the interest of good Government no mercy should be shown him now. Your prompt action in this matter will prevent the commission of a greater crime by him.

Sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) WALTER B. HEISEL

62-28915-845 Box 1194, Juneau, Alaska

Pittsburgh, Pa.
September 27, 1938

Dear Dad:

I arrived in Pittsburgh yesterday morning after an all night drive from Indianapolis. I met mother's dad & family & am visiting here, it may be permanent as he has quite a chance in Chicago to commence building operations next month & I will then get a decent job & decent pay. This has been a business as well as a pleasure trip.

I was just thinking today about those 2 checks from the canary, one for \$114.50 & the other \$99.10. I recall that you said that when I was 21 I would receive total. However, I've borrowed \$50.00 since then so leaving out interest if any, I still have \$133.60 due me. Is that correct? Your verbal promise however was no protection for me at the time, I of course promised, while a minor to repay the \$50.00 but not being able to I have simply added it to the \$50.00 you gave me when I left Juneau. I think it would be cheaper if we let the interest go on either side, at least cheaper for you.

I am amply protected against your refusal to pay this balance, you know of what I am referring to, I felt that with your'e selling mother, taking all of the funds of your joint account in Little Rock, half of which belonged to her, that those matters are of course, to be considered secret as well as the events of the last three years. The kids must not know, neither the lodge or the government. In my suitcase I notice I have the newspaper history of what I did in Manhattan, Kans. along with some of my history also the court proceedings in Cincinnati, where you removed me without permission from the jurisdiction of the court there, I recall in one of your letters you said I should suffer the consequences of my acts, I did, you haven't yet. The truth of every detail should readily be brought to light but it would cause painful publicity & I have no desire to see that all brought out & in the newspapers at Juneau, you know, in a small town they are to eager to display scandal on the front page. Every one in Juneau, you know would love to feast on that stuff.

I am sure you can see your way clear now to send me the amount now overdue, \$113.60. I would suggest a money order, checks cannot be cashed here very well, I could but there is delay which I couldn't afford it.

If I do not receive word by the 14th of October, I shall then know that you will not consider paying this money & I am prepared to act as I feel justified in doing.

I am discharged from the State of Kansas, all paper & ect are in my hands which have been in regard to my confinement, some of which you already know of, including the original parole agreement.

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If you cannot pay the full amount by October, I would suggest your's sending what you are able, as an assurance that you know your obligation & the rest can be paid as you are able. \$50.00 would be a fair payment considering the debt is 3 years old. I should like to hear something October 14th. - Hope you are well & that so far the democratic organization will not discharge you from the service, which you have served since 1909.

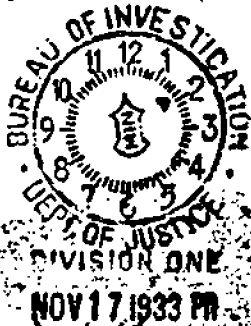
Best wishes, Your Son

Walter, Jr.

(Over)

Address me -

c/o Mr. H. T. Sessler
5486 Walnut St.
East End Pittsburgh,
Pa.



1206 Law & Finance Bldg.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

November 15, 1933

Honorable H. S. Dumbauld
United States Attorney
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

ATT.: *None Frite*
Asst. U. S. Atty.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the letters which you forwarded to this office from Walter B. Heisel, Sr., Juneau, Alaska.

As previously stated in my telephonic conversation with you Walter Heisel, Jr. was not located in Pittsburgh, however, I have communicated with our Portland, Oregon Division Office, with the request that they communicate with Walter B. Heisel, Sr., at Juneau, Alaska, and secure such information from him as he may have to the effect that his son, Walter Heisel, Jr., who was confined in the Kansas City, Missouri State Penitentiary, at the time of the outbreak there, may have information pertaining to this outbreak and subsequent Kansas City Massacre, in which this Division is vitally interested.

Very truly yours,

H. A. BANCERT, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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Kansas City, Mo.

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REPORT MADE AT Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 11-14-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-25-33 11-4-33	REPORT MADE BY R. D. Brown
TITLE VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1193, et al			CHARACTER OF CASE OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No person named N. B. Welsh known in town of Laconia, Ind. A building contractor named M. B. Welsh, Rockville, Ind., was in said town last summer doing construction work. The latter believed to be person who conversed with E. M. Goldman, Kansas City, Mo., 6-8-33, George E. Little not known Edwardsville, Ind. This town served by Bell Telephone Company, New Albany, Indiana. George E. Little not known New Albany, Ind. Dr. George N. Little, New Albany, denies he communicated with E.M. Goldman, Kansas City, 6-8-33 or any other time. Telephone number 371 W was never listed under the name of George E. Little. Subscriber to telephone 371 W, New Albany, Ind., not yet known. Subject Floyd thought to have been seen by officers at Columbus, Ohio, recently. Floyd thought by informants, Dayton, Ohio, to be one Jimmy Morris, but Morris' arrest at Cincinnati, Ohio, on 10-24-33 shows he is not Floyd.

REFERENCE:

Letter from Kansas City Office dated 8-2-33; report of Special Agent F. E. Hurley, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 8-30-33; letter from Birmingham Office dated 9-25-33; Division letter dated 10-18-33.

DETAILS:

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AT LACONIA, INDIANA

F. E. Hurley

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Bliss Norton</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28915-847	RECORDED AND INDEXED: NOV 17 1933
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Postmaster Walter J. McIntyre, Laconia, stated that he knows of no resident in the town of Laconia or Harrison County, Indiana, by the name of N. B. Welsh. However, the Postmaster added that during the months of June and July, 1933, there was a building contractor in town by the name of M. B. Welsh, a resident of Rockville, Park County, Indiana. Mr. Welsh is prominently identified with the M. B. Welsh Contracting Company of Rockville. For several months prior to last July, the above named company was engaged in the construction of a Public School in Laconia. From time to time, Mr. M. B. Welsh appeared in town in order to supervise the work at the school. It was the habit of Mr. Welsh and his foremen to take their meals at the N. B. Chandley Restaurant in Laconia. According to Postmaster McIntyre, Mr. M. B. Welsh bore a splendid reputation while in the town; that the man was well liked and behaved himself perfectly; that there was nothing about Welsh that aroused suspicion. The latter has not been seen in Laconia since the completion of the school house late last July.

Examination of the telephone directory developed that number 1-18 (not 118) is installed in the Chandley Restaurant, Laconia.

AT CORYDON, INDIANA

Sheriff Charles Neel, Corydon, stated that he does not know Mr. Welsh; that he does not know E. M. Goldman, formerly of Kansas City; that he knows nothing definite about the investigation of this case; that his services have not previously been solicited by the telephone company or otherwise.

AT EDWARDSVILLE, FLOYD COUNTY, INDIANA

Inquiries developed that Edwardsville is an unincorporated town. It has no Post Office and no telephone exchange. In this latter connection, Agent learned that the small community is served from the New Albany Telephone Exchange, Bell Telephone Company. Agent contacted several persons located in the heart of the community. None of them knew or ever heard of the George E. Little listed in the reference letter from the Kansas City Office. Little is supposed to have received a long distance call from E. M. Goldman, Ellison Apartments, Kansas City, 6-6-33.

AT NEW ALBANY, INDIANA

The city directory does not list the name of George E. Little. Agent observed, however, that the name of George H. Little appears in the said directory. The latter is a Doctor of Dental Surgery, 215 Elby Building, New Albany. He is a resident of Jeffersville, Clark County, Indiana, a city adjoining New Albany. Investigation at the office of Dr. Little developed that he was not in town; that he is never at his office Wednesday afternoons. Telephone inquiries at his home developed that he would be at his office the following day.

Lieut. R. H. Funk and Captain Poole, New Albany Police Department, informed agent that Dr. George N. Little is a man of good reputation; that they have never heard anything but good of the man.

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Manager C. A. Crim and a Miss Norris, Chief Clerk, Indiana Bell Telephone Company, New Albany, stated that Edwardsville, Ind., is served through the New Albany exchange; that #371-W is vacant and has been so for several months; that they have no subscriber on their lists by the name of George E. Little; that no such named person ever subscribed for #371-W. Mr. Crim added that he is unable to furnish the name of the person to whom #371-W had been issued from August, 1932, to August, 1933, because the alphabetical list was destroyed the last day of July, the day the new telephone directory was issued to the public. Agent is of the opinion that the above given telephone number had been issued to a Race Track Bookmaker; that same was a secret number not listed in the telephone directory.

A search of last year's telephone directory for August, 1932, to August, 1933, was made by agent. The number 371-W does not appear therein. Quite evidently the number was on a secret list. An effort will be made to secure same through the cooperation of Chief of Police Carl Million, New Albany. Further inquiries will then be made to establish the identity of George E. Little.

A search of the Jeffersonville, Indiana, telephone list was made. It developed that 371-W on the Jeffersonville exchange had been issued to a Mrs. Mary Kennedy, 417 East Maple St., Jeffersonville. Mrs. Kennedy's home is served by the Indiana Bell Telephone Company. Jeffersonville and New Albany, Indiana, as well as Louisville, Ky., are infested with Race Track gamblers and Bookmakers.

On 10-26-33 Agent Brown interviewed Dr. George M. Little, D.D.S., 215 Elby Bldg., New Albany, Ind., and was informed that E. M. Goldman, formerly of Kansas City, is not known to him; that he was not in conversation with Goldman on 6-8-33 or at any other time; that George E. Little, in question, is undoubtedly some other person. Dr. Little was most cordial. He is an elderly man with a fine reputation in the city. A cooperator named Ross Lewis, President of the Indiana Candy Co., New Albany, advised agent that Dr. Little is a man of splendid qualities; that he has always been a fine citizen; that the Doctor has one weakness that of continually betting on horse races.

Agent endeavored to locate to locate the person who used telephone number 371-W, New Albany, Indiana, exchange. Chief of Police Carl Million will secure same in the near future. It is believed to be a secret number.

Further inquiries at Jeffersonville, Indiana, developed that Mrs. Mary Kenney (not Kennedy), 417 E. Maple St., to whom telephone number 371-W, Jeffersonville Exchange, was issued is a Deputy County Assessor; that her husband, John Kenney, is Chief County Assessor. Postmaster Thornley stated that the Kennys bear good reputations as citizens. John W. Kenney, same address, is a postal carrier.

Reference letter from the Division dated 10-18-33 contained information that C. B. Norris, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Franklin County, Columbus, Ohio, had requested the Division to furnish him with two photographs and fingerprint records of Subject Floyd. Mr. Norris further advised in his letter that

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Subject Floyd had been seen at Columbus, Ohio, and that he was believed to be still in that locality.

Special Agent H. D. Harris immediately interviewed Chief Deputy Norris at Columbus, Ohio, who informed that he had received a report from the Constable in East Columbus, Ohio, named Guy that he believed he had seen Subject Floyd in an automobile in Columbus; that it was a high-powered car with a chauffeur. Norris stated that Guy informed him he did not secure the license number or note the make of this car, but that he had furnished Guy with a copy of the Identification Order furnished by the Division containing the photograph and fingerprints of Floyd, but that he had not seen the suspected man since that time, although he believed it was Floyd whom he saw. Mr. Norris was advised that the Division will be glad to assist him in any manner in causing the apprehension of Floyd and he promised to advise the Cincinnati Office if he learns anything of value. This information has been furnished the Division by letter.

On 9-25-33 a letter was received from the Birmingham Office to which was attached a letter which had been addressed to Special Agent Peter J. Nolan, who was formerly assigned to the Cincinnati Division Office from one C. S. Stultz, Dayton, Ohio, who offered to furnish information concerning Subject Charles Arthur Floyd.

Special Agent Nolan submitted a memorandum advising that he was unable to recall any one by the name of C. S. Stultz.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. D. Brown:

AT HAMILTON, OHIO

C. S. Stultz was interviewed at 415 Second National Bank Bldg., Hamilton, where he is now employed as a salesman for a manufacturer of patent medicines. Stultz advised that he became acquainted with Special Agent Nolan while the latter was engaged in an investigation at Dayton, Ohio, approximately a year ago and at which time he, Stultz, was employed by the Barnard Brothers Rent-a-Car Co., located at 127 N. 3rd St., Dayton, Ohio. Stultz advised that he had been employed by the Barnard Brothers for approximately seven years previous to his meeting Special Agent Nolan and that his work required him to be cautious in renting cars to unknown individuals, and that he, therefore, developed a high degree of efficiency in remembering persons. He advised that approximately a week before sending the letter to Special Agent Nolan, he was glancing through the October issue of "True Detective" Magazine and he saw a photograph of Charles Arthur Floyd; that he immediately recognized this photograph as bearing a very marked resemblance to a person whom he knew as Jimmy Norris. He stated that he met Norris sometime in 1931 and that Norris was introduced to him by an Officer of the Dayton Police Department by the name of Frank McKnew. Mr. Stultz then furnished information relative to Norris which indicated that he was of a suspicious character and was engaged in some sort of criminal enterprise, the nature of which Stultz nor Mr. McKnew could learn. He advised of occasional trips by Norris to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and to points in Florida; of the fact that Norris appeared to have plenty of money and received mysterious telephone calls. The photograph of Floyd on the Identification Order was shown Stultz and he advised that he was certain that Norris and Floyd are the same person.

AT DAYTON, OHIO

Photographs of Floyd, one appearing on Identification Order and the other secured from the October issue of "True Detective", which photograph is a better likeness of Floyd than that which appears on Identification Order, and which is being made a part of the Cincinnati Office file, were shown Officer Frank McKnew. McKnew immediately advised that he was quite certain the man whom he knew as Norris was also Floyd. He accompanied agent and the photographs were shown to other persons in Dayton, Ohio, who knew and had seen Norris and they were also of the opinion that Norris and Floyd were one and the same person. The persons to whom the photographs were shown furnished further information relative to the suspicious actions of Norris, but this information is not being reported in detail due to the fact that Norris was arrested at Cincinnati, Ohio, on the day following Agent's inquiries, 10-24-33, as J. H. Taylor alias Norris, by Cincinnati, Ohio, Police on a charge of swindling a widow residing in Kentucky in the sum of \$3,500.00, after promise of marriage. This information was obtained from a Cincinnati newspaper which carried the photograph of J. H. Taylor alias Norris. The photograph of Norris bears a strong likeness to that of Floyd. Special Agent N. B. Klein obtained the fingerprint classification of Norris from the Cincinnati Police Department and by comparison with the fingerprint classification on Identification Order issued for Floyd, it was proven that Norris and Floyd were not the same.

The Oklahoma City Office forwarded to the Cincinnati Office a post card addressed to the Sheriff at Oklahoma City from a Mrs. Walter Gibbs, 521 E. 12th St., Cincinnati, Ohio, which requested information as to whether or not Subject Harvey J. Bailey ever lived at 125 E. Etta Ave., St. Louis, Mo., and whether or not Bailey was ever a member of the gang at St. Louis known as the "Eagen Rats".

Mrs. Walter Gibbs was interviewed at 521 E. 12th St., Cincinnati, Ohio, and advised that she married Walter Gibbs 10-1-32; that Walter Gibbs is described as being 41 years of age, 5' 7" in height, weight 190 lbs., blue eyes, dark brown hair, fair complexion, tattoo of nude woman on right wrist, Nationality U. S. born but half-breed Indian. She advised that she casually met her husband in Cincinnati, Ohio, a short time before their marriage and that after her marriage to him she noticed he acted very unusual at times and that he often received mail at general delivery, Cincinnati, Ohio, which he would never show to her; that he once told her he was connected with the gang in St. Louis known as "Eagen Rats"; that in November, 1932, he left her suddenly one night saying that he had received a call, but refused to tell her where he was going and upon his return approximately two months later, he also had refused to inform her where he had been or what the nature of his business had been; that she found a ticket on one of his pieces of luggage which had a return address of Henry Bailey, 125 E. Etta Ave., St. Louis, Mo. She stated she questioned her husband as to who this Bailey was and that he informed her it was none of her business. She further stated that soon after that time her husband again left her and that she has not seen him since. Mrs. Gibbs was unable to furnish agent with any further information relative to her husband and informed that she had been reading the newspapers relative to the arrest of Subject Harvey Bailey and that she thought possibly her husband may be connected in some way with Harvey Bailey, due to the fact that the return address on one of his bags was Henry Bailey, St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. Gibbs appears to agent to be of the radical mental type and agent does not believe there is any connection between Henry Bailey and Subject Harvey Bailey. The photographs on the Identification Orders issued for those persons believed to be implicated in the attempt to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash at Kansas City, Mo., were shown Mrs. Gibbs and she advised that she had seen none of these persons. She advised that her husband had no friends.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CINCINNATI OFFICE at Louisville, Ky. Captain Ambrose Hagerman and Officers Mills and Smith, Jefferson County Police Department, Louisville, will again be contacted with reference to the efforts being made to locate and effect the apprehension of Subject Underhill. Detectives Forry and Richards, Louisville, Ky., Police Department, and their cooperators, will again be contacted for this purpose. Superintendent Turner and Postal Carrier Reinhard, Crescent Hills Post Office Station, Louisville, will also be contacted in the immediate future.

At Rockville, Park County, Indiana. Will locate and interview M. W. Welsh of the Welsh Construction Company, Rockville, for information as to the identity of E. M. Goldman, Ellison Apartments, Kansas City, Mo. Welsh and Goldman conversed over the telephone at Laconia, Indiana, 6-9-33. Their business is not known. Reference letter from the Kansas City Office will be used during the course of the interview.

AT NEW ALBANY, INDIANA. Will contact Chief of Police Carl Millican, and secure whatever information he has been able to obtain relative to the subscriber of telephone 371-W, New Albany Exchange, which is believed to be a secret number. Will make further efforts to learn the identity of George E. Little.

At Columbus, Ohio. Will again contact Constable Guy of the E. Columbus Police Department and Chief Deputy Sheriff C. B. Norris for further information concerning Subject Charles Arthur Floyd, who is thought to have been in the vicinity of Columbus, Ohio, recently.

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J. F. CULLEN
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Director,
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RE: ~~Vernon C. Miller with aliases~~
Fugitive - I. O. #1195, et al.
Obstruction of Justice - Endeavor
to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash.

Dear Sir:-

I am transmitting herewith by special delivery the fingerprints of Dr. Irwin R. Silvers who was arrested on U. S. Commissioner's complaint at Orange, N. J. on November 15, 1933, on a charge of conspiracy to harbor and conceal fugitive, Vernon C. Miller, the date of the offense being August 12, 1933.

You will note that the fingerprint form sets forth that the record is from the U. S. Marshal's office, Newark, N. J.

It is requested that the Division immediately advise this office as to any criminal record of this individual.

Very truly yours,

J. K. Fay
F. K. FAY, Assistant
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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November 15, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

SAC Ladd telephoned at 11:00 o'clock this evening from Jonesboro, Arkansas, and stated that he had arrived there and was stopping at the Noble Hotel, room 216, telephone number - Jonesboro 415. He also advised that Agents Brennan, Chipman, Smith, Morton, and Deaderick were also at Jonesboro, and that as soon as there were any developments at all he would telephone you. At present they were attempting to correlate the information which they had and run out any possible leads.

Mr. Ladd also talked with Agent Turrou's doctor, a Doctor Strauss, who stated that so far no complications had set in, that there was no fever, and that while he did have concussion of one lung, there was no danger unless pneumonia set in, and that they were watching very closely for that.

Respectfully,
C. E. Kleinkauf
C. E. Kleinkauf.

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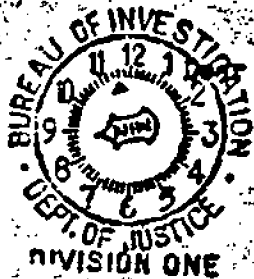
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1900 Bankers Bldg.
Chicago, Illinois
November 14, 1933

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

60439



Sir:-

Re: VERNIE G. MILLER with aliases, Fugitive,
et al., I. O. #1195,
Obstruction of Justice (Attempt to deliver
Frank Nash, Federal Prisoner,
Chicago File 62-1649

Reference is made to your letters dated October 13, 1933, and
October 23, 1933, relative to automobiles handled by the Bergl Sales
Company at Cicero, Illinois, during the past several years, and your
belief that there is a strong possibility that the automobile used
by the assassins were handled by Bergl either shortly before or after
the Union Station massacre.

Sometime ago, Special Agent J. J. Keating of this office obtained
at the Bergl Motor Sales, all of their books and records; the books
were gone into by Accountant S. A. Knittle, assisted by Special Agent
Keating, who was familiar with the aliases, etc., of the mob of
hoodlums connected with Bergl. A copy of Agent Knittle's accounting
report is being attached hereto, and a copy is being attached to the
Division's copy of this letter. This report shows the disposition of
Chevrolet automobile motor #3599440, serial 1CA0429450, which had been
purchased by Lillian Holden from Bergl Chevrolet Agency, under the name
of Jeanette Burns, and which bore Illinois license tag 816-254, for
1933. The report also indicates that Vivian Mathews, alias Mathis,
purchased Chevrolet automobile from Bergl in the early part of 1933
under the alias of Vivian Page.

Leads which appear to be important at Chicago, Illinois, will
be run to a logical conclusion.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. URVIS, Special Agent in Charge	
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DOMESTIC	CABLE
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DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

WESTERN UNION

60438

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W A ROBER
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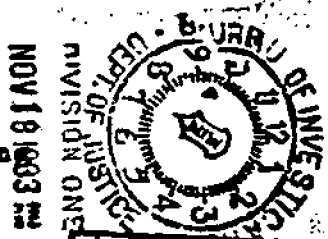
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NDH:MR
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

60440

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

Dear Sir:-

This office is in receipt of a letter from the Kansas City Office under date of November 2, 1935, advising that a number of inquiries have been received as to the amount of reward now outstanding for the apprehension of CHARLES ARTHUR (PIRETTY BOY) FLOYD, and requesting that inquiry be made to ascertain if a reward is outstanding as a result of Floyd's escape while enroute to the Ohio Penitentiary in 1930.

From Warden P. J. Thoms, Ohio Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio it has been ascertained that Subject Floyd has no official status at that institution as he was never received there, and that if a reward has been offered in this connection it would have been offered by the county from which he was sentenced. Floyd was sentenced November 24, 1930 at Toledo, Ohio to the Ohio Penitentiary for 12 to 15 years for bank robbery at Sylvania, Ohio and escaped enroute to the penitentiary. It is suggested that inquiry be made at Toledo, Ohio to ascertain if there is any reward outstanding for this offense.

Floyd is also wanted at Bowling Green, Ohio for the murder of Patrolman Ralph Costner, and Bowling Green circular, issued May 15, 1931 by Bruce C. Pratt, Sheriff, Wood County (Circular # A Toledo Police) states that the Commissioners of Wood County offer a reward of \$1,000.00 for the arrest and conviction of Floyd. It is therefore also suggested that the Detroit office ascertain if this reward is still outstanding.

Very truly yours,

CC Division
Kansas City

BLISS MORTON, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

Chicago, Illinois,
November 8, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

60441

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1165,
et al; Obstruction of Justice. (Endeavor to Deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash.)

Report on Examination of records of Joseph Bergl, automobile dealer.

On July 18, 1933, a partnership was formed consisting of Joseph Antone and Otto Bergl, doing business under the name of Bergl Motor Sales, as authorized dealers in Chevrolet cars, located at 5346-48 W. Cermak Road, Cicero, Illinois. This partnership appears to be formed from a previous automobile business, probably the Suburban Finance Co., which is a used car business conducted by Bergl and from examination of records available, appears to be still active. The only complete records on hand at the time of the examination were those of the Bergl Motor Sales, and then for the year 1933 only.

Records received from Bergl and used in this examination were as follows:

- One - Journal-Daily Cash Sales 1-1-33 to 9-21-33.
- One - Binder containing journals for Cash Disbursements, Cash Receipts, Purchases, New Car Sales, Used Car Sales, etc., for year 1933.
- One - Binder of Repair Orders 3-15-33 to 9-21-33.
- One - Binder of Used Car Records for 1933.
- One - Binder of Used Car Records for 1930 and 1931.
- Two - Binders of Used Car Records for 1932 and 1935.
- One - General Ledger
- One - Misc. Ledger
- One - Accounts Receivable & Accounts Payable Ledger.
- One - Combined Cash and Daily Statement Journal.
- One - Book of personal telephone numbers.
- Three - Books of check stubs.
- One - Day Book
- Deposit slips for 1933 on First National Bank of Chicago.

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Immediate examination was confined to a search of various car sales records for deals with subjects of various cases now pending in this office. Sales of 1931, 1932 and 1933 models of Buicks, Lincolns and Cadillacs were listed, as well as other cars wherein the buyer or seller appeared to have some connection or similarity of name of subjects. Likewise, information furnished by various Agents was traced. Some of these items are set forth.

ALLEGED PAYMENT TO WEST TOWN AUTO BODY CO.,
Re: Robbery and Police Killing, Chicago.

The books of the Bergl Motor Sales do not reflect any payments to West Town Auto Body Co. in large amounts. Such payments as do appear are small and are spread over the entire first nine months of 1933. However, the books of the other company, Suburban Finance Co., reflect a payment on May 17, 1933, by Check No. 258, in the amount of \$345.00. This check appears to be issued for Invoice No. 6780-6860. This amount also appears in a miscellaneous ledger on a sheet headed "Lincoln a/c" and this sum was subsequently set up as an accounts receivable. A part of this \$345.00 was paid in cash and the balance of \$200.00 transferred to Notes Receivable in the name of Rocco Russo or Rocco Rosso. A payment was made on this note on July 1, 1933, in the amount of \$50.00. Whether or not this payment bears any connection with the money paid to the West Town Auto Body Co. for equipping the Hudson Car used in the robbery of Federal Reserve employees and the killing of Policeman Cunningham, could only be obtained by examination of the records of the body company or interrogation of Bergl or his employees.

AEROPLANES

In March, 1930, the books record the purchase of an aeroplane for \$4,191.50, for which a check was issued on March 11, 1930, in the amount of \$2,100.00 and a cash payment of \$2,091.50 made on March 16, 1930. This transaction is not clearly shown on the books but it appears that the sale of a 1930, 8 cylinder Cord Sport Coupe to M. J. Powell, Wheaton, Illinois, has some connection. It may be that Powell traded a 1929 4-door Marmon Sedan and the aeroplane for the Cord. No record has been found describing this plane, but in August, 1930, there appears an entry regarding receipt of \$5,439.00 from U. S. Fire Insurance Co., and/or Stewart Keator Kassberger & Lederer Inc., insurance agents, 175 West Jackson Blvd., and a payment of \$1,292.86 to them, presumably premium on the insurance. There is also a notation "Airplane Burned" and records the loss on this aeroplane.

On or about December 18, 1930, an aeroplane was purchased and on March 14, 1931, Check No. 1663, in the amount of \$5,000.00 was issued in payment thereof. The records reflect that on August 21, 1932, said aeroplane was sold for \$2,000.00 but fails to record the name of the purchaser or from whom the cash was received. Incidentally, on the same date there is recorded the purchase of a boat for \$525.00, which was insured by the United States Fire Insurance Company at a cost of \$63.00 per year, the policy expiring on July 26, 1933. The aeroplane, a Stinson, No. NO479H, was insured by National Union Fire Insurance Co., of Pittsburgh, at a cost of \$140.00 a year on Policy No. NU-2-235. There also appears to be Fire and Theft insurance of this plane by the National Union Company, Policy No. 2-172, at a cost of \$270.00 per year and a public liability and public damage policy No. 2-129 of the United States Fidelity Company.

Reflected on a ledger sheet bearing the name of Continental Airways, Inc., Municipal Airport, are payments, probably for expenses for February and May, 1931. On a sheet headed Central Air Terminal Co., 5240 W. 63rd St., is reflected payments for the period from June, 1931, to August, 1932. Another sheet reflects expenses for 1931, among which are the following payments:

7-25-31	"Furn Capital Airport"	\$ 7.25
7-25-31	"Detroit Airport"	19.00
7-16-31	"Ralph"	5.00
7-26-31	"Ralph"	15.00
7-29-31	"Ralph"	5.00
8-8-31	"Ralph"	10.00
8-23-31	"Ralph"	20.00
9-15-31	"Ralph Shellenberger"	5.00

It would appear, therefore, that one Ralph Shellenberger was either pilot or mechanic for this plane. From information obtained by Agents, Ralph Shellenberger is now the owner of the aeroplane.

In the books of telephone numbers, the following are noted:

- "Shellenberger Motor Sales, 4101 Milwaukee Ave., Pal 1800"
- "Stinson Airport (Ralph's), La Grange 5490"
- "Central Air Terminal Co., 5240 W. 63rd, Grovehill 1210 (Mr. Hergl's)"
- "Continental Airways, Inc., 5032 W. 63rd"

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MISS J. BURNS

On May 13, 1933, Bergl Motor Sales, sold to Miss J. Burns, 33 West Calendar, La Grange, Illinois, a 1933 Chevrolet Coach, Model ICA04, Serial Number 29450, Motor Number 3599440. This car was sold for cash or was charged to the account of Joe Bergl (not among records). Numerous large cash items were received from Bergl and credited to his account so that payment by Miss Burns may have been made through Bergl direct. On July 29, 1933, this car was repurchased by the company from Miss J. Burns, same address, for \$375.00 cash (Check No. 101 issued for cash). On August 16, 1933, the car was sold to Claire G. Plinnes, 6600 Windsor, Berwyn, for \$495.00.

LILLIAN HOLDEN

On June 21, 1932, Bergl purchased from Roseland Buick Sales Co., through Ben Nelson, a 1932, 5 passenger Buick Coupe, Model 32-26U, Engine Number 2773767, Serial or Factory Number 2625451, for \$1,500.00. On the same day, this car was sold to Mr. William Collins, Oak Park Arms Hotel, Oak Park, Illinois, for \$1,654.00.

On January 11, 1933, this car was repurchased by Bergl from Mrs. Lillian Holden, 1240 West 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, for \$900.00. On the same day it was sold to Fels Motor Sales Company, Diversey Parkway, Chicago, for \$925.00.

LILLIAN COSTELLO

On March 27, 1933, Bergl purchased from Lillian Costello, 5117 Wesley Avenue, town not indicated, a 1931 Cadillac Town Sedan, equipped with six wire wheels and radio, Engine Number 802575, for \$883.00. This car was apparently purchased by the used car company, as it was sold by that company to the Bergl Motor Sales on or about May 2, 1933. On August 18, 1933, the car was sold to Frank Serino, 1342 West 61st Street, Cicero, for \$1,200.00.

On March 27, 1933, Bergl Motor Sales sold a new Chevrolet Sedan, Model ICA02, Serial Number 19722, Motor Number 2505417, to Lillian Costello for \$708.00. The books reflect that this amount was charged to Joe Bergl's account, which account was not among the records on hand. However, examination of the credits to his account from other records reflects various credits for cash in amounts of \$300.00 to \$1,700.00. It would appear, therefore, that the proceeds from the sale of the Cadillac were applied on the Chevrolet and that the balance on the Chevrolet was paid through Bergl direct.

HELEN FERGUSON

On June 10, 1933, Bergl purchased through Ben Nelson, from Reinz Motor Company, Niles Center, Illinois, a 1933, 8 cylinder Buick Coupe, Model Number 33-848, Engine Number 2846179, Serial Number 2691033, for \$1,455.00. This car was sold the same day to Helen Ferguson, 8140 Lincoln Avenue, Niles Center, for \$1,480.00 cash.

VIVIAN PAGE

On September 18, 1932, Bergl Motor Sales sold to Vivian Page, Southmoor Apartments, Hammond, Indiana, a new Chevrolet Sedan, Model Number 21BA08, Serial Number 37838, Motor Number 3338889. Manner of payment could not be obtained, due to absence of records for 1932.

On March 21, 1933, Vivian Page, 609 South 7th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois, purchased a new Chevrolet Sedan, Model 1A002, Serial Number 17074, Motor Number 3505199. Payment was made by cash in the amount of \$578.00 and by credit of \$110.00 on a trade-in of a 1928 Nash Coupe, Serial Number 296070.

MRS. MAE ALLEN

Bergl Motor Sales, on May 16, 1933, sold to Mae Allen, 5346 West 22nd Street, Cicero, a new Chevrolet Sedan, Model 1CA04, Serial Number 24438, Motor Number 3561688, for \$650.00 in cash.

There is no record of cash being received from Mae Allen. However, there is recorded the receipt of \$1,650.00 from "Mrs. O'Donnell", a part of which was a check on a Detroit bank in the amount of \$1,500.00. This check was deposited on May 18, 1933, at the First National Bank of Chicago, to the account of Bergl Motor Sales, and was in a total deposit of \$2,015.92. The books reflect that this check was subsequently returned and re-deposited on May 20, 1933. Further examination shows that Bergl Motor Sales issued a check for \$1,000.00 on May 17, 1933, for cash for "Mrs. O'Donnell", which was charged against her account. It appears, therefore, that the \$1,650.00 being shown as received from Mrs. O'Donnell, was applied against the check issued to her and charged to her account in the amount of \$1,000.00, and the balance of \$650.00 applied on the payment of the Chevrolet Sedan sold to Mae Allen.

On June 11, 1933, Bergl received this car from Mae Allen in exchange for a 1933 Terriplane (Essex) Sedan, Engine Number 21122, Serial Number 70848, purchased from the Stratford Motor Sales, 708 West 63rd Street, Chicago, for \$660.00. A trade-in value of \$441.00 was allowed on the Chevrolet and a cash payment of \$219.00 was made. The Chevrolet was sold on June 15, 1933, to Kunde Motor Sales, Marengo, Illinois, for \$545.38.

GEORGE W. MILLER

The records of Bergl Motor Sales reflect the sale of a new Chevrolet DeLuxe Sedan, Model 21BA06, Serial Number 31425, Motor Number 2285007, to George W. Miller, 6019 Erie Avenue, Hammond, Indiana, on September 6, 1932. No further information could be obtained on this sale, due to the lack of records.

DAN T. COURTNEY

On November 20, 1931, Bergl purchased from Creston Paine, Inc., 637 Ohio Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, for \$2,500.00, payment by a certified check No. 2358, a 1931, 5 passenger, Lincoln Town Sedan, Engine Number 67815. A radio was installed by Bergl in this car at a cost of \$27.00. On April 1, 1932, the Lincoln was sold to Tom O'Rourke, 2435 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, for \$2,100.00 cash.

On June 11, 1932, this car was repurchased by Bergl from Dan T. Courtney, Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas, for \$1,195.00 cash, and was subsequently sold to the Southern Motor Sales, Chicago, Illinois, for \$1,918.00 cash.

BUICK TRADED IN ON HUDSON USED IN FEDERAL RESERVE ROBBERY AND POLICE MURDER.

Among the articles found in the Hudson Car used in the robbery of Federal Reserve Bank messengers and the murder of Policeman Cunningham, was a registration card in the name of J. J. Rosenberg, for a 1931 Buick.

This car, a 7 passenger sedan, Model 90, 8 cylinders, Engine Number 2707225, Serial Number 2526439, equipped with six wire wheels, was acquired by Bergl on November 11, 1931, from B. L. Murdock, Michigan City, Indiana, on a trade for a new Buick. The car was reconditioned by Bergl as follows:

Parts	\$ 50.00
Straighten Chassis	13.50
Bell Housing	19.00
Enamel Wheels	8.25
Misc. Repairs	56.01
	<u>\$126.76</u>

On February 25, 1932, Bergl sold this car to Irene Lubcker, 3409 Prairie Avenue, Brookfield, Illinois, for \$1,100.00 cash.

The above information was furnished by this Agent to Special Agent W. A. Smith, who in turn passed it on to Chief of Detectives Schoemaker.

**CHARLES CAPLON
Chevrolet Registration Card found on
GEORGE KELLY.**

Among the articles found in the possession of George Kelly when taken into custody in Memphis, was a Registration Card in the name of Charles Caplon for a Chevrolet Sedan, Factory Number 1CA02, Serial Number 15618, Motor Number 3496062.

The records of Bergl Motor Sales reflect the sale of this car to one Charles Caplon, 900 Winona Avenue, city not indicated, on February 16, 1933, for \$708.00.

The cash receipts records show receipts of cash on February 17, 1933, from Caplon, of \$250.00 and \$408.40. A deposit ticket shows that on February 17, 1933, the amount of \$408.40 was a draft on the First National Bank of Chicago, and was deposited in a total deposit of \$1,133.37, to the account of Bergl Motor Sales at the First National Bank. The receipt of the \$250.00 was not reflected on the deposit slip and it is likely that it may have been in the form of cash, although the deposit ticket reflects cash of only \$14.46. There were deposited on this day, a check on M. Rand, alias for Gus Winkler, in the amount of \$300.00, which check was drawn on the same bank. It may be that this check may have covered the \$250.00 in question. The cash receipt book does not reflect the receipt of money from M. Rand, and it may be that Bergl accommodated Rand by cashing his check from funds received during the day, which may have included the cash payment of Caplon.

The draft in the amount of \$408.40 was traced into the First National Bank and was found to have been a check of the Mercantile Discount Co., 110 South Dearborn Street. At this place, S. J. Rosenfeld advised that they had financed this car for Caplon and that he still owed \$190.00. He furnished Agent with a copy of their contract sheet, containing information as to collections, addresses, occupation, etc., which was turned over to Special Agent in Charge M. E. Purvis.

JOHN O'HARA alias for "JUR" SAMMONS

Bergl Motor Sales sold to John O'Hara, 409 South Oak Park Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, a new Chevrolet Special Coupe, Serial Number 37342, Motor Number 3334510. The date of this sale is not recorded, but it appears to have been made in August, 1932.

J. P. BLOOM

On or about September 22, 1931, Bergl purchased from J. P. Bloom, St. Paul Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota (may be alias of Harvey Bailey), a 1931, 4 door Chrysler Sedan, 8 cylinders, Engine Number 20444, Serial Number 7518778, for \$900.00. This car was sold to Joe Rose, automobile dealer, La Grange, Illinois.

"ICEMAN"

In May, 1932, exact date not indicated, Bergl purchased through Ben Nelson, from the Roseland Buick Company, for \$1,250.00, a 1932, 4 door Buick Sedan, 8 cylinders, Model 8-67-DA, equipped with six wood wheels, engine and serial numbers not indicated. This car was sold for \$1,350.00 (cash \$1,224.25, balance due 6-15-32). The sales sheet indicates that this car was sold to the "Iceman". It may be that this is "Ice Wagon" or "Ice" Connors.

V. C. MILLER

According to information furnished by Agents, Verne Miller sold to Bergl on July 28, 1932, a Cadillac Sedan, 12 cylinder, Motor Number 1001172. This car was reported to have been sold to the Southern Motor Sales, Chicago.

Examination of the records disclosed that a 1931, 12 cylinder Sedan was sold to the Southern Motor Sales for \$1,500.00 cash on July 29, 1932, bearing Motor Number 1000134. However, further examination failed to disclose from whom Bergl purchased this car.

On July 2, 1932, a 1932, 12 cylinder, 5 passenger Cadillac Sedan, motor and serial numbers not indicated, was sold to William Rogers, 50 West Long Avenue, Chicago, for \$3,776.00, for which \$2,276.00 in cash was received and a 12 cylinder Cadillac, description not given, valued at \$1,500.00, taken in trade. It may be that this trade-in Cadillac is the same car sold to the Southern Motor Sales. The 1932 Cadillac sold to Rogers was purchased on July 1, 1932, from Willard H. Johnson, Belding, Michigan, for \$3,270.00.

MIKE RAND, M. J. RAND, M. J. POWELL

The above names are apparently aliases of Gus Winkler. The following transactions were noted in the names of the above parties:

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Marmon Purchased from M. J. Powell, Wheaton, Illinois, 1929, 4 door
1-30-30 Marmon Sedan, 8 cylinder, Engine Number 8003, Serial YINY73,
for \$900.00. This car was sold on February 16, 1930, to
Frank Bubenik, 1524 South Euclid Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois.

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Cord Sold to M. J. Powell, Wheaton, Illinois, 1930 Cord, 6 cylinder,
3-6-30 Sport Coupe, Engine Number E926806, Serial Number PD 1794,
for \$2681.50. This car was purchased on 3-5-30 from Harry
B. Parker, Kalamazoo Auto Sales, Kalamazoo, Michigan, for
\$2,650.00. Note: The above two cars appear to enter in a
deal wherein Bergl acquired an aeroplane as previously men-
tioned.

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Packard Sold to M. J. Powell, 1929 7 passenger Packard Sedan, Model
4-3-30 6-40, 8 cylinder, Engine Number 167953, Serial Number 167304.
This car was acquired on an even trade of the Cord Sport Coupe,
described under No. 2, and was purchased on 2-28-30 from the
Buiesh Motor Company for \$1,761.89. The Cord was sold by
Bergl on 4-7-30 to Larry O'Rourke, 2701 Madison Street, Chicago,
Illinois, for \$2,200.00.

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Packard Sold to M. J. Rand, 2141 South Kalen Avenue, Chicago, for
1-4-32 \$1,675.00, 1931 Packard, 4 door Sedan, Engine Number 324221,
Serial Number 463-2021. This car was acquired on 6-8-31 from
Jerry Krol, 2408 South Crawford Avenue, Chicago, on a trade
for a Studebaker.

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Lincoln Sold to M. J. Rand, 4146 West 26th Street, Chicago, a 1931
3-25-32 Lincoln, Engine Number 66917, Serial No. 66917, 6 wire wheels,
for \$2,032.03. This car was purchased on 3-24-32 from Tom
O'Rourke, 2433 South Michigan Avenue, for \$1,925.00, and was
reconditioned, a radio installed for \$107.03.

Packard Purchased from M. J. Rand, 1931 Packard Sedan described under
8-16-32 No. 4, for \$1,000.00, and was sold to Anton Clementson, 2542
Logan Avenue, Chicago, for \$1,145.00.

Cadillac Sold to Mike Rand, Edgewater Beach Hotel, a Cadillac, no de-
12-30-32 scription given, for \$2,350.00; cash \$1,050.00; note \$1,300.00.
This car was purchased from Fred Hambolt on November 28, 1932,
for \$2,350.00.

Lincoln Purchased from M. Rand, a Lincoln Sedan, Motor Number 64134,
1-29-33 for \$650.00. This car was sold on 2-14-33 to Ford Lincoln
Company, Chicago, for \$650.00.

Chevrolet Sold to Mrs. M. Rand, Cicero, Illinois, a new Chevrolet Coupe,
1-30-33 Model No. 1CA01, Serial Number 10296, Motor Number 3457151.

Lincoln Sold to Mike Rand, Lincoln Town Sedan, Motor Number K488,
2-31-33 for \$2,563.00. This car was purchased from Ford Lincoln Co.,
on 2-14-33, for \$2,500.00. Car No. 8 was probably traded in
on this car to the Lincoln dealer.

Cadillac Purchased from Mike Rand, Cadillac Motor Number 309, no fur-
3-31-33 ther description given, for \$1,500.00. This car appears to
have been traded in on Car No. 10 and may be the Cadillac
sold to Rand described under No. 7. This car was sold on
4-28-33 to the Lincoln Motor Company of Chicago, for \$1,500.00.

The accounts receivable ledger contains an account in the name
of M. J. Rand, covering the period from October, 1932, to date, covering
services rendered and charges for several of the automobiles purchased as
above. As of September 6, 1933, there was a balance in the account of \$517.81.
In an account headed "Mrs. Mike" are reflected charges for services rendered
from November 6, 1932, to date, and carrying a balance of \$115.82.

CHEVROLETS - SALES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Model</u>
2-3-33	Clara Miller, Savoy Hotel	New Sedan
2-15-33	Sydney Gordon, 1454 Hollywood Ave.	"
4-15-33	E. V. Davis, 2408 South Crawford	"
4-10-33	Beatrice Singer, 380 North Marion	Special Coupe
5-13-33	Miss E. Shearer, 222 East 69th Place	Cabriolet
6-17-33	P. L. Coleman, Dyersburg, Tenn.	Dual Cabriolet
6-24-33	Joe Lewis, St. Clair Hotel	Town Sedan
6-27-33	Catherine Moore, 5122 Raymond St. Louis	Sedan
6-28-33	Clarence Fine, 3331 Madison	Coach
7-19-33	Jas. DeCrazie, 4104 Irving Park Blvd.	Coach
7-7-33	Theo. Ross, 4047 Prescott Ave.	Dual Cabriolet
8-31-33	J. Meyer, Tyler, Texas	Phaeton

CHRYSLERS

5-1-32	Purchased from Joe Rose and sold to Mrs. Geo. Barker, 1538 South Austin	1932 Coupe
5-18-32	Purchased from Mrs. Geo. Barker and sold to Jas. H. Skala, 22 East Ave., Riverdale, Ill.	1931 De Luxe Coupe
5-2-33	Purchased from Mrs. Geo. Barker and sold to Tom O'Hourke	1932 De Luxe Coupe

LINCOLNS

7-1-32	Purchased from Lincoln Motors and sold to W. E. Maloney, 430 Sherman St.	1932 Town Sedan
10-4-32	Purchased from Ray Parfet, Kalamazoo, Michigan, and sold to Joseph Kemp, 1425 So. Racine St.	1932 Town Sedan
9-30-32	Bought from Catharine O'Donnell and sold to Jacob Lasker, 4300 Lake Shore Drive	1930 Sedan

CADILLACS

4-15-32	Purchased from Mrs. R. O'Donnell and sold to Charles F. Wilson, 188 West Randolph	1931 Town Sedan
5-14-32	Purchased from Edward Wilson, 111 W. Washington, and sold to Standard Motor Sales, Detroit	1931 Sedan
5-9-32	Purchased from R. E. Mansfield, 1421 Jackson, and sold to Standard Motor Sales, Detroit	1931 Sedan
5-23-32	Purchased from Mildred Decker and Mrs. L. E. Cowen and sold to Standard Motor Sales	1931 Town Sedan
1-27-33	Purchased from Ray Williams, Flint, Mich., and sold to Mrs. L. L. Cooke, 2927 South Maple Ave., Berwyn	1932 Town Sedan

BUICKS

3-7-33	Seller: Ben Nelson Purchaser: John Smith, 300 W. 31st St.	1933 Sedan
3-8-33	Seller: John Smith, 300 W. 31st St. Buyer: Tom O'Rourke, 4633 Madison	1932 Sedan
3-9-33	Seller: Lincoln Park Buick Buyer: Anna Ronga, 1208 McAllister Place	1933 Town Sedan
3-9-33	Seller: Anna Ronga, 1208 McAllister Place Buyer: Lincoln Park Buick	1931 Sedan
1-29-32	Seller: G. C. Donnell, Wheaton, Illinois. Buyer: Dr. E. A. Kuhick, 6805 W. 22nd, Berwyn	1931 Coupe
2-7-32	Seller: Picket Bros. Motor Sales Buyer: Philip Greenberg, 720 So. Keeler	1932 Sedan
3-9-32	Seller: Auto Exchange, 4440 W. Madison Buyer: Mae White, 336 Olmstead Rd., Riverside	1932 Sedan
3-14-32	Seller: Paget Buick Co., 6455 So. Western Ave. Buyer: G. M. Bullarton, 1622 Kennilworth, Berwyn	1932 5 Pass. Coupe
3-25-32	Seller: Oak Park Buick Co. Buyer: Pearl Bary, 2756 S. Sacramento Ave.	1932 Sedan
6-21-32	Seller: Roseland Buick Sales Co. Buyer: Wm. Collins, Oak Park Arms Hotel	1932 5 Pass. Coupe
6-18-32	Seller: Roseland Buick Sales Buyer: John Smith, 300 W. 31st St., Chicago	1932 Club Sedan
6-25-32	Seller: Roseland Buick Sales Buyer: James Murphy, 2408 So. Crawford	1932 Town Sedan
6-28-32	Seller: Walter M. Collins, 909 Grand Ave. Buyer: James Millars, 3904 Maple Ave., Berwyn	1932 5 pass. Coupe
9-30-32	Seller: Ben Nelson Buyer: Catherine O'Donnell, 1429 61st St., Cicero	1932 Sedan
10-18-32	Seller: Ben Nelson Buyer: Miss Mary Maginness, 4466 Embank Ave., St. Louis, Mo.	1932 Sedan
12-17-32	Seller: Ben Nelson Buyer: Dominick Rosso, 4911 W. 22nd St., Cicero	1933 Sedan
2-14-33	Seller: Lincoln Park Buick Co. Buyer: Victoria Kruzock, 912 N. Paulina	1933 6 Pass. Coupe

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. KNITEL,
Special Agent,

RAK/BHW

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

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REPORT MADE AT: NEW ORLEANS, LA.	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-15-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11-8-33	REPORT MADE BY: J. V. BLAKE
TITLE: 10 VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases- FUGITIVE, I.O. #1195, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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GOVERNOR M. B. CONNER does not know of any relatives by the name of E. B. Conner, Eddie Conner, A. J. Conner or Louise Conner. He had an Uncle, Will Conner, who went to Arkansas about 30 years ago, but the Governor does not know whether he had any sons or the names of them if he did have them. He knows nothing of what has become of the uncle or any of his descendants. He knows of no one who might have information about them unless some old residents of Kosciusko, Mississippi, from which point the uncle left for Arkansas.

R.U.C.

REFERENCE:



Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, 7-28-33.
Report of Special Agent E. E. Petersen, Birmingham, Alabama, 11-7-33.
Report of Special Agent J. V. Blake, New Orleans, Louisiana, 10-30-33.

DETAILS:

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

Governor Mike Sennett Conner was interviewed and stated that he has never heard of anyone by the name of E. B. Conner, Eddie Conner, A. J. Conner or Mrs. Louise Conner. He said that his father's eldest brother, Will Conner, moved from Kosciusko, Mississippi, to Arkansas about 30 years ago and that the family had lost track of him, and that he has never heard the names of any members of the family of this uncle. He does not remember the name of the place in Arkansas to which he moved. The Governor said that his father and all his father's brothers

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